

# LHCb Prospects on FCNC for Run3 and beyond

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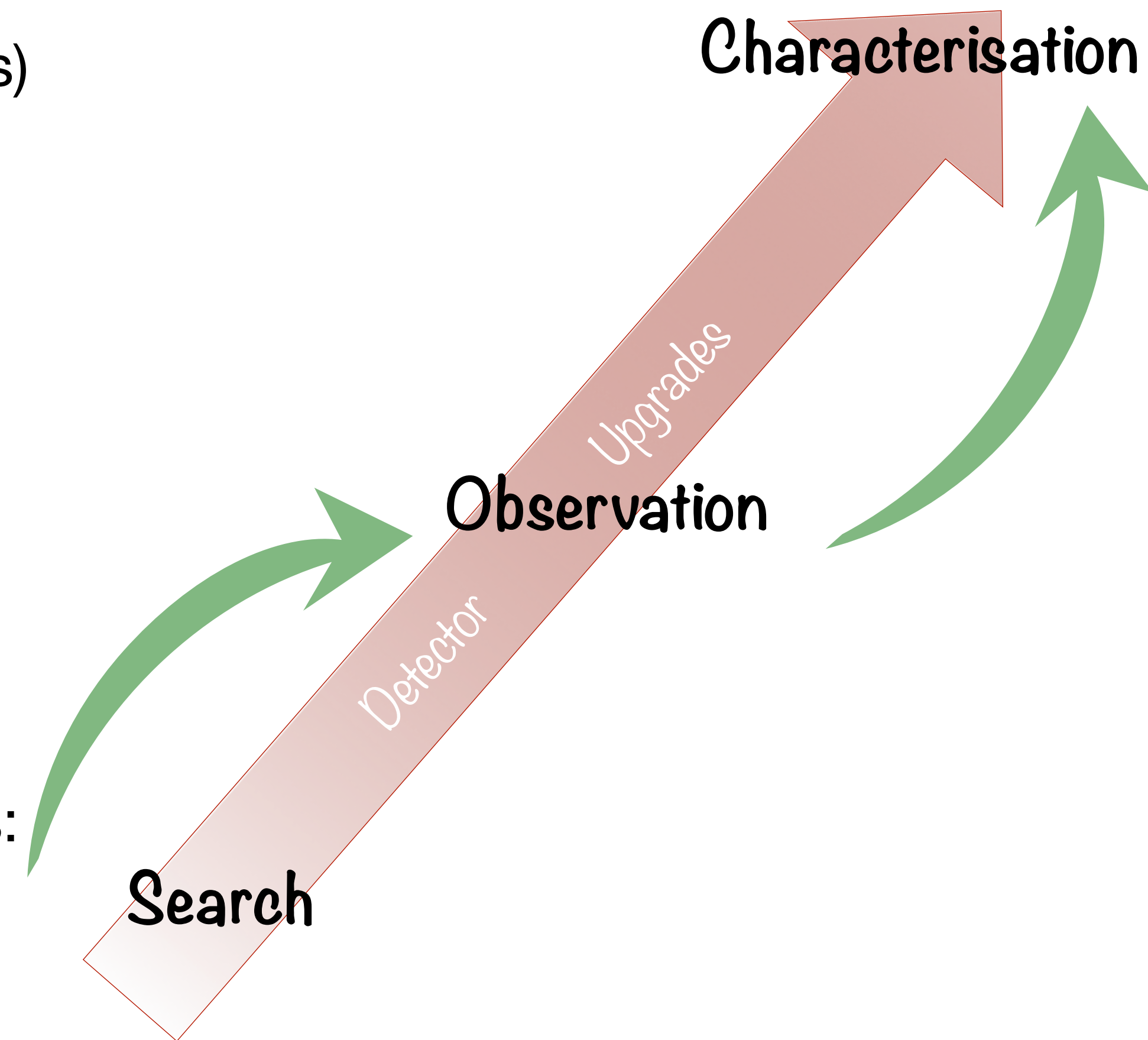
Particularly relevant detector  
upgrades for FCNC



# The physics case in a nutshell

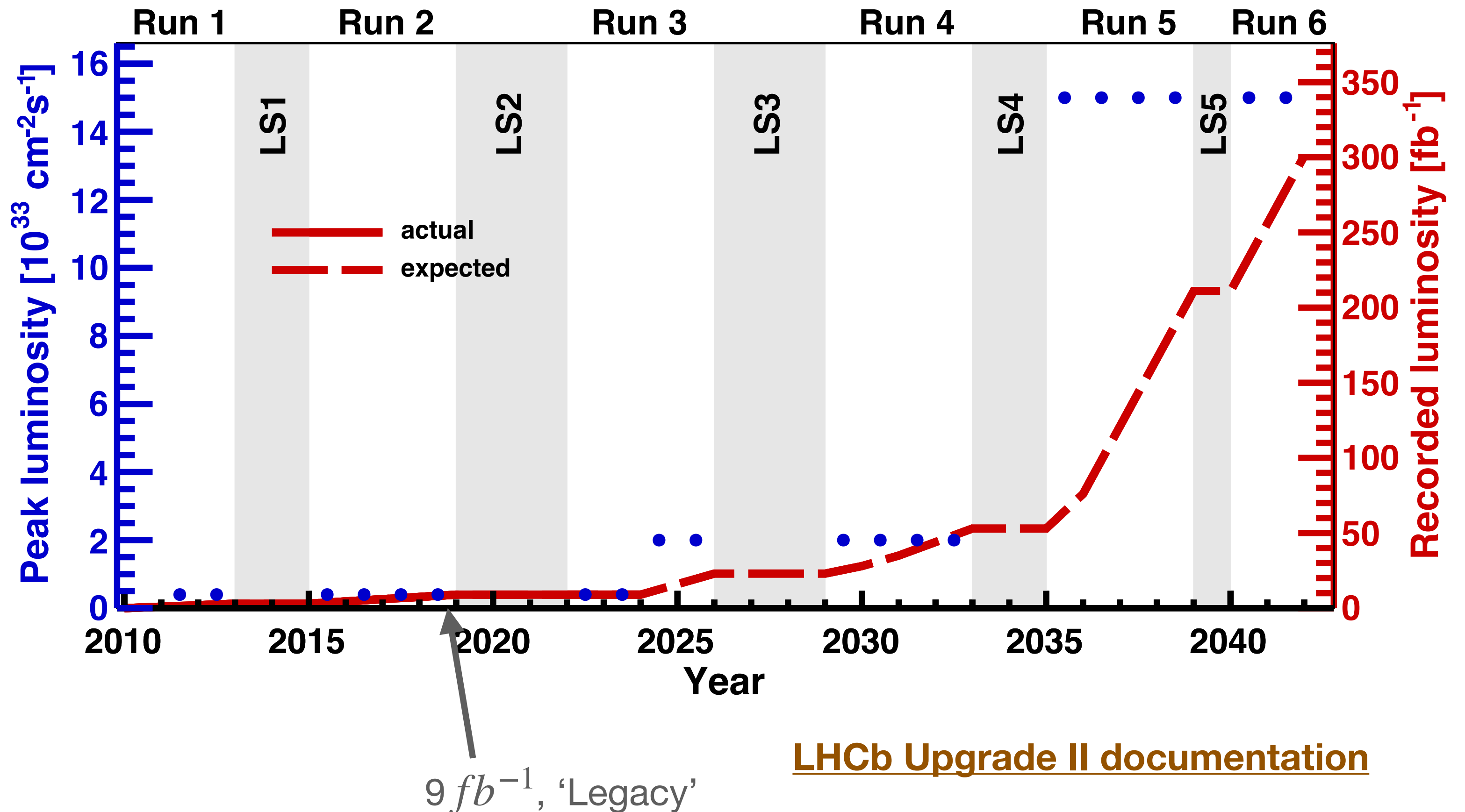
- As we have seen from the previous talks:
  - Final states with hadron + 2 leptons ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu$  and friends)
  - Purely leptonic final states ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu \mu$ )
  - Photon polarisation: real photon or very low  $q^2(ee)$
  - Rare charm ( $D^0 \rightarrow \mu \mu$ )
- $R$  measurements dominated by low yield in the electron mode
- Effort in using data-driven methods and extracting as much information from the data itself.
- Many searches attempted and ongoing for even rarer processes:
  - Only limits available for  $K_s^0 \rightarrow \mu \mu$ ,  $B_s \rightarrow ee$ ,  $K_s/B_s \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu \mu$

