

Measurements of lepton flavour universality in B_c^+ meson decays

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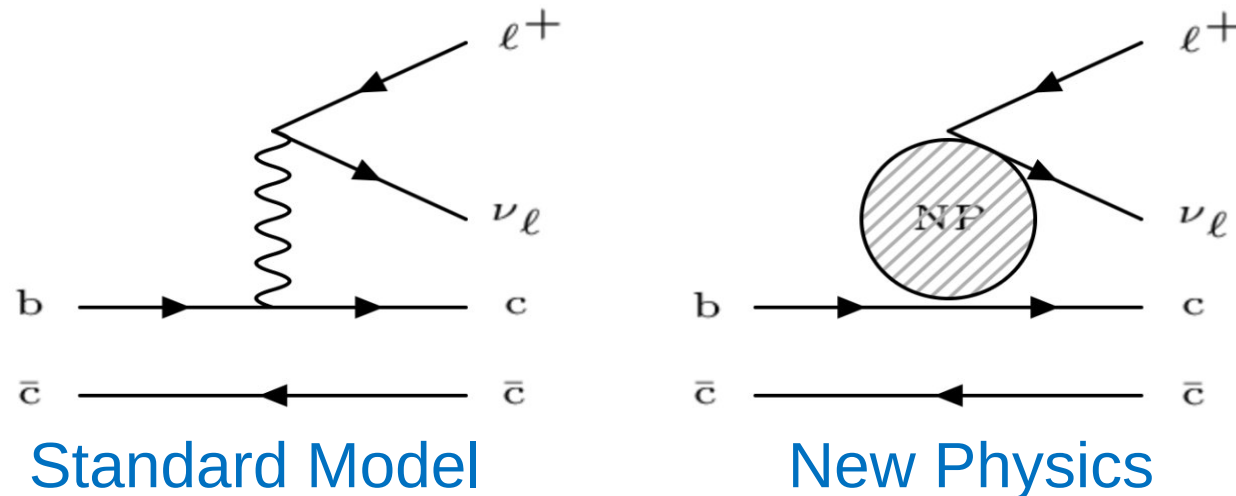
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- Introduction
- Leptonic τ decay channel
- Hadronic τ decay channel
- Summary

- In SM the three lepton families have the same couplings for electroweak interactions - Lepton Flavour Universality (LFU)
- A potential observation of LFU violation would be a clear sign of new physics beyond the SM
- Most measurements are consistent with LFU , though there are residual indications of potential violation in $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ transitions

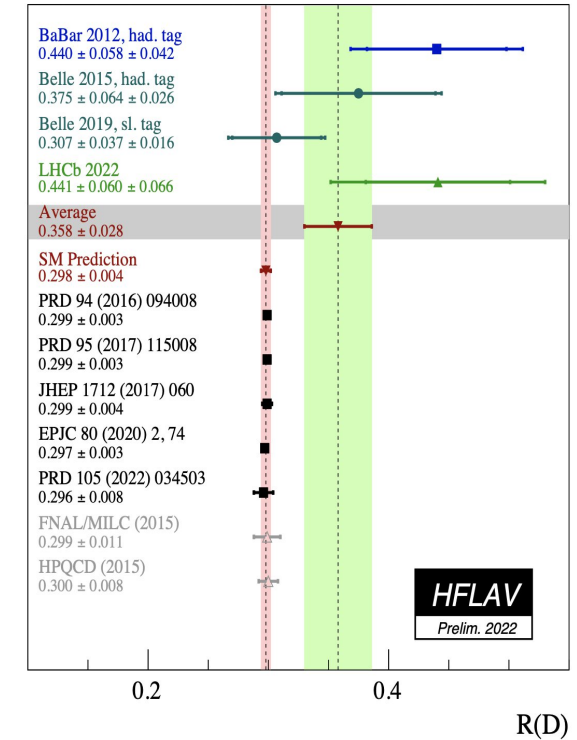
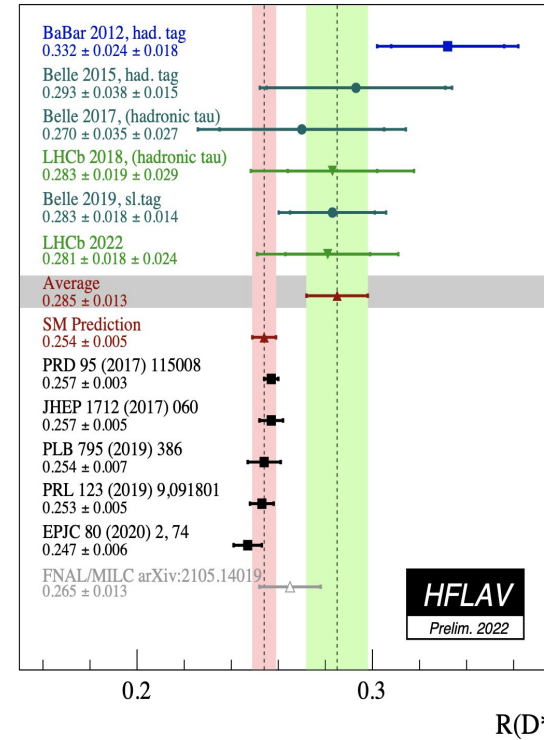


