

# Searches for Rare Decays at LHCb

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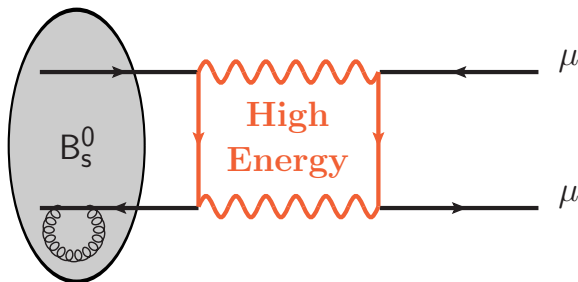
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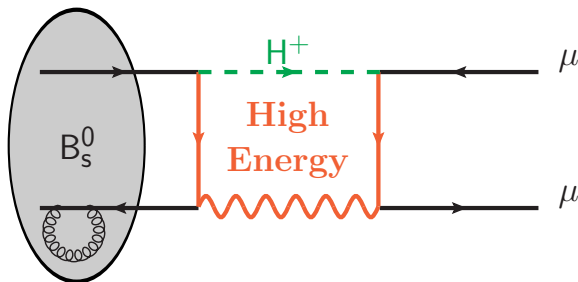
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# The Tour of LHCb Rare Decays

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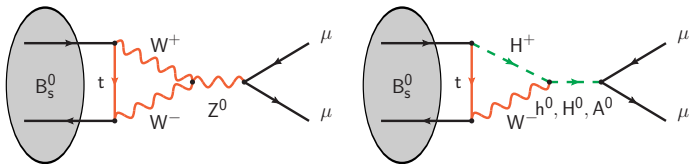
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**Reference:** arXiv:1307.5024 to appear in Physical Review Letter

# Motivations

- Rare in SM: FCNC process and helicity suppressed



$$\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \propto \left(1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_B^2}\right) |C_S - C'_S|^2 + \left| (C_P - C'_P) + 2 \frac{m_\mu}{m_B^2} (C_{10} - C'_{10}) \right|^2$$

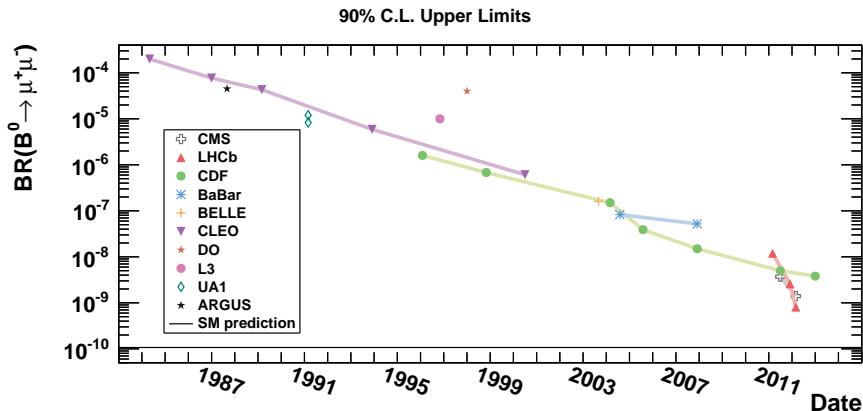
- Sensitive to scalar and pseudo-scalar NP contributions
- Precise predictions (purely leptonic final state) [Buras et al., 2012]:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &\stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} (3.56 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-9} \\ \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &\stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} (1.07 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-10} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>Time integrated  $\mathcal{B}$  obtained [Bruyn et al., 2012] with  $y_s$  and  $\tau_{B_s^0}$  from [HFAG, 2012]