➡ **Consistent statistics limitations.**



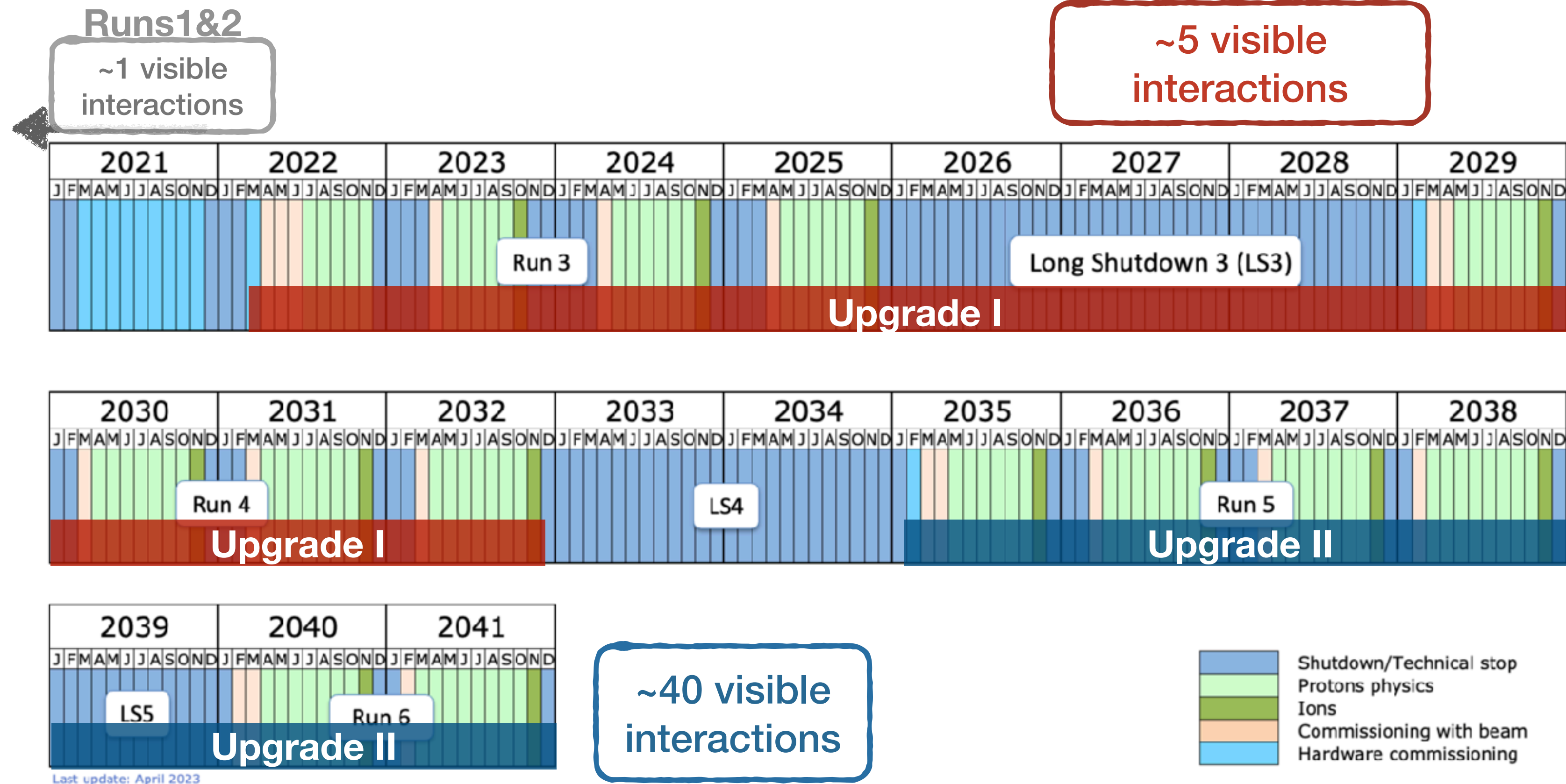
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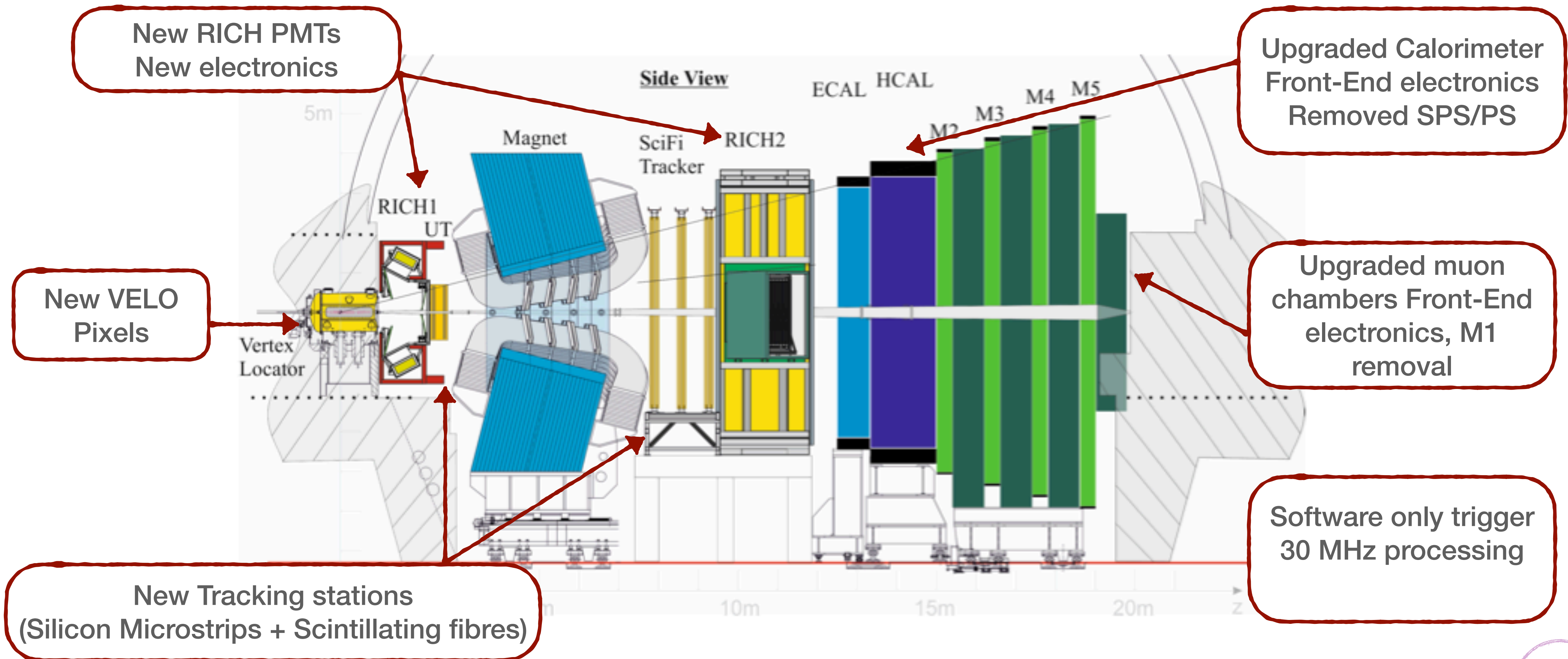
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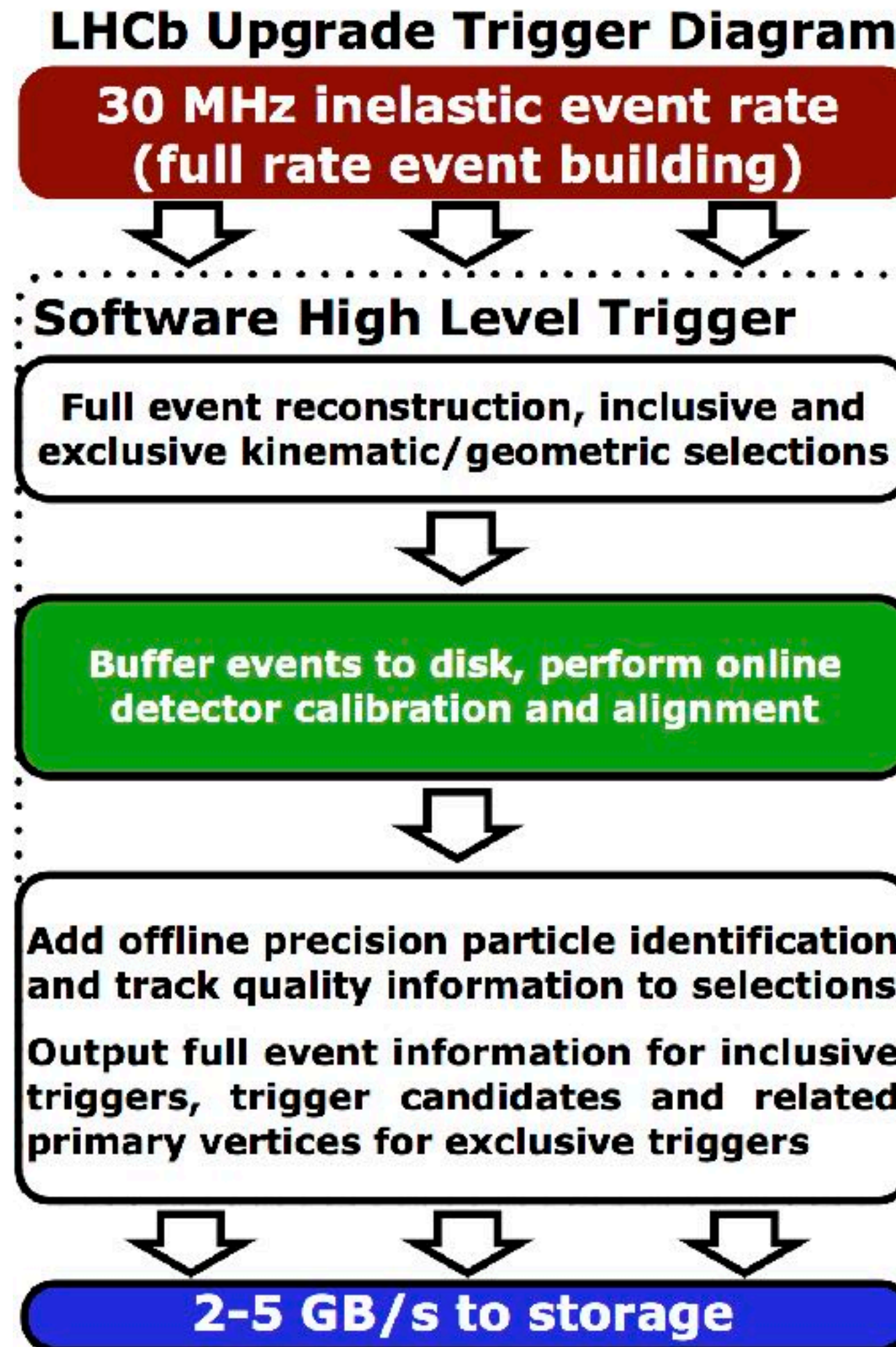
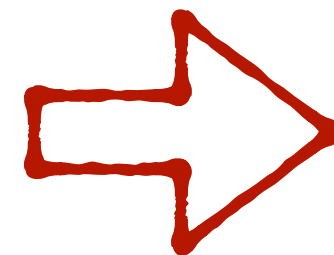
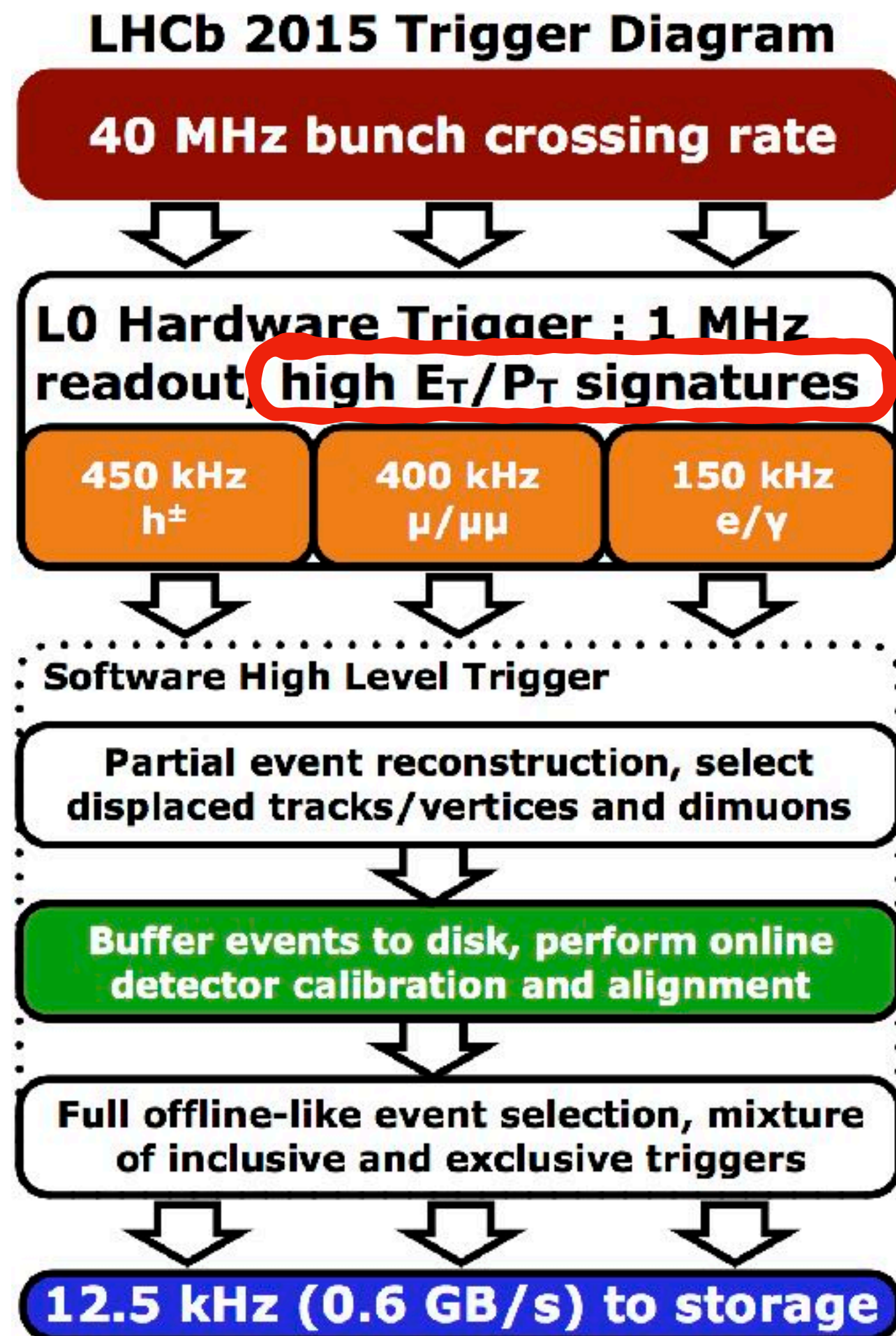


**LHC schedule**

# The LHCb detector in Upgrade I (now)



# New trigger scheme

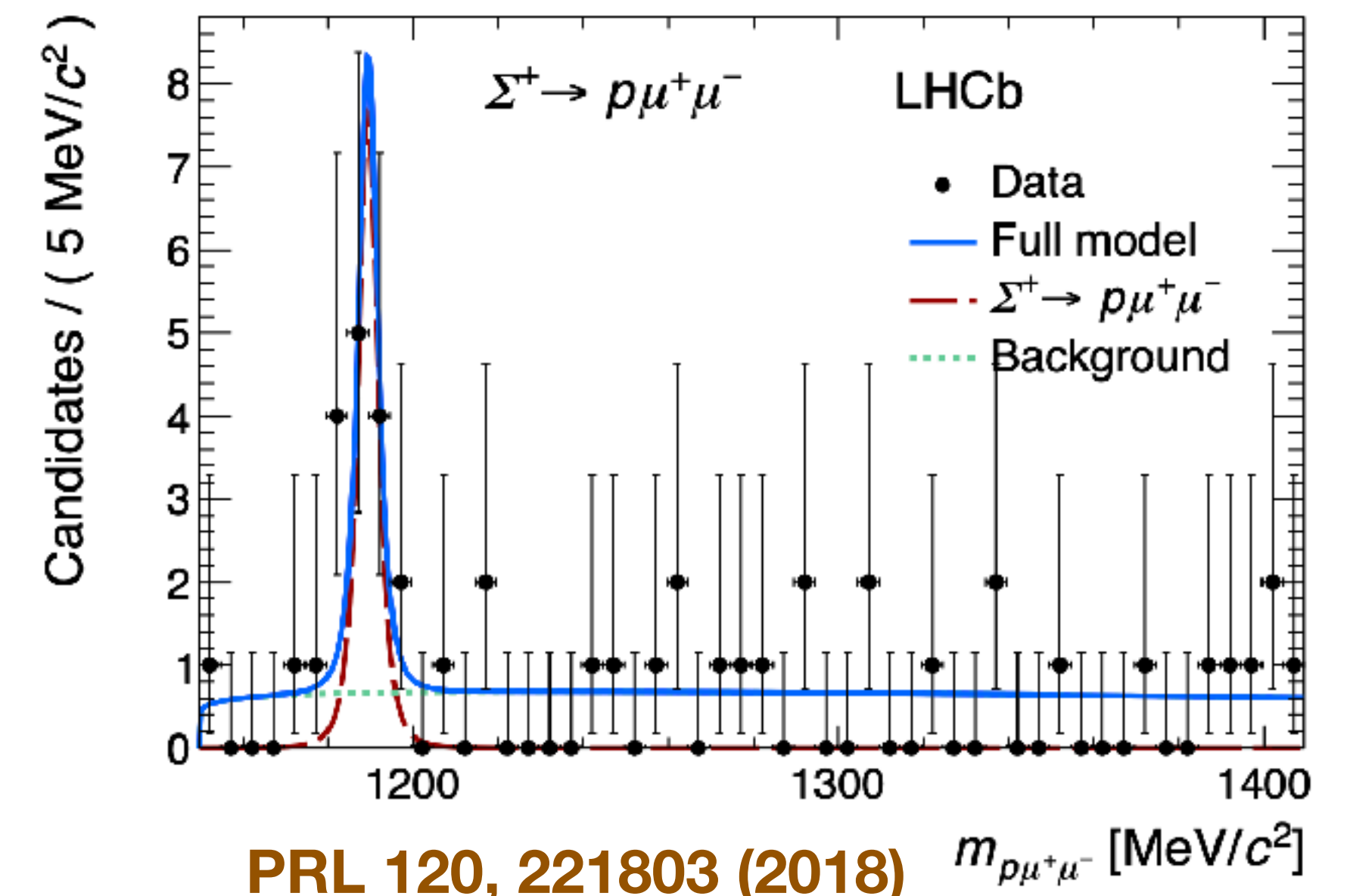
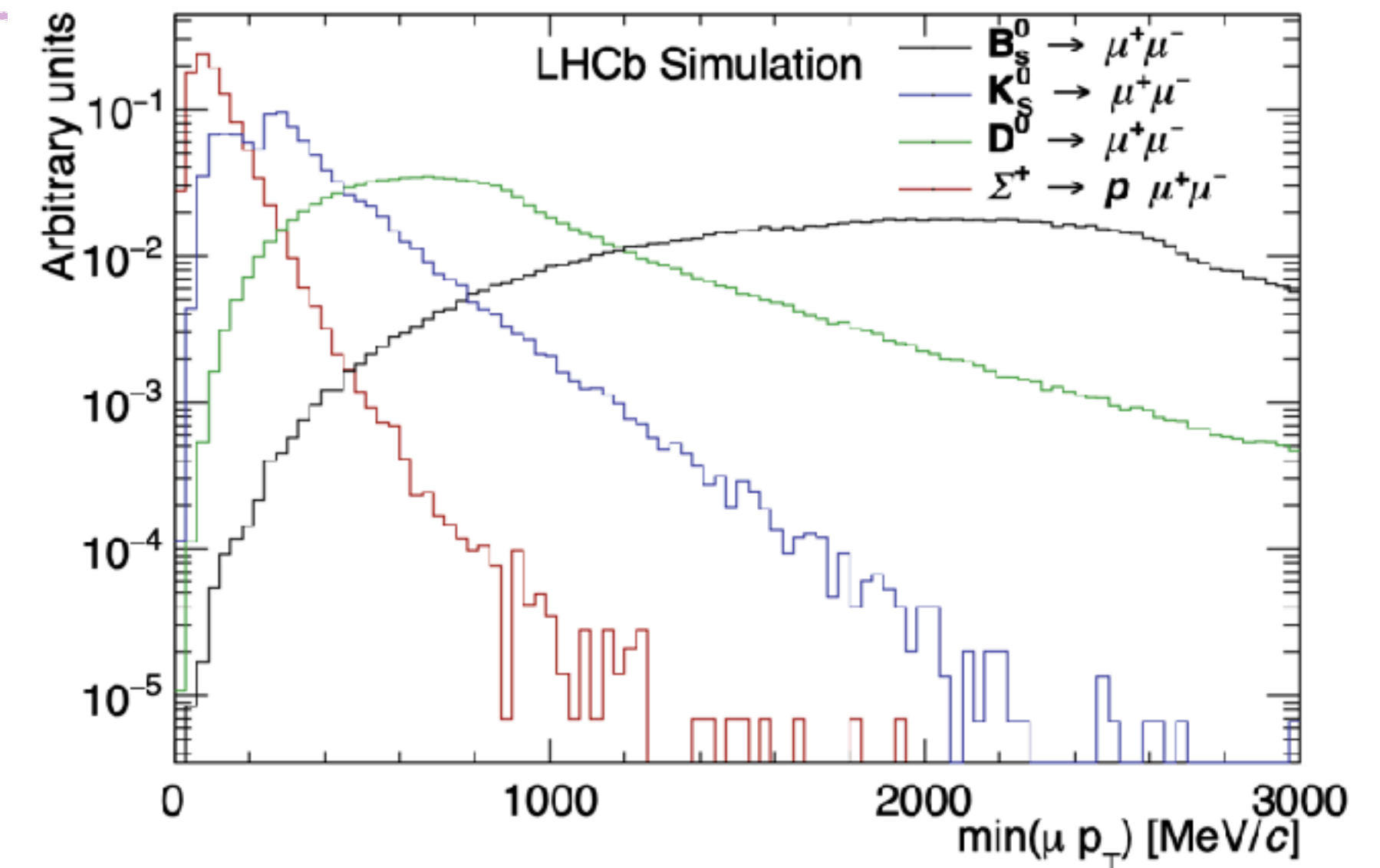


