



Luminosity at LHCb in Run 3

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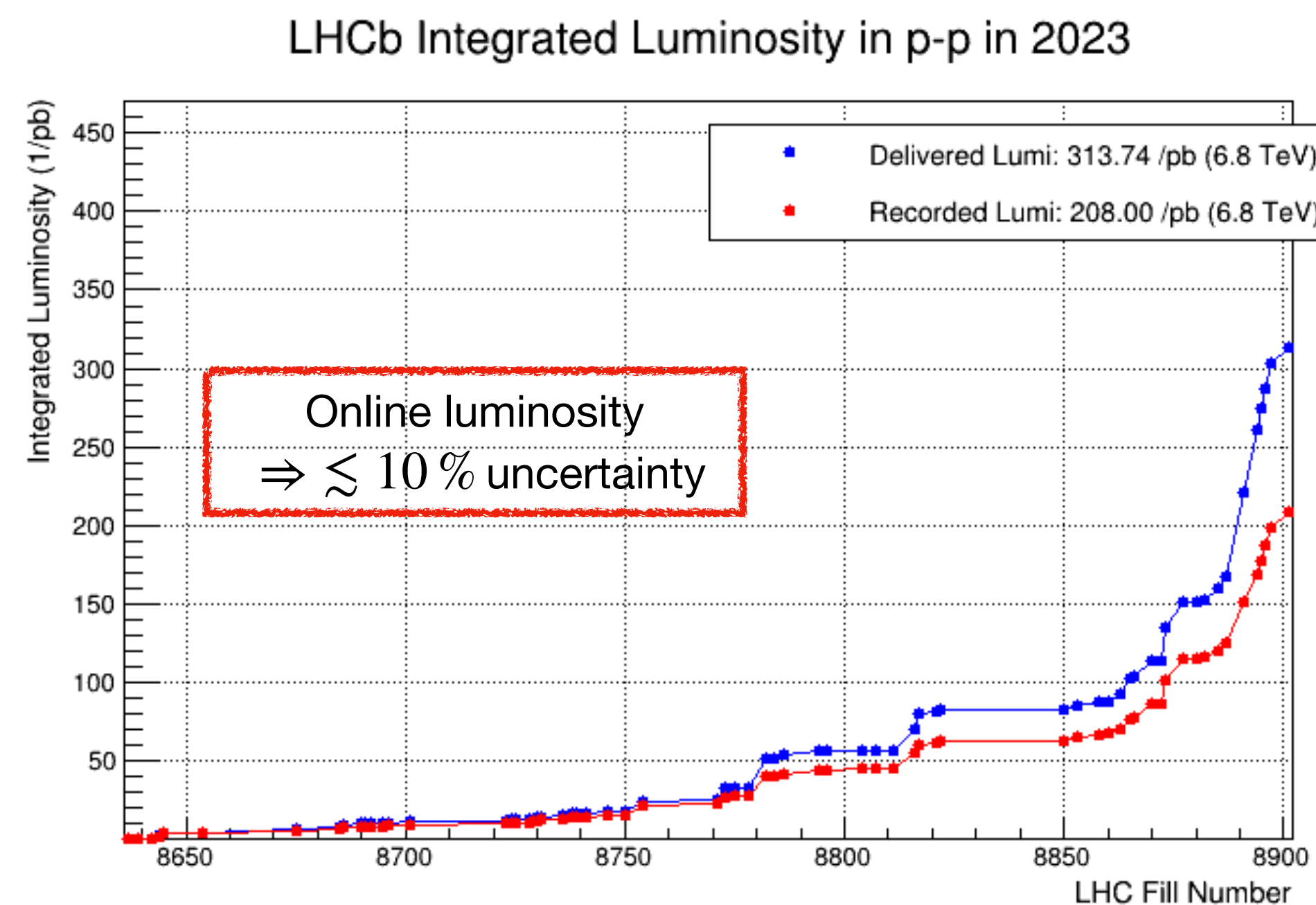
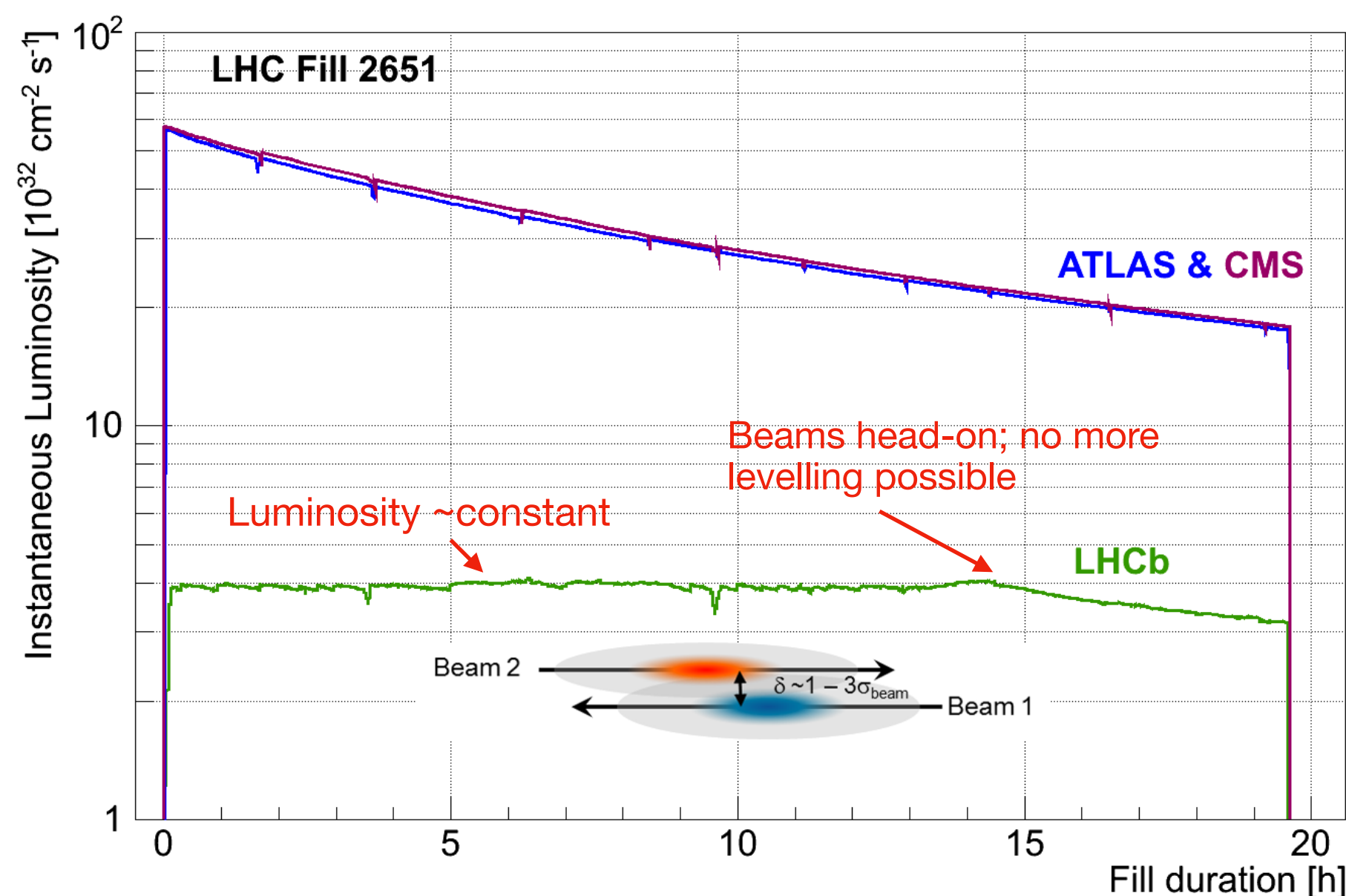
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Basic luminosity definitions

- Luminosity relates the cross section, σ_c , of some process, c , to its production rate, R_c :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int.}} = \frac{1}{\sigma_c} \int R_c(t) dt$$

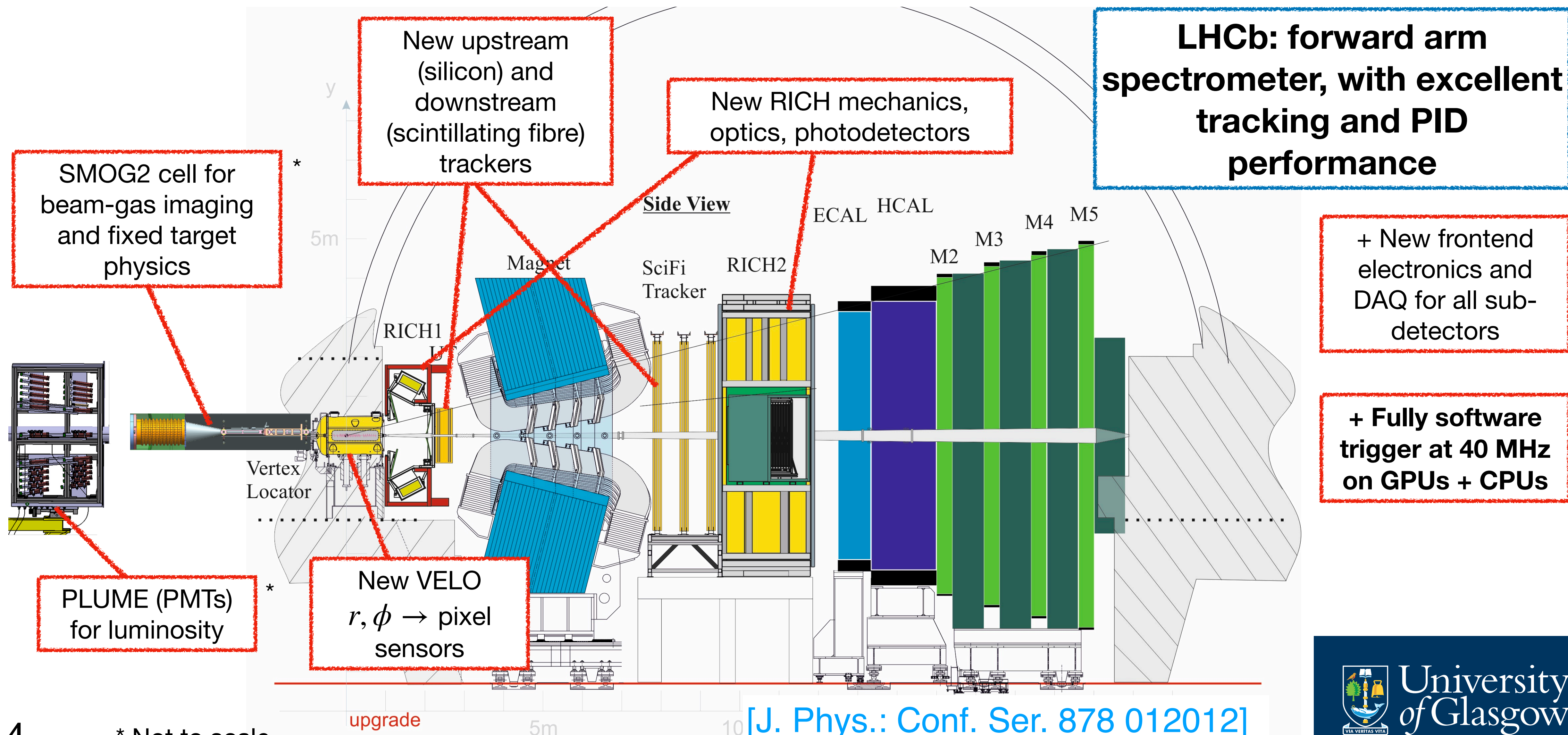
- Crucial input to cross section measurements - $\sim 15\%$ of LHCb results (e.g. [JHEP 06 \(2023\) 22](#), [JHEP 07 \(2022\) 26](#))
- At LHCb, online luminosity used for levelling throughout each fill
 - Beams offset at start of fill then gradually brought together