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- BaBar, Belle and LHCb collaborations investigated $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$
- Combination of both $R(D)$ and $R(D^*)$ measurements is 3.2σ larger than the SM prediction
- The LHCb Collaboration measured $R(J/\psi)$
 $= B(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau) / B(B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \mu^+ \nu_\mu)$
 $= 0.71 \pm 0.17$ (stat) ± 0.18 (syst)
 2σ deviation w.r.t. SM

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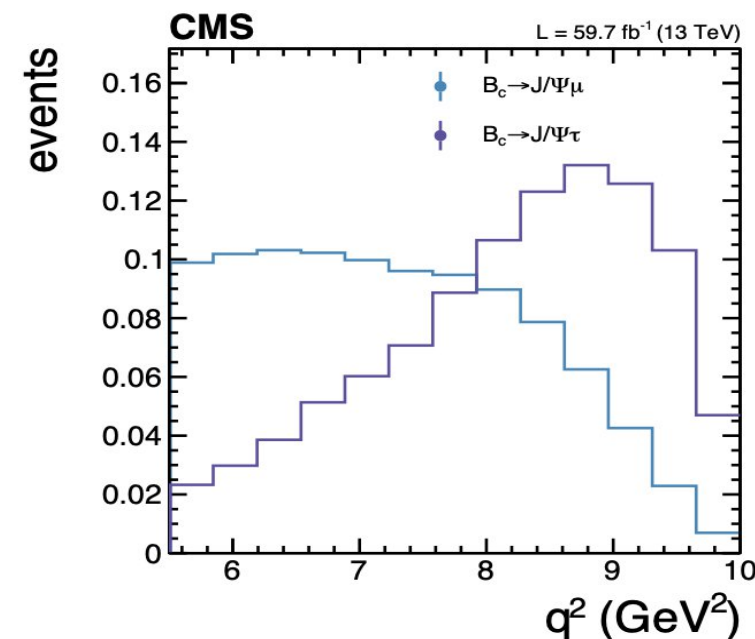


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R(J/ψ) in the $\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau$ channel

$$R(J/\psi) = \frac{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \tau \bar{\nu})}{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \mu \bar{\nu})} = \frac{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \mu \nu \bar{\nu})}{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \mu \bar{\nu})}$$

- Measurement uses Run2 2018 CMS data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 59.7 fb^{-1}
- Similar final states for num. and den. (3μ) - same reconstruction is used
- To infer the p^{B_c} the collinear approximation is used: B_c has the same direction of the visible final state, and $p^{B_c} = \frac{m_B}{m_{reco}} p^{B_c \text{ reco}}$
- $q^2 = (p^{B_c} - p^{J/\psi})^2$



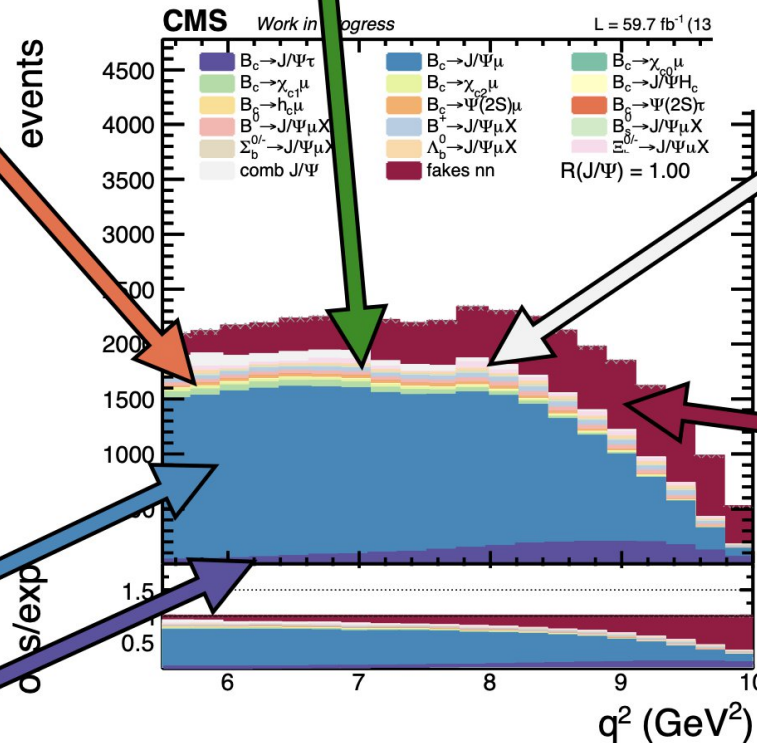
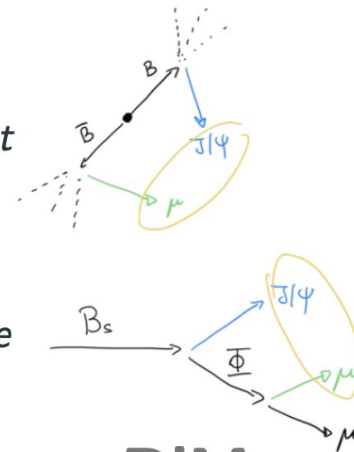
B_c background:

