



LHCb results in proton-nucleus collisions at the LHC

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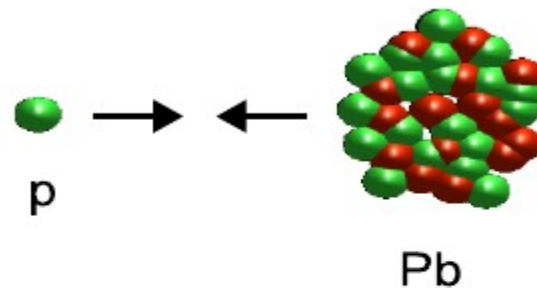
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- Motivation
- LHCb Detector
- Proton lead runs
- Measurements
 - J/ψ production
 - Υ production
 - Z boson production
 - Spectroscopy
- Conclusions





Motivation

LHCb fully instrumented in the forward region

→ study proton-ion collisions in a unique kinematic region

proton-lead (pA) collisions allow

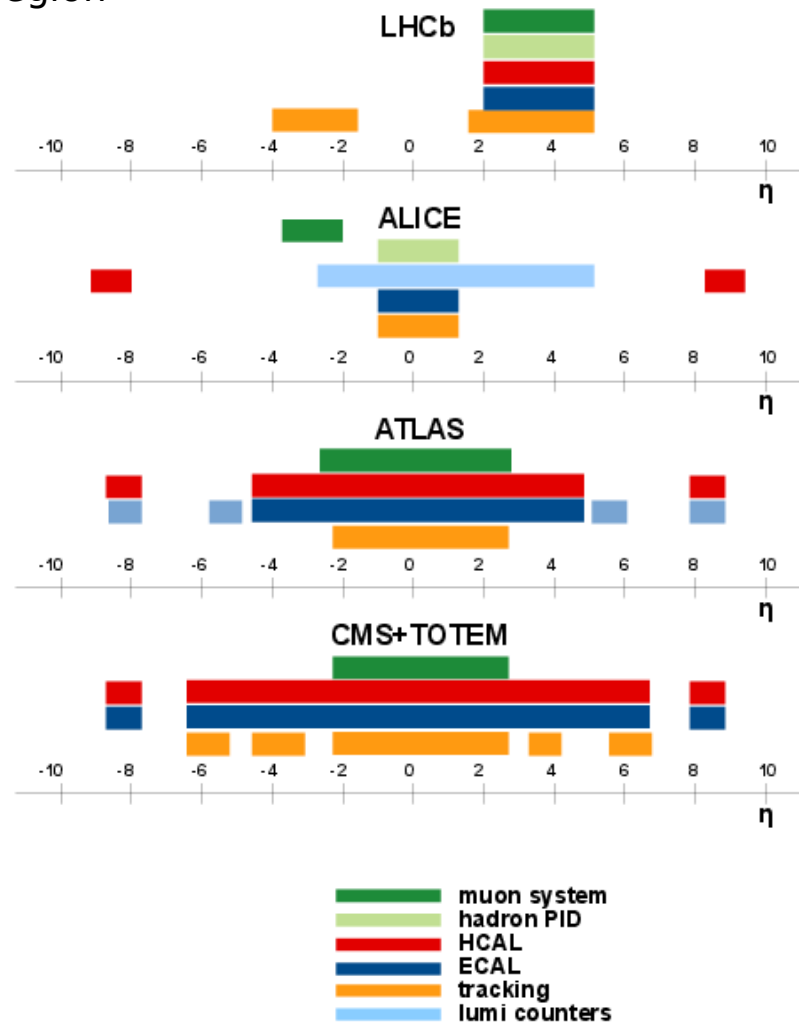
factorizing the effects of

Quark Gluon Plasma from Cold Nuclear Matter

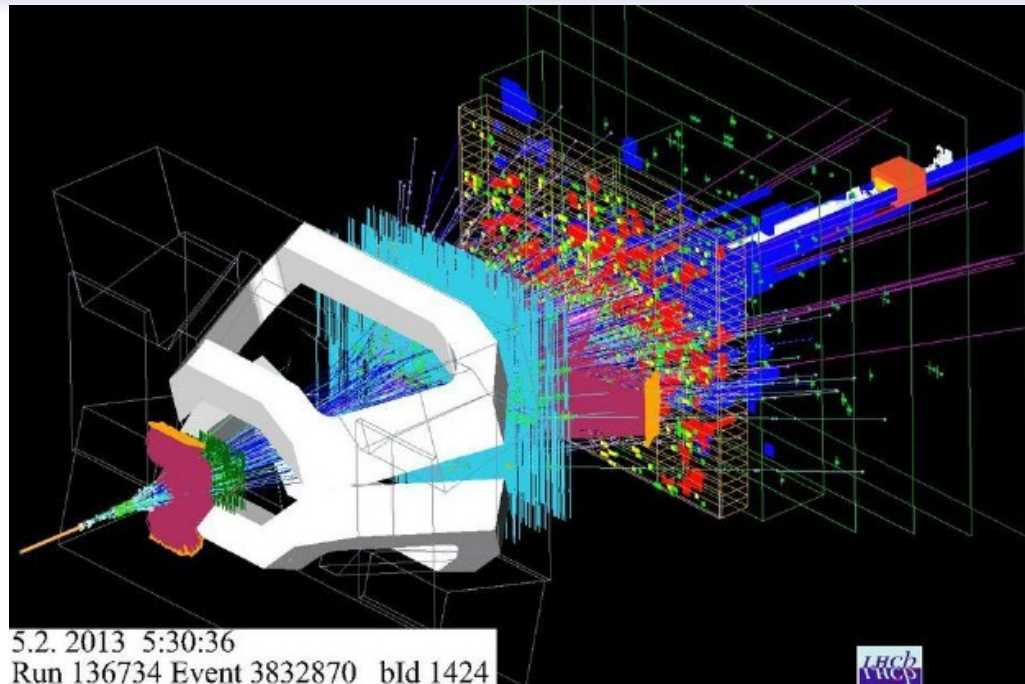
→ reference sample for heavy ion collisions

sensitive probes of properties of nuclear matter

- nuclear parton distribution function (nPDF)
 - nuclear attenuation factors
- test phenomenological models



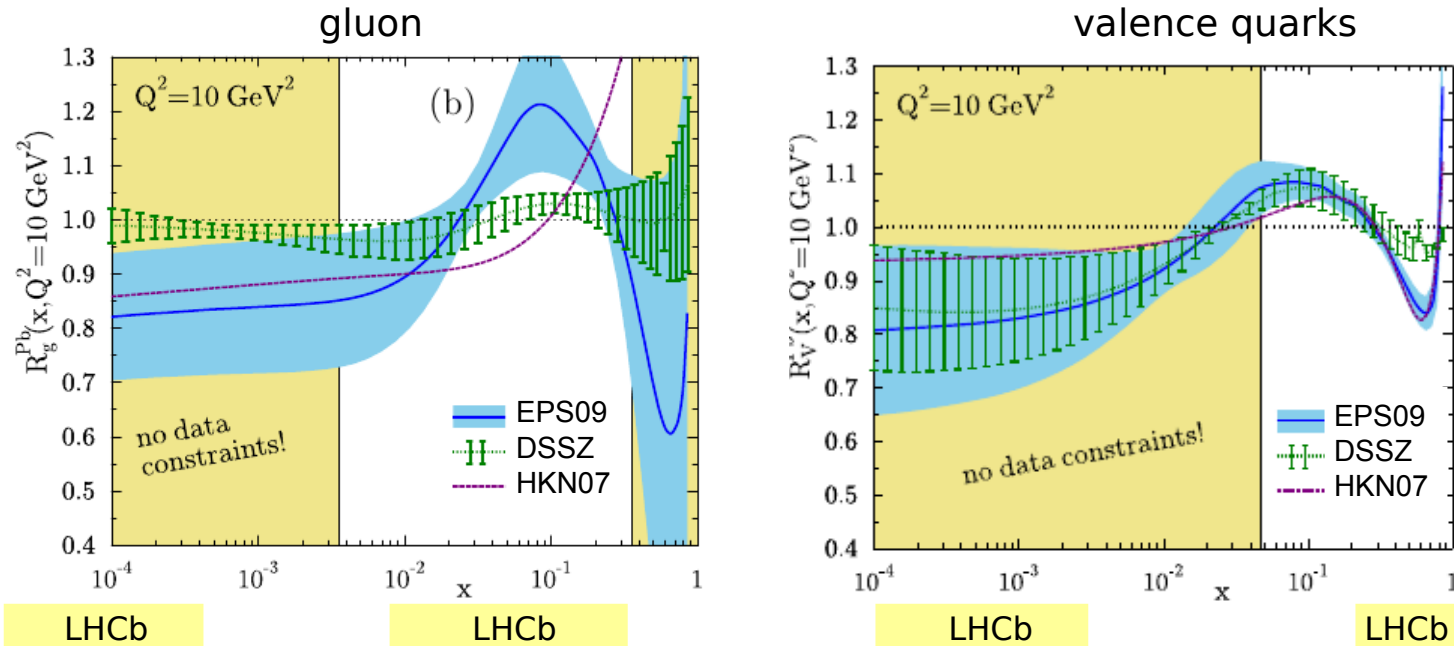
- heavy flavour and quarkonium probe
 - cold nuclear effects
 - energy loss mechanisms
 - medium transport properties
 - quark deconfinement
- electroweak bosons:
 - probe nuclear PDFs which are poorly constrained





Current knowledge of nuclear PDFs (nPDF)

ratio: (nuclear PDF for Pb)/ (proton PDF) [Nucl.Phys. A926 (2014) 24-33]



nuclear PDF poorly constrained at high and low $x_A \rightarrow$ LHCb has good sensitivity.

