

LHCspin simulations

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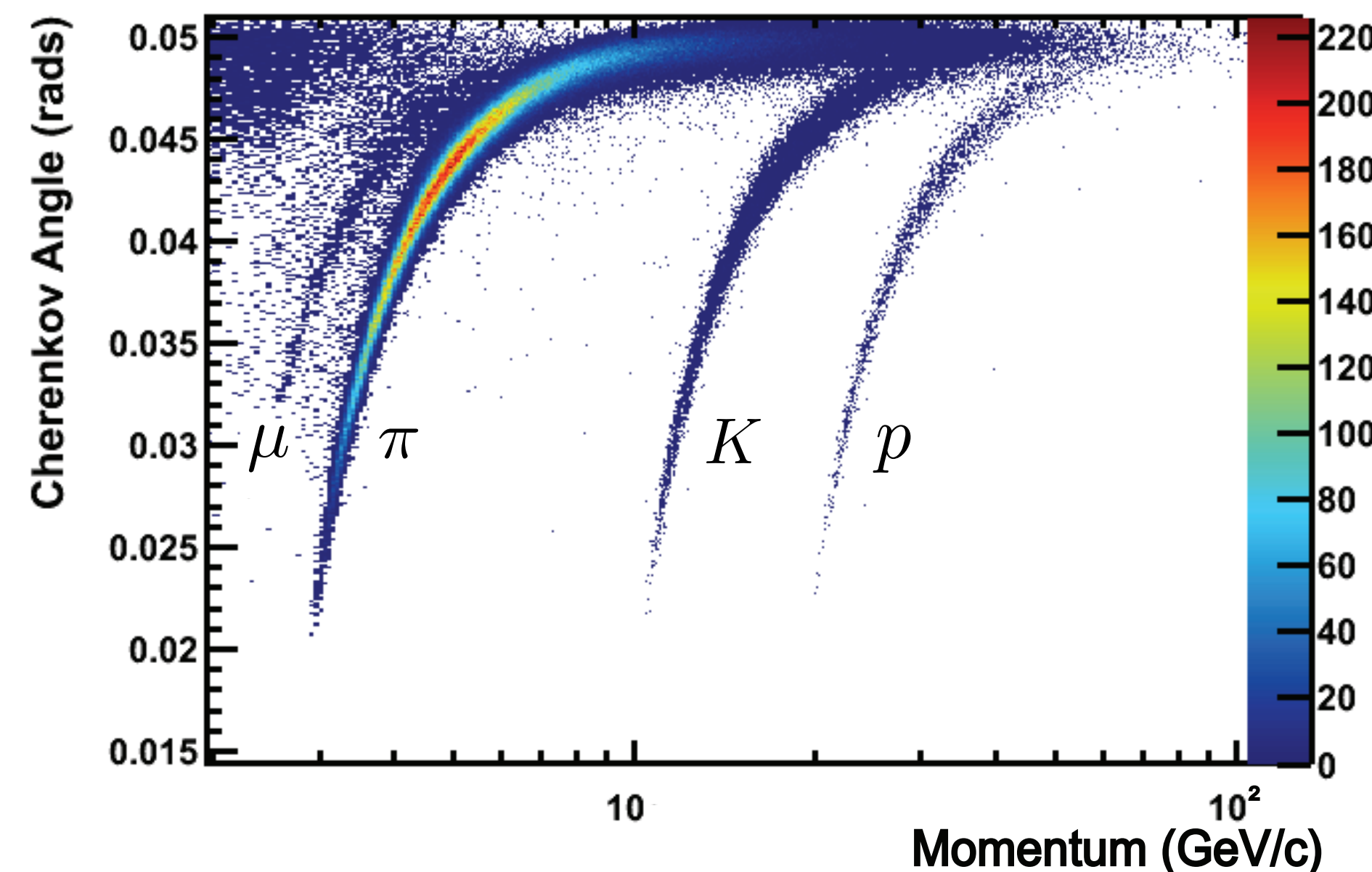
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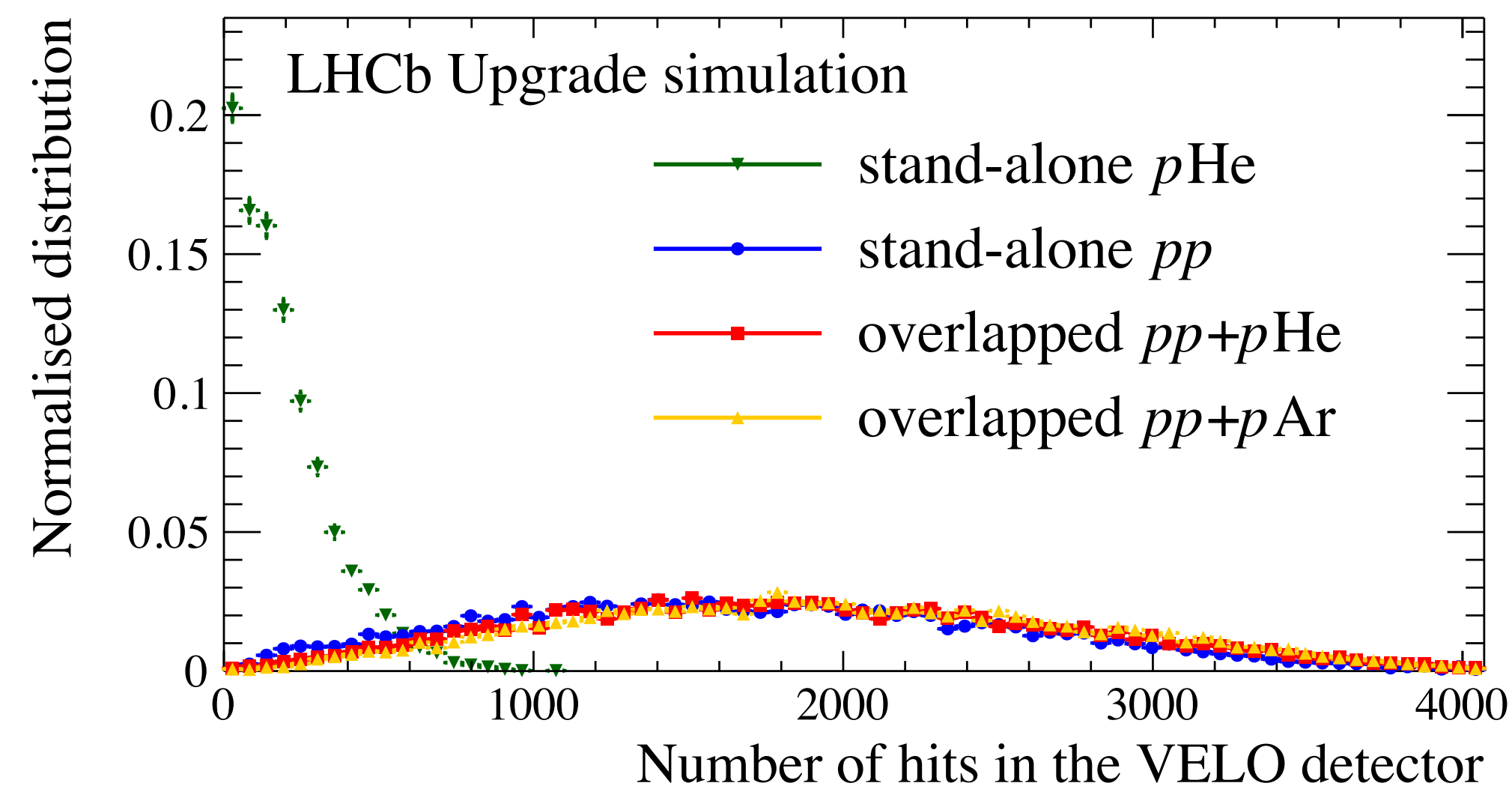
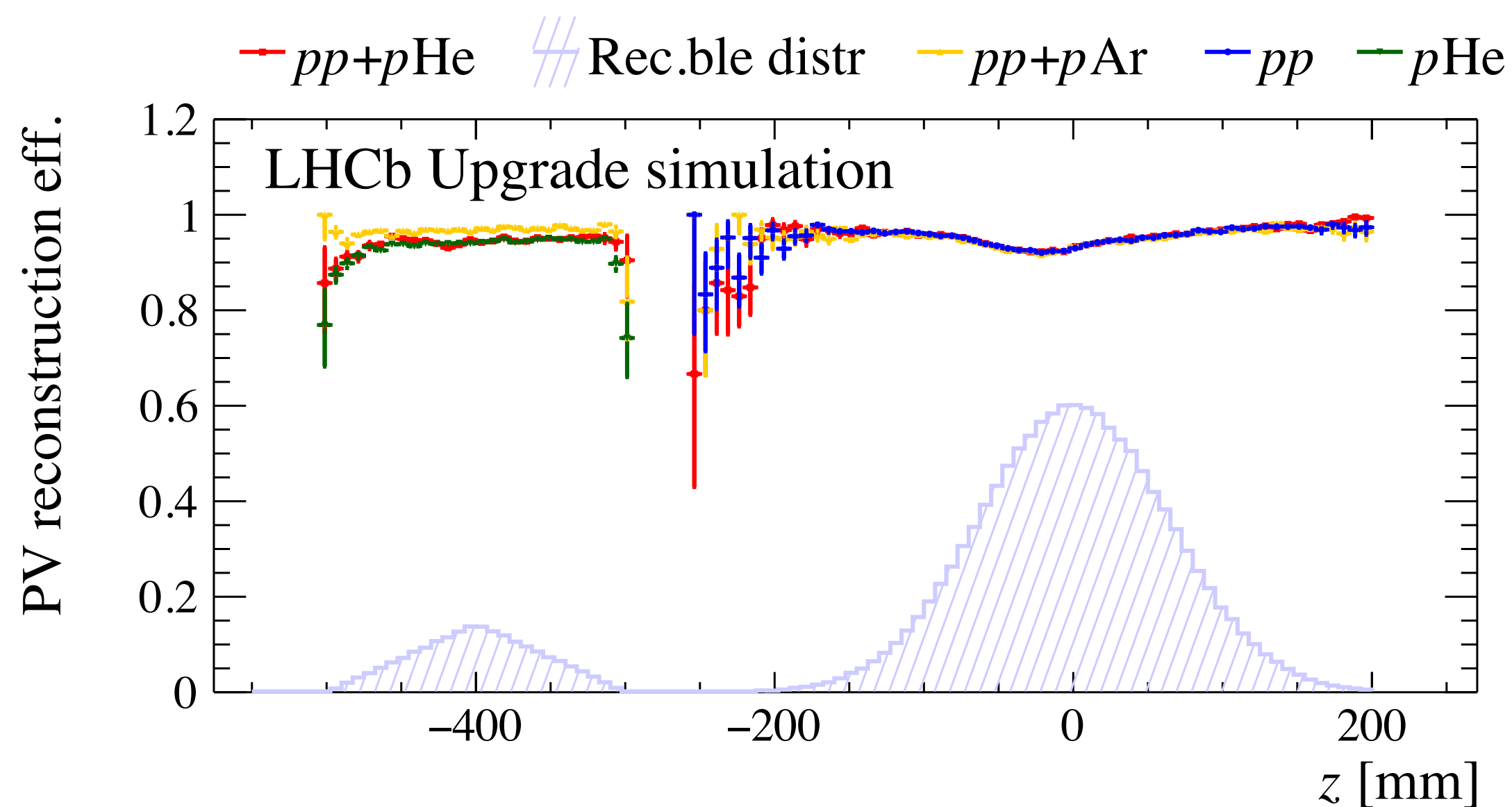
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Fixed-target physics at LHCb

- Strength points of FT @ LHCb:
 - Fully instrumented detector in $2 < \eta < 5$
 - Optimised for b- and c-hadron detection, but s-hadrons are also well reconstructed and abundantly produced
 - Excellent momentum resolution: $\sigma_p/p = 0.5 - 1.0\%$ ($p \in [2, 200]$ GeV)
 - Excellent particle identification with RICH+CALO+MUON, e.g. $\epsilon_\mu \sim 98\%$ with $\epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow \mu} \lesssim 1\%$, hadron separation, γ/e
 - Can do simultaneous p-p and p-gas data-taking with nominal efficiency and negligible impact on the trigger load



