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Overview of the LHCb experiment

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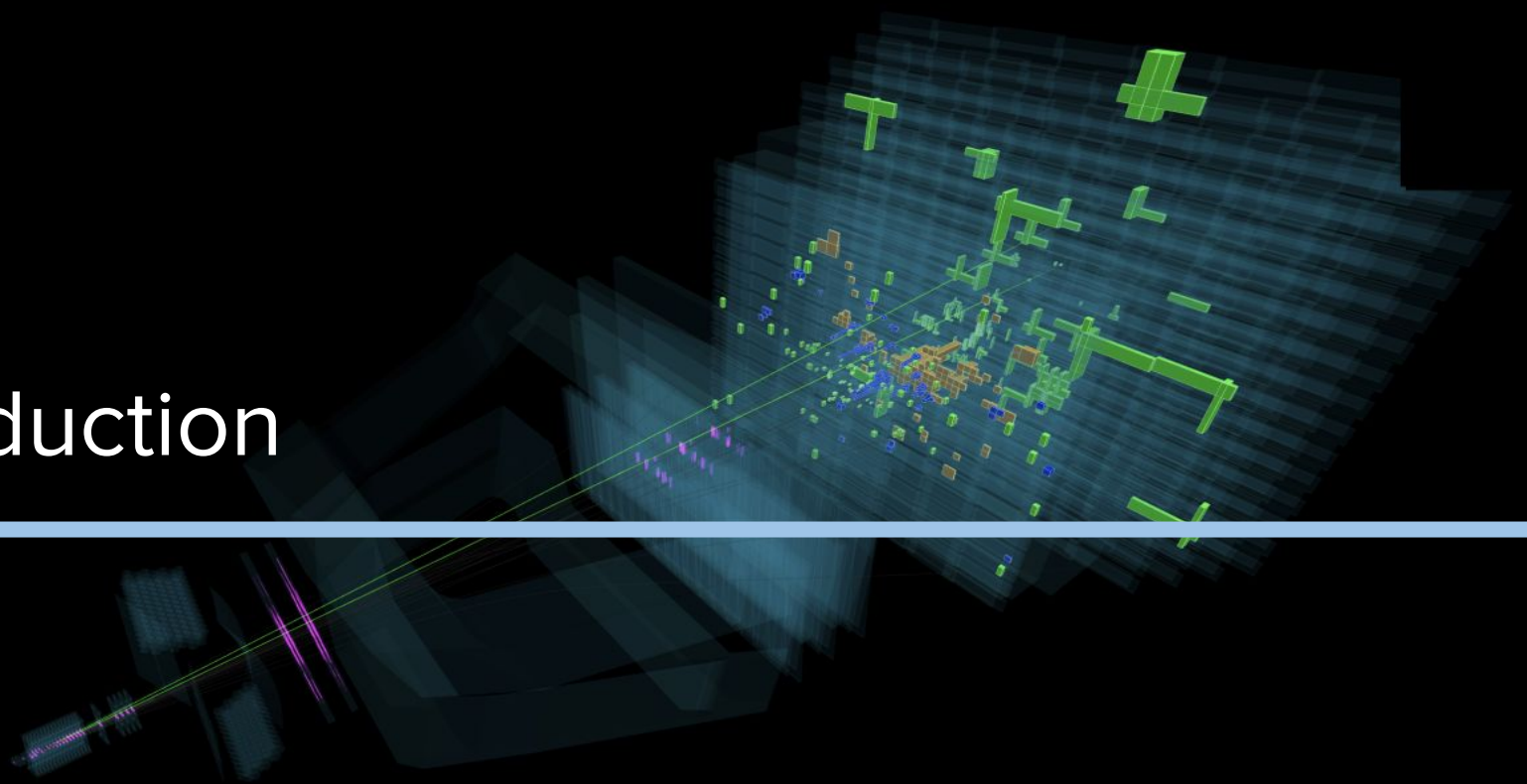
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Outline

- Introduction to LHCb detector and physics
- Selected recent measurements
 - LFU in $b \rightarrow s\ell^+ \ell^-$ (for LFU in $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ see [laroslava Bezshyiko's talk](#))
 - CKM structure and CPV in beauty and Charm
 - W mass measurement
 - Antiproton production in p-He collisions
 - Spectroscopy
- A look into the future: the upcoming LHCb upgrade and Upgrade II

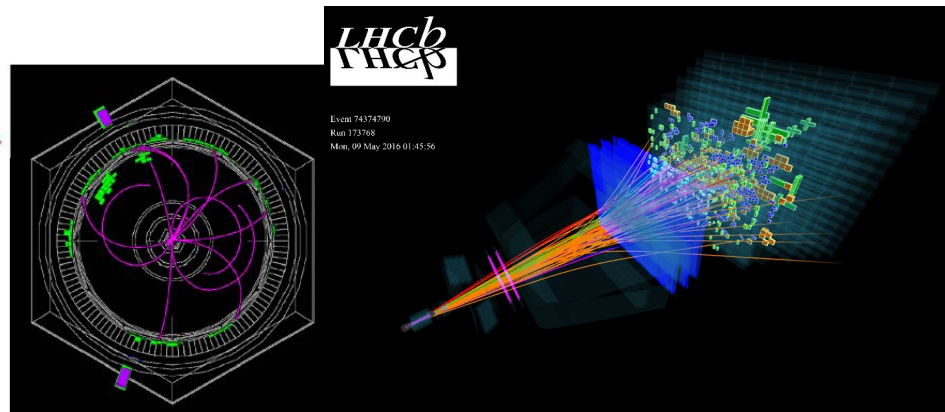
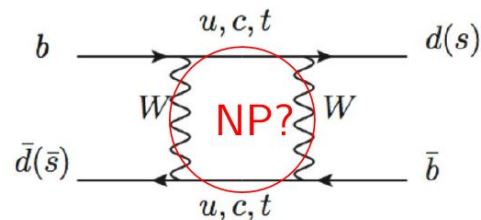
Introduction



Why study flavour physics (at hadronic machines)?

It may answer fundamental questions

- Why are there 3 fermion generations? Only 3?
- Hierarchy in Yukawa couplings?
- CPV in quark sector is too small to explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe. Are there other sources of CPV?
- Flavour physics provides a unique window into new physics through indirect searches (potentially sensitive to higher energy scales than direct searches)



The LHCb Collaboration

- About 1400 scientists, engineers and technicians
- 86 different universities and laboratories from 18 countries



The LHCb detector in Run 1 and Run 2 (2011-2018)

- Excellent particle identification, IP and momentum resolution ($\sim 13 \mu\text{m}$ on the transverse plane and $\Delta p/p \sim 0.5\% - 0.8\%$, respectively.)
- Huge beauty and charm production

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X)_{2 < \eta < 5} = 144 \pm 1 \pm 21 \mu\text{b}$$

[PRL 119, 169901 (2017)]

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}X)_{p_T < 8 \text{ GeV}/c, 2.0 < y < 4.5} = 2369 \pm 3 \pm 152 \pm 118 \mu\text{b.}$$

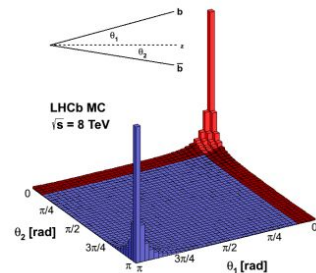
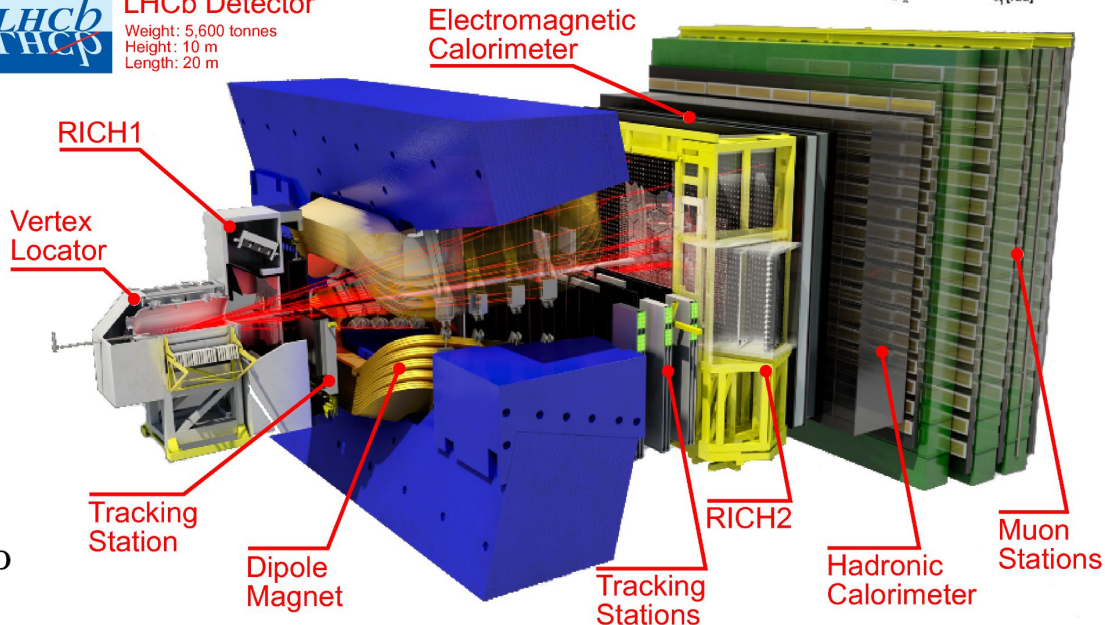
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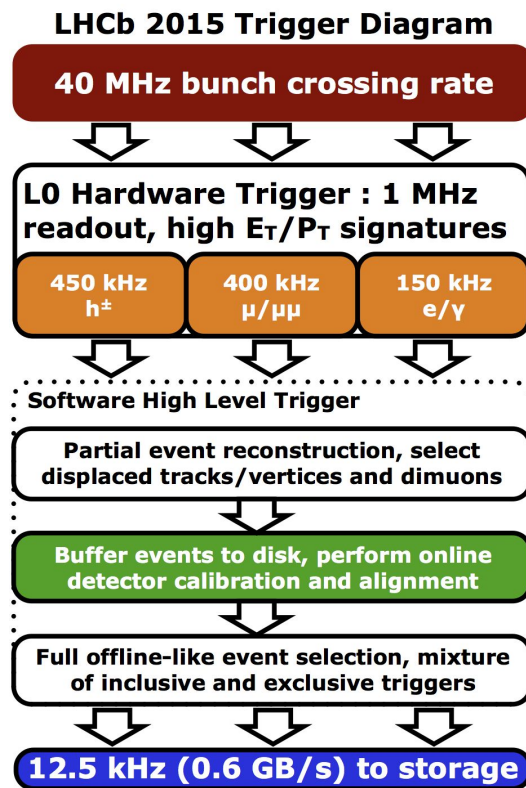
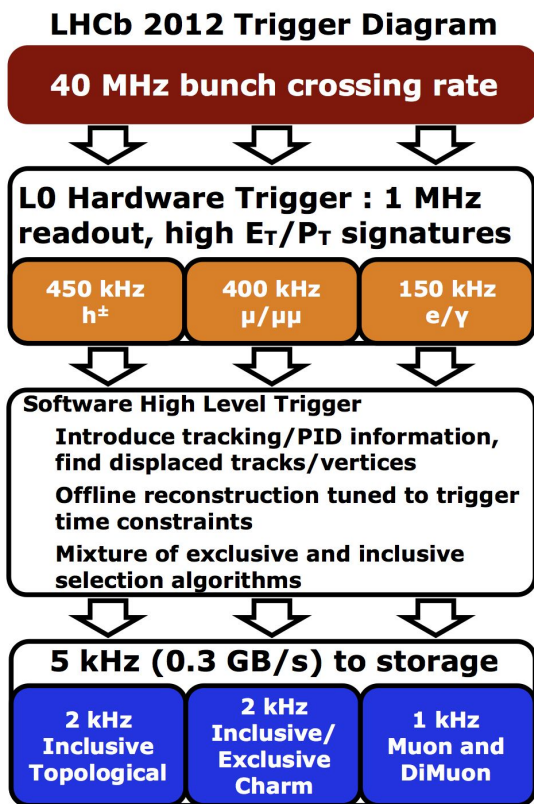
LHCb Detector