LHCb accessible region for J/ψ , Y and Z production: $x_{1,2} = (M/\sqrt{s}) e^{\pm y}$

J/ψ : $1 \times 10^{-5} < x_A < 1 \times 10^{-4}$, $7 \times 10^{-3} < x_A < 7 \times 10^{-2}$

Y : $3 \times 10^{-5} < x_A < 3 \times 10^{-4}$, $3 \times 10^{-2} < x_A < 3 \times 10^{-1}$

Z : $2 \times 10^{-4} < x_A < 3 \times 10^{-3}$, $0.2 < x_A < 1$

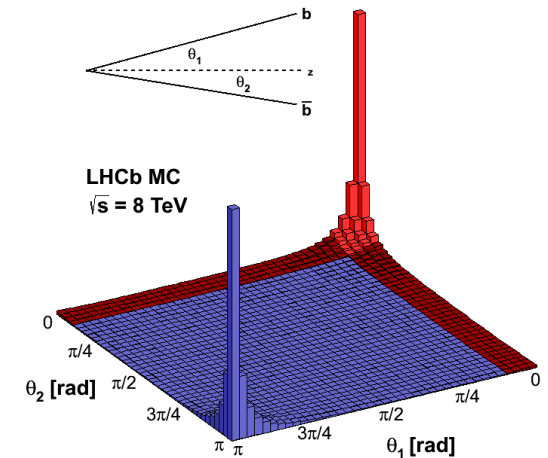
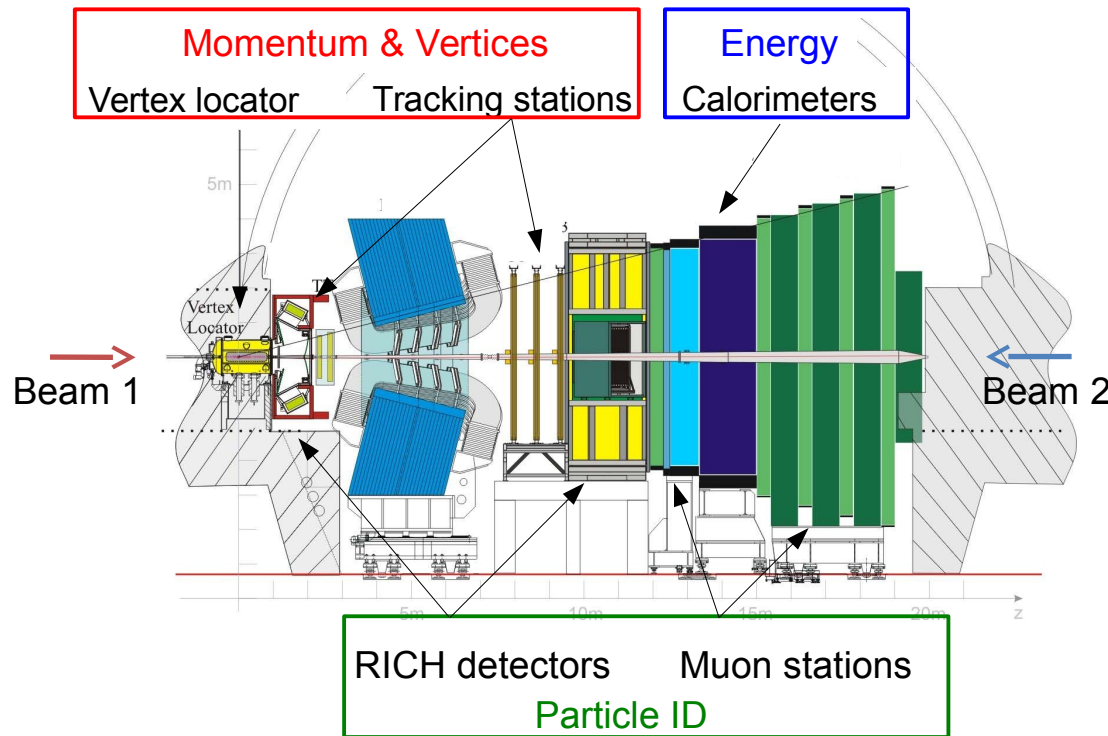
fixed target physics @ LHCb: x about 0.1

x_A : momentum fraction carried by parton inside the nucleus bound in the lead ion

EPS09: JHEP 04 (2009) 065, DSSZ : Phys. Rev. D 85 (2012), HKN07: Phys. Rev. C 76 (2007) 065207

- single arm spectrometer - designed for precision measurements in b and c physics
- fully instrumented in the forward region ($2 < \eta < 5$)
- some detection capability in backward region ($-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$)
- very flexible trigger \rightarrow able to trigger on low momentum objects

1114 members, 68 institutes, 16 countries



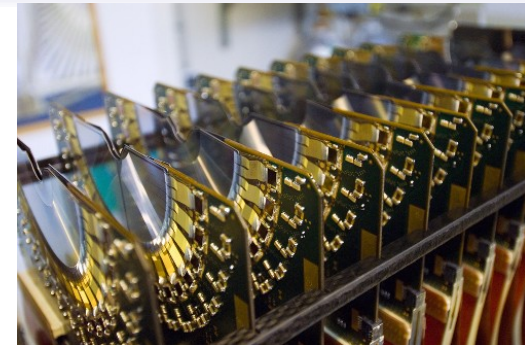
25% of $b\bar{b}$ pairs in LHCb acceptance

analyses based on

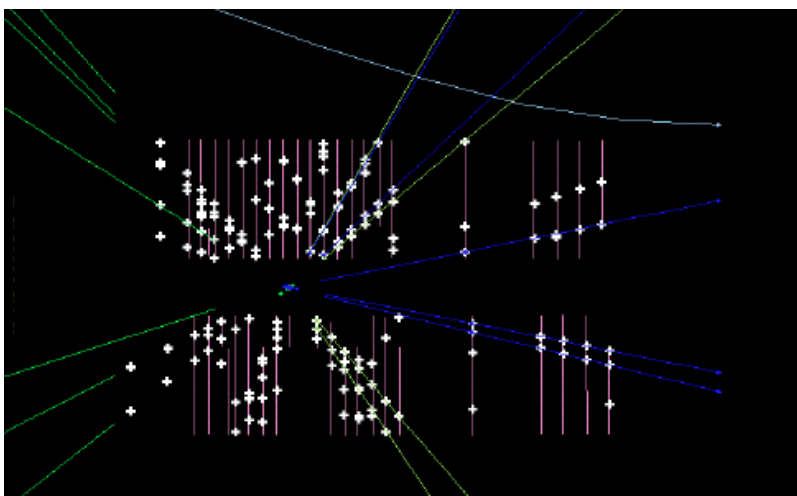
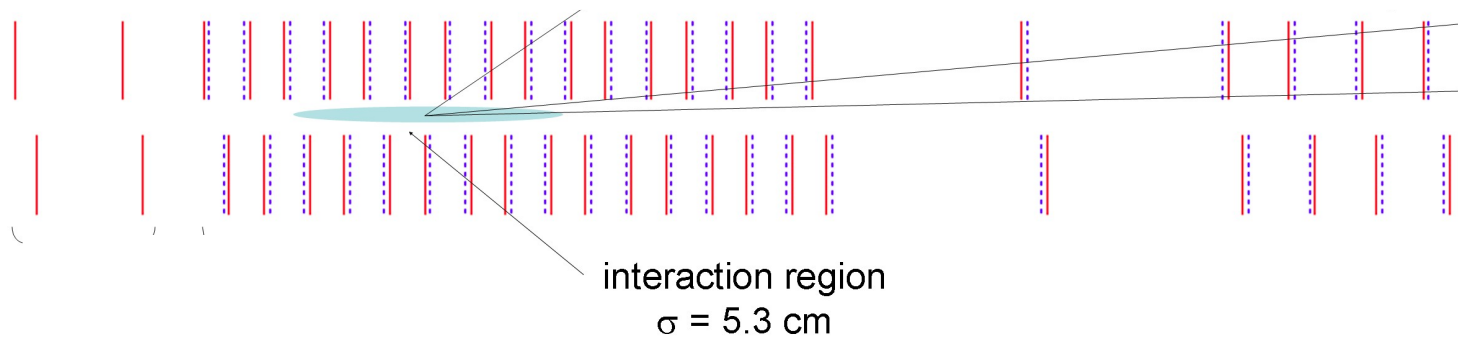
- 2013 proton-lead runs @ 5 TeV
- preliminary results from pilot run 2012

84 micro-strip silicon sensors close to the IR
→ precise track and vertex reconstruction

distance to beam axis: 8 mm (retractable)



pileup stations



acceptance:

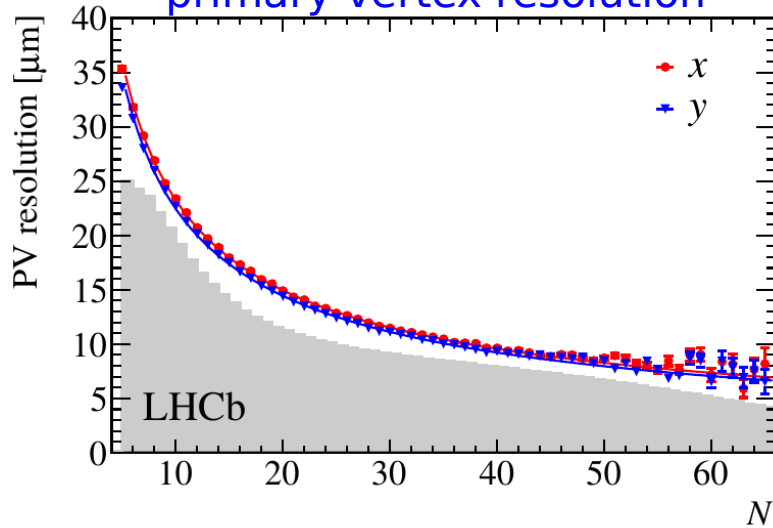
forward: $1.5 < \eta < 5.0$

backward: $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$

backwards tracks re-constructable
(no momentum information)



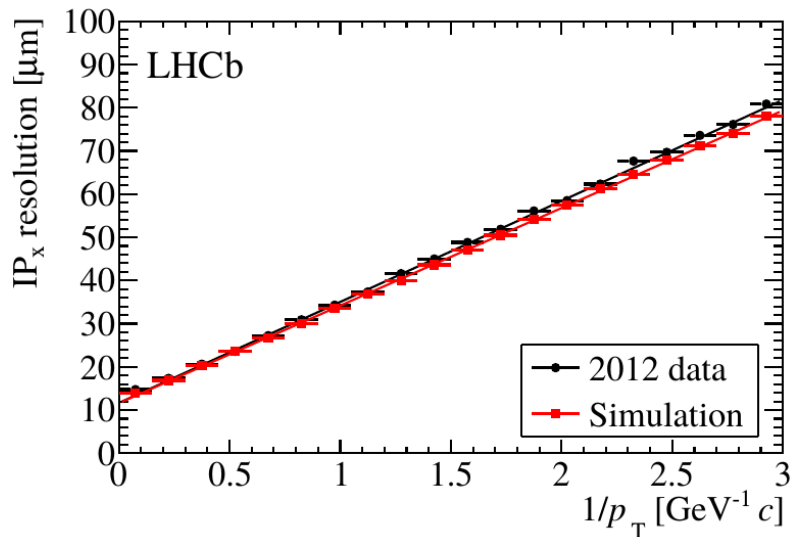
primary vertex resolution



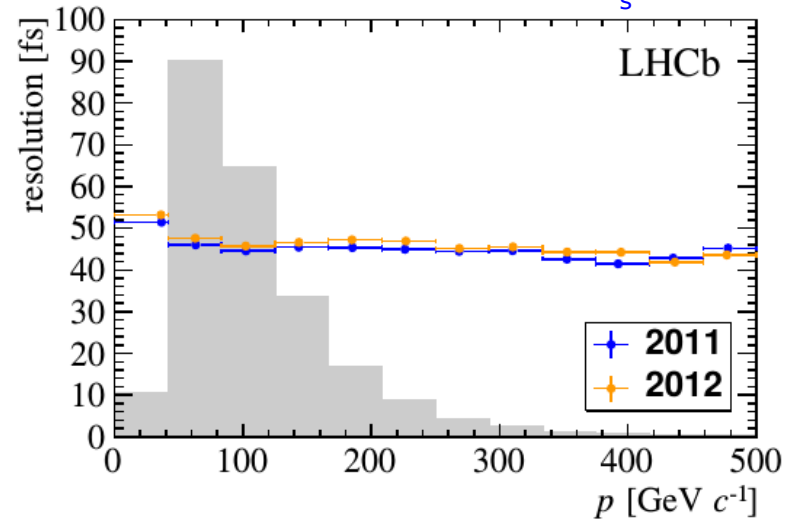
- excellent agreement data - simulation
vertex resolution (PV with 20 tracks):
 $\sigma_{xy} \sim 15\mu\text{m}, \sigma_z \sim 80\mu\text{m}$
- average proper time resolution 45 fs