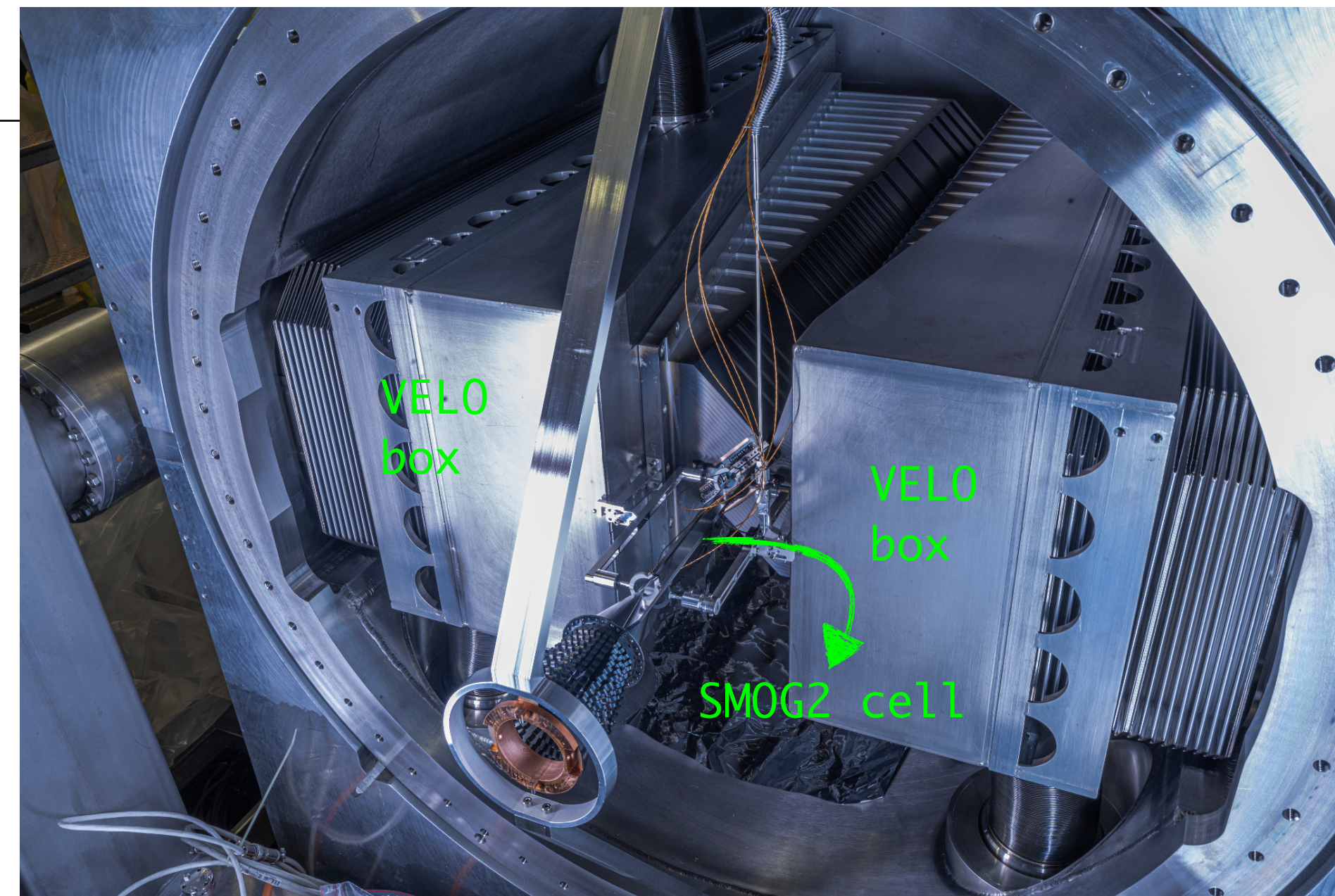
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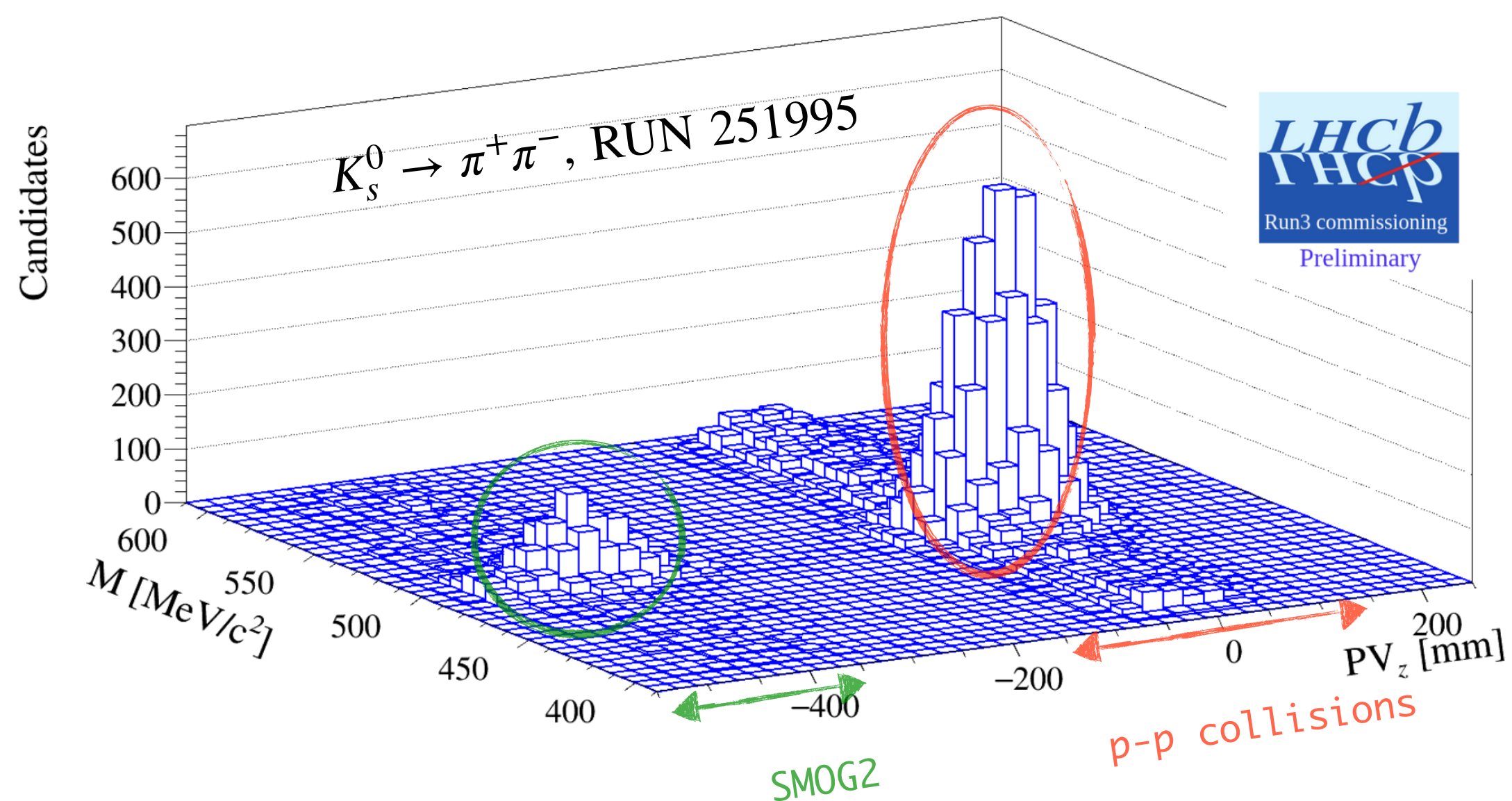
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The SMOG2 gas storage cell

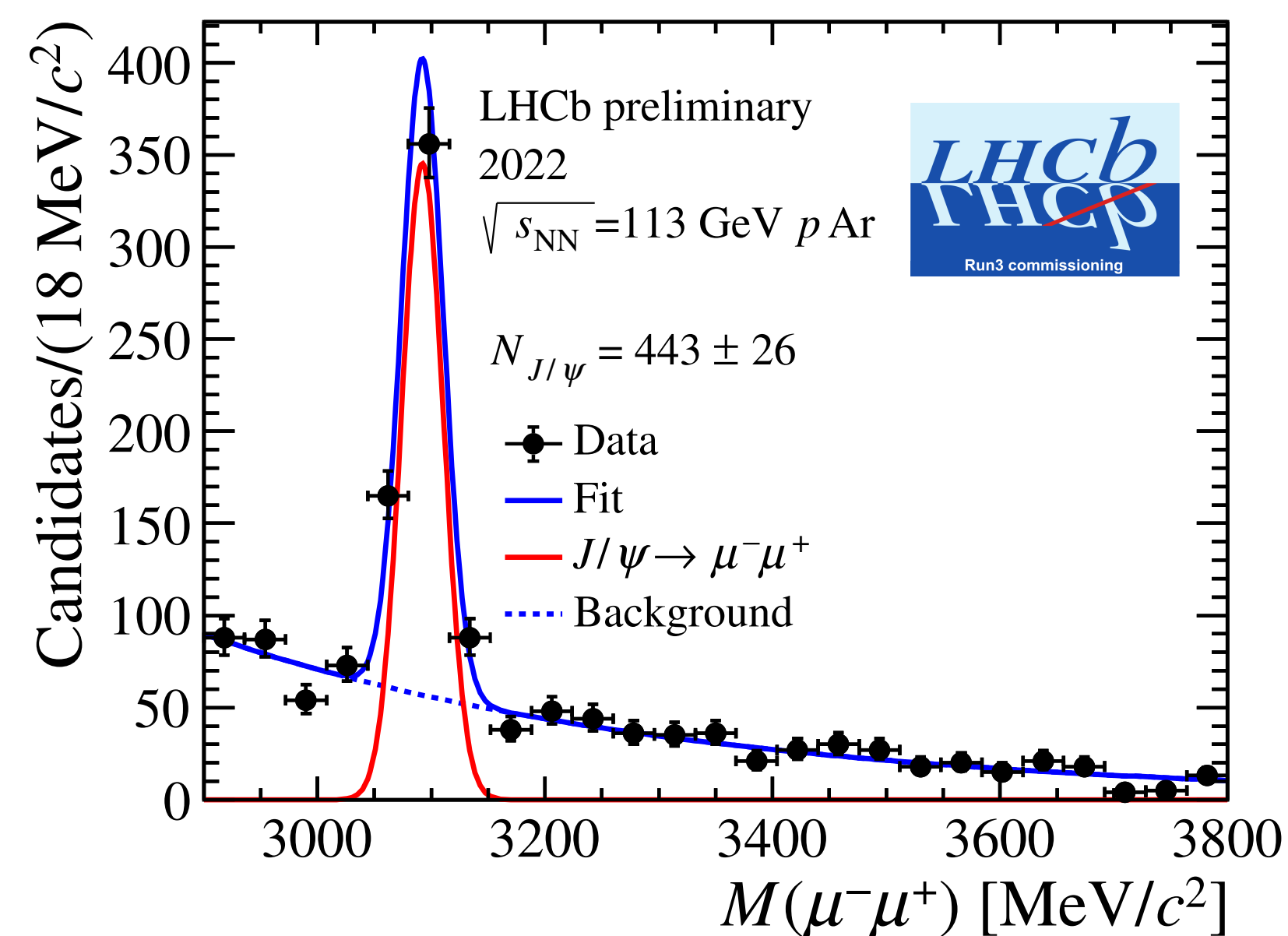
- SMOG2: High density gas storage cell installed for Run 3
- Injected gas has a negligible impact on the beam lifetime: $\tau_{beam-gas}^{p-H_2} \sim 2000$ days , $\tau_{beam-gas}^{Pb-Ar} \sim 500$ h
- Luminosity precision at the percent level thanks to new Gas Feed System and temperature probes
- Took data with He, Ne, Ar, H₂ , to be tested: D₂, N₂, O₂, Kr, Xe
- Demonstrated simultaneous and efficient data-taking! (2022 data shown below)



- 18 minutes of injection test



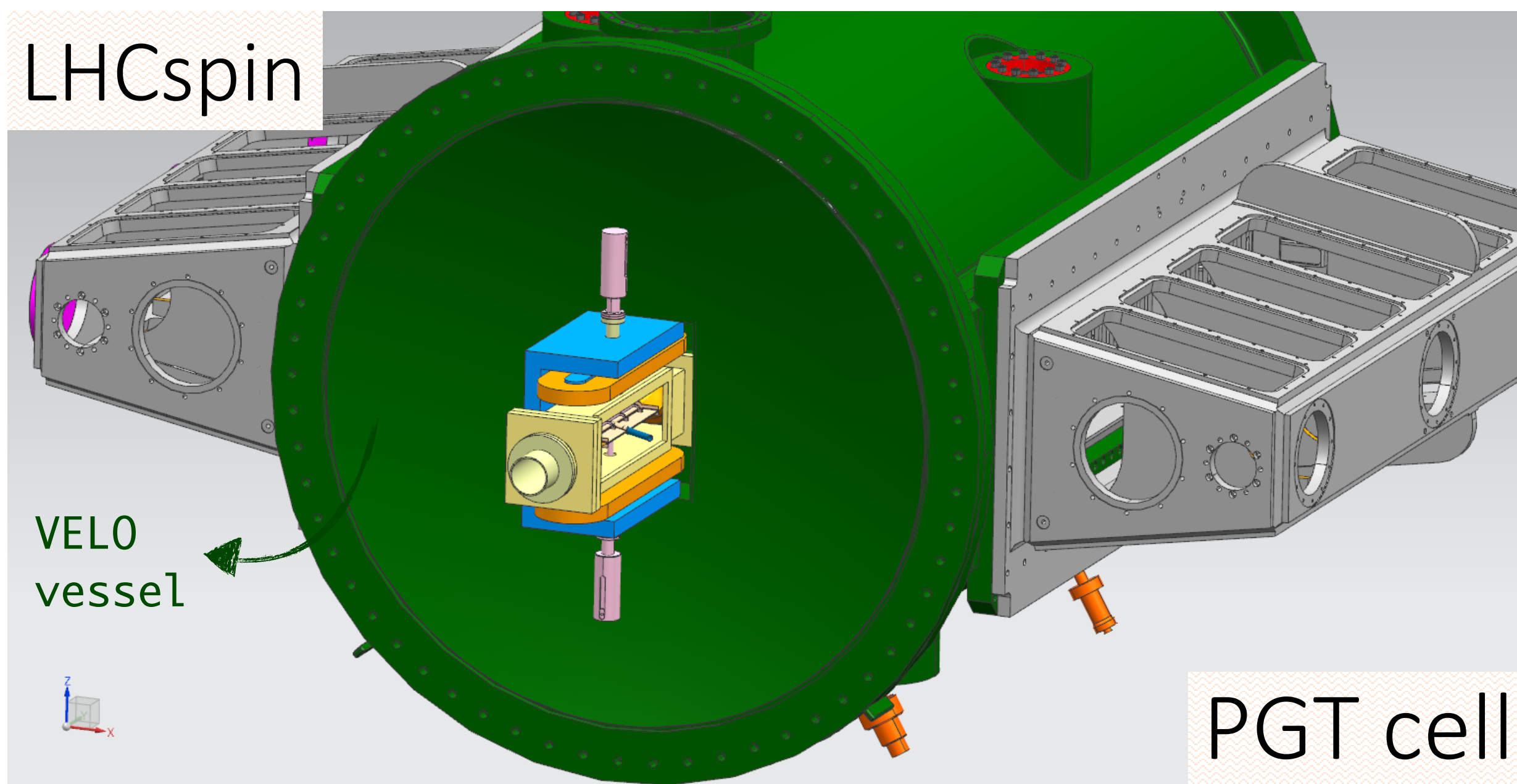
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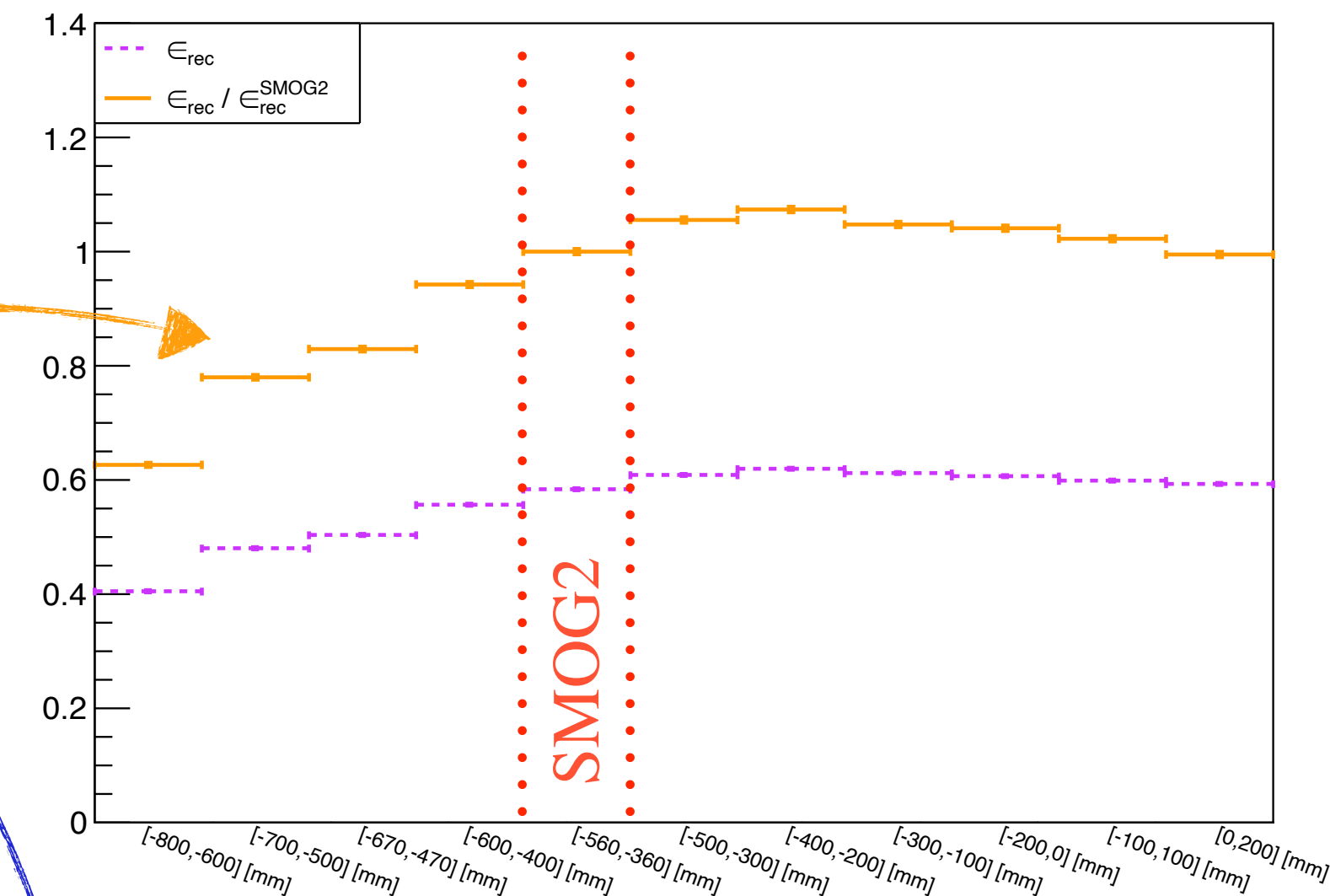
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LHCspin: the Polarised Gas Target