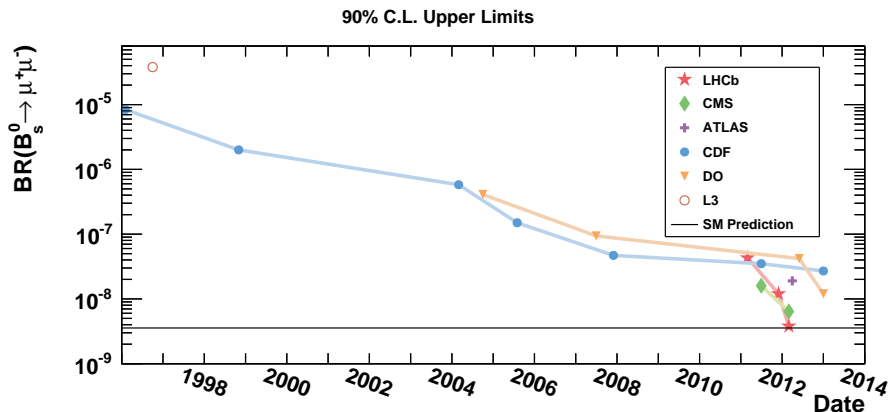
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- Recent updates by CMS and LHCb ( $3.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) [LHCb, 2013c, CMS, 2013]

**BBC**

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# Ultra-rare decay confirmed in LHC

By **Melissa Hogenboom**

Science reporter, BBC News

# LHCb Analysis Strategy – Overview and Normalisation

## Data Set

- $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity
- Reconstruction improved wrt previous analysis ( $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [LHCb, 2013a])<sup>\*</sup>
- Analysis designed prior to looking at data in signal mass region

## The Goal

$$\mathcal{B}(B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{N_{B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}}{N_{B_{(s)}^0}}$$

**Normalise to**  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$  **and**  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$ :

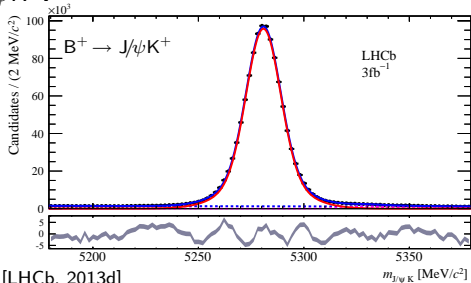
$$N_{B_{(s)}^0} = \frac{N_{cc}}{\mathcal{B}_{cc}} \times \frac{1}{\epsilon_{cc}} \times \frac{f_s}{f_{cc}}$$

$$f_s/f_{d,u} = N_{B_s^0}/N_{B^{0(+)}}$$

main analysis systematics

new  $\mathcal{B}(D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ K^- \pi^-)$  and  $\tau_{B_s^0}$

$f_s/f_{d,u}$  error reduced from 7.8% to 5.8% [LHCb, 2013d]



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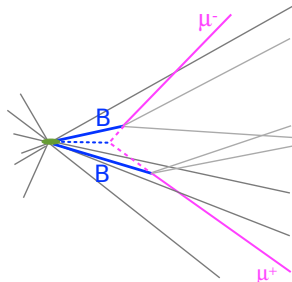
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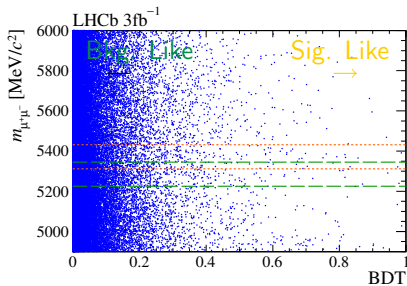
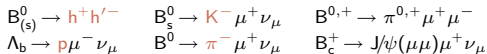
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# Results