- **Removal of the Level-0 hardware trigger:**
  - much softer  $p_T$  requirements. **Quick gain:** soft muons from charm, taus or strange decays and channels with electrons in final state.
- **Run 2 experience:**
  - It is possible to apply online alignment and calibration
  - 'Offline' quality at HLT2 level → **sophisticated (and flexible) selections** earlier on gaining up to a factor 2 in fully hadronic final states

# Impact: Rare kaon decays

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- A **clear winner in the changes to the trigger** scheme
  - Dedicated HLT2 lines since Run 2  $\epsilon \sim 1 - 2\% \rightarrow 18\%$  (in dimuons)
  - Typical  $p_T$  ranges: **B physics 1-2GeV, strange physics: <0.1 GeV**, removal of L0 hardware trigger brings back most of the signal region
- Several analyses published and ongoing in LHCb:
  - **Rarer modes** ( $K_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu, K_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu, \dots$ ) **not observed yet** (Run 2 data samples analysed)
  - $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu\mu$  ( $4.1\sigma$  evidence with Run 1 data)  $\rightarrow$  achieve observation and investigate full differential decay rate.



# Impact: Rare charm decays

- **General gain in acceptance** from the **removal** of the (harsh) **L0 trigger** requirements.
  - Better kinematic overlap of different modes (reduced systematics)
- Dedicated new trigger lines for better mis-ID control ( $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ )

Much better efficiency to be expected on **multi-body charm** decays (even softer  $p_T$  spectra)

- Potential new limits on branching ratios\* Upgrade 1, 2022-2030, and Upgrade 2, 2030+:

Mode	Run1-2 (1-9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade1 (50 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade2 (300 fb <sup>-1</sup> )
$D^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	<del>6.2 × 10<sup>-9</sup></del> 3.1 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>	4.2 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>	1.3 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>
$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	6.7 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup>	3 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>
$D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.6 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup>	3 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$	9.6 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	1.1 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.4 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>
$D^0 \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$	1.3 × 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-9</sup>	4.1 × 10 <sup>-9</sup>

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- Statistical precision\* on asymmetries:

Mode	Run1-2 (1-9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade1 (50 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	Upgrade2 (300 fb <sup>-1</sup> )
$D^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$		0.2 %	0.08 %
$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	<del>3.8 %</del> 2%	1 %	0.4 %
$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$		0.3 %	0.13 %
$D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$		12 %	5 %
$D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	<del>11 %</del> 6%	4 %	1.7 %

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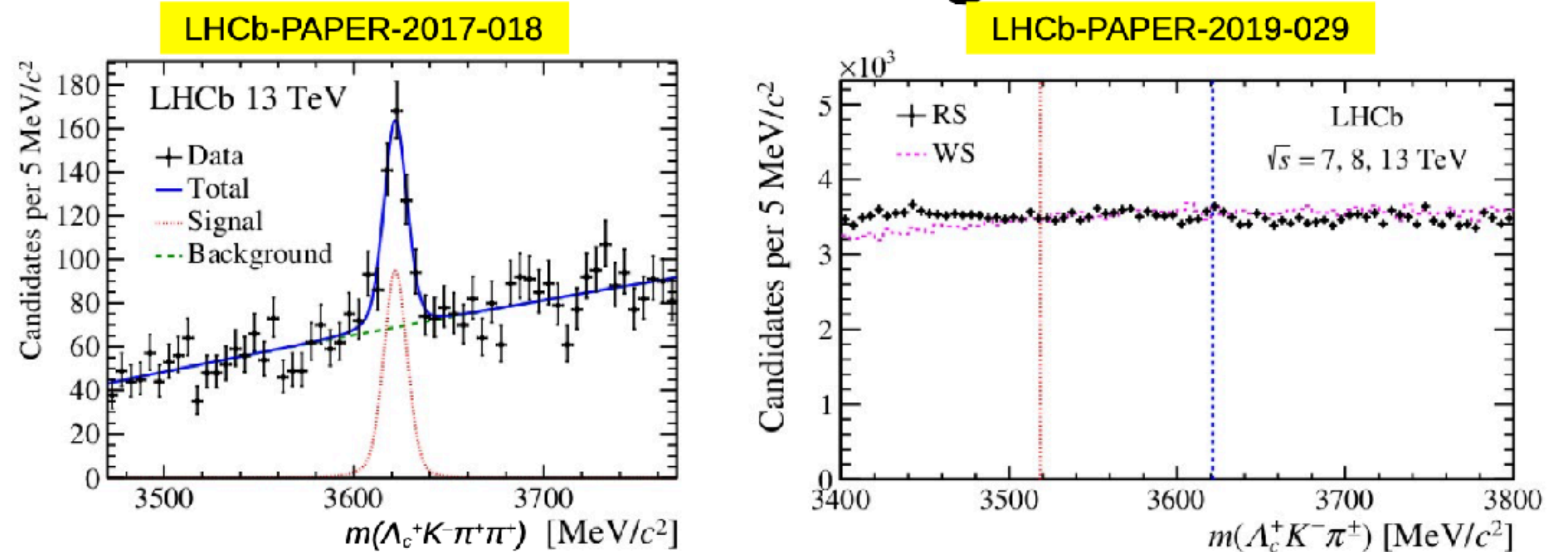


# Relevance of vertexing

## Upgraded VELO:

- Expected to **improve the decay time resolution** ( $\sigma_t$ ) by a 10% factor (w.r.t. Runs1&2)
- Nominal position for **sensors at ~5.1mm from the collision** region (closer than before)
- Better track/vertex association  $\rightarrow$  reduced combinatorial backgrounds

## Vertexing



Why do we observe the  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$  (left), but not the  $\Xi_{cc}^+$  (right)?

Likely explanation:  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^{++}) \sim 250$  fs [LHCb-PAPER-2018-019];  $\tau(\Xi_{cc}^+) \sim 80$  fs [predicted]

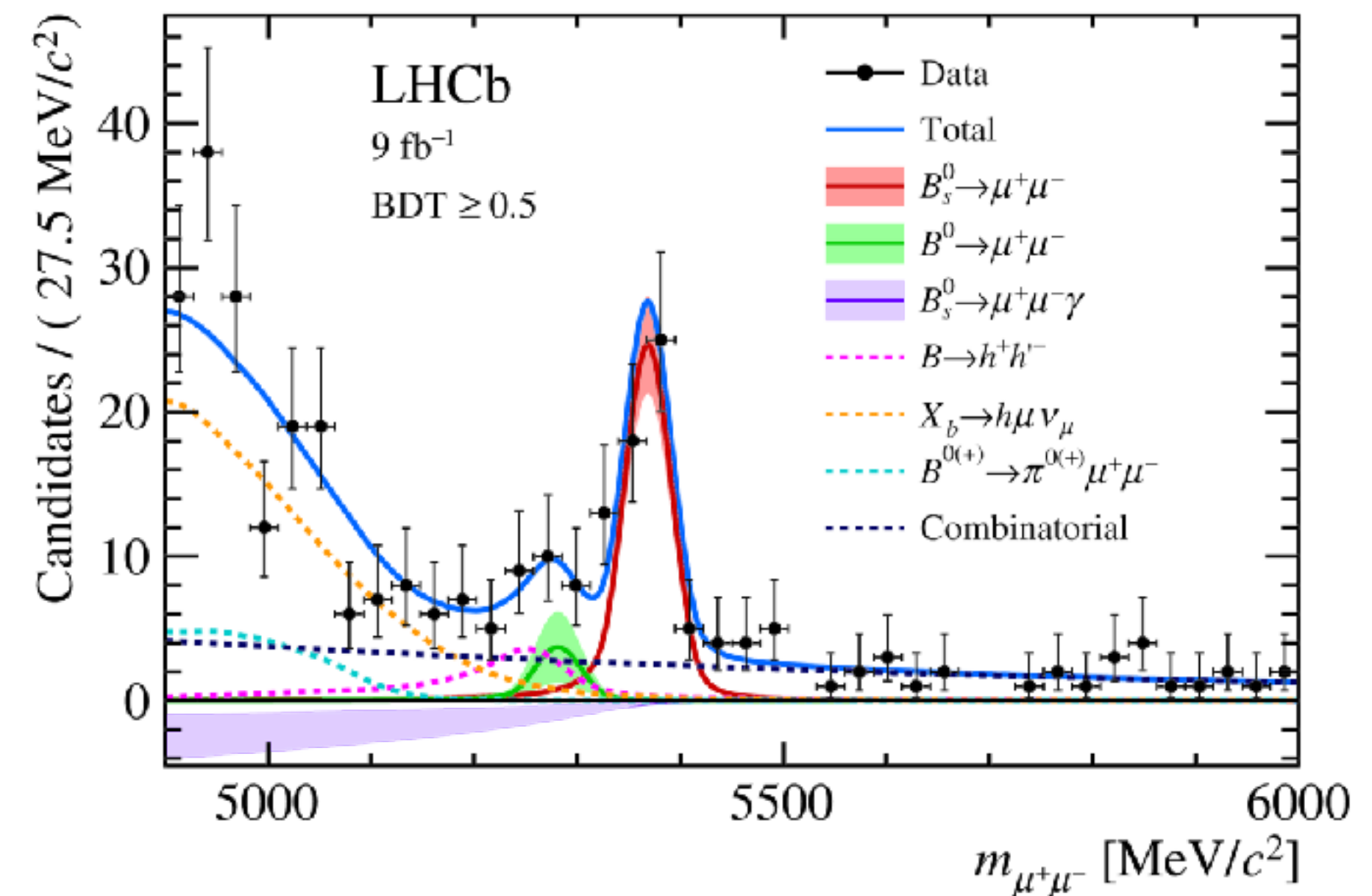
VELO performance enough to separate  $\Xi_{cc}^{++}$ , but not  $\Xi_{cc}^+$ , from PV background <sup>10</sup>

T. Gershon @ Upgradell workshop

# Very rare lands: $B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- Well established  $B_s$  mode, **next milestones**:
  - $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu) / \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu)$
  - Effective lifetime and time-dependent CP asymmetry
  - $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma)$
- The **combinatorial background** is the main factor to be kept under control:
  - ✓ Improved vertexing
  - ✓ Improved momentum estimation from the tracking system ( $\rightarrow$  better mass resolution)
- **Developments on flavour-tagging** will be needed to increase its performance.
- Based on current results,  $f_s/f_d$  could be leading the uncertainty after the data sample collected with the Upgrade II detector
  - Further improvements (beyond  $\sqrt{N}$ ) will be needed on this front