: underlying distributions

impact parameter resolution

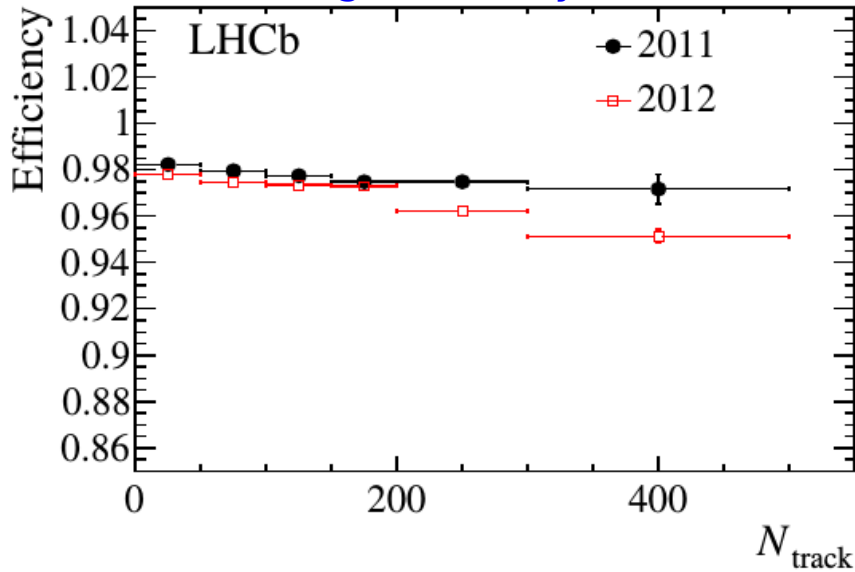


proper time resolution ($B_s \rightarrow J/\Psi \phi$)



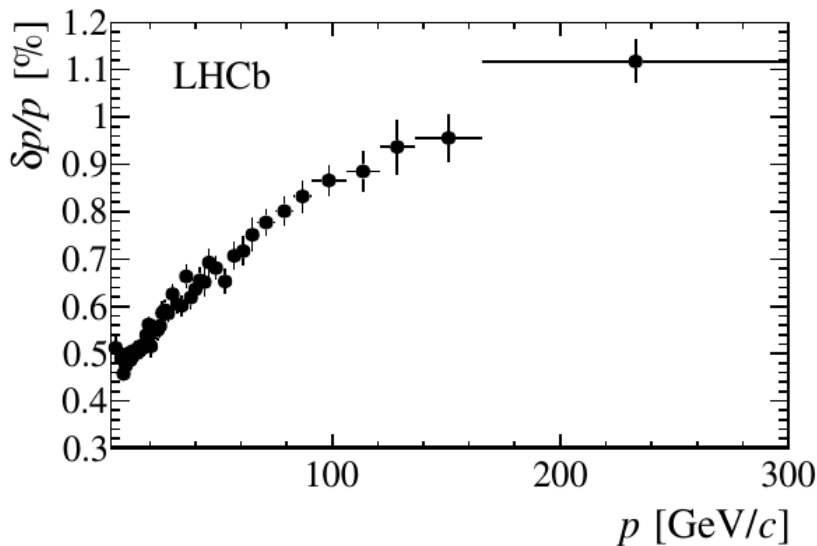


tracking efficiency

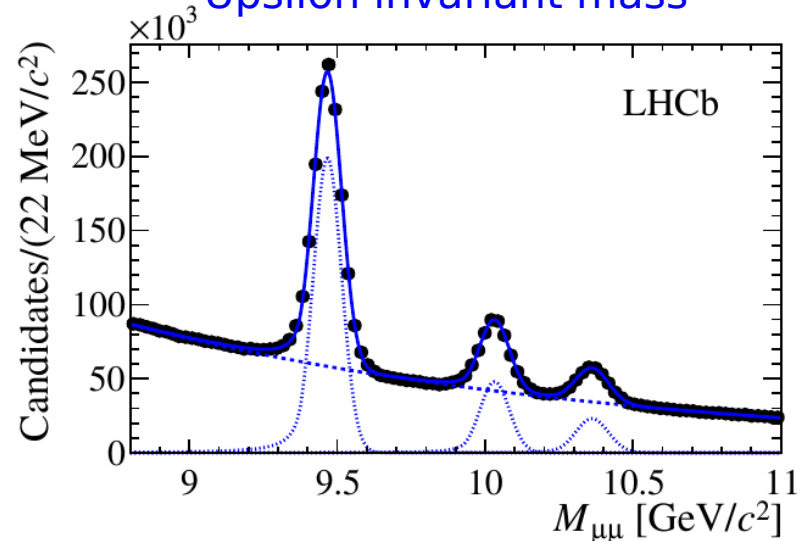


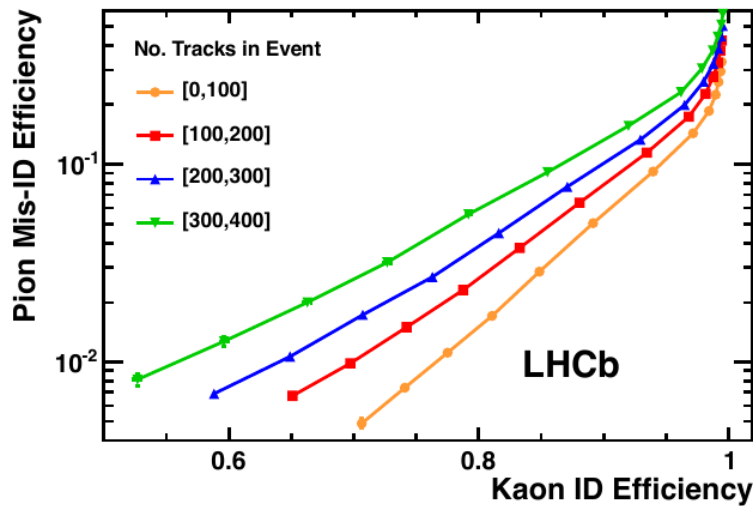
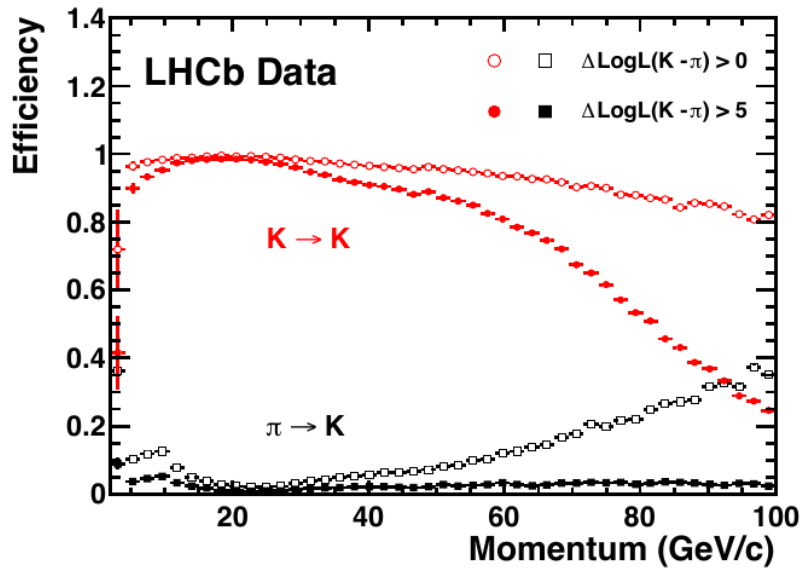
- high efficiency even in busy events
- excellent momentum resolution
 - $\sigma_p/p = 0.5\%$ $p < 20$ GeV
 - $\sigma_p/p = 0.8\%$ $p \sim 100$ GeV
- best mass resolution for quarkonia at LHC
 - $\sigma_m/m = 0.5\%$ $m < 20$ GeV

momentum resolution



Upsilon invariant mass



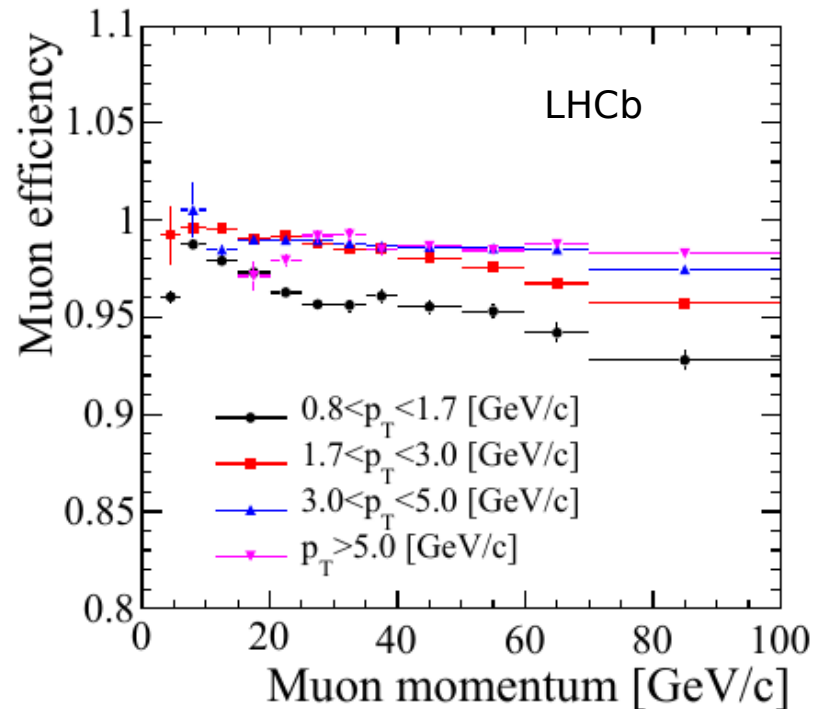


RICH1: Aerogel and C_4F_{10} - low p(2-60 GeV)

RICH2: CF_4 - high p (<100 GeV)

- kaon ID $\epsilon=95\%$; π mis-id < 5%
- high multiplicities: performance degraded

muon ID $\epsilon=97\%$; π -mis-id < 1-3%





Proton-lead runs

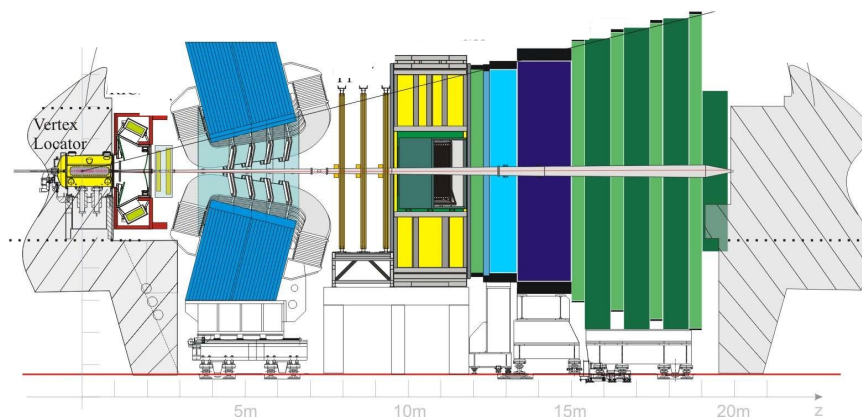
$E_p = 4 \text{ TeV}$, $E_N = 1.58 \text{ TeV}$, nucleon-nucleon cm energy $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{4 E_p E_N}$