## $B$ measurements

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

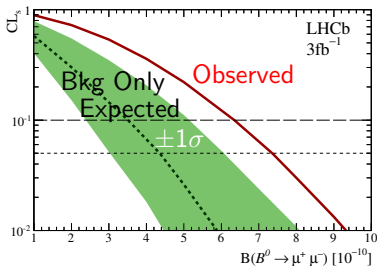
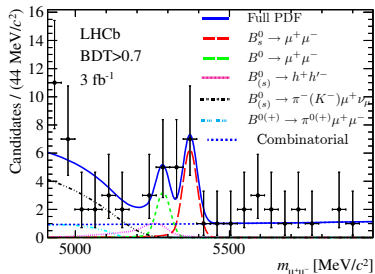
Significance : 4.0 (Expected 5.0)

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.7_{-2.1}^{+2.4} \text{ st } +0.6_{-0.4} \text{ sy}) \times 10^{-10}$$

Significance : 2.0

## Upper Limit

No compelling  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  signal hint  
 $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 7.4 \times 10^{-10}$  at 95% C.L.



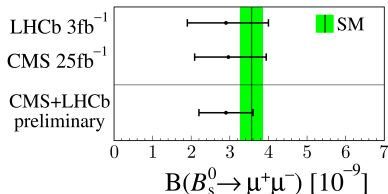
# LHC Wide [CMS and LHCb, 2013]

## New Results by CMS [CMS, 2013]

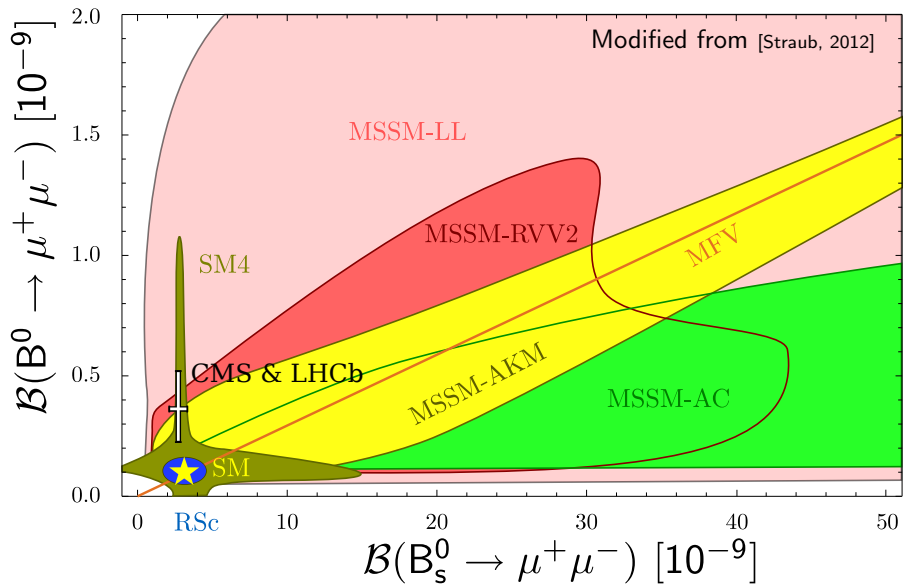
- 25 fb<sup>-1</sup> of integrated luminosity
- $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.0_{-0.9}^{+1.0}) \times 10^{-9}$       Significance = 4.3 $\sigma$  (4.8 Expected)
- $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = (3.5_{-1.8}^{+2.1}) \times 10^{-10}$       Significance = 2.0 $\sigma$

## Weighed B Average (not Likelihood Combination)

		Significance
$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$\stackrel{\text{LHC}}{=} (2.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-9}$	> 5 $\sigma$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$\stackrel{\text{LHC}}{=} (3.6_{-1.4}^{+1.6}) \times 10^{-10}$	> 3 $\sigma$



# Implications





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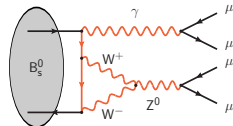
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**Reference:** Physical Review Letter 110 (2013) 211801

# Search for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ with $\int \mathcal{L} = 1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

## Motivations

- **Resonant** SM mode  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi) = (2.3 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-8}$
- **Non-resonant** SM mode  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 10^{-10}$
- Could be **enhanced by physics beyond SM**  
c.f. HyperCP anomaly [HyperCP, 2005], MSSM [Demidov and Gorbunov, 2012]