MC based;
normalisation data-driven

- Feeddowns: excited $c\bar{c}$ states to J/ψ
- Other J/ψ +charmed hadron, mostly $B_c \rightarrow D_s^{(*)} J/\psi$

$J/\psi\mu$ background: dominant

MC based; normalisation data-driven



Signals:

Signal μ : $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\mu\mu_\mu$

Signal τ : $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi\tau\nu_\tau$

negligible

DiMuon

Data-driven

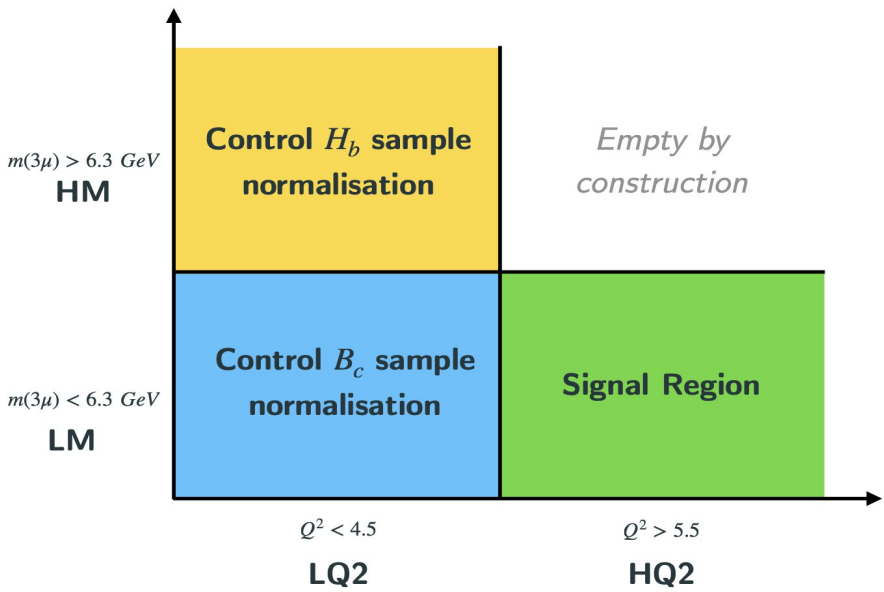
Pairs of unrelated muons with $m(\mu\mu)$ close to that of the J/ψ

Muon fakes

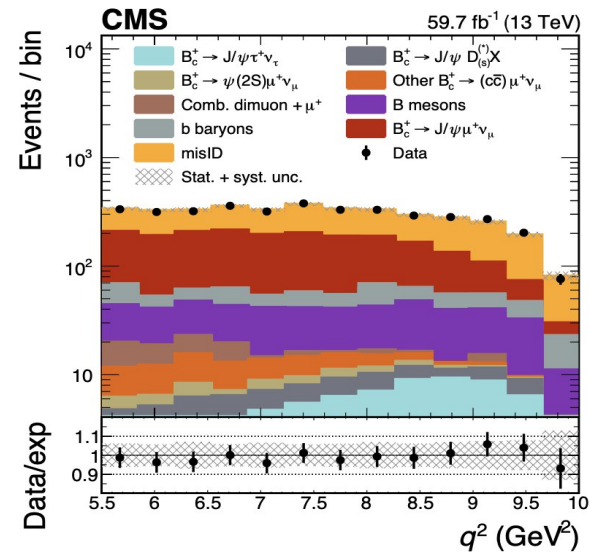
Data-driven anti-isolated μ sideband

J/ψ + misidentified hadron

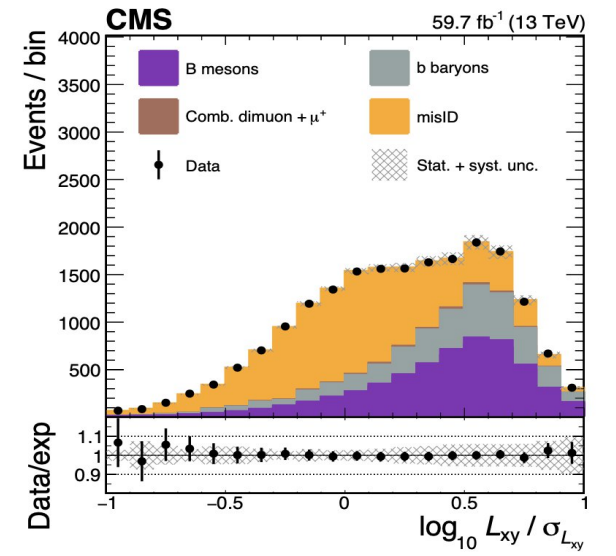
Category pair definitions			Fit observable
$m(3\mu)$	q^2	$IP3D/\sigma_{IP3D}$	
$< m_{B_c^+}$	$> 5.5 \text{ GeV}$	< -2 $-1 - 0$ $0 - 2$ > 2	q^2
$< m_{B_c^+}$	$< 4.5 \text{ GeV}$	< 0 > 0	$L_{xy}/\sigma_{L_{xy}}$
$> m_{B_c^+}$	—	—	$L_{xy}/\sigma_{L_{xy}}$