→ proton-lead collisions at 5 TeV

• asymmetric beam energies rapidity of cm system: $y_{cm} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E_p}{E_N}$

→ shift in rapidity $\Delta y = y_{lab} - y = 0.47$

• forward and backward coverage when swapping beam directions

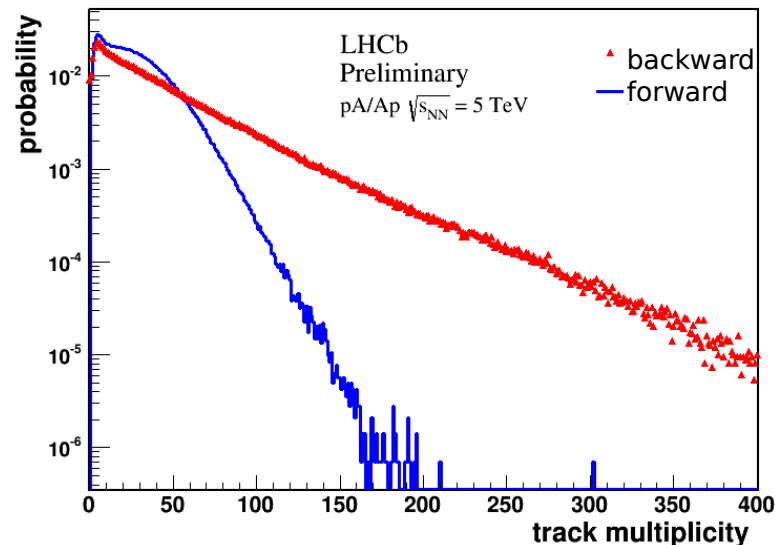
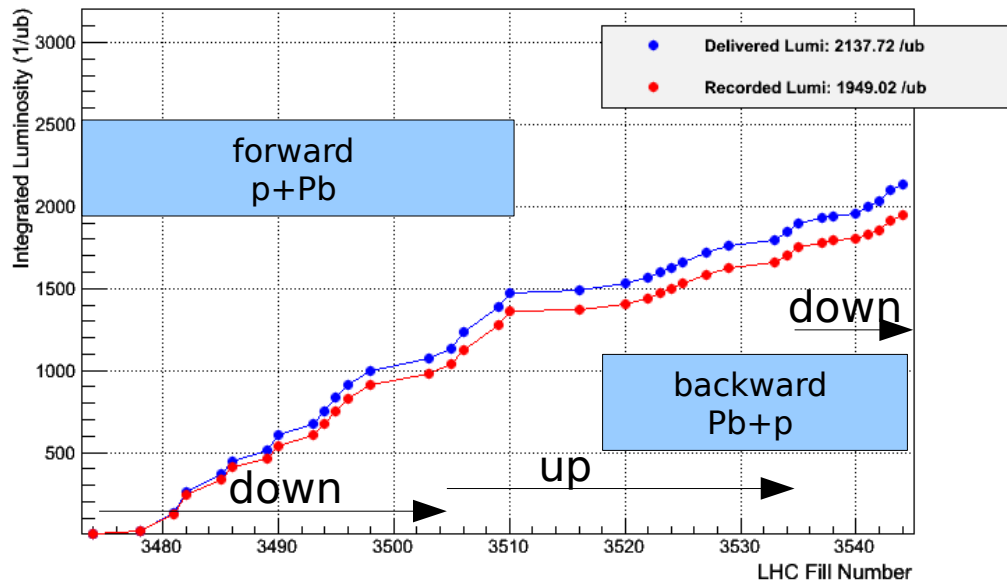


p: $E_p = 4 \text{ TeV}$ Pb: $E_N = 1.58 \text{ TeV}$ pA collisions: forward

Pb: $E_N = 1.58 \text{ TeV}$ p: $E_p = 4 \text{ TeV}$ Ap collisions: backward

- acceptance: forward $1.5 < y < 4.0$
backward $-5.0 < y < -2.5$

LHCb Integrated Luminosity at p-Pb 4 TeV in 2013



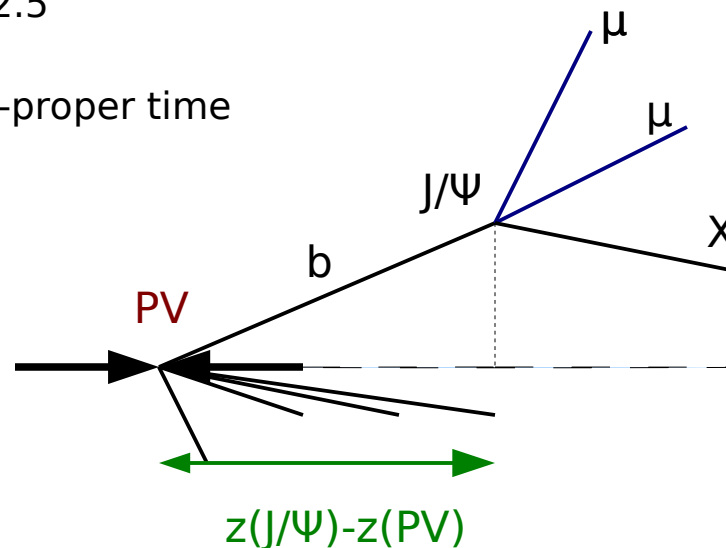
- low instantaneous luminosity: $L \approx 5 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- low pile-up (approx. 1 primary vertex per beam crossing)
- data-taking efficiency better than 91%
- results based on 2 beam and 2 magnet configurations
- pA (forward) : $L = 1.1 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
- Ap (backward) : $L = 0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$



J/Ψ production in p-Pb collisions

- reconstruct J/Ψ in di-muon channel
- forward: $1.5 < y < 4.0$ and backward: $-5.0 < y < -2.5$
- $p_T < 14$ GeV
- separate prompt J/Ψs and J/Ψs from b: pseudo-proper time

$$t_z = \frac{(z_{J/\psi} - z_{PV}) \cdot M_{J/\psi}}{p_z}$$



results:

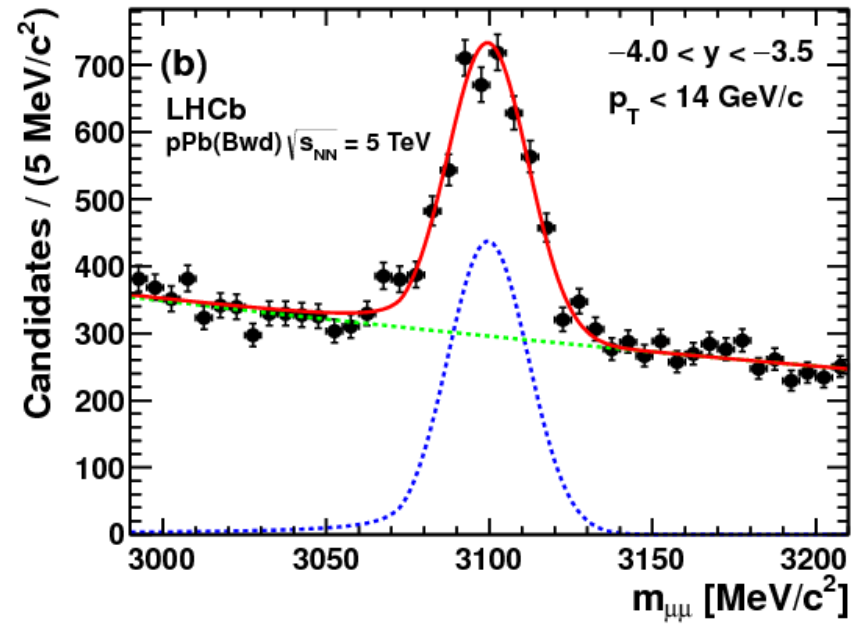
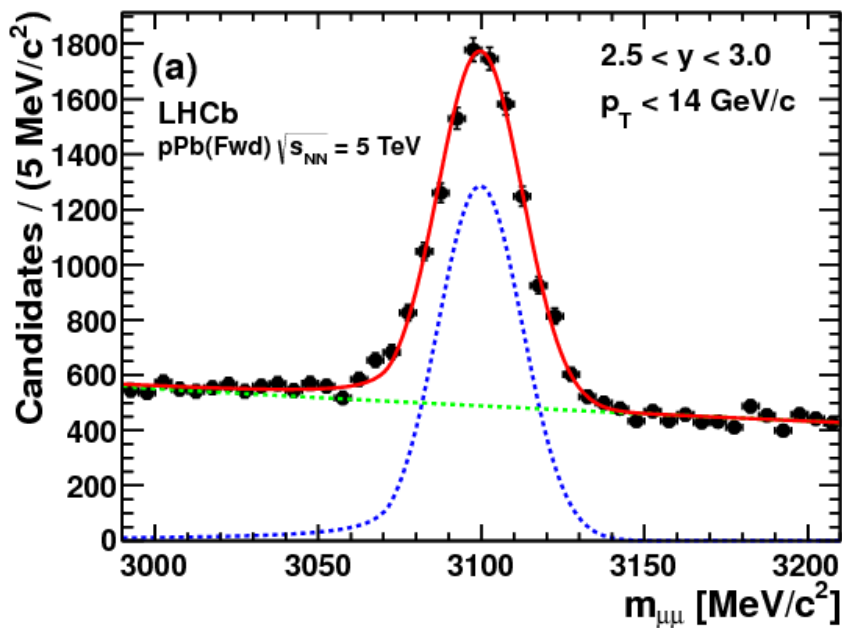
- differential J/Ψ cross sections: bins in p_T and y
- nuclear effects

yields: simultaneous fit to mass & pseudo-proper time
mass model: **Crystal-Ball signal** and **exponential background**

