

# Lepton Flavour Universality tests using $b \rightarrow c l \bar{\nu}$ decays

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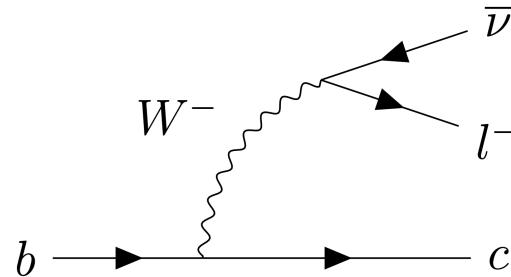


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# Physics opportunities in $b \rightarrow c l \bar{\nu}$ decays

- $b \rightarrow c l \bar{\nu}$  in SM

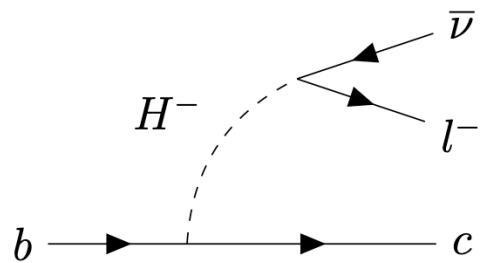
- Universal  $W \rightarrow l \bar{\nu}$  coupling for three lepton generations



- $b \rightarrow c l \bar{\nu}$  beyond SM

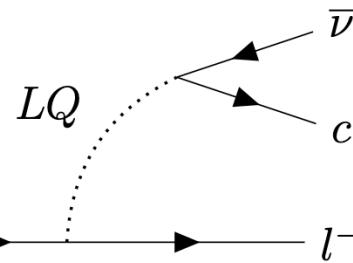
Charged Higgs

[PRL 116, 081801, ...]



Leptoquark

[PRL 116, 081801, PRD 94, 115021, ...]



- Violation of Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU)
- Distortion of differential width shape from SM

Probe to New Physics

- Advantages:

- Large data statistics
- Theoretically clean
- Only  $b \rightarrow c$  hadronic current

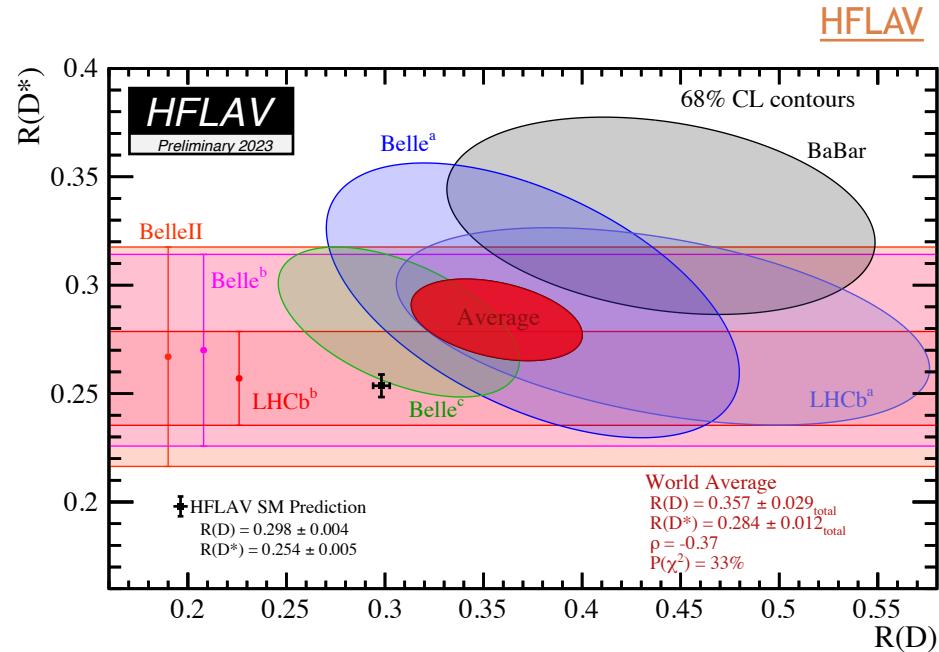
- Challenges:

- Partially reconstructed due to missing neutrinos
- Large background from other  $B$  decays

# LFU ratios

- $\mathcal{R}(H_c) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(H_b \rightarrow H_c \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(H_b \rightarrow H_c l^+ \nu_l)}$
- $l \in \{e, \mu\}; H_{b(c)}$ :  $b(c)$ -hadrons

**$R(D)$ & $R(D^*)$  anomaly  
from SM at  $3.34\sigma$**



- More measurements are strongly motivated
  - To further improve  $R(D)$ & $R(D^*)$  precision
  - To extend physics programs
    - $R(H_c)$
    - Angular coefficients in  $b \rightarrow cl\bar{v}$  decays

# LFU tests in $b \rightarrow c l \bar{\nu}$ at LHCb

## Muonic $\tau$ decay

- $R(D^{*+})$  Run1 (2015)
  - [\[PRL 115, 111803\]](#)
- $R(D^0)$ & $R(D^*)$  Run1 (2023)
  - [\[PRL 131, 111802\]](#)
- $R(D^+) & R(D^{*+})$  part. Run2 (2024)
  - [LHCb-PAPER-2024-007, in preparation]
- $R(J/\psi)$  Run1 (2018)
  - [\[PRL 120, 121801\]](#)

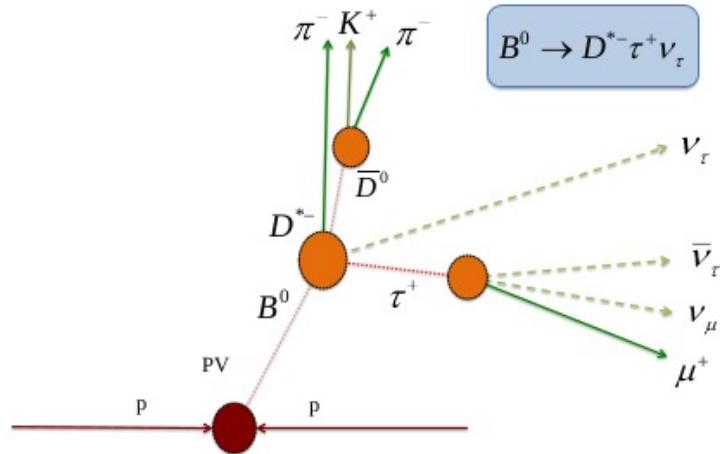
New!

## Hadronic $\tau$ decay

- $R(D^{*+})$  Run1 (2018)
  - [\[PRL 120, 171802\]](#)
- $R(D^{*+})$  part. Run2 (2023)
  - [\[PRD 108, 012018\]](#)
- $R(\Lambda_c^+)$  Run1 (2022)
  - [\[PRL 128, 191803\]](#)
- $D^{*+} F_L$  Run1 & part. Run2 (2023)
  - [\[arXiv:2311.05224\]](#)

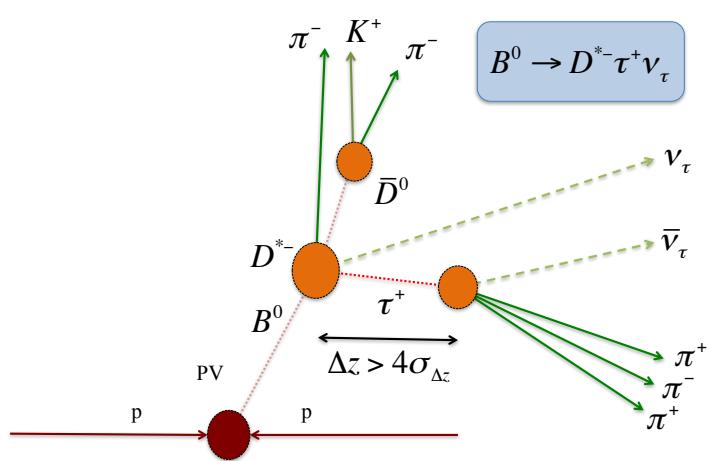
# $\tau$ -reconstruction strategies

## Muonic $\tau$ decay



- Higher statistics
- Directly measuring  $R(D^*)$
- Multiple missing neutrinos
- Larger backgrounds need to be controlled precisely

## Hadronic $\tau$ decay

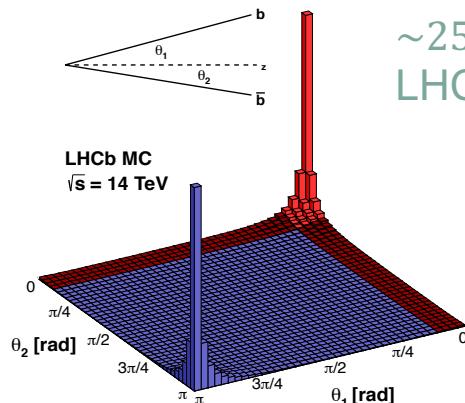


- Higher purity sample
  - Reconstructible  $\tau$  decay vertex and specific  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0)$  dynamics
- Lower statistics
- $R(D^*)$  needs external inputs