- A binned maximum-likelihood fit is performed simultaneously to all categories
- Several systematic uncertainties are incorporated into the fit as nuisance parameters



Signal region with $IP3D/\sigma_{IP3D} > 2$



Control region with $m(3\mu) > m(B_c)$

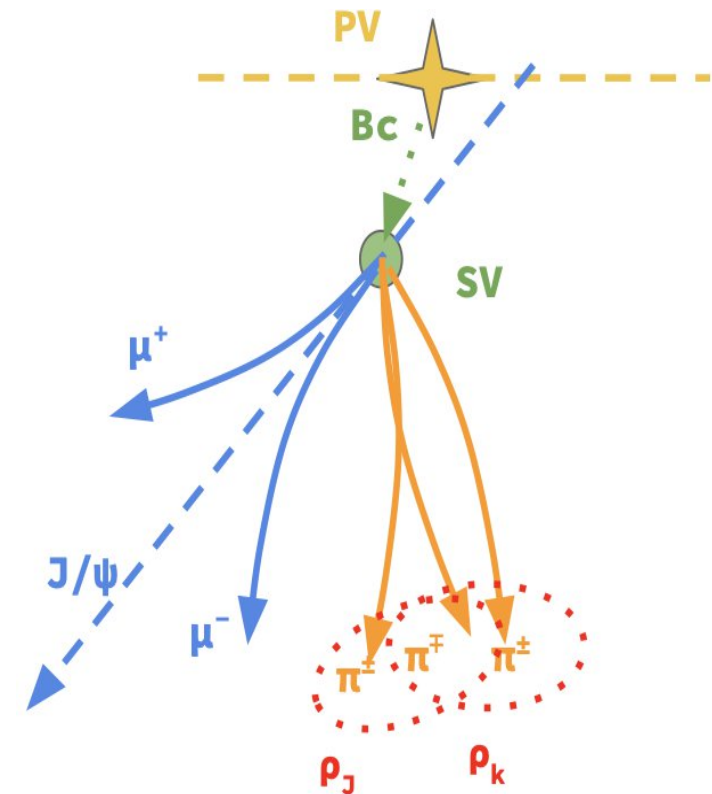
$$\text{Final result: } R(J/\psi) = 0.17^{+0.18}_{-0.17} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.21}_{-0.22} \text{ (sist)}^{+0.19}_{-0.18} \text{ (theo)} = 0.17 \pm 0.33$$

- The result agrees with [SM value](#) 0.2582 ± 0.0038 within 0.3σ
- The result is compatible with the [LHCb measurement](#) 0.71 ± 0.17 (stat) ± 0.18 (syst) with 1.3σ

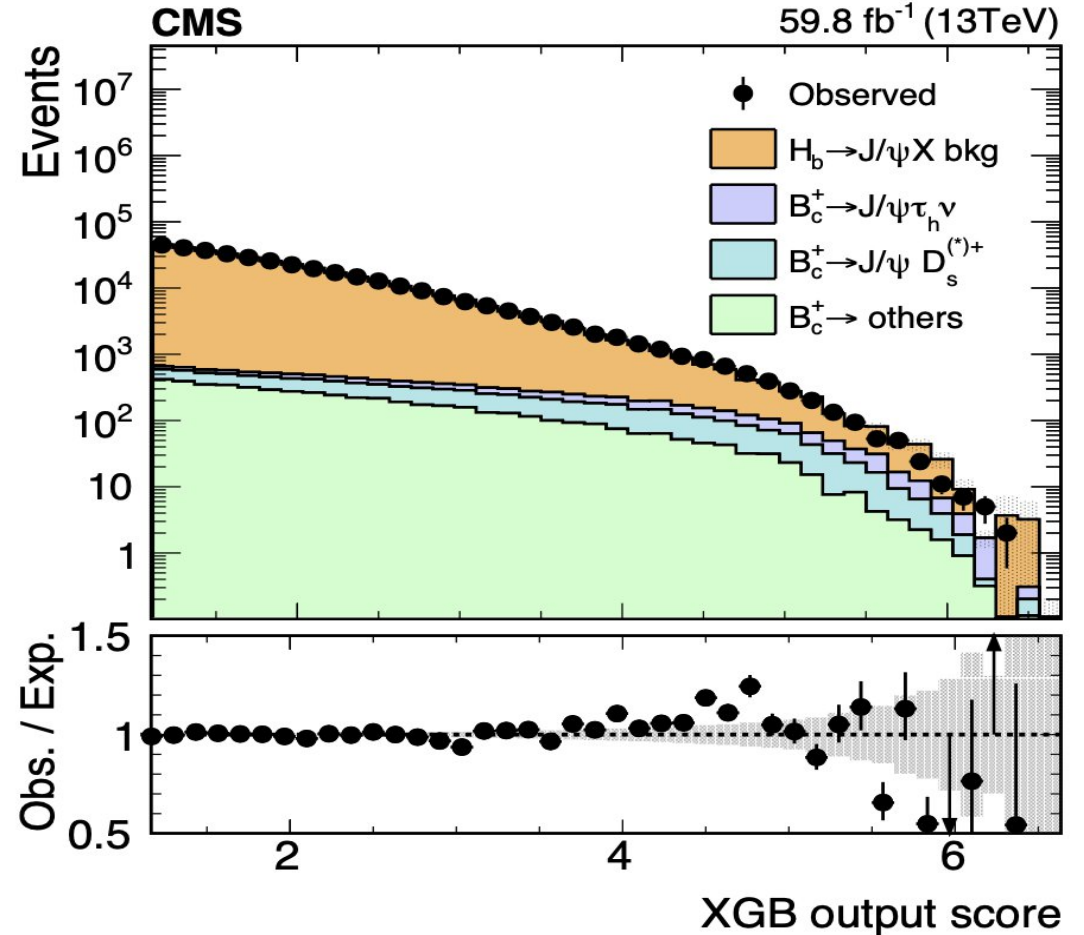
R(J/ψ) in the $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ (+ \pi^0) \bar{\nu}_\tau$ channel