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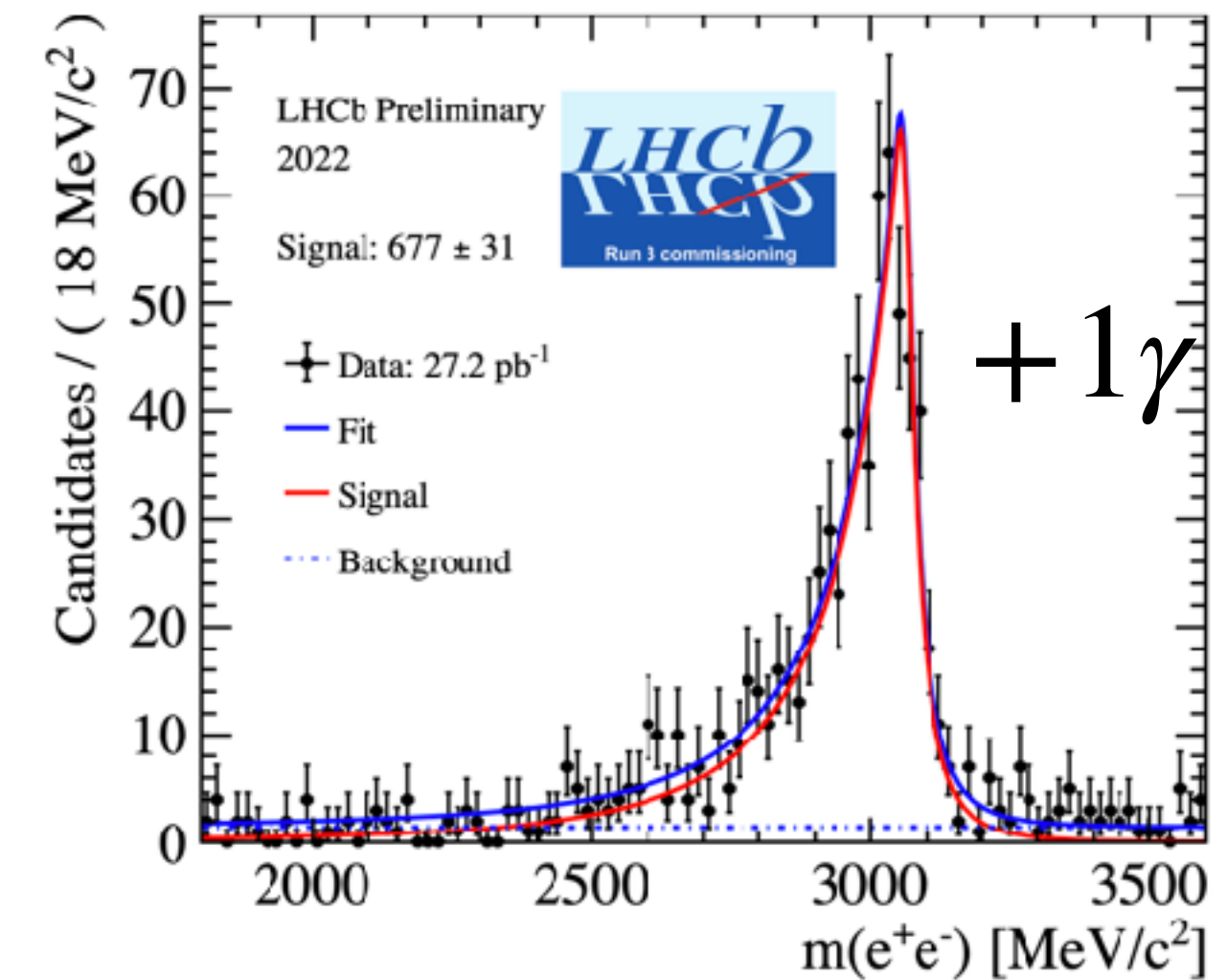
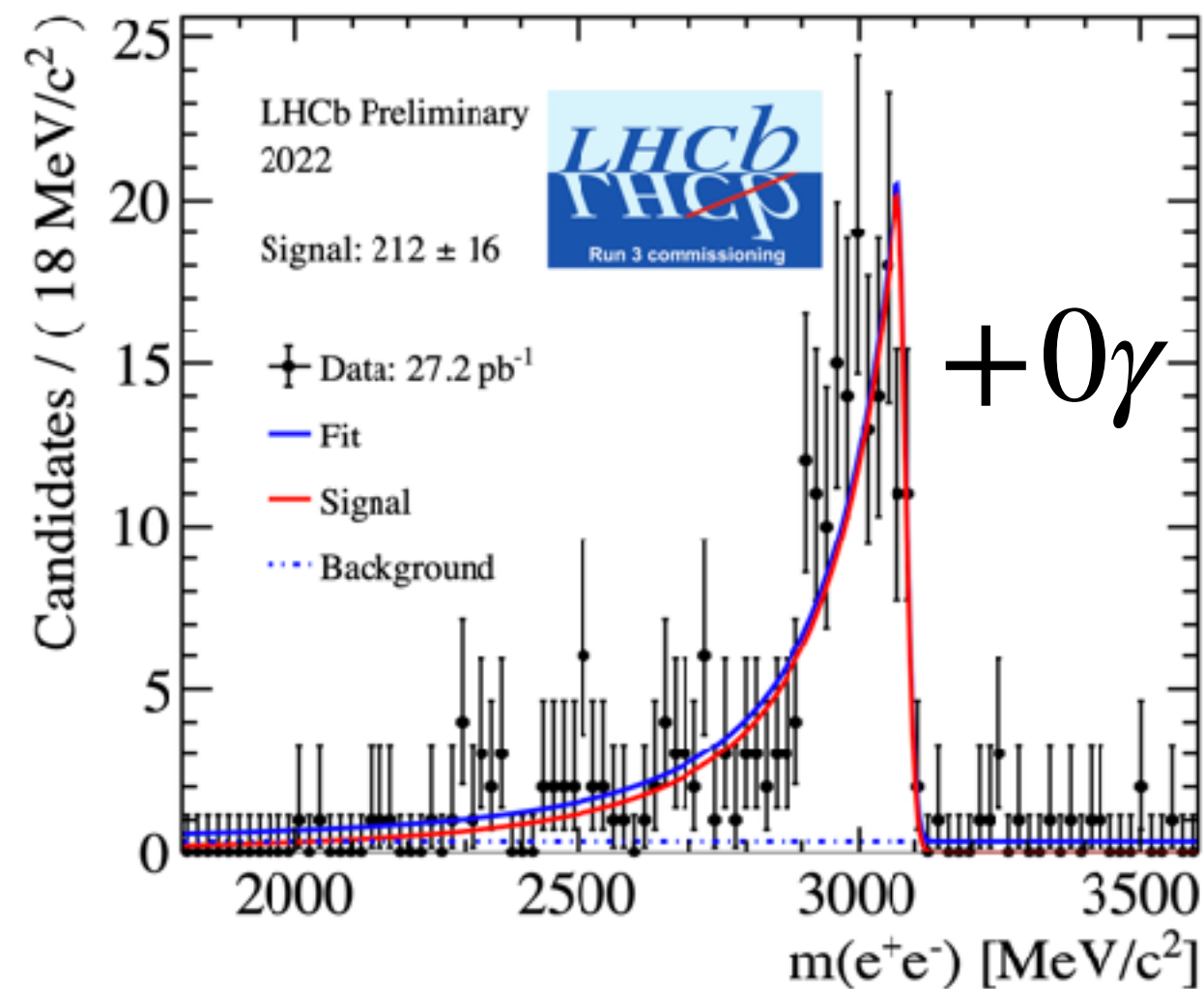
Observable	Current LHCb (up to $9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	Upgrade I ( $23 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	Upgrade I ( $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	Upgrade II ( $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) / \mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	69% [40, 41]	41%	27%	11%
$S_{\mu\mu}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	—	—	—	0.2

# Electrons in Run 3

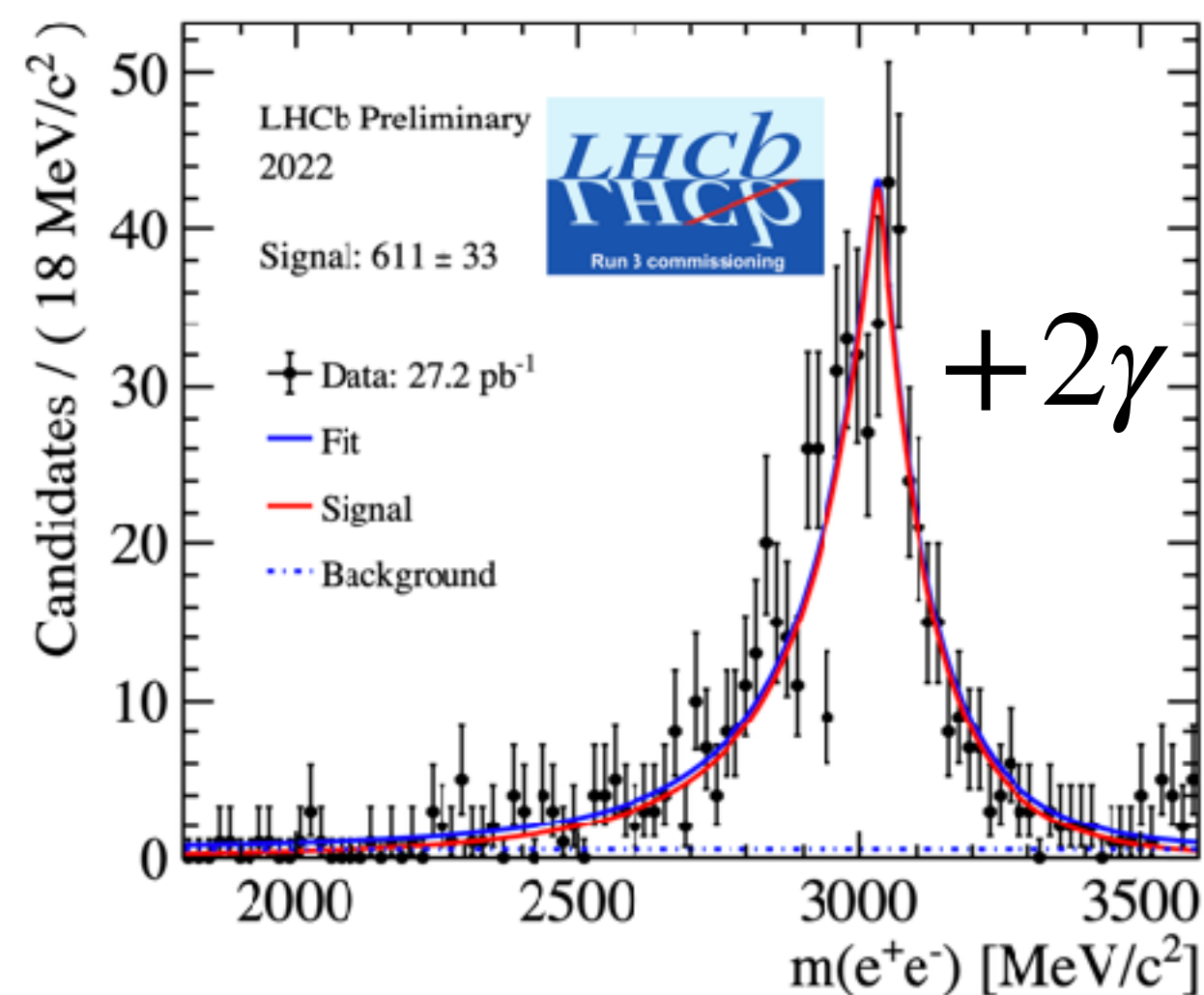
- x5 visible interactions → x5 tracks: **Run 3 has a harsher environment.** ▲ Hand-wavy math

- ✓ **Improved vertexing and tracking**, better efficiency expected in track matching
- ✓ **Removal of hardware trigger**: large efficiency increase
  - ✓ Extra: **better kinematic overlap with the muon samples** (better control of the systematics in ratios)

- ⊙ **Larger occupancy** implies **larger backgrounds** in a busier calorimeter
  - ⊙ Momentum and mass resolution with Bremsstrahlung recovery become more challenging
  - ✓ Brem. recovery algorithms have been re-written and improved to help coping
- ✓ Quicker access to higher level information to make selections more efficient