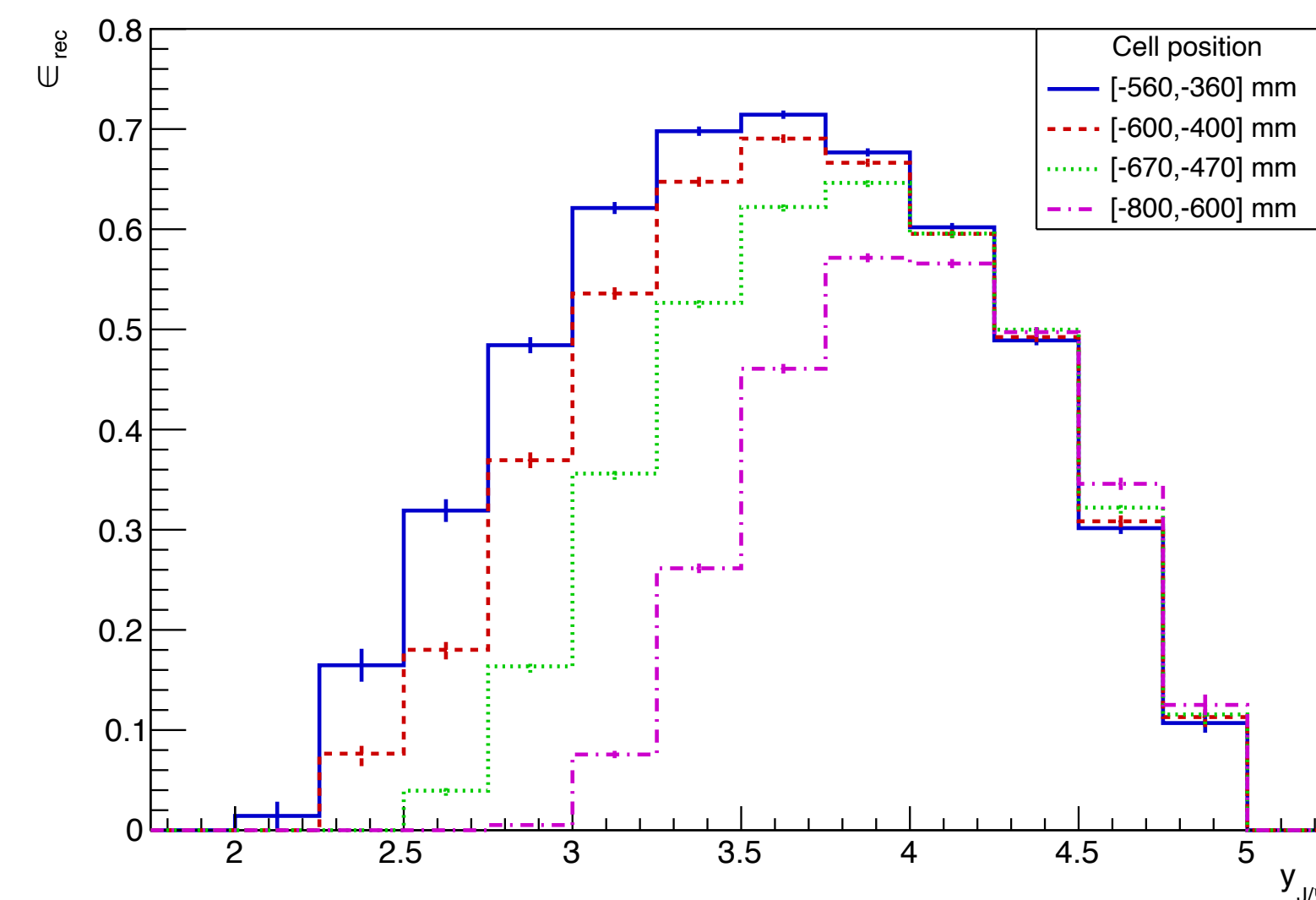
- LHCspin is the natural evolution of our FT program towards spin physics
- Drawing: cylindrical target cell with $L = 20$ cm and $D = 1$ cm (SMOG2 dimensions) and modified VELO flange
- LHCb simulations show broader kinematic acceptance & better reconstruction efficiency when the cell is close to the VELO
- Our new fully-software trigger gives flexibility & room for improvement e.g. better reconstruction algorithms, dedicated trigger lines... this is already ongoing for the Run 3



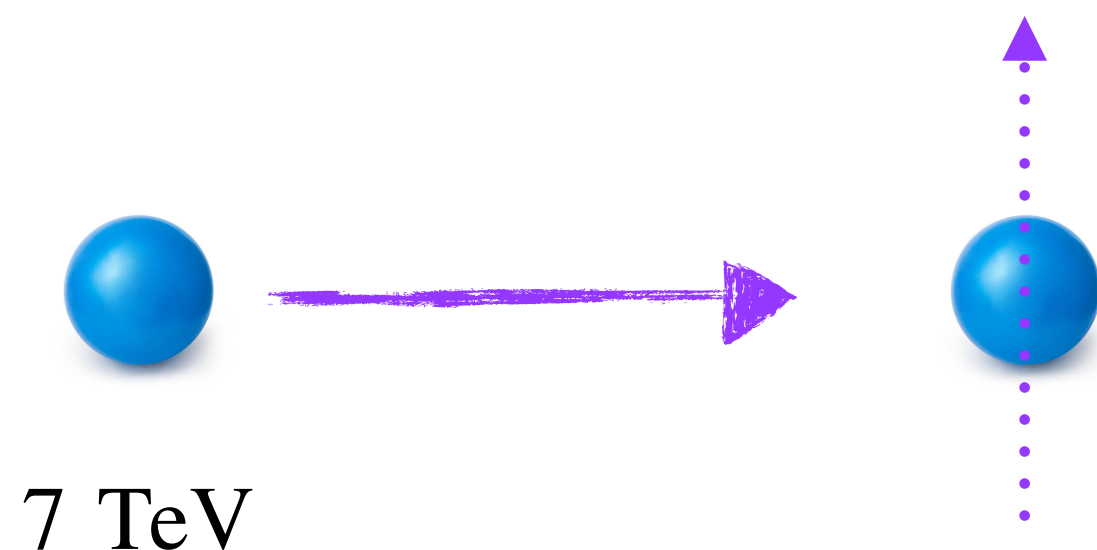
$J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ reconstruction efficiency vs cell position



$J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ reconstruction efficiency



Kinematic coverage

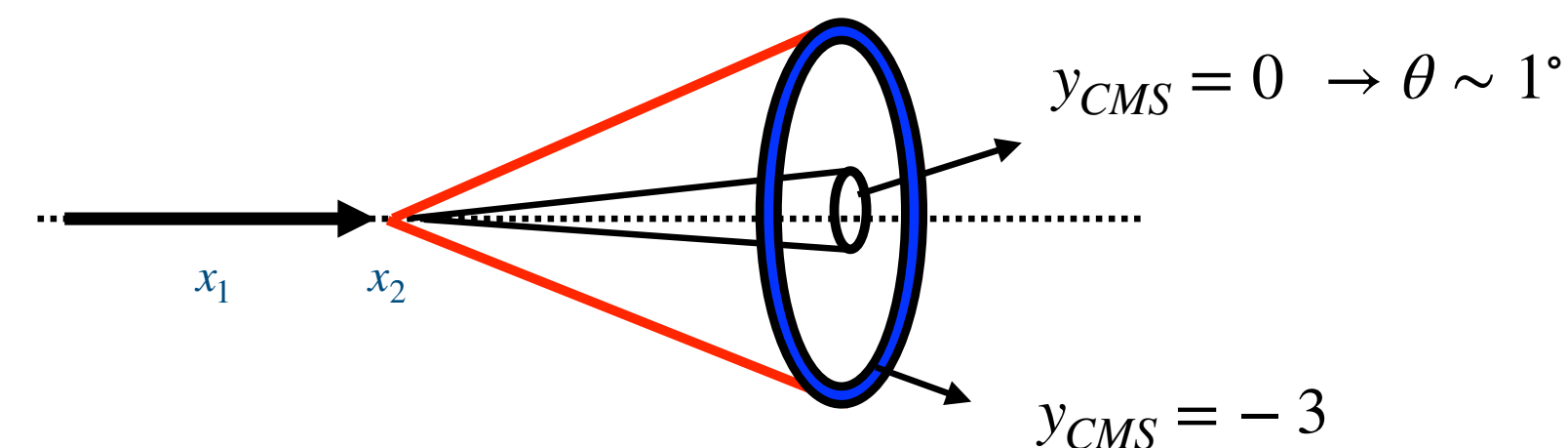


$$\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2m_N E_p} = 115 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2m_p} \sim 60$$

Large CM boost \rightarrow large x_2 values

$$2 \leq y_{lab} \leq 5 \rightarrow -3.0 \leq y_{CMS} \leq 0$$

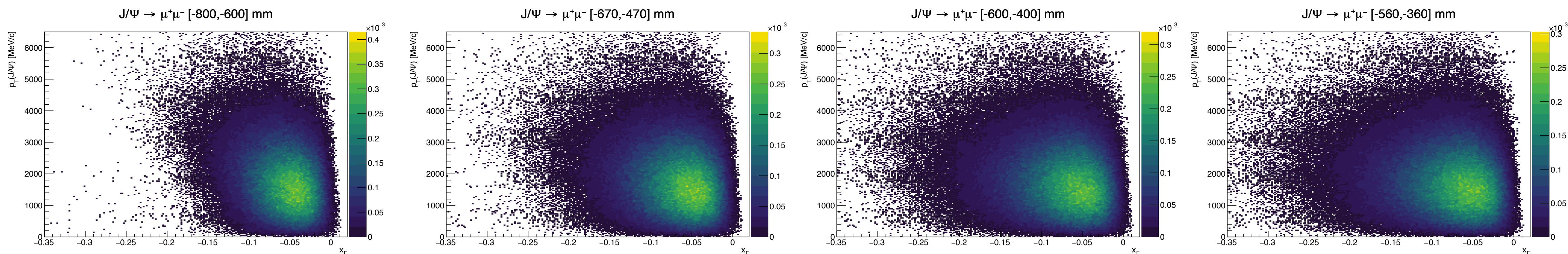


- Full LHCb simulations for pH collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 115$ GeV. Using $x_F = 2E_T / \sqrt{s_{NN}} \sinh(y^*)$ with $E_T^2 = M^2 + P_T^2$
- Actual SMOG2 region $[-560, -360]$ mm as a reference, $[-670, -470]$ mm a possible solution to fit the LHCspin setup
- The kinematic coverage depends on the cell position $\rightarrow p_T$ slightly affected, x range shrinks when moving upstream