## Strategy: a Cut and Count Analysis

- **Selection** optimised on resonant candidates
- **Normalisation** to  $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K^*0$

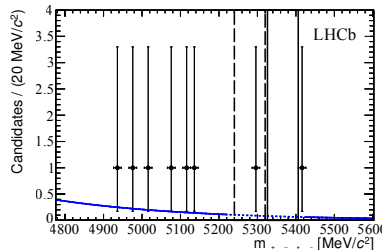
## Upper Limits ( $CL_s$ )

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.6 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-) < 6.6 \times 10^{-9}$$

World Best!

## Observed Data



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**Reference:** arXiv:1307.4889 submitted to Physical Review Letter

# Searches for $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-$ with $\int \mathcal{L} = 1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

## Motivations

- **Lepton Flavour Violation** forbidden in SM
- Possible in SM extensions:
  - **Pati-Salam leptoquarks** [Pati and Salam, 1974],
  - SUSY [Diaz et al., 2005]
  - Heavy singlet Dirac neutrino [Ilakovac, 2000]

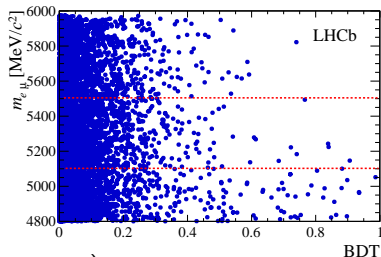
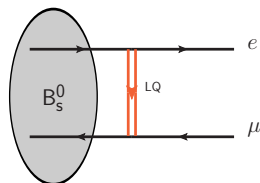
**Analysis based on  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$**

$m_{e\mu} \times$ BDT classification

Normalisation  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$

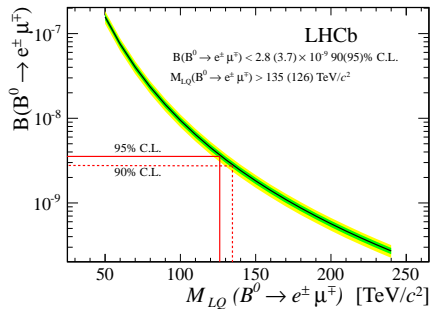
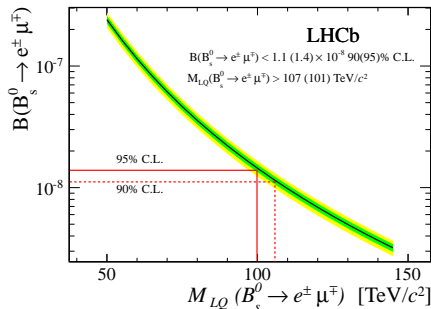
**Results: 95% C.L. upper limits**

	LHCb	Current ([CDF, 2009])
$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-)$	$< 14 \times 10^{-9}$	$206 \times 10^{-9}$
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-)$	$< 3.7 \times 10^{-9}$	$79 \times 10^{-9}$



# Implications: Leptoquarks Mass Lower Bounds

Convert upper limits into lepto-quark (LQ) mass bounds with formula by [Valencia and Willenbrock, 1994]



	LHCb	Current ([CDF, 2009])
$m_{LQ}(B_s^0 \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-) >$	<b>101 TeV</b>	44.9 TeV
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**Reference:** Physics Letter B725 (2013) 15-24

Search for  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  with  $\int \mathcal{L} = 0.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 