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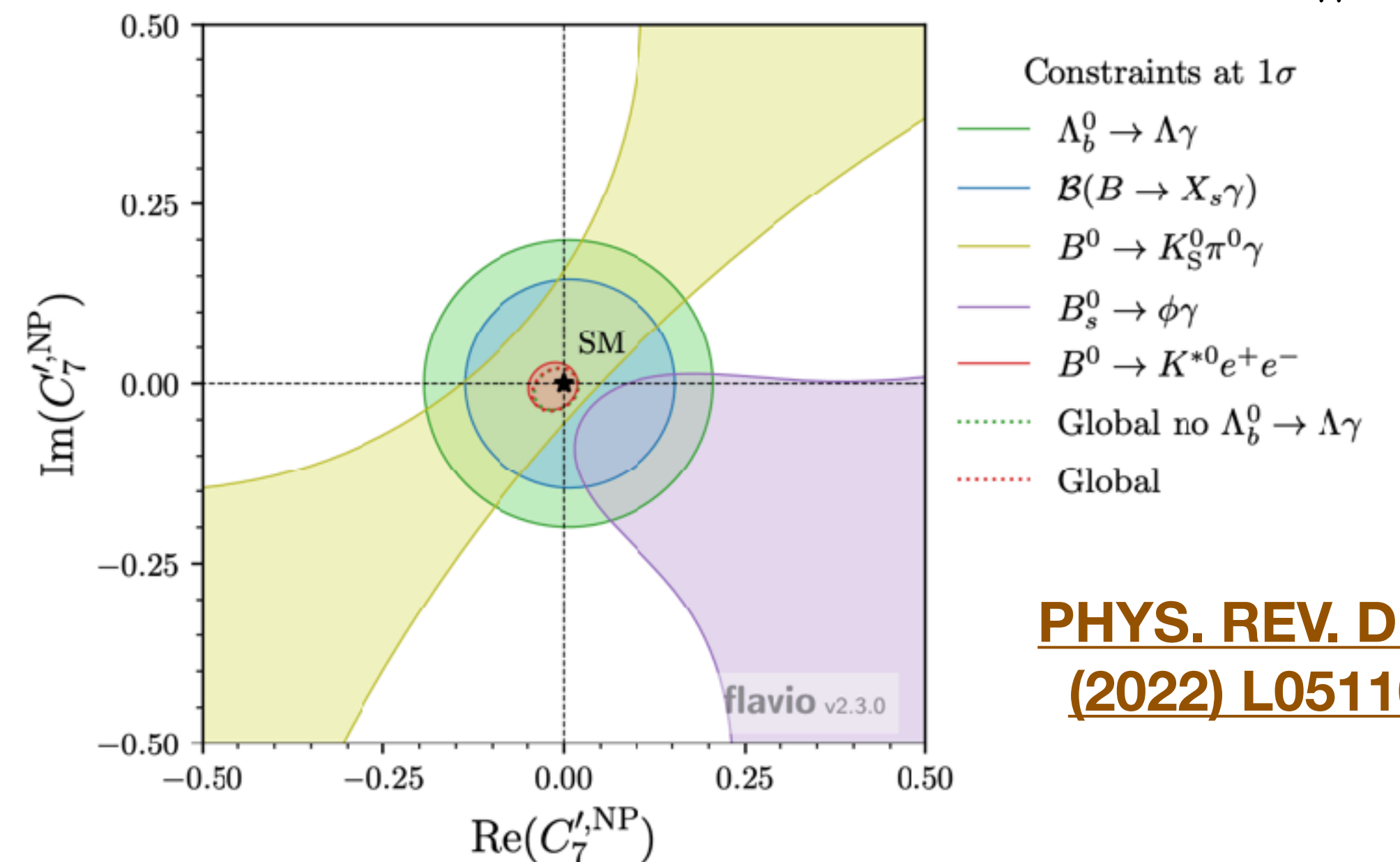
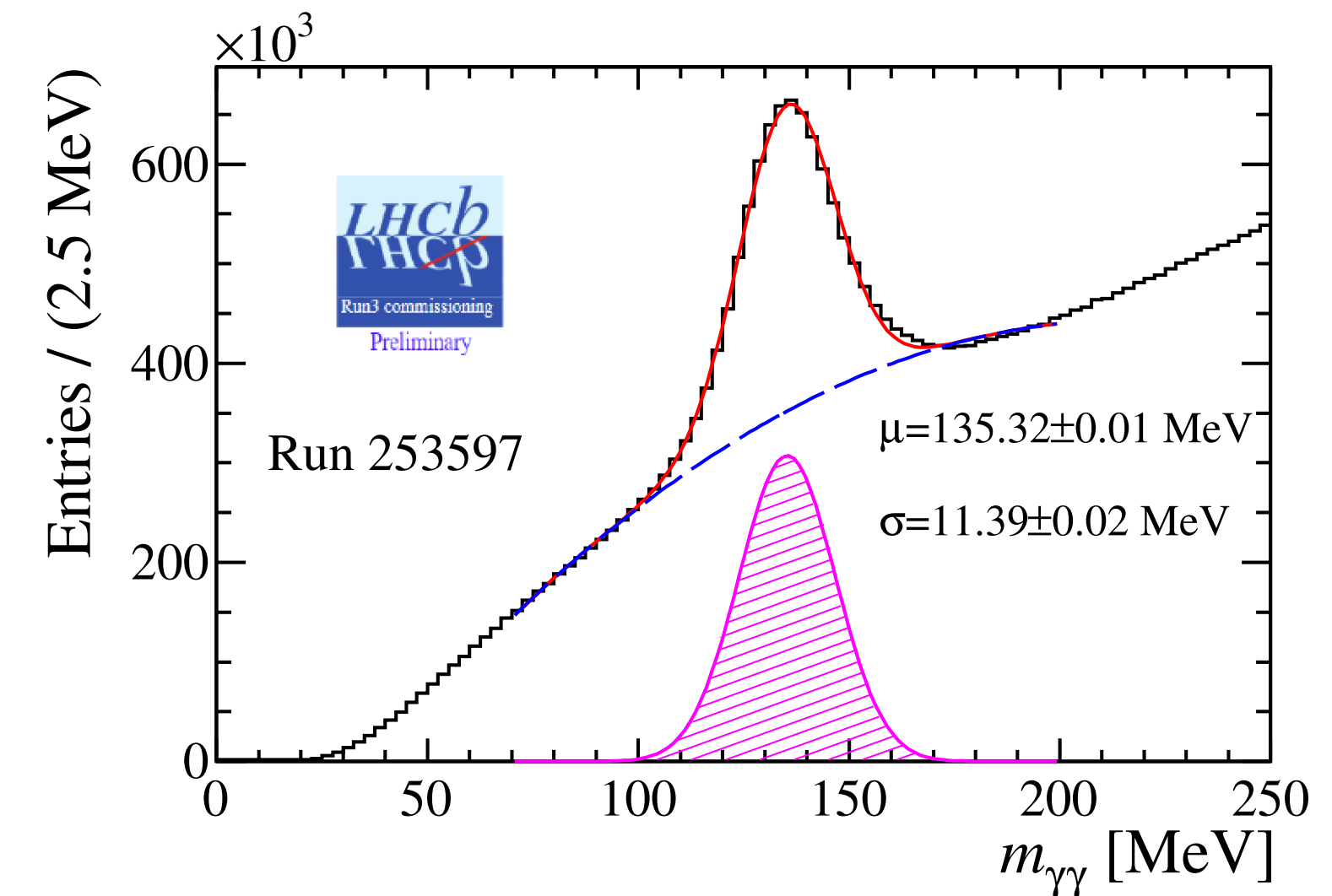
**Good qualitative behaviour of Brem. Recovery in early 2022 commissioning data!**

# Taking a turn to radiative

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- Similar set of Pros and Cons as electrons → **higher level quantities to be optimised** to recover efficiencies
- Benefits from larger samples and potential for large impact:
  - $\text{Im } C_7^{\text{eff}}$ : time integrated CP asymmetry,  
 $A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* \gamma) \sim 2 \text{Im} C_7^{\text{eff}} \text{Im} \Delta C_7$
  - $C_7'$ : currently dominated by  $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^- e^+$ , but nice complementarity with other modes and the direct determination of the photon polarisation

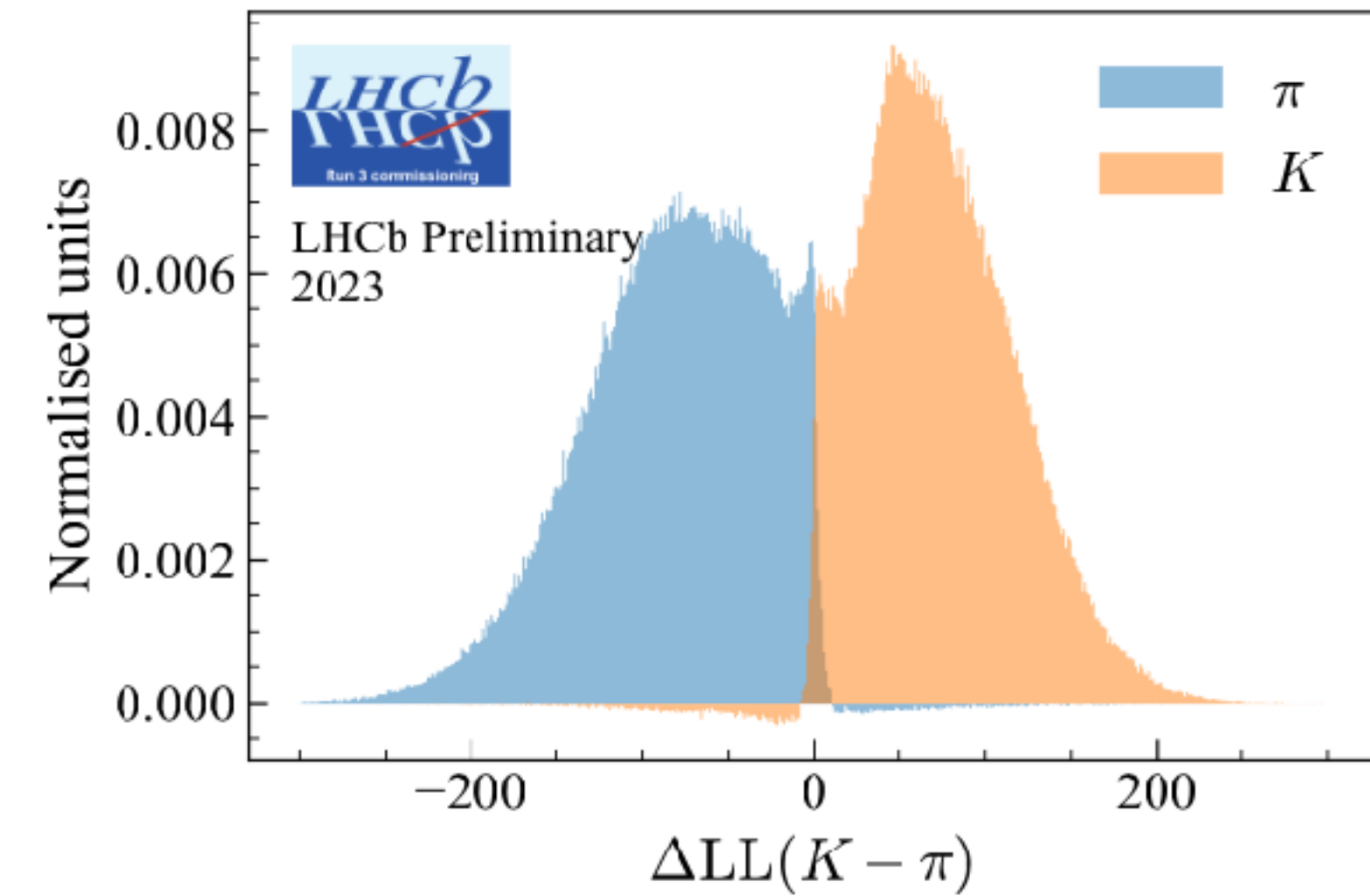
(\*)  $C_7^{\text{eff}}$ : regularisation scheme independent redefinition of  $C_7$