→ background higher for lead-proton collisions due to higher multiplicities

forward (pA)
 $2.5 < y < 3.0$, $p_T < 14$ GeV

backward (Ap)
 $-4 < y < -3.5$, $p_T < 14$ GeV



yields: simultaneous fit to mass & pseudo-proper time

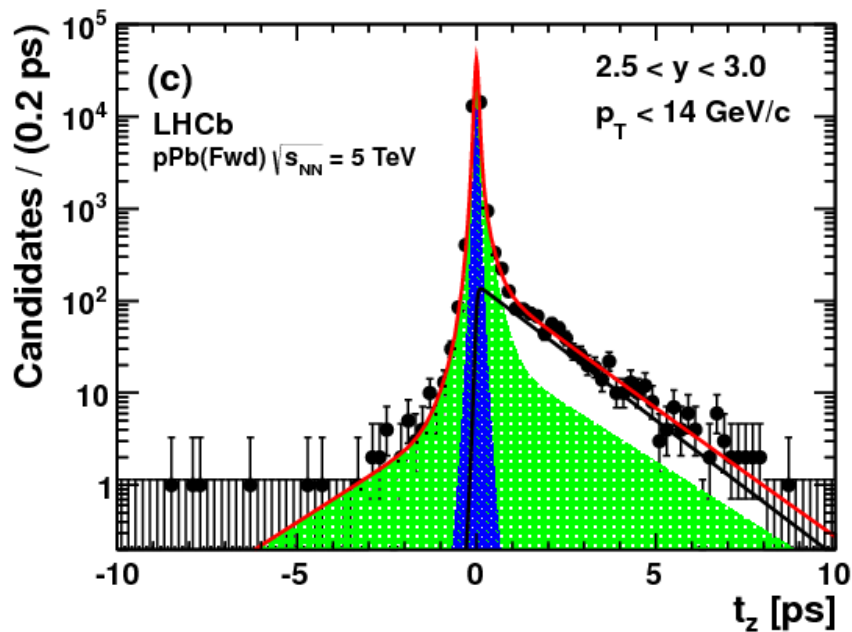
mass model: Crystal-Ball signal and exponential background

t_z model: exponential for J/Ψ's from b's convoluted with double Gaussian

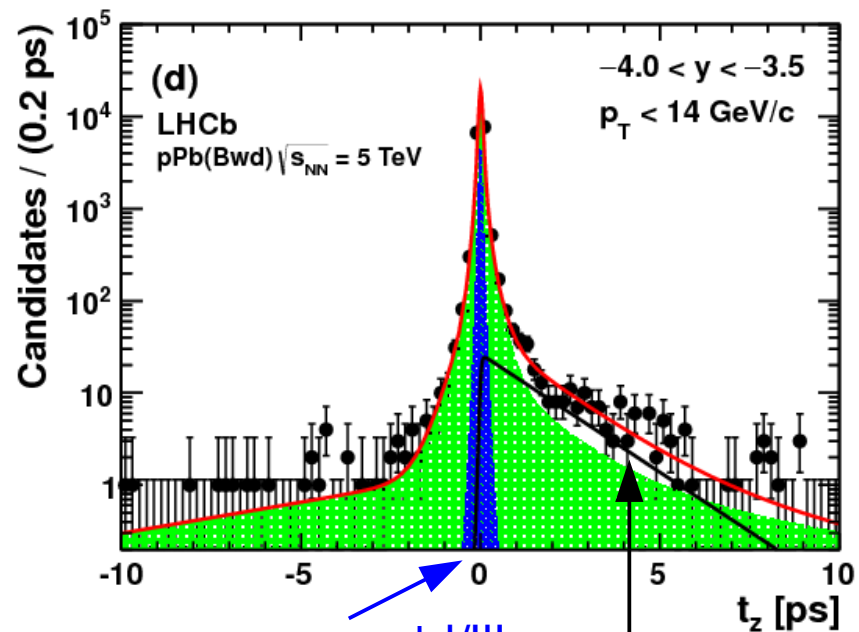
δ function for prompt J/Ψ's convoluted with double Gaussian

empirical function (sPlot) from side-band for background

forward (pA)
 $2.5 < y < 3.0, p_T < 14$ GeV

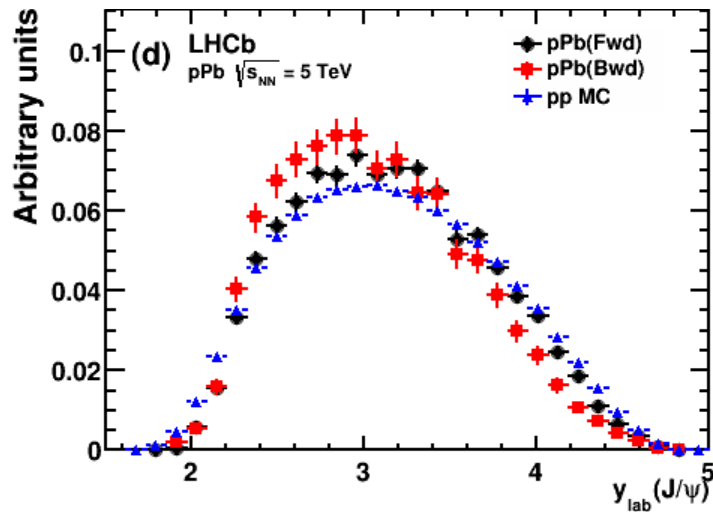
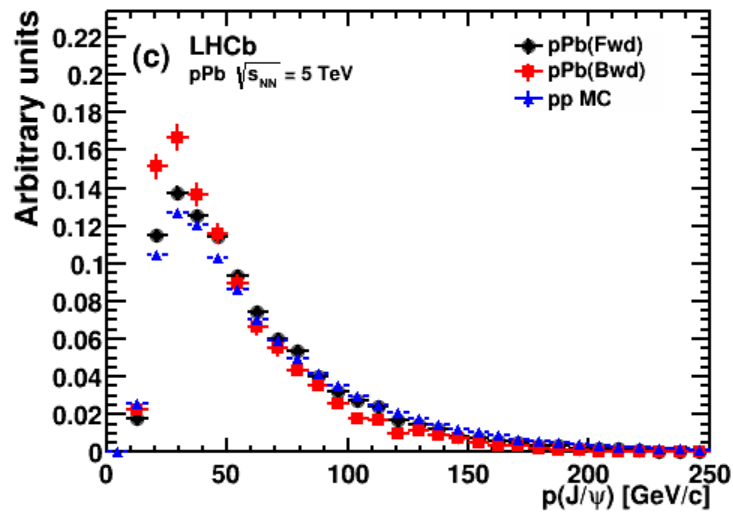
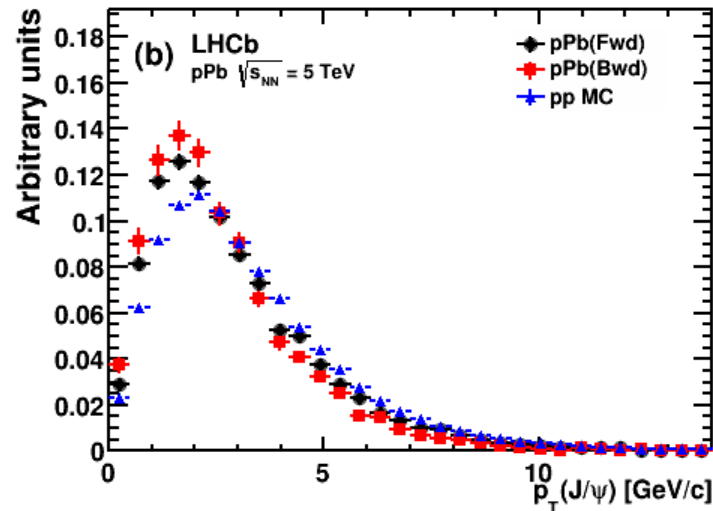
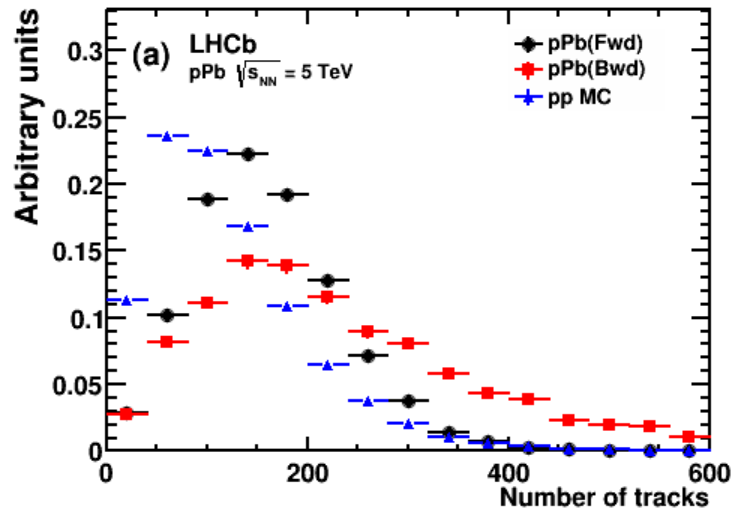


backward (Ap)
 $-4 < y < -3.5, p_T < 14$ GeV



prompt J/Ψ

J/Ψ's from b



acceptance and efficiency corrections from pp simulation
 pp simulation reweighted to describe track multiplicity

forward: $1.5 < y < 4.0$

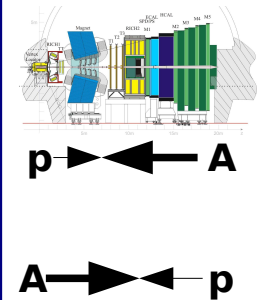
prompt: $\sigma = 1168 \pm 15 \text{ (stat)} \pm 54 \text{ (sys)} \mu\text{b}$

from b's: $\sigma = 166 \pm 4.1 \text{ (stat)} \pm 8.2 \text{ (sys)} \mu\text{b}$