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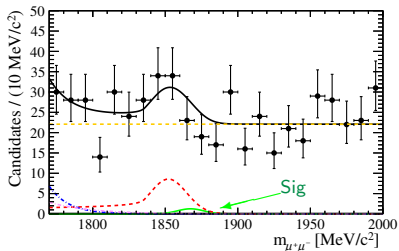
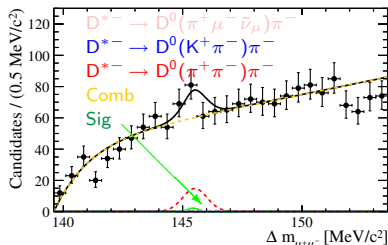
- FCNC helicity suppressed in SM:  $\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim 10^{-13}$  [Burdman et al., 2002]
- Possible enhancement in SM extensions [Burdman and Shipsey, 2003, Paul et al., 2012]
- Probe u-type dynamics: complementary to B and K rare decays

## Analysis:

- $D^0$  from  $D^{*-} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^-$
- Bkg: combinatorial + misidentified
- Normalise to  $D^{*-} \rightarrow D^0(\pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^-$
- Fit to  $\Delta m = m_{D^{*-}} - m_{D^0}$  and  $m_{\mu\mu}$

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$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 7.6 \times 10^{-9}$$



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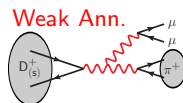
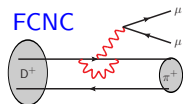
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# Searches for $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^\mp$ with $\int \mathcal{L} = 1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

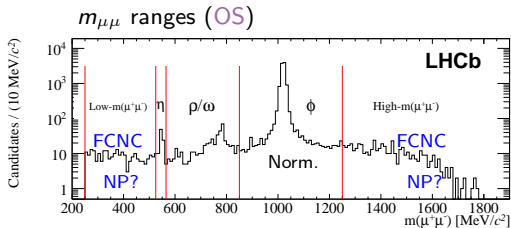
## Four Decay Modes to Look for NP

- **Same Sign  $\mu$** :  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$  and  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+$ 
  - Lepton Number Violation
  - Forbidden in SM, possible in NP (e.g. Majorana  $\nu$ )
- **Opposite Sign  $\mu$** :  $D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ 
  - in SM through resonances ( $\eta, \rho/\omega, \phi$ )
  - and **FCNC** and **Weak Annihilation**  $\mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-9}$

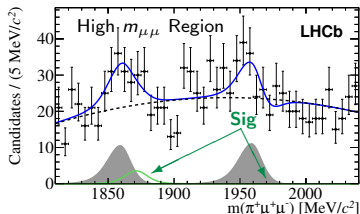
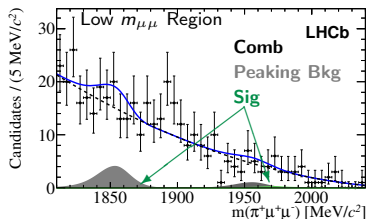


## Analysis Strategy

- MVA Selection
- **SS**: Fit  $m_{\pi\mu\mu}$  in  $m_{\mu\pi}$  ranges
- **OS**: Fit  $m_{\pi\mu\mu}$  in  $m_{\mu\mu}$  ranges
- Normalisation:  $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \phi(\mu\mu)$



## Results: 95% C.L. upper limits

Opposite Sign  $\mu$ 

$$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) < 8.3 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) < 4.8 \times 10^{-7}$$

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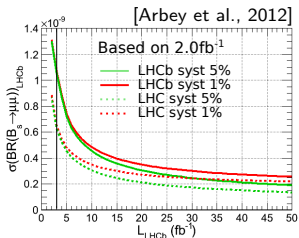
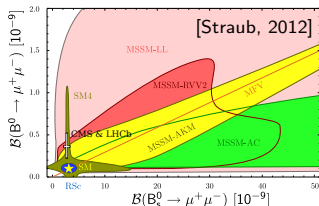
$$\mathcal{B}(D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.5 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-) < 1.4 \times 10^{-7}$$

Previous limits [BaBar, 2011] divided by 50!