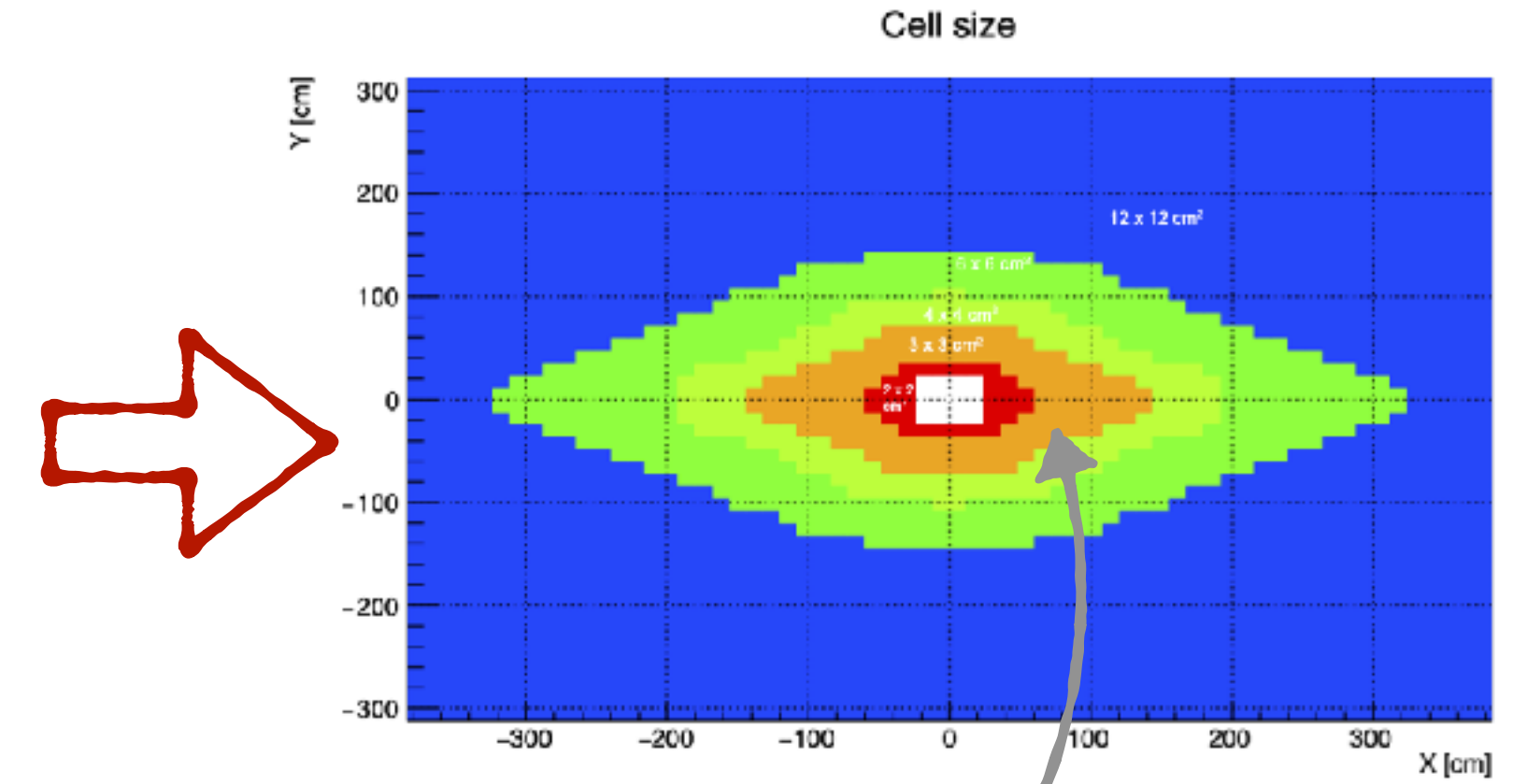
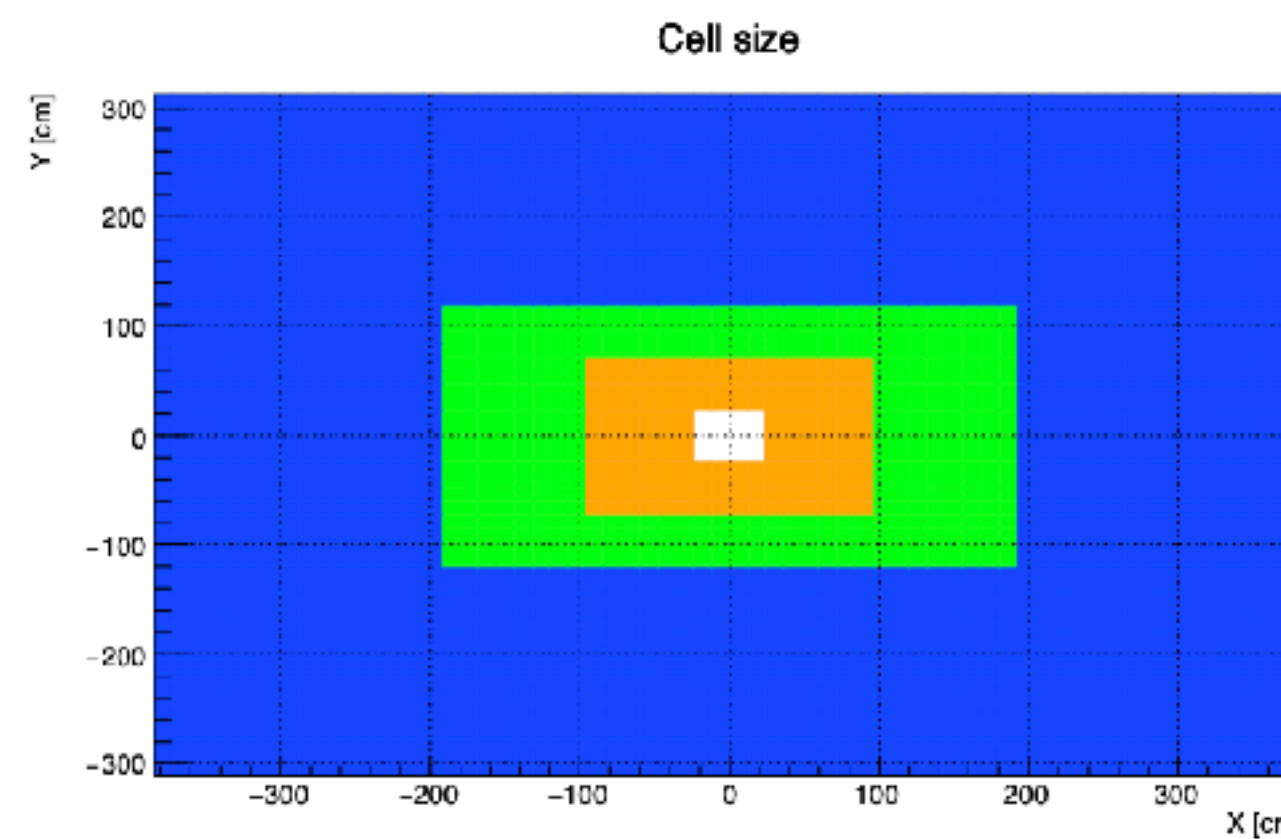
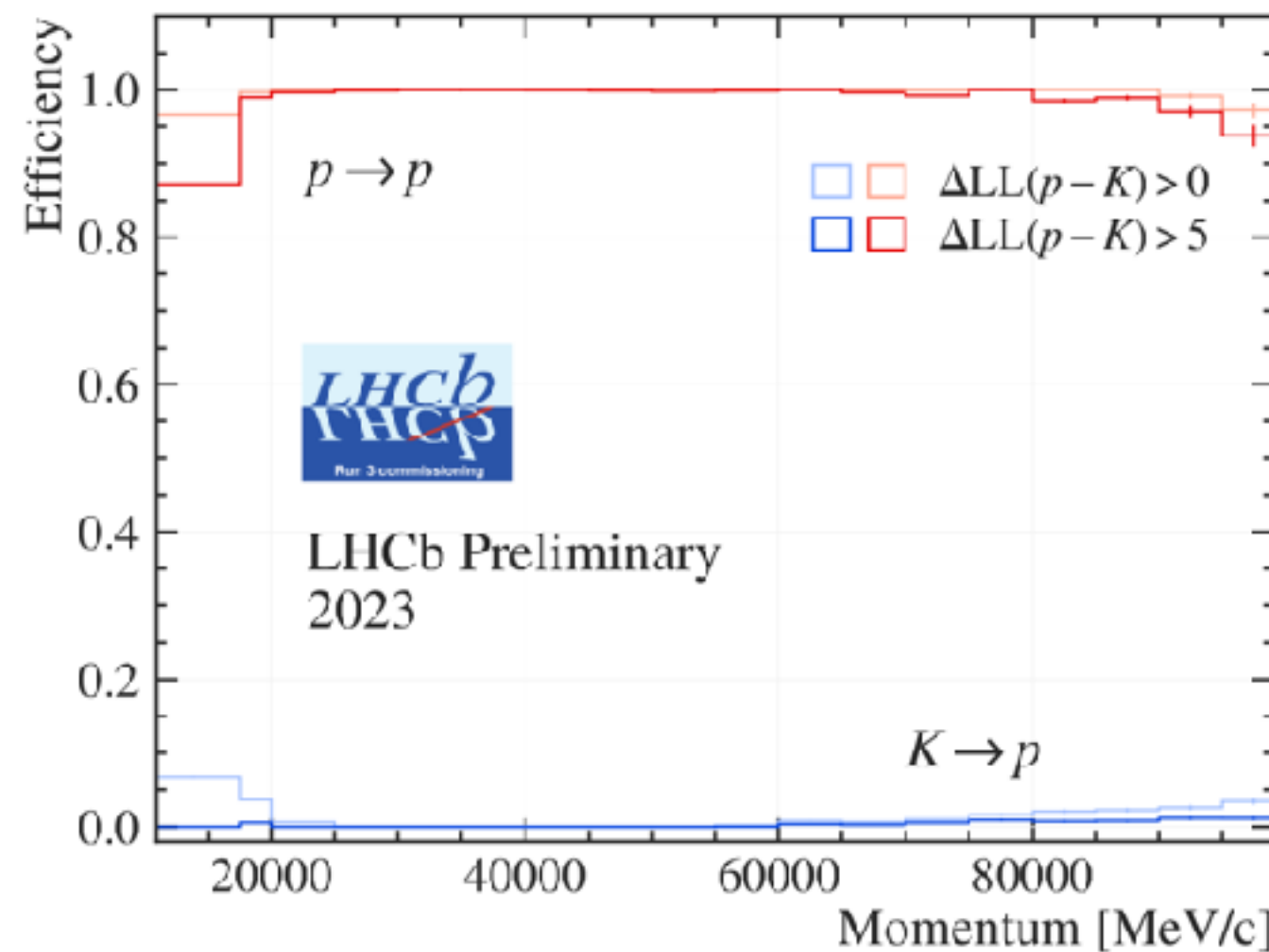
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# Particle Identification

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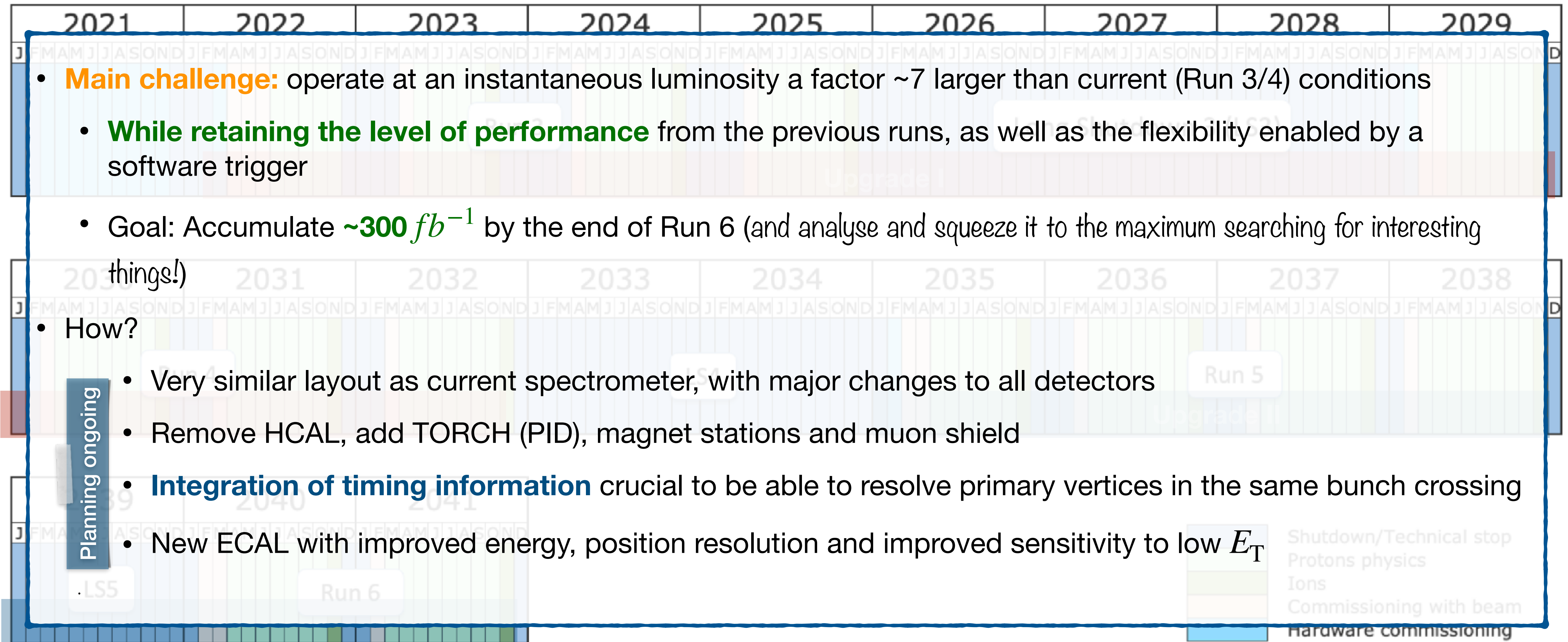
- PID achieved by combining information from several systems
- Expressed as differences in log-likelihood:  $\Delta LL(K) = \log(K) - \log(\pi)$
- Preliminary Run 3 results show very good performance
- **Enhancements proposed for LS3** (between Runs 3&4)
  - **Charged PID (RICH):** new electronics, allowing for **photon time-of-arrival measurement** (enhance photon/track matching)
  - **Neutral PID (ECAL):** **replacement of the inner section** (cope with radiation damage) with **higher granularity** modules and re-arrangement of the basic geometry (better matching occupancy)



~1/3 of the  $\pi^0/\gamma$  produced from B's are reconstructed **here**

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# Looking further ahead: Upgrade II



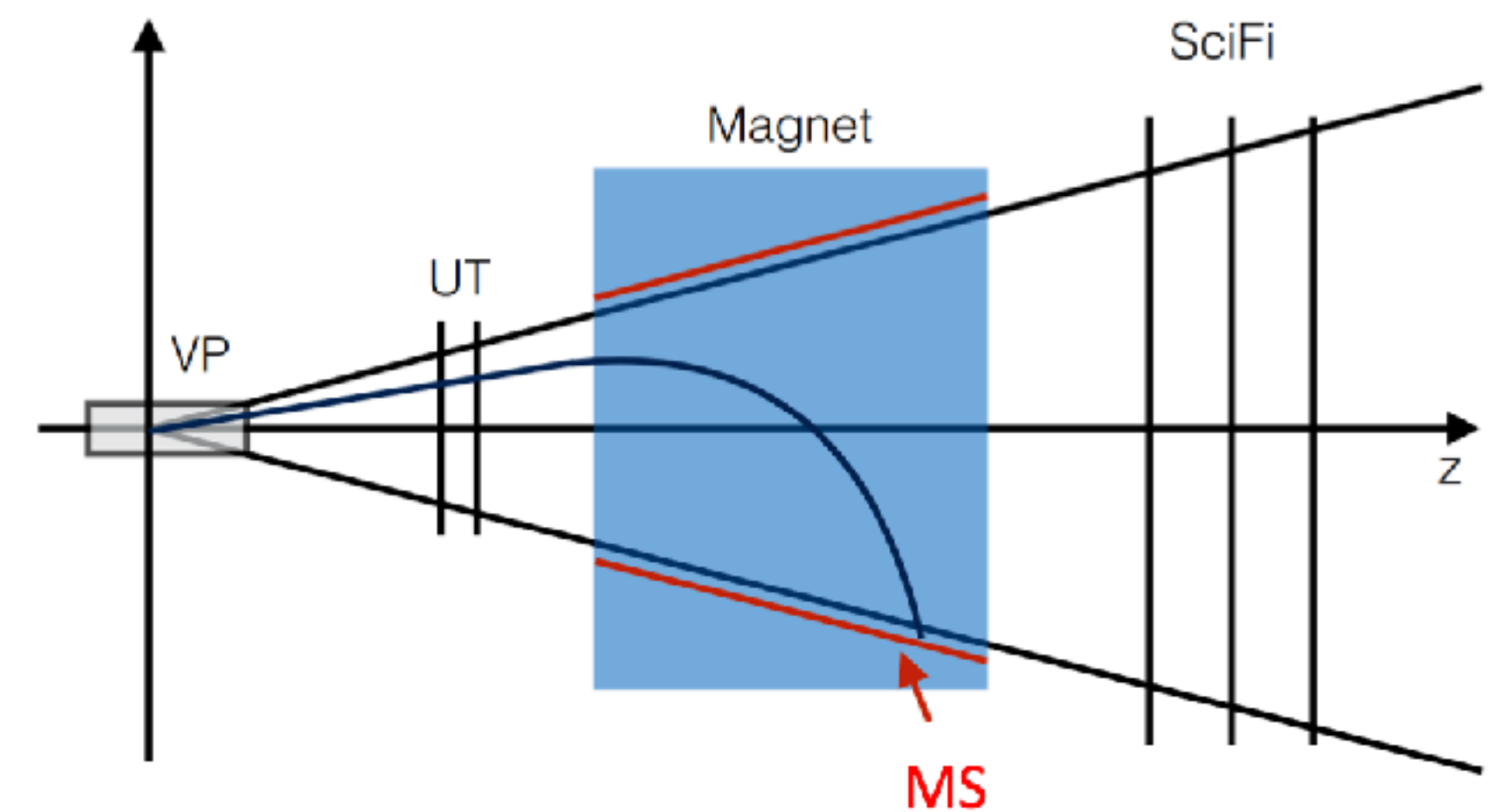
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# Low momentum gains: Magnet tracking stations