Weight: 5,600 tonnes
Height: 10 m
Length: 20 m

[JINST 3 S08005 \(2008\)](#)
[JMP A 30, No. 07, 1530022 \(2015\)](#)

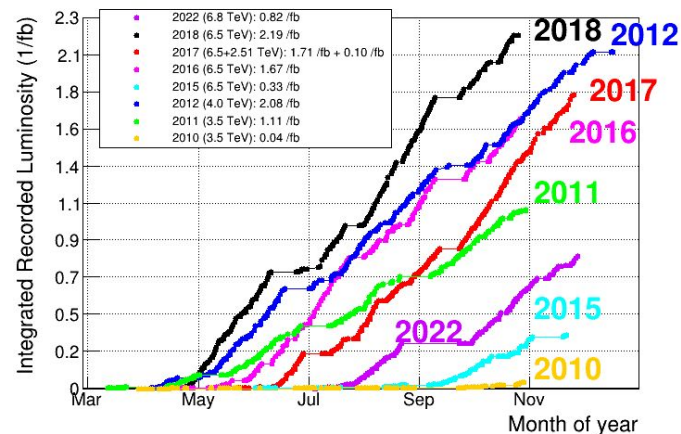
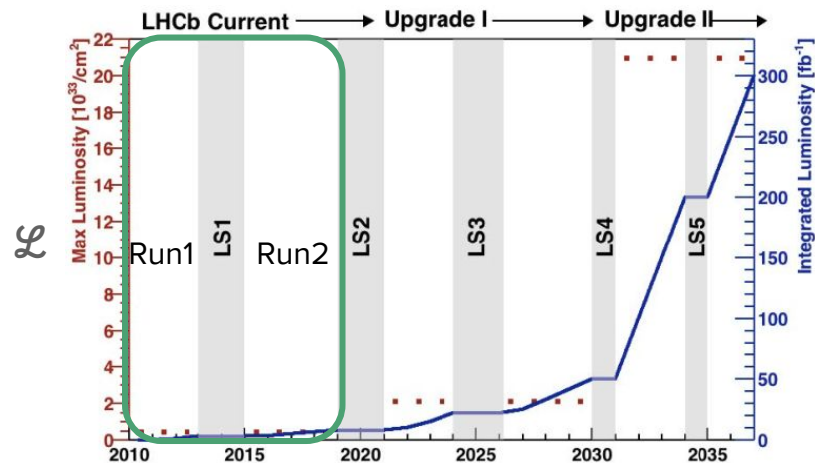
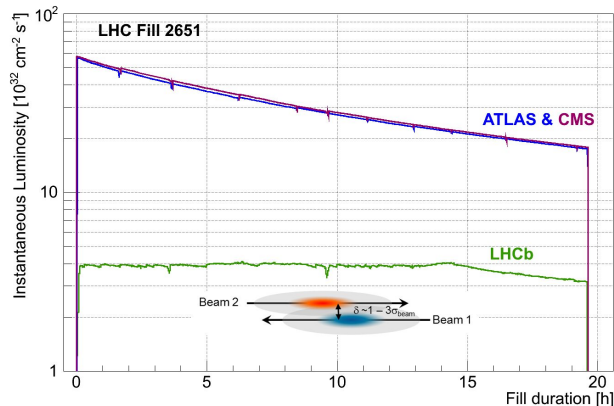


LHCb Trigger System



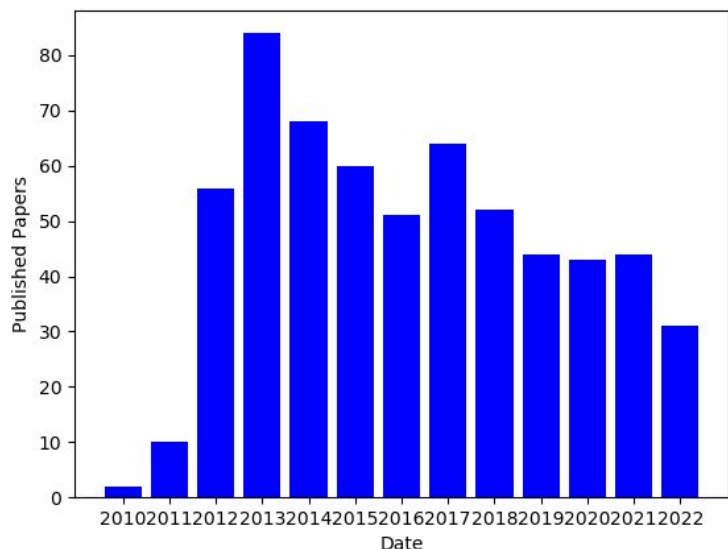
Run1 and Run2 data takings

- Running with luminosity levelling at $= 4 \times 10^{32} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, **2x design luminosity!**
- Roughly 1.5 interactions per bunch crossing
- Total of 9 fb^{-1} collected



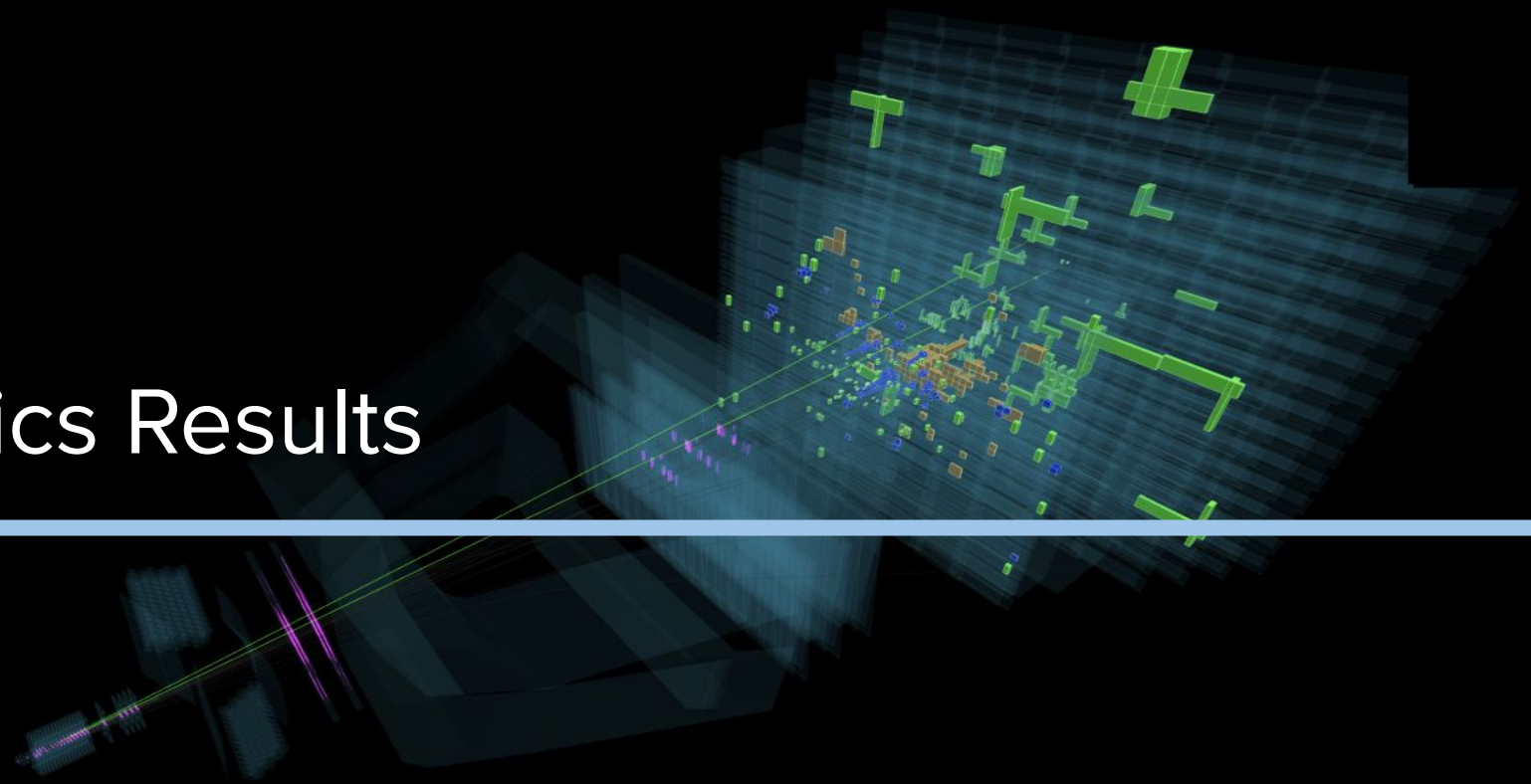
Not just a flavour physics experiment

More than 600 papers!

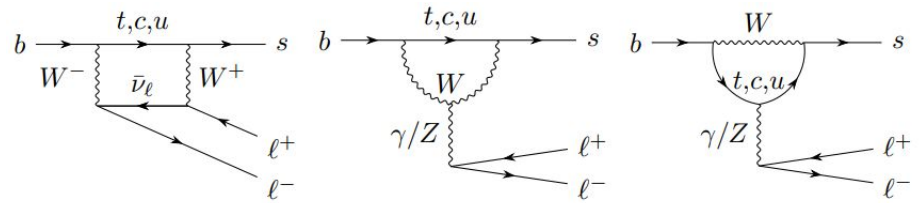


- Mixing and CP violation in B decays
- Rare B/D/K decays
- Charm decays
- Semileptonic B decays
- Spectroscopy and exotic hadrons
- Hadron production
- Heavy ion physics, fixed target with SMOG
- Electroweak physics, QCD
- Exotics (dark matter, long-lived particles)

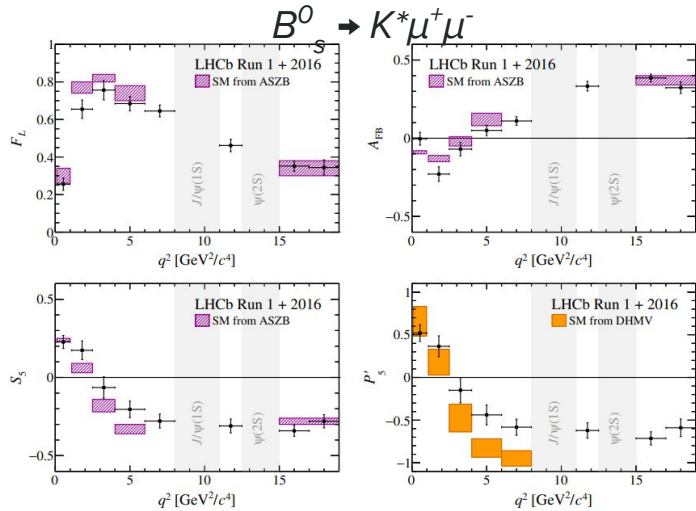
Physics Results



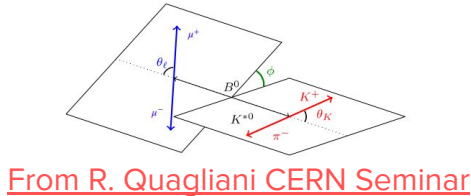
Probing NP with $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$