Relative luminosity measurements

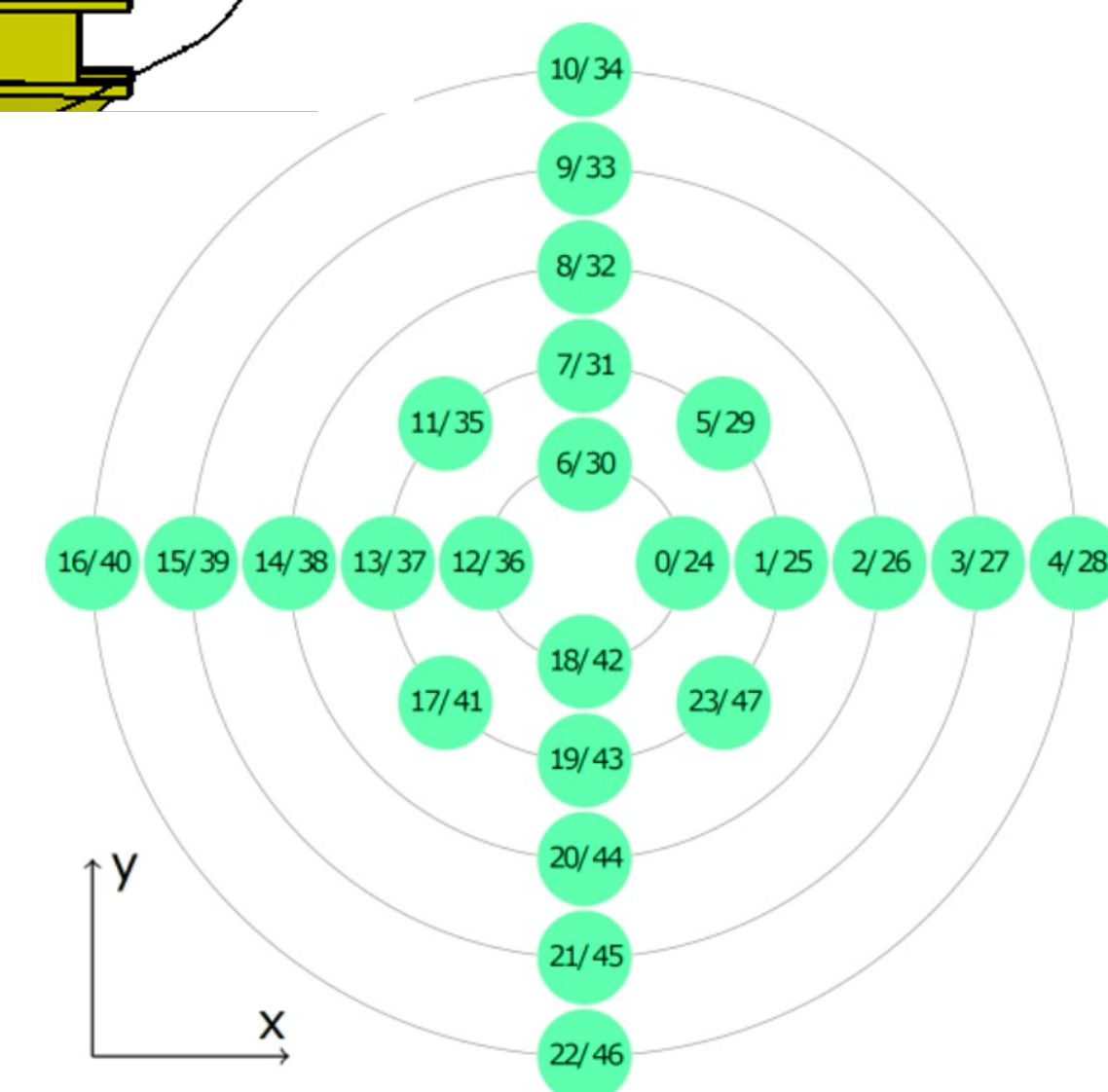
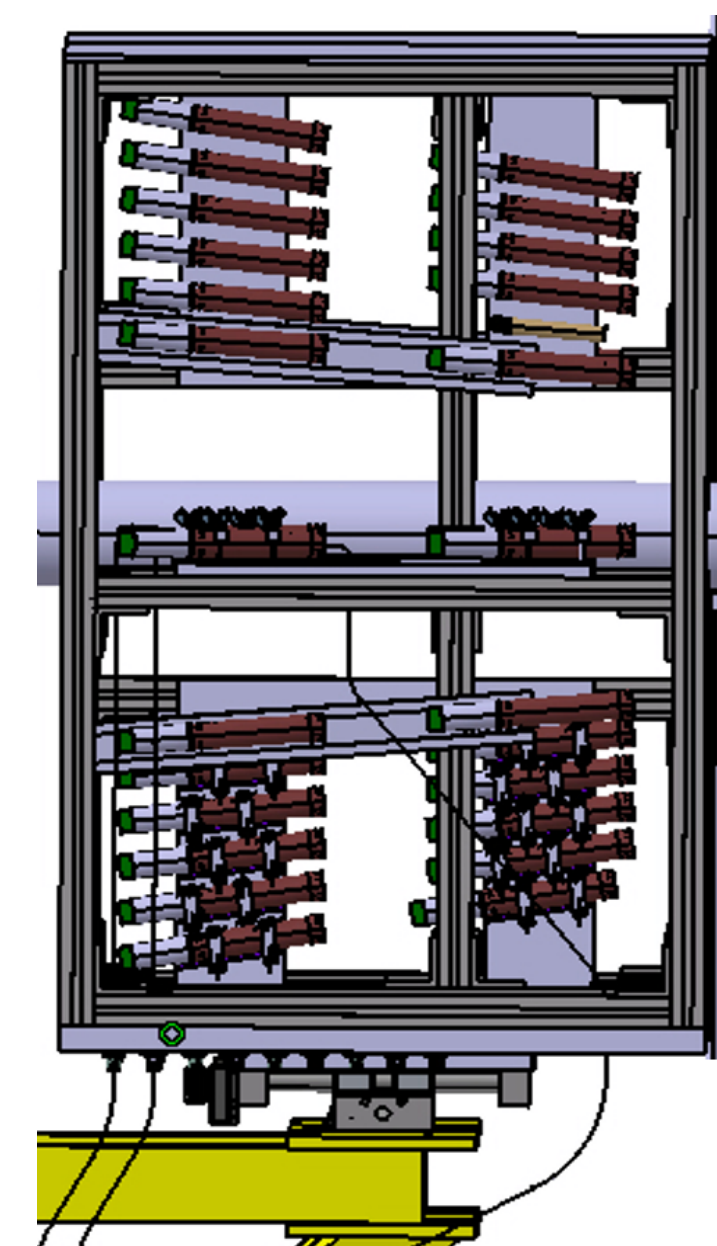
- Measure rates proportional to \mathcal{L} without absolute calibration
- Provide [online luminosity](#) during data taking
 - Runs 1 and 2: calo E_T
 - Run 3: PLUME (backup hierarchy W.I.P.)
- Provide [counter rates for offline calibrations](#) and propagation to ‘physics’ luminosity
- LogZero method historically used at LHCb:
 - $\mu_c = -\log(P(0)) = -\log(n_{\text{empty}}/n_{\text{total}})$, assuming Poisson statistics $\left(P(0) = \frac{\mu_c^0 \exp(-\mu_c)}{0!} \right)$
 - For Run 3, $\mu \times 5 \implies$ potentially shift to Linear or PGF (generalisation of Linear/LogZero) method