- Proposed scintillating-based tracking subsystem inside the magnet to measure the position and direction of particles hitting the magnet side walls
  - ➔ Significantly enlarge the phase space with high precision tracking (in the low momentum region)

Table 3.9: Tracking efficiency relative to VELO+UT tracking efficiency.

channel	$\geq 8$ SciFi hits	SciFi+MS hits	gain
$\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ( $p_{T,\gamma} > 10$ MeV/c)	0.245	0.98	4.1
$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	0.530	0.780	1.5
$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	0.384	0.720	1.9
$K^{*0} \rightarrow K^\pm\pi^\mp$	0.479	0.704	1.5
$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 + \pi^\pm$ ( $\pi^\pm$ in MS)	0.33	0.67	2.0
$D^{*0} \rightarrow D^0 + e^+e^-$ ( $e^+e^-$ in MS)	0.22	0.66	3.0
$D_s^+ \rightarrow D^0 + K^+$ ( $K^+$ in MS)	0.74	0.89	1.20
$\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi + \pi^+\pi^-$ ( $\pi^+\pi^-$ in MS)	0.51	0.73	1.43
$B^+ \rightarrow (J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma) K^+$	0.70	0.83	1.3
$\Omega_c^{*0}(3067) \rightarrow (\Xi_c^+ p K^- \pi^+) K^+$	0.63	0.80	1.27
$B^+ \rightarrow (\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow (K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) \pi^+\pi^-) K^+$	0.34	0.56	1.7
$\gamma + \text{pomeron} \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$	0.57	0.69	1.18
$\gamma + \text{pomeron} \rightarrow \rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	0.39	0.58	1.49
$\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$	0.008	0.03	3.8



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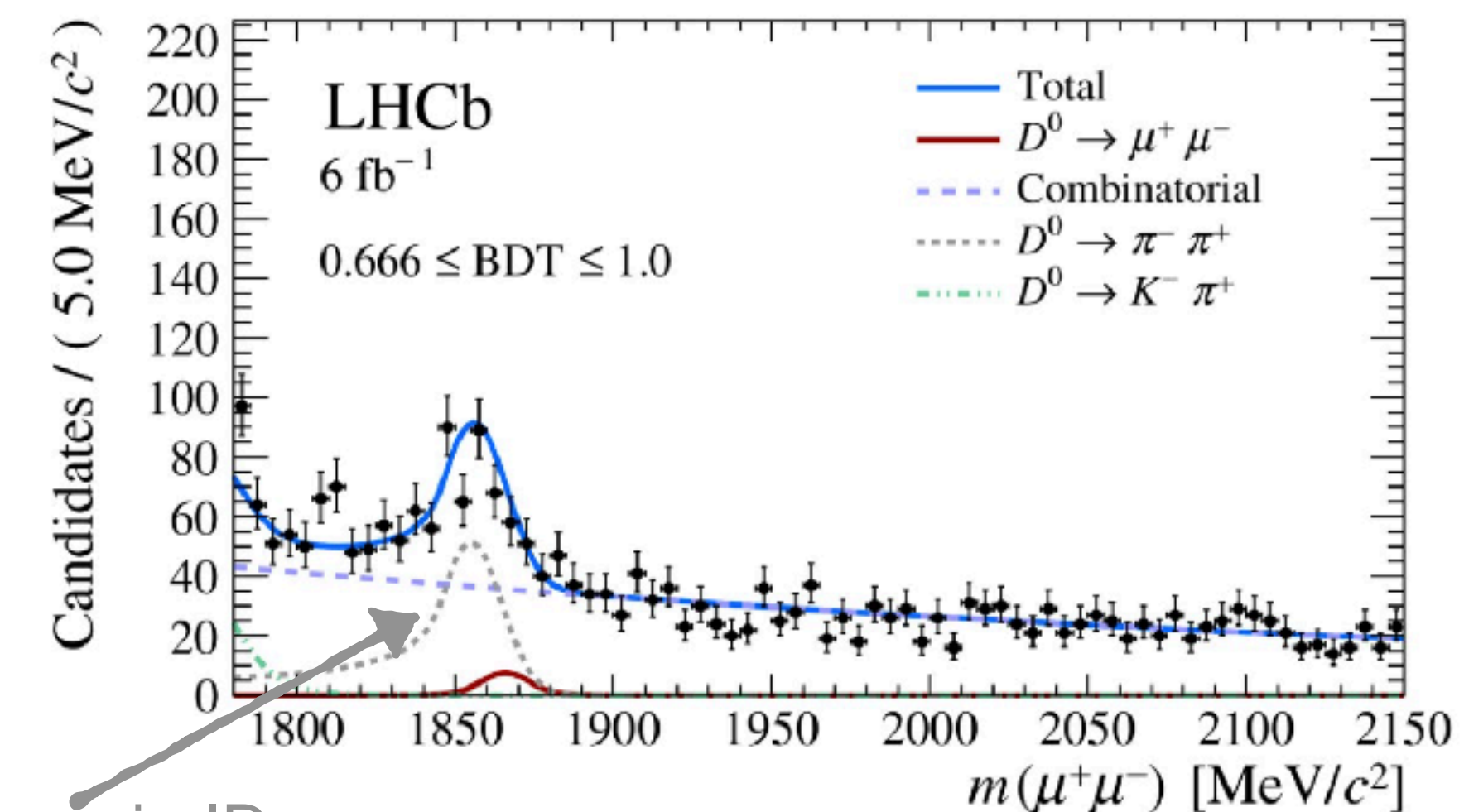
Not an exhaustive list...

# And with even *more* data...

- **Time-dependent angular analysis of rare modes** ( $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu\mu$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow \rho\mu\mu$ ) should become feasible ( ~400 events in Run1 for  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\mu\mu$ ) → current estimate is for these to still be statistically limited after Run 6
- **Branching ratio measurements of very rare modes**  $b \rightarrow d\ell\ell$ ,  $c \rightarrow u\ell\ell$ , **strange physics**
  - PID (cross-feed backgrounds) and mass resolution must be kept extremely performant
- **Branching ratio and CP violation measurements in**  $b \rightarrow d\gamma$ ,  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  transitions: large gain expected from an ECAL with better spatial segmentation

Yield	Run 1 result	9 fb <sup>-1</sup>	23 fb <sup>-1</sup>	50 fb <sup>-1</sup>	300 fb <sup>-1</sup>
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-$	254 ± 29 [274]	1 120	3 300	7 500	46 000
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} e^+ e^-$	111 ± 14 [275]	490	1 400	3 300	20 000
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi e^+ e^-$	—	80	230	530	3 300
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p K e^+ e^-$	—	120	360	820	5 000
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	—	20	70	150	900

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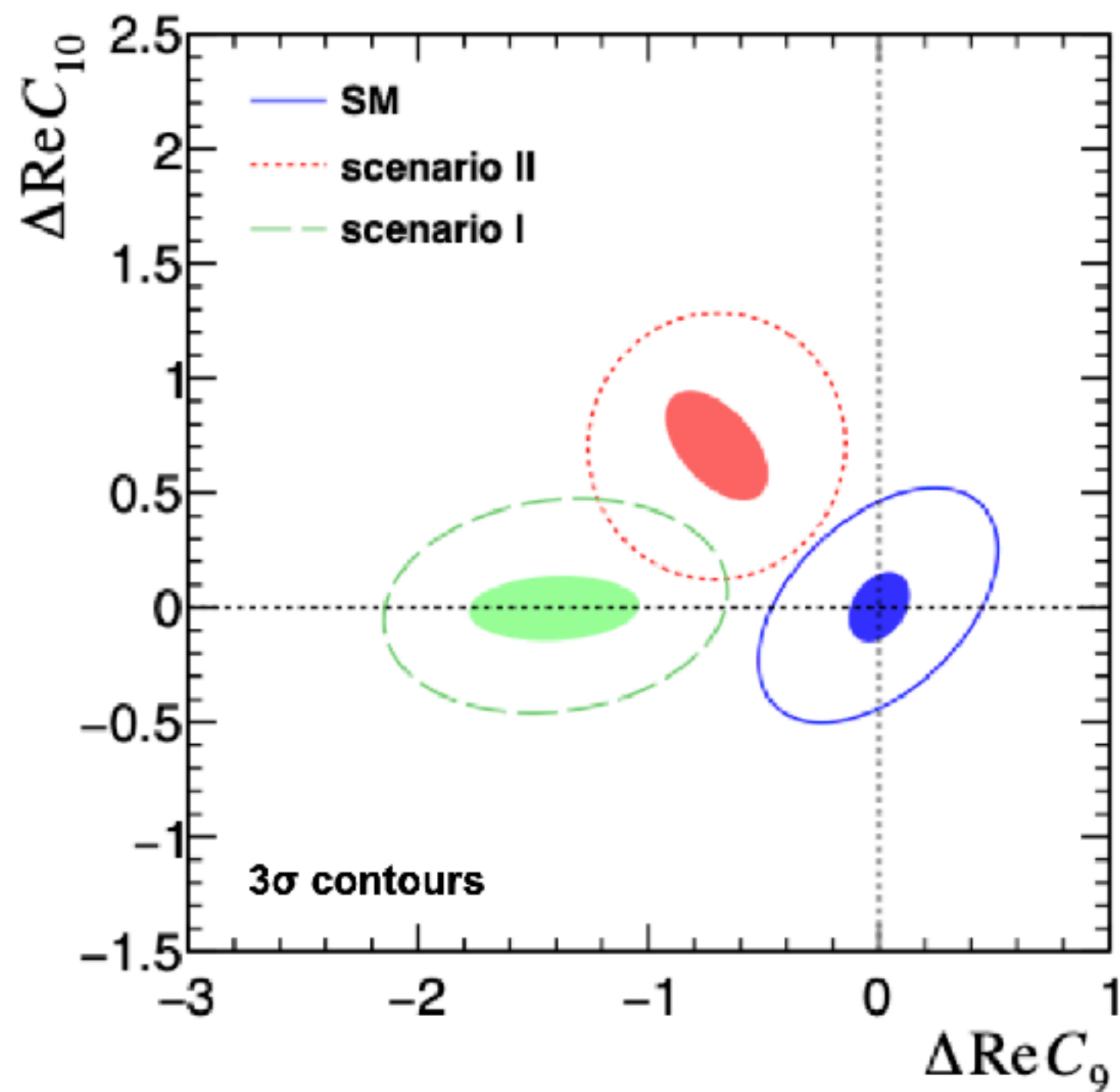
That's a mis-ID background!

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# Landscape with $300\text{fb}^{-1}$

Comparison of the angular distributions between electrons and muons → **distinguish between NP scenarios**