# Conclusions and Prospects

- LHCb (and CMS) confirmed the first evidence of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Stringent constraints on  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

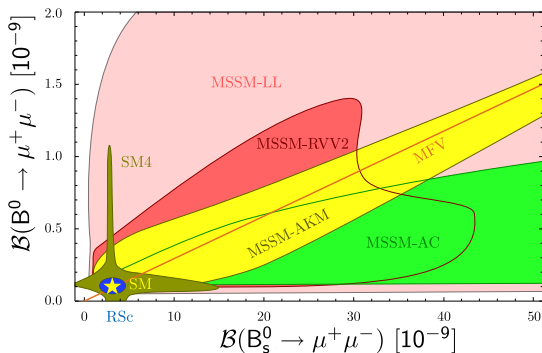


## Prospects:

- Combined Likelihood:  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- (> 5\sigma)$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- (> 3\sigma)$
- New Observables:  $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) / \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$  [Buras et al., 2013]
- More statistics in 2015
- World best upper limits on:  $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $D_{(s)}^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

**Prospects:** More data ready to be analysed ( $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in total)

# $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ in New Physics [Straub, 2012]



**Figure:** Prediction for the branching fractions of  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  in Minimal Flavour Violation models (MFV), the SM with a fourth generation (SM4), the Randall-Sundrum model (RSc) with custodial protection [Blanke et al., 2009], and four Minimal SUSY favour models (MSSM), Agashe and Carone (AC) [Agashe and Carone, 2003], Ross, Velasco-Sevilla and Vives (RVV2) [Ross et al., 2004], Antusch, King and Malinsky (AKM10) [Antusch et al., 2008] and a model with left-handed currents only (LL11) [Hall and Murayama, 1995].

# $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decay Rate

- $B_{s,L}^0$  and  $B_{s,H}^0$  have different decay widths [HFAG, 2012]:

$$y_s = \frac{\Gamma_L - \Gamma_H}{\Gamma_L + \Gamma_H} \stackrel{\text{meas.}}{=} 0.0615 \pm 0.0085$$

- Time dependent decay rate in the mass eigenstates basis:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(B_s(t) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &= R_H e^{-\Gamma_H t} + R_L e^{-\Gamma_L t} \\ &= (R_H + R_L) e^{-\Gamma_s t} \left[ \cosh \frac{y_s t}{\tau_{B_s^0}} + \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma} \sinh \frac{y_s t}{\tau_{B_s^0}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Decay rate is **model dependent**, parametrised by  $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$ :

$$\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma} = \frac{R_H - R_L}{R_H + R_L} \stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} 1.0.$$

# Time Integrated and CP average $\mathcal{B}$

**Prediction:** Initial CP average branching ratio,  $\mathcal{B}^0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}^0(\mathbf{B}_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) &= \frac{\tau_{\mathbf{B}_s^0}}{2} \Gamma(\mathbf{B}_s(t) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) |_{t=0} \\ &\stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} (3.35 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-9} \end{aligned}$$

[Buras et al., 2012] update with  $\tau_{\mathbf{B}_s^0}$  from [HFAG, 2012]

**Measurement:** Time Integrated branching ratio:  $\langle \mathcal{B} \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \Gamma(\mathbf{B}_s(t) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) dt \\ &= \mathcal{B}^0(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \times \frac{1 + \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma} y_s}{1 - y_s^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{SM}}{=} \frac{\mathcal{B}^0(\mathbf{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{1 - y_s} = (3.56 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-9} \end{aligned}$$

with  $y_s$  and  $\tau_{\mathbf{B}_s^0}$  from [HFAG, 2012] and accounting for their experimental correlation

# New Observable: $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$

- Time-integrated  $\mathcal{B}$  is model dep.:

