

# Rare beauty and charm decays at LHCb

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## 1. Rare B decays:

- ▶  $B \rightarrow K\pi\pi\gamma$
- ▶  $B \rightarrow \mu\mu.$
- ▶  $b \rightarrow sll.$

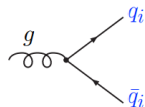
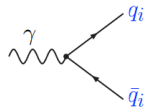
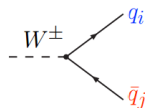
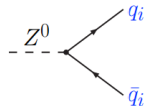
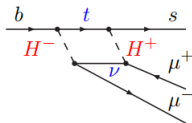
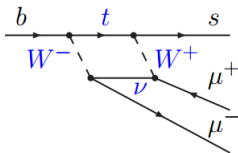
## 2. Charm decays:

- ▶  $D \rightarrow \mu\mu.$



# Why rare decays?

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



## ► Operator Product Expansion and Effective Field Theory

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

**i=1,2** Tree

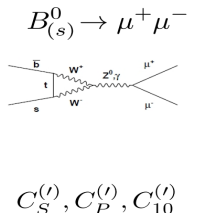
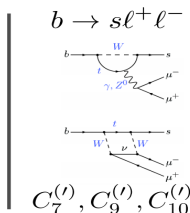
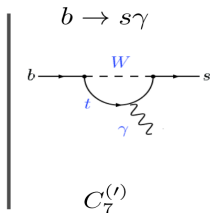
**i=3-6,8** Gluon penguin

**i=7** Photon penguin

**i=9,10** EW penguin

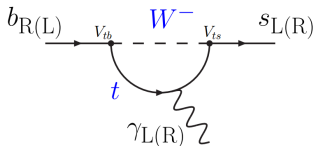
**i=S** Scalar penguin

**i=P** Pseudoscalar penguin



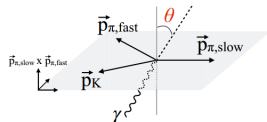
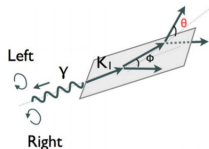
# Radiative decays

- ▶  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma$  - first observed penguin!
  - ▶ CLEO, [[PRL, 71 \(1993\) 674](#)]
- ▶ B-factories probed NP measuring, inclusively/ semi-inclusively  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s \gamma)$
- ▶ Is there anyway LHCb can contribute?
  - ▶ Measurements of  $\mathcal{B}(b \rightarrow s \gamma)$  very difficult.
  - ▶ Can probe probe 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](#)
  - ▶  $\Lambda_b$  baryons: [Hiller & Kagan PRD 65 \(2002\) 074038](#)



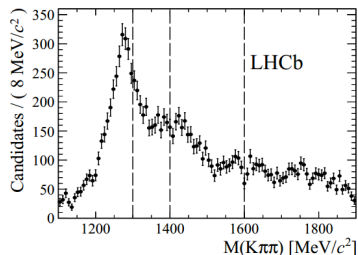
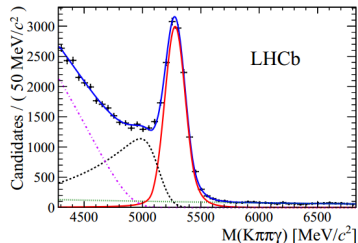
# Photon polarization from $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \gamma$

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Conceptionally this measurement is similar to the Wu experiment, which first observed parity violation.



# $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \gamma$ at LHCb

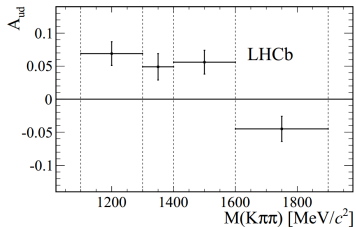
- ▶ LHCb looked at  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \gamma$ , using un-converted photons.
- ▶ Got over 13.000 candidates in  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ !
- ▶ [Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 161801](#)
- ▶  $K^+ \pi^- \pi^+$  system has variety of resonances.
  - ▶  $K\pi\pi\pi$  system studied inclusively.
  - ▶ Bin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



# Up-down asymmetry

- ▶ Combining the 4 bins, gives  $5.2\sigma$  significance from no photon polarization hypothesis.
- ▶ 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  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ !

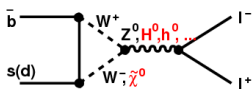
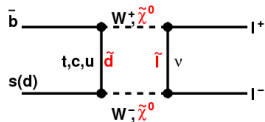




- ▶ Clean theoretical prediction, GIM and helicity suppressed in the SM:

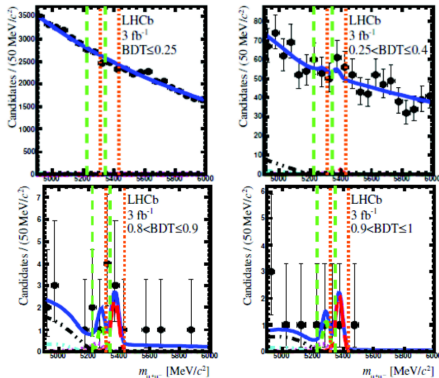
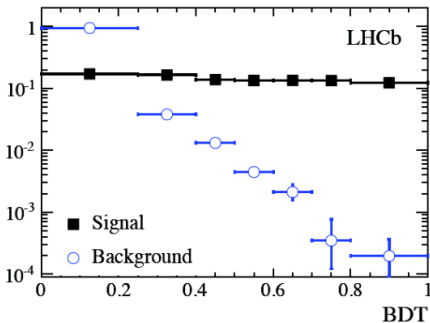
- ▶  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) = (3.65 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-9}$
  - ▶  $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) = (1.06 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-10}$

- ▶ Sensitive to contributions from scalar and pseudoscalar couplings.
- ▶ Probing: MSSM, higgs sector, etc.
- ▶ In MSSM:  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) \sim \text{tg}^6 \beta / m_A^4$



# $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ searches

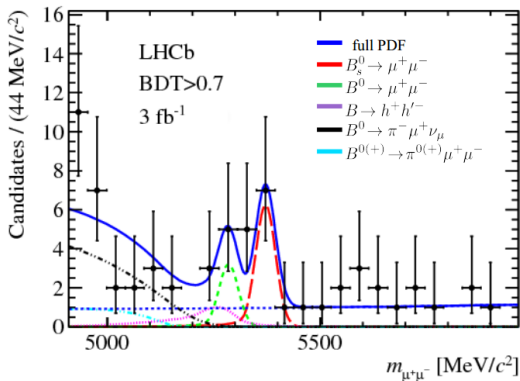
- ▶ Background rejection power is a key feature of rare decays  $\rightarrow$  use multivariate classifiers (BDT) and strong PID.



- ▶ Normalize the BF to  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)K^+$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ .

# $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Results

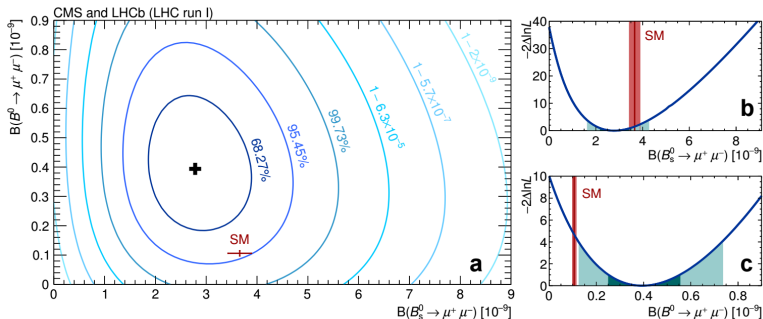
- ▶ Nov. 2012:
  - ▶ First evidence  $3.5\sigma$  for  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  with  $2.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .
- ▶ Summer 2013:
  - ▶ Full data sample:  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .



- ▶ Measured BF:  
 $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+) = (2.9_{-1.0}^{+1.1}(\text{stat.})_{-0.1}^{+0.3}(\text{syst.})) \times 10^{-9}$
- ▶  $4.0\sigma$  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

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

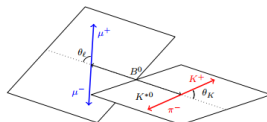
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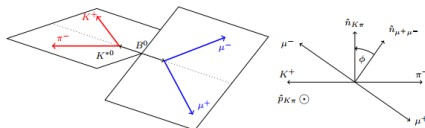
- ▶ [Nature 522, 7554](#)
- ▶ See Daniele Fasanella talk for CMS side.