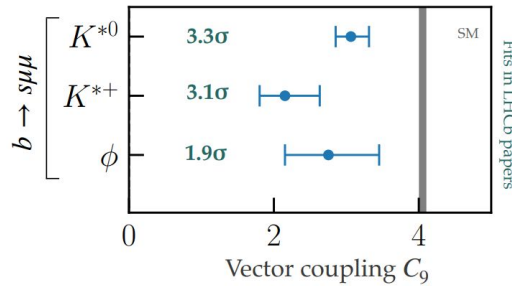
- Suppressed at tree level, potentially sensitive to NP at the TeV scale
- Dimuonic channels show discrepancies with SM at roughly 3 sigmas in differential decay rates and angular analyses



[PRL 125, 011802 \(2020\)](#)



From R. Quagliani CERN Seminar



[PRL 126, 161802 \(2021\)](#)

[JHEP11\(2021\)043](#)

However charm loops may mimic discrepancies in C_9 in angular analysis



LFU tests are theoretically a cleaner probe

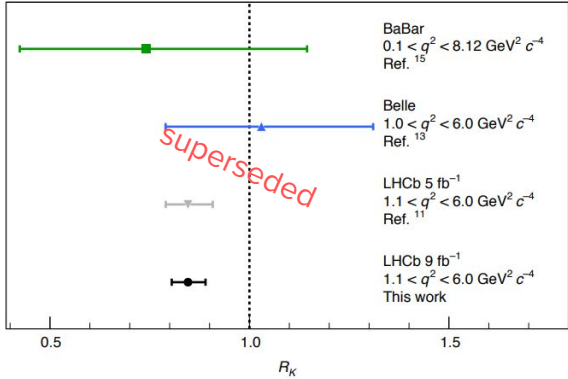
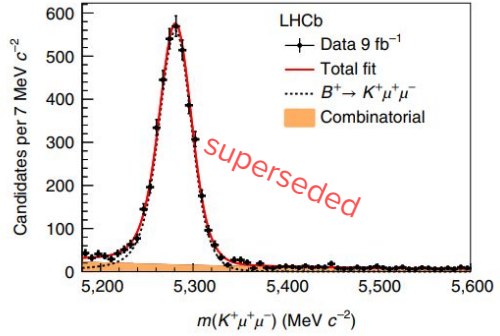
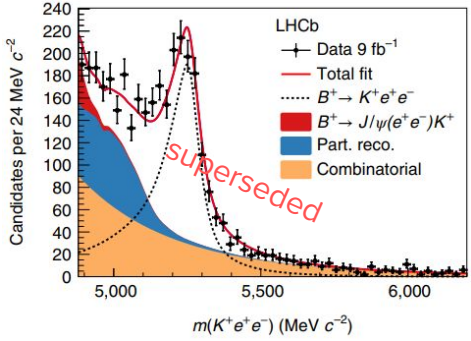
LHCb LFU tests (superseded)

- Can NP be generation dependent?
- Measure differential branching fraction vs dilepton invariant mass

$$R_H \equiv \frac{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int_{q_{\min}^2}^{q_{\max}^2} \frac{d\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow He^+e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

- Experimentally accessible through a double-ratio measurement

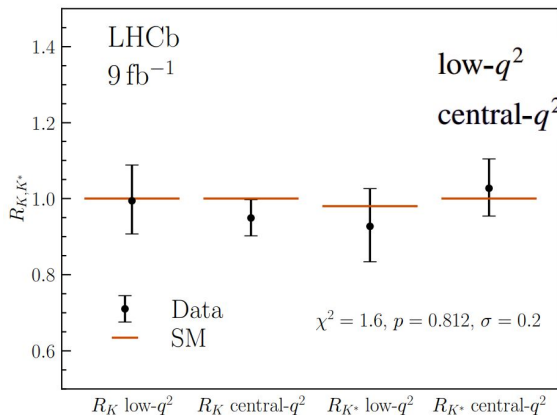
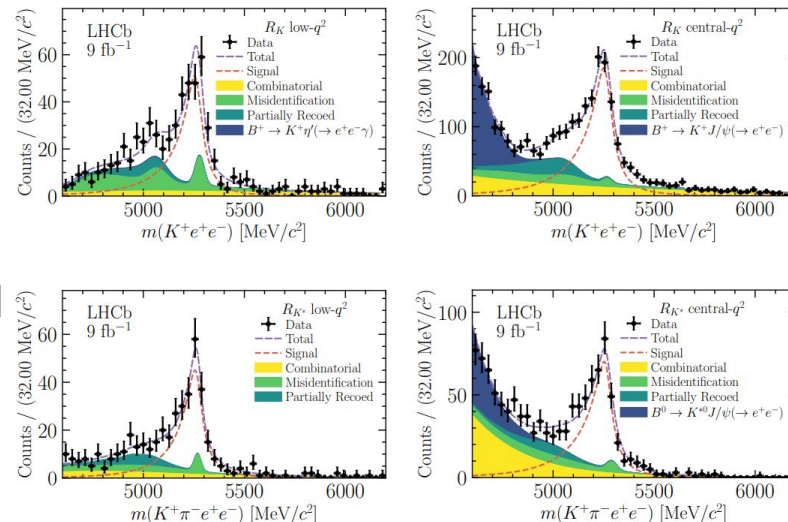
$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)K^+)} / \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^+e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K^+)}$$



Tension with the SM at 3.1σ

Improved lepton universality measurement

- Simultaneous analysis of R_K and R_{K^*}
- Most precise and accurate LFU test in $b \rightarrow sll$ transitions
- **New data driven treatment of misidentified background**



- Dominant systematic from misidentified backgrounds estimation from data driven method
- Measurement still statistically dominated

Details at [R. Quagliani CERN Seminar](#)

The CKM matrix

- Describes the transition between quark flavours via weak interaction

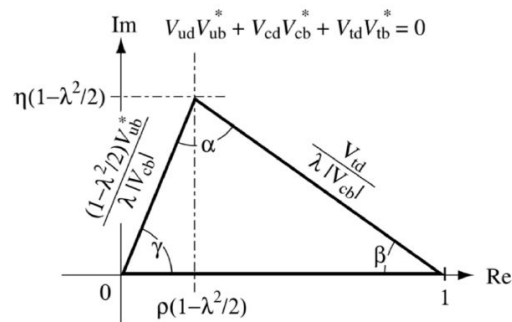
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 &= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda^2/2 - \lambda^4/8 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda + A^2\lambda^5 [1 - 2(\rho + i\eta)]/2 & 1 - \lambda^2/2 - \lambda^4(1 + 4A^2)/8 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3 [1 - (\rho + i\eta)(1 - \lambda^2/2)] & -A\lambda^2 + A\lambda^4 [1 - 2(\rho + i\eta)]/2 & 1 - A^2\lambda^4/2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Wolfenstein parametrisation}} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \sin(\theta_c) \approx 0.22, \quad \eta \approx 0.3$$

- Unitarity conditions \rightarrow unitarity triangles

$$V_{ud} V_{ub}^* + V_{cd} V_{cb}^* + V_{td} V_{tb}^* = 0$$

$$V_{us} V_{ub}^* + V_{cs} V_{cb}^* + V_{ts} V_{tb}^* = 0$$



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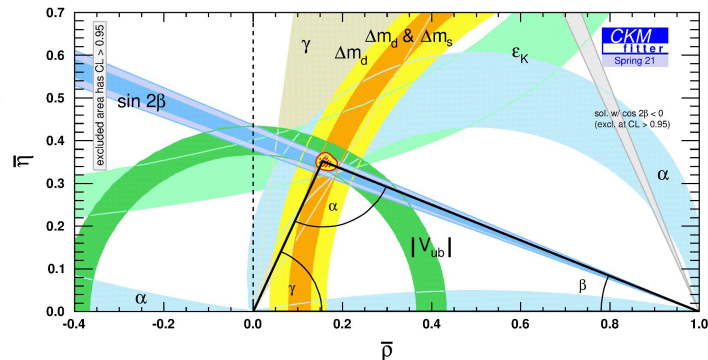
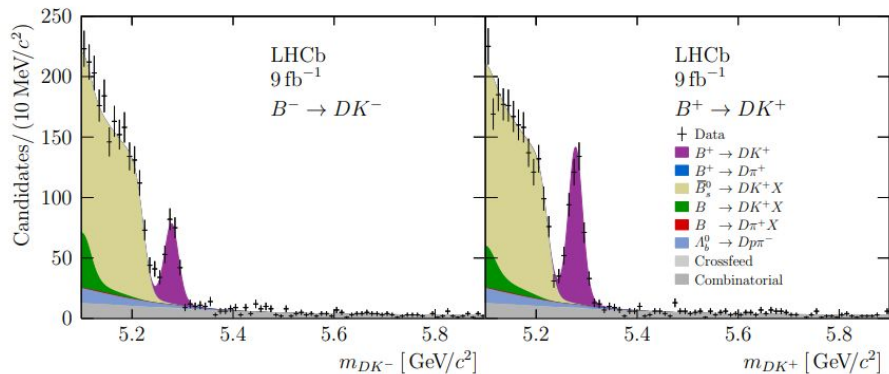
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- 3 quark generations allow for CPV through the phase η
- **Due to the CKM structure the B system is favourable for CPV studies, on the contrary, CPV in the Charm sector is predicted to be small since amplitudes are dominated by the first two generations**

CKM γ angle from $B^\pm \rightarrow D(\rightarrow K\pi\pi\pi)K^\pm$

- Precision measurements of the consistency of the unitarity triangles are a powerful tests of the SM.
- Recent LHCb measurement with the full dataset

$$\frac{\Gamma(B^\pm \rightarrow D [K^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^\pm \pi^\mp] K^\pm)}{\Gamma(B^\pm \rightarrow D [K^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^\mp \pi^\pm] K^\pm)} = \frac{r_{K3\pi}^2 + (r_B^K)^2 + 2r_{K3\pi}r_B^K R_{K3\pi} \cos(\delta_B^K + \delta_{K3\pi} \pm \gamma)}{1 + (r_{K3\pi}^2 r_B^K)^2 + 2r_{K3\pi}r_B^K R_{K3\pi} \cos(\delta_B^K - \delta_{K3\pi} \pm \gamma)}$$



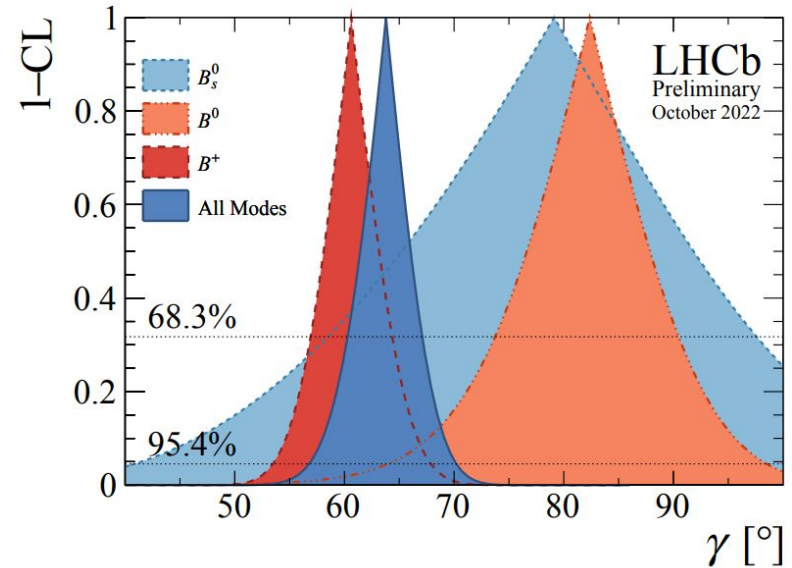
$$\gamma = (54.8_{-5.8}^{+6.0}(\text{stat.})_{-0.6}^{+0.6}(\text{syst.})_{-4.3}^{+6.7}(\text{ext.}))^\circ$$

Second most precise single-channel determination!