The LHCb upgrade for Run 3



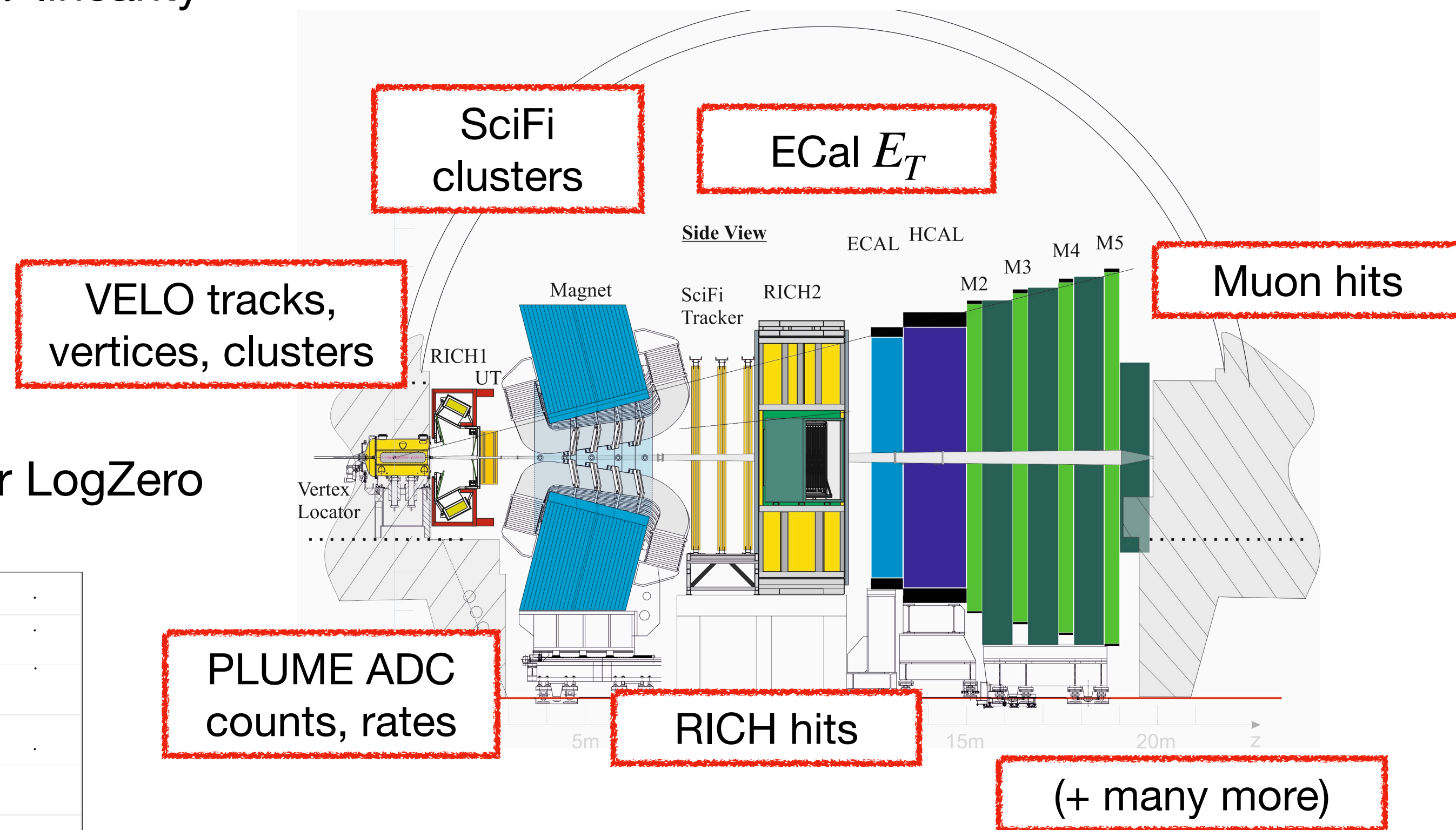
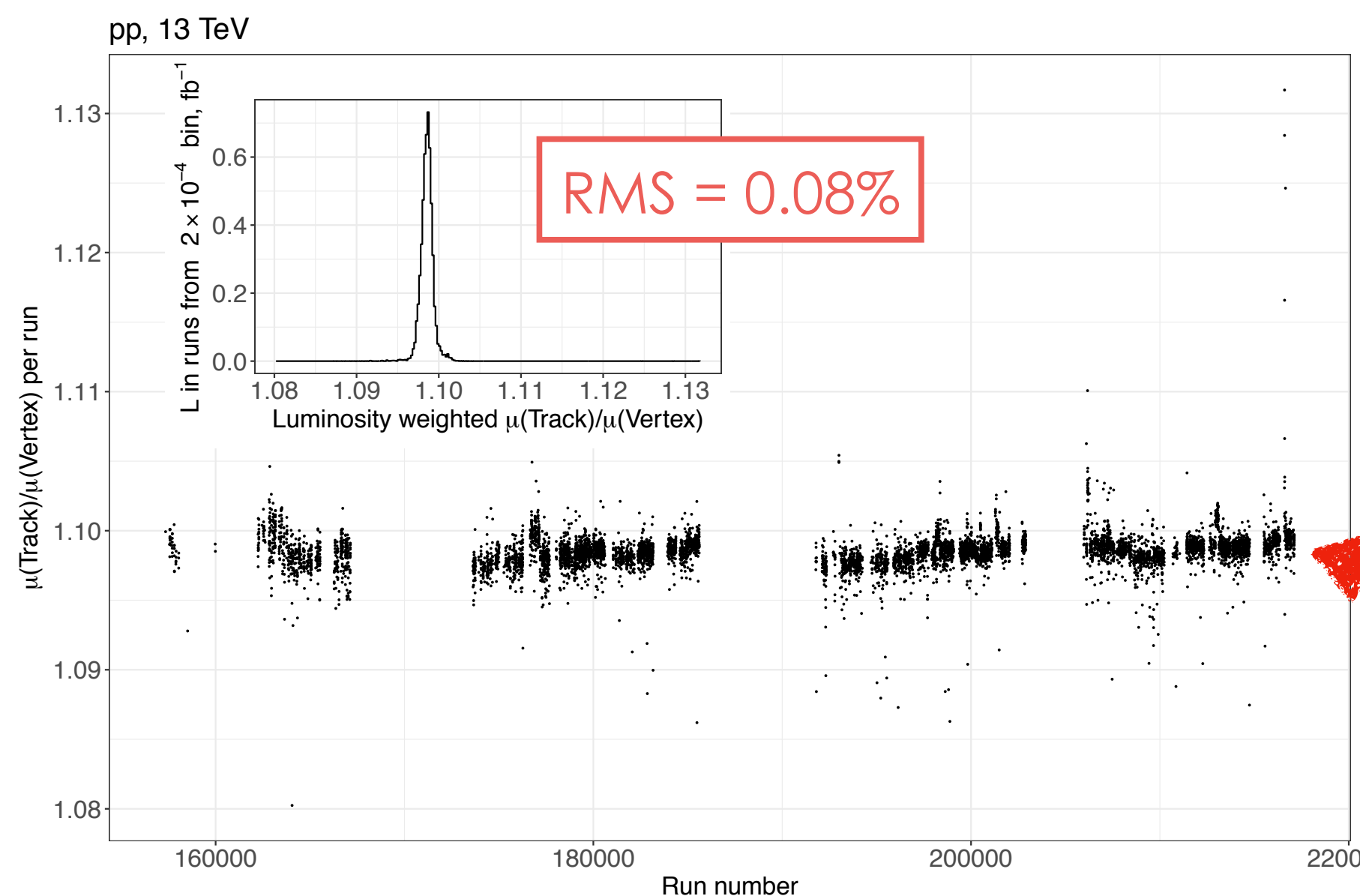
Probe for Luminosity MEasurement

- New for Run 3 - dedicated luminosity sub-detector!
- **Design:**
 - Hodoscope of 22 PMT pairs (+2 for timing) around the upstream beam-pipe
 - Detect Cherenkov radiation produced by particles traversing quartz tablet
 - Readout with calorimeter electronics
 - Radiation hard \Rightarrow time-stability of counters
- **Purpose:**
 - Online luminosity for levelling ($\leq 10\%$ precision, 3s integration time)
 - Stable counter(s) for absolute calibrations ($\sim 1\%$ precision)
 - Fast (~ 100 ps) timing \Rightarrow monitor LHCb/LHC clock shift, beam 2 bunch structure measurements



Luminosity counters

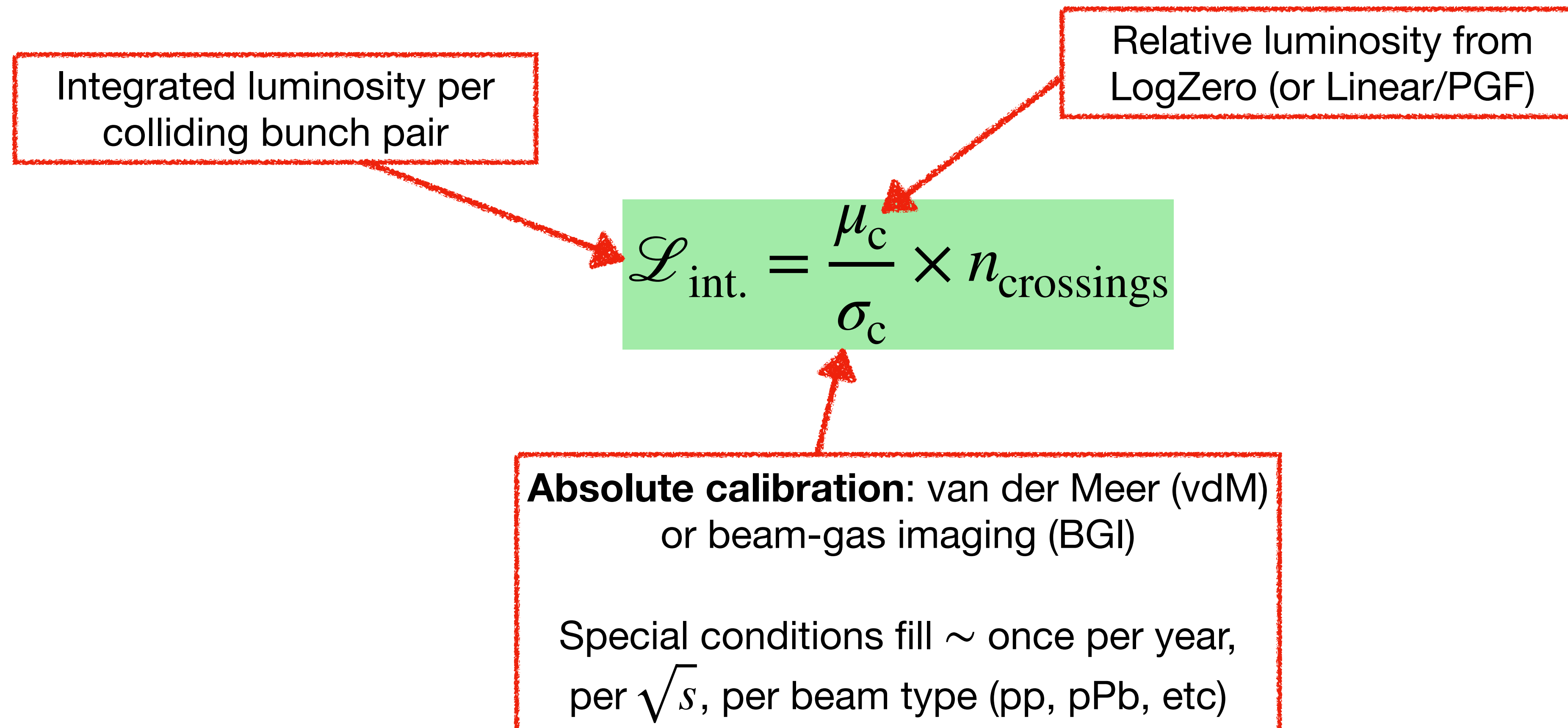
- Every sub-detector can be a luminosity counters
 - Stable ratios give confidence in time-stability and μ -linearity
- Requirements:
 - Linear scaling with \mathcal{L}
 - Stable in time
 - No dependence on LHC filling scheme etc
 - (Optionally) reasonable fraction of empty events for LogZero method



VELO track/vertex counter ratio for **entire** Run 2 - extremely stable!

Absolute luminosity measurements

- Physics luminosity propagated from absolute calibration measurements:



Absolute calibration: vdM

Original proposal (1D): [\[CERN-ISR-PO-68-31\]](#)
 2D generalisation: [\[CERN-p̄p-Note-38\]](#)
 2D implementation: [\[V. Balagura, LumiDays 2019\]](#)