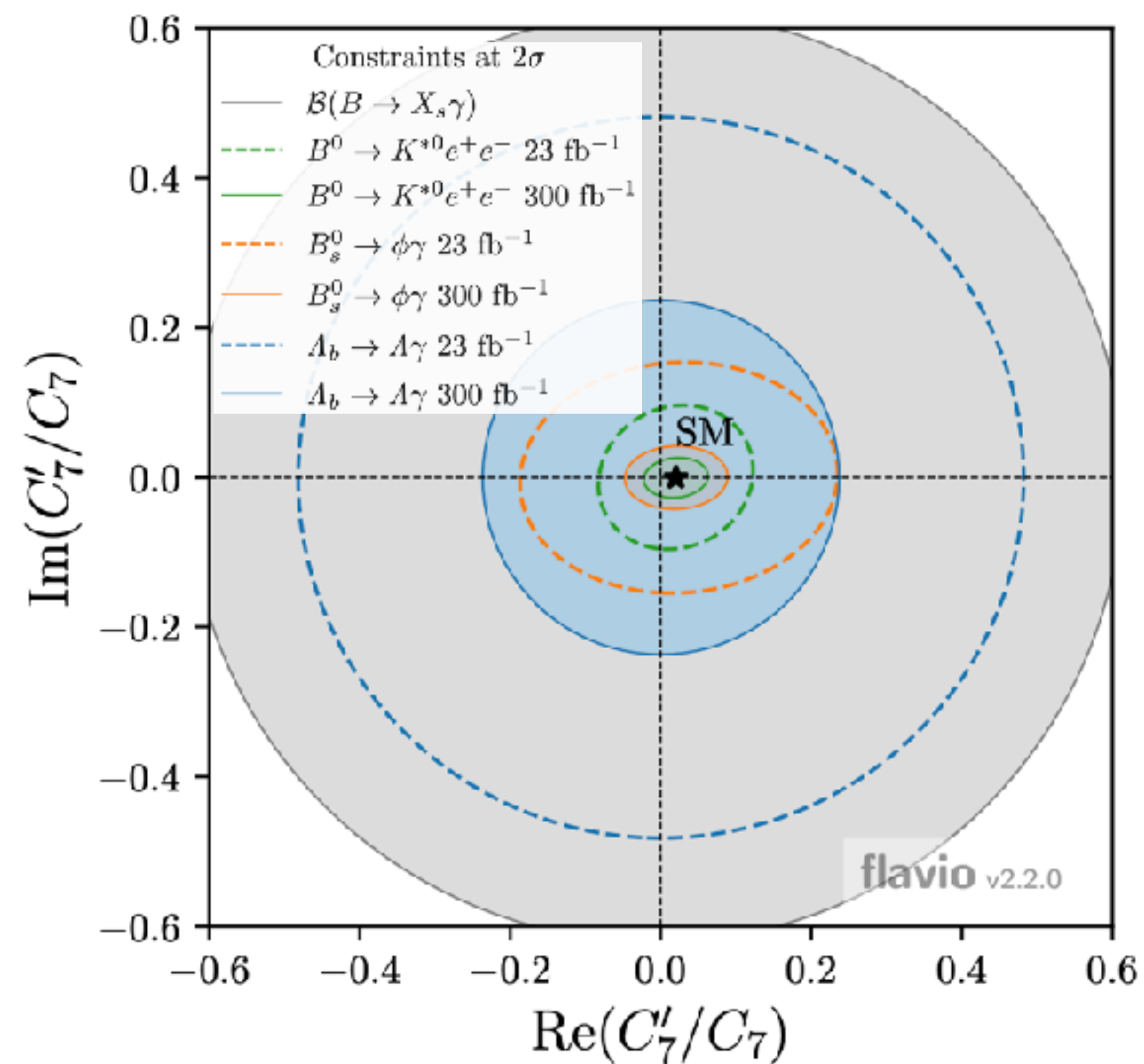


Lines: Run3

Shaded areas: Upgrade II

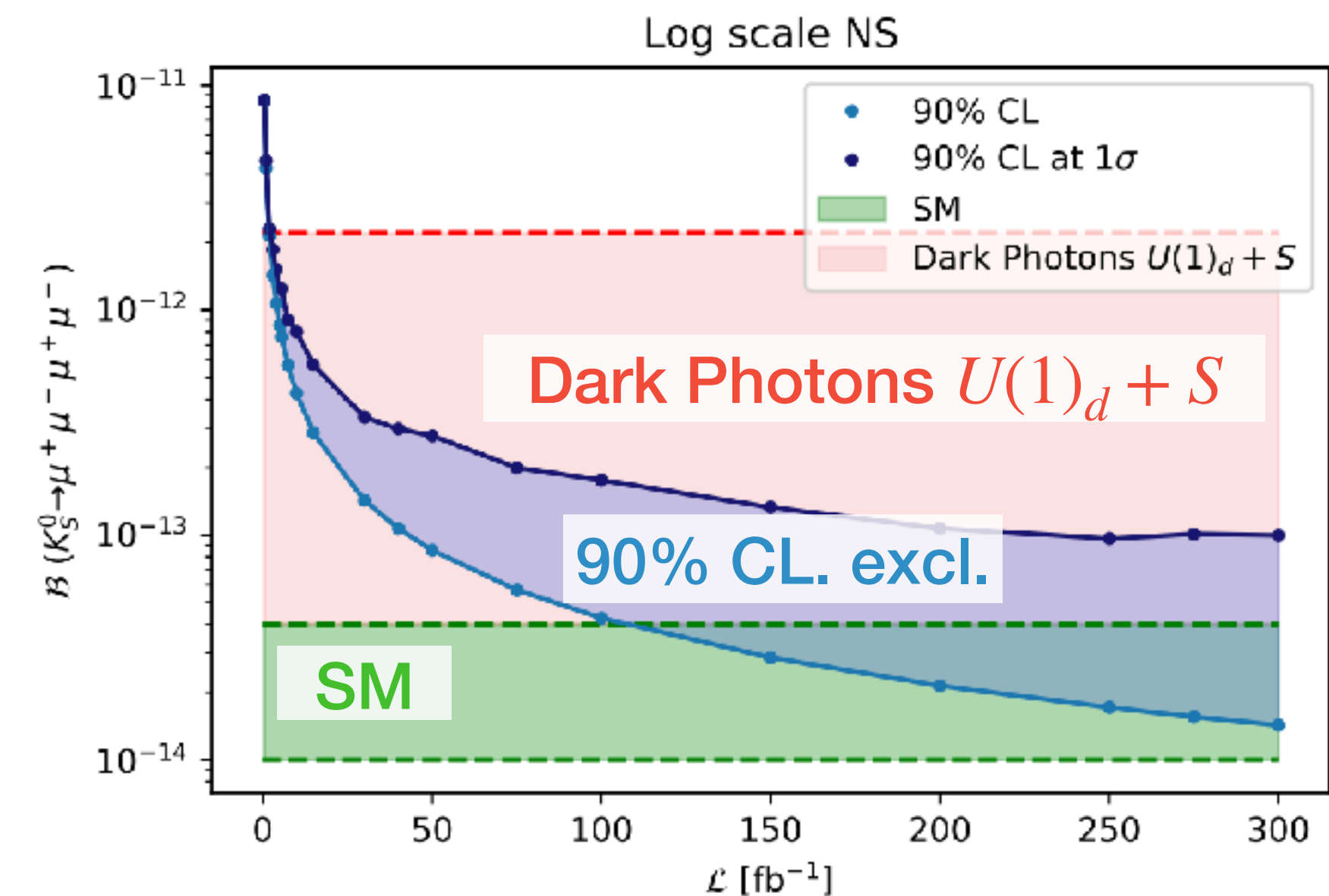
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Gains on electrons (measurements with converted photons) and better neutral PID → **high precision SM test**



**FTDR-LHCbUII, LHCC 2021-012**

Strange physics:  $K_s^0$  mode unique to LHCb, sensitivity on  $K_L^0$  mode might still compete with dedicated kaon experiments (HIKE Phase 2 if approved)



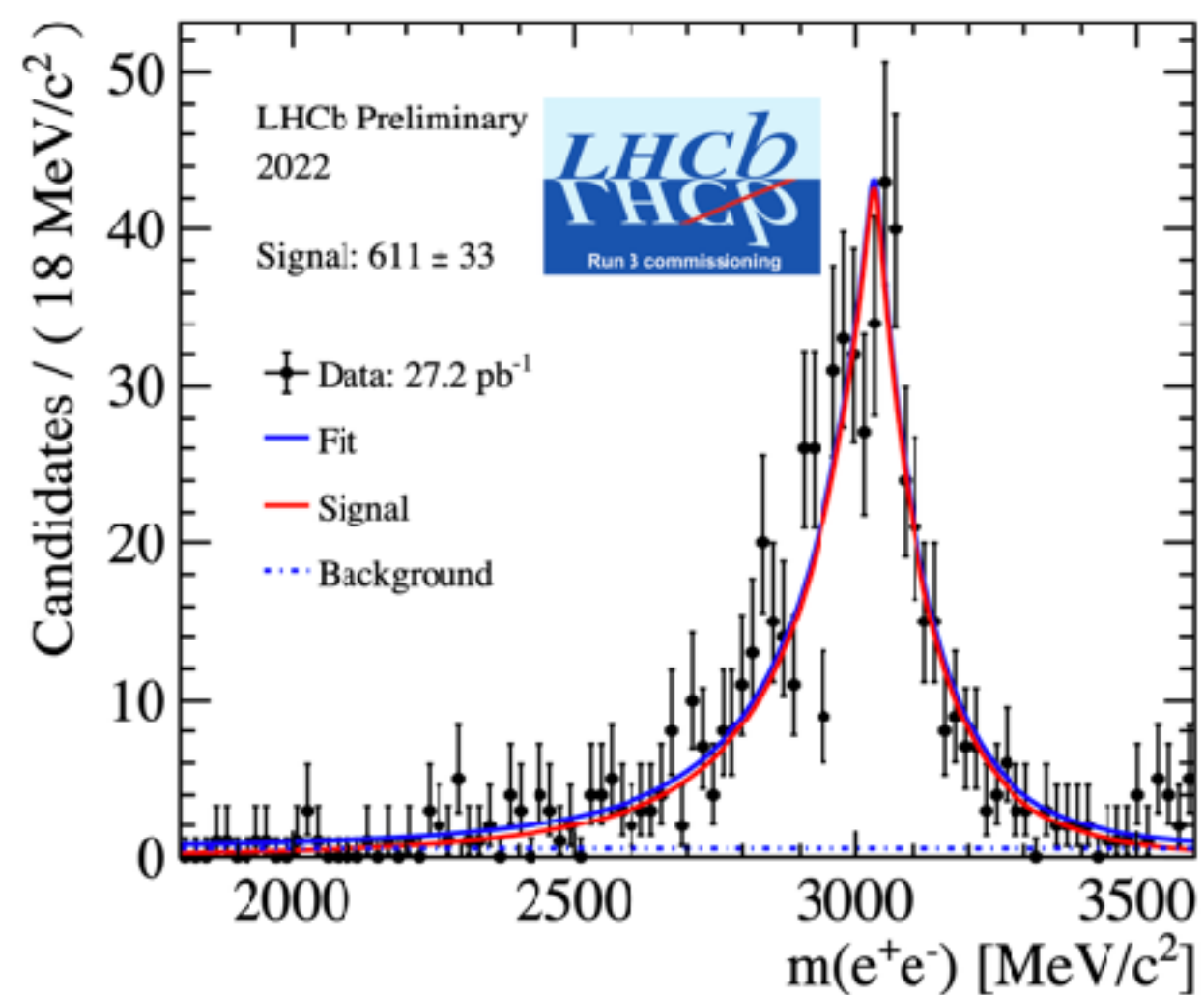
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# Conclusions

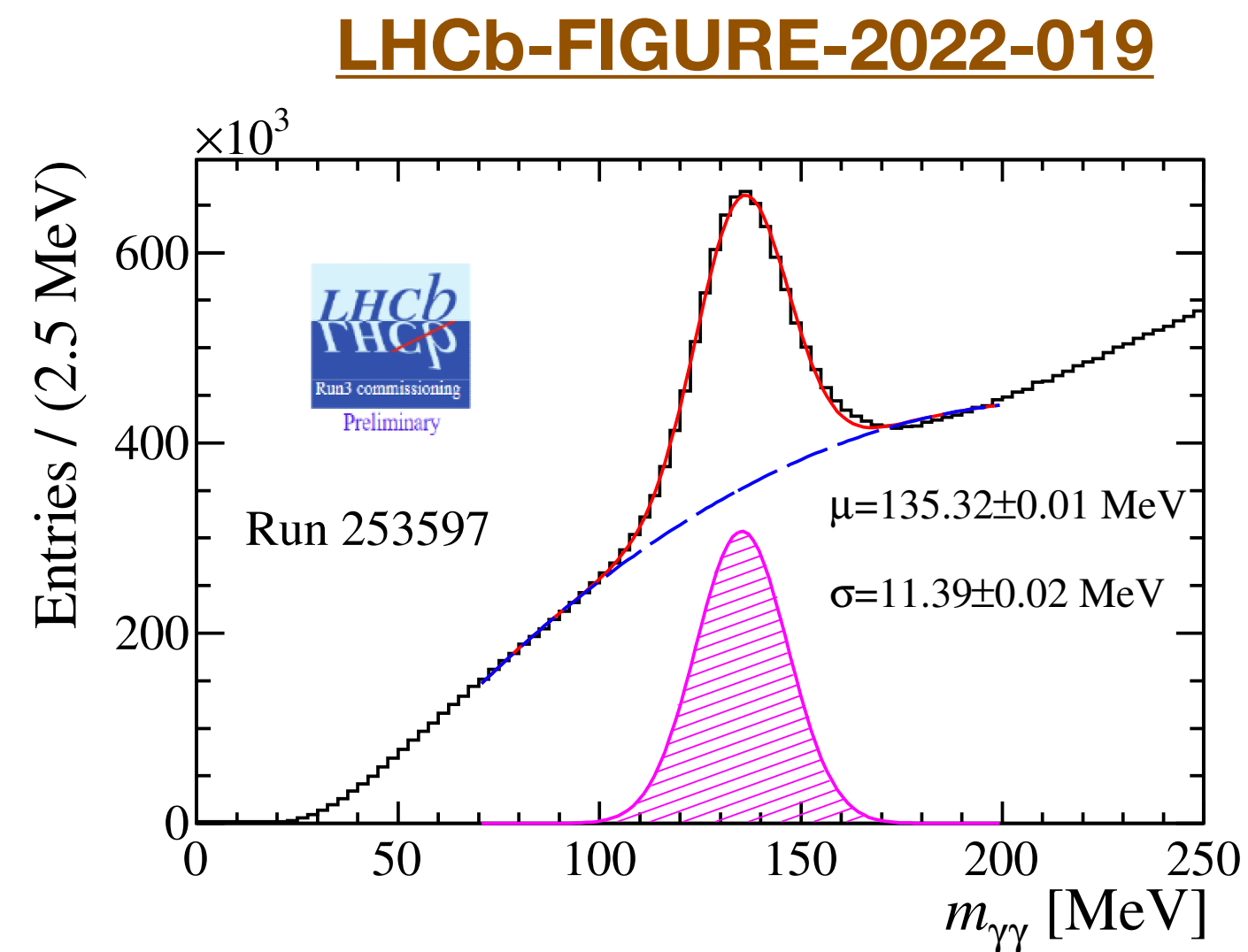
\* Many LHCb results on FCNC are **limited by analysed sample sizes**

- Upgrade I will allow to push some boundaries, but rarer modes and differential BR measurements still expected to be statistically limited by the end of Run 4
- With **enough data** and **good analysis and interpretation** of it, we will be able to disentangle its different contributions and, hopefully, **understand them at a fundamental level.**

➔ **Keep working** on squeezing the available data and on detector upgrades and technologies that will allow for the **best possible physics outputs**



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Looking good!