- Analysis is based on Run2 2016-2018 CMS data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 138 fb^{-1}
- 3 prong tau decays have a good chance to produce an intermediate $\rho(770\text{MeV})$ -resonance ($\rightarrow 2\pi$)
- OS pairs as possible $\rho(770\text{MeV})$ combinations: $\pi^1+\pi^2$; $\pi^1+\pi^3$; $\pi^2+\pi^3$
- The unrolled ρ^1 - ρ^2 distribution is used as discriminating variable in the fit for the signal

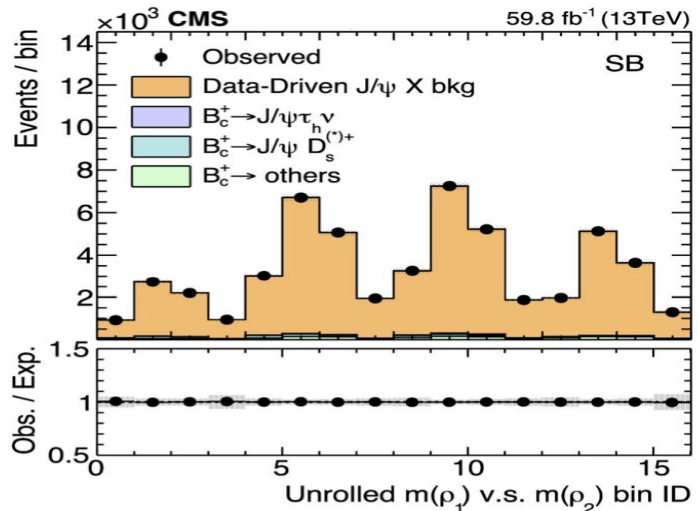
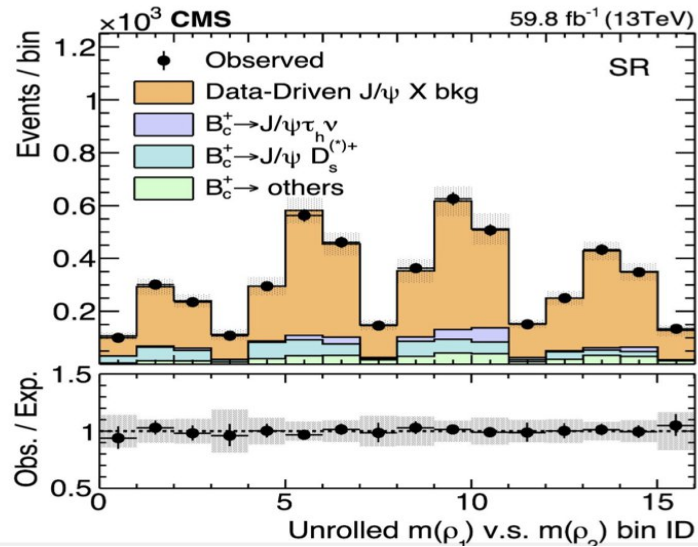
$$R(J/\psi) = \frac{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \tau \bar{\nu})}{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \mu \bar{\nu})} = \frac{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \pi \pi \pi (+\pi^0) \bar{\nu})}{B(B_c \rightarrow J/\psi \mu \bar{\nu})}$$



- **Signal** (estimation based on MC)
- **Bc Backgrounds:** $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{(*)} s$ (\rightarrow 3 prong) (MC)
- **Other Bc decays:** mainly $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{+ (*)}$, $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^{+} K^{0 (*)}$, $B_c \rightarrow J/\psi D^0 K^+$ (MC)
- **Major background** $pp \rightarrow \text{Hadr}(b) \rightarrow J/\psi + X$: Non-Bc hadrons producing $J/\psi + X$ final state. Estimated directly in data.