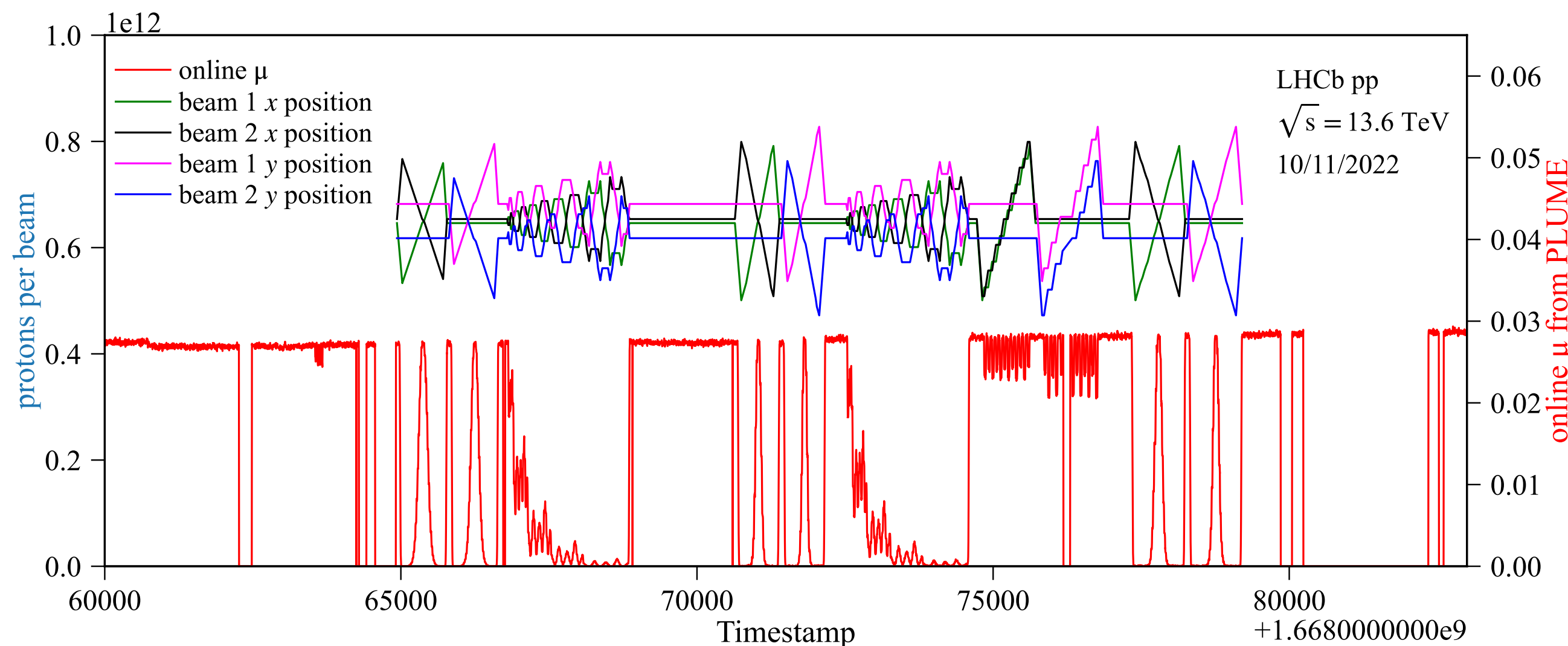
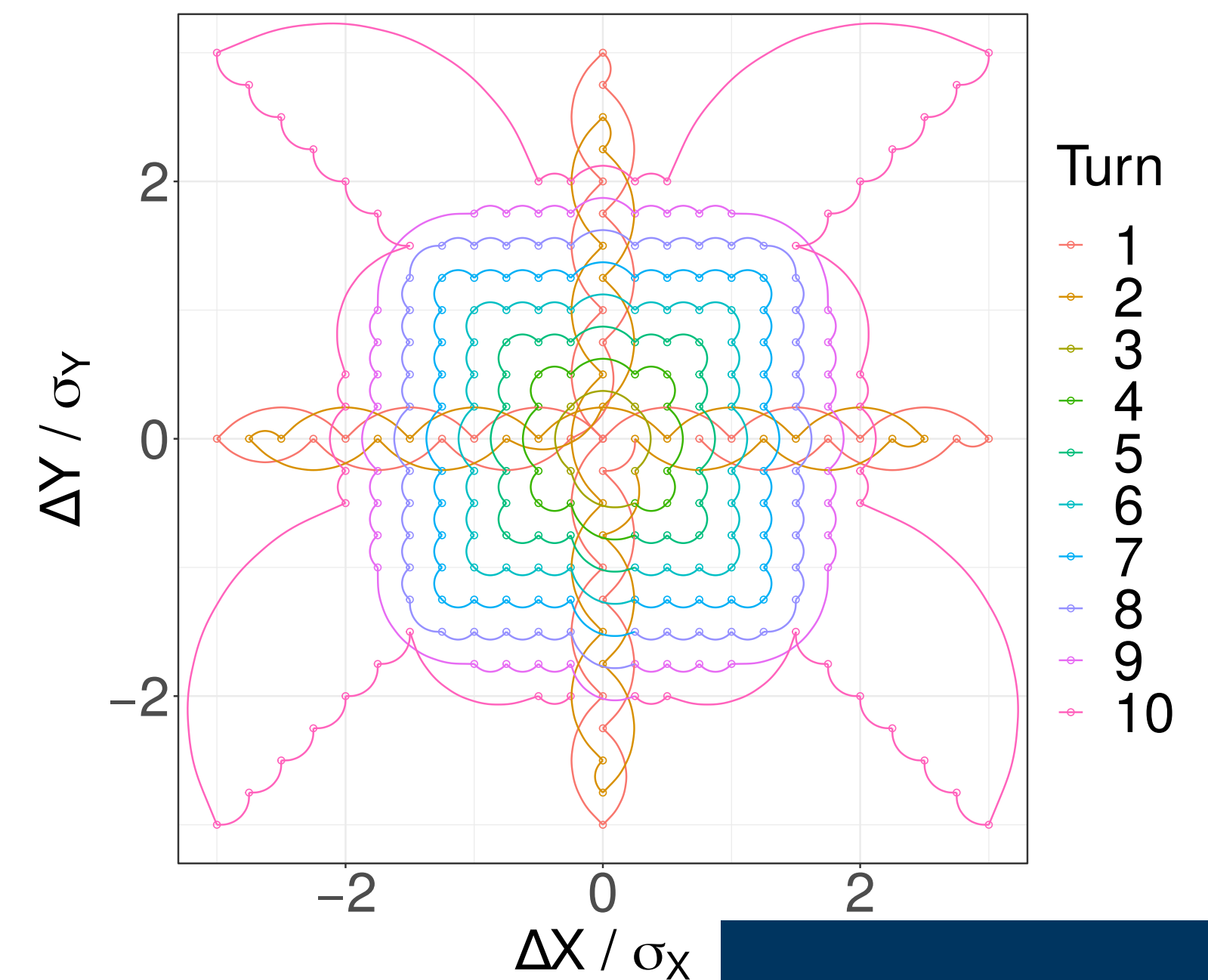


- **van der Meer** principle: scan beams across one another to integrate out bunch profiles
 - Cross section given by integral of μ_c/N_1N_2 across the $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -plane
 - Bunch populations from LHC instruments
- 2D scans pioneered at LHCb in Run 2
 - Allows to fully control bunch shape non-factorisability, $\rho(x, y) \neq \rho(x)\rho(y)$
 - Expect to be more widely adopted in Run 3
- Dominant systematics: beam-beam effect, beam drifts, non-factorisability
- Precision: 1.47 % at LHCb in Run 1 [\[JINST 9 P12005\]](#)

$$\sigma_c = \int \frac{\mu_c(\Delta x, \Delta y)}{N_1 N_2} d\Delta x d\Delta y$$

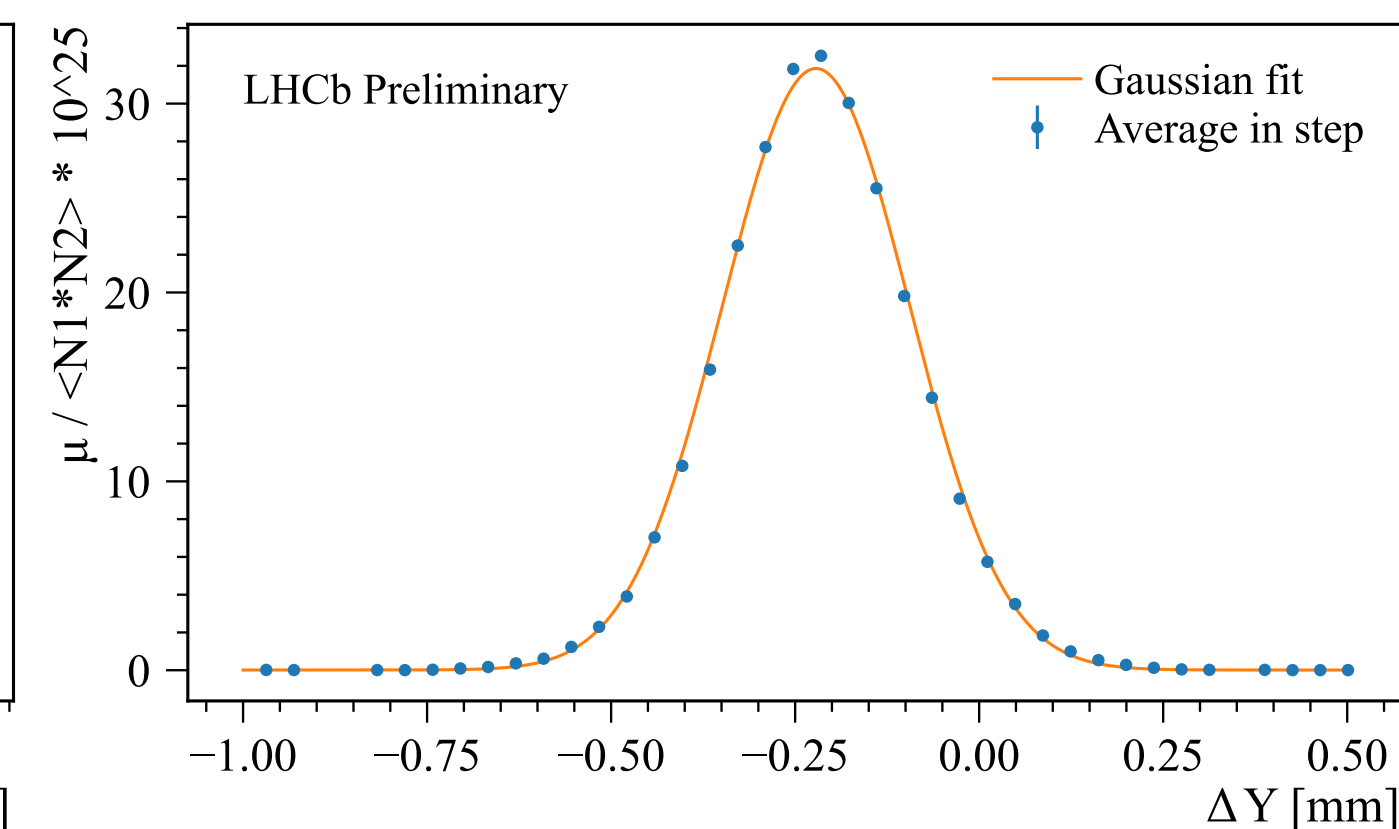
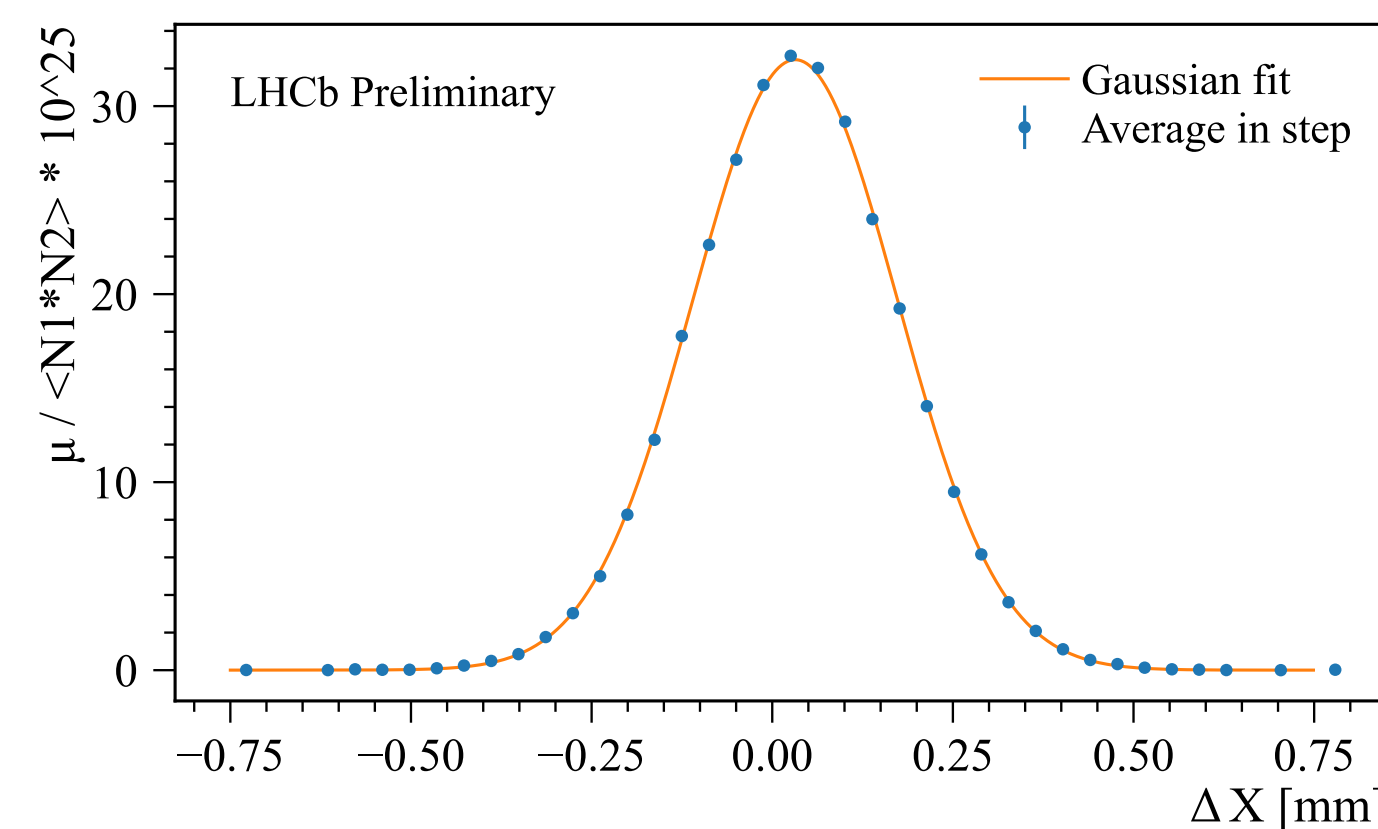
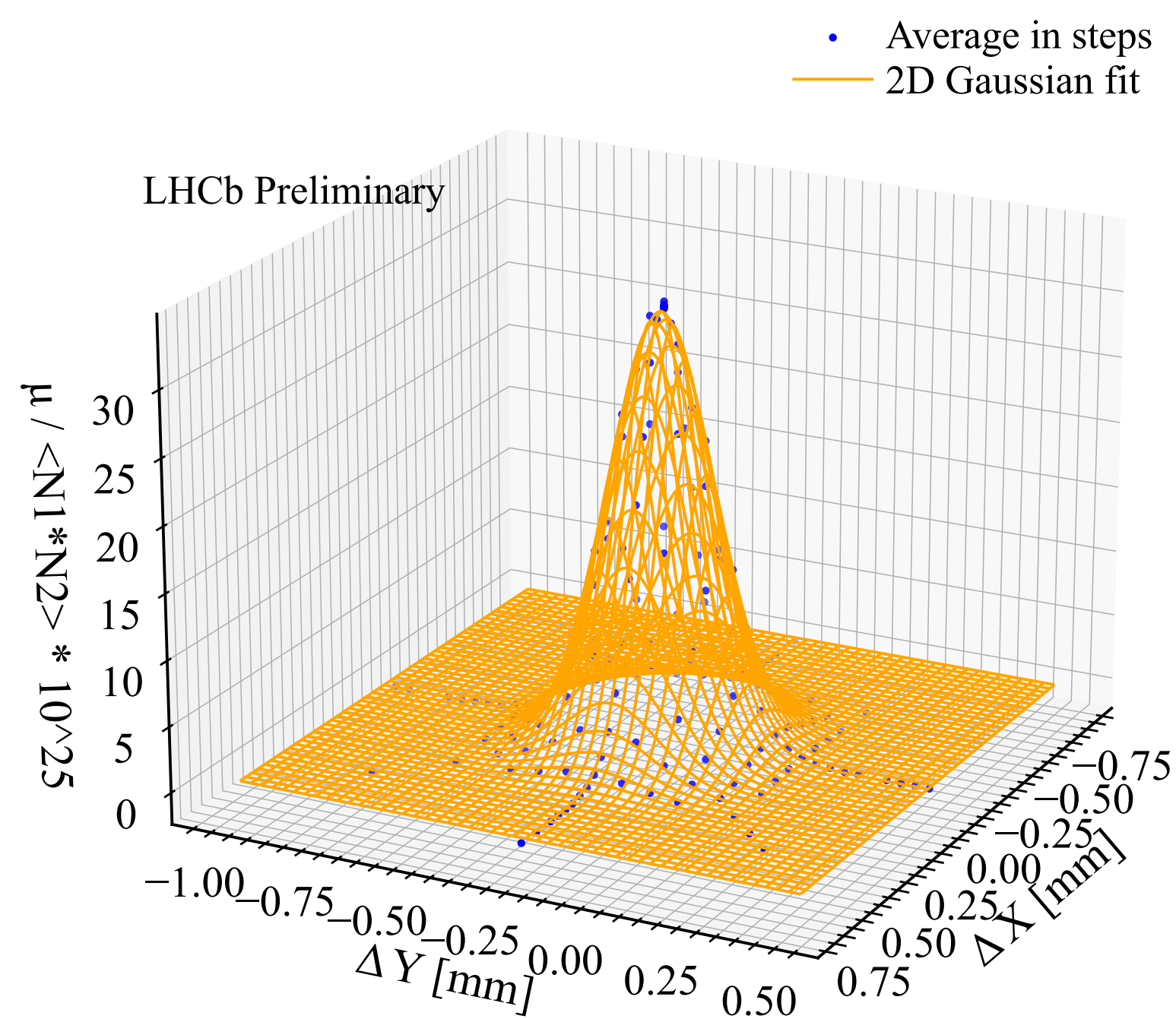
First absolute calibration with PLUME @
 $\sqrt{s} = 0.9 \text{ TeV}$