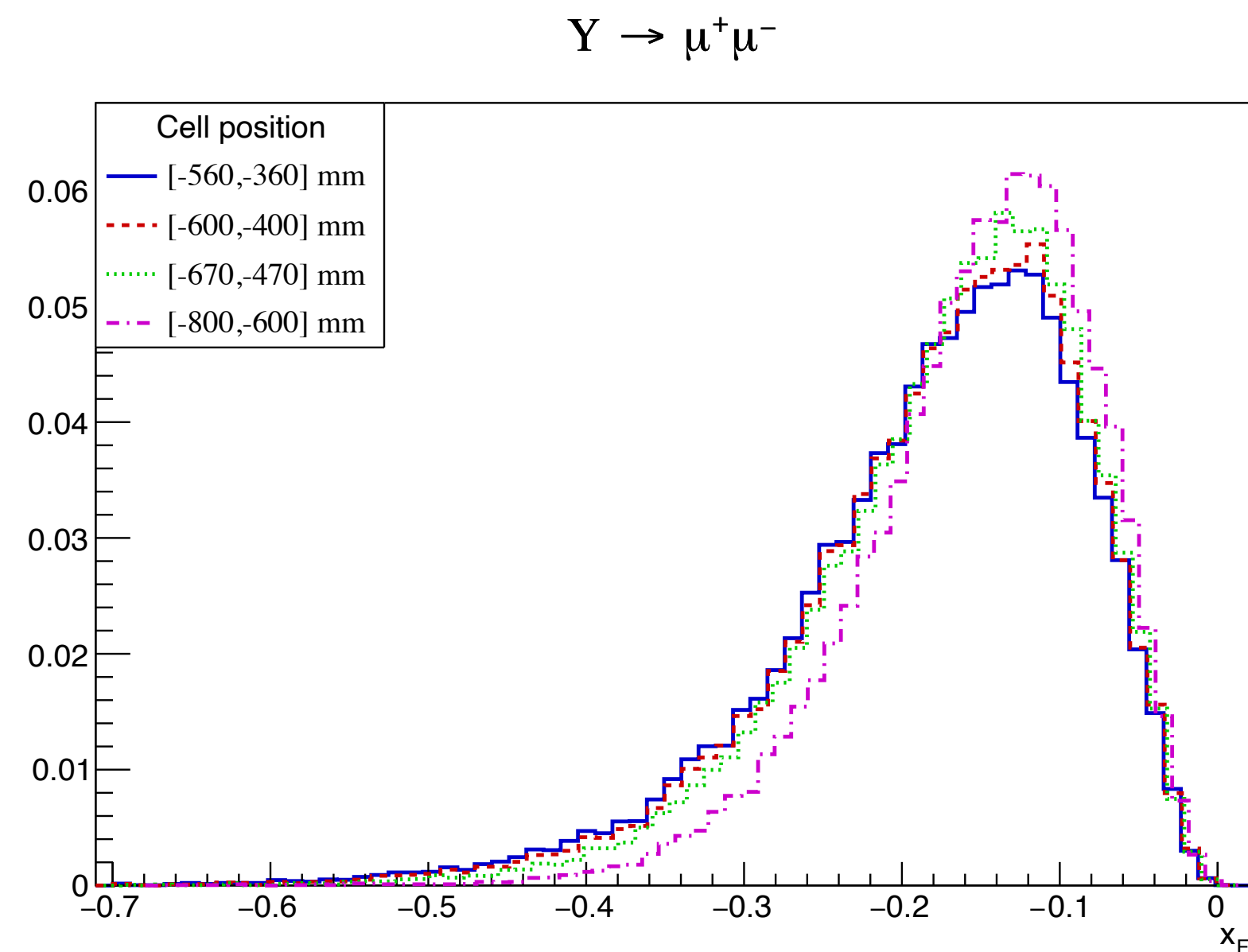
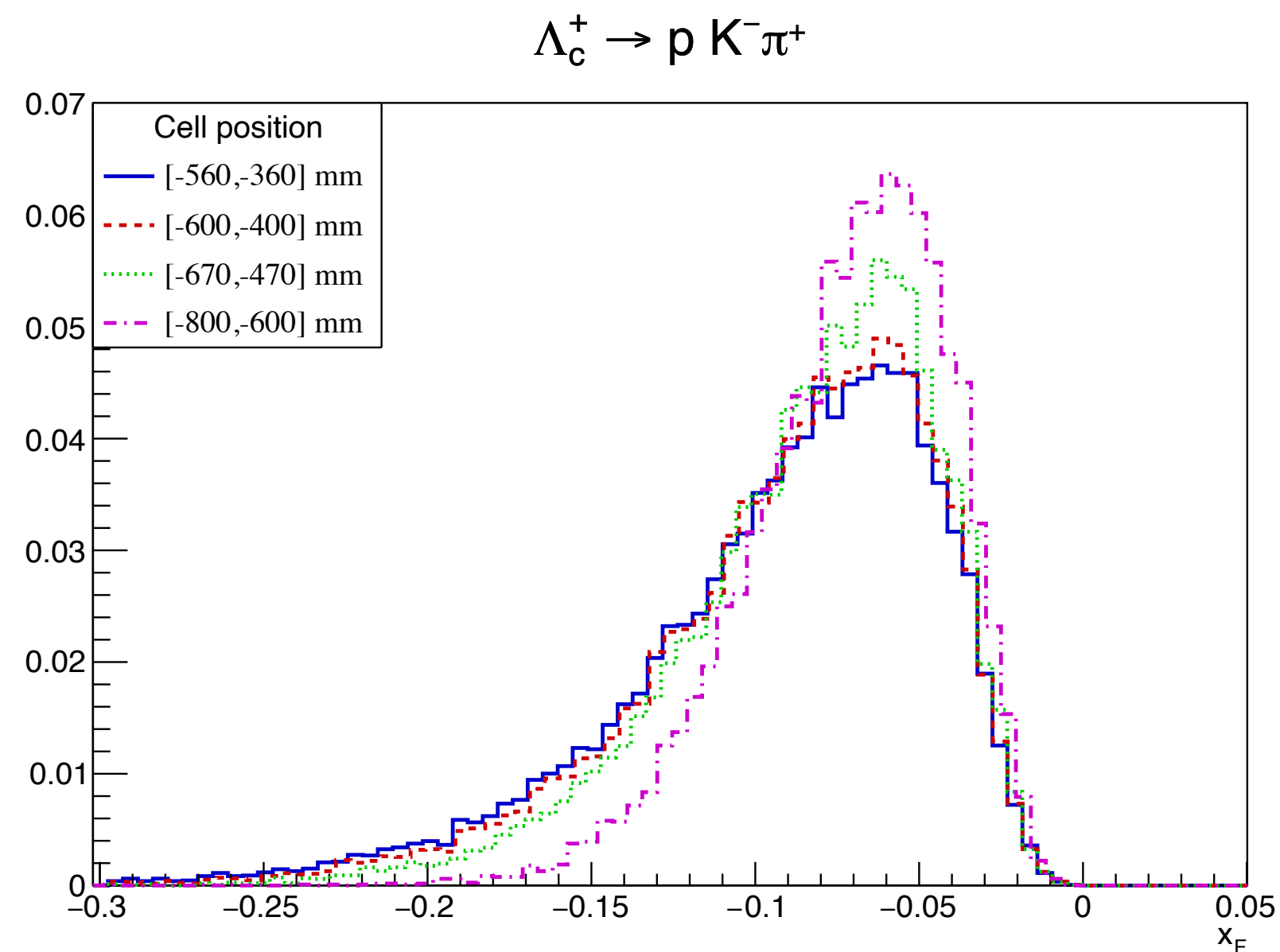
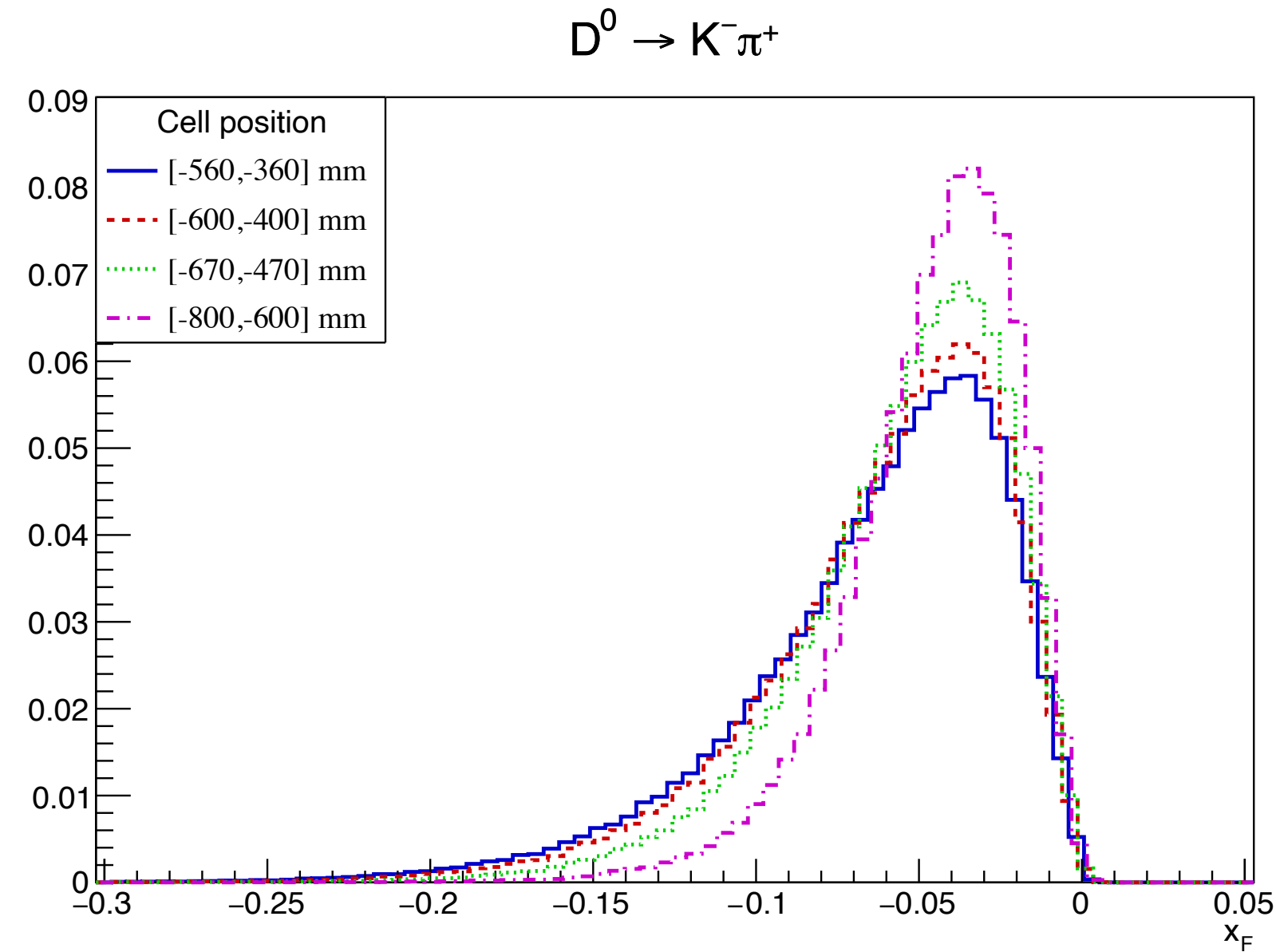
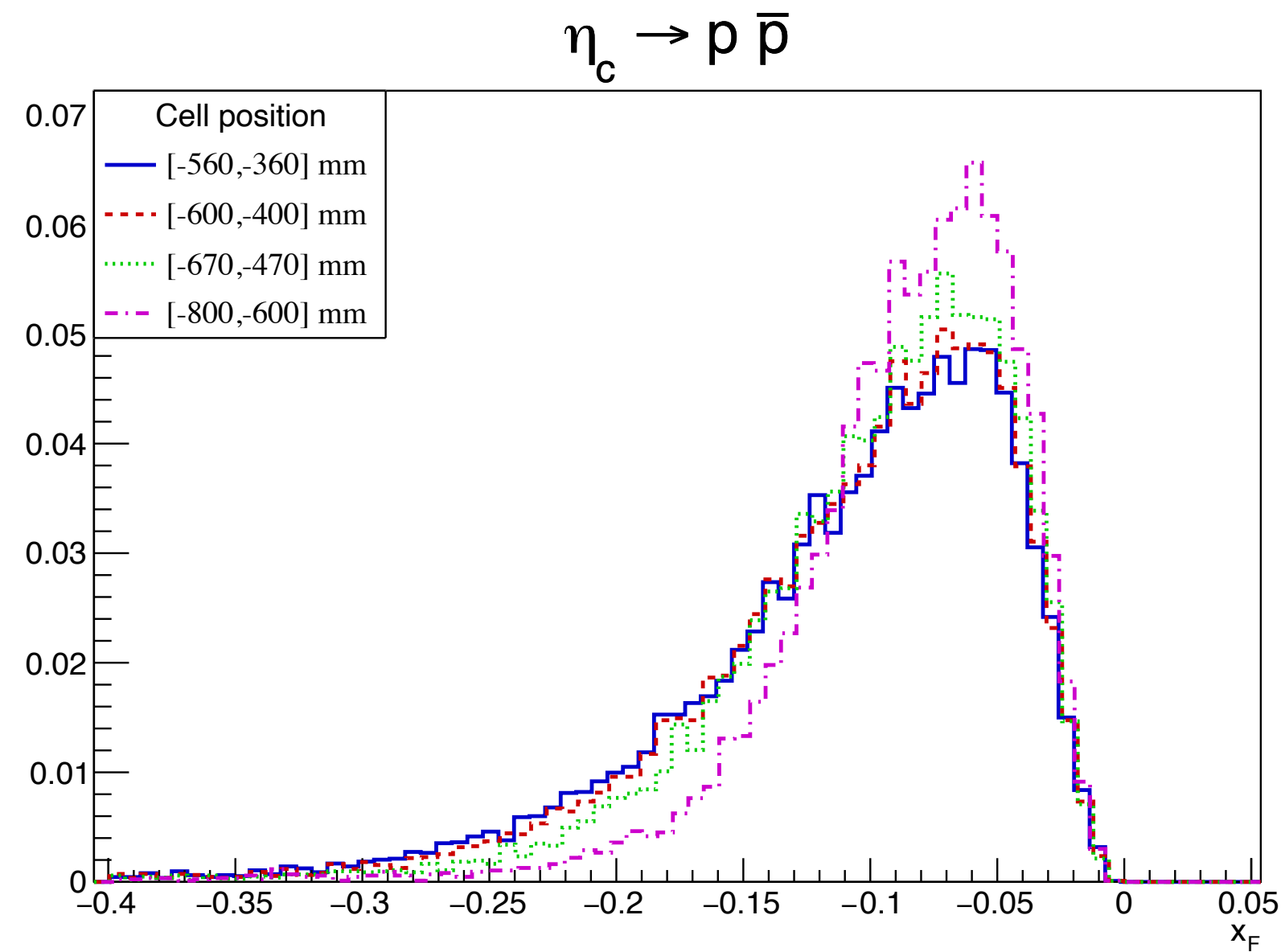
LHCspin cell

SMOG2 cell

to LHCb

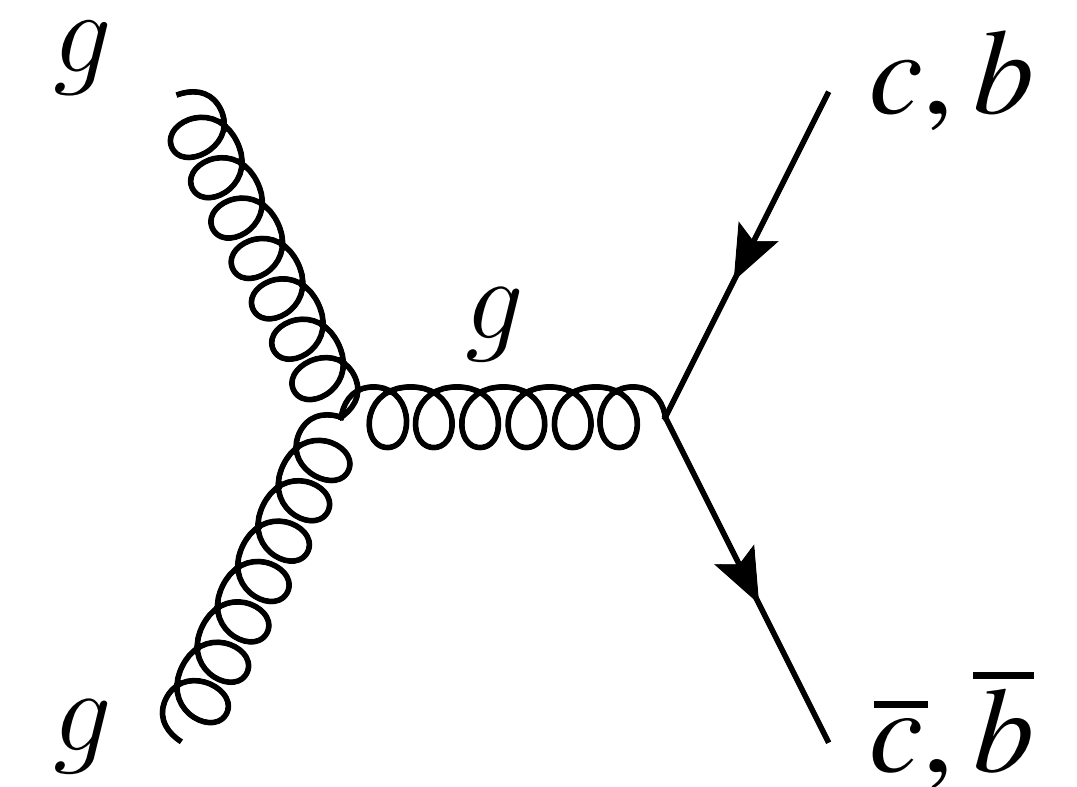


x_F ranges for various channels



- c-hadrons will have the largest product of cross section and reconstruction efficiency
- Only a small portion of the expected statistics is shown: can well cover high- x values (see next slide)
 - unique opportunity to probe gluon TMDs over a broad x range with several probes!

More on the physics case in the → [talk by Luciano](#)



Expected yields

- Using early SMOG2 performance, we can estimate the expected yield at LHCspin for p-H collisions with $\phi = 6.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow \theta = 3.7 \times 10^{13}/\text{cm}^2$
- 120-week Run with 84 h / week of data-taking
- This is the number of **fully-reconstructed and selected events** based on **2022 detector performance (commissioning)**
- **Here considering Run 3 beam** : rates are further enhanced during HL-LHC

Channel	Events / week	Total yield
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.3×10^7 !!	1.5×10^9
$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	6.5×10^7	7.8×10^9
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.3×10^5	2.8×10^7
$J/\psi J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (DPS)	8.5	1.0×10^3
$J/\psi J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (SPS)	2.5×10^1	3.1×10^3
Drell Yan ($5 < M_{\mu\mu} < 9 \text{ GeV}$)	7.4×10^3	8.8×10^5
$\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	5.6×10^3	6.7×10^5
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$	1.3×10^6	1.5×10^8

- Extremely large data sample for heavy flavours
- Also, with a few thousands of di- J/ψ events we could measure the **gluon Sivers $f_{1T}^{\perp g}$** , **transversity h_{1T}^g** and **pretzelosity $h_{1T}^{\perp g}$**
- **Unique in FT! Challenging, but specific lines can be developed already in the Run 3 (unpolarised gas)**

What about a jet target?