backward: $-5.0 < y < -2.5$

prompt: $\sigma = 1293 \pm 42 \text{ (stat)} \pm 75 \text{ (sys)} \mu\text{b}$

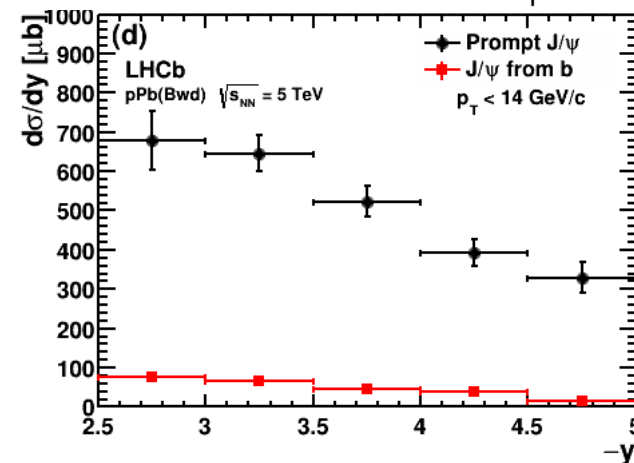
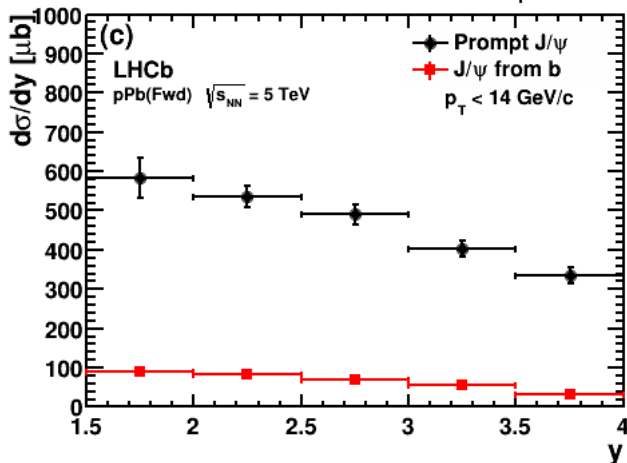
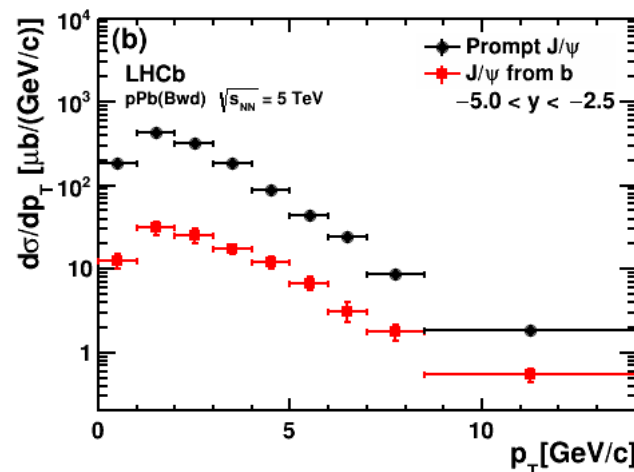
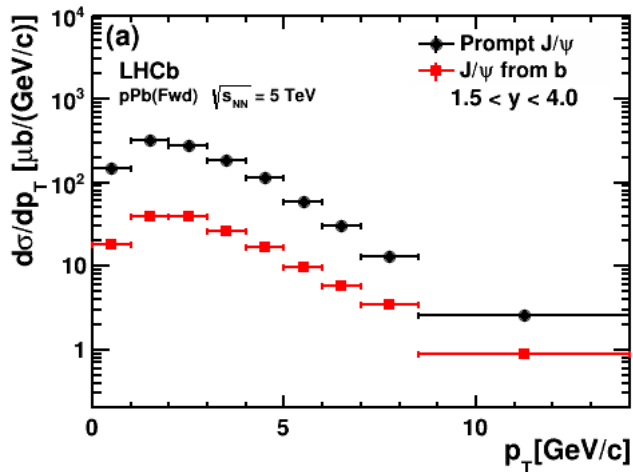
from b's: $\sigma = 118.2 \pm 6.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 11.7 \text{ (sys)} \mu\text{b}$



- **prompt J/ψ cross section about 10 times higher than J/ψ from b**
 - ⇒ similar to the values observed in pp collisions at 2.76, 7 and 8 TeV [JHEP 02 (2013) 041], [EPJC (2011) 71 1645], [JHEP 06 (2013) 064]
- acceptance and efficiency corrections from pp simulation
- pp simulation reweighted to describe track multiplicity
- largest systematic uncertainties
 - mass model: 2.3-3.4%
 - difference of p_T and y distribution between simulation and data: 0.1-8.7%
 - multiplicity reweighting: 0.1-4.3%
 - t_z fit (only for J/ψ from b): 0.2-12%
- systematic uncertainties larger at low and high y and for backward configuration

forward $1.5 < y < 4.0$

backward $-5.0 < y < -2.5$

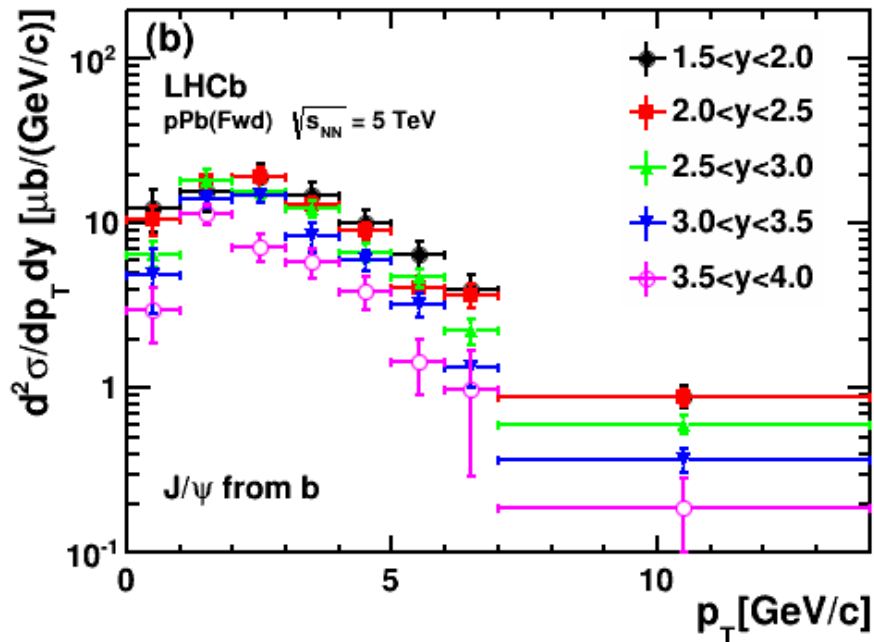
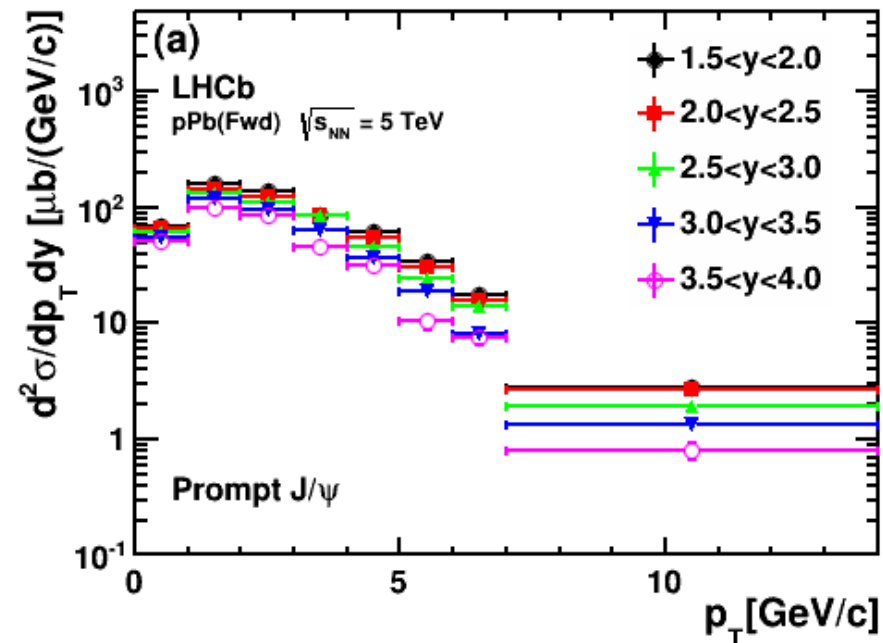


- forward: fraction from J/ψ from b increases from 10 to 25% with p_T
- backward: 5 to 20%
- fraction has only small rapidity dependence
→ similar results in pp collisions

forward: double differential cross sections

prompt J/ψ

J/ψ from b





Cold nuclear effects

quantified with measurement of

- **nuclear modification factor**

$$R_{pA}(y, \sqrt{s_{NN}}) = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d\sigma_{pA}(y, \sqrt{s_{NN}})/dy}{d\sigma_{pp}(y, \sqrt{s_{NN}})/dy}$$

in overlap region $2.5 < |y| < 4.0$

A: atomic number

=1 if pA collision is superposition of A pp collisions

<1 in case of suppression due to medium

- **forward backward production ratio**

$$R_{FB}(y, \sqrt{s_{NN}}) = \frac{d\sigma_{pA}(+|y|, \sqrt{s_{NN}})/dy}{d\sigma_{Ap}(-|y|, \sqrt{s_{NN}})/dy}$$

in overlap region $2.5 < |y| < 4.0$

→ many uncertainties cancel (luminosity, tracking efficiency)

no reference cross section needed



Reference cross-section @ 5 TeV

reference pp cross section at 5 TeV not measured directly:

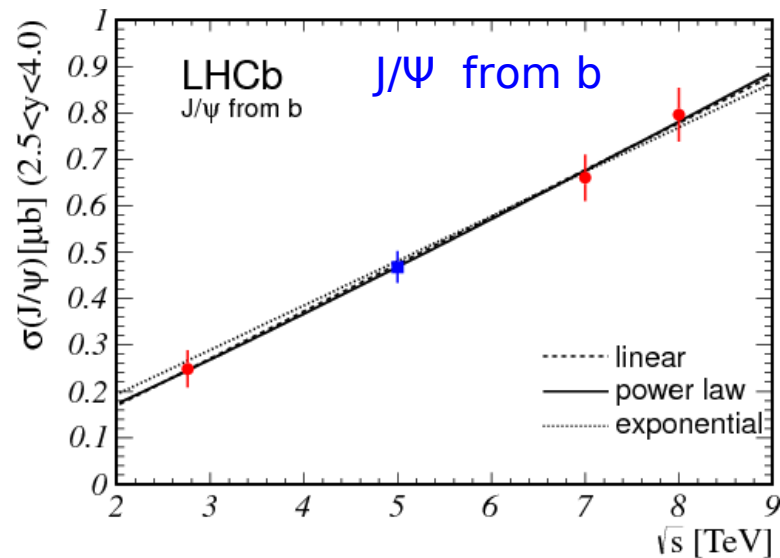
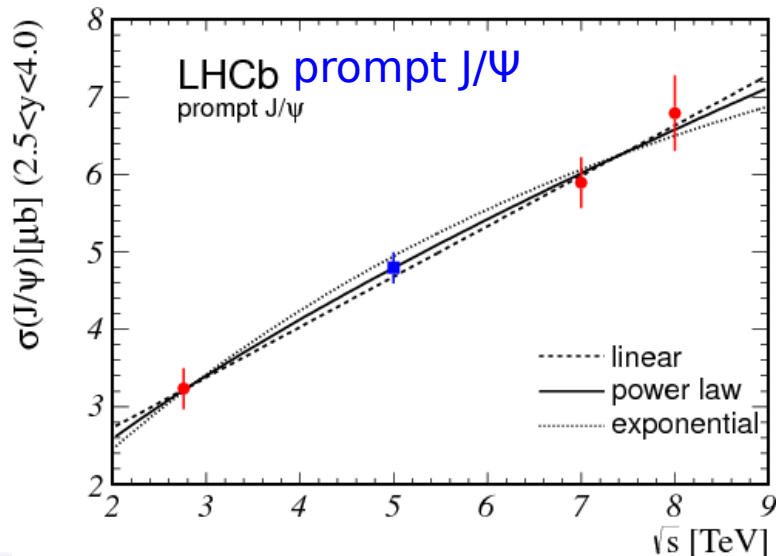
interpolation of σ_{pp} at $\sqrt{s}=2.76, 7$ and 8 TeV JHEP 02(2013)041, EPJC (2011) 71 1645, JHEP 06 (2013) 064

interpolation functions:

- linear $\sigma(\sqrt{s}) = p_0 + \sqrt{s} p_1$
- power law $\sigma(\sqrt{s}) = (\sqrt{s}/P_0)^{p_1}$
- exponential $\sigma(\sqrt{s}) = p_0(1 - \exp(-1\sqrt{s}/p_1))$

interpolated cross-section @ 5 TeV [μb]