[\[LHCb-FIGURE-2022-012\]](#)



Run 3 preliminary vdM results

- **Absolute luminosity measurement at LHCb at 13.6 TeV!**
- Results from PLUME analysis of November 2022 vdM scans
 - Several counter options: PMT pair coincidences (shown), average ADC counts, single PMT rates
- Linearity of each counter with \mathcal{L} under study - counters taken at full crossing rate (22×11.245 kHz)!
- Analysis of other counters ongoing
- Emittance scan (per-fill small vdM) machinery in place; commissioning ongoing



Absolute calibration: BGI

$$\left(\mathcal{O} = \int \rho_1(\vec{x}) \rho_2(\vec{x}) d\vec{x} \right)$$

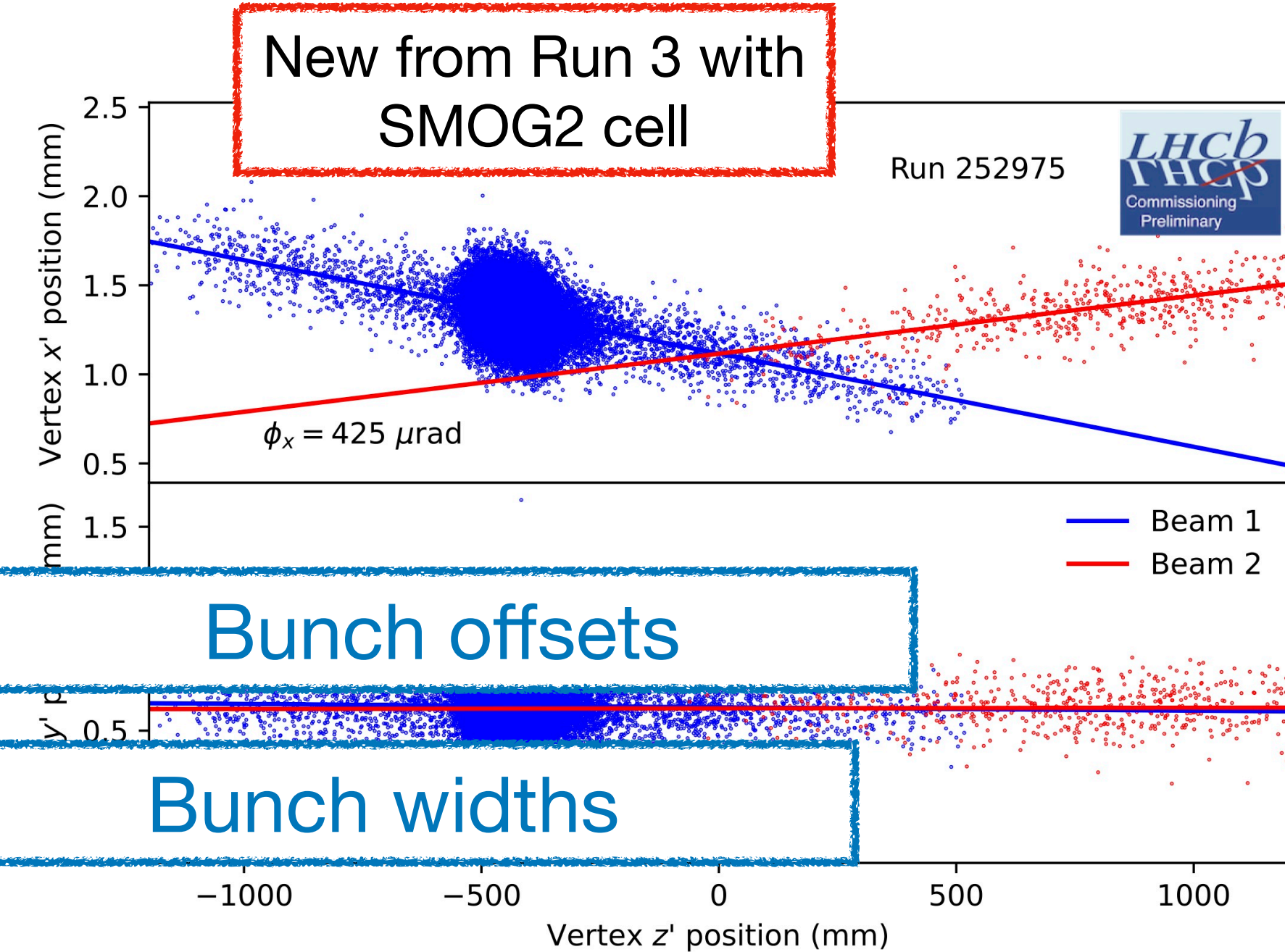


- Reconstruct beam profiles using beam-gas interactions
- Relating luminosity to beam parameters:

