

The Search for LFUV in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K^- \ell^+ \ell^-$ at LHCb

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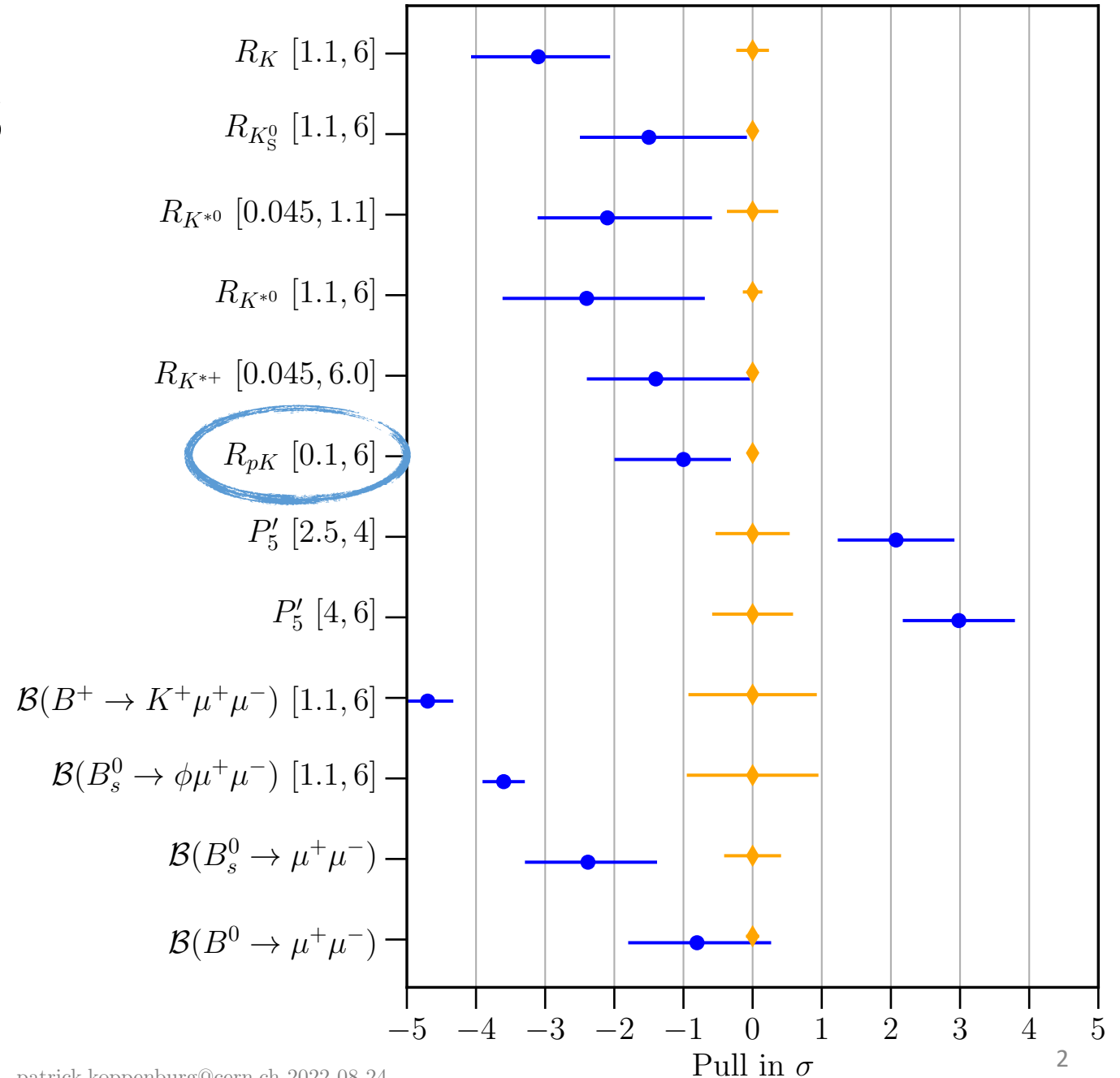
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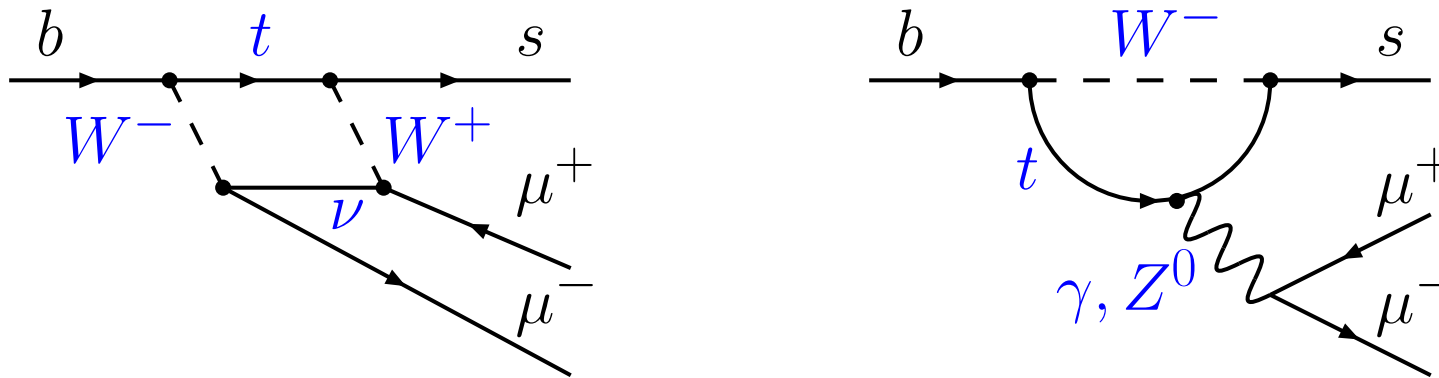
Flavour Anomalies

- Tensions with the standard model are evident
- Nothing discovery-level at this point
- One important measurement is R_{pK^-} which involves baryons!



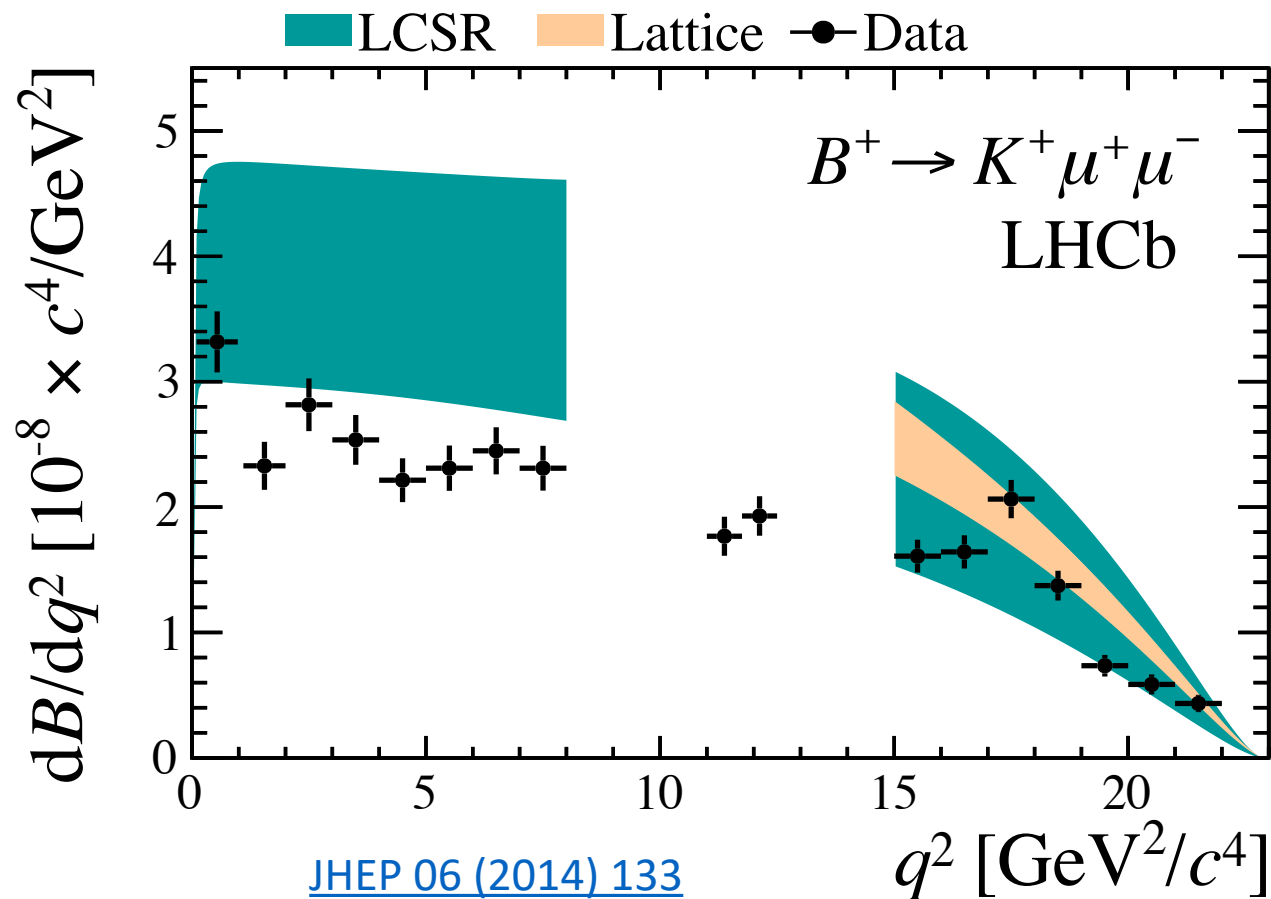
Quark-level reaction, $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$

- Reaction suppressed in SM, only available at loop level
- Tree-level contributions are possible in new physics
- Sensitivity to virtual contributions from BSM particles with masses that can't be directly probed at current energies
- Can be used to test for lepton flavour universality



Branching Fractions

- (Relatively) simple to experimentally extract
- Theoretical calculations are affected by hadronic uncertainties
- Trend: $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ BFs systematically lower than the standard model predicts

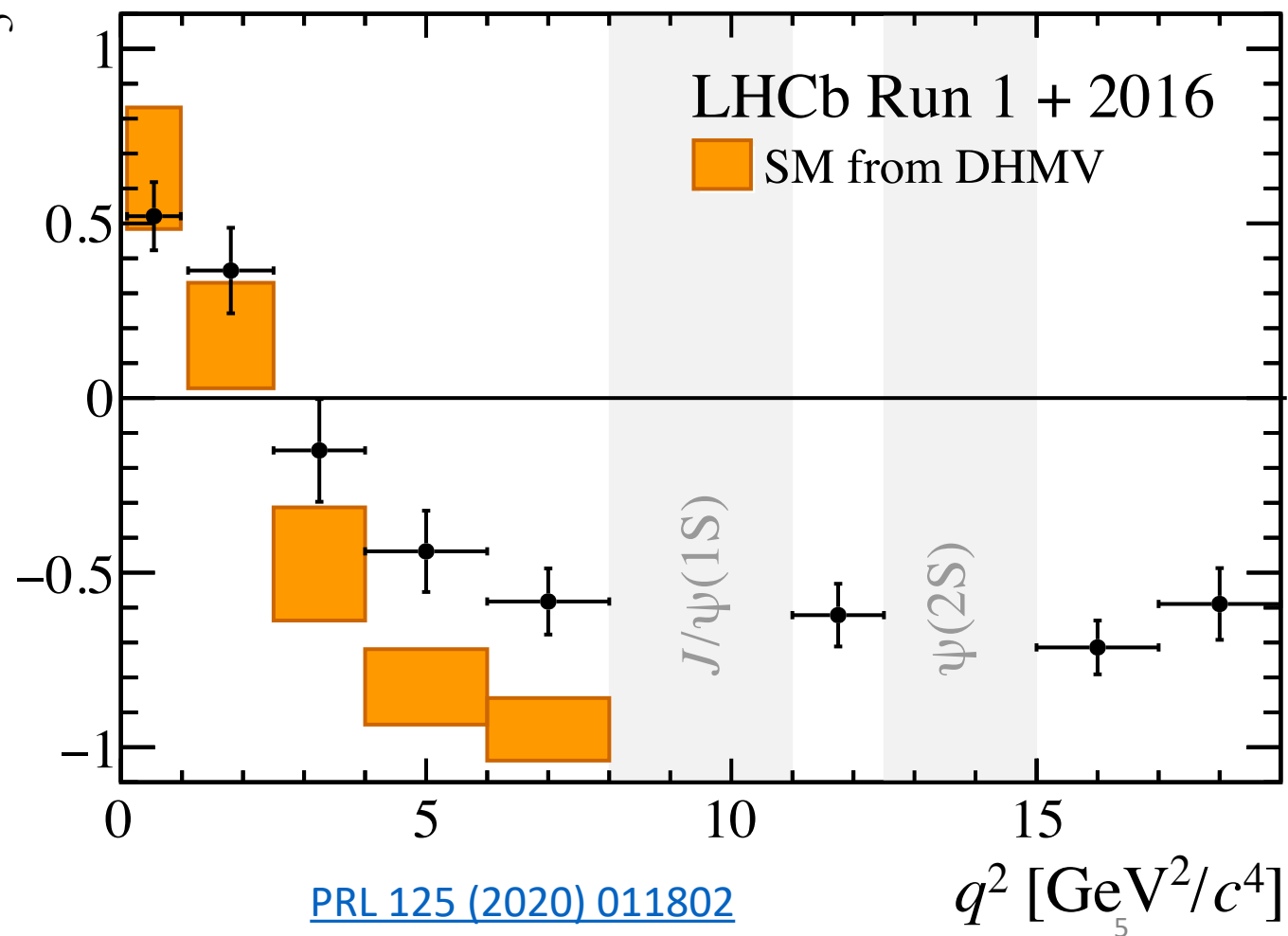


Theory Predictions:
[JHEP 01 \(2003\) 074](#)
[JHEP 02 \(2013\) 010](#)
[PRD 88 \(2013\) 094004](#)

Angular Fits

- Form factors partially cancel P'_5
- clean observables!
- Need to understand detector acceptance
- Many angular parameters require large yields
- Right: Angular observable P'_5
in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay

Theory Predictions:
[JHEP 12 \(2014\) 125](#)
[JHEP 09 \(2010\) 089](#)



What is Lepton Flavour Universality?