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

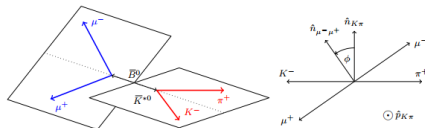
- ▶ Can probe photon polarization using virtual photons in  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ .
- ▶ LHCb favourite:  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$ .
- ▶ Sensitive to lot of new physics models.
- ▶ Decay described by three angles  $\theta_1, \theta_K, \phi$  and dimuon invariant mass  $q^2$ .
- ▶ Analysis is performed in bins of  $q^2$ .



(a)  $\theta_K$  and  $\theta_l$  definitions for the  $B^0$  decay



(b)  $\phi$  definition for the  $B^0$  decay



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

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

- ▶ Angular distributions depends on 11 angular terms:

$$\frac{d^4\Gamma[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-]}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ J_1^S \sin^2 \theta_K + J_1^C \cos^2 \theta_K + J_2^S \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + J_2^C \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + \right. \\ J_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + J_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + \\ J_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + J_6 \cos^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + J_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi + \\ \left. J_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + J_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$

where the  $J_i$  are bilinear combinations of helicity amplitudes.

- ▶ Not enough events in our data sample to fit for 11 parameters  
→ need to simplify!
- ▶ Can use symmetries, to reduced the the parameters  
to 9 → still a bit large!

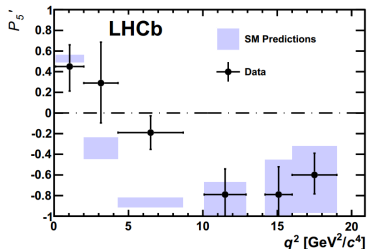
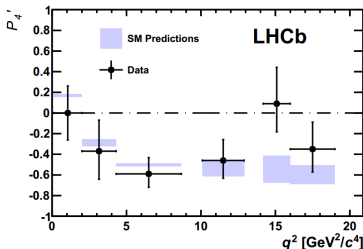
# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ Folding

- ▶ One can simplify the angular distribution by folding: eg.  $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \pi$  for  $(\phi < 0)$ .
- ▶ Cancels terms with  $\cos \phi$  and  $\sin \phi$ .

$$\frac{d^4\Gamma[B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-]}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[ J_1^S \sin^2 \theta_K + J_1^C \cos^2 \theta_K + J_2^S \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + J_2^C \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + \right. \\ J_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + \cancel{J_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi} + \\ \cancel{J_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi} + J_6 \cos^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + \cancel{J_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi} + \\ \left. \cancel{J_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi} + J_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right]$$

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

- ▶ Different foldings cancel different angular observables. [PRL 111 191801 (2013)]

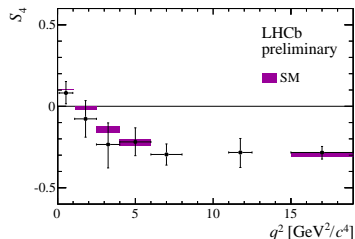
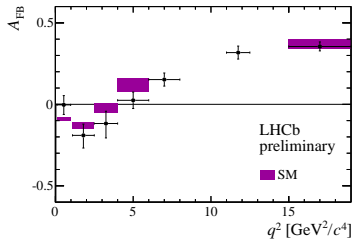
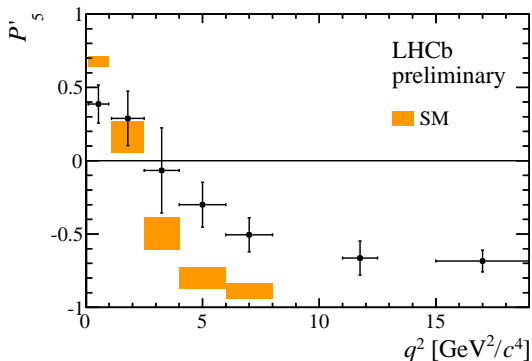


- ▶ Observables  $P'_{4,5} = S_{4,5} / \sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)}$
- ▶ Leading form-factor uncertainties cancel.
- ▶ In  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , LHCb observes a local discrepancy of  $3.7\sigma$  in  $P'_5$ .
- ▶ Probability that at least one bin varies by this much is 0.5%.
- ▶ SM prediction form: JHEP 05 (2013) 137