γ combination

A combination of all LHCb γ determinations
(+ charm mixing and asymmetries)

B decay	D decay	Ref.	Dataset
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	[29]	Run 1&2
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	[30]	Run 1
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K^\pm\pi^\mp\pi^+\pi^-$	[18]	Run 1&2
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-\pi^0$	[19]	Run 1&2
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 h^+h^-$	[31]	Run 1&2
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0 K^\pm\pi^\mp$	[32]	Run 1&2
$B^\pm \rightarrow D^*h^\pm$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	[29]	Run 1&2
$B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	[33]	Run 1&2(*)
$B^\pm \rightarrow DK^{*\pm}$	$D \rightarrow h^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	[33]	Run 1&2(*)
$B^\pm \rightarrow Dh^\pm\pi^+\pi^-$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	[34]	Run 1
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow h^+h^-$	[35]	Run 1&2(*)
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow h^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	[35]	Run 1&2(*)
$B^0 \rightarrow DK^{*0}$	$D \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$	[36]	Run 1
$B^0 \rightarrow D^\mp\pi^\pm$	$D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+$	[37]	Run 1
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+h^-\pi^+$	[38]	Run 1
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm\pi^+\pi^-$	$D_s^+ \rightarrow h^+h^-\pi^+$	[39]	Run 1&2
D decay	Observable(s)	Ref.	Dataset



$$\gamma = (63.8^{+3.5}_{-3.7})^\circ$$

In agreement with previous and global determinations, statistically limited

Observation of CPV in charm with ΔA_{CP}

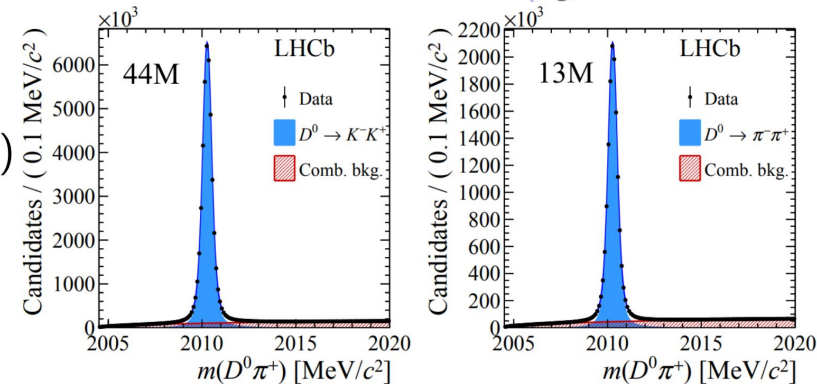
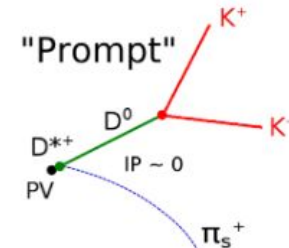
- CPV in charm predicted small in SM $O(10^{-4})$
- Full Run 1 + Run 2 dataset, D^* and semileptonic tag
- Observable is mainly sensitive to direct CPV

$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-) - A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$$

assuming universal a_{cp}^{ind}

$$\simeq \Delta a_{CP}^{dir} + \frac{\Delta \langle t \rangle}{\tau_{D^0}} a_{CP}^{ind} \quad \Delta \langle t \rangle = \langle t \rangle_{KK} - \langle t \rangle_{\pi\pi}$$

- Experimentally robust as production and detection asymmetries cancel to first order
- Additional measurements are needed to have a better understanding!



$$\Delta a_{CP} = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

CP violation observed at 5.3σ

Time-integrated CP asymmetry in $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ decays

- Measuring time integrated asymmetries of single channels is **much harder**

$$A_{CP}(f) = \frac{\Gamma(M \rightarrow f) - \Gamma(\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{\Gamma(M \rightarrow f) + \Gamma(\bar{M} \rightarrow \bar{f})} = \frac{1 - |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}/A_f|^2}{1 + |\bar{A}_{\bar{f}}/A_f|^2}$$

- However the observable is the yield asymmetry, which must be corrected for to extract the physical asymmetry

$$A_{raw} = \frac{N(D \rightarrow f) - N(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})}{N(D \rightarrow f) + N(\bar{D} \rightarrow \bar{f})} = A_{CP} + A_P + A_D$$

A_P is the production asymmetry in pp collisions

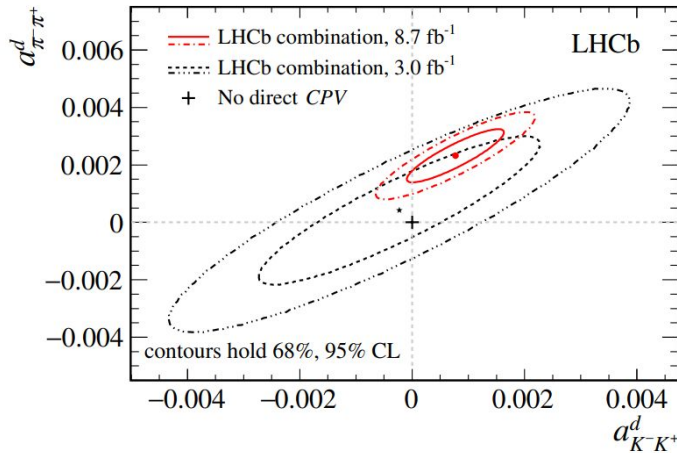
A_D is the detection asymmetry due to the detector

- A_P and A_D have to be determined and corrected for using calibration samples

Time-integrated CP asymmetry in $D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+$ decays

- Measurement from LHCb using the full Run 2 dataset

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(K^- K^+) = [6.8 \pm 5.4 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.6 \text{ (syst)}] \times 10^{-4}.$$

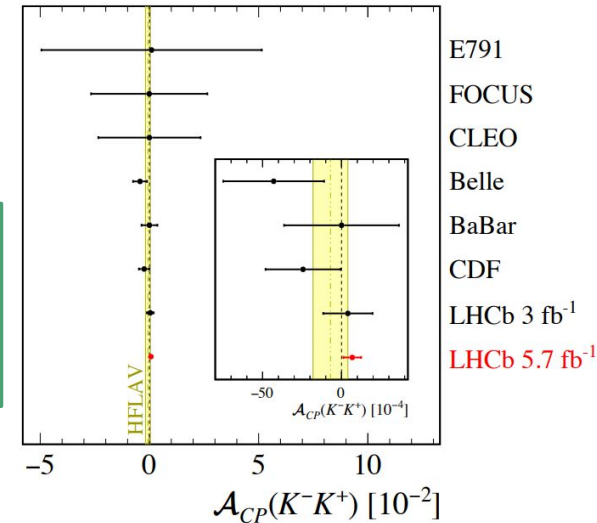


In combination with ΔA_{CP}



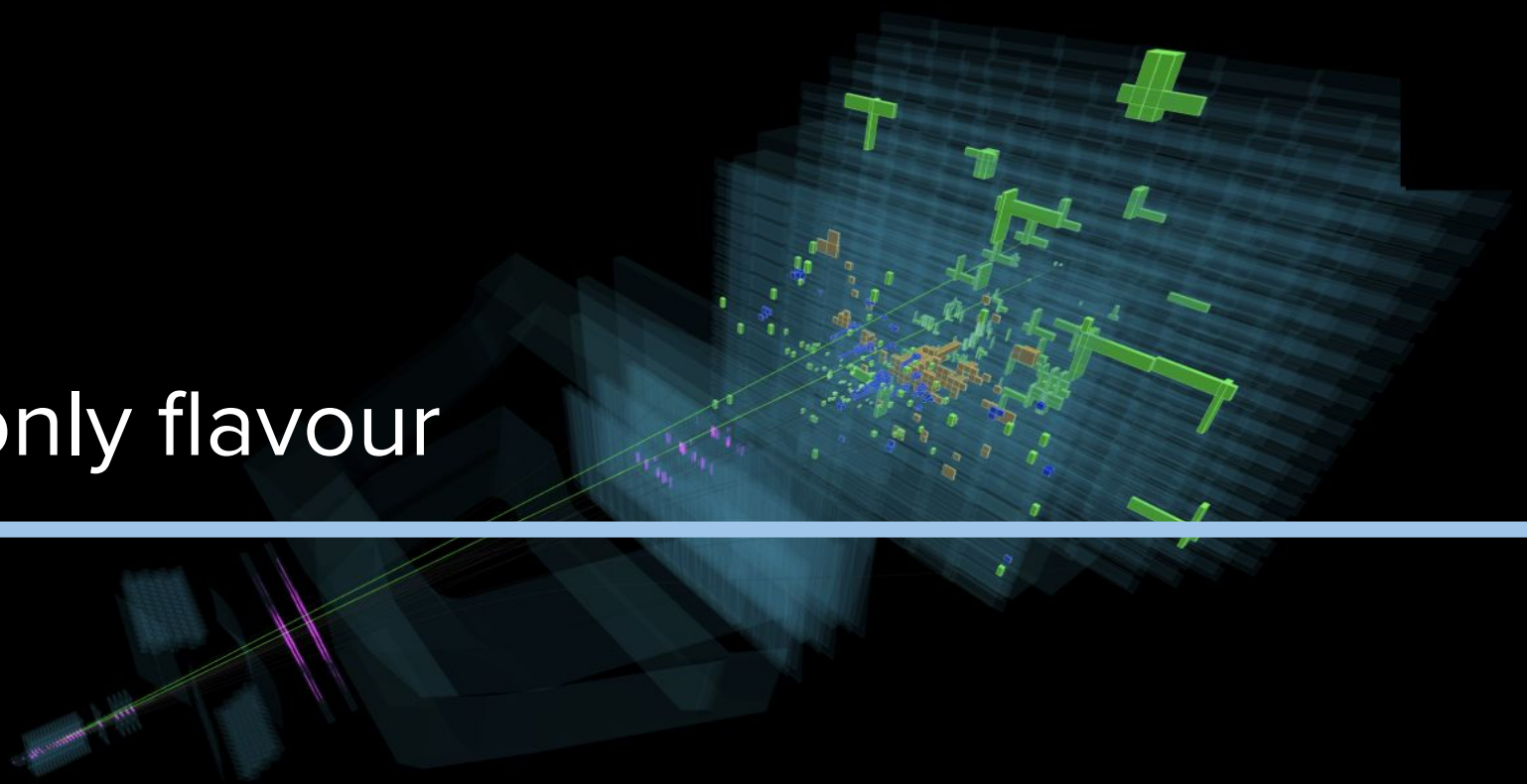
$$a_{K^- K^+}^d = (7.7 \pm 5.7) \times 10^{-4},$$