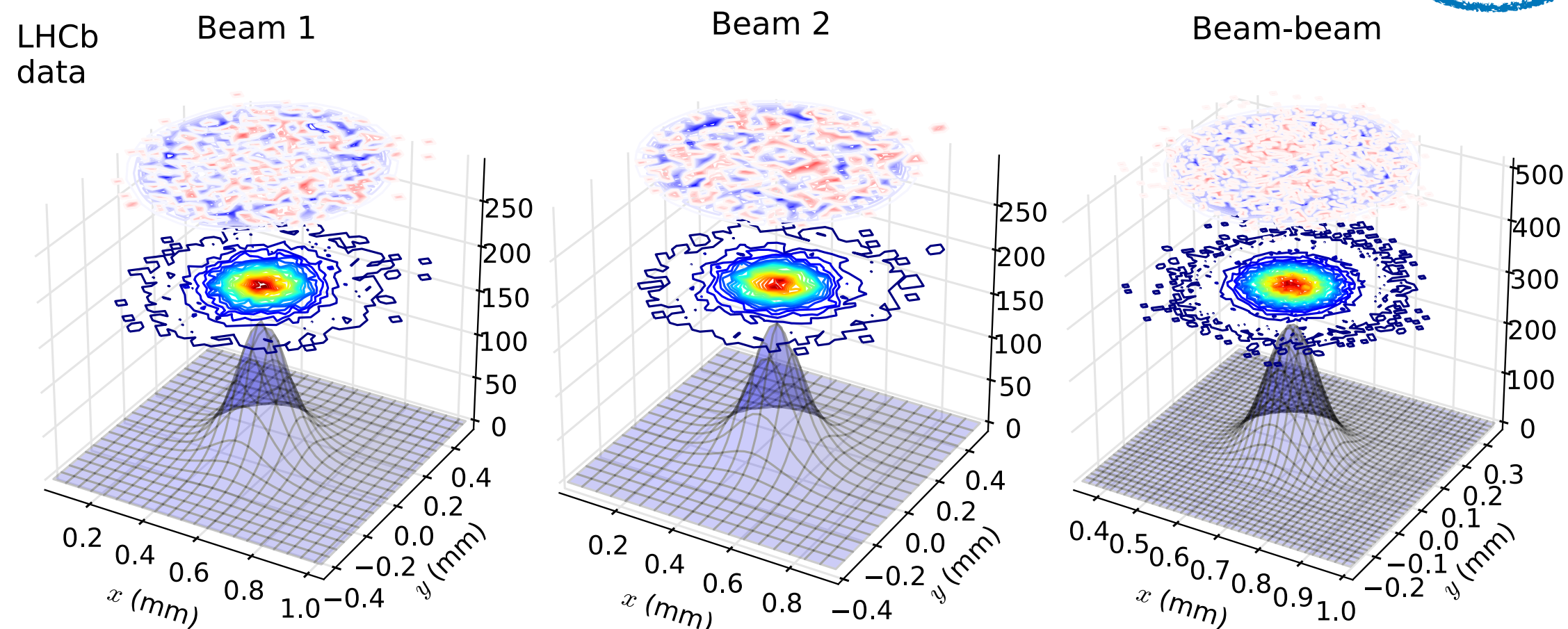
$$\mathcal{L} = n_{\text{crossings}} \times N_1 N_2 \mathcal{O} \implies \sigma_c = \frac{\mu_c}{N_1 N_2 \mathcal{O}}$$

- Overlap integral assuming Gaussian bunches:

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{e^{-\Delta x^2 / 2 \Sigma_x^2} e^{-\Delta y^2 / 2 \Sigma_y^2}}{2 \pi \Sigma_x \Sigma_y}$$



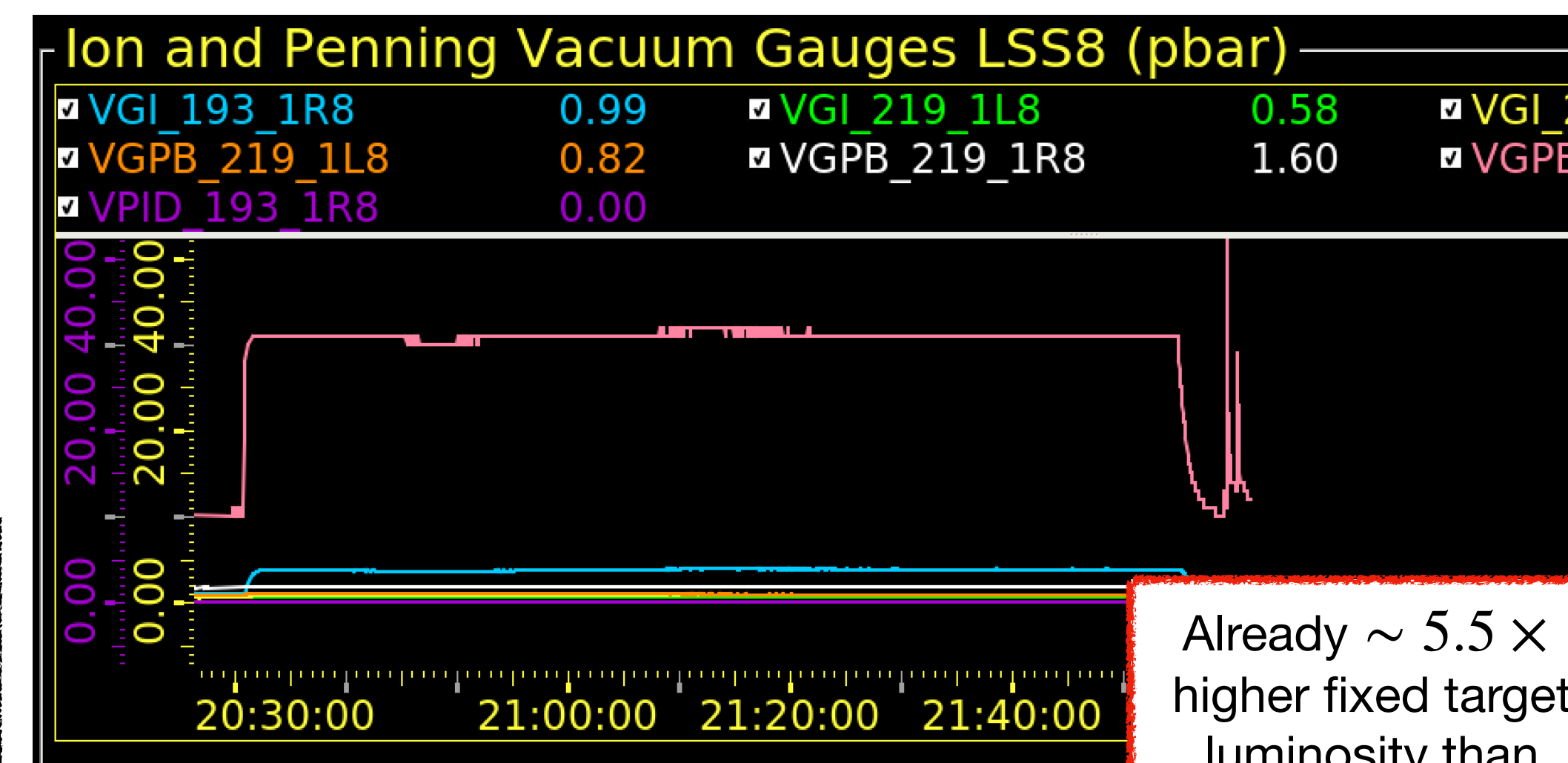
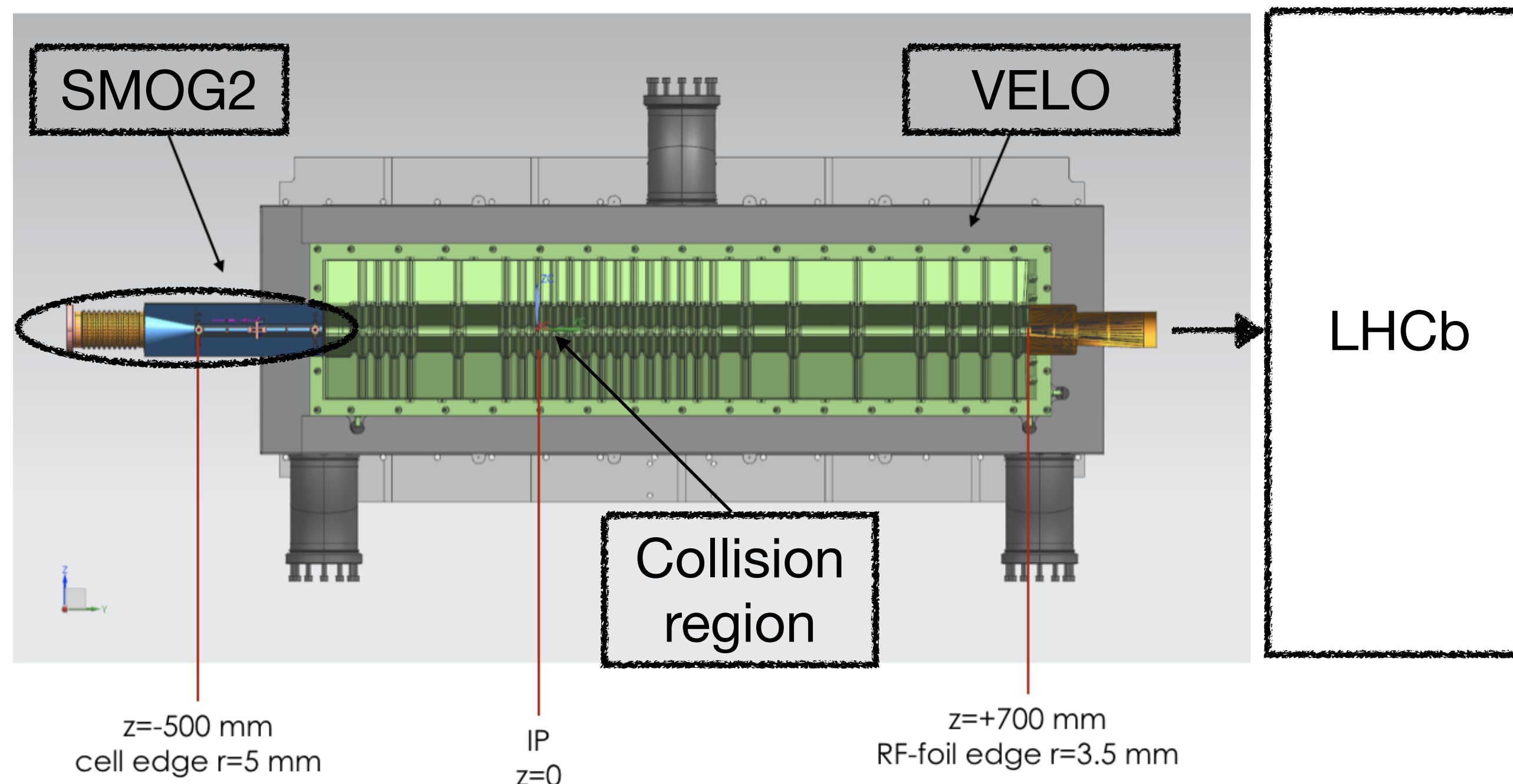
[JINST 9 P12005]



- 2D fits allow for modelling non-factorisability ($\mathcal{O}(\%)$ effect)
- New regime with SMOG2: beam 1 statistics \approx beam-beam statistics
- Dominant systematics: measurement spread, vertex resolution

SMOG2 storage cell

- System for Measuring Overlap with Gas (SMOG) developed for luminosity in Run 2
 - Demonstrated possibilities for fixed target physics at LHCb
- New for Run 3: **SMOG2** gas storage cell
 - Two halves \Rightarrow open and close with VELO
 - Possible to inject H_2 , D_2 , He, N_2 , O_2 , Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe
- Gas areal density increased by order of magnitude from SMOG
 - e.g. $\sim 5.6 \times 10^{11} \rightarrow 6.0 \times 10^{12}$ atoms / cm^2 for He