- The SR is defined as $BDT > 4.2$ ($BDT > 3.5$) for the 2017/2018 (2016) data sets.
- The SB region is defined as $2.5 < BDT < 3.5$ ($2 < BDT < 3$) for 2017/2018 (2016)



- Simultaneous fit is performed with the leptonic τ analysis
- Systematic uncertainties are incorporated into the fit as nuisance parameters
- Fit can treat the common nuisance parameters between two channels

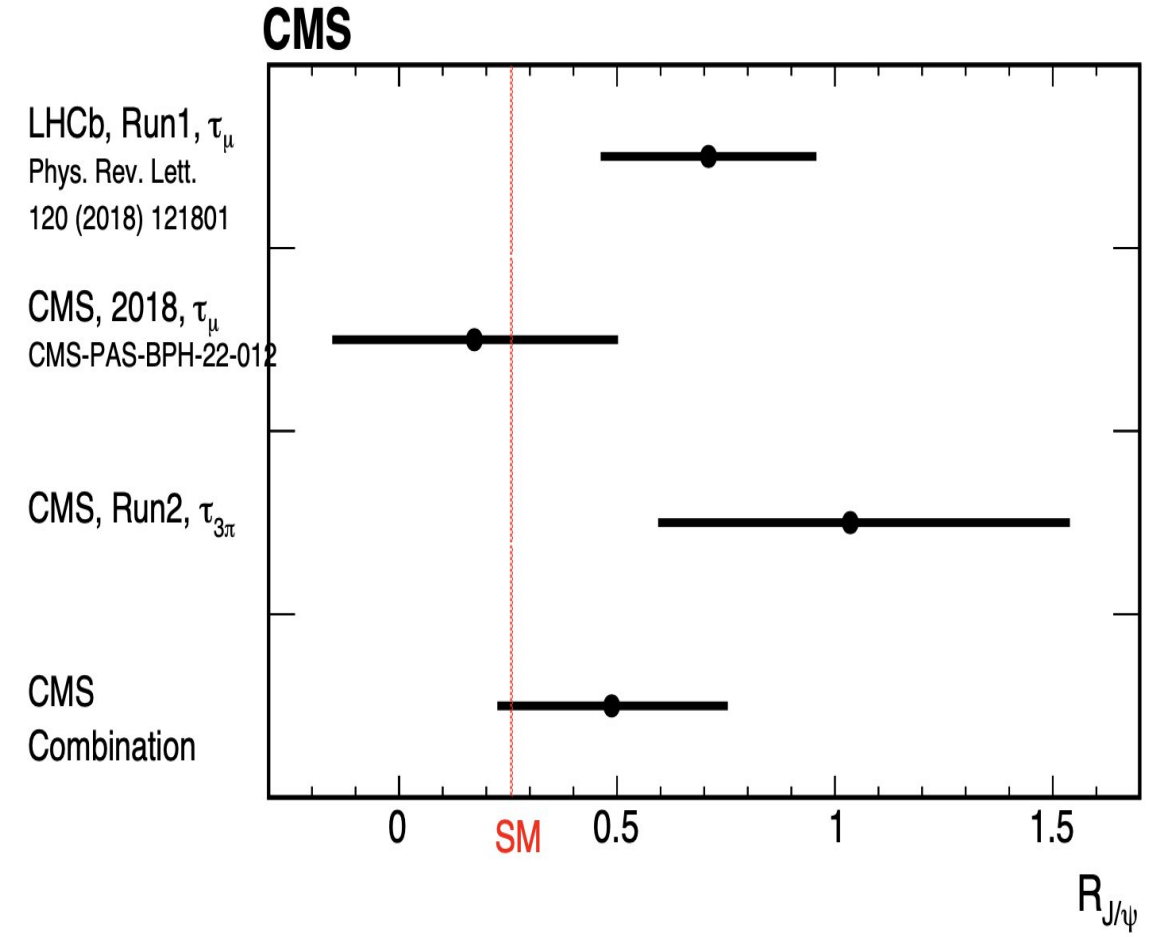
- The leptonic τ analysis uses 2018 data only, therefore $R(J/\psi)$ (2018) is evaluated, by ignoring the 2016 and 2017 contributions, and it is measured to be $0.74^{+0.57}_{-0.53}$
- By combining also the contributions from 2016 and 2017:

$$R(J/\psi) = 1.04^{+0.50}_{-0.44}$$

- Final result from overall simultaneous fit (including also the numerator from leptonic analysis):

$$R(J/\psi) = 0.49 \pm 0.25 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.09 \text{ (sist)}$$