- In SM, electroweak couplings of all three lepton flavours are the same
- Decay properties and hadronic effects are expected to also be the same (up to leptonic mass corrections)
- For example, the branching ratio, predicted by SM to be unity with high precision away from threshold

$$R_H \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}[B \rightarrow H\mu^+\mu^-]}{\mathcal{B}[B \rightarrow He^+e^-]}$$

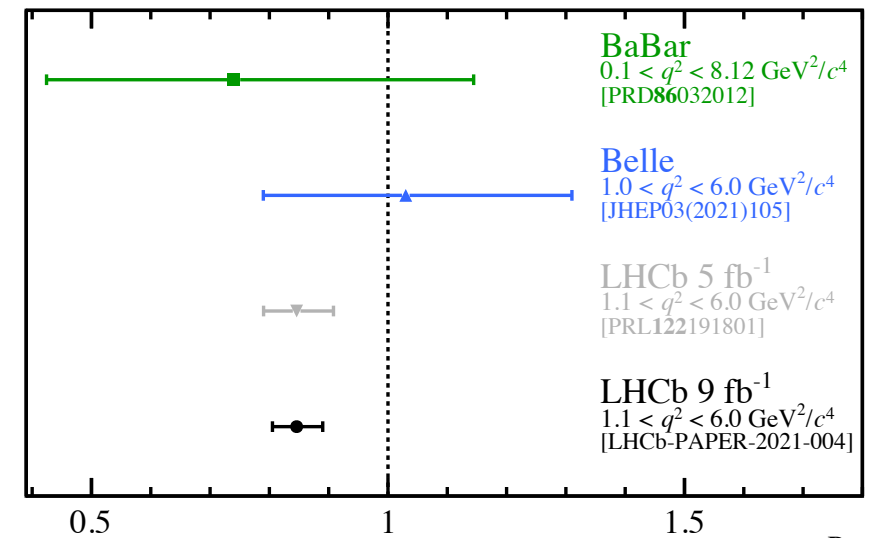
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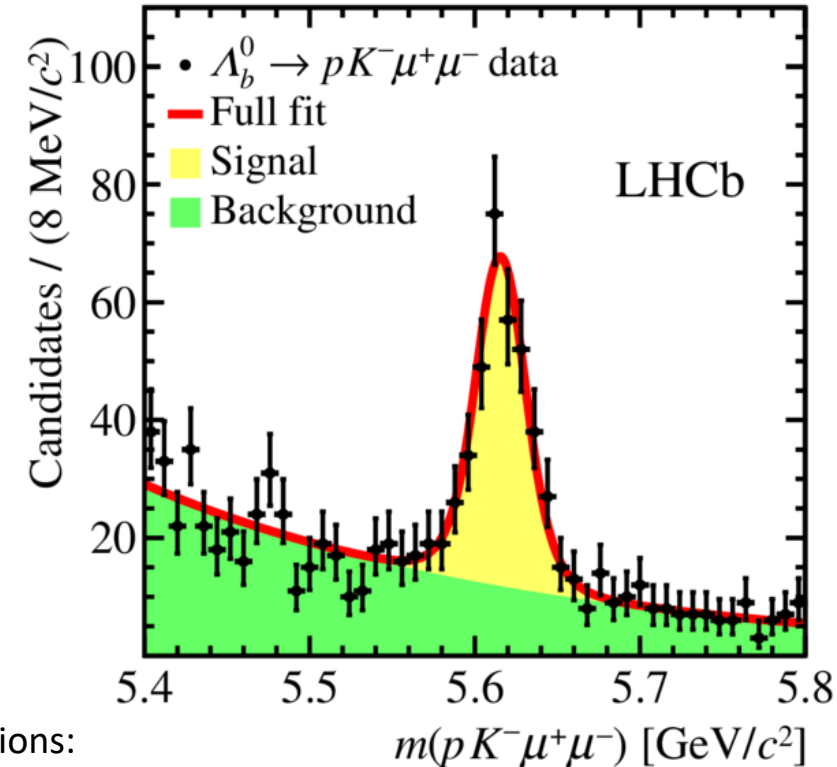


[Nature Physics 18 \(2022\) 277-282](#)

R_K

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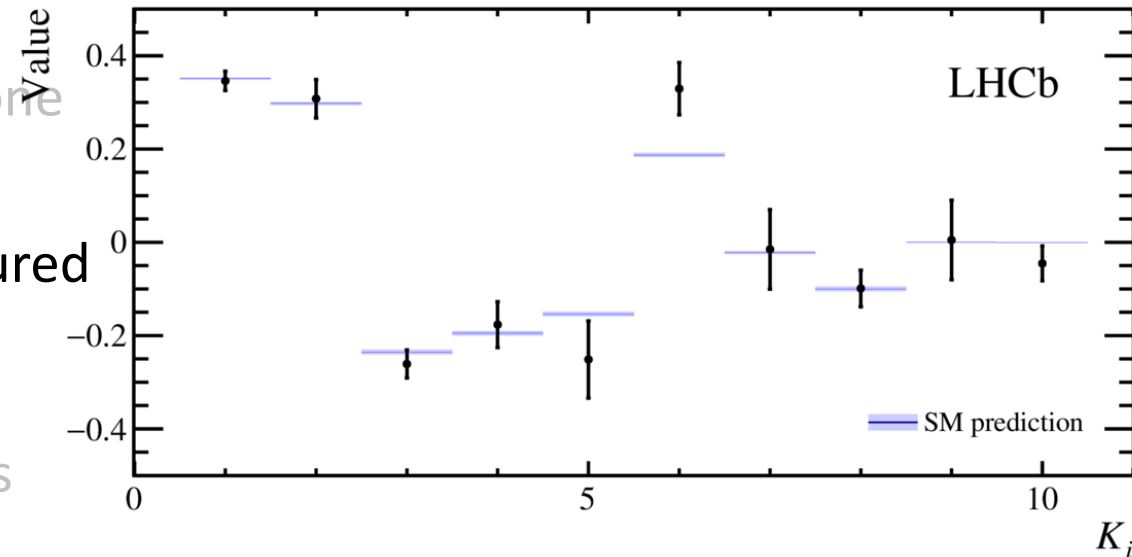


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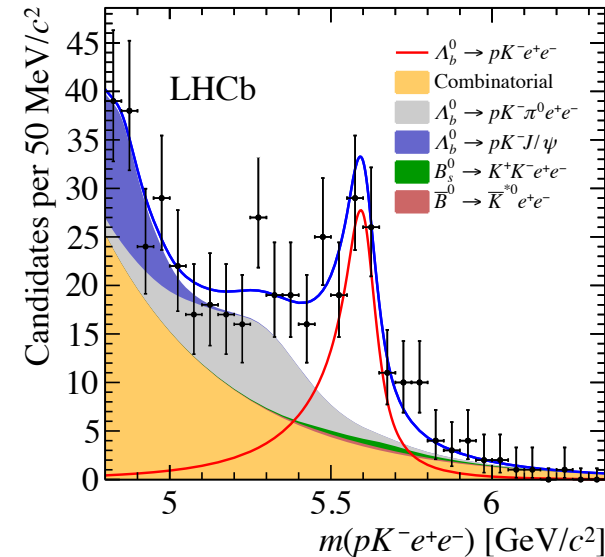
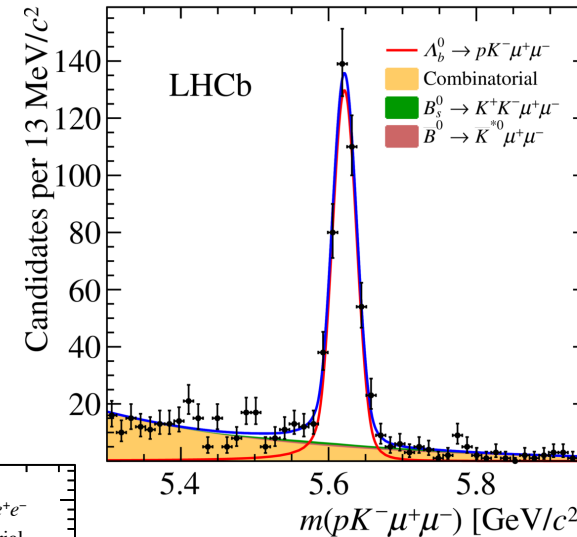
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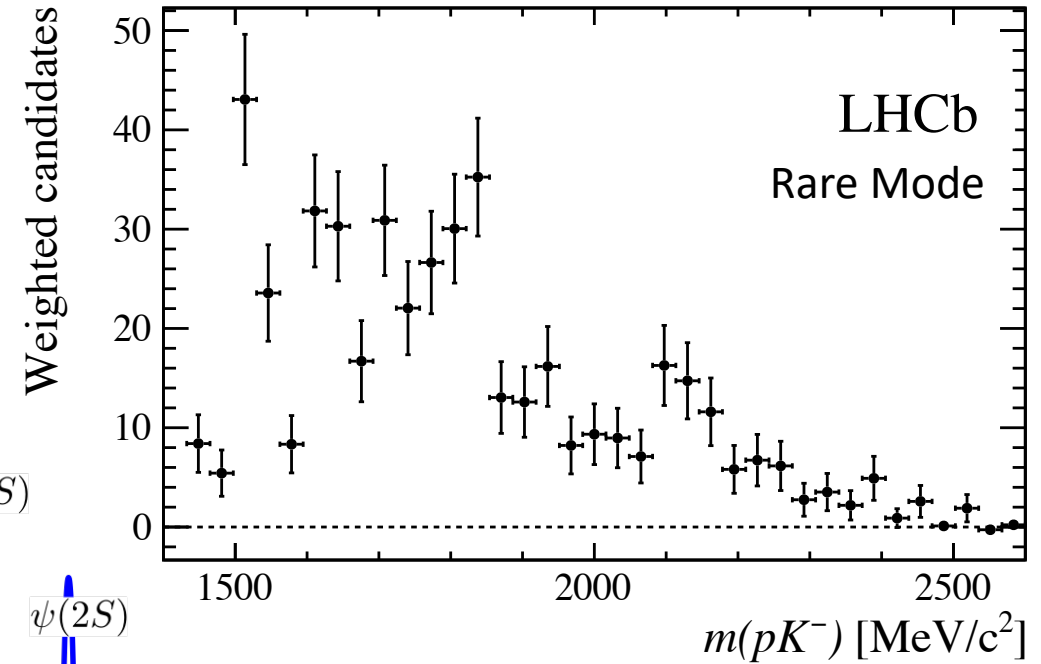
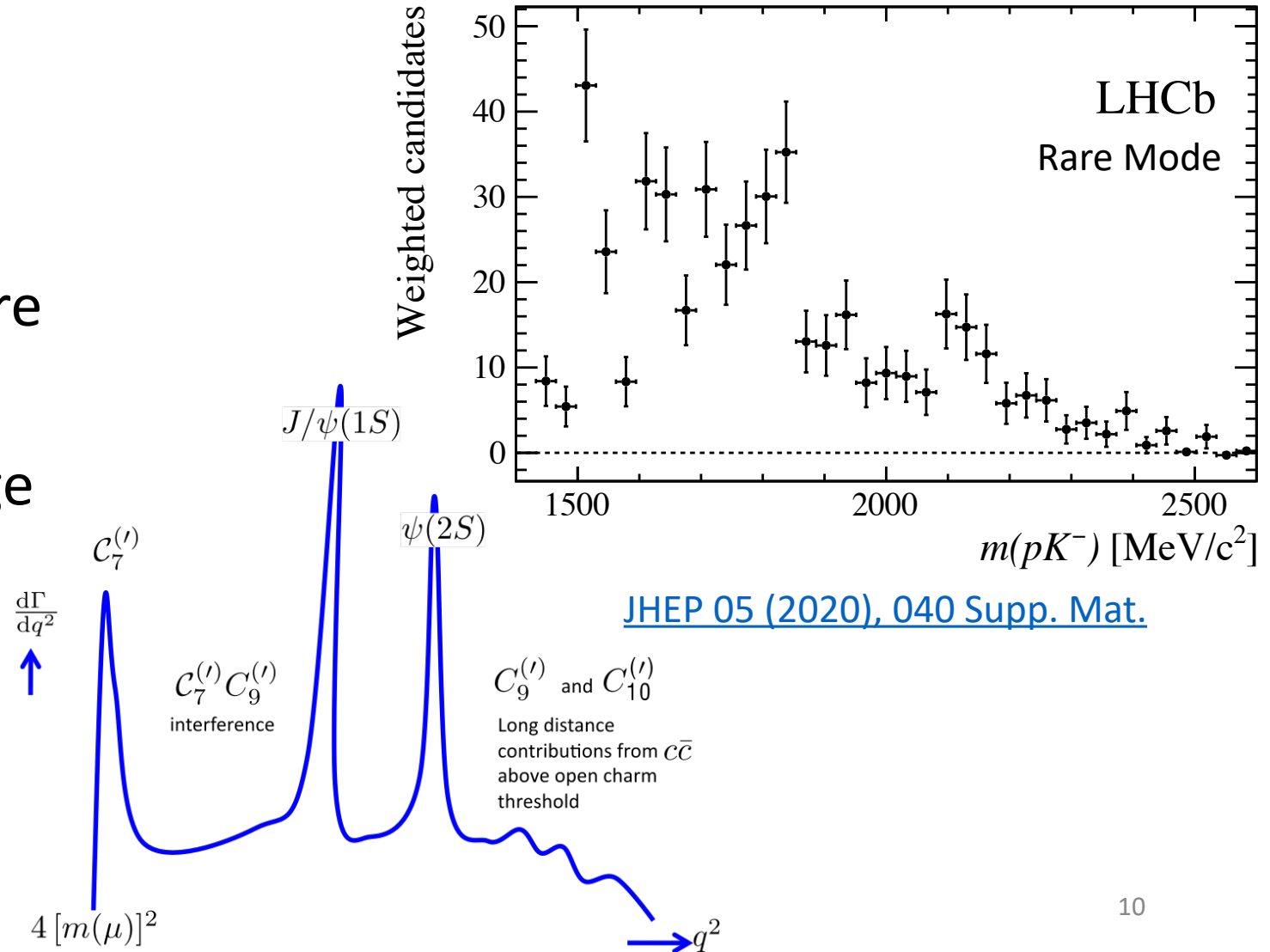
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Theory Prediction:

[PLB 800 \(2020\) 135080](#)