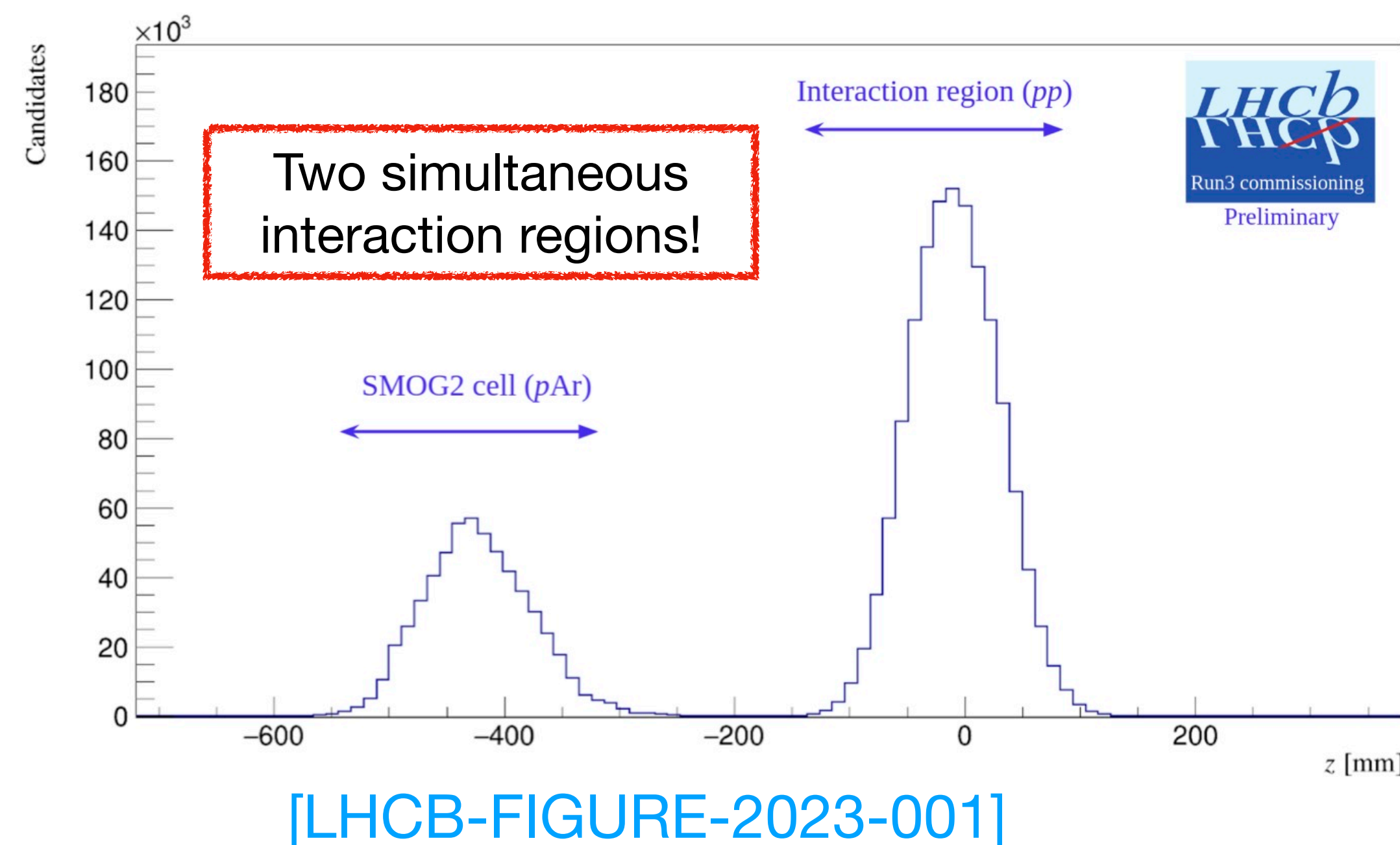
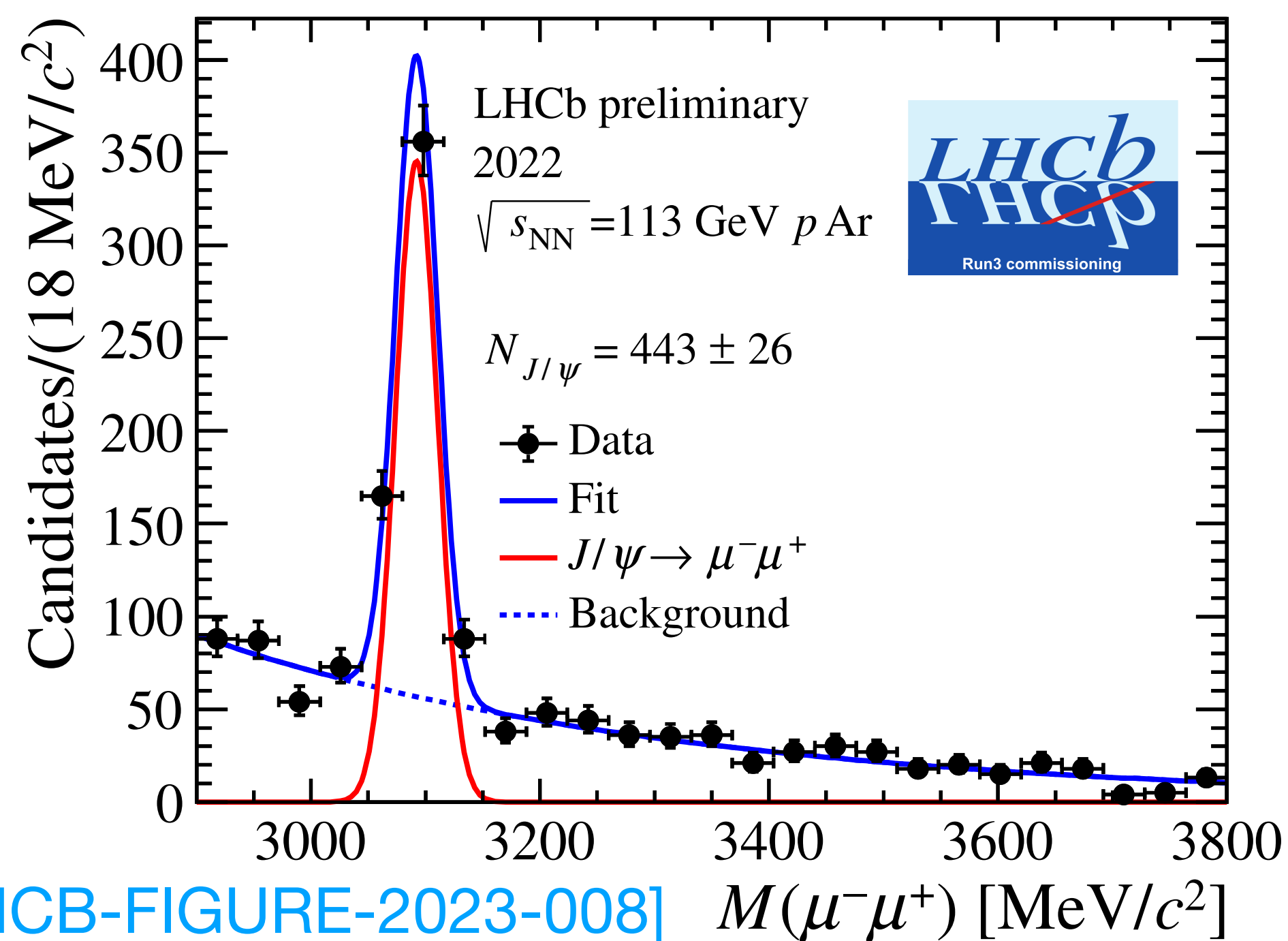
Already $\sim 5.5 \times$
higher fixed target
luminosity than
SMOG

First successful injection (Ar) in
closed cell on 1/11/23!

[CERN-LHCC-2019-005]

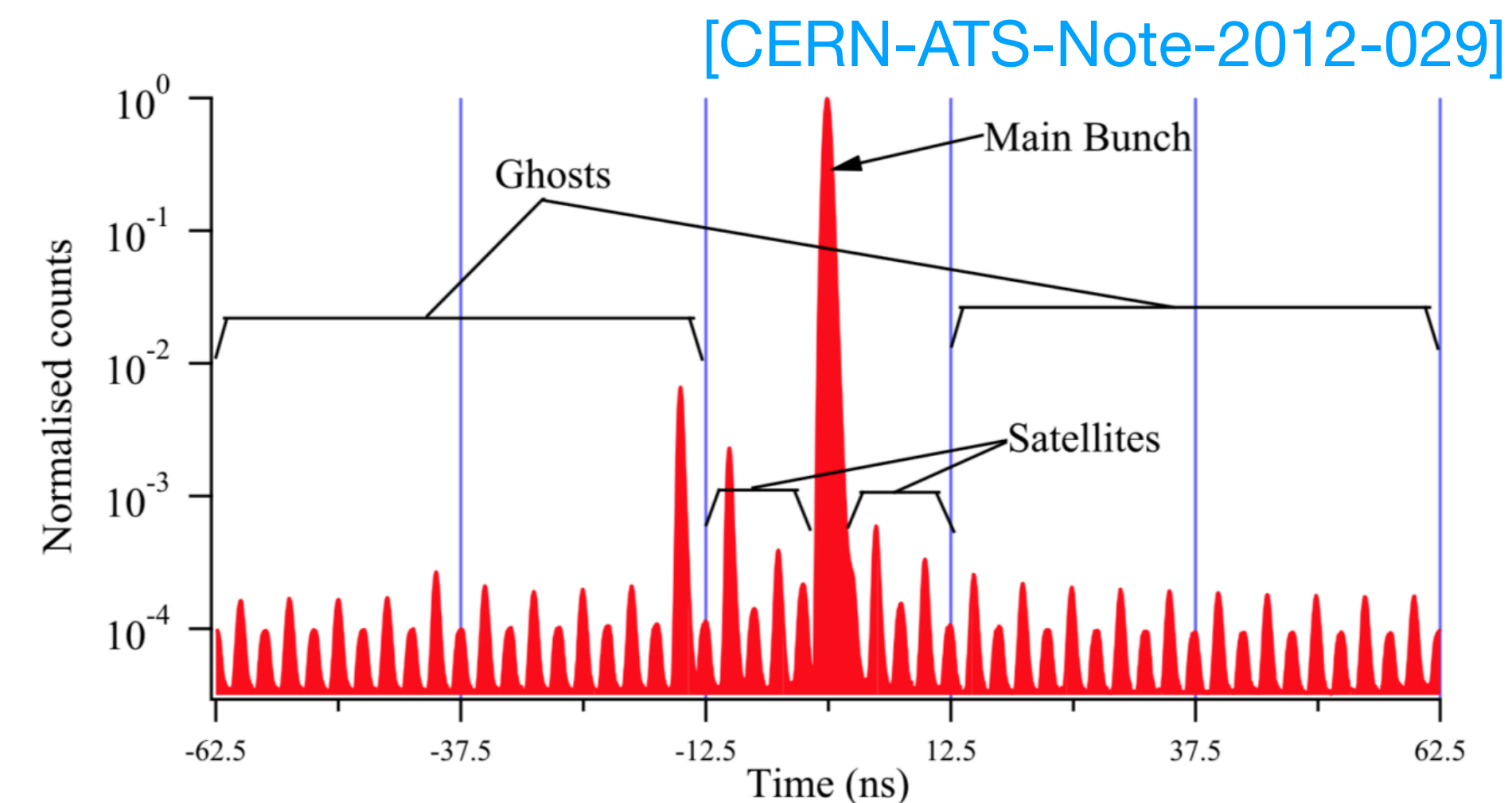
SMOG2 commissioning

- LHCb operating as both colliding and fixed target experiment
- Successful commissioning programme with Ar, H₂, and He injections
- Successful injections for November 2022 vdM ghost charge measurements (next slide)