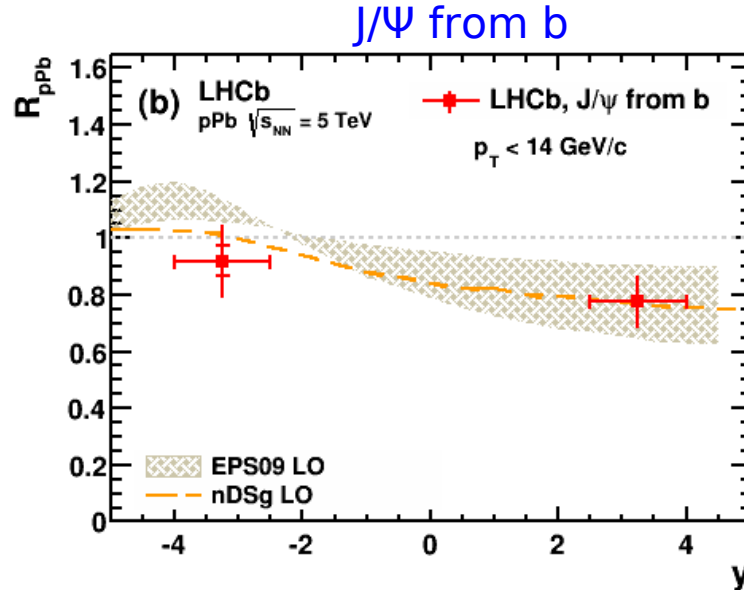
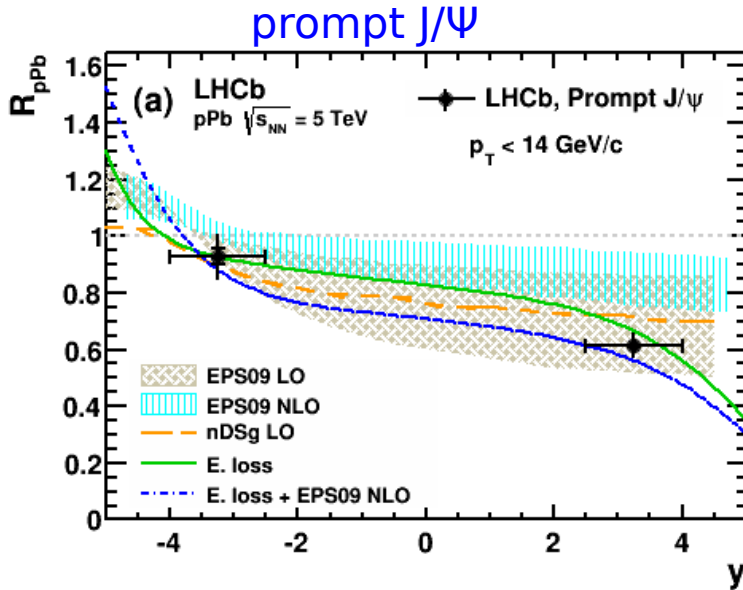
model	prompt J/ ψ	J/ ψ from b
linear	4.68 ± 0.19	0.473 ± 0.028
power law	4.79 ± 0.20	0.477 ± 0.034
exponential	4.94 ± 0.23	0.481 ± 0.031





Nuclear modification factor R_{pPb}

$$R_{pPb} = 1/A (d\sigma_{pA}/dy) / (d\sigma_{pp}/dy) \text{ in overlap region } 2.5 < |y| < 4.0$$



- prompt J/ψ : significant sign of cold nuclear matter effects: 40% measurements agree with most of the predictions
- J/ψ from b: modest suppression wrt pp
 first indication of suppression of b hadron production in Pb agreement with predictions in forward region
- predictions:
 - NLO, LO CSM with EPS09 or nDSg parametrisation for modification of PDFs
 - energy loss effects of initial and final state partons with or without modification

EPS09: JHEP 0904 (2009) 65, nDSG:Phys. Rev.D69(2004) 074028

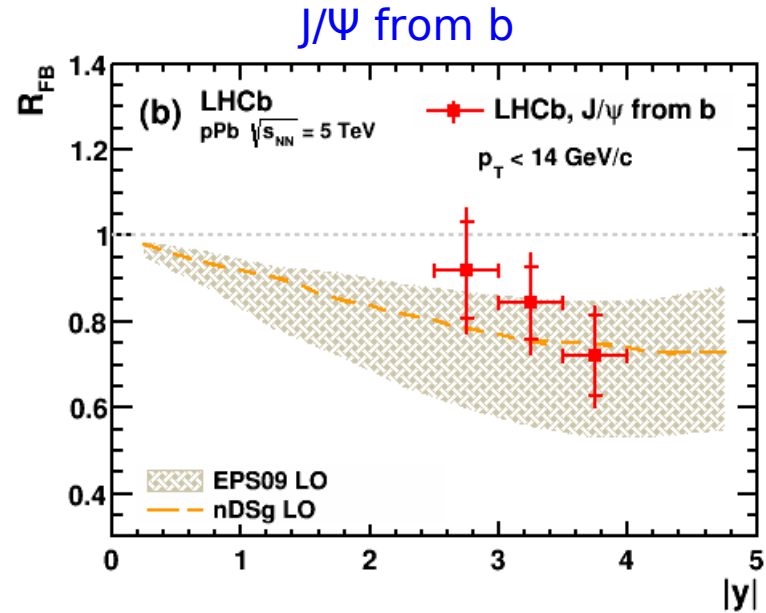
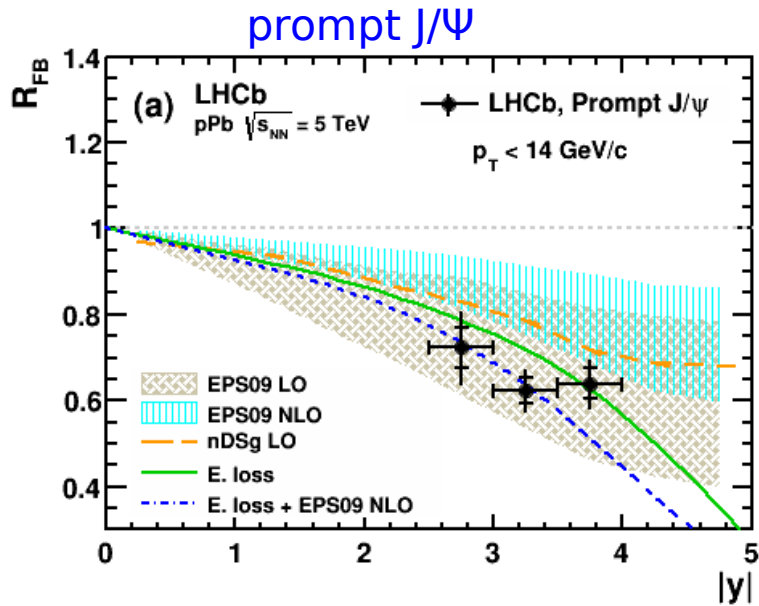
Energy loss: JHEP 03(2013) 122

NLO: Phys. Rev. D17 (1978) 2324, LO: Nucl. Phys. B127 (1980) 425, Phys. Lett. B102, (1981) 364

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$R_{FB} = (d\sigma_{pA}/dy)/(d\sigma_{Ap}/dy)$ in three bins in $|y|$

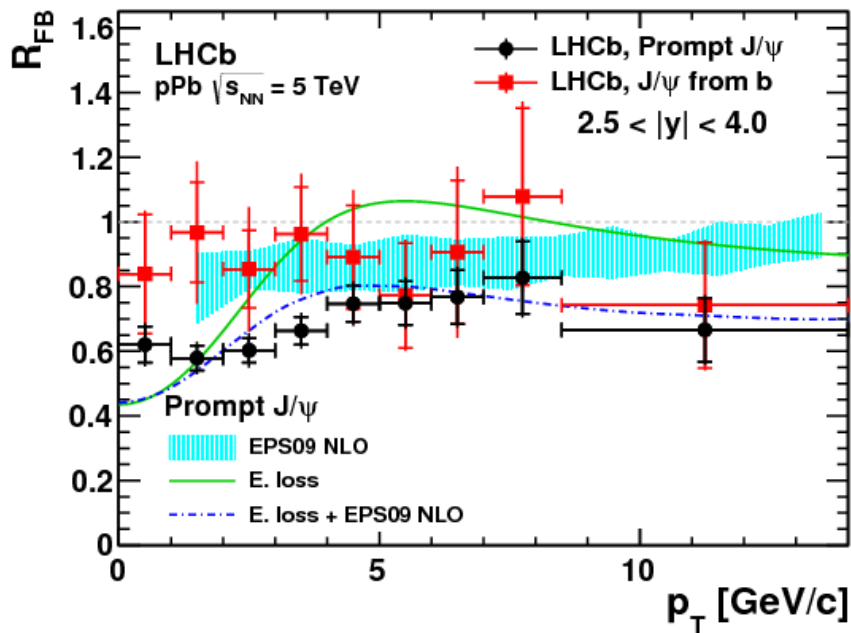


- prompt J/ψ: significant forward-backward asymmetry
- J/ψ from b: R_{FB} closer to one

→ study heavier systems

- pure NLO (EPS09) predicts smaller asymmetry for prompt J/ψ
- predictions:
 - NLO, LO CSM with EPS09 or nDSg parametrisation for modification of PDFs
 - energy loss effects of initial and final state partons with or without modification

R_{FB} in bins of p_T , integrated over y



- predictions for prompt J/ Ψ only
- EPS09(NLO) plus energy loss agrees with data except at low p_T
- energy loss only overshoots at high p_T