$$a_{\pi^- \pi^+}^d = (23.2 \pm 6.1) \times 10^{-4},$$



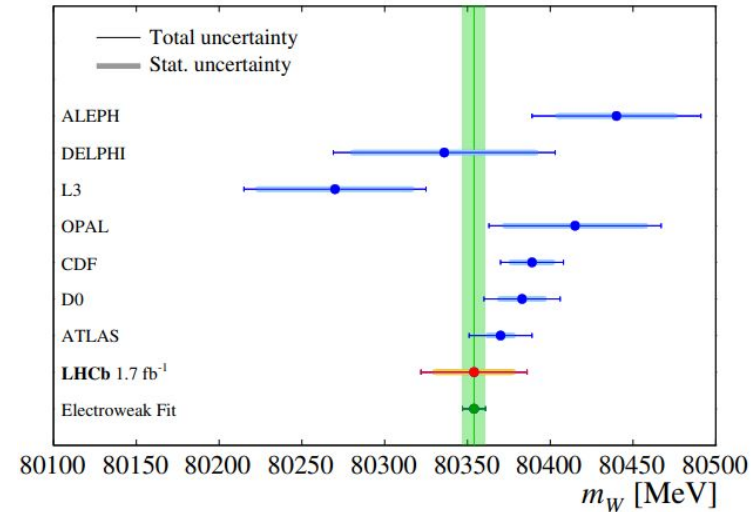
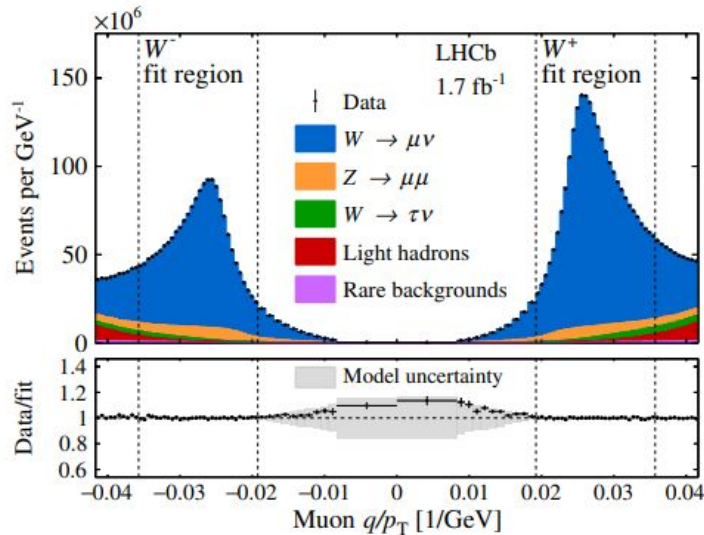
Measurements statistically limited, exciting times for Charm CPV with ongoing and future upgrades

Not only flavour



W boson mass measurement

- First LHCb measurement of W mass, 1.7 fb⁻¹ of 13 TeV data
- **Anti-correlation in PDF uncertainties wrt ATLAS and CMS**



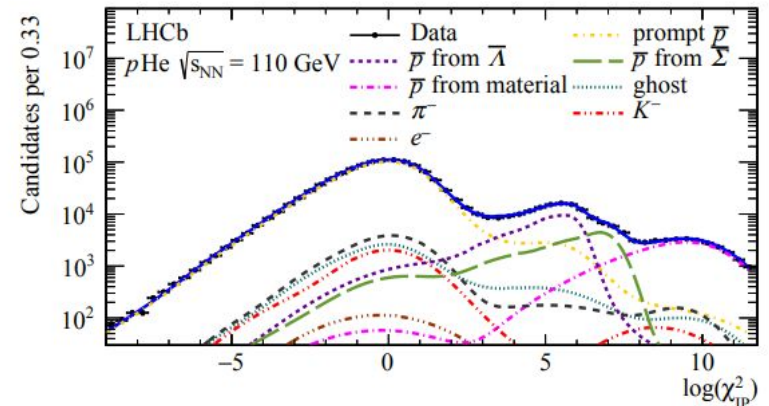
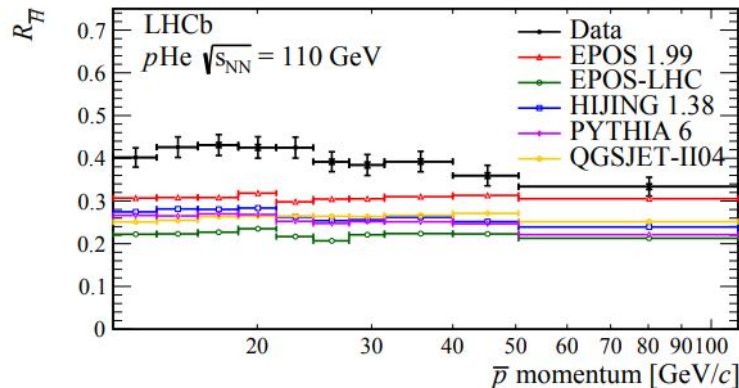
Excellent prospects for a full Run2 analysis

Measurement of antiproton production

- Looks at p-He (SMOG) data in hyperon decays
- Measure proton-antiproton ratio from hyperon decays
- Extremely useful for the interpretation of results from space-based experiments
- Dominant Λ component measured exclusively

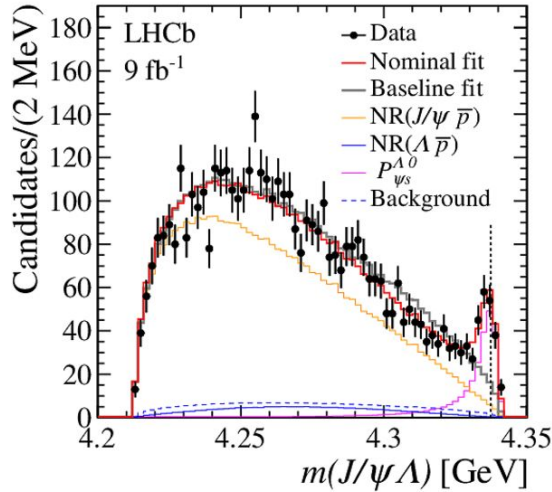
SMOG: System for Measuring Overlap with Gas

- Noble gas (He, Ne, Ar) injected into the LHC vacuum around the LHCb interaction region
- Energy between SPS and RHIC



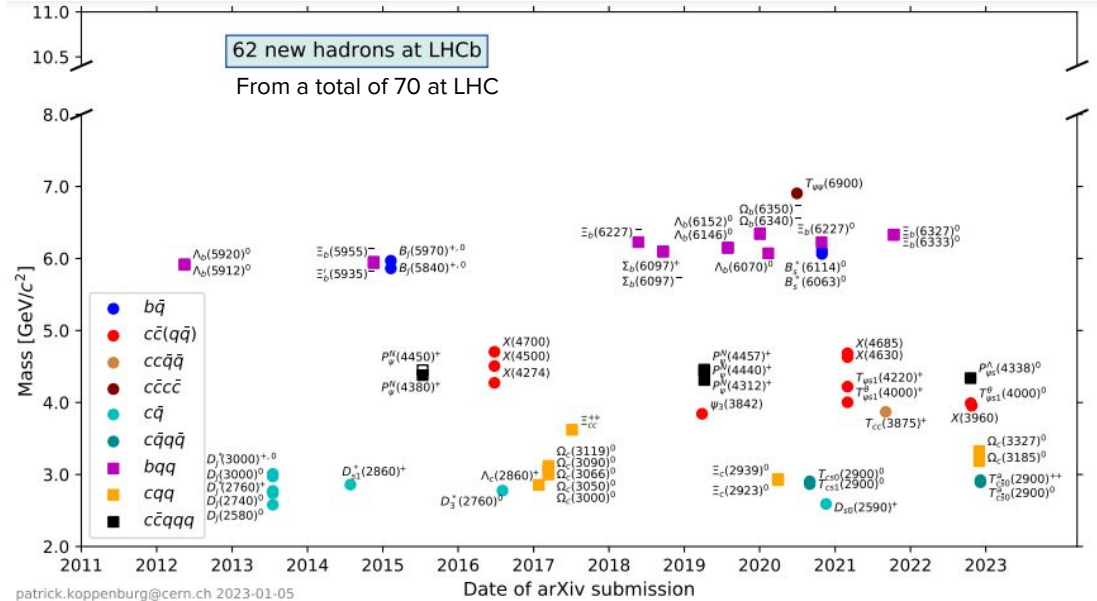
Exotic hadrons, tetra/penta -quarks

[arxiv:2210.10346](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.10346)



$J/\psi\Lambda$ structure at 4.338 GeV
in $B^- \rightarrow J/\psi\Lambda p^-$ decays

Consistent with a pentaquark candidate with strangeness

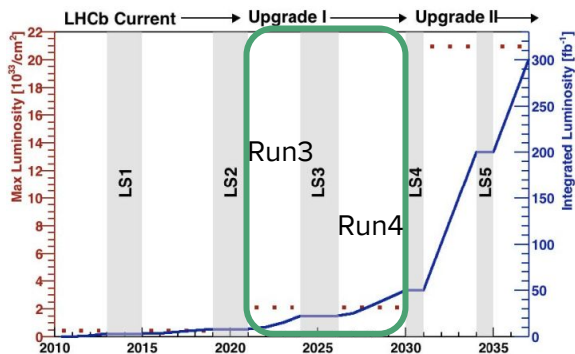


Full list and more plots at this [link](#)

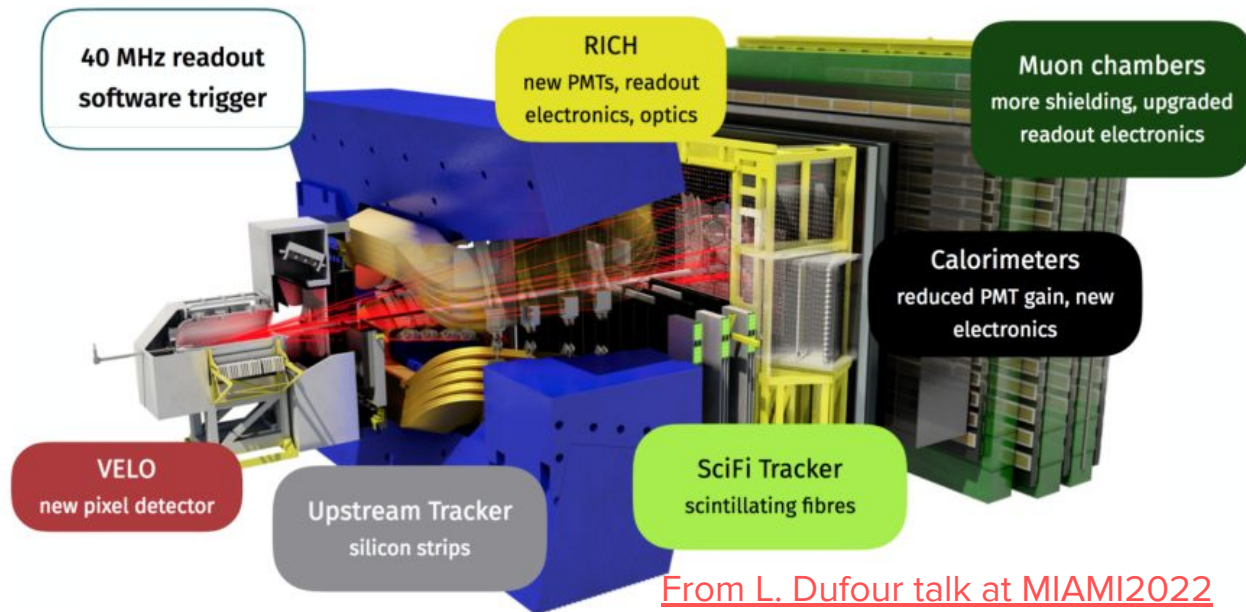
The LHCb Upgrade

A 3D visualization of the LHCb detector upgrade. The image shows a complex arrangement of detector components, including silicon trackers and calorimeters, rendered in various colors (green, blue, orange, purple) against a dark background. The components are arranged in a layered, cylindrical structure, with some parts appearing as semi-transparent planes. The overall scene is illuminated by a central light source, creating a sense of depth and highlighting the intricate geometry of the detector.