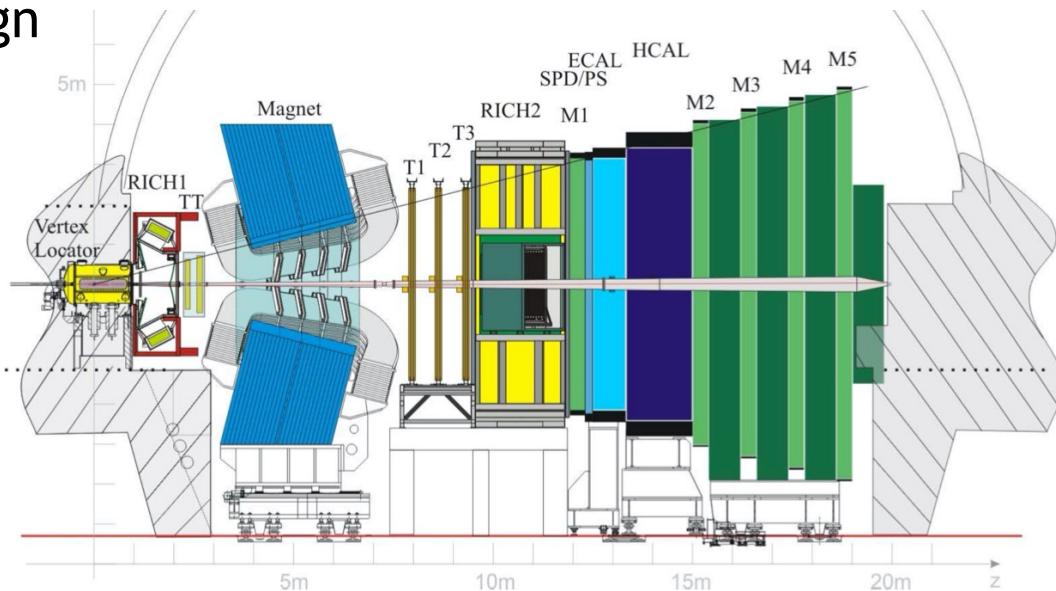
The two strategies are complementary to each other and provide independent measurements

# LHCb experiment

- Dedicated for precise and efficient heavy-hadron reconstruction
  - Single-arm and forward design



$2 < \eta < 5$  range:  
 $\sim 25\%$   $b\bar{b}$  pairs in  
LHCb acceptance



- LHCb  $pp$  data samples:
  - Run1 (2011-2012)
    - $\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ fb}^{-1}; \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$
  - Run2 (2015-2018)
    - $\mathcal{L} = 6 \text{ fb}^{-1}; \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
  - Run3 (2022-2025):  $\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$

- ✓ Powerful particle identification
  - $\mu/K/\pi/p$  separation
- ✓ High momentum resolution
- ✓ High spatial resolution
  - Precise PV &  $B$  decay vertex
  - $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi X$  vertex



New!

$R(D^+)$  &  $R(D^{*+})$

[LHCb-PAPER-2024-007, in preparation]



# Strategy

LHCb 2015+2016 data  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- First LHCb measurement using  $D^+$  meson
  - $\tau \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$ ;  $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+ \pi^0/\gamma$ ;  $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

Visible final states:  $D^+ \mu^-$

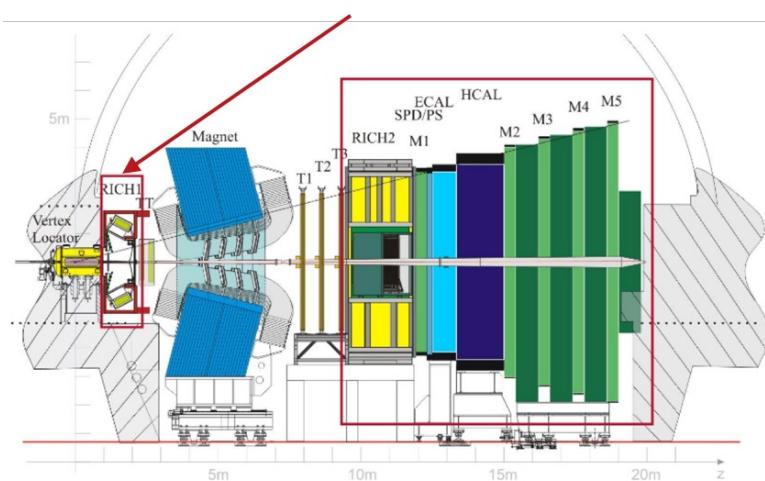
Efficiency ratio determined from simulation

Yield ratio determined from fit to data

$$R(D^{(*)+}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)+} \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = \frac{\epsilon_\mu^{D^{(*)+}}}{\epsilon_\tau^{D^{(*)+}}} \frac{N_\tau^{D^{(*)+}}}{N_\mu^{D^{(*)+}}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}$$

- Tracker-Only simulation (first analysis to use)
  - Missing detector effects emulated offline
  - $\times 8$  faster than full simulation
  - Enable producing large amount of simulation samples to reduce the related systematic uncertainty

Sub-detector response turned off



# Fit strategy for $R(D^+)$ & $R(D^{*+})$

- 3D binned template fit to data
  - $q^2 = (p_{\bar{B}^0} - p_{D^+})^2$
  - $E_l^*$ :  $\mu$  energy in  $\bar{B}^0$  rest frame
  - $m_{\text{miss}}^2$ : invariant-mass of unreconstructed particles
- Simultaneous fit to four data samples with different kinds of decays enhanced in each sample
  - Signal sample:  $D^+ \mu^-$
  - 3 control samples to provide constraints to backgrounds
    - $D^+ \mu^- \pi^-$  and  $D^+ \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ :  $B \rightarrow D^{**} l^- \nu_l$        $l \in \{\mu, \tau\}$
    - $D^+ \mu^- K^+$ :  $B \rightarrow D^+ H_c X$ ,  $H_c \rightarrow X' l^- \nu_l$

# PDFs in the template fit

- **Simulation-based templates**

- $B$  semileptonic decays
- Double charm background
- $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow nD^+\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$  background

- **Data-based templates**

- $\mu$  mis-ID background:  $D^+h^-$ 
  - Obtained from  $\mu$ -suppressed data sample
- Combinatorial  $D^+\mu^-$  background:
  - Wrong-sign  $D^+\mu^+$  data sample  
(Combinatorial  $D^+$  background subtracted using sPlot method by fitting to  $M(K^-\pi^+\pi^+)$ )

- Form factors

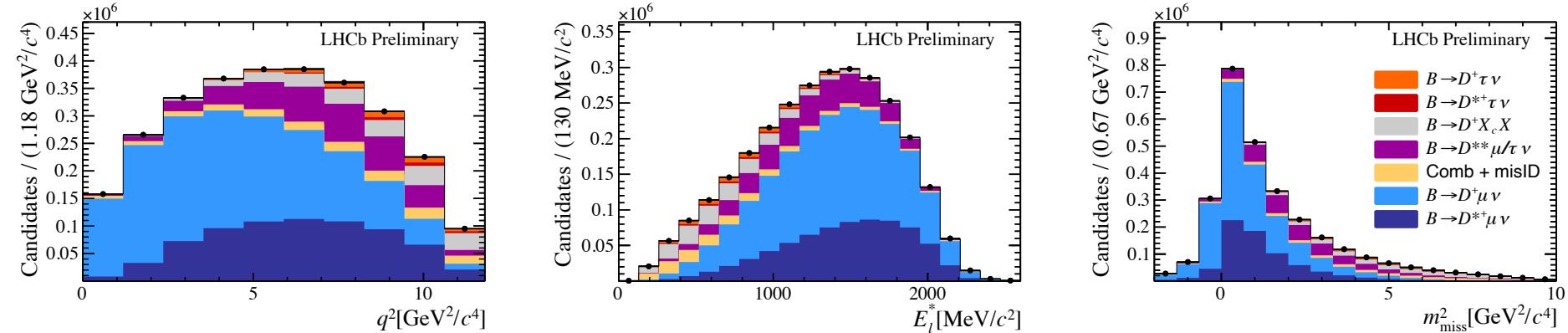
- $B \rightarrow D^{(*)+}$ : BGL [[PRD 94 \(2016\) 094008](#), [Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 1141 \(2022\)](#)]
- $B \rightarrow D^{**}$ : BLR [[PRD 95 \(2017\) 014022](#)]

- Form factor parameters varied in the template fit with external constraints

- **First analysis** uses HAMMER [[Eur. Phys. J. C. 80 \(2020\) 883](#)] to do so
  - Implemented in RooHammerModel class [[JINST 17 \(2022\) T04006](#)]

# $R(D^+)$ & $R(D^{*+})$ results

- Fit projections in the signal sample



$$R(D^+) = 0.249 \pm 0.043(\text{stat}) \pm 0.047(\text{syst})$$

$$R(D^{*+}) = 0.402 \pm 0.081(\text{stat}) \pm 0.085(\text{syst})$$

$$\rho = -0.39$$

Source	$\mathcal{R}(D^+)$	$\mathcal{R}(D^{*+})$
Form factors	0.023	0.035
$B \rightarrow D^{**}[D^+ X]\mu/\tau\nu$ fractions	0.024	0.025
$B \rightarrow D^+ X_c X$ fractions	0.020	0.034
Misidentification	0.019	0.012
Simulation size	0.009	0.030
Combinatorial background	0.005	0.020
Data/simulation agreement	0.016	0.011
Muon identification	0.008	0.027
Multiple candidates	0.007	0.017
Total systematic uncertainty	0.047	0.086

- Main systematic uncertainties:
  - Form factor parameterisation
  - Background modelling

# $\mathcal{R}(D^{*-})$ with $\tau^+$ hadronic decays

([Phys. Rev. D108 \(2023\) 012018](#))



# Strategy

15+16 data

$$D^{*-} \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 (\rightarrow K^+ \pi^-) \pi^-$$

$$\mathcal{K}(D^{*-}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+)} = \frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{N_{\text{norm}}} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{norm}}}{\epsilon_{\text{sig}}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{B}(\tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi(\pi^0)\bar{\nu}_\tau)}$$