Theoretical and Experimental Challenge

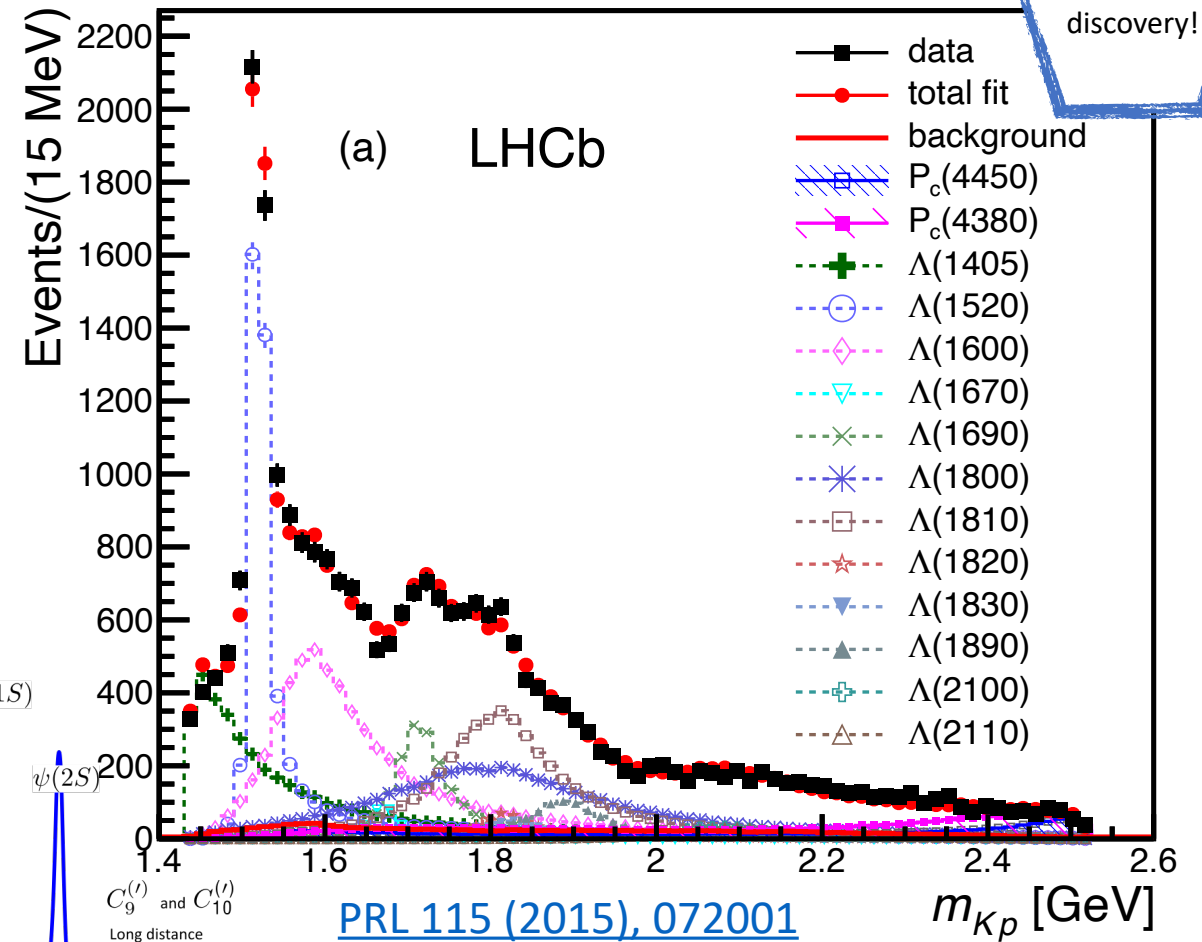
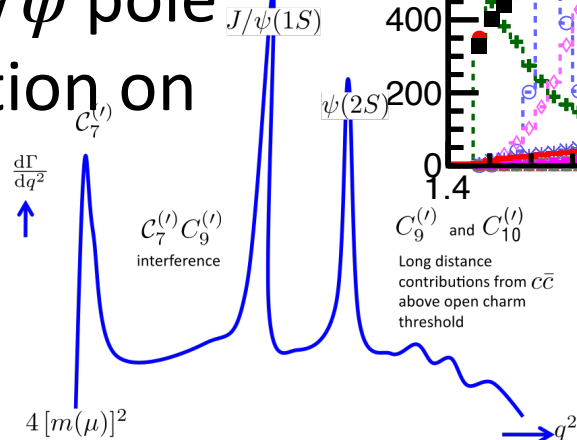
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- Better statistics at the J/ψ pole range, can give information on the spectrum



Decay Angles for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- \ell^+ \ell^-$

- Decay rate is written in terms of three angles
 - The angle between the negative lepton and z-axis, θ_l
 - The angle between the proton and z-axis, θ_p
 - The angle between the leptonic and hadronic decay planes, $\phi = \phi_p + \phi_l$
- Assuming unpolarized Λ_b
 - True at LHCb

[JHEP 2006 \(2020\) 110](#)

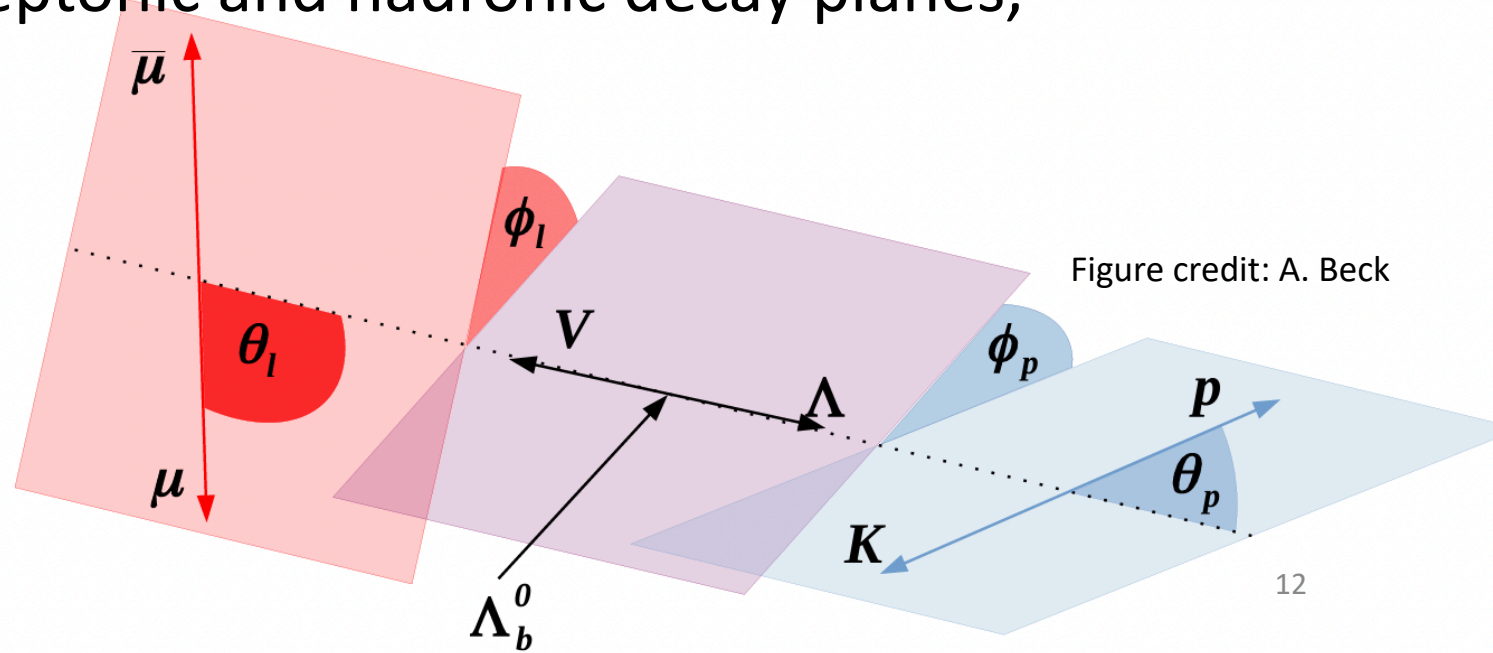


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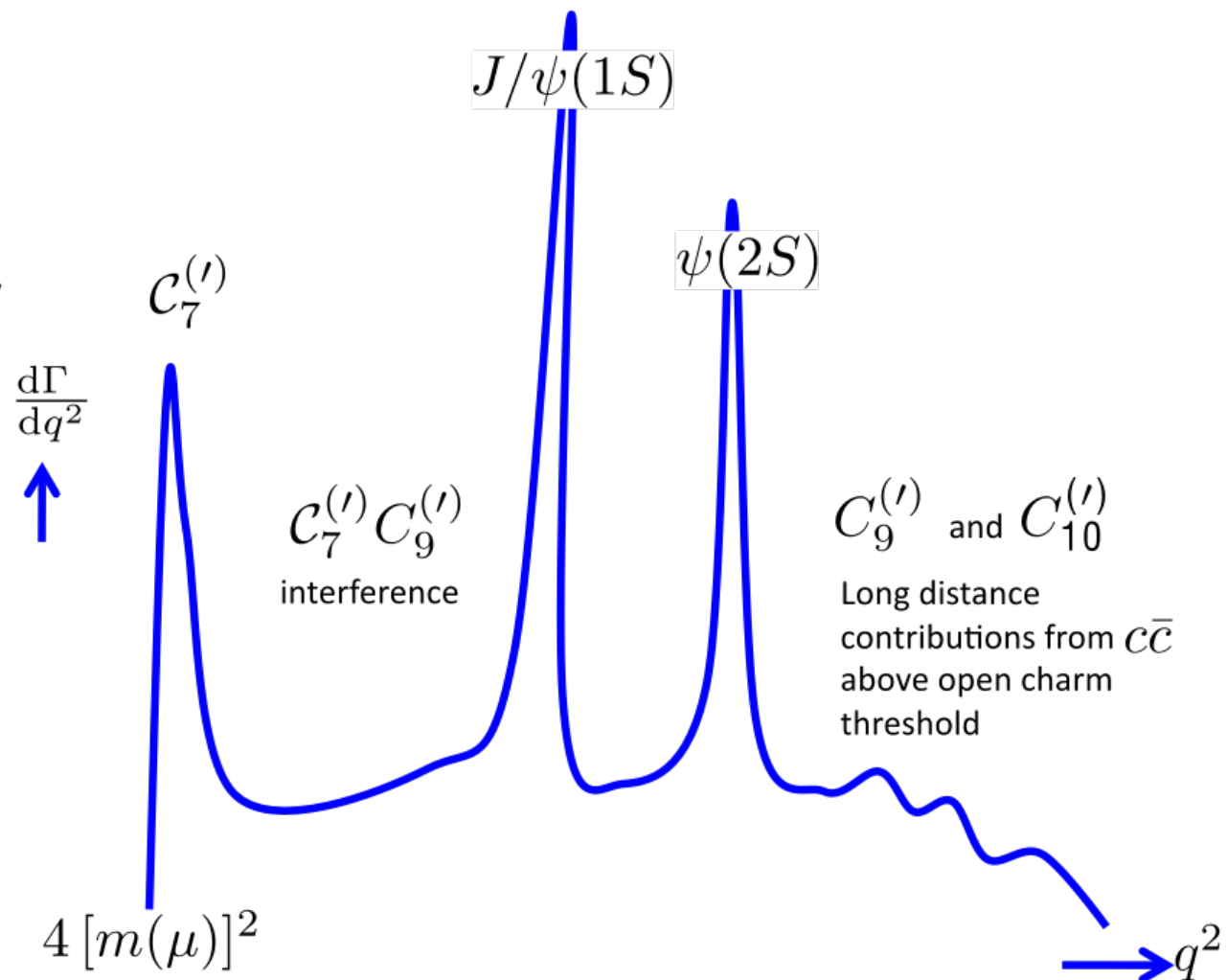
Building the Amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \ell \ell} &\propto \sum_i \langle \Lambda \ell \ell | C_i \mathcal{O}_i | \Lambda_b \rangle \\ &\propto \sum_i C_i \langle \ell \ell | \mathcal{O}_{\text{lep},i}^\mu | 0 \rangle \langle \Lambda | \mathcal{O}_{\text{had},i}^\nu | \Lambda_b \rangle g_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{7^{(\prime)}} \propto (\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_{R(L)} b) F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{9^{(\prime)}} \propto (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b) (\bar{l} \gamma^\mu l)$$

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



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Building the Amplitude

$\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda V$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M}(q^2, m_{pK}, \Omega) &\propto e^{i\delta_\Lambda} \mathcal{H}_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, \mathcal{O}_i}(q^2, m_{pK}) d_{\lambda_b, \lambda_\Lambda - \lambda_V}^{1/2}(\theta_b) \\
 &\times \tilde{h}_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}^{\mathcal{O}_i, \Lambda V}(q^2) D_{\lambda_V, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2}^{J_V^*}(\phi_\ell, \theta_\ell, -\phi_\ell) \\
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$$V \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$$

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$\Lambda \rightarrow pK^-$

Initial Amplitudes for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda V$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, 7^{(\prime)}}(q^2, m_{pK}) = -\frac{2m_b}{q^2} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{7^{(\prime)}}^{\text{eff}}}{2} e^{i\delta_\Lambda} \left(H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, T} \mp H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, T5} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, 9^{(\prime)}}(q^2, m_{pK}) = \frac{\mathcal{C}_{9^{(\prime)}}^{\text{eff}}}{2} e^{i\delta_\Lambda} \left(H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, V} \mp H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, A} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, 10^{(\prime)}}(q^2, m_{pK}) = \frac{\mathcal{C}_{10^{(\prime)}}}{2} e^{i\delta_\Lambda} \left(H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, V} \mp H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, A} \right)$$

$$H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, \Gamma^\mu} = \varepsilon_\mu^*(\lambda_V) \langle \Lambda | \bar{s} \Gamma^\mu b | \Lambda_b \rangle$$

Form Factors

$$\langle \Lambda | \bar{s} \Gamma^\mu b | \Lambda_b \rangle_{\text{gen}} = \bar{u}_\alpha(\Lambda) \left[v^\alpha \left(X_{\Gamma^1}(q^2) \gamma^\mu + X_{\Gamma^2}(q^2) v^\mu + X_{\Gamma^3}(q^2) v'^\mu \right) + X_{\Gamma^4}(q^2) g^{\alpha\mu} \right] u(\Lambda_b)$$

- For $J_\Lambda = 1/2$:
 - 3 form factors per current: $F_1^{(T)}(q^2)$, $F_2^{(T)}(q^2)$, and $F_3^{(T)}(q^2)$
- For $J_\Lambda = 3/2$ or $5/2$:
 - 4 form factors per current: $F_1^{(T)}(q^2)$, $F_2^{(T)}(q^2)$, $F_3^{(T)}(q^2)$, and $F_4^{(T)}(q^2)$
- The above are for vector and tensor currents. The axial vector and axial tensor form factors are similarly named, with $F_i^{(T)} \rightarrow G_i^{(T)}$

Mott-Roberts:

[IJMPA 27 05 1250016 \(2012\)](#)

Form Factor History

- 2012 - Mott and Roberts calculate form factors for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^{(*)}$ in a non-relativistic quark model, using analytic and numeric methods ([IJMPA 27 05 1250016 \(2012\)](#))
 - Most general description of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^{(*)}$ form factors
- 2019 - Descotes-Genon and Novoa-Brunet study form factors for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^*(1520)$, in terms of a helicity basis ([JHEP 06 \(2019\) 136](#))
- 2021 - Meinel and Rendon publish first lattice QCD calculation of form factors for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^*(1520)$ ([PRD 103 \(2021\) 074505](#))
- 2022 - Amhis et al perform dispersive analysis of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^*(1520)$ and obtain predictions for some observables in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^*(1520)\ell^+\ell^-$ decays ([arXiv:2208.08937](#))

Building the Amplitude

$$d\Gamma = \frac{|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{2m_{\Lambda_b}} (2\pi)^4 d\Phi_4$$

$$\frac{d^5\Gamma}{dq^2 dm_{pK} d\Omega} \propto \sum_{i=1}^{46} K_i(q^2, m_{pK}) f_i(\Omega)$$

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i	$f_i(\vec{\Omega})$	i	$f_i(\vec{\Omega})$
1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} P_0^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	24	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos\phi$
2	$P_0^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	25	$\frac{1}{2} P_4^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos\phi$
3	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} P_0^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	26	$\frac{3}{2\sqrt{5}} P_4^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos\phi$
4	$P_1^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	27	$\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{11}{6}} P_5^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos\phi$
5	$\sqrt{3} P_1^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	28	$\sqrt{\frac{11}{30}} P_5^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos\phi$
6	$\sqrt{5} P_1^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	29	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_1^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin\phi$
7	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} P_2^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	30	$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} P_1^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin\phi$
8	$\sqrt{5} P_2^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	31	$\frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}} P_2^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin\phi$
9	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} P_2^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	32	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_2^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin\phi$
10	$\sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} P_3^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	33	$\frac{1}{6} \sqrt{\frac{35}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_2^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin\phi$
11	$\sqrt{7} P_3^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	34	$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}} P_3^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin\phi$
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16	$\sqrt{\frac{11}{3}} P_5^0(\cos\theta_p) P_0^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	39	$\frac{5}{12\sqrt{6}} P_2^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos 2\phi$
17	$\sqrt{11} P_5^0(\cos\theta_p) P_1^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	40	$\frac{1}{12} \sqrt{\frac{7}{6}} P_3^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos 2\phi$
18	$\sqrt{\frac{55}{3}} P_5^0(\cos\theta_p) P_2^0(\cos\theta_\ell)$	41	$\frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} P_4^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos 2\phi$
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22	$\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} P_2^1(\cos\theta_p) P_1^1(\cos\theta_\ell) \cos\phi$	45	$\frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} P_4^2(\cos\theta_p) P_2^2(\cos\theta_\ell) \sin 2\phi$
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Table 2: Orthonormal basis functions for the angular terms $f_1(\vec{\Omega})$ – $f_{50}(\vec{\Omega})$ that arise in the unpolarised case, where $\phi = \phi_p + \phi_\ell$.