- The alternative to the cell is a **jet target** which would provide lower density ($\approx 1/40$) but higher polarisation degree
- $\theta_{jet} \approx 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ but $P \approx 90\%$ with very small systematic error
- PRO: precision measurements on high-statistics channels
- CON: Makes kinematic binning and rare channels harder

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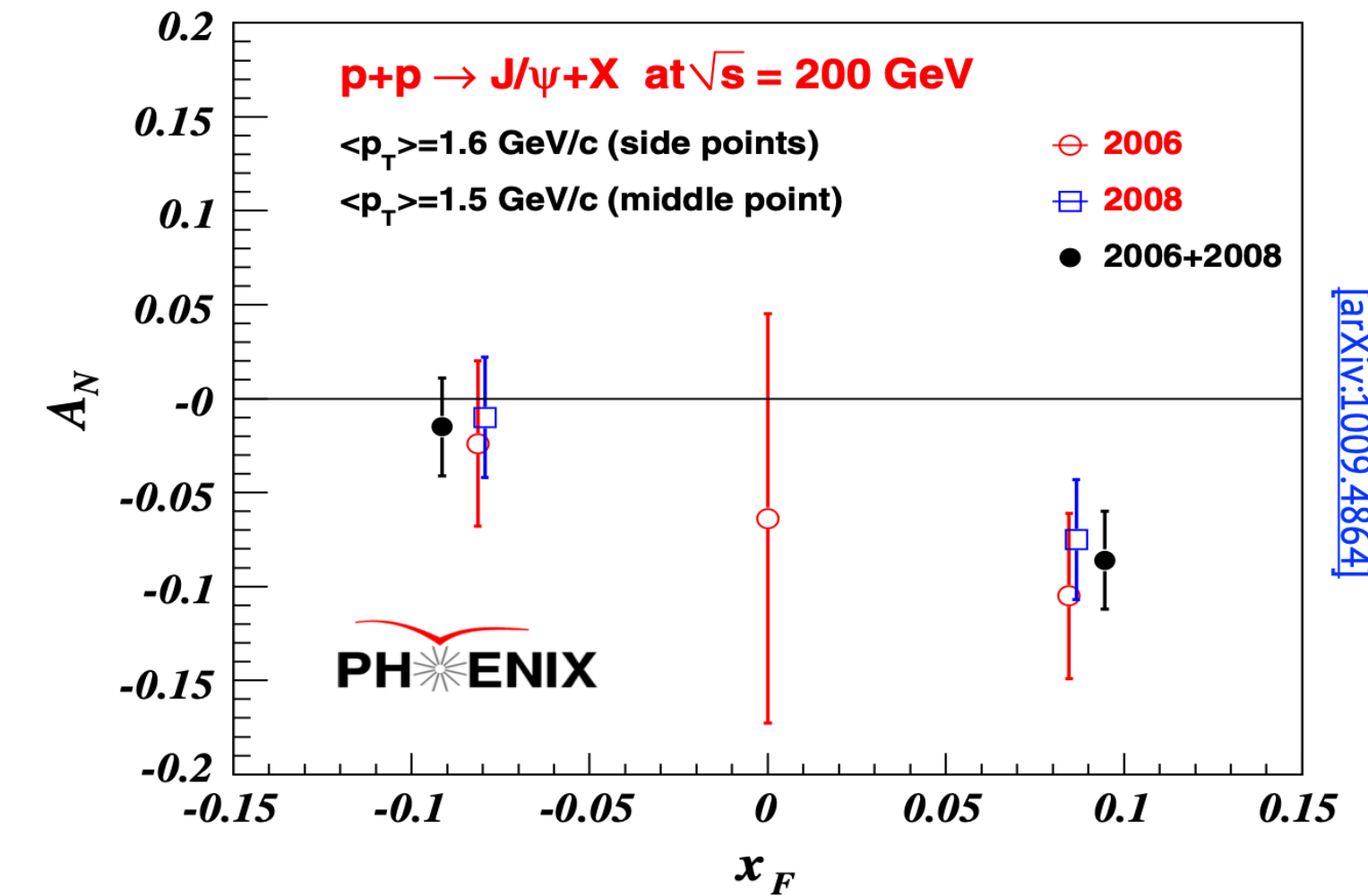
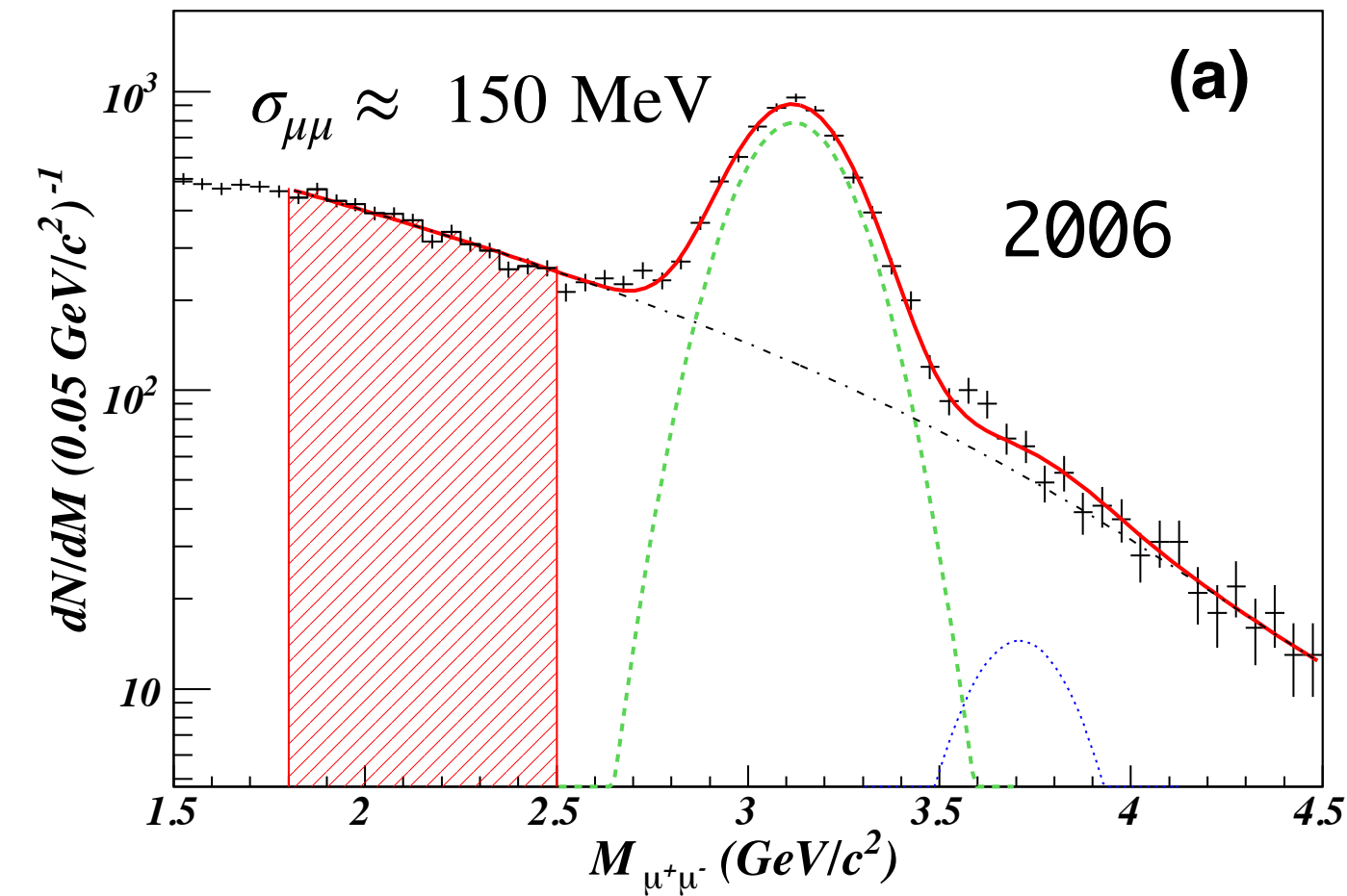
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Comparing $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

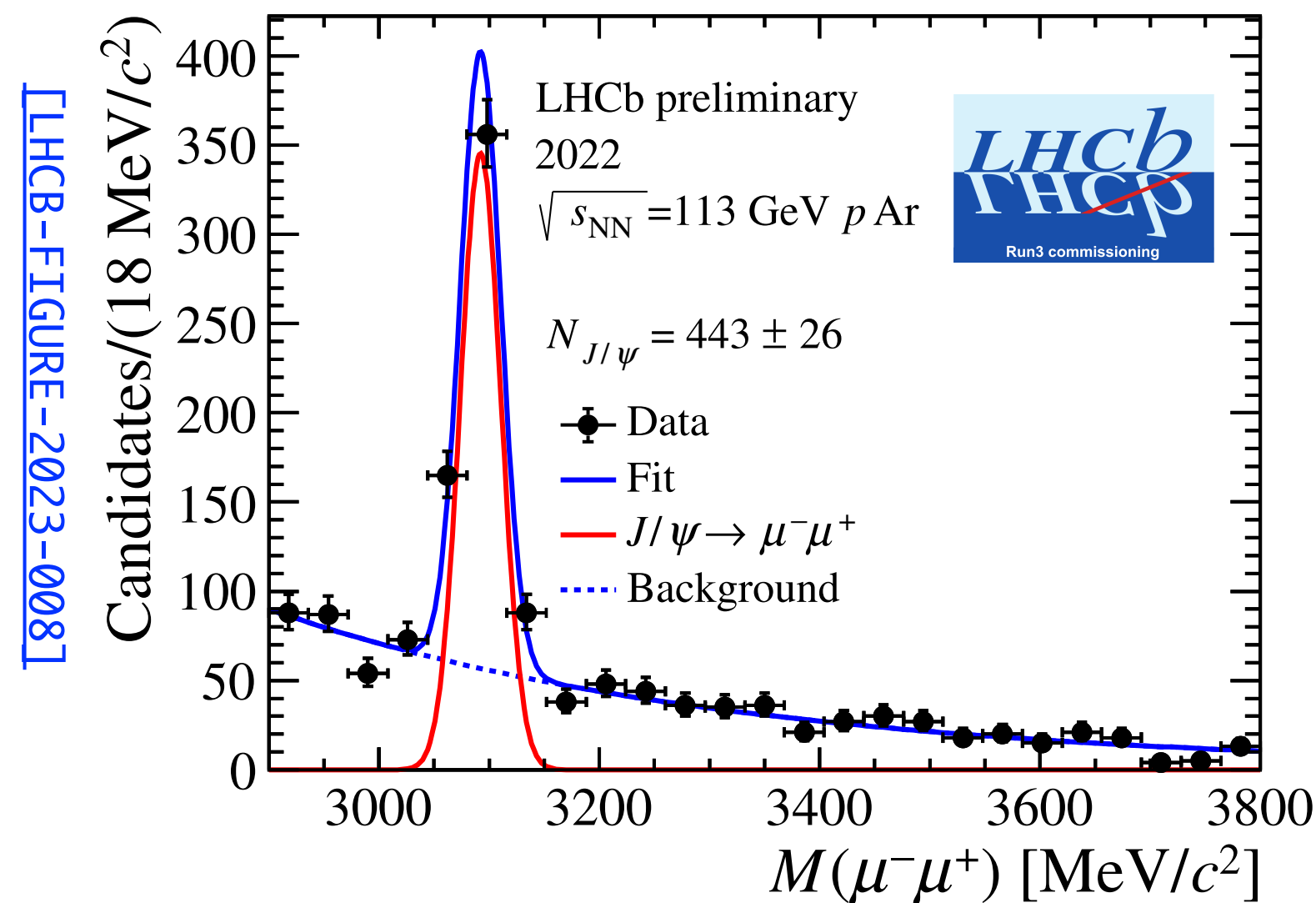
- LHCspin strength point and uniqueness will be heavy flavours, mostly unexplored by existing facilities with the exception of the J/ψ , for which measurements have been performed at PHENIX and COMPASS:
- PHENIX: $\sim 21\text{k}$ signal candidates (2006 + 2008 data) \rightarrow at LHCspin they can be collected in ~ 10 minutes (cell) or ~ 7 hours (jet)
- Mass resolution: LHCb nominal $\sigma_{\mu\mu} \approx 13 \text{ MeV}$ at the J/ψ mass and $\sigma_{\mu\mu} \approx 42 \text{ MeV}$ at the Υ mass
- Can also measure excited states & heavier mesons

\rightarrow we can greatly complement these results with high precision measurements and much larger kinematic coverage!