$3\pi \equiv \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$

Yield ratio determined from fit to data

Efficiency ratio determined from simulation

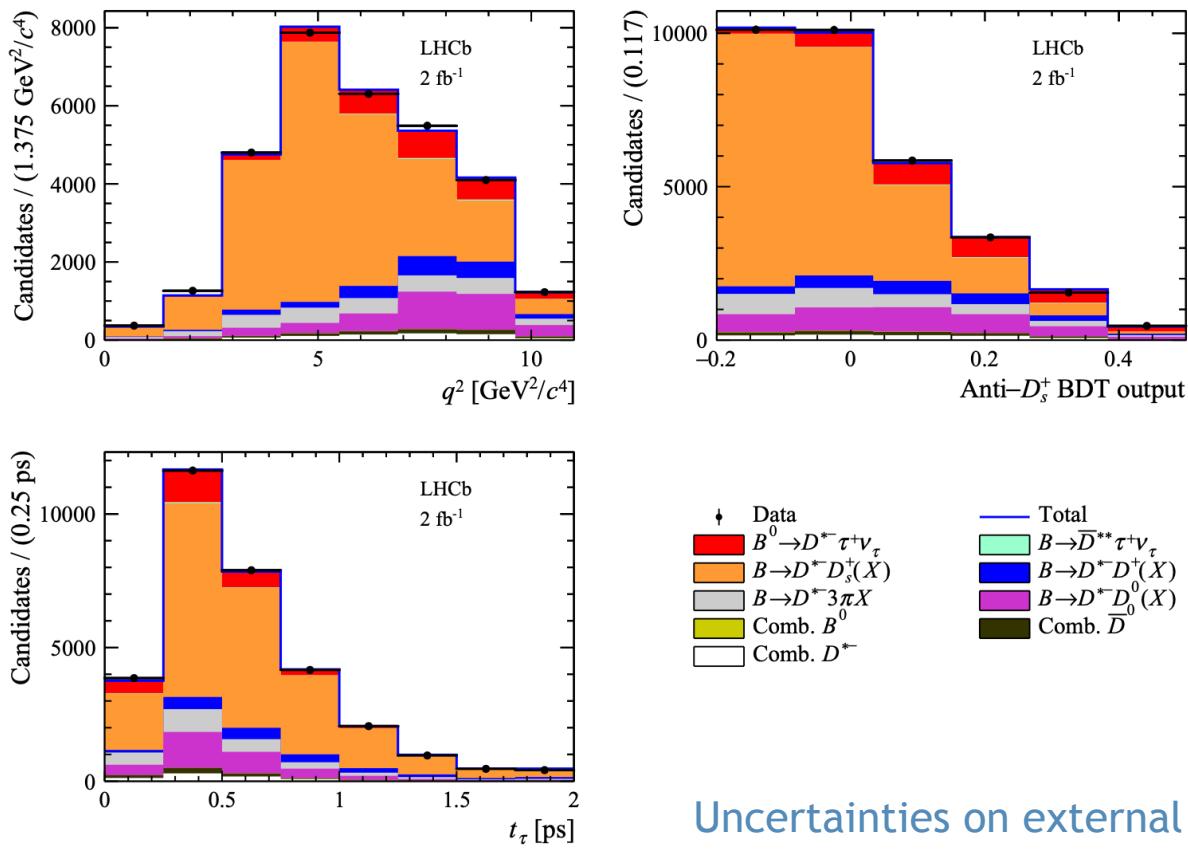
## ▪ Background reduction

- $B \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi X$  prompt decay:  $\sim 100 \times$  signal
  - Significantly suppressed by requiring a displaced  $\tau$  decay vertex
- $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D(X)$  decays:  $\sim 10 \times$  signal
  - $D \equiv D_{(s)}^{+/0}$ ,  $D \rightarrow 3\pi X'$
  - Similar topology to that of signal
  - Suppressed by isolation requirement
  - Further distinguished using  $\tau \rightarrow 3\pi X$  dynamic
    - BDT classifier, whose output used in template fit

# $R(D^{*-})$ result

## ▪ Signal yield:

- 3D binned template fit
  - $q^2 \equiv (p_B - p_{D^*})^2$
  - $\tau$  lifetime
  - Anti- $D_s^+$  BDT
- Fractions of different  $D_s^+ \rightarrow 3\pi X$  and  $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$  controlled by fits to data enhanced with  $D_s^+$  decays
- Normalisation yield:
  - Fit to  $m(D^{*-} 3\pi)$  in fully reconstructed sample



Uncertainties on external branching fractions

$$R(D^{*-}) = 0.247 \pm 0.015(\text{stat}) \pm 0.015(\text{syst}) \pm 0.012(\text{ext})$$

$$R(D^{*-})_{2011-2016} = 0.257 \pm 0.012(\text{stat}) \pm 0.014(\text{syst}) \pm 0.012(\text{ext})$$

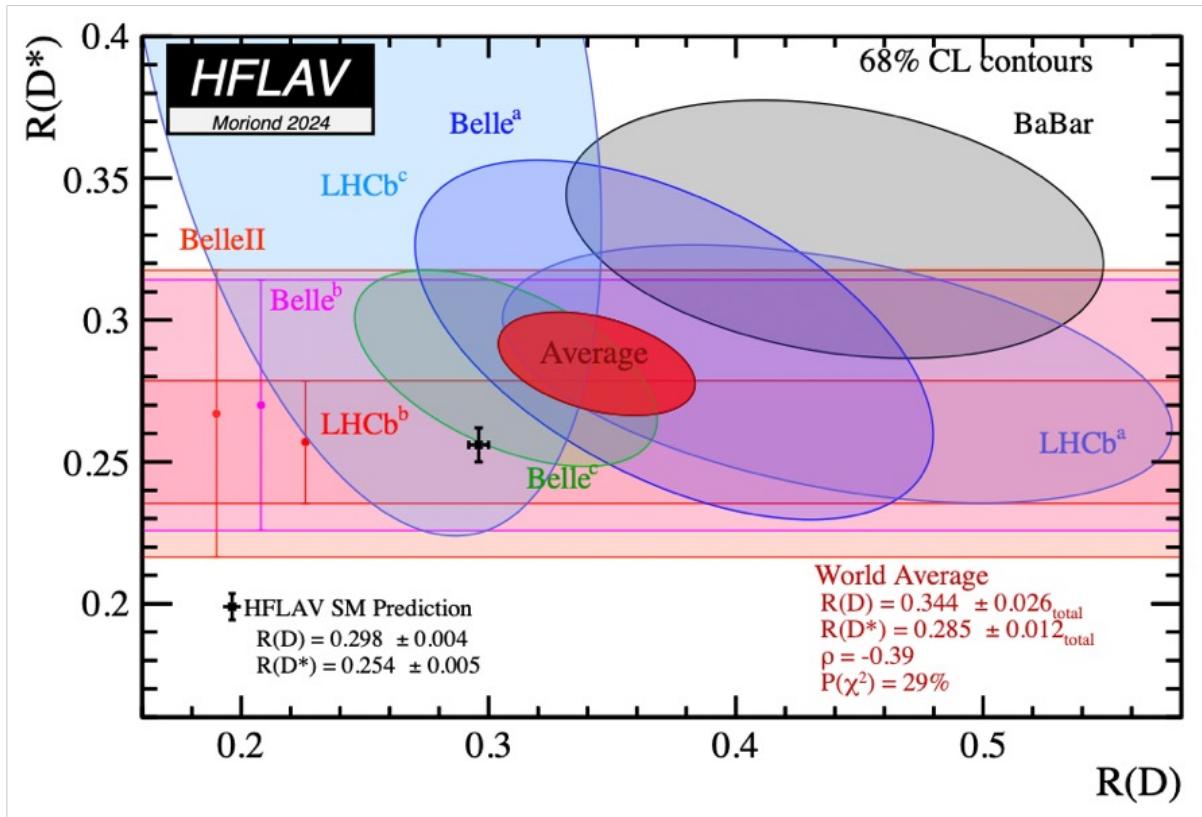
(Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 171802)

One of the most precise results

# New $R(D)$ & $R(D^*)$ world average

LHCb<sup>b</sup> and LHCb<sup>c</sup> covered in this talk

HFLAV



Tension with SM:  $3.34\sigma \rightarrow 3.17\sigma$

# $D^{*-}$ longitudinal polarisation in $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$

[\[arXiv:2311.05224\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.05224)