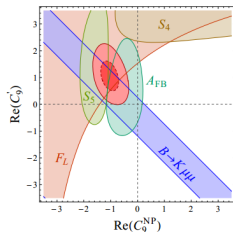
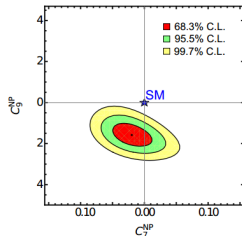
# $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ update with $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- ▶ Recently we release a preliminary result with  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [LHCb-CONF-2015-002]
- ▶ Anomaly stays at  $3.7 \sigma$ .
- ▶ Soon a full result with finer bins!



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

- ▶ Matias, Decotes-Genon & Virto performed a global fit to the available  $b \rightarrow s \gamma$  and  $b \rightarrow s l l$ .
- ▶ Found  $4.5\sigma$  discrepancy from SM.
- ▶ Fit favours  $C_9^{NP} = 1.5$
- ▶ [PRD 88 074002 \(2013\)](#)
  
- ▶ Straub & Altmannshofer performed a global analysis and found discrepancies at the level of  $3\sigma$ . Data again best describes a modified  $C_9$ .
- ▶ Data can be explained by introducing a flavour changing  $Z'$  boson, with mass  $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ TeV})$
- ▶ [EPJC 73 2646 \(2013\)](#)

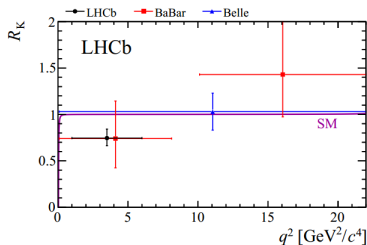


# Lepton universality

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



LHCb-PAPER-2014-024 [Preliminary].

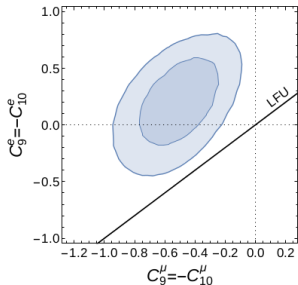
Belle [PRL 103 (2009) 171801],

BaBar [PRD 86 (2012) 032012]

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

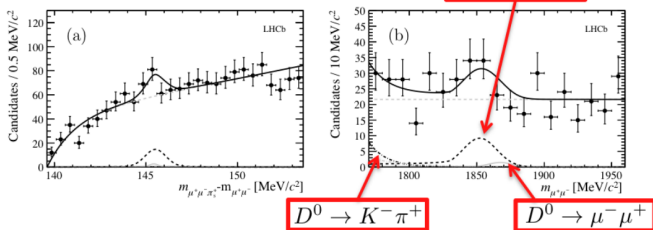
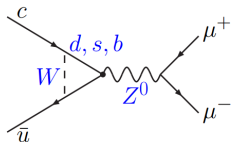
- ▶ Lepton flavour universality cannot be explained by any QCD effect!
- ▶ This effect is consistent with anomaly (non universal  $Z'$ )
- ▶ Global fit to  $b \rightarrow s\mu^-\mu^+$  and  $b \rightarrow se^-e^+$  seems to favour  $Z'$  with non lepton universal couplings.

Ghosh et al. 1408.4097



# FCNC in charm decays

- ▶ GIM cancelation effective in  $c \rightarrow u$  transitions due to small size of  $m_b$ .
- ▶ SM prediction:  $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 6 \times 10^{-11}$



- ▶ Use  $D^{*\pm}$  and exploit small  $\Delta m$  for background suppression.
- ▶ Limitation is  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$  mis-id.
- ▶ Limit:  $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) < 6.2 \times 10^{-9}$  at 90% CL
- ▶ PLB 725 (2013) 15-24

# Conclusions

- ▶ Rare decays play important role in hitting NP.
- ▶ Can access NP scales beyond reach of GPD.
- ▶ Tension in  $b \rightarrow sll$ , theory correct?
- ▶ List of decays presented in this talk is just a tip of iceberg:
  - ▶ Please look at ours: isospin,  $A_{CP}$ .
  - ▶ More are on their way.