The Method of Moments - Why?

- Extract individual angular “moments” from a data sample
- Advantages: [PRD 91 \(2015\) 114012](#)
 - Don’t need to do a fit
 - Can extract model-independent observables
 - Robustness of result doesn’t depend on the size of the dataset
- Disadvantage: uncertainties are 10-30% higher than those from a good fit
- Well-established procedure from B-factory era, has been used in several LHCb analyses

[JHEP 12 \(2016\) 065](#)

[PRL 117 \(2016\) 8, 082002](#)

[JHEP 09 \(2018\) 146](#)

The Method of Moments - How?

- Derive/choose an angular basis $f_i(\Omega)$:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2 dm_{pK} d\Omega} = \sum_i K_i(q^2, m_{pK}) f_i(\Omega)$$

- Derive weighting functions $w_j(\Omega)$ orthogonal to the basis, such that

$$\int f_i(\Omega) w_j(\Omega) d\Omega \propto \delta_{ij}$$

- And then it's just addition*

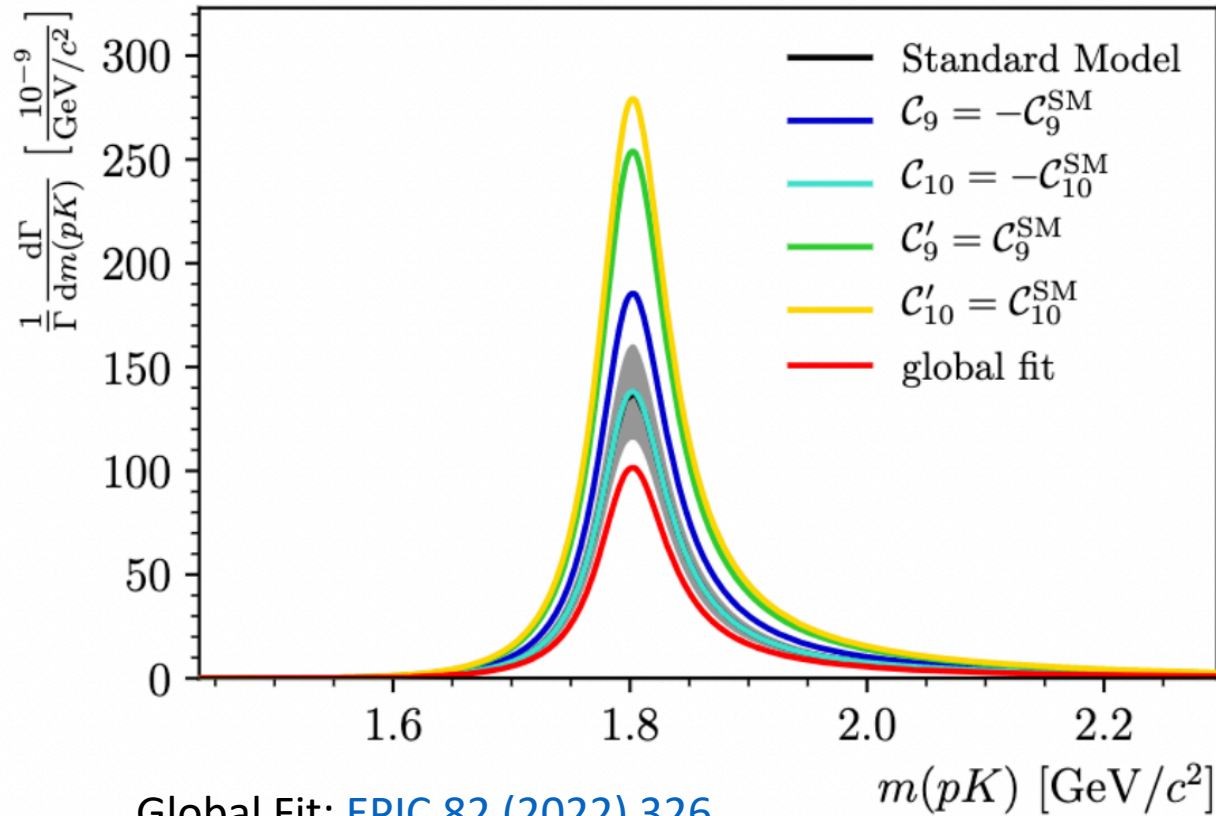
$$K_j(q^2, m_{pK}) = \int \sum_i K_i(q^2, m_{pK}) f_i(\Omega) w_j(\Omega) d\Omega = \sum_n w_j(\Omega_n)$$

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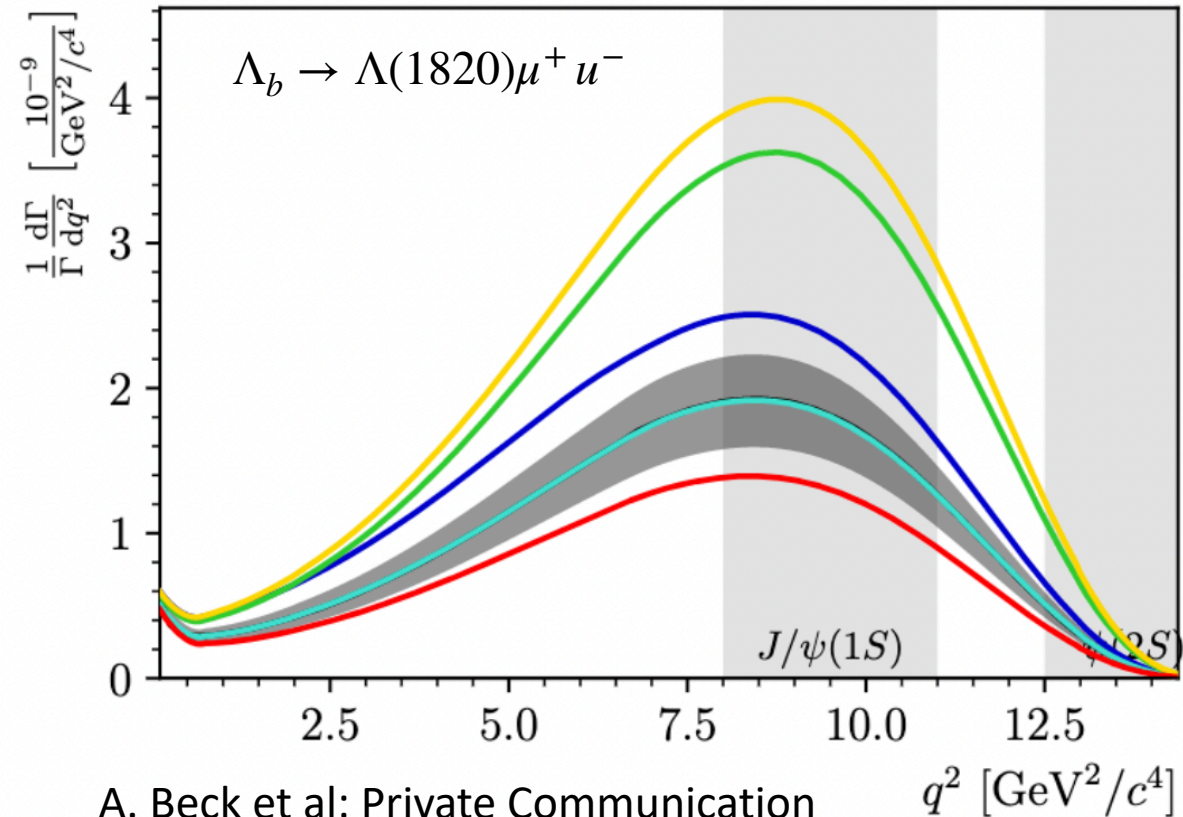
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$\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ Studies

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Global Fit: [EPJC 82 \(2022\) 326](#)

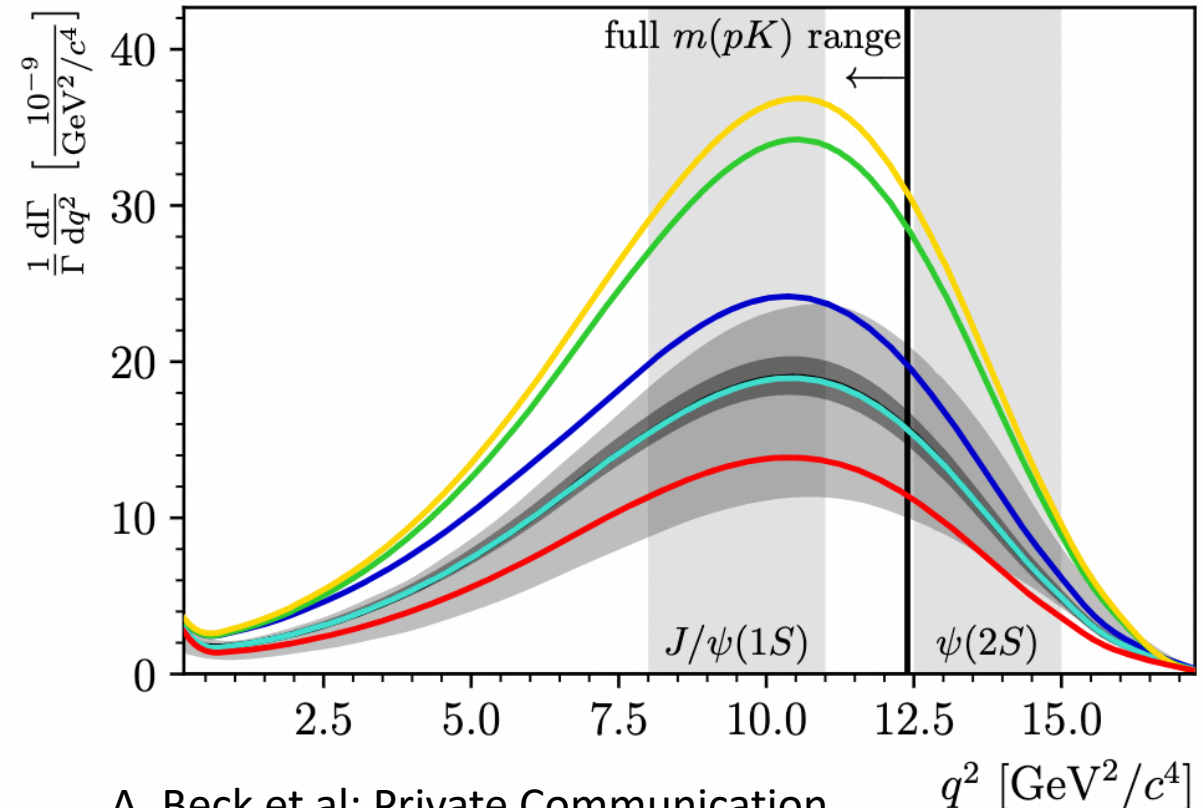
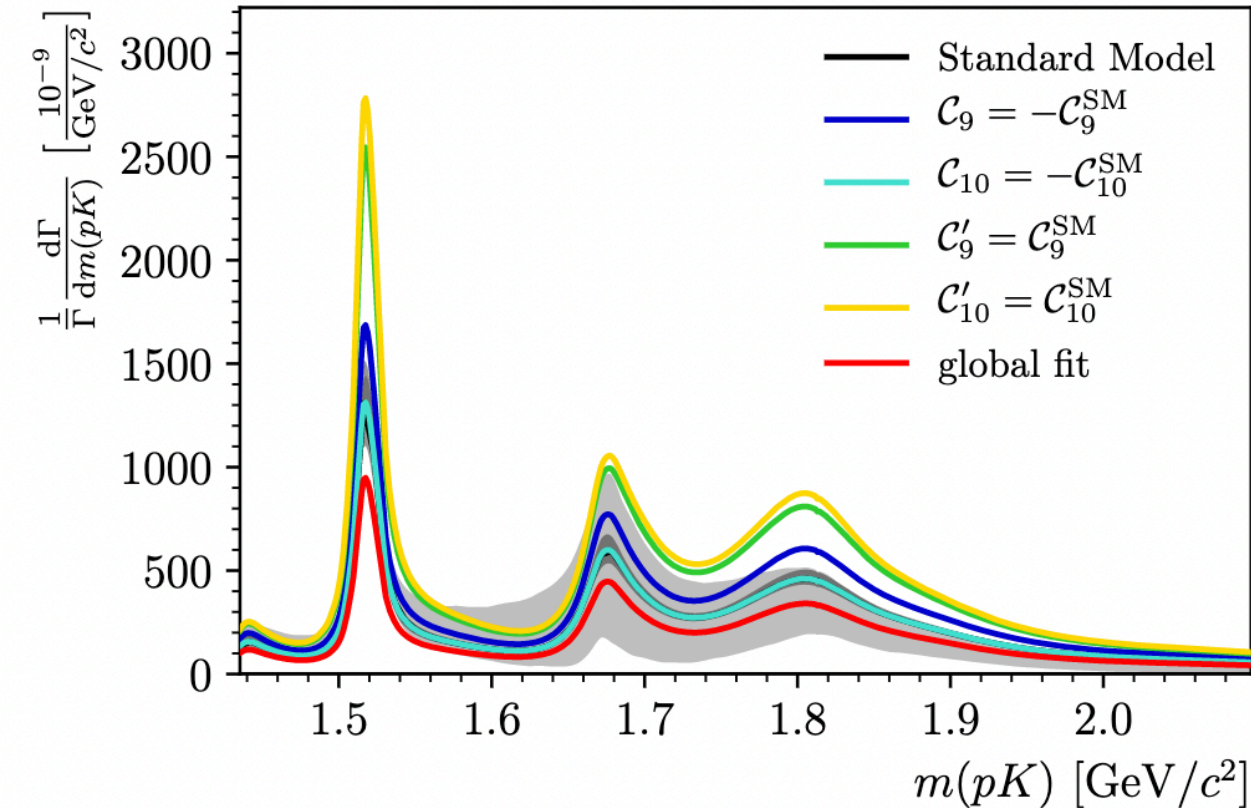