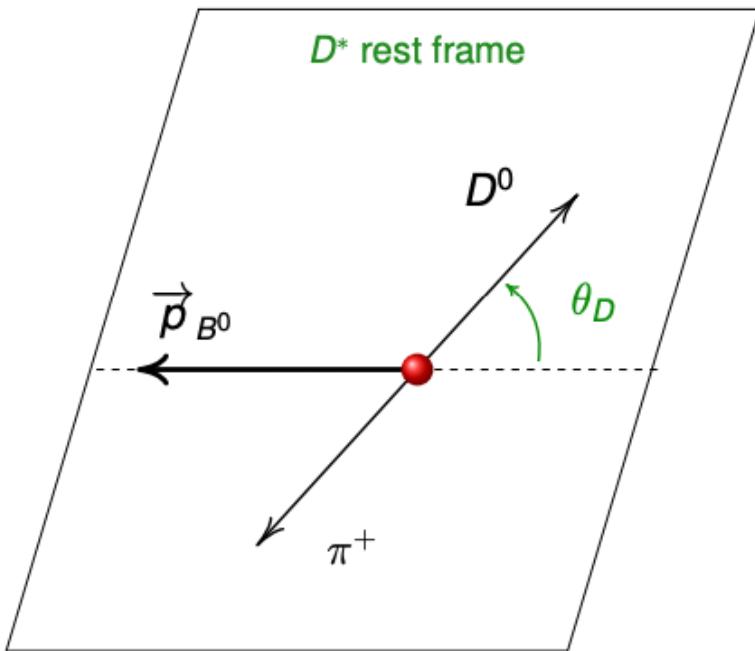


# $D^{*-}$ polarisation

Polarised fraction

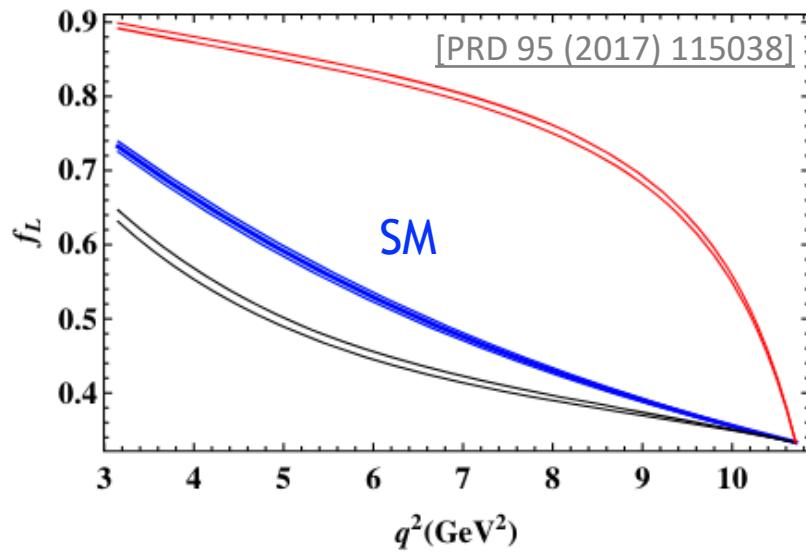
$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dq^2 d \cos \theta_D} = a_{\theta_D}(q^2) + c_{\theta_D}(q^2) \cos^2 \theta_D$$

Unpolarised fraction



$$F_L^{D^*}(q^2) = \frac{a_{\theta_D}(q^2) + c_{\theta_D}(q^2)}{3a_{\theta_D}(q^2) + c_{\theta_D}(q^2)}$$

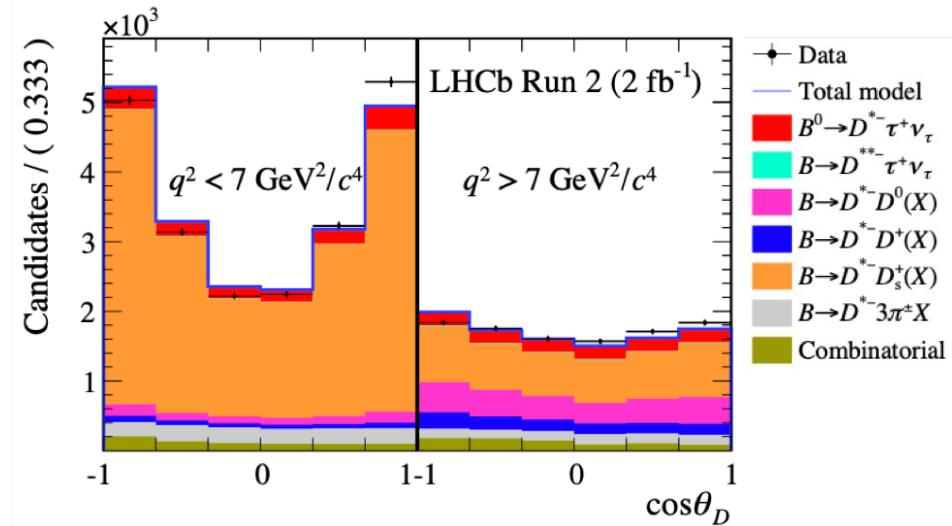
- New Physics can affect  $F_L^{D^*}(q^2)$  shape:
  - Black & red: two New Physics configurations



# $D^{*-}$ polarisation measurement

- Data: Run1, 2015+2016  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau, \tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm(\pi^0) \bar{\nu}_\tau$
- Background suppression and control similar to Run 2 hadronic  $R(D^*)$  analysis
  - [PRD 108, 012018]
- $F_L^{D^*}$  determined using 4D binned template fit
  - $\cos \theta_D$ ,  $\tau^+$  lifetime, anti- $D_s^+$  BDT,  $q^2$

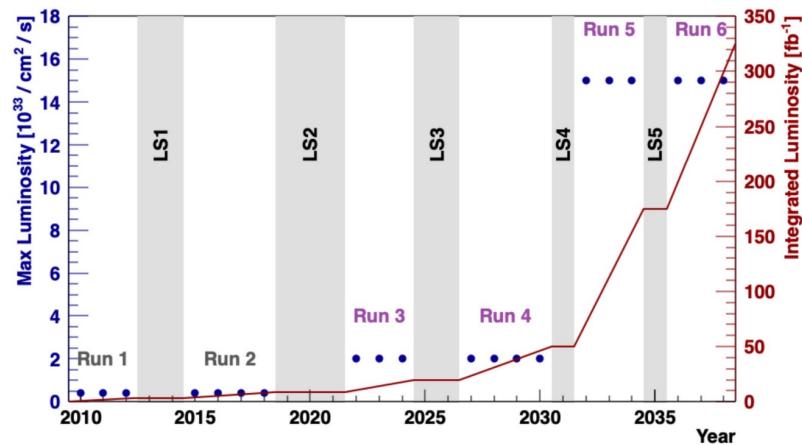
$q^2 < 7 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 :$	$0.51 \pm 0.07(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst})$
$q^2 > 7 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 :$	$0.35 \pm 0.08(\text{stat}) \pm 0.02(\text{syst})$
$q^2 \text{ integrated} :$	$0.43 \pm 0.06(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst})$



- Results compatible with the Belle result and SM
  - [arXiv:1903.03102, Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018) 9, 095018, Eur. Phys. J. C 79 (2019) 3, 268, arXiv:1907.02257, arXiv:2310.03680]

# Summary and prospects

- **Two new LHCb results of  $R(D)$ & $R(D^*)$** 
  - New world average still at  $3\sigma$  level away from SM
- **First LHCb measurement of  $D^{*-}$  longitudinal polarisation**
  - First measured in two  $q^2$  bins
  - Most precise result
  - Compatible with the Belle result and SM prediction
- **More are coming**
  - Update  $R(D)$ & $R(D^*)$  in more channels and using more data
  - LFU tests for other charm/light hadrons
  - Angular observables to probe spin structure of New Physics
  - ...



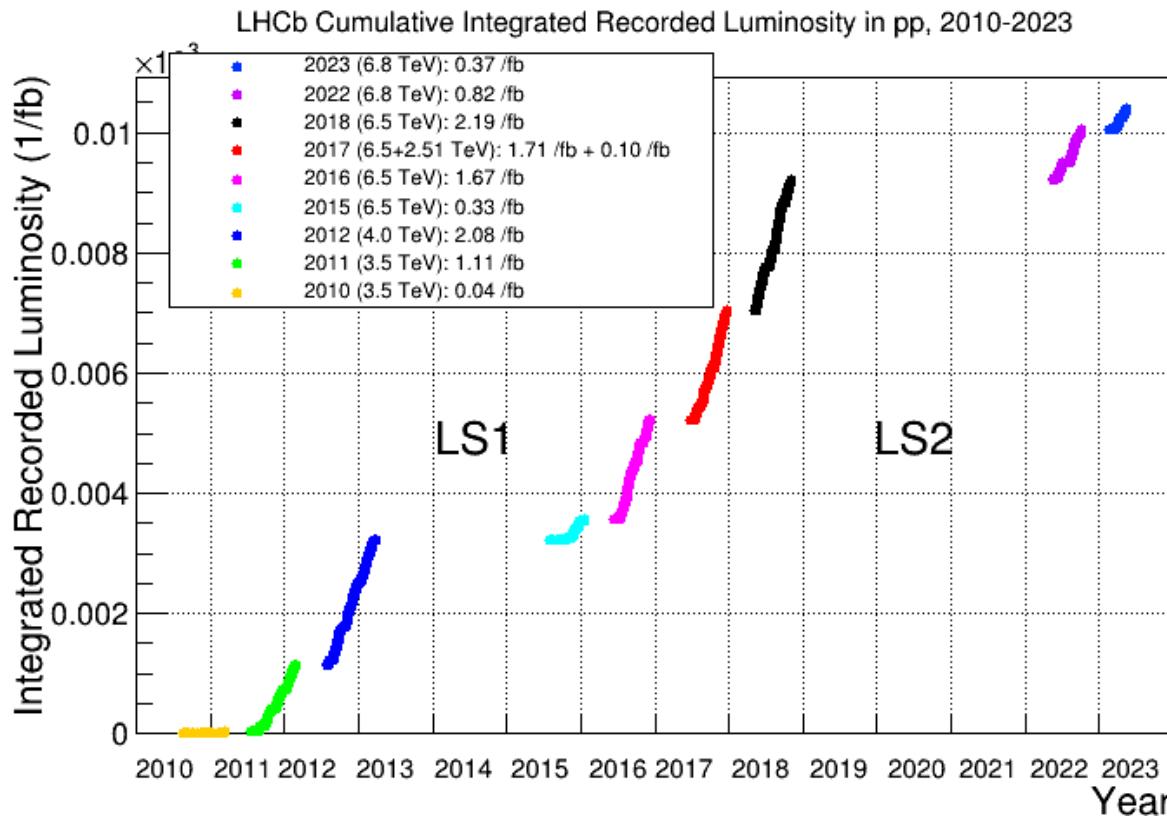
*Thanks for your attention!*

# Backup slides



# LHCb $pp$ dataset

- Run1:  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $pp$  collision @ 7, 8 TeV
- Run2:  $6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $pp$  collision @ 13 TeV
- Run3: started in 2022