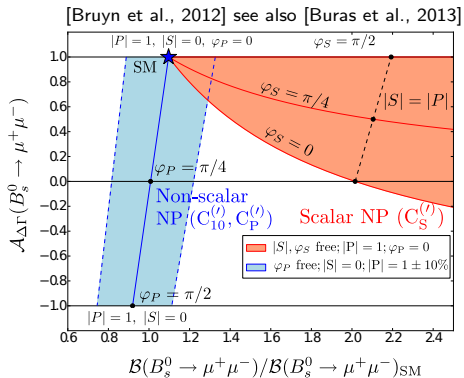
$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}^0(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \times \frac{1 + \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma} y_s}{1 - y_s^2}$$

- Measuring  $\mathcal{B}$  is not sufficient
- $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$  is also needed!
- Effective  $\mathcal{B}_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  lifetime,

$$\tau_f = \frac{\int \langle \Gamma(B(t) \rightarrow f) \rangle t dt}{\int \langle \Gamma(B(t) \rightarrow f) \rangle dt}$$

allows to solve the  $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$  dependency:

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}^0(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \times \left( 2 - (1 - y_s^2) \frac{\tau_f}{\tau_{\mathcal{B}_s^0}} \right) \quad (1)$$



# Solving the $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$ Dependency

## Measuring $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$

- $B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$  effective lifetime measured in LHCb with 522 signal evt with an 7% precision [LHCb, 2012]
- accessible for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  only at the upgrade or needs clever idea

## A more complex situation: experimental results are model dependent

- BDT and selection depends on the lifetime
- hence time integrated efficiencies,

$$\epsilon = \frac{\int_0^\infty \Gamma(B_s^0(t) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}, y_s) \epsilon(t) dt}{\int_0^\infty \Gamma(B_s^0(t) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-, \mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}, y_s) dt}$$

and BDT PDF depend on  $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$ !

- near future, provide  $\mathcal{B}$  as a function of  $\mathcal{A}_{\Delta\Gamma}$



# New Observable: $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) / \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

## Sensitivity to New Physics

- Precise prediction in SM, MFV, and  $U(2)^3$  flavour sym. [Buras, 2003]:

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)} = \frac{\tau_{B^0}}{\tau_{B_s^0}} \frac{m_{B^0}}{m_{B_s^0}} \frac{F_{B^0}}{F_{B_s^0}} \left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right|^2$$

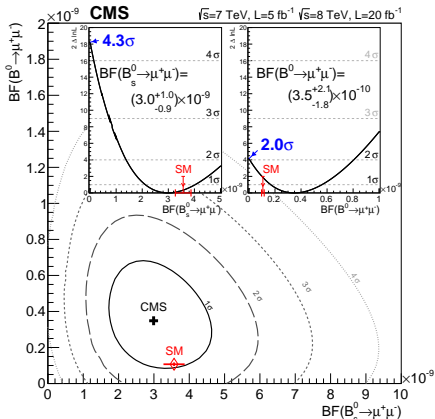
- Cannot be deduced by simply taking the ratio of:

$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \stackrel{\text{LHCb}}{=} (2.9_{-1.0}^{+1.1}) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \stackrel{\text{LHCb}}{=} (3.7_{-2.1}^{+2.5}) \times 10^{-10}$$

as these two measurements are correlated!

- Ratio will be provided by LHCb.



# $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ BDT

- BDT training and optimisation/variable choice done with simulated data
- MC signal and MC  $b\bar{b} \rightarrow \mu\mu X$  (equivalent to  $5.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- 12 variables used (9 in previous analysis):

B variables:

- proper time
- impact parameter (IP)
- transverse momentum
- isolation [CDF, 2005]:  $\frac{p_{T,B}}{p_{T,B} + \sum_{\text{track}} p_T}$
- angle between  $p_B$  and  $p_{thrust}$ <sup>✕</sup>
- angle between  $p_{\mu^+}$  and  $p_{thrust}$  in B rest frame<sup>✕</sup>