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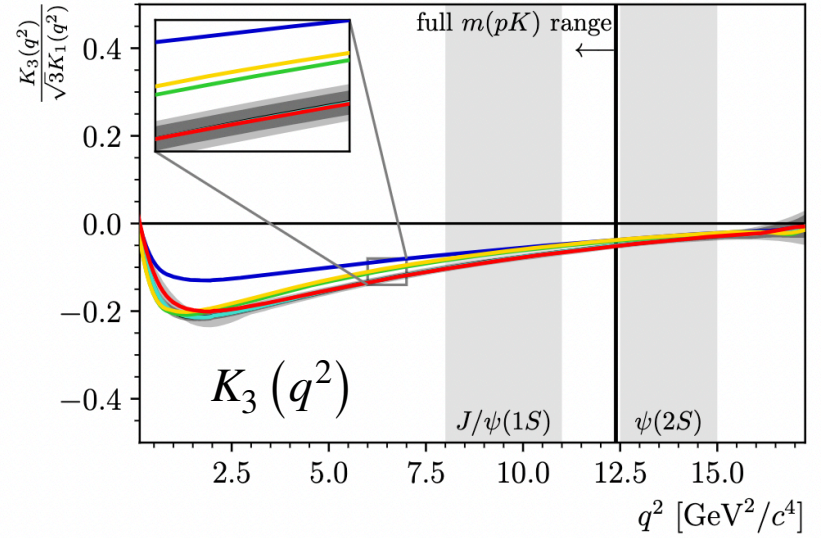
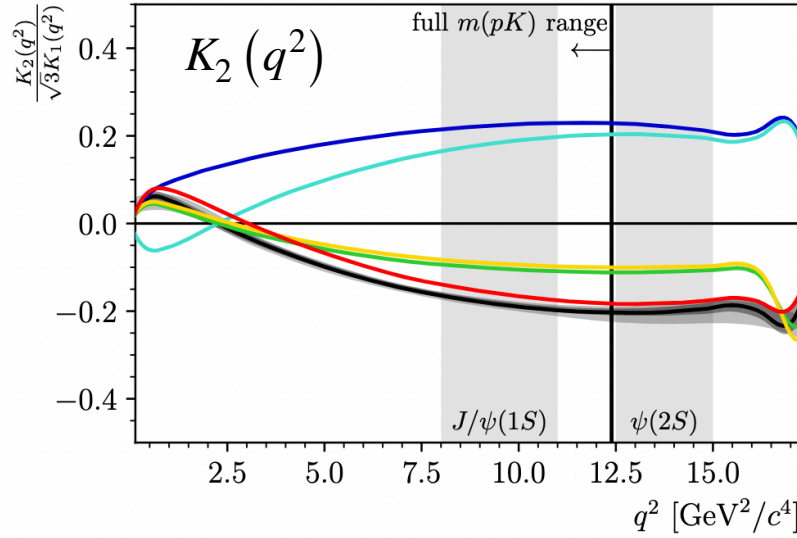
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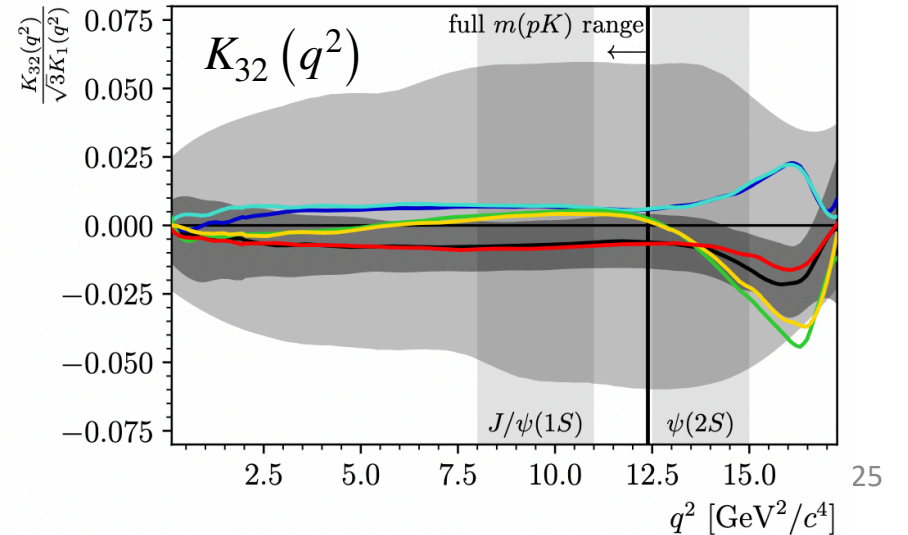
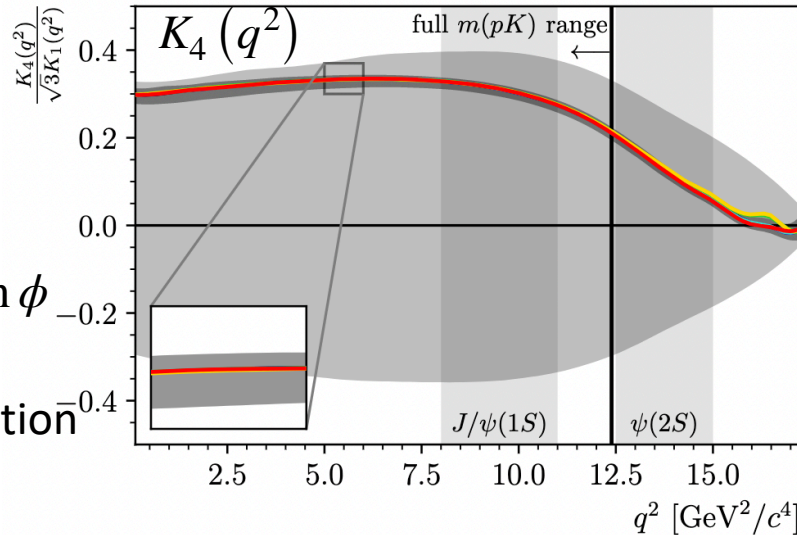
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$\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ Observables

- Standard Model
- $C_9 = -C_9^{\text{SM}}$
- $C_{10} = -C_{10}^{\text{SM}}$
- $C'_9 = C_9^{\text{SM}}$
- $C'_{10} = C_{10}^{\text{SM}}$
- global fit



- $w_2(\Omega) \propto \cos \theta_\ell$
- $w_3(\Omega) \propto 3 \cos^2 \theta_\ell - 1$
- $w_4(\Omega) \propto \cos \theta_p$
- $w_{32}(\Omega) \propto \sin \theta_\ell \sin \theta_p \cos \theta_p \sin \phi$

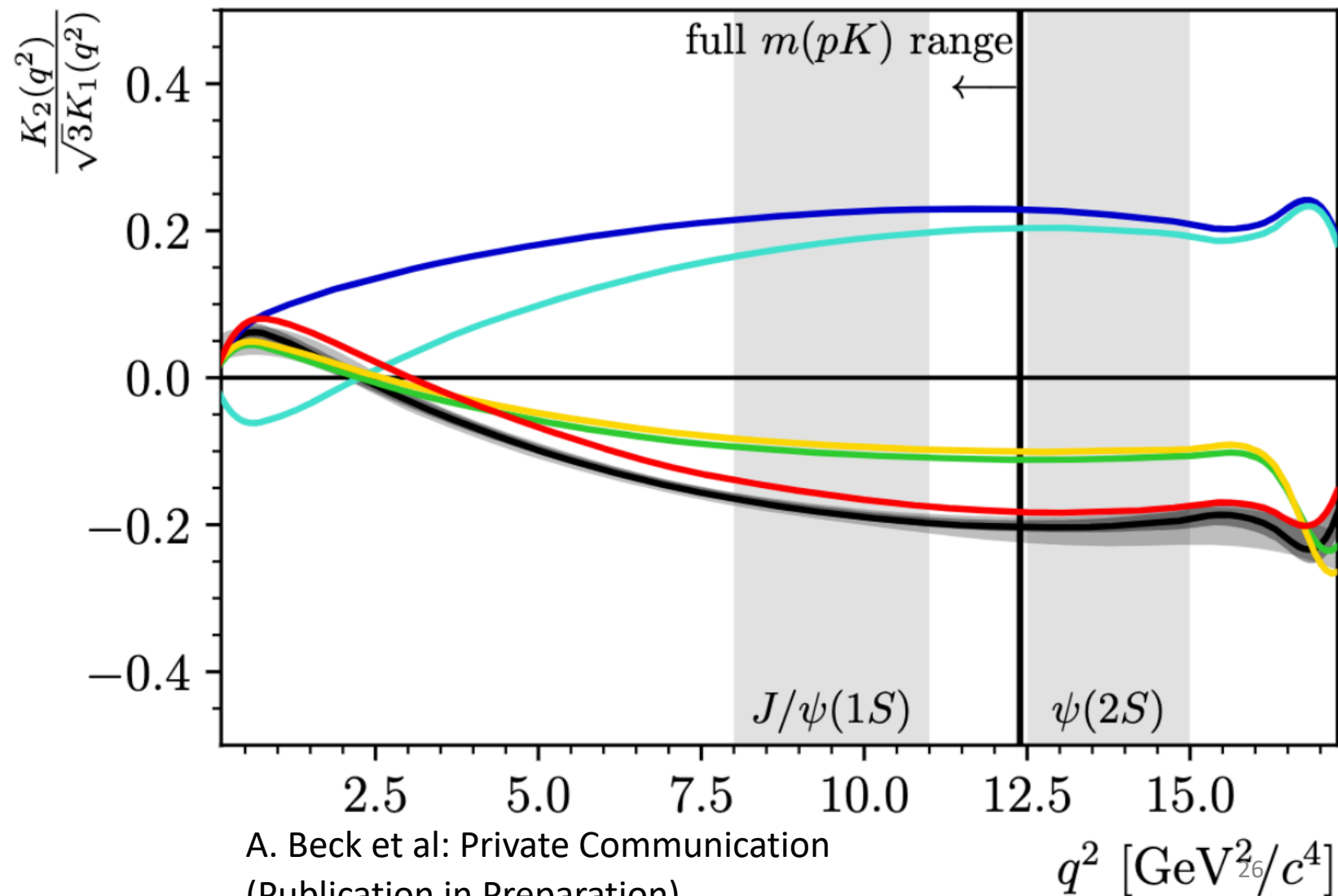


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$K_2(q^2)$ - measures lepton-side forward-backward asymmetry, proportional to what's also referred to as \mathcal{A}_{FB}



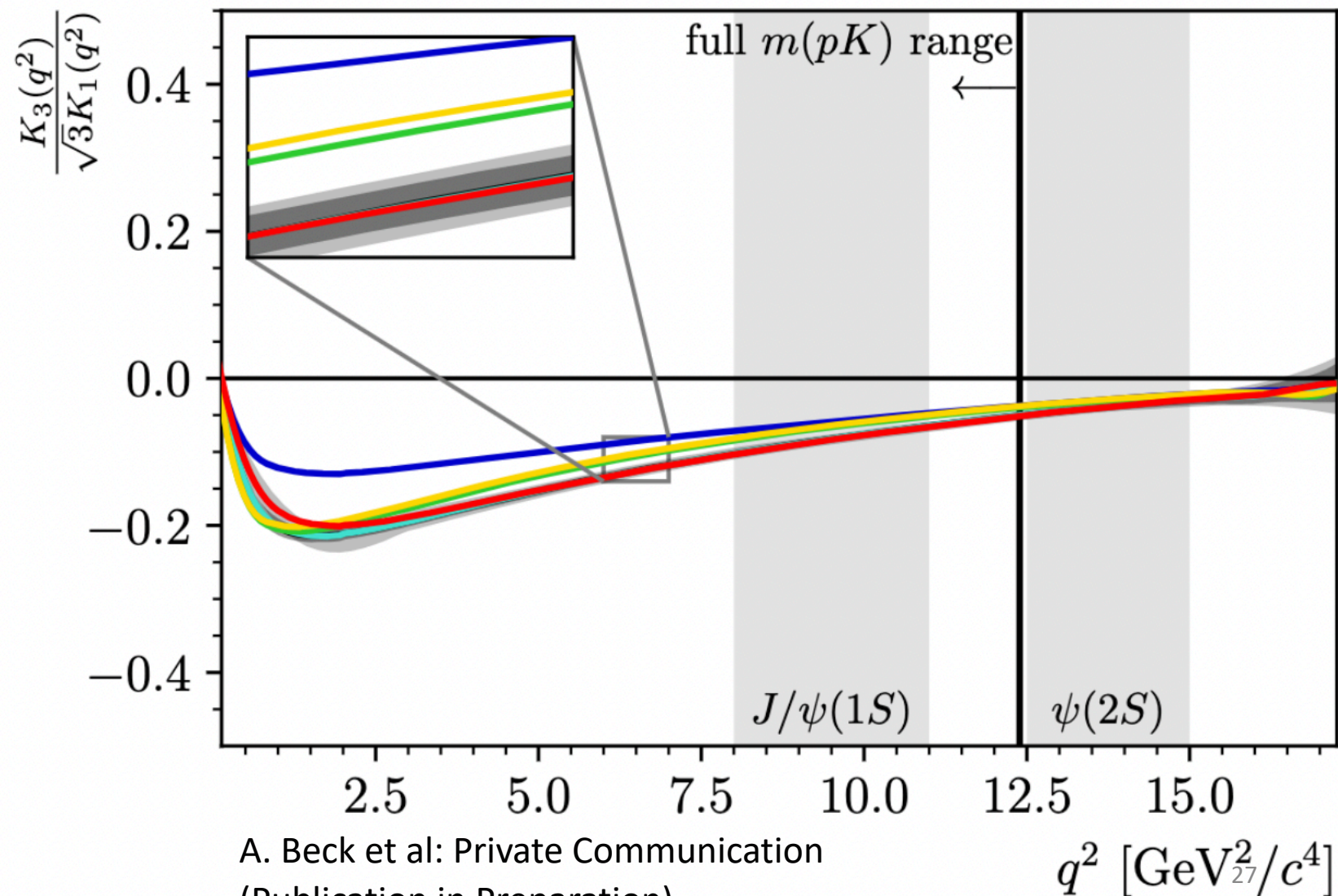
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q^2 [GeV $^2_{26}/c^4$]

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$K_3(q^2)$ - asymmetry in the squares of the amplitudes between amplitudes with $|\lambda_V| = 1$ and $\lambda_V = 0$