# Neutrino reconstruction

- Muonic decay:
  - $p_{Bz} = \frac{m_B}{m_Y} p_{Yz}$
  - $p_B$  direction aligns with the vector connecting  $B$  decay vertex and associated PV
- Hadronic  $\tau$  decay:
  - Four-momentum conservation
  - Constraints of  $\tau$  and  $B$  known masses
  - $p_B$  direction aligns with the vector connecting  $B$  vertex and associated PV
  - $p_\tau$  direction aligns with the vector connecting  $\tau$  and  $B$  vertices
  - Solve equations to determine missing momentum with two-fold ambiguity

# $R(D)$ & $R(D^*)$

HFLAV

Experiment	$R(D^*)$	$R(D)$	Rescaled Correlation (stat/syst/total)	Inputs	Remarks
BaBar	$0.332 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.018$	$0.440 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.042$	-0.45/-0.07/-0.27	<a href="#">input</a>	Phys.Rev.Lett. 109,101802 (2012) <a href="#">arXiv:1205.5442 [hep-ex]</a> Phys.Rev.D 88, 072012 (2013) <a href="#">arXiv:1303.0571 [hep-ex]</a>
BELLE <sup>a</sup>	$0.293 \pm 0.038 \pm 0.015$	$0.375 \pm 0.064 \pm 0.026$	-0.56/-0.11/-0.49	<a href="#">input</a>	Phys.Rev.D 92, 072014 (2015) <a href="#">arXiv:1507.03233 [hep-ex]</a>
BELLE <sup>b</sup>	$0.270 \pm 0.035 \pm 0.028$ $-0.025$	-	-	<a href="#">input</a>	Phys.Rev.Lett.118,211801 (2017) <a href="#">arXiv:1612.00529 [hep-ex]</a> Phys.Rev.D 97, 012004 (2018) <a href="#">arXiv:1709.00129 [hep-ex]</a>
BELLE <sup>c</sup>	$0.283 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.014$	$0.307 \pm 0.037 \pm 0.016$	-0.53/-0.51/-0.51	<a href="#">input</a>	Phys.Rev.Lett. 124 (2020) 16, 161803 <a href="#">arXiv:1910.05864 [hep-ex]</a>
LHCb <sup>a</sup>	$0.281 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.024$	$0.441 \pm 0.060 \pm 0.066$	-0.49/-0.39/-0.43	<a href="#">input</a>	Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 111802 <a href="#">[arXiv:2302.02886]</a>
LHCb <sup>b</sup>	$0.257 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.018$	-	-	<a href="#">input</a>	Phys. Rev. D 108, 012018 <a href="#">[arXiv:2305.01463]</a>
Belle II	$0.267 \left( {}^{+0.041}_{-0.039} \right) \left( {}^{+0.028}_{-0.033} \right)$	-	-	<a href="#">input</a>	submitted to PRD <a href="#">arXiv:2401.02840</a>
LHCb <sup>c</sup>	$0.402 \pm 0.081 \pm 0.085$	$0.249 \pm 0.043 \pm 0.047$	-0.48/-0.31/-0.39	<a href="#">input</a>	Presented ad Moriond 2024 <a href="#">[Moriond's talk]</a>
Average <a href="#">logfile.txt</a>	<b><math>0.285 \pm 0.012</math></b>	<b><math>0.344 \pm 0.026</math></b>	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>chi2/dof = 13.02/11 (CL = 0.29)</b>	R(D)-R(D*), 68% C.L. contours <a href="#">rdrds.pdf</a> R(D) <a href="#">.pdf</a> R(D*) <a href="#">.pdf</a>

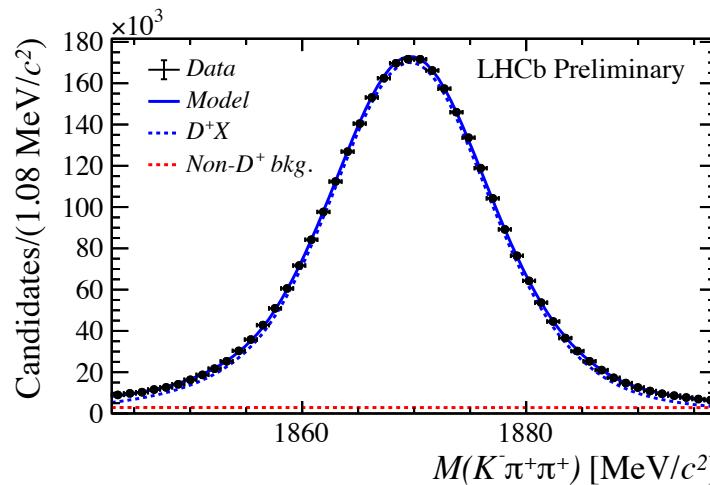
# Background reduction

- Selection

- Topologic, kinematic and PID requirements on  $K^-\pi^+\pi^+\mu^-$  candidates
- Isolation against partially reconstructed backgrounds with missing charged and neutral final states

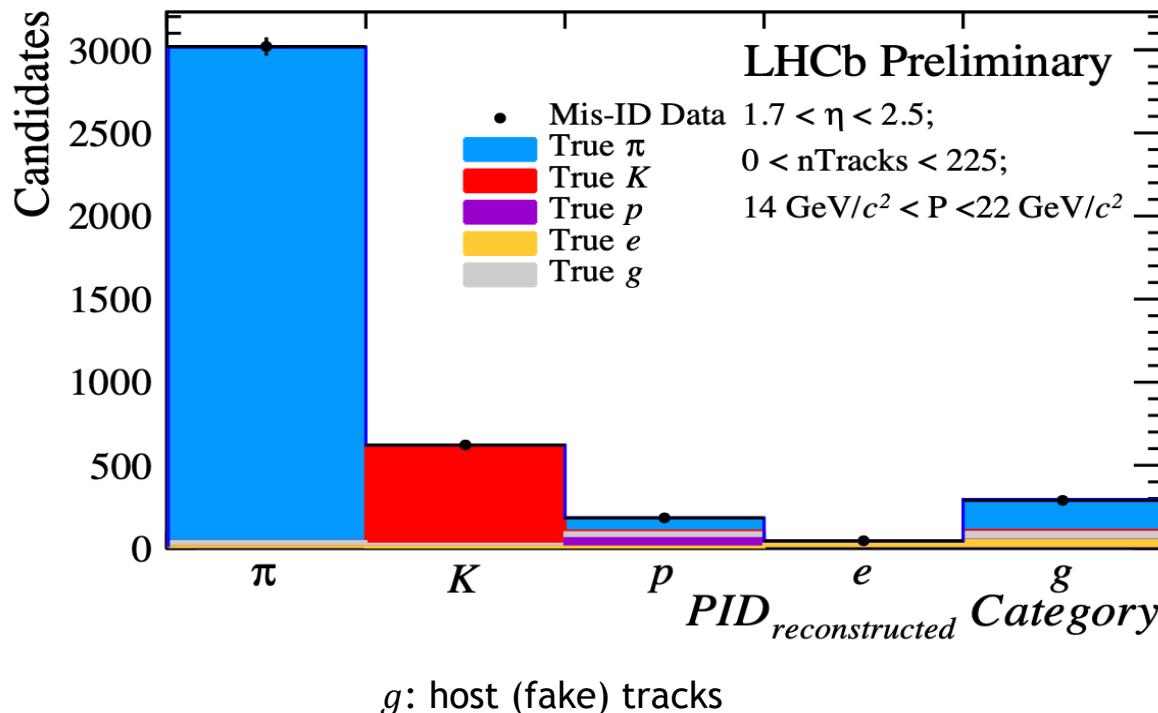
- Subtraction of combinatorial  $D^+$  background

- Fit to  $M(K^-\pi^+\pi^+)$  and extract signal  $D^+$  using sPlot method



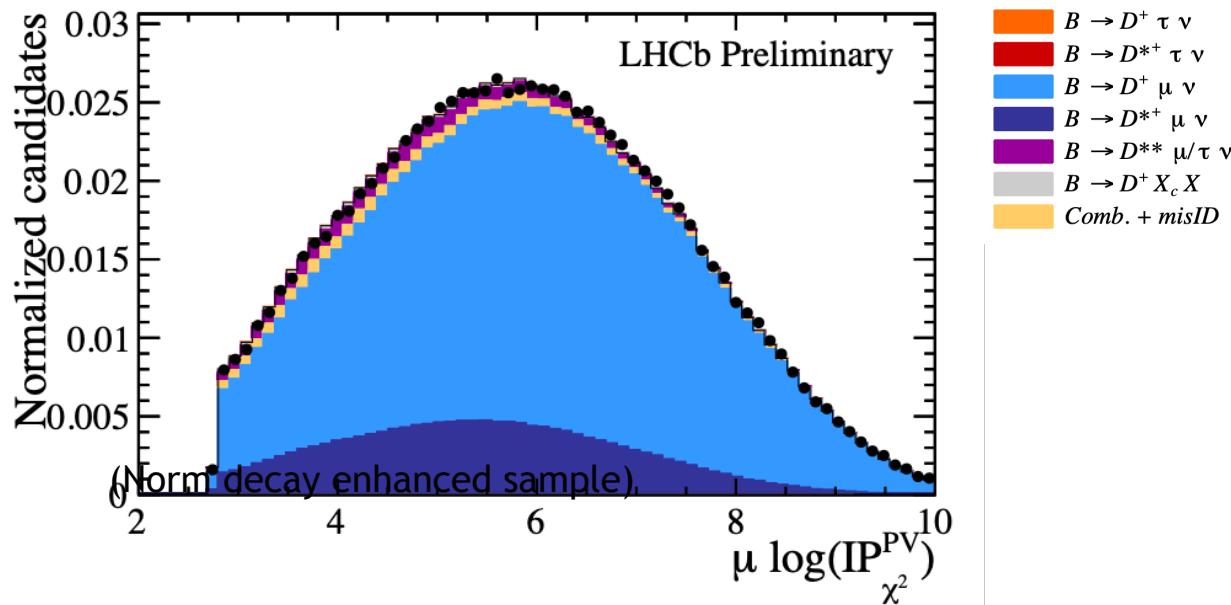
# PID categories

- $\mu$  mis-ID background:  $D^+ h^-$ 
  - Obtained from  $\mu$ -suppressed data sample
  - Contamination fractions of different particle species unfolded



# Simulation correction

- Data/simulation corrections
  - $B$  kinematic, multiplicity, ...
  - QED effects [[PRL 120, 261804 \(2018\)](#)]



Excellent agreement obtained!