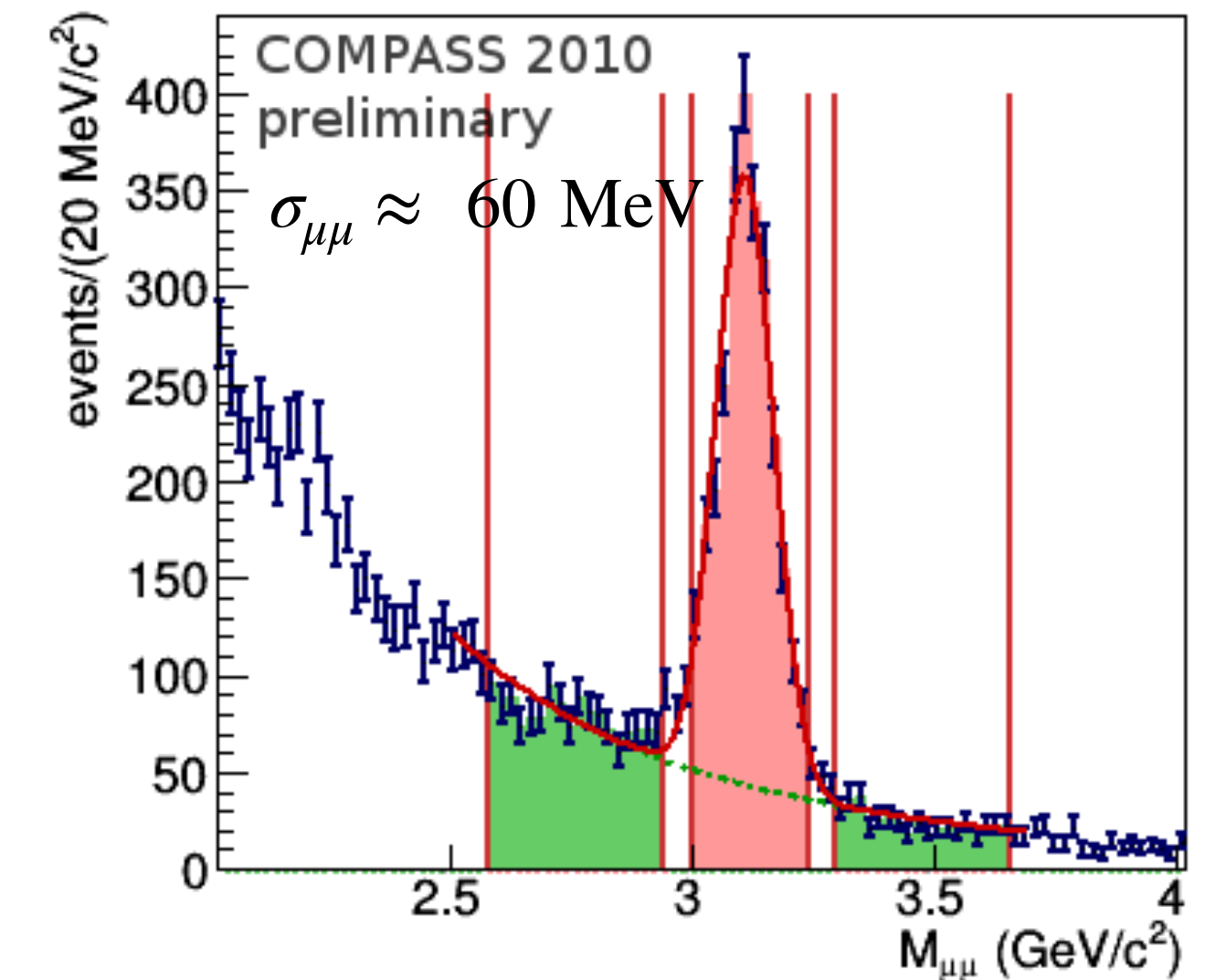
PHENIX: 2006 and 2008 data



SMOG2: 18 minutes test

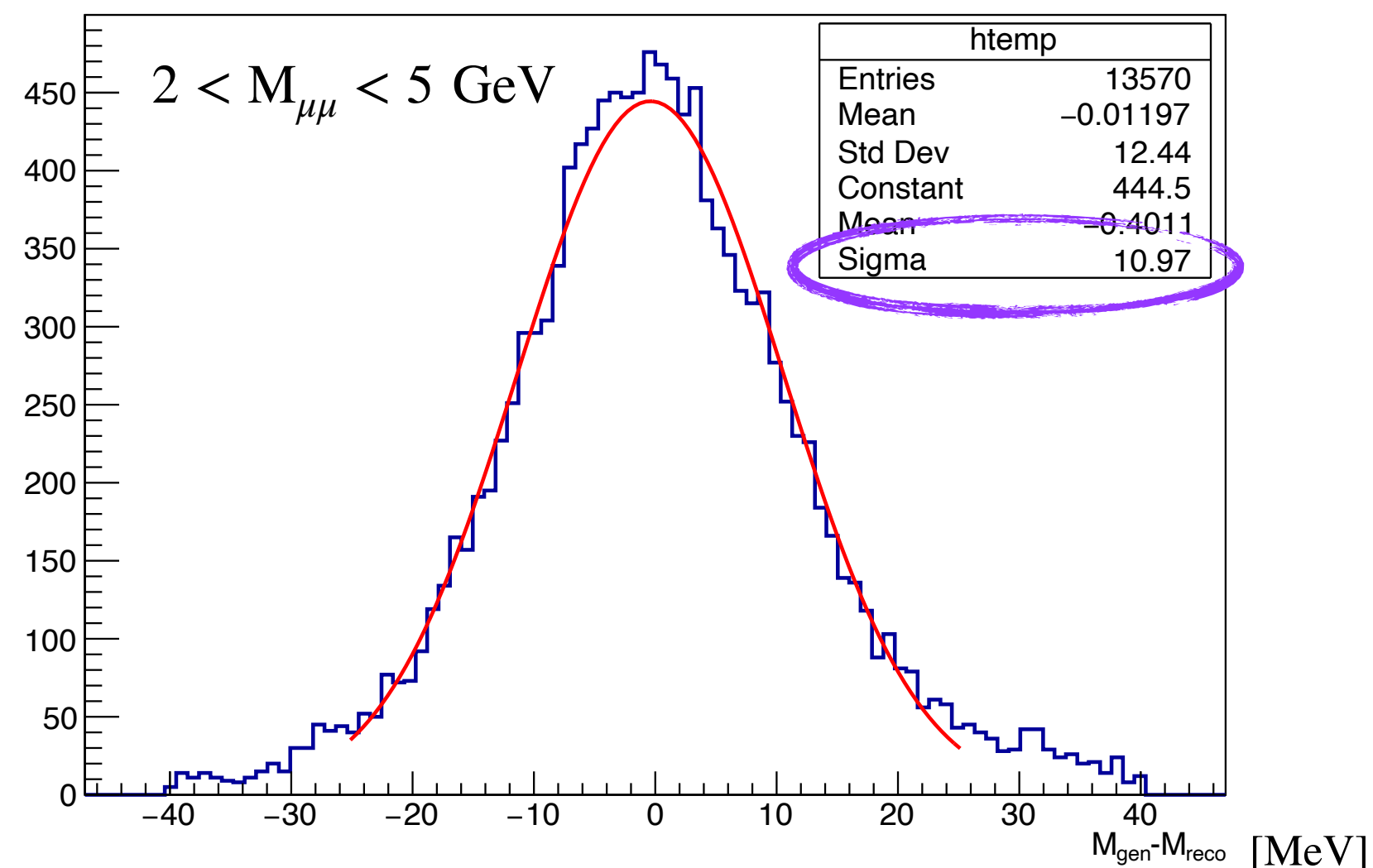
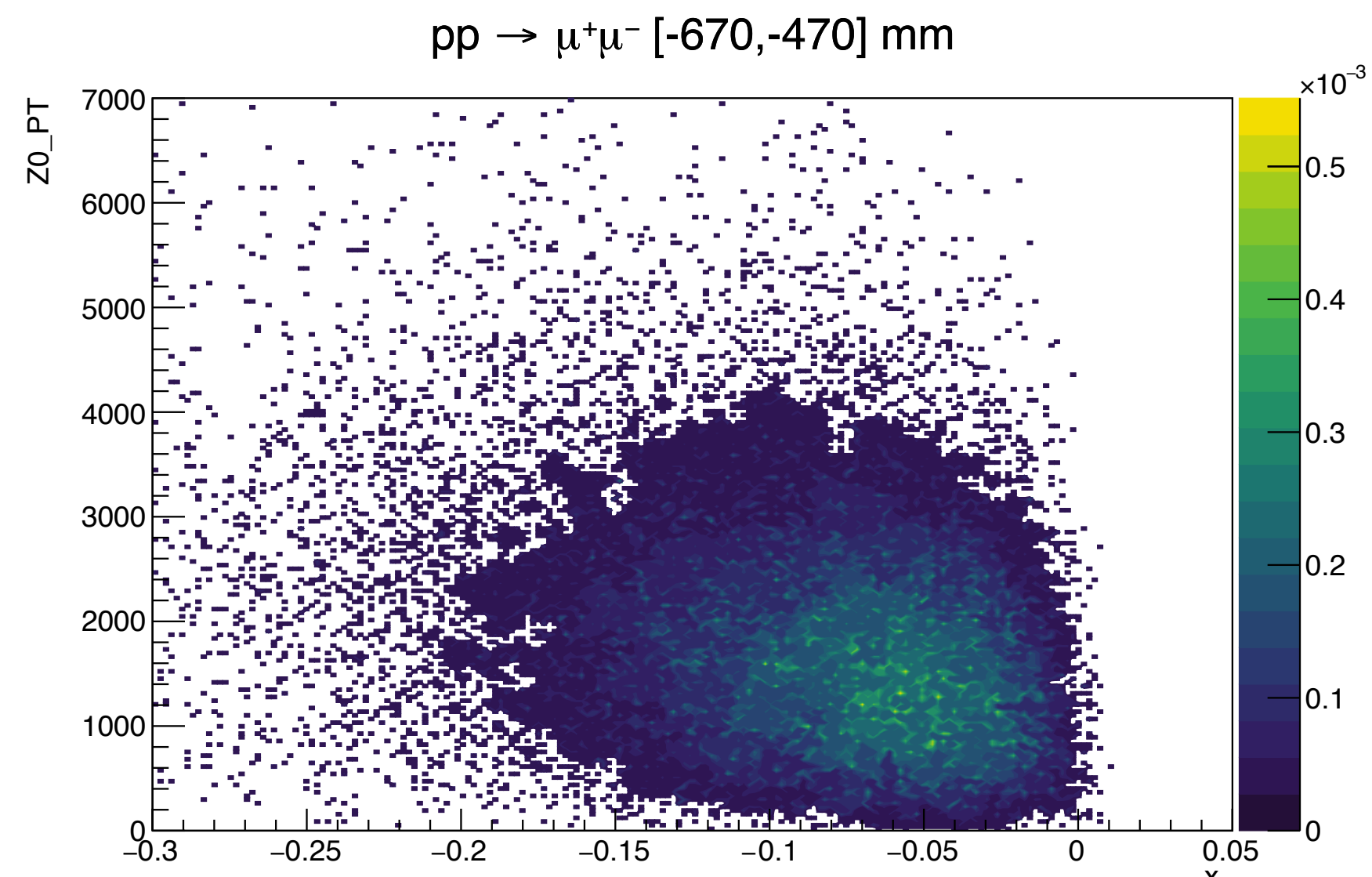


COMPASS: 2010 data

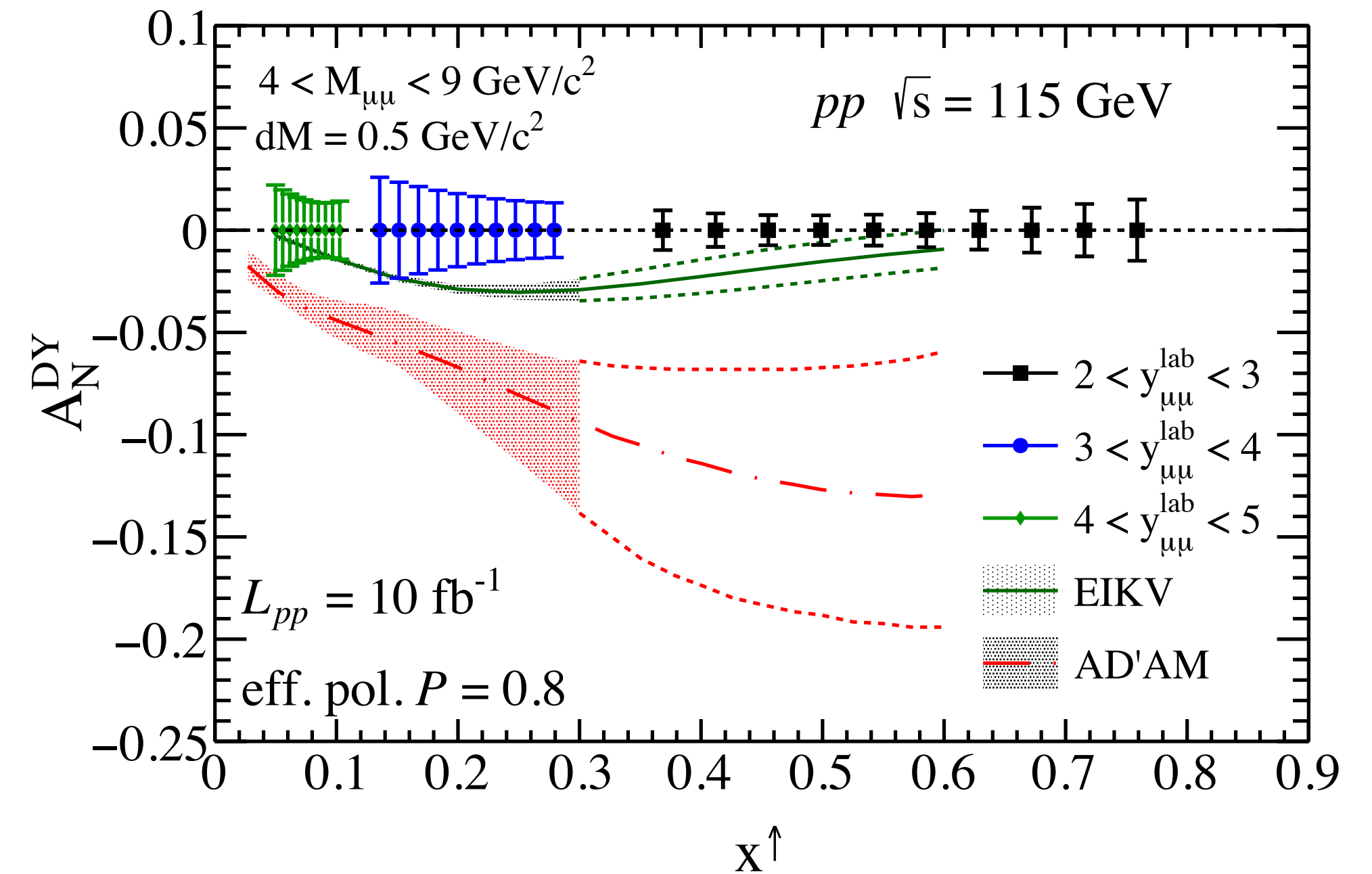


Polarised Drell-Yan

- Kinematics @ LHCspin (~30k events) and mass resolution:



- Projections of polarised DY with 10 fb⁻¹ of data from [\[ArXiv:1807.00603\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.00603) :



- Precise measurements but also unique features:
 - Verify the **sign change** of the Sivers TMD in DY wrt SIDIS:

$$f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2)_{\text{DY}} = -f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2)_{\text{SIDIS}}$$
 - + isospin effect with polarised deuterium

Expected precision on A_N

- Convert the expected rate into the uncertainty on a TSSA at LHCspin:

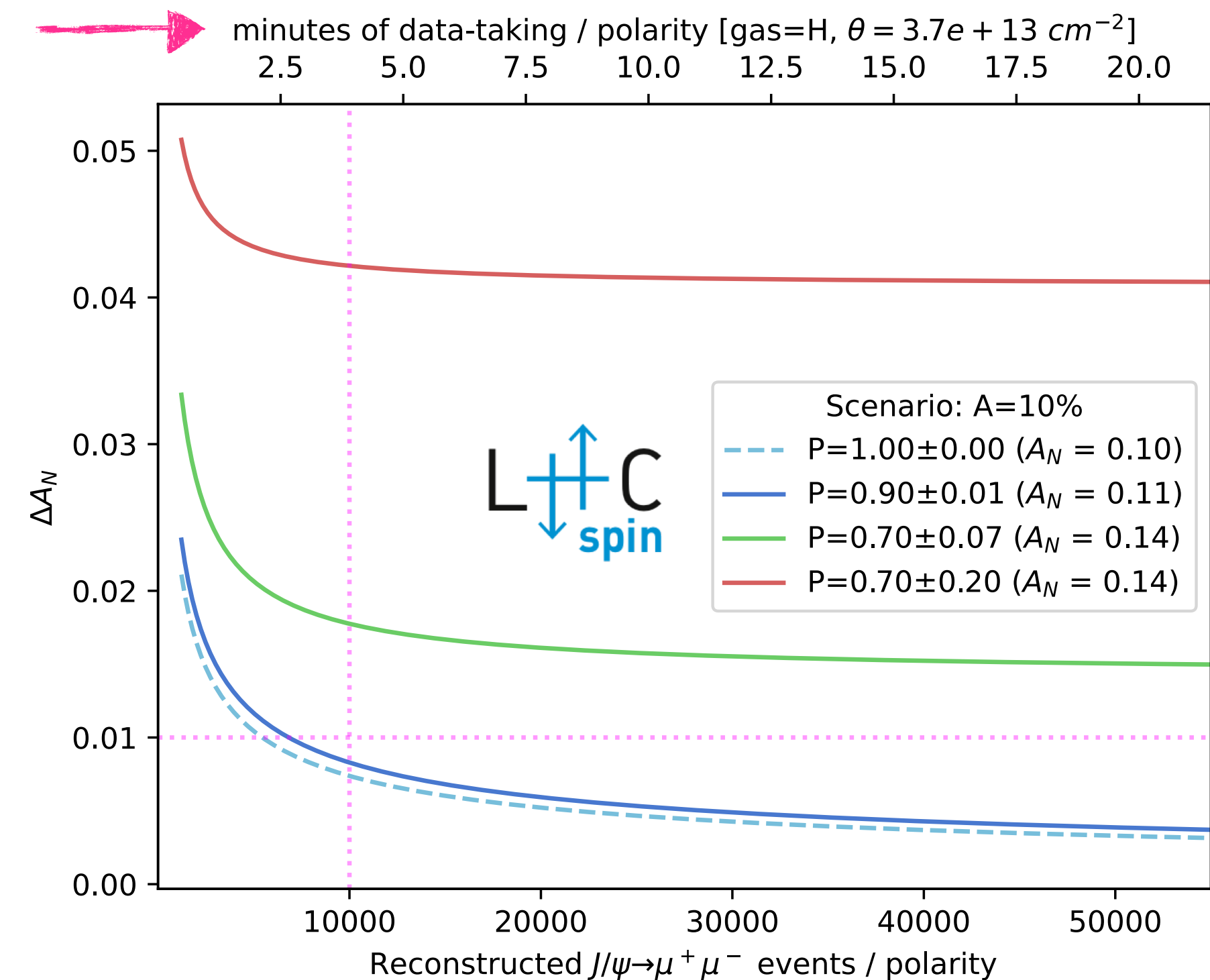
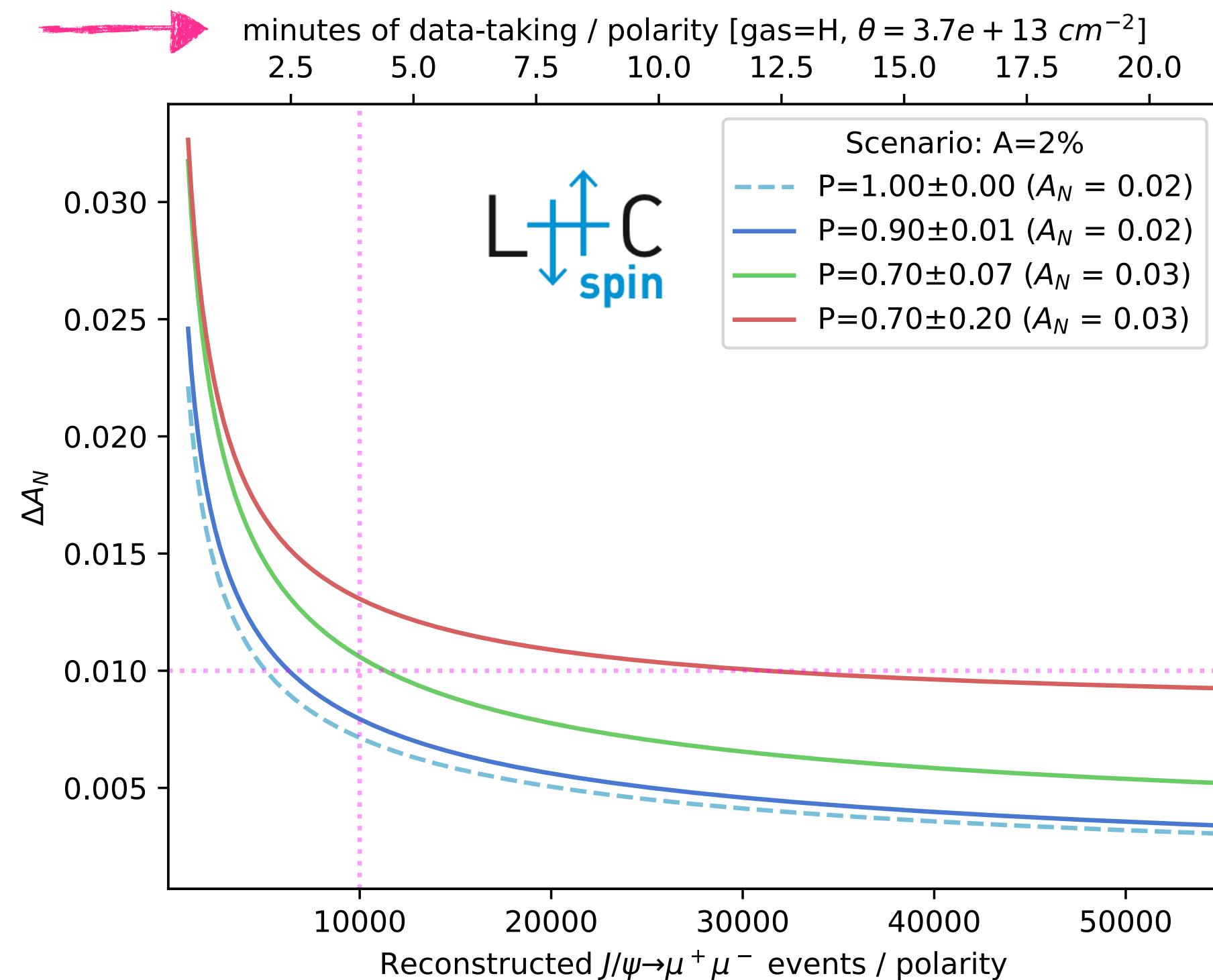
$$A_N = \frac{1}{P} \frac{N^\uparrow - N^\downarrow}{N^\uparrow + N^\downarrow} \rightarrow \Delta A \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N^\uparrow}}$$