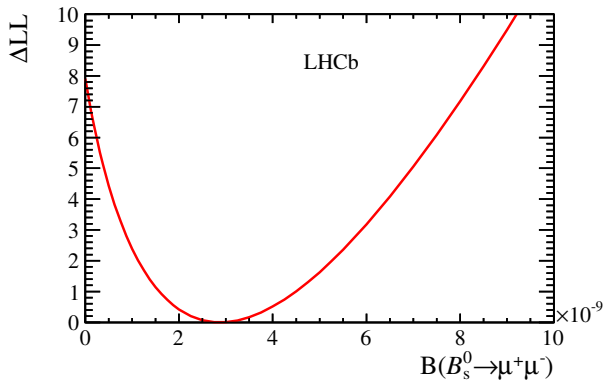
$\mu$  variables:

- min. IP significance
- distance of closest approach
- isolation
- polarisation angle<sup>2</sup>
- $|\eta_{\mu^+} - \eta_{\mu^-}|$ <sup>✕</sup>
- $|\varphi_{\mu^+} - \varphi_{\mu^-}|$ <sup>✕</sup>

$p_{thrust}$  is the sum of momenta of all the long tracks coming from the B PV and excluding those coming from long lived particle

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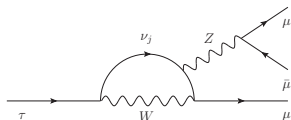
<sup>2</sup>angle between the muon momentum in the B rest frame and the vector perpendicular to the B momentum and the beam axis

$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  Profile Likelihood

# Motivation and Strategy

## Motivation

- Lepton Flavour Violation
- $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^- \mu^+$  is **very suppressed** in SM
- Could be **enhanced** by physics beyond SM



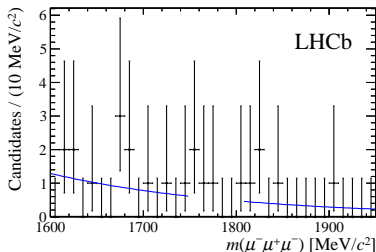
## Strategy **very similar to** $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- Loose **selection**
- Event **classification** in a **3D space**:
  - Invariant mass  $m_{\mu\mu\mu}$
  - Topological MVA
  - Particle identification (PID) MVA
- **Background**: Combinatorial only  
 $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ : remove by PID  
 $D_s^+ \rightarrow \eta(\mu\mu\gamma)\mu^+\nu_\mu^+$ : remove by mass resolution
- **Normalisation** to  $D_s^- \rightarrow \phi(\mu^+ \mu^-)\pi^-$

# Results

- Upper limits 95 (90)% C.L. extracted using the  $CL_s$  method

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^- \mu^+) < 8.3 \text{ (10.2)} \times 10^{-8}$$



- Results comparable with Belle [Belle, 2010]

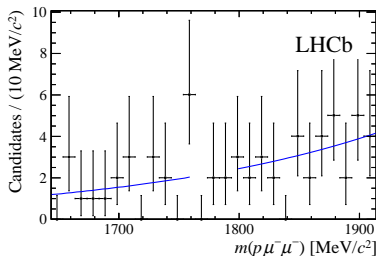
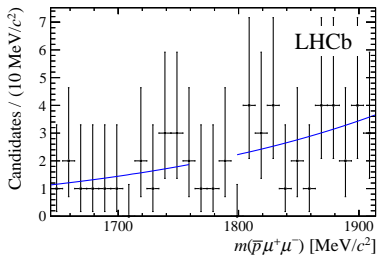
$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^- \mu^+) < 2.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ at 90\% C.L.}$$

# $\tau^- \rightarrow p\mu^- \mu^-$ and $\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{p}\mu^- \mu^+$

- NP enter differently in each mode
- Analysis similar to  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^- \mu^+$
- World first results (95% C.L. upper limits):

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow p\mu^- \mu^-) < 5.4 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \bar{p}\mu^- \mu^+) < 4.6 \times 10^{-7}$$



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