# Enhanced components in the four samples

- Simultaneous fit to four data samples with different kinds of decays enhanced in each sample

**Signal sample**

$D^+\mu^-$

Signal & norm:

$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ \tau^- [\mu^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu] \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} [D^+ \pi^0 / \gamma] \tau^- [\mu^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu] \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

$$\bar{B}^0 \rightarrow D^{*+} [D^+ \pi^0 / \gamma] \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

**1π sample**

$D^+\mu^-\pi^-$

1P  $D^{**}$ :

$$B \rightarrow D^{**} [D^+ X] \tau^- [\mu^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu] \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

$$B \rightarrow D^{**} [D^+ X] \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

**2π sample**

$D^+\mu^-\pi^+\pi^-$

Higher  $D^{**}$ :

$$B \rightarrow D^{**} [D^+ X] \tau^- [\mu^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu] \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

$$B \rightarrow D^{**} [D^+ X] \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

**1K sample**

$D^+\mu^-K^\pm$

Double charm:

$$B \rightarrow D^+ H_c [\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu X] X'$$

# PDF

$$PDF(q^2, m_{miss}^2, E_\ell) = 1/N_{tot} \times \{ R_{raw}(D^+) N_{D^+\mu} \mathcal{P}_{D^+\tau} + N_{D^+\mu} \mathcal{P}_{D^+\mu} + \quad (19)$$

$$R_{raw}(D^{*+}) N_{D^+\mu} \mathcal{P}_{D^{*+\tau}} + N_{D^{*+\mu}} \mathcal{P}_{D^{*+\mu}} + \quad (20)$$

$$N_{D_1^0\mu} \mathcal{P}_{D_1^0\mu} + f_{D_0^0} N_{D_1^0} \mathcal{P}_{D_0^0\mu} + \quad (21)$$

$$f_{D_1^{0'}} N_{D_1^0} \mathcal{P}_{D_1^{0'}\mu} + f_{D_2^0} N_{D_1^0} \mathcal{P}_{D_2\mu} + \quad (22)$$

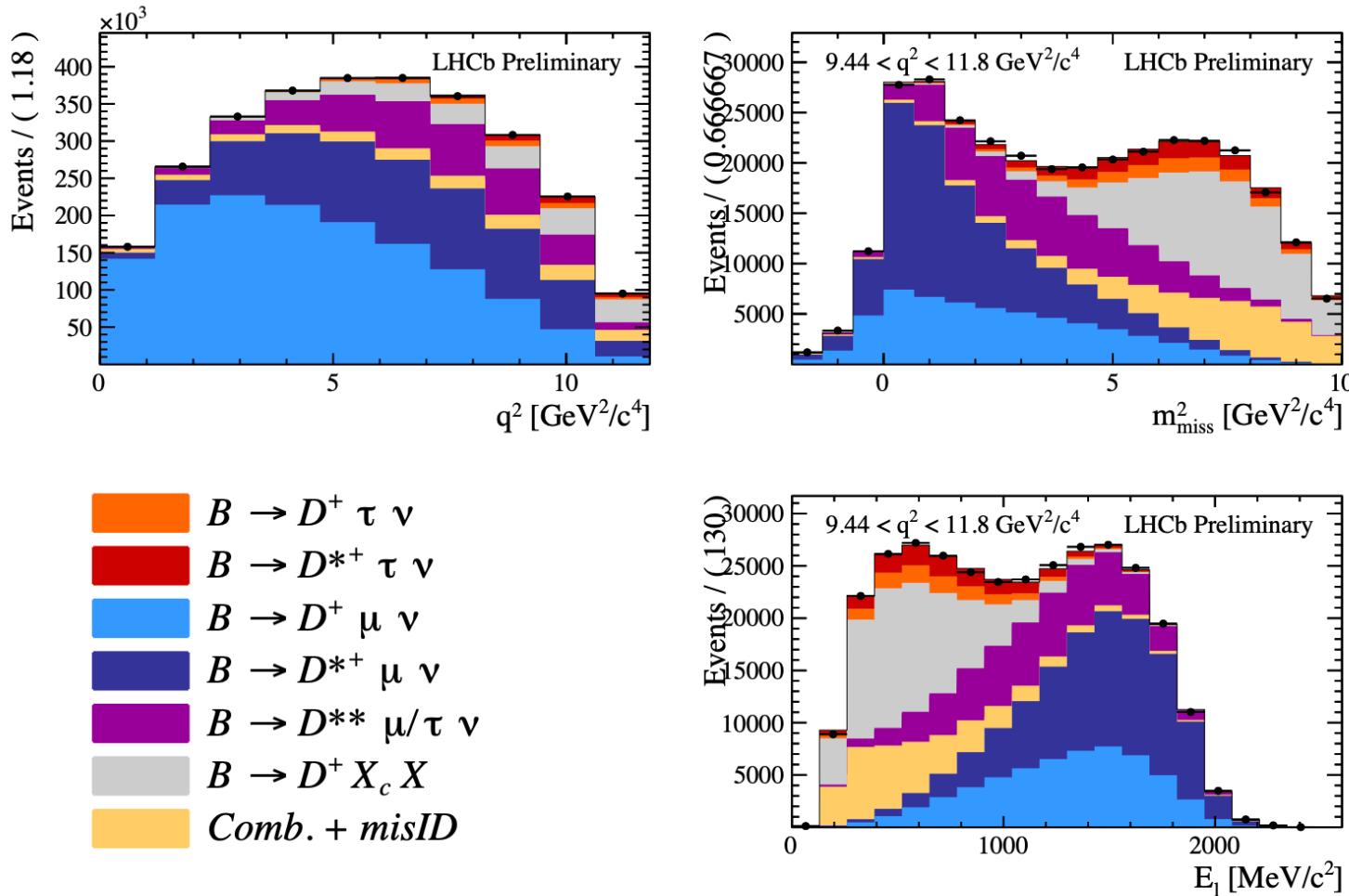
$$f_{D_0^+} N_{D_1^0} \mathcal{P}_{D_0\mu}^+ + f_{D_1^+} N_{D_1^+} \mathcal{P}_{D_1^+\mu} + \quad (23)$$

$$f_{D_2^+} N_{D_1^0} \mathcal{P}_{D_2\mu}^+ + R_{raw}(D^{**}) N_{D^{**}} \mathcal{P}_{D^{**}\tau} + \quad (24)$$

$$N_{DD} \mathcal{P}_{DD}^d + f_{B_u} N_{DD} \mathcal{P}_{DD}^u + f_{D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau}^d \mathcal{P}_{DD}^d + f_{D_s^+ \rightarrow \tau}^u \mathcal{P}_{DD}^u + \quad (25)$$

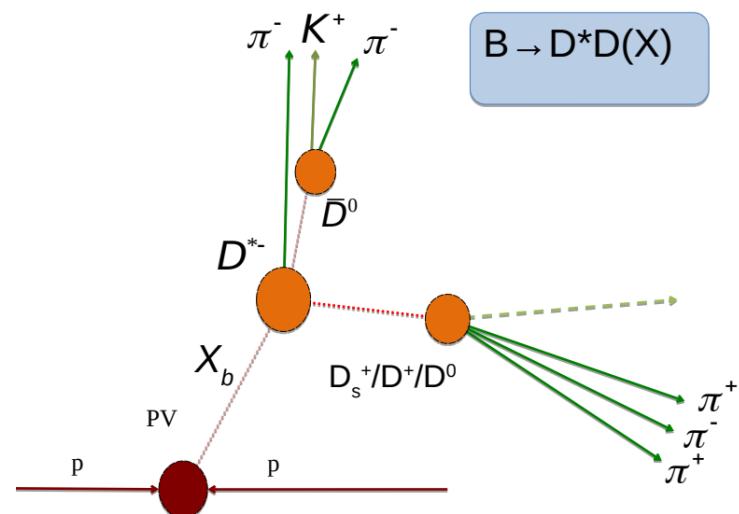
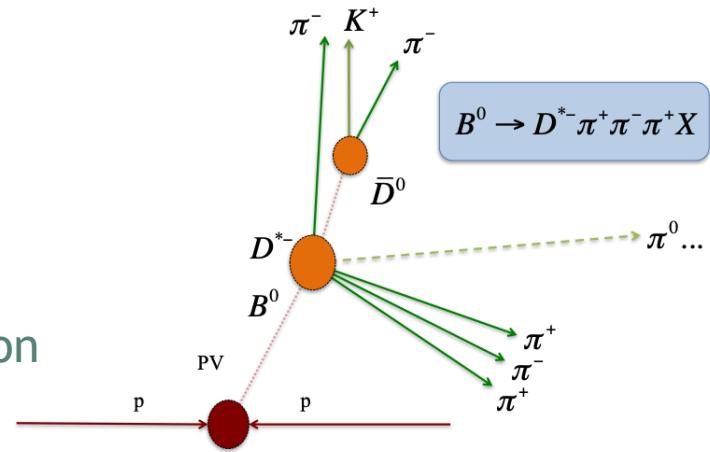
$$N_{DD}^{3body} \mathcal{P}_{DD}^{3body} + f_{B_u}^{3body} N_{DD}^{3body} \mathcal{P}_{DD}^{3body} \} \quad (26)$$