- ΔA_N showed for different polarisation degrees on two scenarios: small asymmetry $A = 2\%$ (left) and large asymmetry $A = 10\%$ (right)

- Systematic limit from P reached after few minutes for $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$: precision TSSA measurements possible with very short pH^\uparrow runs!

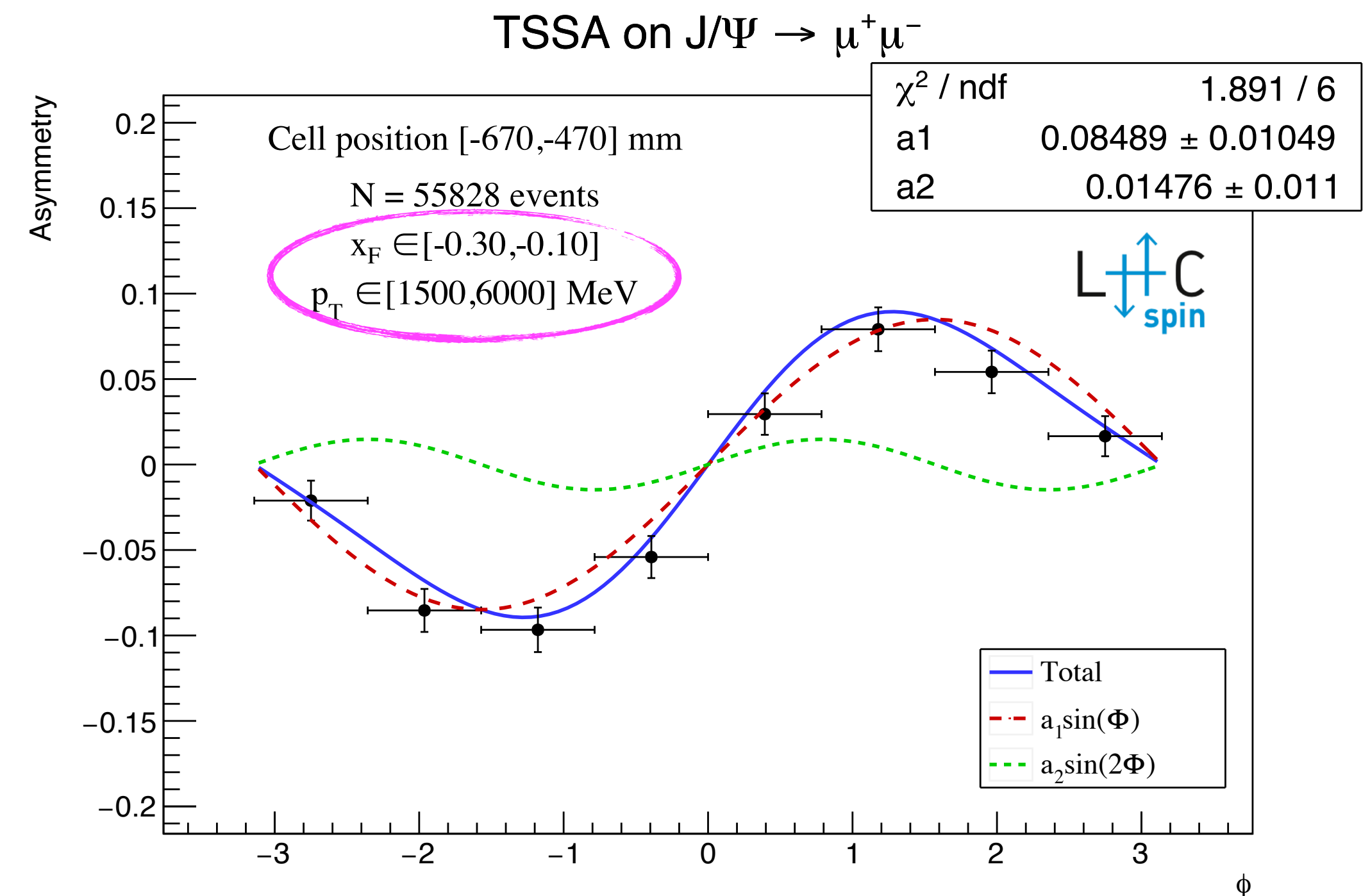
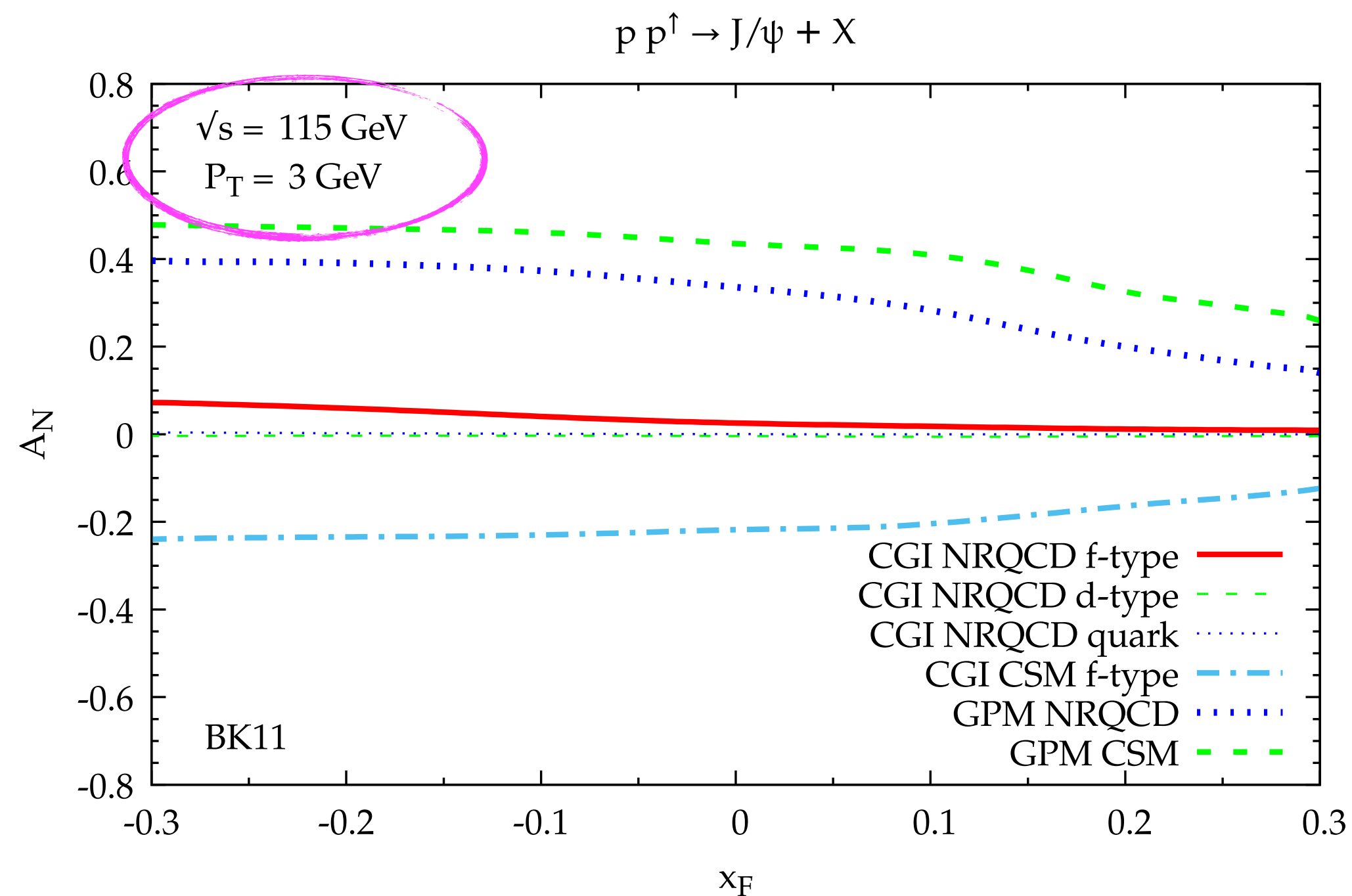
- Cell target example: $P = 0.70 \pm 0.07$, $\theta = 3.7 \times 10^{13}/\text{cm}^2$ (used in the plots)

- Jet target example: $P = 0.90 \pm 0.01$, $\theta \approx 10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$



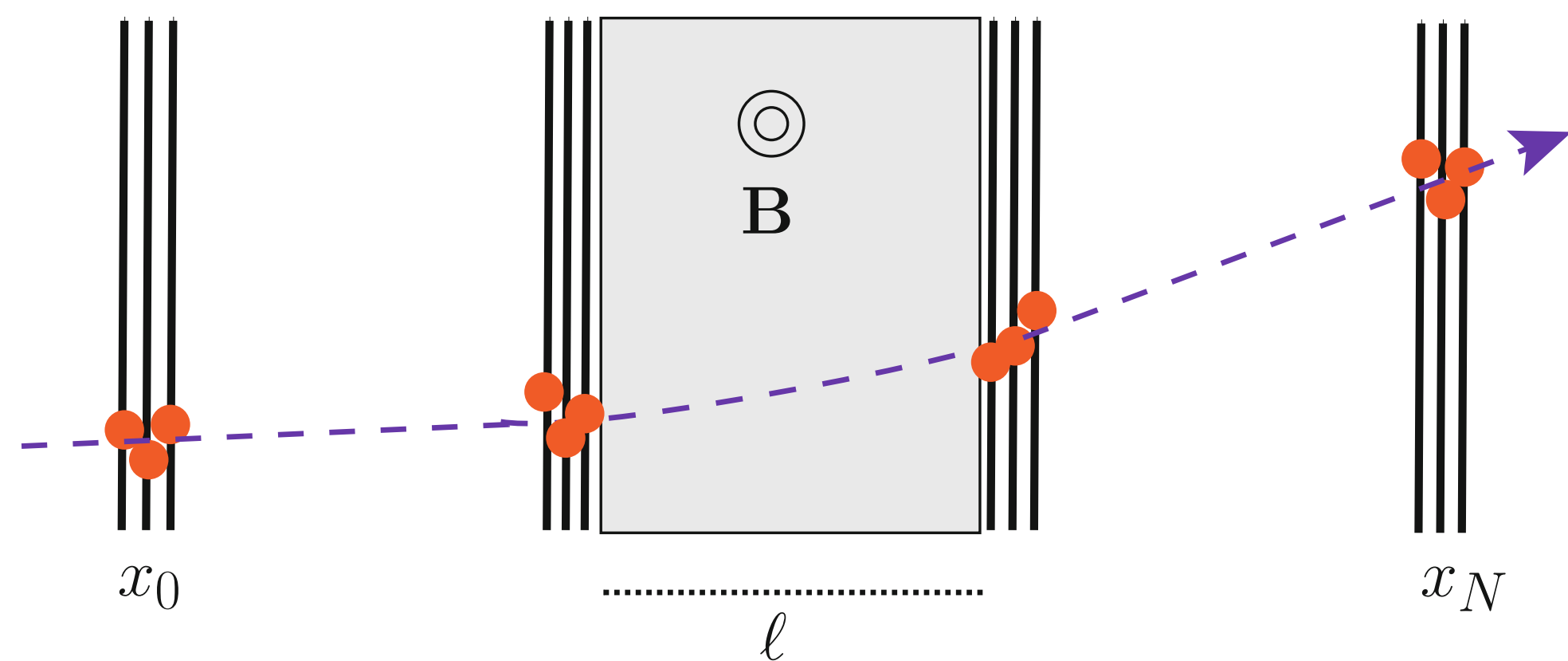
- Gluon Sivers Function (GSF) can be probed with quarkonia and open heavy-flavour production
- Broad x range at a scale $M_T = \sqrt{M^2 + P_T^2}$ with several unique probes: $\eta_c, \chi_c, \chi_b, J/\psi, \psi$...
- A_N predictions on $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ with LHCspin kinematics:

- This can easily be measured with LHCspin!
- LHCb simulations + emulate the polarisation according to a given model and fit the resulting pseudo-data
- $A_N \sim 0.1 \pm 0.01$ with $4 x_F \times 2 p_T \times 8 \phi$ bins on $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $\Delta P = 5\%$, negligible in this example