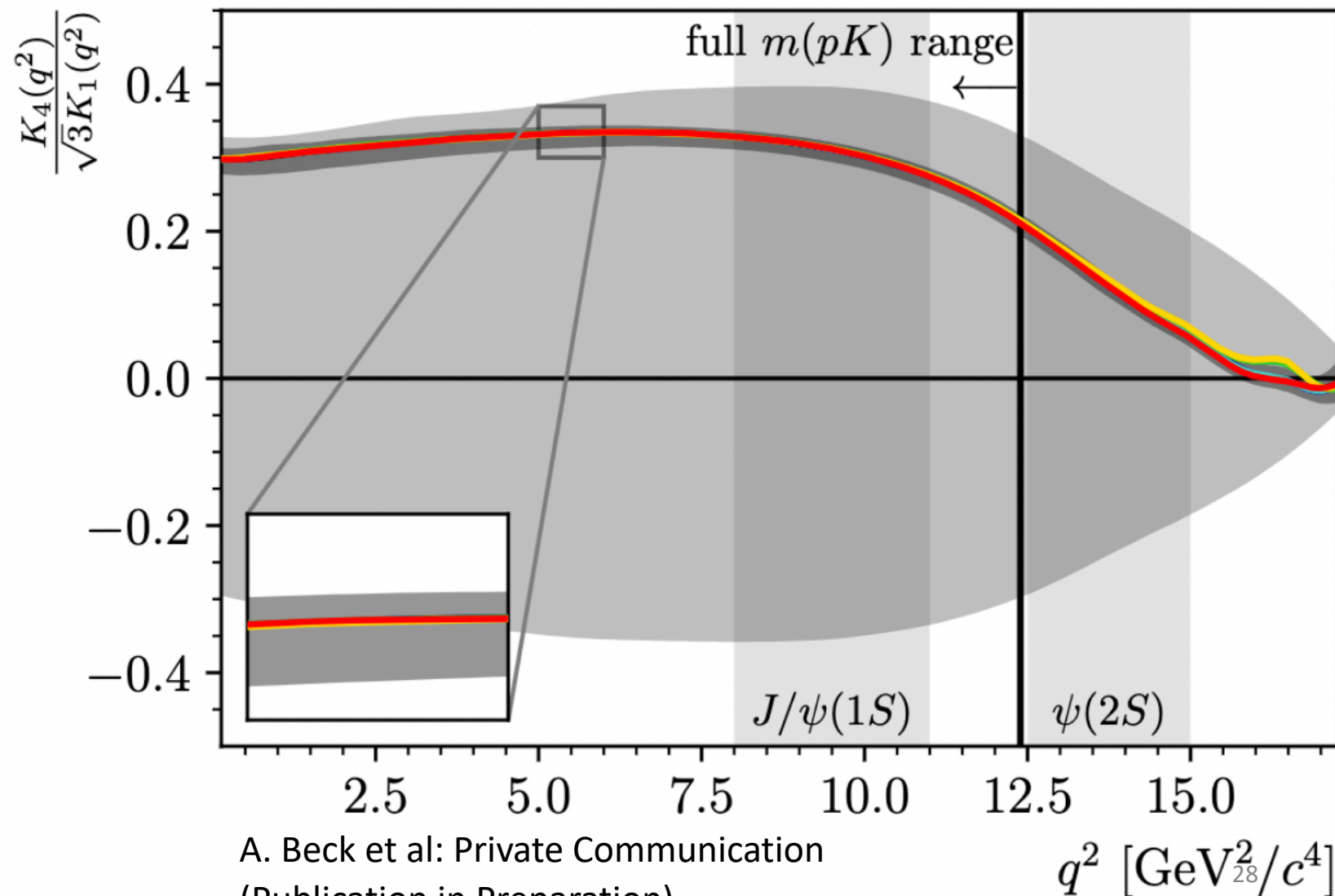
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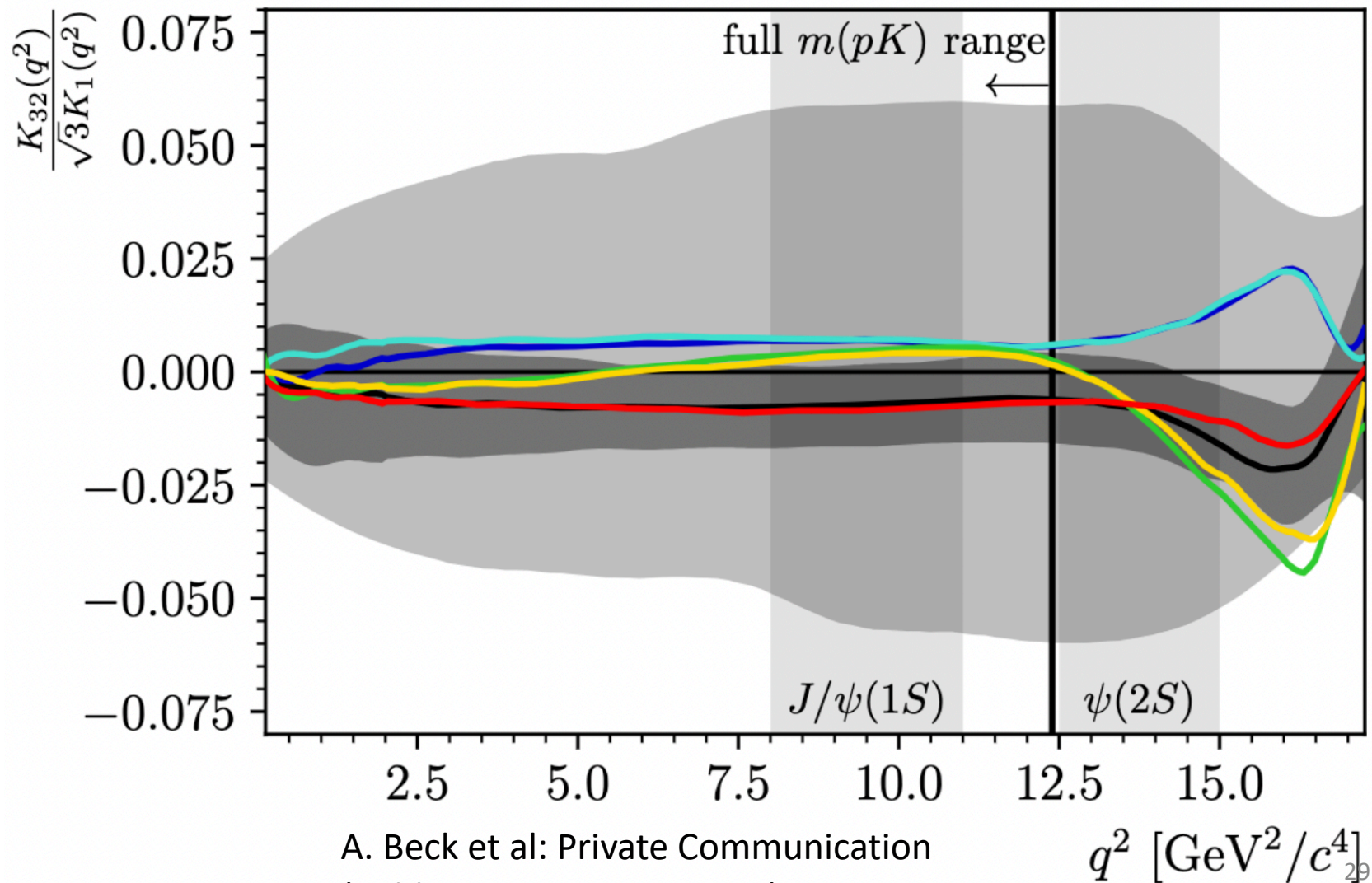
$K_4(q^2)$ - measures
hadron-side forward-
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among other
contributions



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 Here, the phases of all intermediate Λ states are set to zero



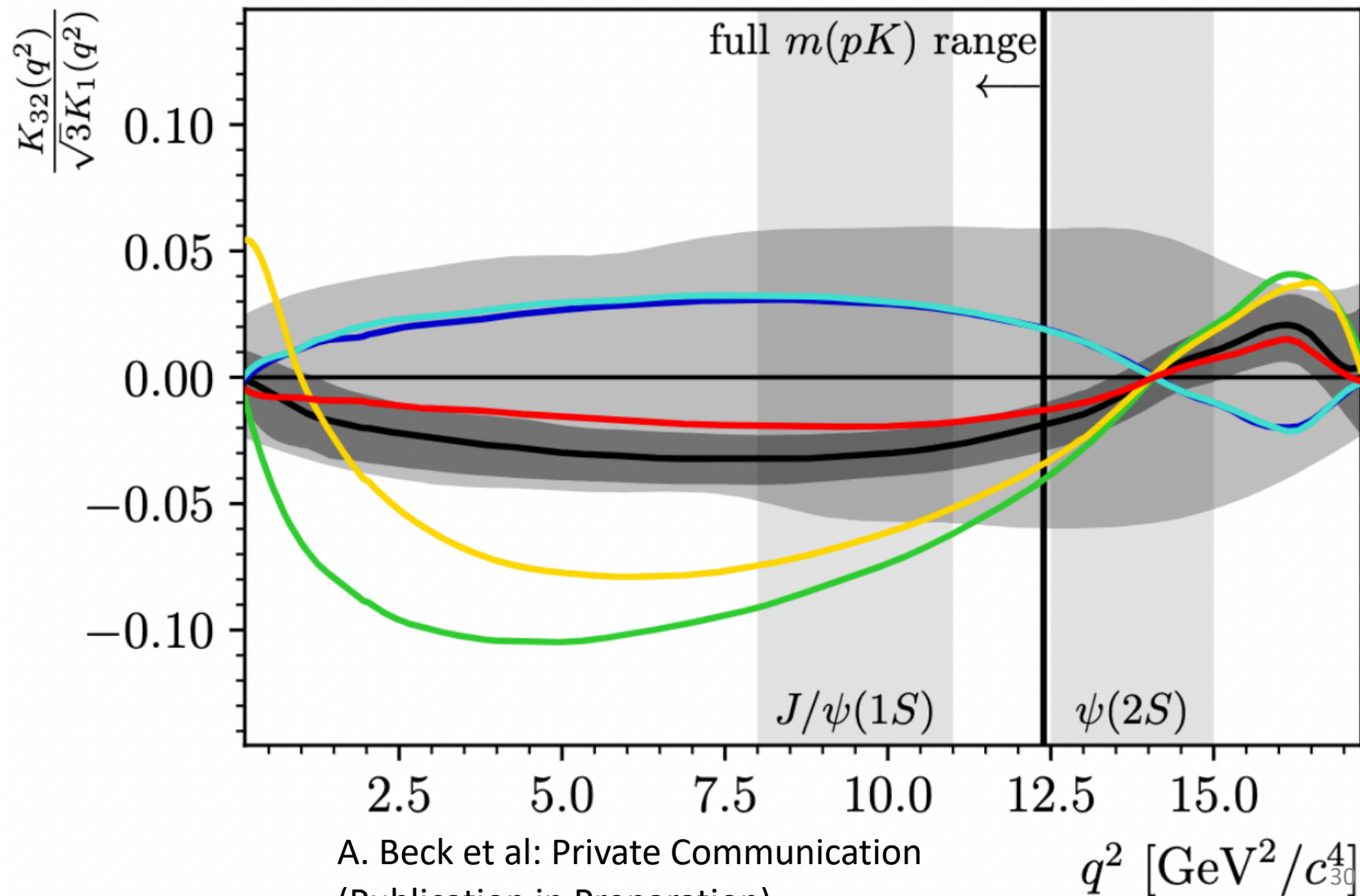
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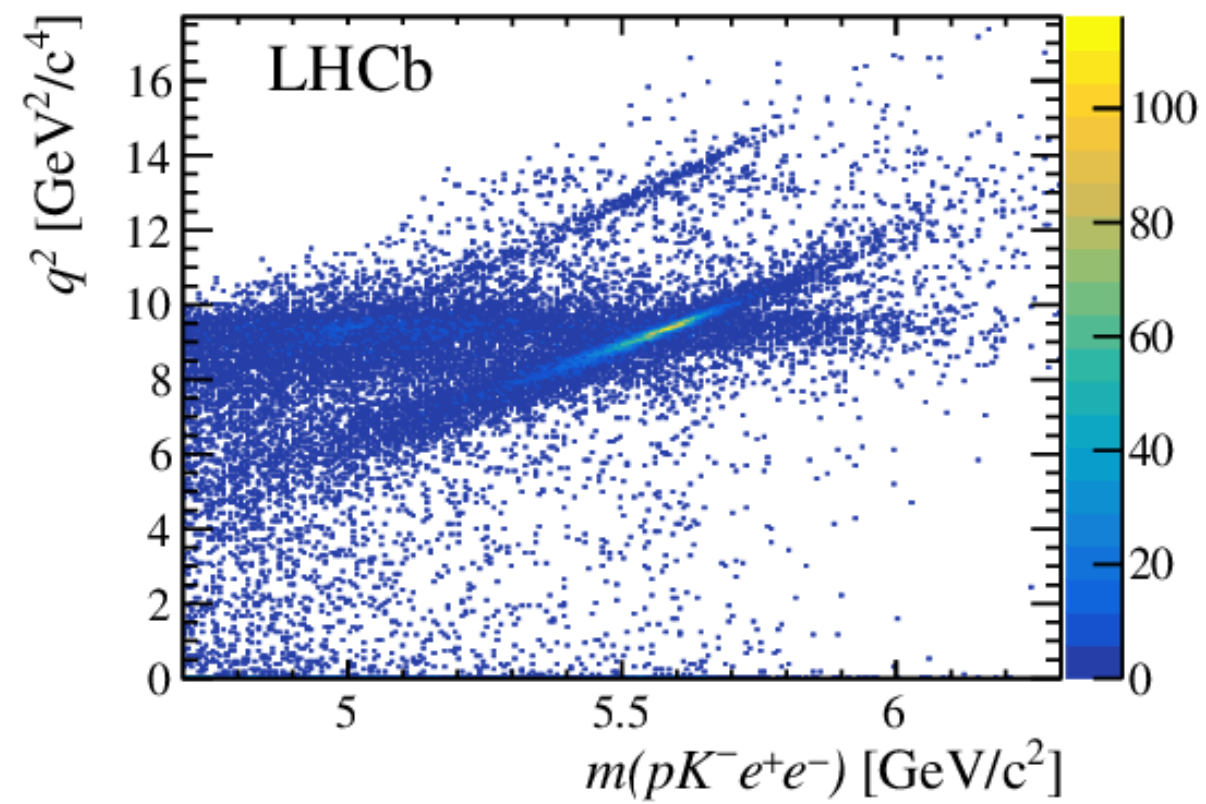
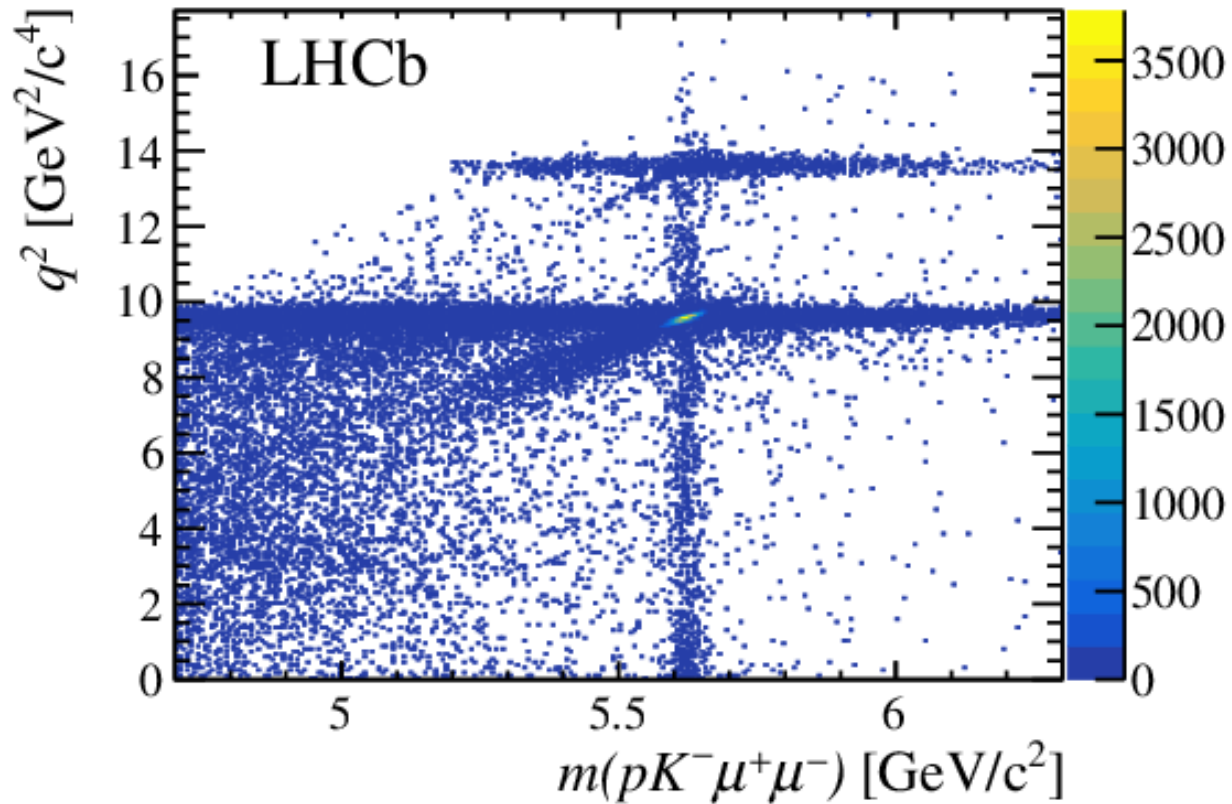
$K_{32}(q^2)$ - measures interference between states with different spins
 Here, the phases of the spin-3/2 resonances are set to π , with all others set to zero