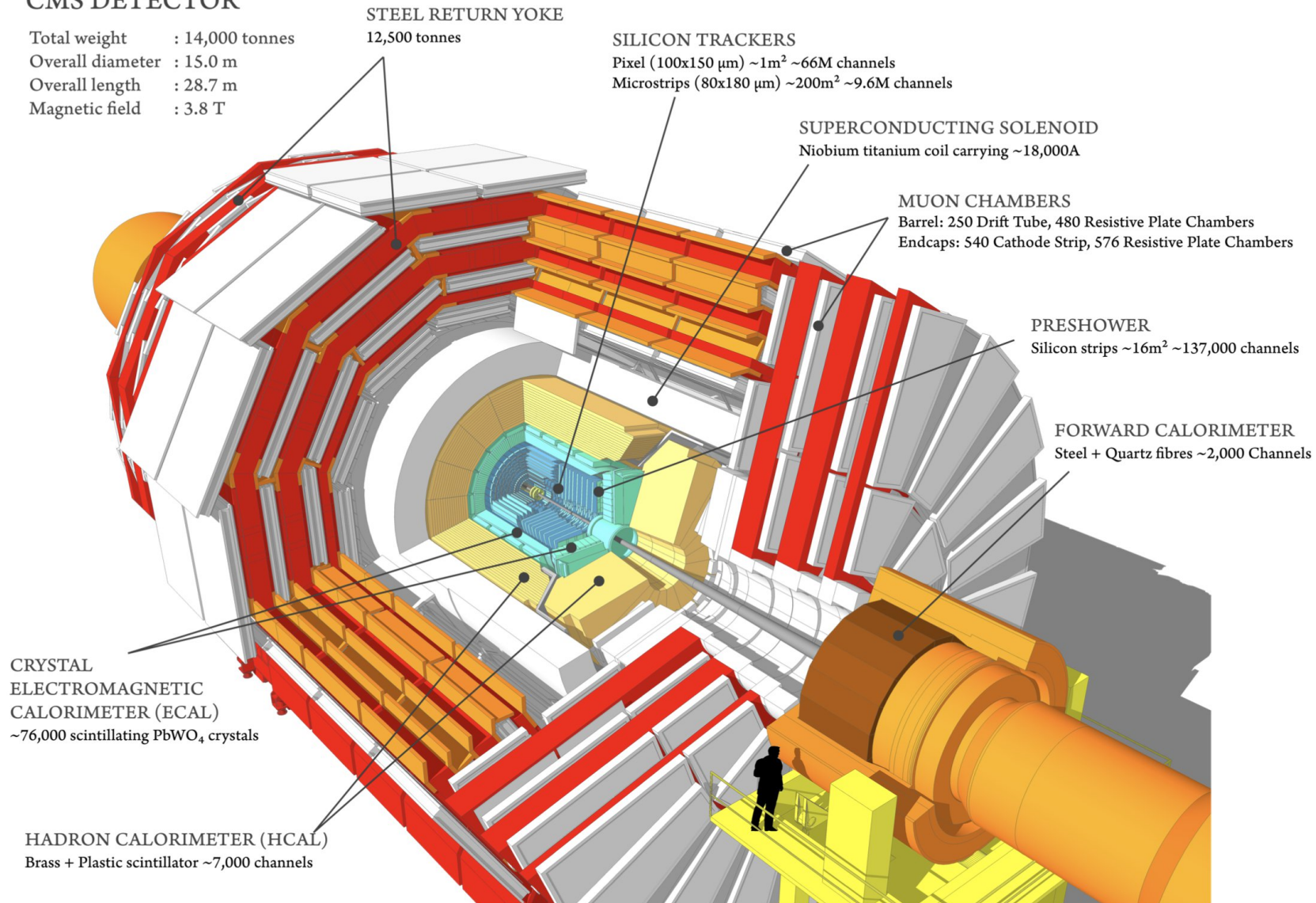
- The first measurement of $R(J/\psi)$ from general purpose experiment is performed
- For the leptonic τ decay analysis:
 $R(J/\psi) = 0.17 \pm 0.33$
- For the hadronic τ decay analysis:
 $R(J/\psi) = 1.04^{+0.50}_{-0.44}$
- Combination of leptonic and hadronic decay modes gives:
 $R(J/\psi) = 0.49 \pm 0.25$ (stat) ± 0.09 (sist)
, which is consistent with the SM within 1σ
- Precision competitive with the current result from LHCb