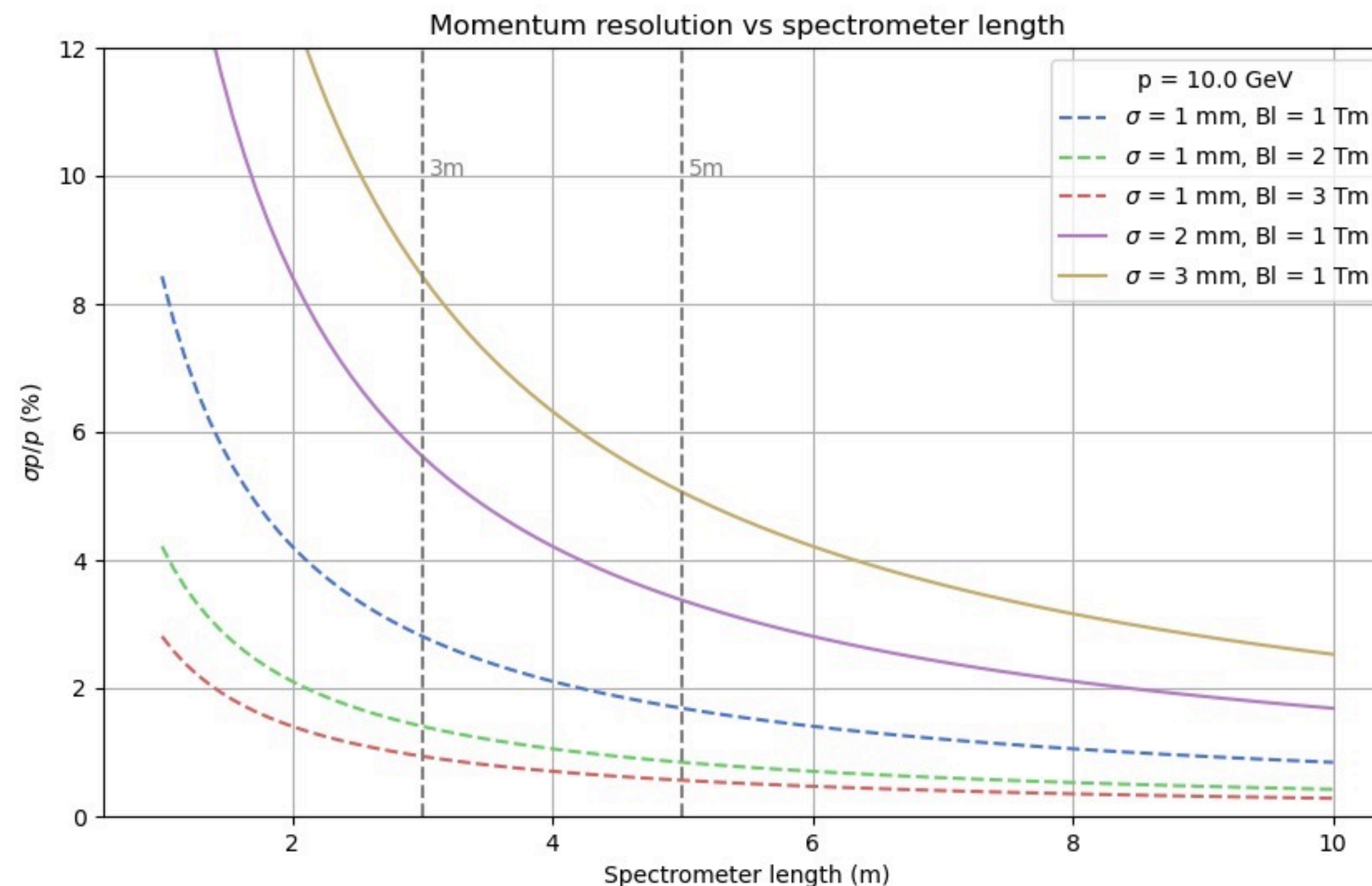


Interaction Region 4: possibilities 1/2

- The IR4 setup will be in-between an R&D setup for LHCspin and an actual detector. **This activity would be parallel to LHCb and open to external members.** See → [talk by Pasquale](#)
- The focus will be on polarimetry and beam interactions, but can we do some physics measurements? Simple considerations here



$$\frac{\delta p}{p} = \frac{8\sigma}{\sqrt{N+1}} \frac{1}{0.3z \cdot Bl \cdot L} p$$



→ can achieve < 1 % resolution within a few meters of lever arm (depending on space constraints) for momenta up to a few GeV and N = 10 hit measurements

note: the single hit resolution of the prototype sciFi modules already installed at IR4 is around 150 μm

Interaction Region 4: possibilities 2/2

→ if $\delta p/p = 1\%$ then $\delta m \approx 40$ MeV at the J/ψ mass

- Neglecting errors from B knowledge, tracker alignment and the MS (which if equal to the spatial contribution means $\delta m \approx 56$ MeV)

Particle Identification?

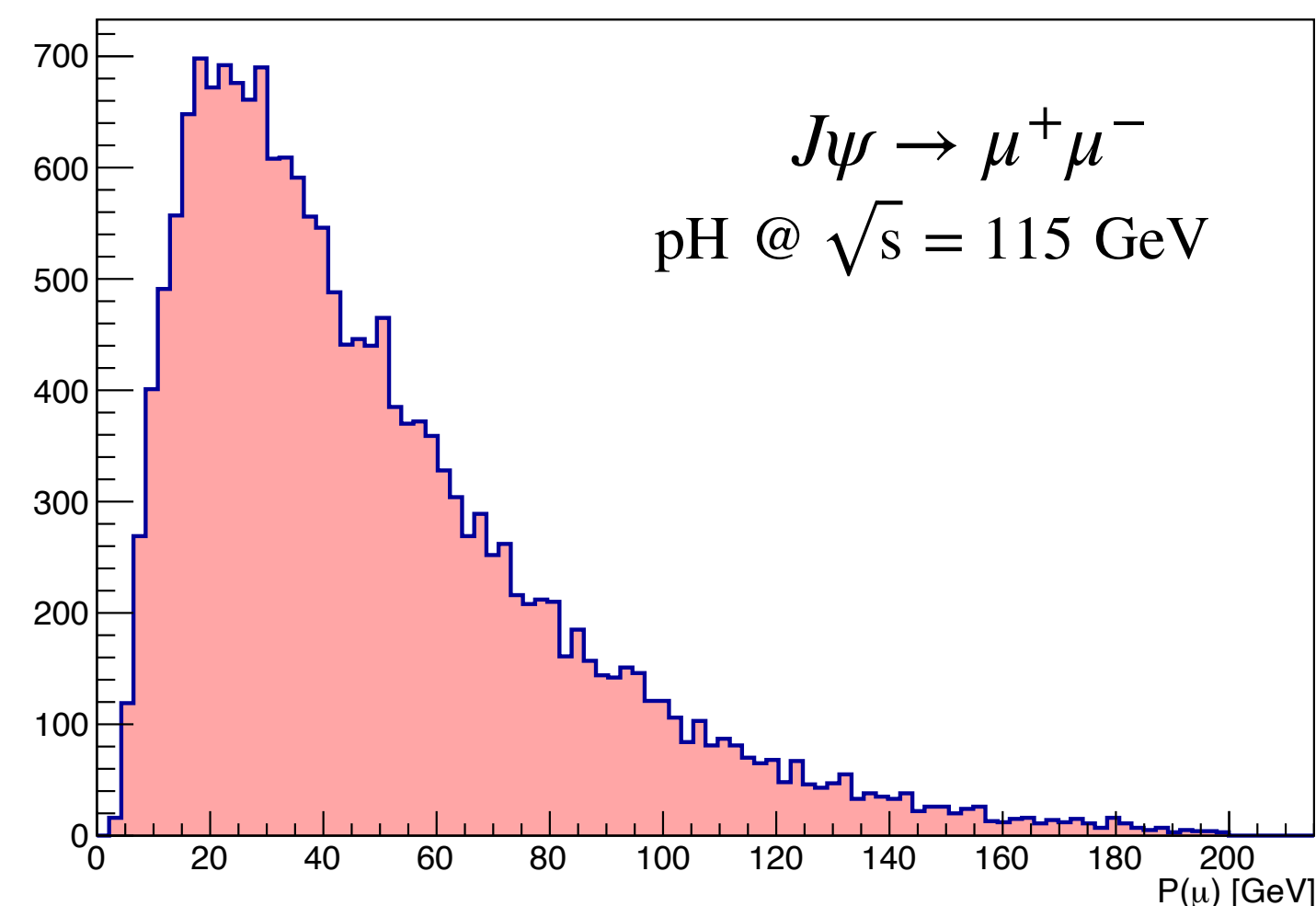
- **muons**: 3-5 layers of gas chambers w iron walls to filter muons. E.g. from M1 removal at LHCb (2018):

- GEMs with pad size 1 x 2.5 cm
- MWPCs with pad size 2 x 5 cm

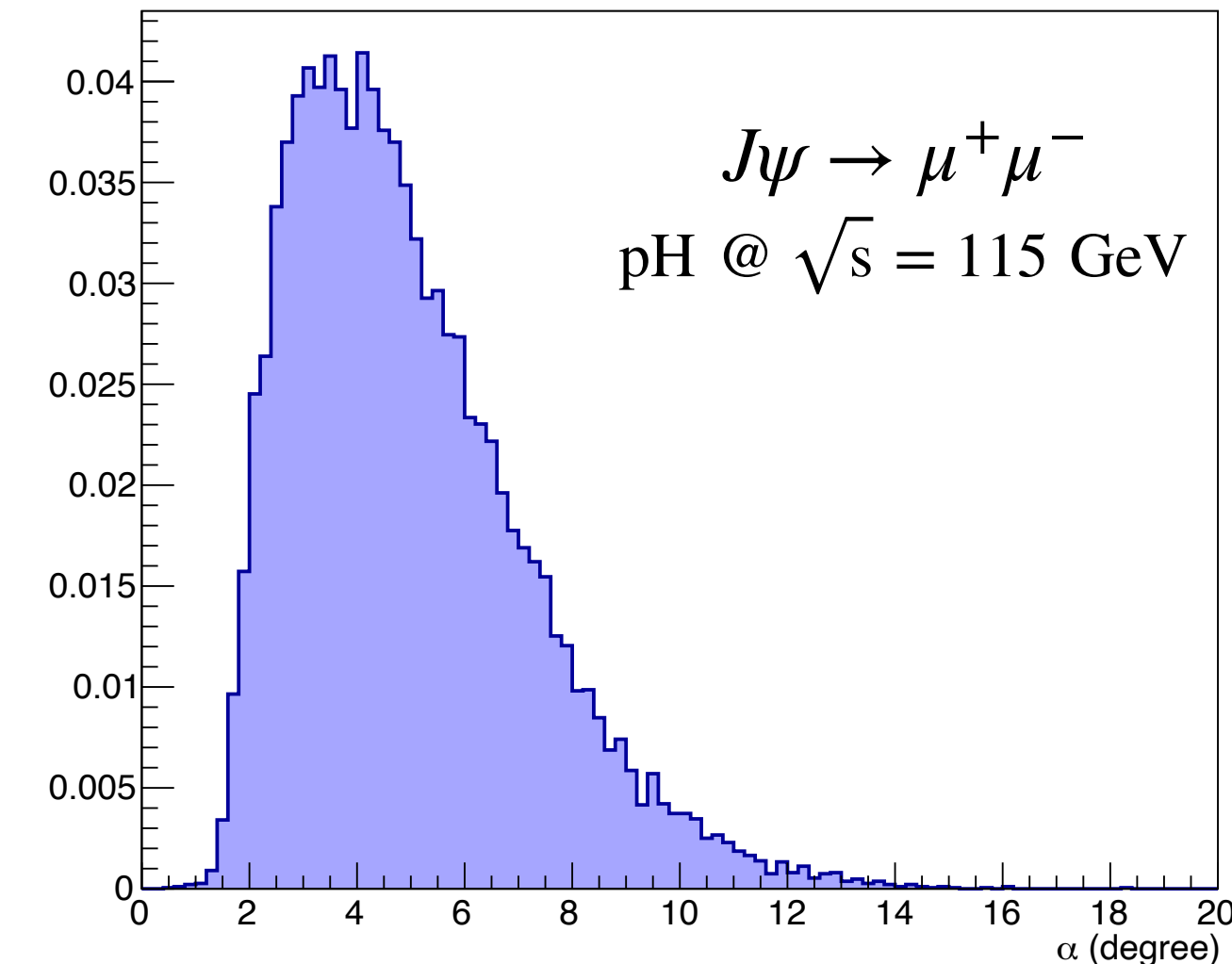
- **hadrons**: time resolution for 3σ $\pi-K$ resolution with TOF

- $p \sim 1$ GeV $\rightarrow \sigma_t = \mathcal{O}(100)$ ps (can)
- $p \sim 3$ GeV $\rightarrow \sigma_t = \mathcal{O}(10)$ ps (cannot)

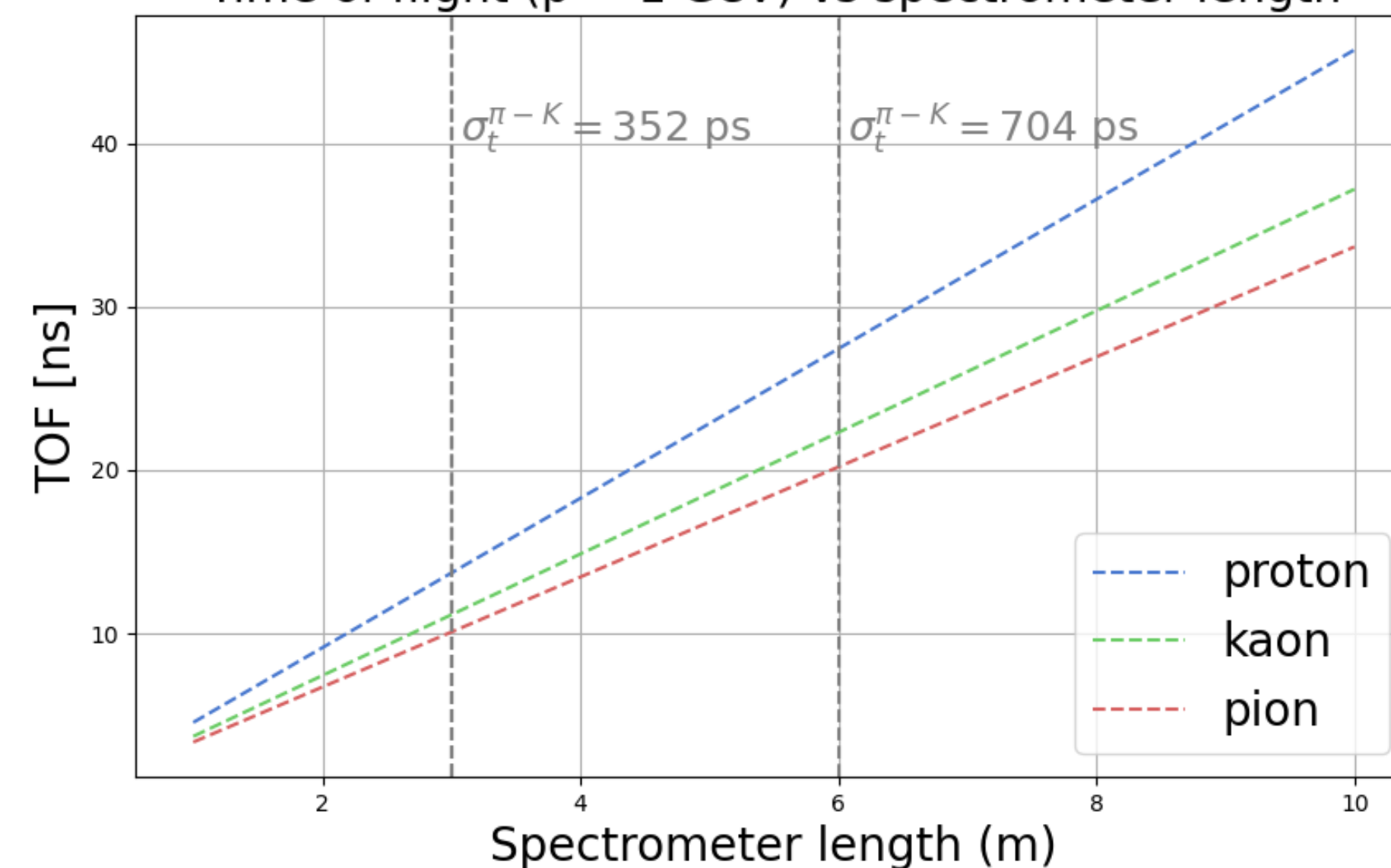
momentum



opening angle



Time of flight ($p = 1$ GeV) vs spectrometer length



Conclusions

- The FT program at LHCb is active since Run 2, now greatly enriched with the SMOG2 cell for Run 3
- SMOG2 early results demonstrate simultaneous beam-gas and beam-beam data-taking with excellent performance
- LHCspin is the natural evolution to extend SMOG2 and to **bring spin physics for the first time at the LHC**
- Vast physics program with both unpolarised and polarised gases, with plenty of observables & unique final states (only a few examples shown)
- High degree of complementarity with existing facilities & EIC
- A simple setup at IR4 can be a good starting point for the R&D and possibly to make interesting measurements, **get in touch if you're interested!**