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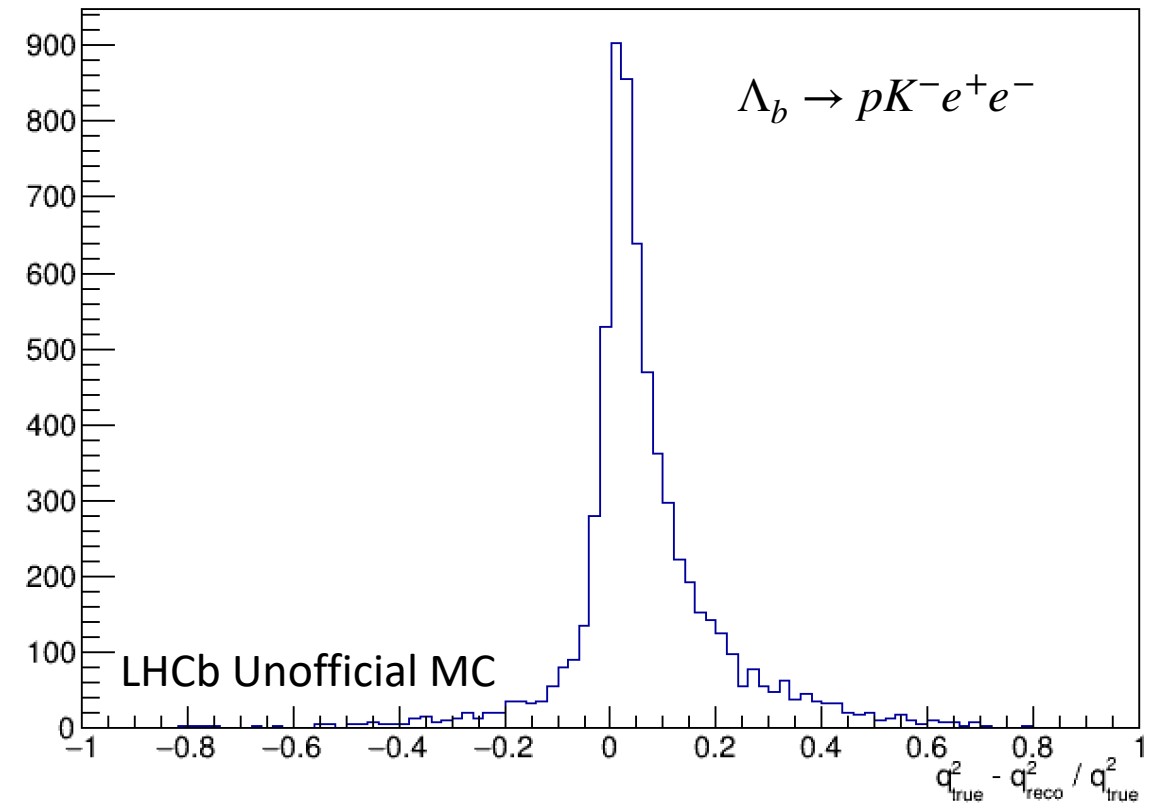
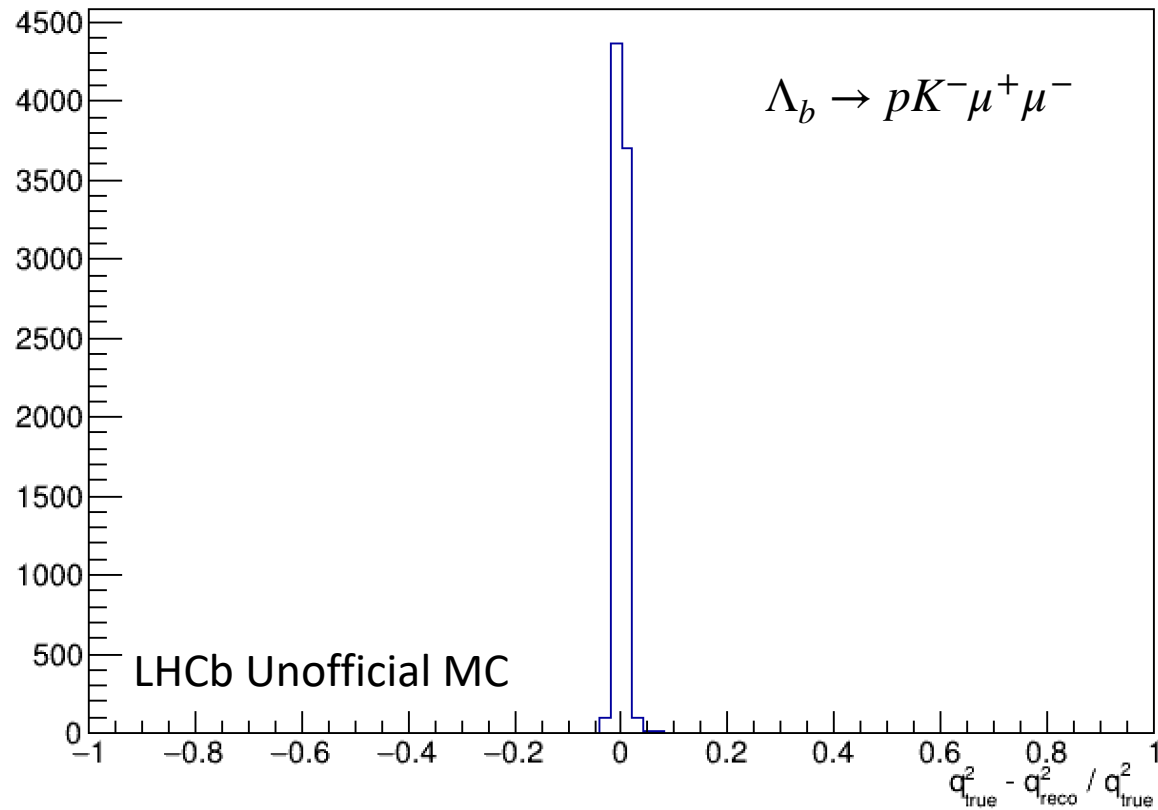
q^2 [GeV²/c⁴]

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What Do We Do About Acceptance?

- Given a detector efficiency function $\epsilon(\Omega)$, the efficiency matrix is defined as

$$E_{(i,j,\dots,n)} = \int \epsilon(\Omega) \left[f_i(\Omega) f_j(\Omega) \dots f_n(\Omega) \right] d\Omega = \frac{\Phi}{N_{MC,gen}} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{N_{MC,acc}} f_i(\Omega_k) f_j(\Omega_k) \dots f_n(\Omega_k) \right]$$

- Where the measured moments are defined in terms of the efficiency matrix and the true moments

$$K_{i,meas} \left(q^2, m_{pK} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{data}} f_i(\Omega_k) = E_{ij} K_{j,true} \left(q^2, m_{pK} \right)$$

- And we can recover the efficiency-corrected true moments by inverting the efficiency matrix

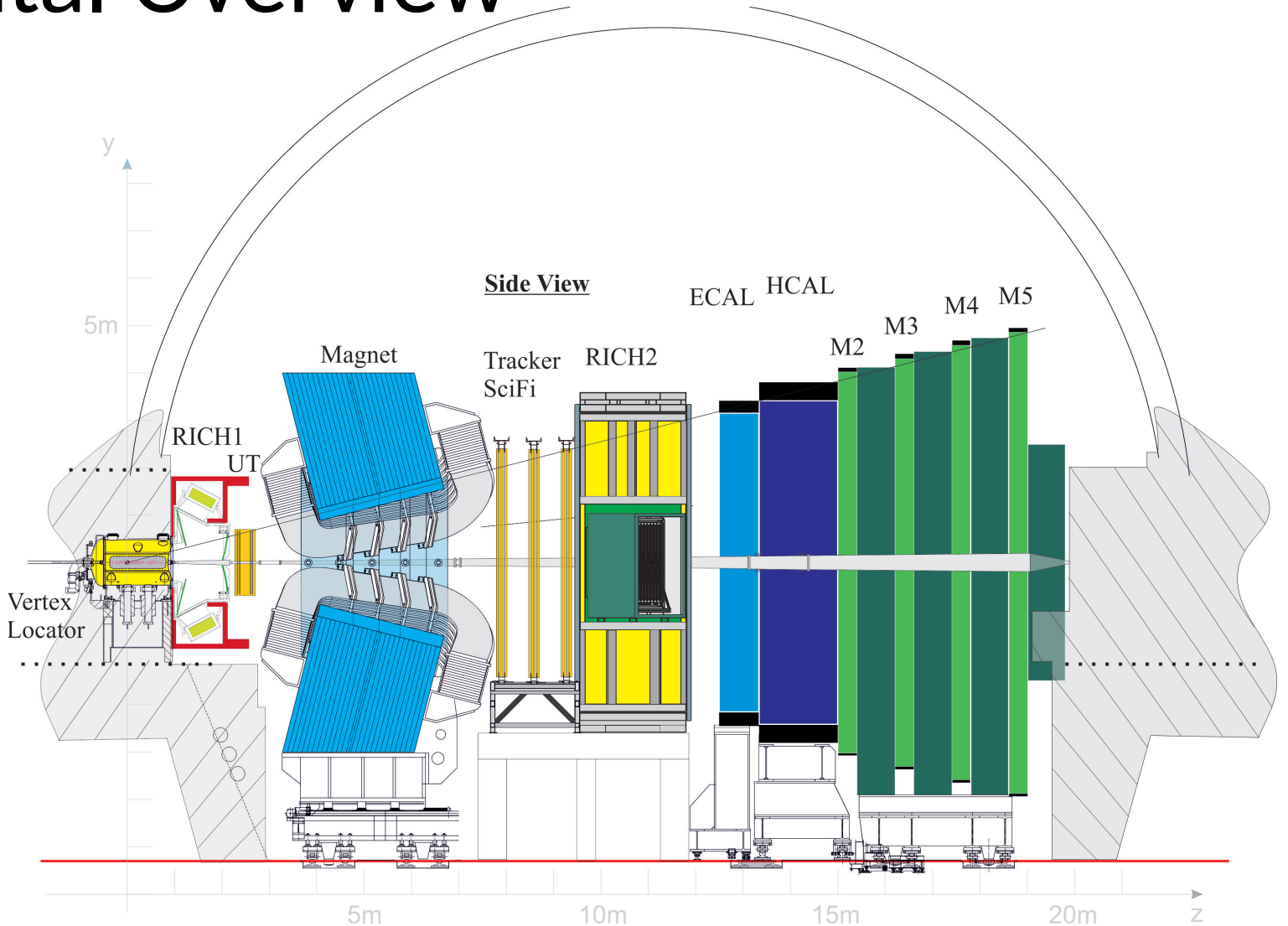
$$K_{i,true} \left(q^2, m_{pK} \right) = (E^{-1})_{ij} K_{j,meas} \left(q^2, m_{pK} \right)$$

A Non-Trivial Calculation

- To describe the unpolarized $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-\mu^+\mu^-$ decay, a basis of 46 angular moments is used - 186 are required if the Λ_b is polarized
- Detector acceptance and resolution generate higher unphysical moments that must be unfolded
- To properly extract the true observables, a much larger basis is needed than is necessary to simply describe the system
- This statement becomes more true as acceptance effects become stronger, and as detector resolution decreases
- How large of a basis do we need? We don't know (yet)

LHCb Experimental Overview

- pp Collisions
- Forward Spectrometer
- Collected 9 fb^{-1} in Runs 1 and 2
- Run 3 ongoing
- Plan to collect over 300 fb^{-1} by end of Run 5



Brem Recovery Challenge

- e^\pm loses energy before it reaches the ECal
- Energy reconstruction difficult
- Worse energy resolution
- At LHCb, most electrons emit one energetic brem before the magnet
- Over half of brem photons are not detected