The upgraded LHCb

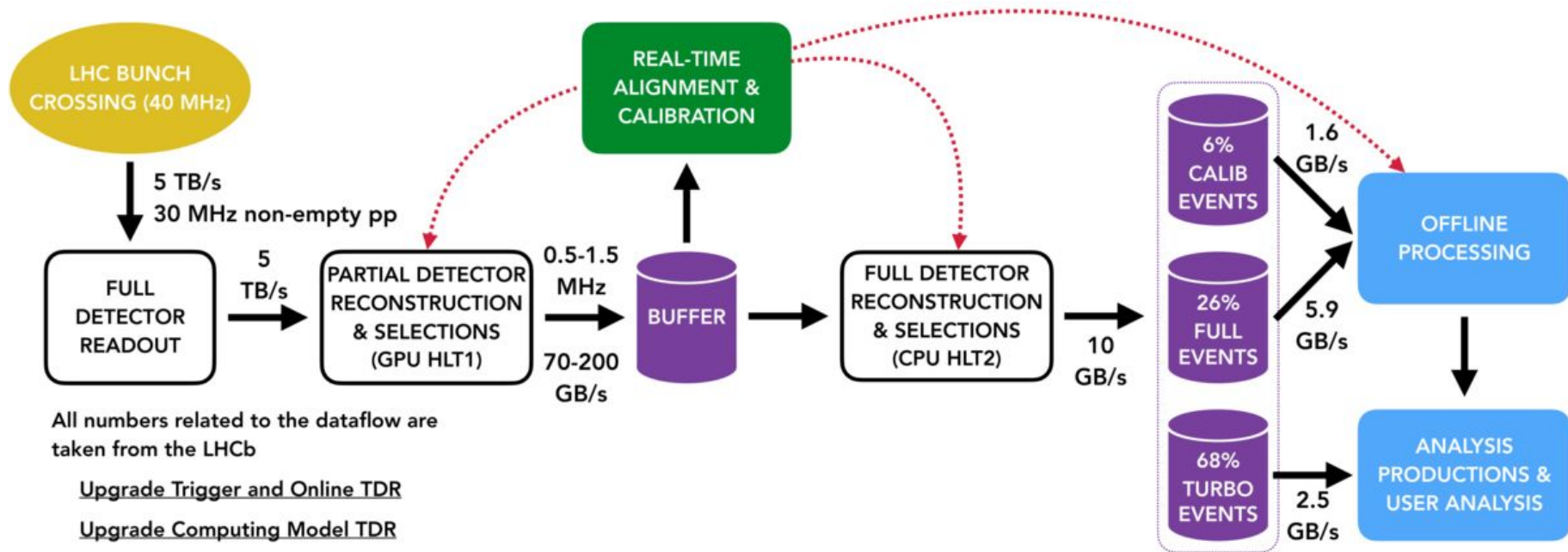


- Aim to collect $\sim 50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at roughly $\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Keeping at least the same performance on Run 1&2

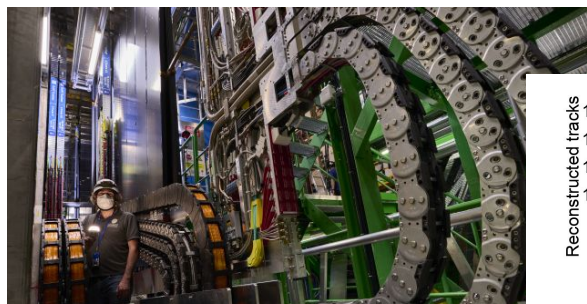


The upgrade DAQ and trigger

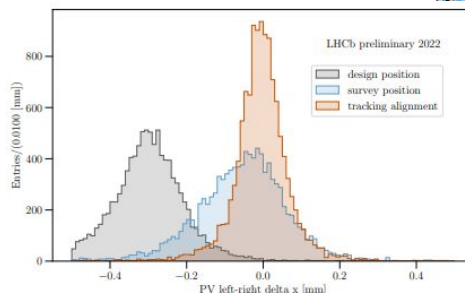
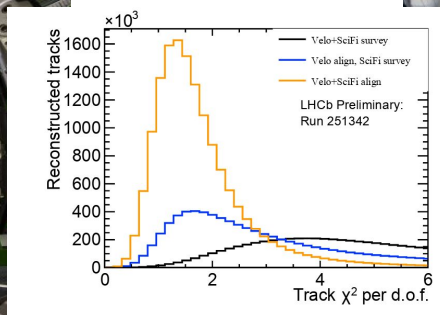
Fully software trigger, overcomes L0 rate limitations in Run1&2 and builds on the successes of Run1 and Run2 (e.g. real time alignment and calibration)



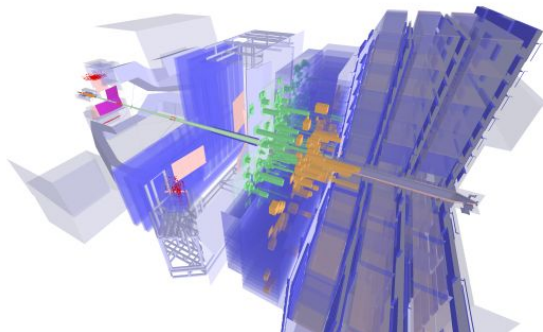
Installation and commissioning of the upgraded detector



LHCb-FIGURE-2022-018

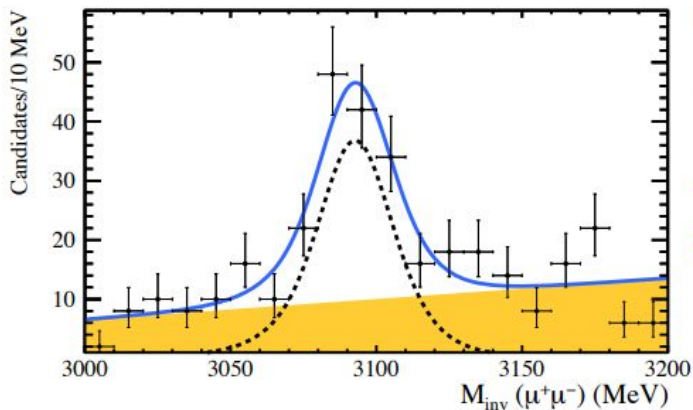


LHCb-FIGURE-2022-016

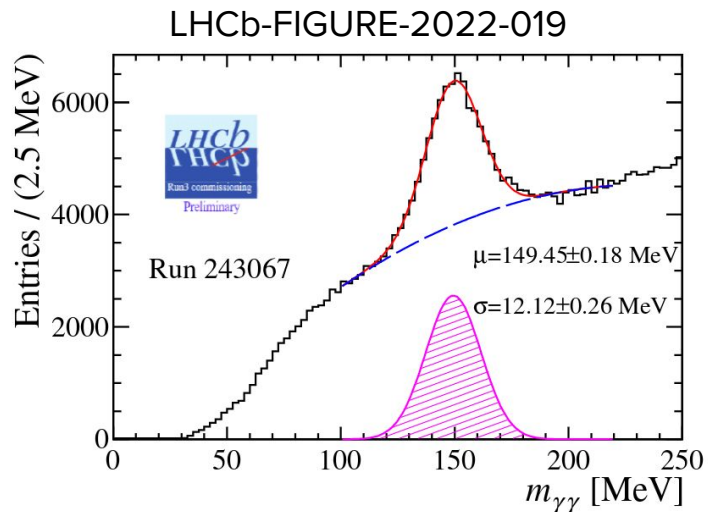


First mass peaks!

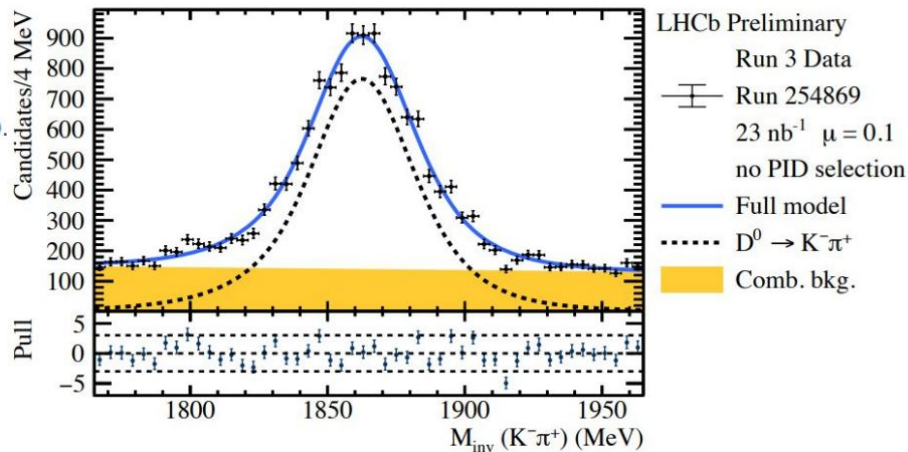
Now working hard on understanding the new detector and improving calibration and alignment



LHCb-FIGURE-2022-034



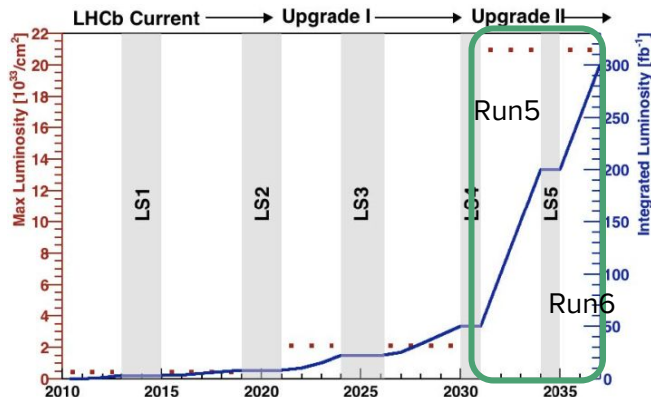
LHCb-FIGURE-2022-019



LHCb Preliminary
Run 3 Data
23 nb⁻¹ $\mu = 0.1$
no PID selection
Full model
 $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$
Comb. bkg.