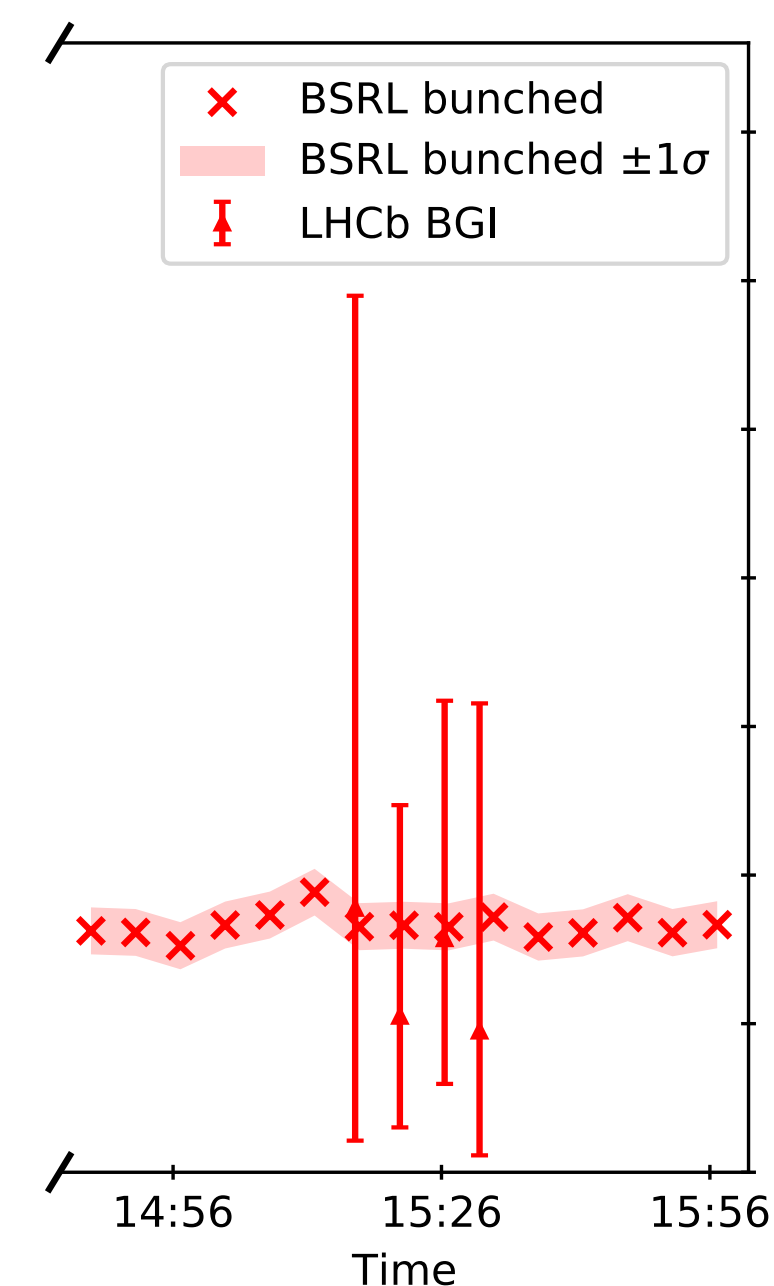
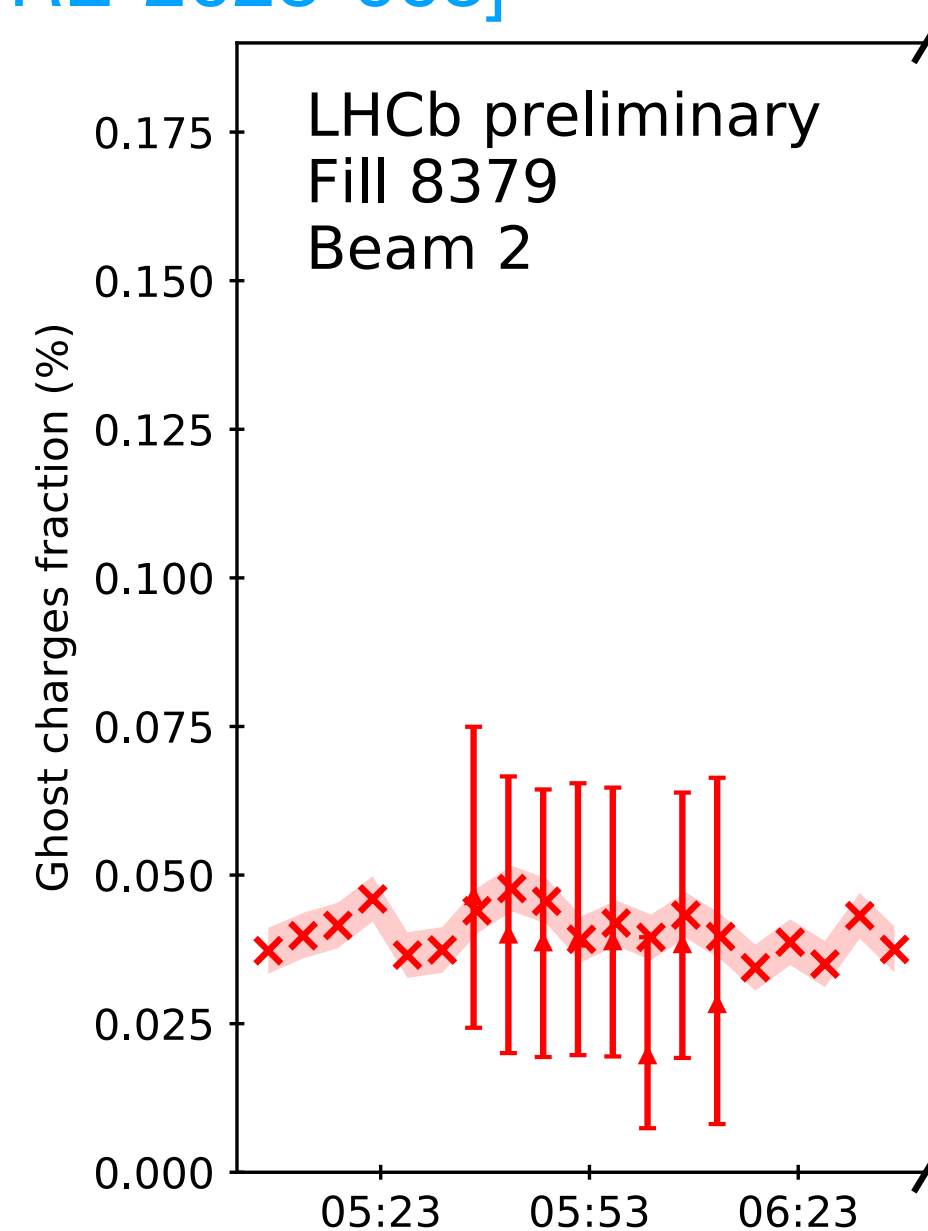
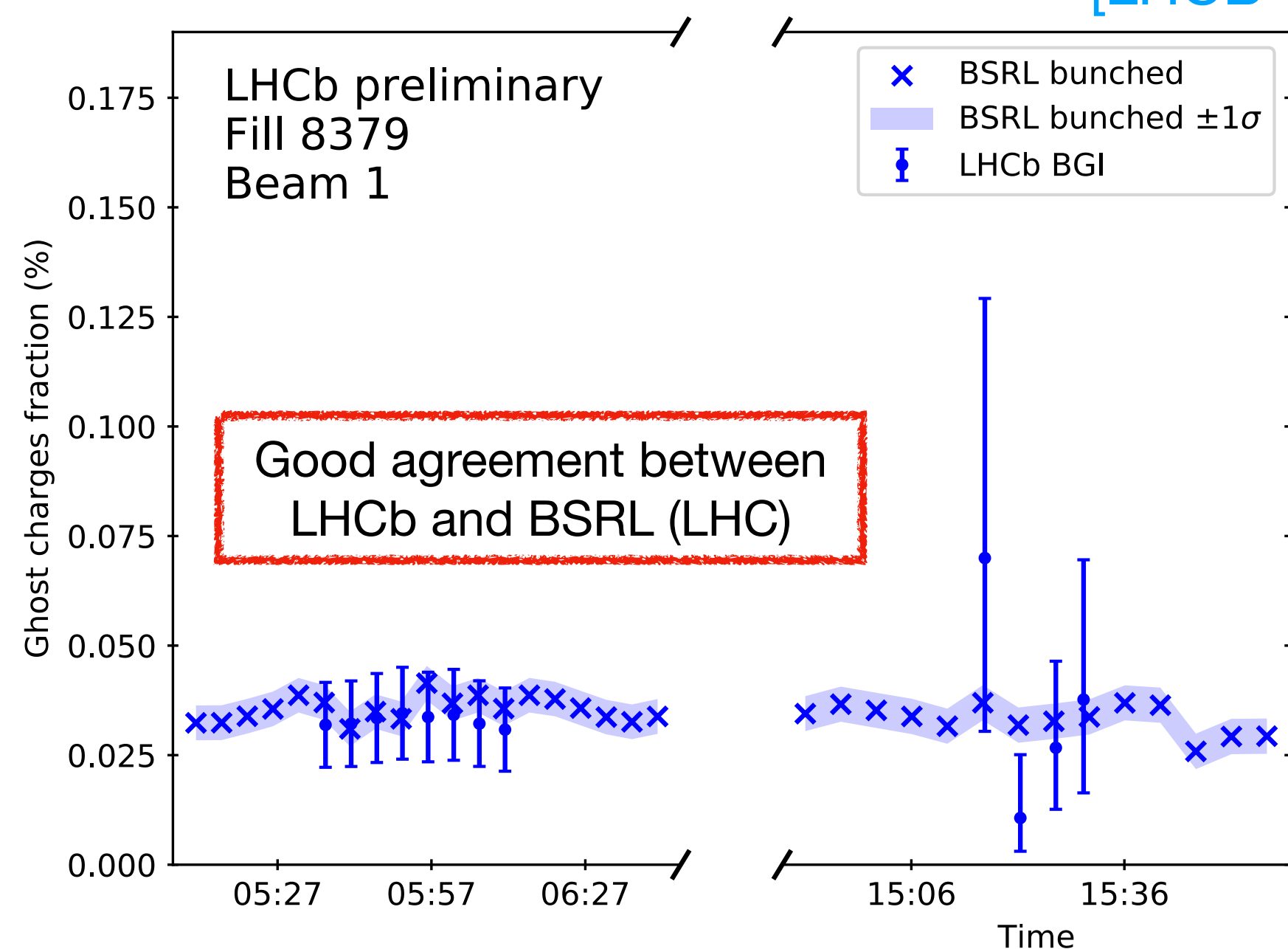


November 2022 ghost charge measurements

- Bunch populations (N_1, N_2) from LHC transformers crucial for absolute \mathcal{L} for all LHC experiments
- Ghost charge: circulating in LHC, outside filled bunch slots (25ns)
 - Measure at LHCb using beam-gas interactions in non-colliding crossings
- Satellite charge: in filled bunch slot, outside filled RF bucket (2.5ns)
 - 100 ps timing with PLUME \Rightarrow possible at LHCb for beam 2 in the future



[LHCb-FIGURE-2023-003]



Summary



- LHCb: almost entirely new detector for Run 3
 - New 40 MHz fully software trigger
 - PLUME (dedicated luminosity detector) and SMOG2 (gas storage cell) successfully commissioned
- First vdM calibrations at 13.6 TeV
 - Full suite of counters implemented, further analysis ongoing
- New for Run 3: Emittance scans to test linearity to higher physics μ
- Luminosity providing some early Run 3 LHCb results:
 - First absolute calibration with PLUME
 - November 2022 ghost charge measurements



Backup material

Emittance scans

- New at LHCb for Run 3: emittance scans **every fill**
 - Already common at other LHC experiments
 - Check linearity of counters to physics conditions ($\sim 5 - 10 \times$ higher μ)
 - Check time-stability of counters
 - Machinery in place; commissioning still ongoing
- Scan one axis with other offset, then switch and repeat
 - Too high luminosity at head-on