# More plots in $R(D^+)$ & $R(D^{*+})$ analysis



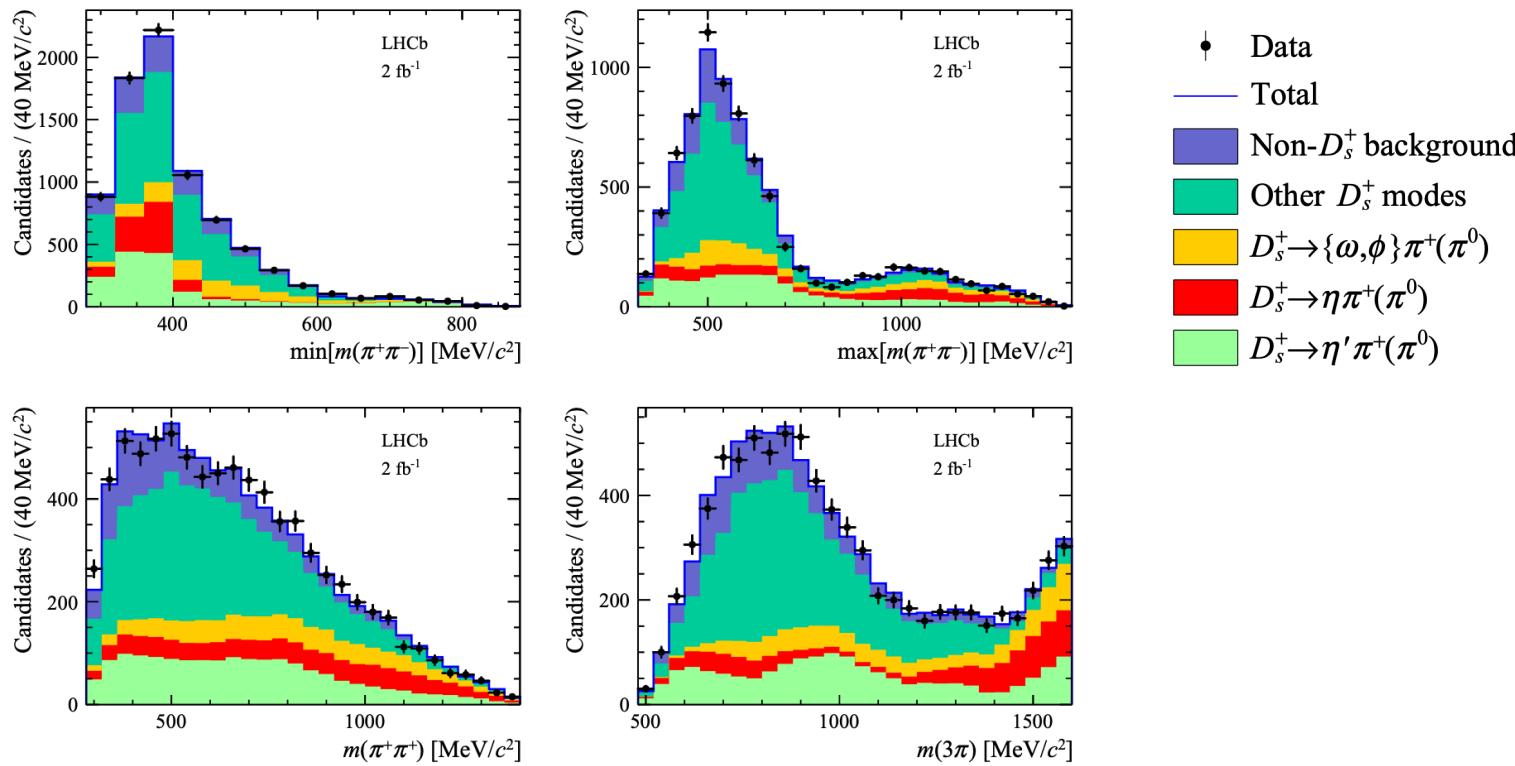
# Background

- Most dominant background:  $B \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm X$  prompt decay
  - $\sim 100 \times$  signal
  - Significantly suppressed by requiring  $\tau$  vertex downstream of  $B$  vertex along the beam direction
- Second largest background:  $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D(X)$  double charm decays
  - $D \equiv D_{(s)}^{+/0}$ ,  $D \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm X'$
  - Similar topology to that of signal
  - $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X) \sim 10 \times$  signal
  - Suppressed by rejecting candidates with extra charged tracks from  $B/\tau$  vertex
  - Further distinguished using different resonant structures in  $3\pi^\pm$  system from signal
    - BDT classifier, whose output used in template fit



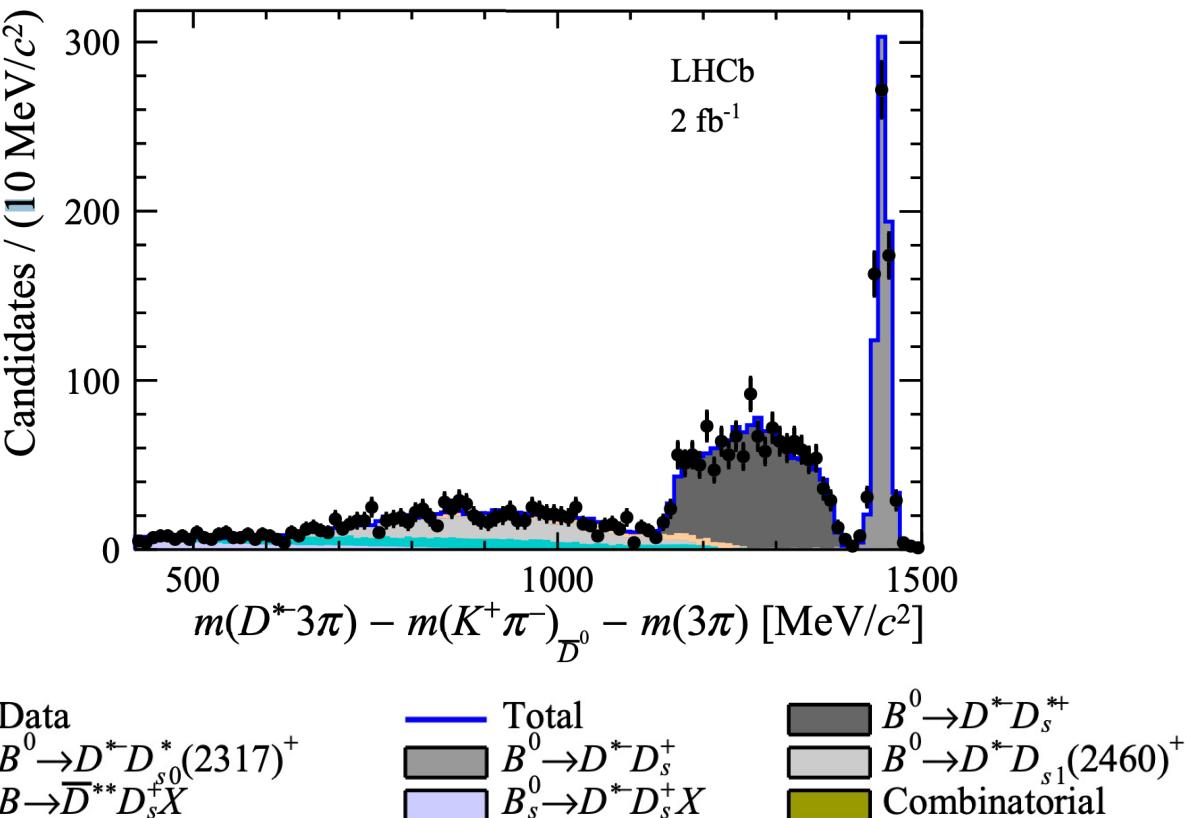
# Control $D_s^+$ decays in $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$

- $D_s^+ \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm X$  has abundant intermediate resonant structures
  - Branching fractions of resonances not well known and/or correctly simulated
- $D_s^+ \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm X$  fractions corrected using data
  - $D_s^+$ -like Data selected using  $D_s^+$  BDT output
  - Simultaneous fit to  $3\pi^\pm$  kinematics



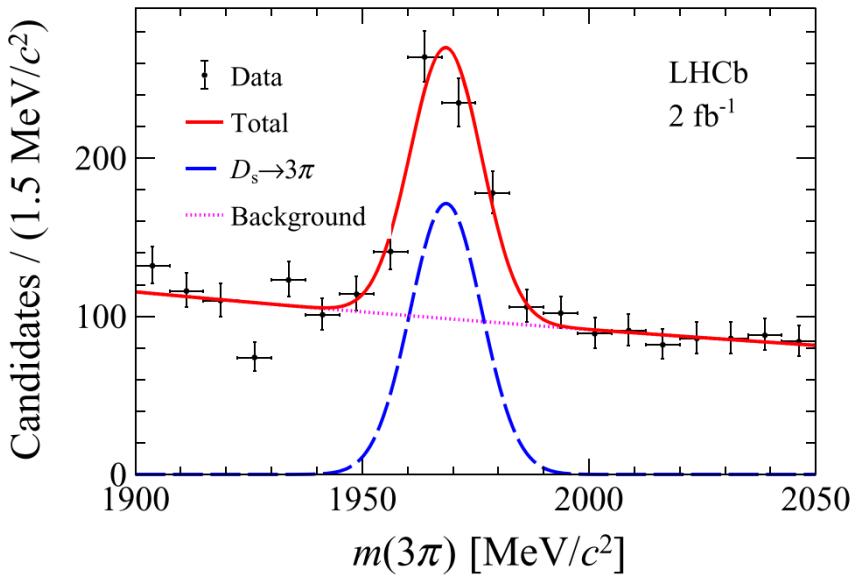
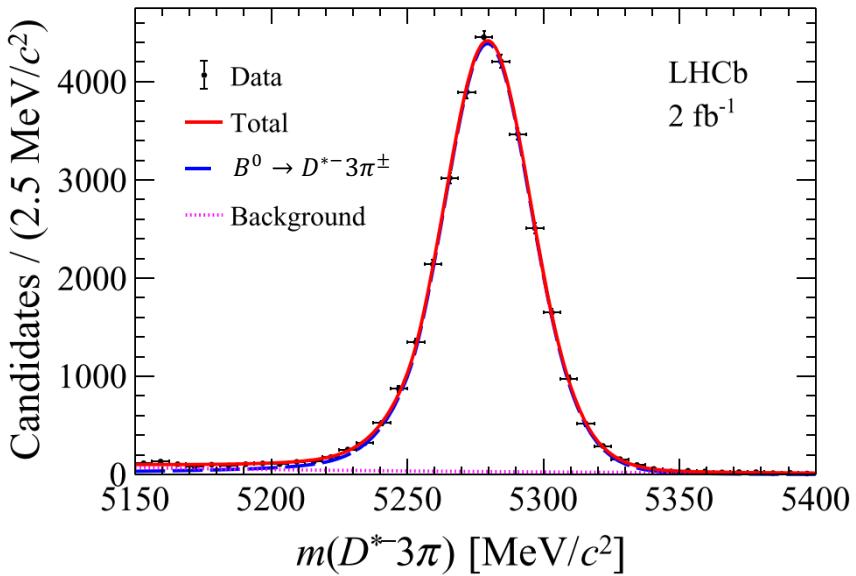
# Control fractions of $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$ decays