LHCb in Run 5&6 ?

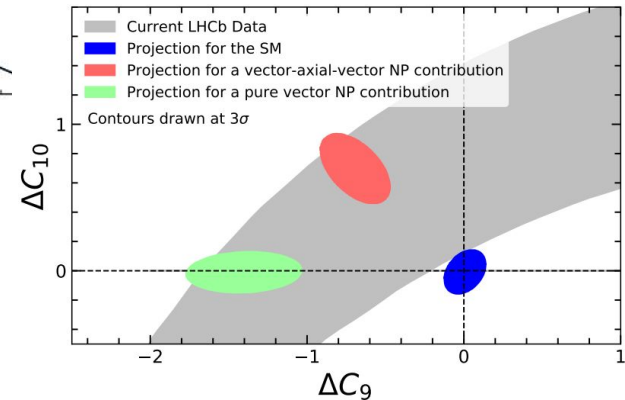
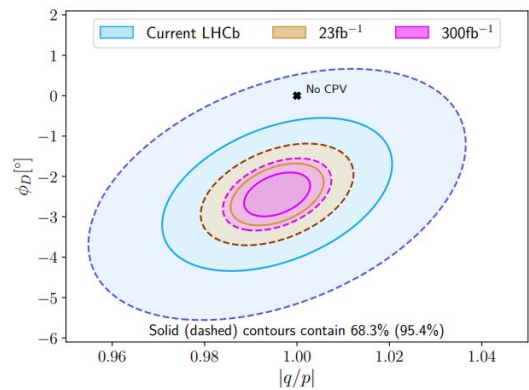
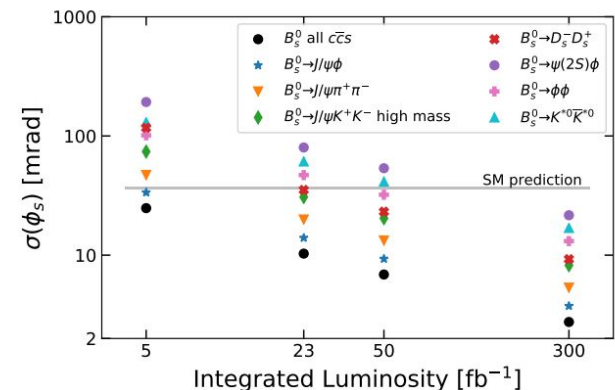
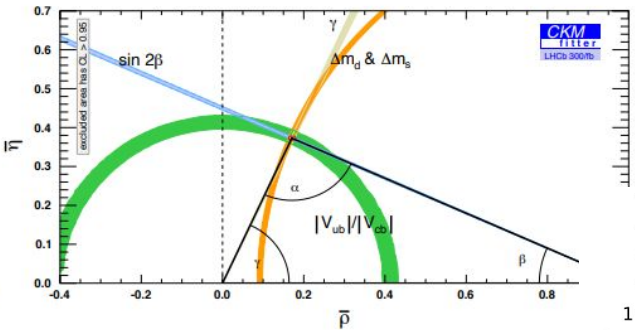
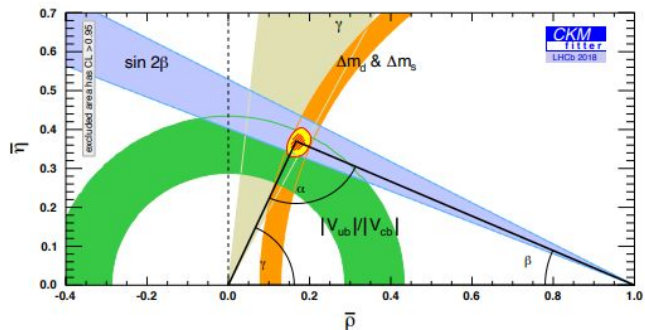
- Target: $\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Pile-up: ~ 40
- 200 Tb/second data produced
- To keep the same performance in more difficult conditions, timing will be required in some sub-detectors
- A lot of R&D on new technologies
- Sub-detector TDRs expected after Run 3



[LHCb-TDR-023](#)



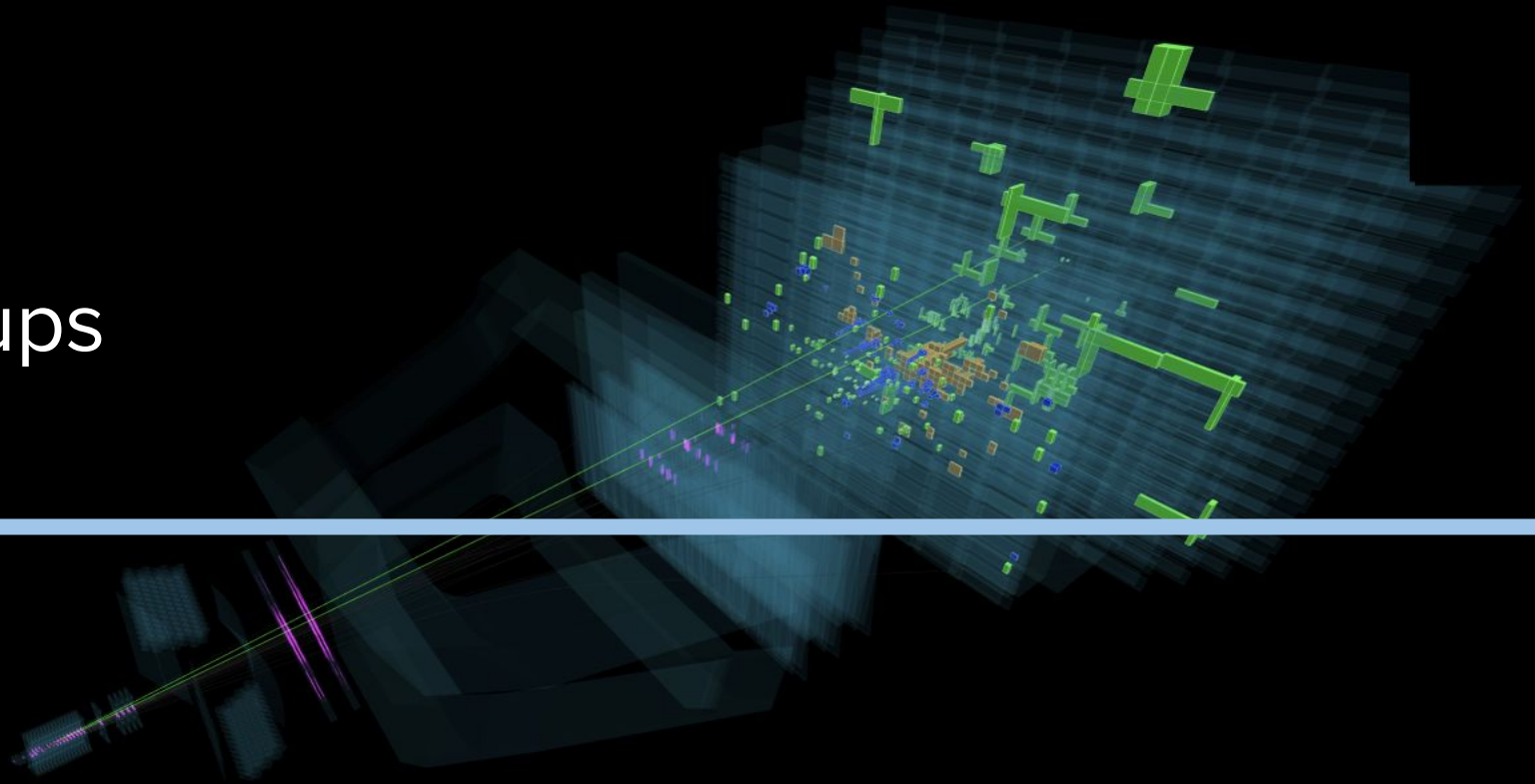
What could be achieved in Upgrade II?



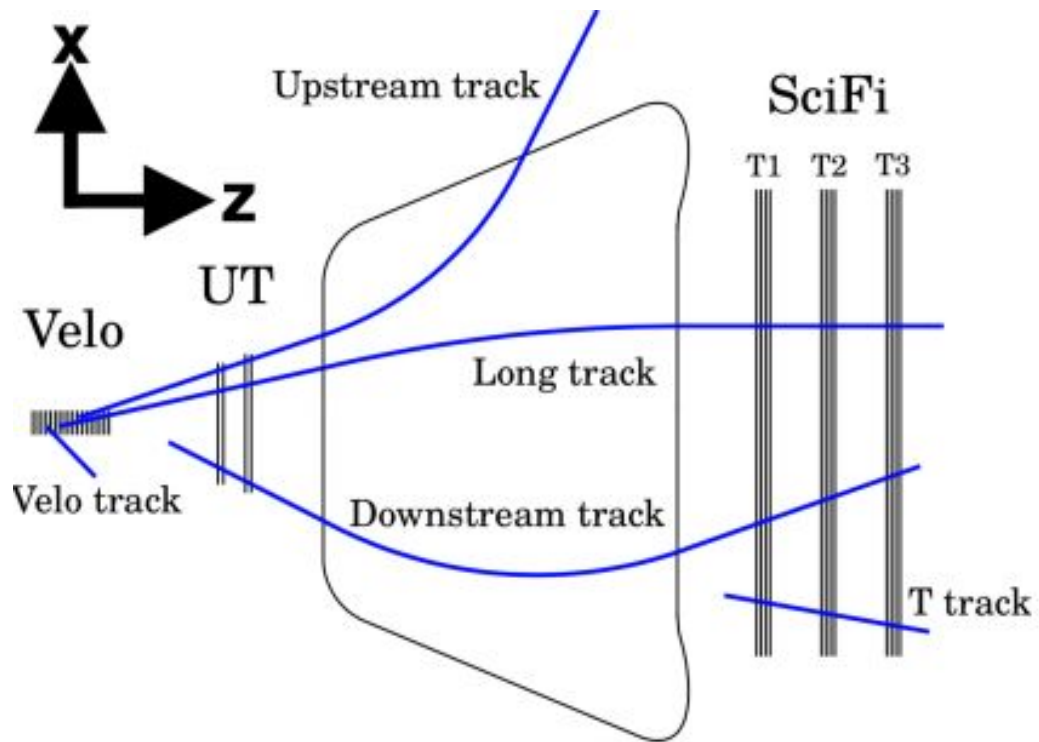
Conclusions

- LHCb brought many interesting results in Run 1&2, with world leading measurements in the flavour sector
- LHCb showed capabilities that go well beyond its design (e.g. EW physics, heavy ions, etc..)
- I could only show a small fraction of its physics output!
- **Now focused on Run3 to get the new detector in shape to acquire an even larger dataset (not just in size but also in physics reach!)**
- **We are also thinking at the far future and started R&D towards an even more capable detector!**