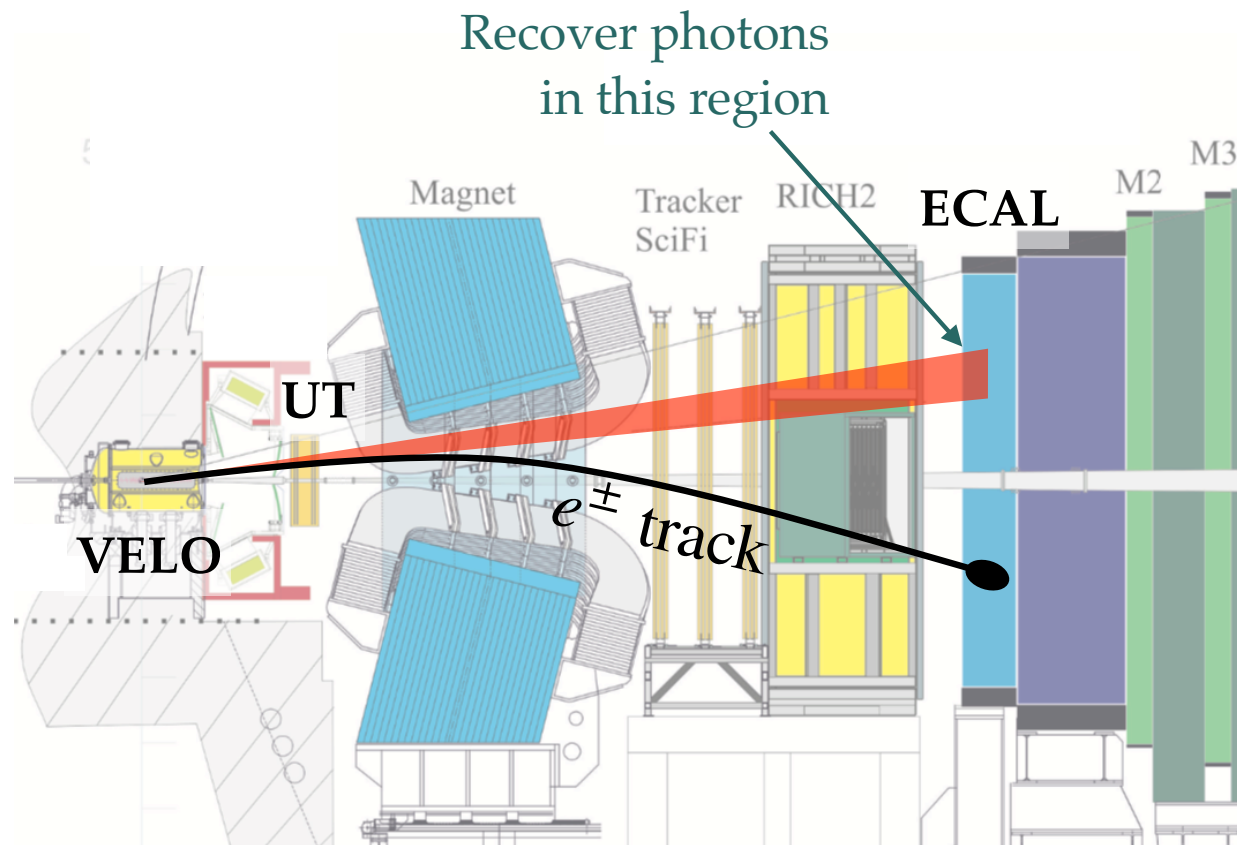


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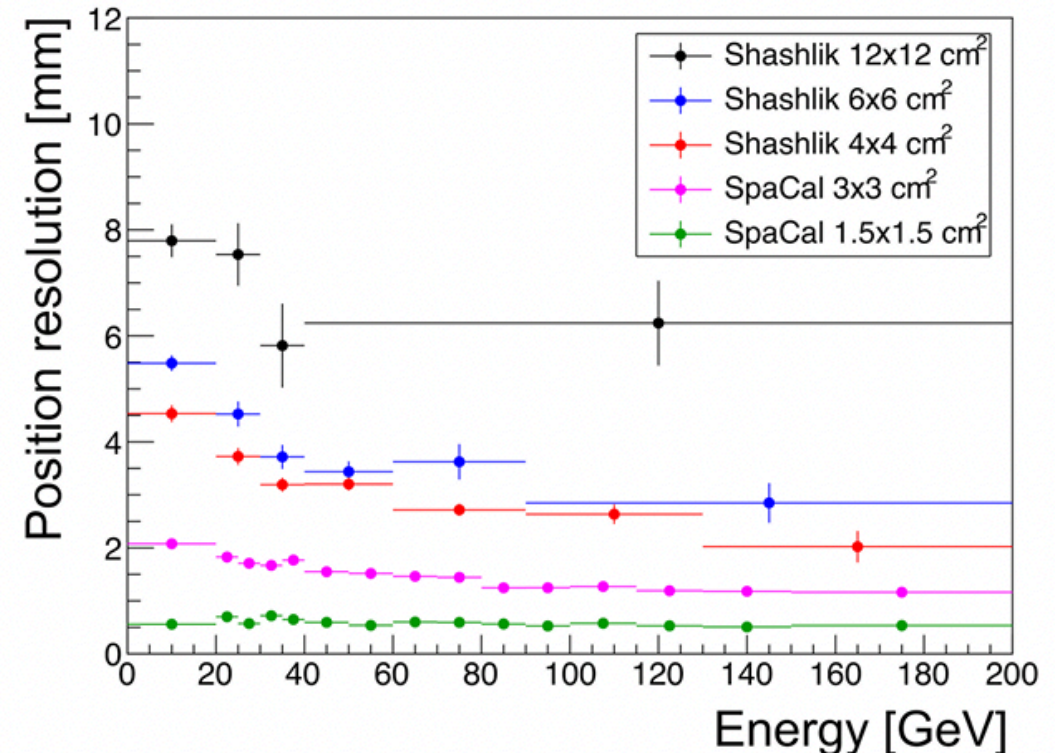
Future plans

- Future upgrades will see an overhaul of the LHCb ECal
- Goals:
 - Increase radiation tolerance
 - Maintain energy resolution
 - Include timing resolution



Smaller Cell Sizes → Better Spatial Resolution

- The geometry of the proposed ECal upgrade is projected to provide better spatial resolution of our ECal showers
- Right: Position resolution of each type of ECal module for single photon cluster
- Current technology consists of large-celled modules - the addition of smaller-celled modules should improve position resolution



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Plans for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-e^+e^-$

- Go beyond R_{pK} - we could also take the μ/e ratios of angular observables
- LHCb is studying this in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-$ decays
- We could do the same for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-\ell^+\ell^-$
 - Richer spin structure \rightarrow more observables
 - Better understanding of the form factors is necessary for interpretation

Summary

- Current tests of LFU show tensions with the Standard Model
- LHCb's production of b -baryons provides the opportunity to test LFU in the baryonic sector
- Electron reconstruction capabilities at LHCb add a level of difficulty
- Understanding the angular structure is critical
- Goal: measure μ/e ratios of angular observables
- Suggestions?

Backup

Ensemble of Lambdas

resonance	m_Λ [GeV/ c^2]	Γ_Λ [GeV/ c^2]	$2J_\Lambda$	P_Λ	$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda \rightarrow \bar{N}K)$	used \mathcal{B}_Λ
$\Lambda(1405)$	1.405	0.051	1	—	n/a	1.0000
$\Lambda(1520)$	1.519	0.016	3	—	0.45	0.2250
$\Lambda(1600)$	1.600	0.200	1	+	0.15 – 0.30	0.1125
$\Lambda(1670)$	1.674	0.030	1	—	0.20 – 0.30	0.1250
$\Lambda(1690)$	1.690	0.070	3	—	0.20 – 0.30	0.1250
$\Lambda(1800)$	1.800	0.200	1	—	0.25 – 0.40	0.1625
$\Lambda(1810)$	1.790	0.110	1	+	0.05 – 0.35	0.1000
$\Lambda(1820)$	1.820	0.080	5	+	0.55 – 0.65	0.3000
$\Lambda(1890)$	1.890	0.120	3	+	0.24 – 0.36	0.1500
$\Lambda(2110)$	2.090	0.250	5	+	0.05 – 0.25	0.0750

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Hadronic Amplitudes for $\Lambda \rightarrow pK^-$

- Natural parity Λ

$$h_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_p}^\Lambda(m_{pK}) = \frac{g}{(m_{pK}^2 - m_\Lambda^2) - im_{pK}\Gamma(m_{pK})} \bar{u}(p) \gamma_5 U(\Lambda)$$

- Unnatural parity Λ

$$h_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_p}^\Lambda(m_{pK}) = -\frac{g}{(m_{pK}^2 - m_\Lambda^2) - im_{pK}\Gamma(m_{pK})} \bar{u}(p) U(\Lambda)$$

$$U(k, \lambda_\Lambda) = \begin{cases} u(k, \lambda_\Lambda) & , J_\Lambda = \frac{1}{2} \\ k_1^\mu u_\mu(k, \lambda_\Lambda) & , J_\Lambda = \frac{3}{2} \\ k_1^\mu k_1^\nu u_{\mu\nu}(k, \lambda_\Lambda) & , J_\Lambda = \frac{5}{2} \end{cases}$$

Leptonic Amplitudes for $V \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$

$$\tilde{h}_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2}^{J\ell\ell}(q^2) = \varepsilon_\mu(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \bar{u}(\ell_2) \Gamma^{\mu\nu}(\ell_1)$$

$$\tilde{h}_{++}^{V,0}(q^2) = 0$$

$$\tilde{h}_{++}^{V,1}(q^2) = 2m_\ell$$

$$\tilde{h}_{+-}^{V,1}(q^2) = -\sqrt{2q^2}$$

$$\tilde{h}_{-\lambda_1, -\lambda_2}^{V, J\ell\ell}(q^2) = -\tilde{h}_{+\lambda_1, +\lambda_2}^{V, J\ell\ell}(q^2)$$

$$\tilde{h}_{++}^{A,0}(q^2) = 2m_\ell$$

$$\tilde{h}_{++}^{A,1}(q^2) = 0$$

$$\tilde{h}_{+-}^{A,1}(q^2) = \sqrt{2q^2}\beta_\ell$$

$$\tilde{h}_{-\lambda_1, -\lambda_2}^{A, J\ell\ell}(q^2) = \tilde{h}_{+\lambda_1, +\lambda_2}^{A, J\ell\ell}(q^2)$$

$$\beta_\ell = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\ell^2}{q^2}}$$

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Digging Deeper Into R_{pK}

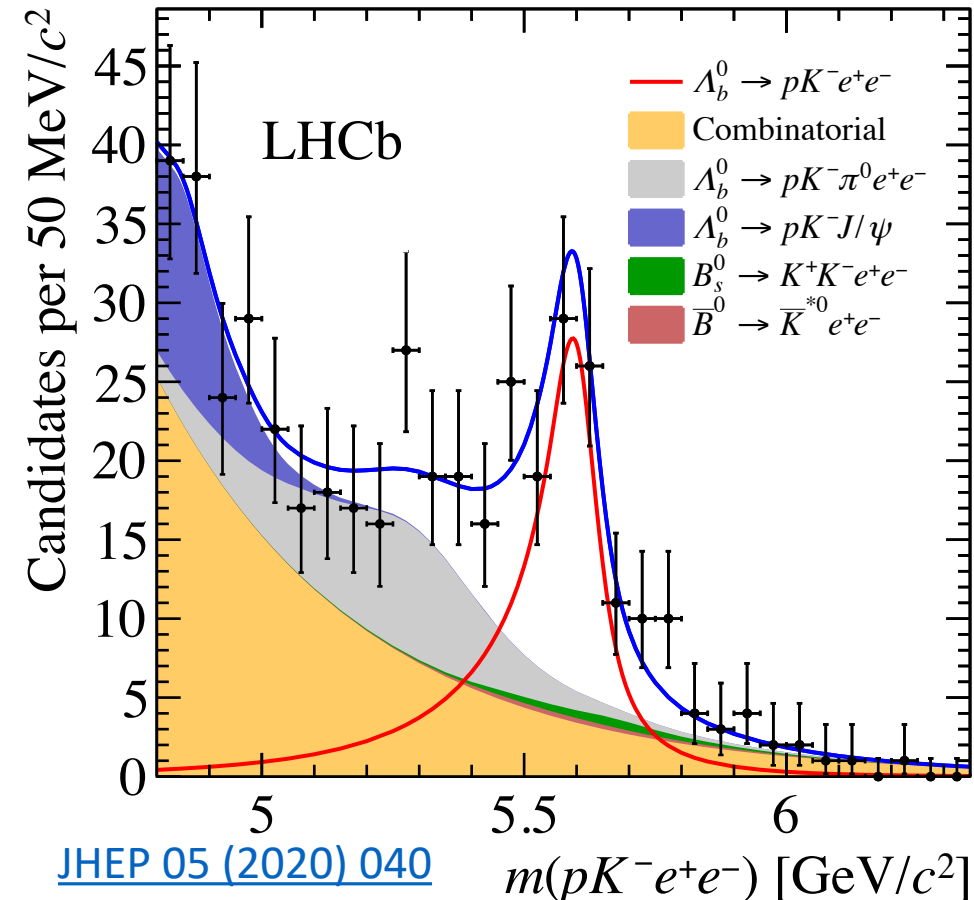
$$R_{pK}^{-1} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-e^+e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-))} * \frac{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK^-\mu^+\mu^-)}$$

- Here we use the inverse definition because we expect small yields in the electron mode

- LHCb (right) found

$$R_{pK} = 0.86 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.14 \\ -0.11 \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{stat} \pm (0.05)_{syst}$$

- Uncertainty is dominated by statistics



Form Factors for $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda V$

$$H_{\lambda_\Lambda, \lambda_V}^{\Lambda, \Gamma^\mu} = \varepsilon_\mu^* (\lambda_V) \langle \Lambda | \bar{s} \Gamma^\mu b | \Lambda_b \rangle$$

$$\langle \Lambda | \bar{s} \Gamma^\mu b | \Lambda_b \rangle_{\text{gen}} = \bar{u}_\alpha (\Lambda) \left[v^\alpha (X_{\Gamma^1}(q^2) \gamma^\mu + X_{\Gamma^2}(q^2) v^\mu + X_{\Gamma^3}(q^2) v'^\mu) + X_{\Gamma^4}(q^2) g^{\alpha\mu} \right] u (\Lambda_b)$$

Vector Current:

$$\langle \Lambda | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu b | \Lambda_b \rangle_{\text{gen}} = \bar{u}_\alpha (\Lambda) \left[v^\alpha (F_1(q^2) \gamma^\mu + F_2(q^2) v^\mu + F_3(q^2) v'^\mu) + F_4(q^2) g^{\alpha\mu} \right] u (\Lambda_b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Lambda | \bar{s} \gamma^\mu b | \Lambda_b \rangle_{\text{hel}} = \bar{u}_\alpha (\Lambda) & \left\{ p^\alpha \left[f_t^V(q^2) \frac{m_{\Lambda_b} - m_\Lambda}{q^2} q^\mu + f_0^V(q^2) \frac{m_{\Lambda_b} + m_\Lambda}{s_+} e^\mu \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + f_\perp^V(q^2) \left(\gamma^\mu - 2 \frac{m_\Lambda p^\mu + m_{\Lambda_b} p'^\mu}{s_+} \right) \right] \right. \\ & \left. \left. + f_g^V(q^2) \left[g^{\alpha\mu} + m_\Lambda \frac{p^\alpha}{s_-} \left(\gamma^\mu - 2 \frac{p'^\mu}{m_\Lambda} + 2 \frac{m_\Lambda p^\mu + m_{\Lambda_b} p'^\mu}{s_+} \right) \right] \right\} u (\Lambda_b) \end{aligned}$$

Form Factors (Helicity Basis)

- For $J_\Lambda = 1/2$:
 - (Axial) vector: 3 form factors: $f_t^{V(A)}(q^2)$, $f_0^{V(A)}(q^2)$, and $f_\perp^{V(A)}(q^2)$
 - (Axial) tensor: 2 form factors: $f_0^{T(T5)}(q^2)$ and $f_\perp^{T(T5)}(q^2)$
- For $J_\Lambda = 3/2$:
 - (Axial) vector: 4 form factors: $f_t^{V(A)}(q^2)$, $f_0^{V(A)}(q^2)$, $f_\perp^{V(A)}(q^2)$, and $f_g^{V(A)}(q^2)$
 - (Axial) tensor: 3 form factors: $f_0^{T(T5)}(q^2)$, $f_\perp^{T(T5)}(q^2)$, and $f_g^{T(T5)}(q^2)$
- Tensor and axial tensor amplitudes require fewer form factors in helicity basis than in general basis.

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The Method of Moments - Who?

- 2004 - Studies of semileptonic B decays at BaBar
 - [PRD 69 \(2004\) 111103](#), [PRD 69 \(2004\) 111104](#), [PRL 93 \(2004\) 011803](#)
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 - [PRL 97 \(2006\) 171803](#)
- 2016 - Branching Fraction and Angular Moments of $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb
 - [JHEP 12 \(2016\) 065](#)
- 2018 - Angular Moments of $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-$ at LHCb
 - [JHEP 09 \(2018\) 146](#)

Angular Fits

- Form factors partially cancel - clean observables!
- Need to understand detector acceptance
- Many angular parameters require large yields
- Right: Angular observable P'_5 in $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay

Theory Predictions:
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