- $D^{*-}$  or  $D_s^+$  from higher excitations
  - Rare knowledge about fractions of these  $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$  processes
- Branching fractions are constrained by data
  - Data: requiring fully reconstructed  $D_s^+ \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm$
  - Fit to  $m(D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm)$



# $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm$ yield

- $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm$  yield from a fit to  $m(D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm)$ 
  - Small contribution from  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+$  subtracted from fit to  $m(3\pi^\pm)$



$$N_{B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm} = 30540 \pm 182$$

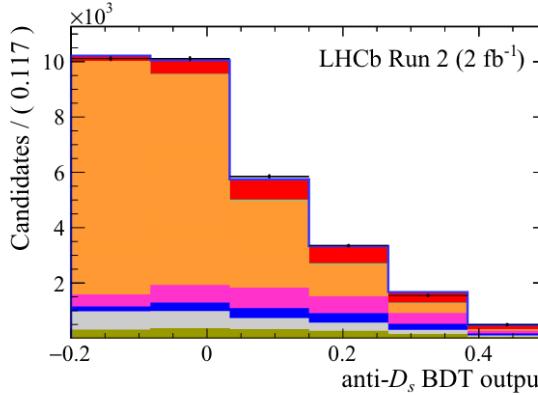
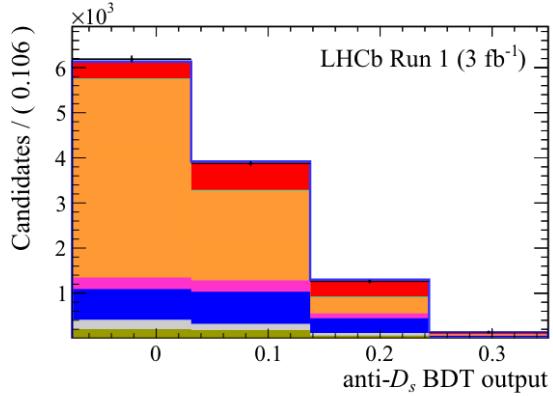
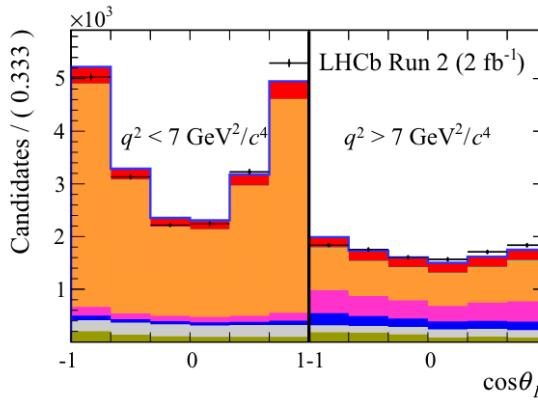
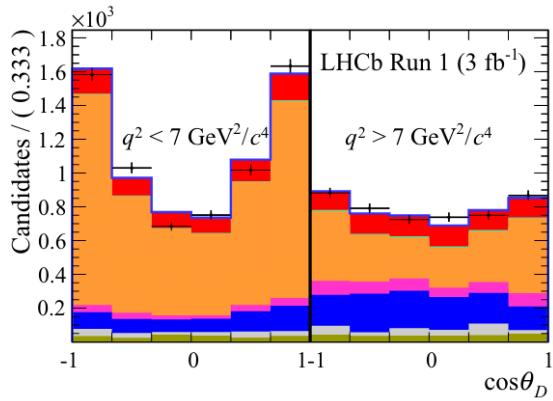
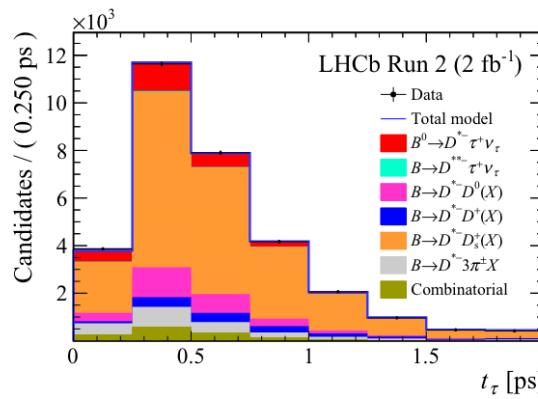
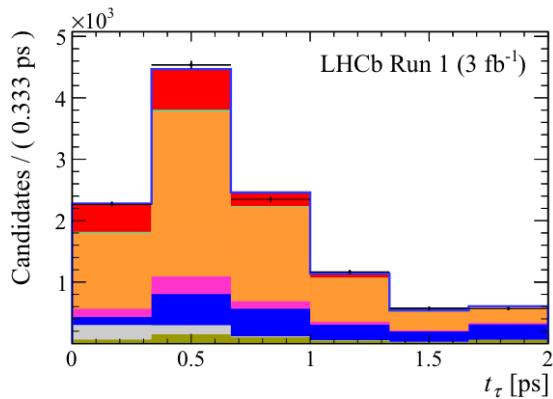
# $R(D^{*-})$ systematic uncertainties

Source	Systematic uncertainty on $\mathcal{K}(D^*)$ (%)
PDF shapes uncertainty (size of simulation sample)	2.0
Fixing $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$ bkg model parameters	1.1
Fixing $B \rightarrow D^{*-} D^0(X)$ bkg model parameters	1.5
Fractions of signal $\tau^+$ decays	0.3
Fixing the $\bar{D}^{**} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$ and $D_s^{**} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$ fractions	+1.8 -1.9
Knowledge of the $D_s^+ \rightarrow 3\pi X$ decay model Specifically the $D_s^+ \rightarrow a_1 X$ fraction	1.0 1.5
Empty bins in templates	1.3
Signal decay template shape	1.8
Signal decay efficiency	0.9
Possible contributions from other $\tau^+$ decays	1.0
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} D^+(X)$ template shapes	+2.2 -0.8
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} D^0(X)$ template shapes	1.2
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} D_s^+(X)$ template shapes	0.3
$B \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi X$ template shapes	1.2
Combinatorial background normalisation	+0.5 -0.6
Preselection efficiency	2.0
Kinematic reweighting	0.7
Vertex error correction	0.9
PID efficiency	0.5
Signal efficiency (size of simulation sample)	1.1
Normalisation mode efficiency (modelling of $m(3\pi)$ )	1.0
Normalisation efficiency (size of simulation sample)	1.1
Normalisation mode PDF choice	1.0
Total systematic uncertainty	+6.2 -5.9
Total statistical uncertainty	5.9

Dominant sources of systematics are

- Signal and background modelling
- Selection criteria on  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} \tau^+ \nu_\tau$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-} 3\pi^\pm$  decay modes
- Limited size of the simulation samples
- Empty bins in the templates

# More plots in $F_L^D$ \* analysis



# $F_L^{D^*}$ systematic uncertainties

Source	low $q^2$	high $q^2$	integrated
Fit validation	0.003	0.002	0.003
FF model	0.007	0.003	0.005
FF parameters	0.013	0.006	0.011
TemplateSize	0.027	0.017	0.019
$\tau^+ \rightarrow 3\pi^\pm \pi^0$ fraction	0.001	0.001	0.001
$D^{**}$ feed-down	0.001	0.004	0.003
Signal selection	0.005	0.004	0.005
Bin migration	0.008	0.006	0.007
$F_L^{D^*}$ in simulation	0.007	0.003	0.007
$D_s$ decay model	0.008	0.009	0.009
$\cos \theta_D D^{*-} D_s$	0.002	0.001	0.002
$\cos \theta_D D^{*-} D_s^{*+}$	0.007	0.002	0.004
$\cos \theta_D D^{*-} D_s X$	0.007	0.006	0.007
$\cos \theta_D D^{*-} D^+ X$	0.002	0.002	0.003
$\cos \theta_D D^{*-} D^0 X$	0.002	0.002	0.003
$F_L^{D^*}$ integrated	-	-	0.002
Total	0.036	0.023	0.029

**Dominant source of systematic are:**

- Limited size of the simulation samples
- Form factor parameterization
- Modelling of the  $D_s$
- $\cos \theta_D$  shape in  $D^{*-} D_s X$  backgrounds
- Bin migration
- Signal acceptance
- Form factor model