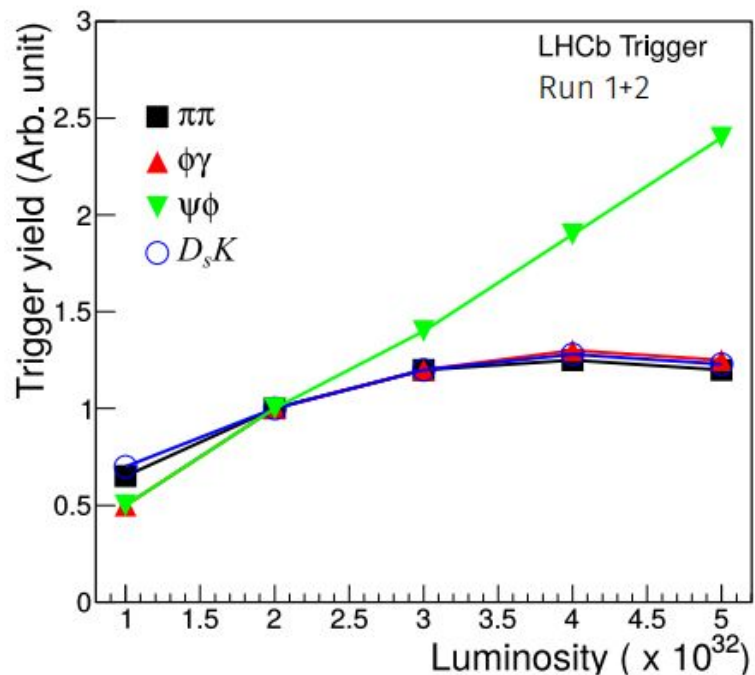
Backups



Track types in LHCb



Trigger yield vs lumi in Run 1&2



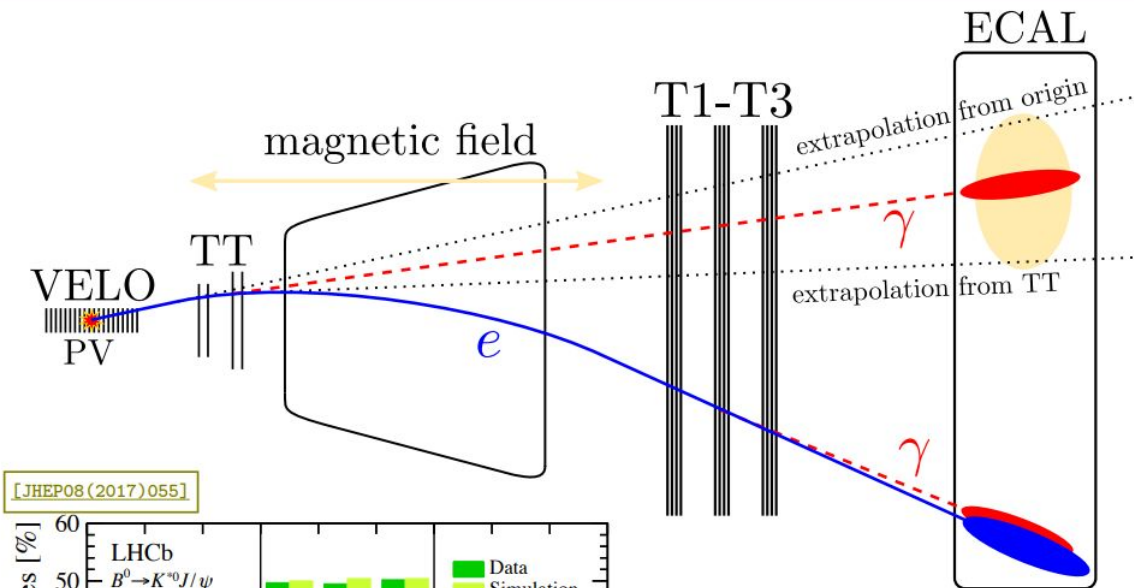
Physics performance projections

Observable	Current LHCb (up to 9 fb ⁻¹)	Upgrade I (23 fb ⁻¹)	Upgrade I (50 fb ⁻¹)	Upgrade II (300 fb ⁻¹)
CKM tests				
γ ($B \rightarrow DK$, etc.)	4° [9, 10]	1.5°	1°	0.35°
ϕ_s ($B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$)	32 mrad [8]	14 mrad	10 mrad	4 mrad
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $ ($A_b^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$, etc.)	6% [29, 30]	3%	2%	1%
a_{sl}^d ($B^0 \rightarrow D^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$)	36×10^{-4} [34]	8×10^{-4}	5×10^{-4}	2×10^{-4}
a_{sl}^s ($B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$)	33×10^{-4} [35]	10×10^{-4}	7×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Charm				
ΔA_{CP} ($D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-$)	29×10^{-5} [5]	13×10^{-5}	8×10^{-5}	3.3×10^{-5}
A_Γ ($D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-$)	11×10^{-5} [38]	5×10^{-5}	3.2×10^{-5}	1.2×10^{-5}
Δx ($D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^+\pi^-$)	18×10^{-5} [37]	6.3×10^{-5}	4.1×10^{-5}	1.6×10^{-5}
Rare Decays				
$B(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)/B(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	69% [40, 41]	41%	27%	11%
$S_{\mu\mu}$ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$)	—	—	—	0.2
$A_\Gamma^{(2)}$ ($B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$)	0.10 [52]	0.060	0.043	0.016
A_Γ^{Im} ($B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$)	0.10 [52]	0.060	0.043	0.016
$\mathcal{A}_{\phi\gamma}^{\Delta\Gamma}$ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$)	$^{+0.41}_{-0.44}$ [51]	0.124	0.083	0.033
$S_{\phi\gamma}$ ($B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma$)	0.32 [51]	0.093	0.062	0.025
α_γ ($\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$)	$^{+0.17}_{-0.29}$ [53]	0.148	0.097	0.038
Lepton Universality Tests				
R_K ($B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell^+\ell^-$)	0.044 [12]	0.025	0.017	0.007
R_{K^*} ($B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-$)	0.12 [61]	0.034	0.022	0.009
$R(D^*)$ ($B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\ell^+\nu_\ell$)	0.026 [62, 64]	0.007	0.005	0.002

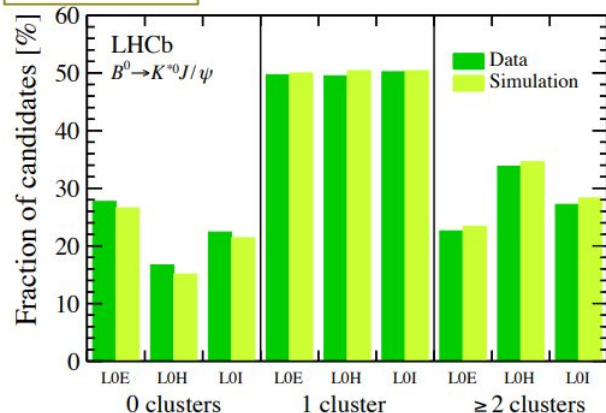
LFU q^2 regions

low- q^2 region:	$0.1 < q^2 < 1.1 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$,
central- q^2 region:	$1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$,
electron J/ψ region:	$6 < q^2 < 11 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$,
muon J/ψ region:	$ m(\ell^+ \ell^-) - M_{J/\psi}^{\text{PDG}} < 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$,
electron $\psi(2S)$ region:	$11 < q^2 < 15 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$,
muon $\psi(2S)$ region:	$ m(\ell^+ \ell^-) - M_{\psi(2S)}^{\text{PDG}} < 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$,

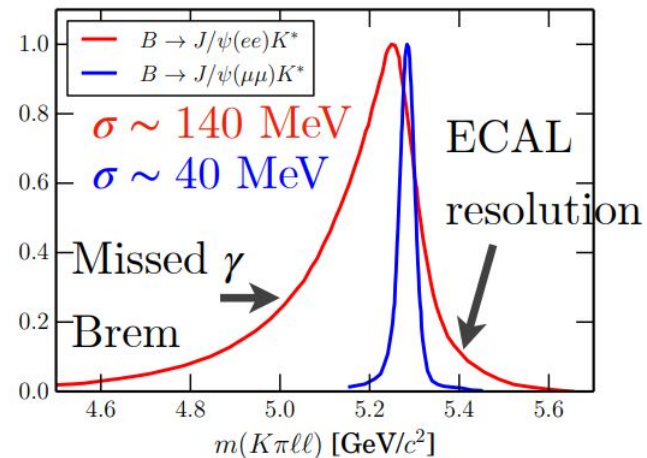
Challenges in LFU tests: electrons and energy losses



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- ▶ Brem recovery is O(50%) efficient
- ▶ Well described in simulation

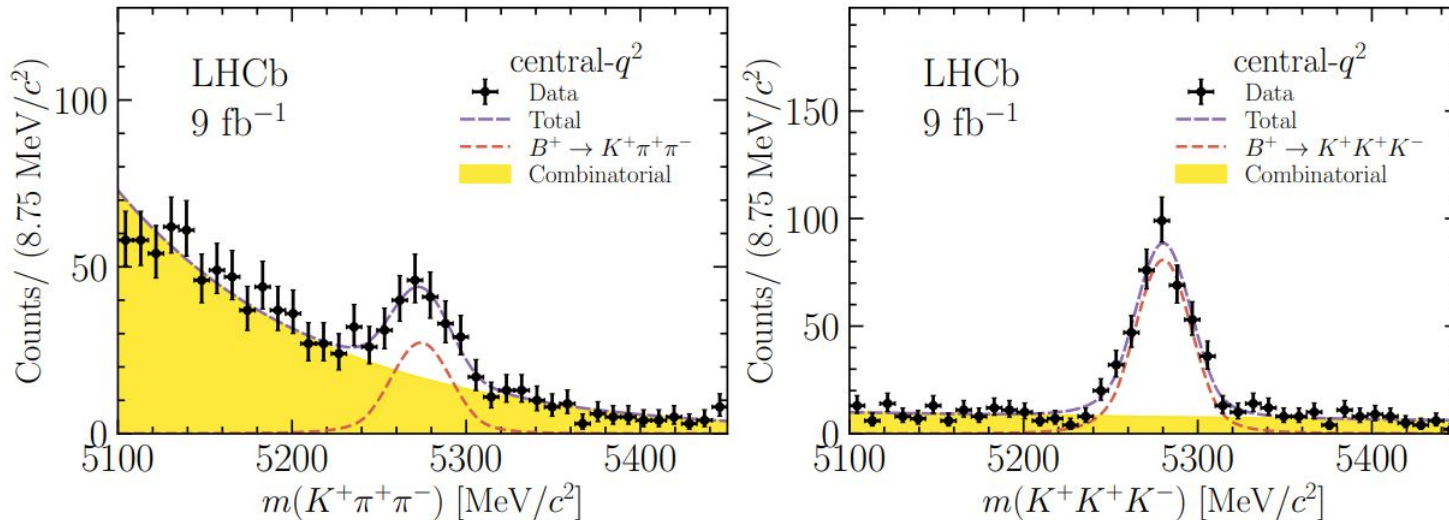


Wider fit range than muons

- ▶ more background,
- ▶ more sensitive to peaking structures
- ▶ lineshapes are brem-dependent

Misidentified background in electron mode

- ◆ Simple backgrounds from double-misidentification can be isolated inverting PID criteria (close to nominal selection) after full selection (i.e $K^+, {}^{*0}h^+h^-$) on electron mode



- ◆ Similar structures (see *backup*) also for R_{K^*} , however unknown Dalitz for $K^{*0}h^+h^-$
- ◆ Single misidentification background as well, often unknown
- ◆ *Developed a new inclusive data-driven treatment of misidentified background*

Mass fit to rare mode electrons: simultaneous fit R_{K,K^*0} 