Backup slides

CMS DETECTOR

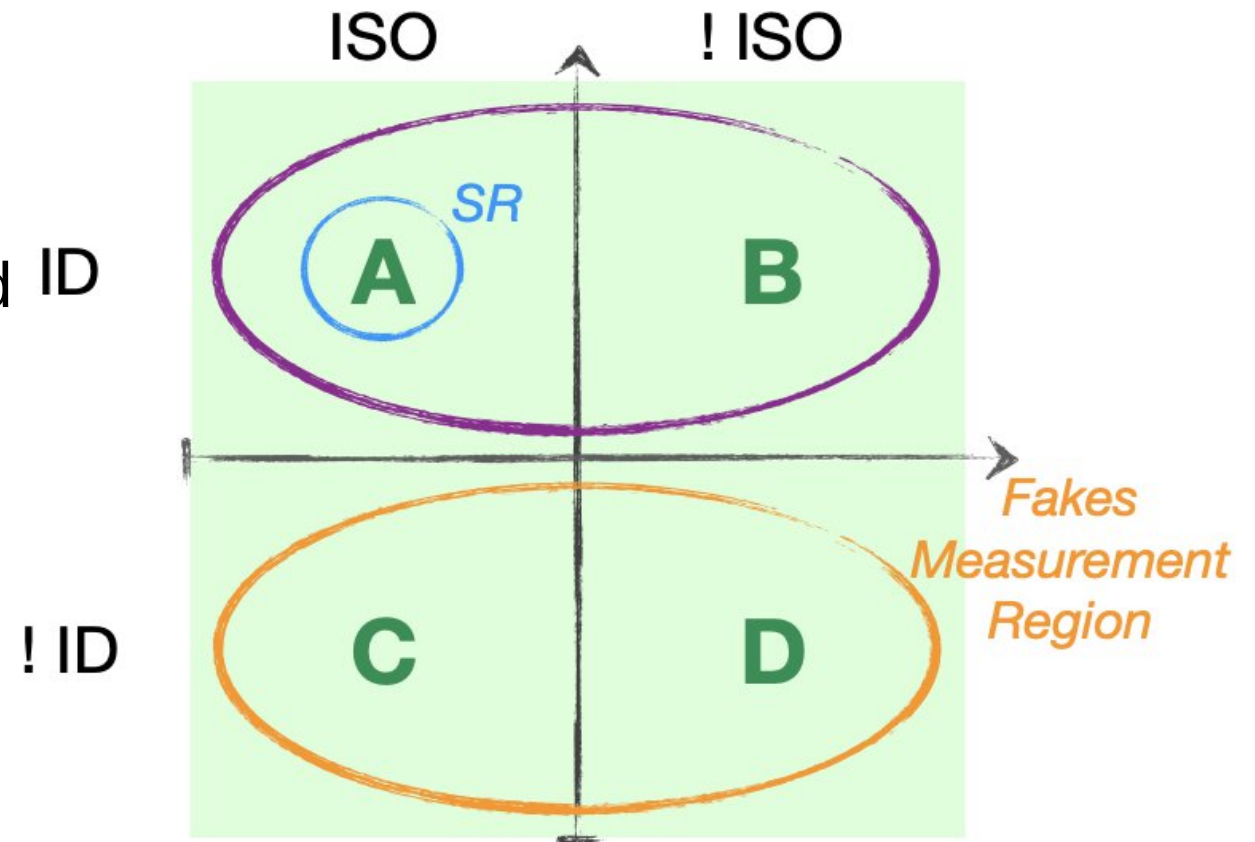
Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
Overall diameter : 15.0 m
Overall length : 28.7 m
Magnetic field : 3.8 T



Contribution	Type	Unc. (10^{-2})
Form factor (theory)	S	19
misID statistical	S (bin-by-bin)	13
misID systematic	N, S	8, 0.7
Finite MC size	S (bin-by-bin)	9
Topological	S	9
Efficiencies	N	6
Total systematic uncertainty		28

Systematic source	Type	Affected proc.	channel			
			τ_μ 2018	τ_h 2018	τ_h 2017	τ_h 2016
Form factor	shape	$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \ell \nu_\ell$	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tauola modeling	shape	$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau$		✓	✓	✓
B_c^+ decay lifetime	shape	All B_c^+ procs.	✓	✓	✓	✓
$H_b \rightarrow J/\psi X$ shape	shape	DD bkg.		✓	✓	✓
Pileup weight	shape	All MC	✓	✓	✓	✓
Missing B_c^+ bkg.	shape	other B_c^+		✓	✓	✓
Bin-by-bin uncertainties	shape	All	✓	✓	✓	✓
Triplet reco. eff.	norm.	$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \tau^+ \nu_\tau$		6.9% (✓)	6.9% (✓)	6.9% (✓)
$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{(*)}$ normalisation	norm.	$B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi D_s^{(*)}$	38% (✓)	38% (✓)	38% (✓)	38% (✓)
Other minor B_c^+ normalisation	norm.	other B_c^+		50% (✓)	50% (✓)	50% (✓)
Trigger ($\mu^+ \mu^-$)	norm.	All MC	10% (✓)	10% (✓) \oplus 5%	10%	10%
Trigger (track)	norm.	All MC		10%	10%	10%
Trigger (J/ψ)	norm.	All MC		10%	10%	10%
Muon ID	norm.	All MC	4%	4%	4%	4%
Muon Reco	norm.	All MC	4% (✓)	4% (✓)	4%	4%
Bkg. norm.	norm.	DD bkg.		30%	30%	30%
B_c^+ MC norm.	norm.	All B_c^+		5%	30%	30%
Displaced track reco eff.	norm.	All B_c^+		5% (✓)	5% (✓)	5% (✓)

1. the SoftMva ID = 0 region is used to learn the "difference" between the $\Delta\beta_{\text{corriso}\mu 3} < 0.2$ and $\Delta\beta_{\text{corriso}\mu 3} > 0.2$ subregions, named ID region C and D in the scheme;
2. results are then extrapolated to the softMvaID = 1 region to find the fakes shape in region A.



The Combinatorial Background comes from pairing unrelated muons to form J/ψ candidates.

To estimate this background in SR:

- The dimuon shape is taken from SB and kinematical correction
- The dimuon normalisation is taken from the fit to $m(\mu\mu)$