Comparison to ALICE

LHCb inclusive J/ψ : sum of prompt J/ψ and J/ψ from b

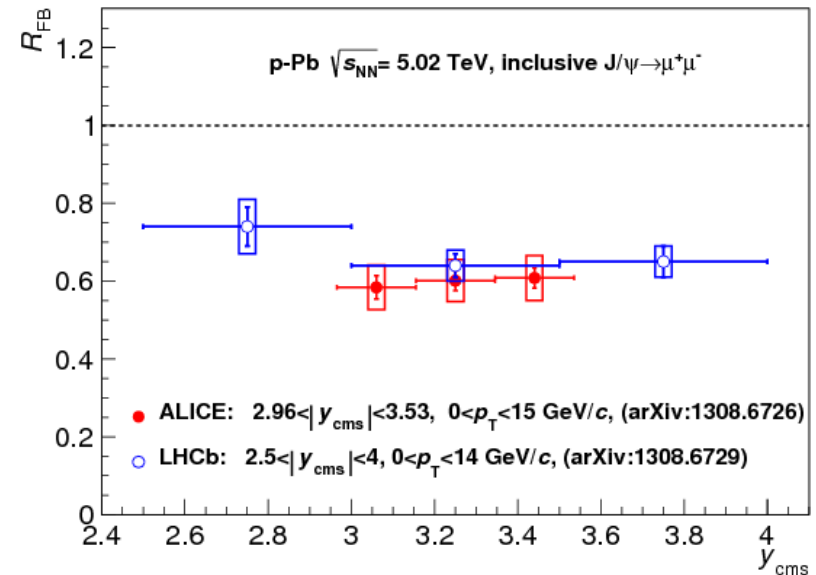
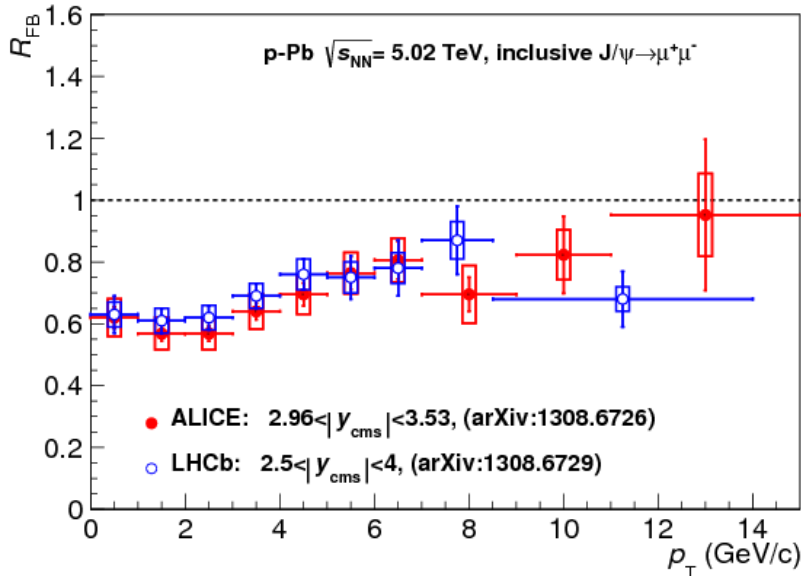
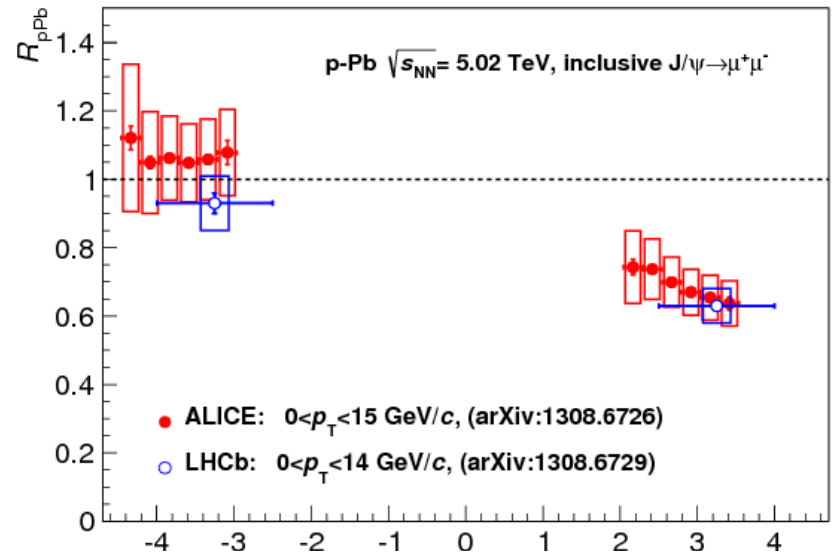
ALICE (JHEP 02(2014) 073)

slightly different phase space:

LHCb $|2.5| < y < |4|$, $p_T < 14$ GeV

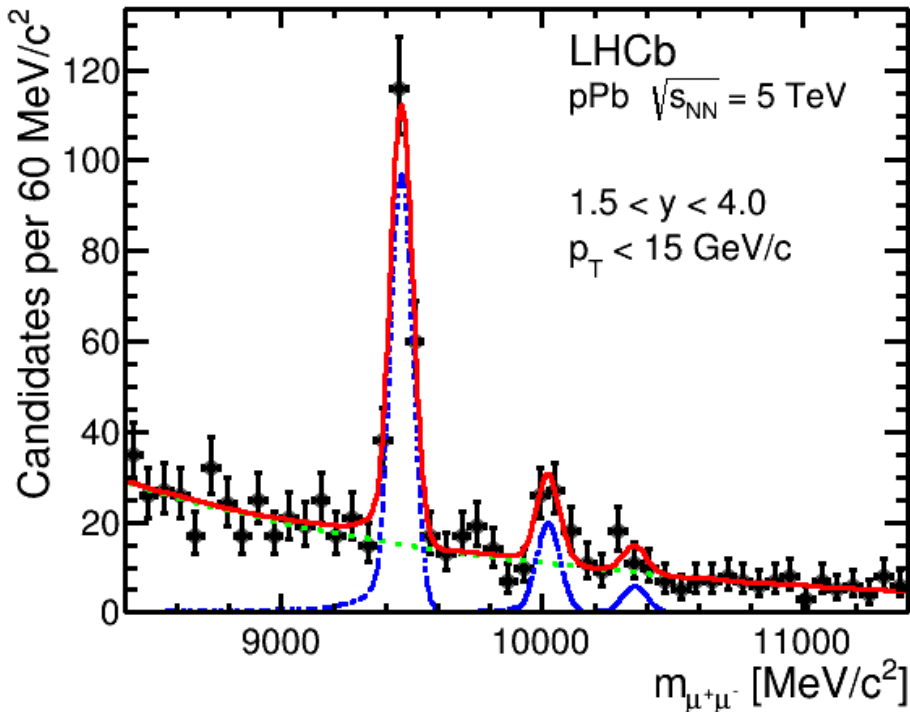
ALICE $|2.96| < y < |3.53|$, $p_T < 15$ GeV

good agreement within uncertainties

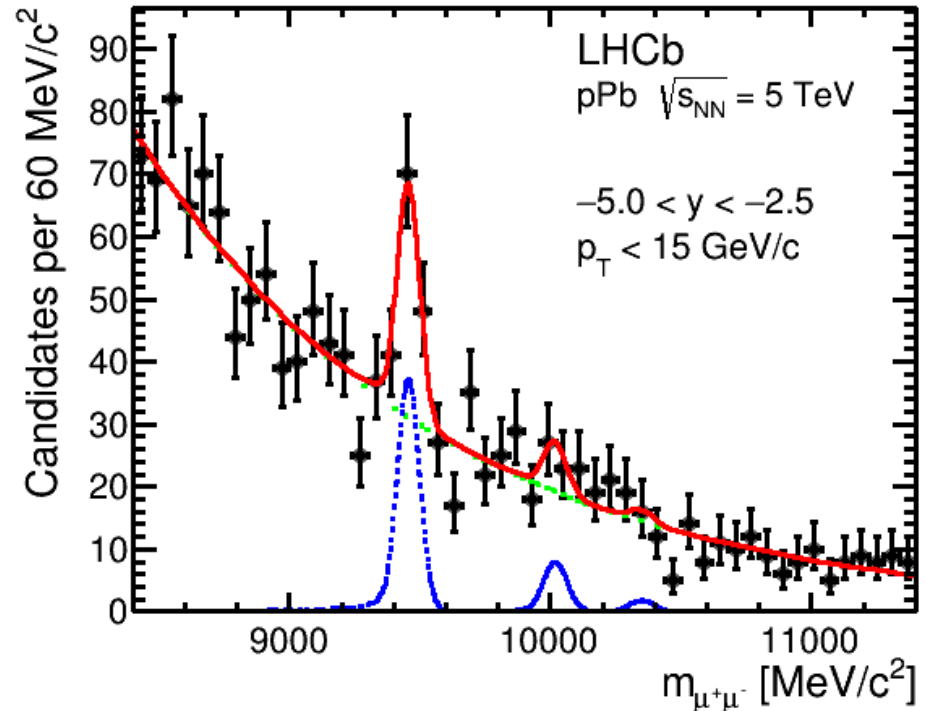


- reconstruct Y in di-muon channel
- forward $1.5 < y < 4.0$ and backward $-5.0 < y < -2.5$
- $p_T < 15$ GeV
- low statistics \rightarrow no differential measurement
- yields: fit to mass
- mass model: three Crystal-Balls for Y(1S), Y(2S) and Y(3S) signal and exponential background

forward



backward





Y production in p-Pb collisions

cross-section times branching fraction, integrated over p_T and y

	$\sigma(Y(nS)) \times B(Y(nS) \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	
	Forward	Backward
Y(1S)	$380 \pm 35_{\text{stat}} \pm 19_{\text{syst}}$ nb	$295 \pm 56_{\text{stat}} \pm 27_{\text{syst}}$ nb
Y(2S)	$75 \pm 19_{\text{stat}} \pm 5_{\text{syst}}$ nb	$81 \pm 39_{\text{stat}} \pm 17_{\text{syst}}$ nb
Y(3S)	$27 \pm 16_{\text{stat}} \pm 4_{\text{syst}}$ nb	< 39 nb @ 90% C.L.
Relative suppression factor $R^{nS/1S}$		
	Forward	Backward
$R^{2S/1S}$	$0.20 \pm 0.05_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.01_{\text{syst}}$	$0.28 \pm 0.14_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{syst}}$
$R^{3S/1S}$	$0.07 \pm 0.04_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.01_{\text{syst}}$	< 0.13 @ 90% C.L.
pp at 8 TeV (JHEP 06 (2013) 064)		
$R^{2S/1S}$	$0.256 \pm 0.003_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.007_{\text{syst}}$	
$R^{3S/1S}$	$0.125 \pm 0.002_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.004_{\text{syst}}$	

statistical uncertainty dominates

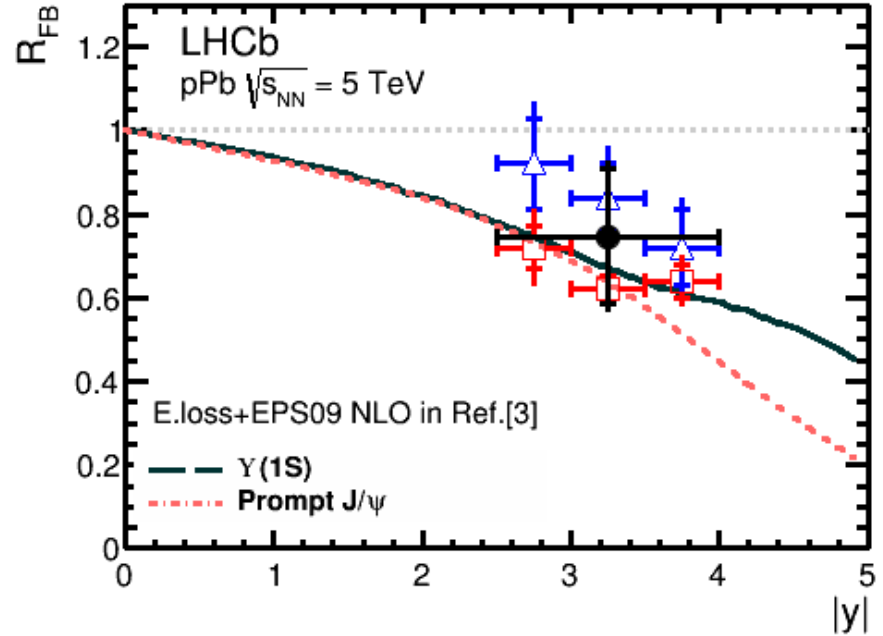
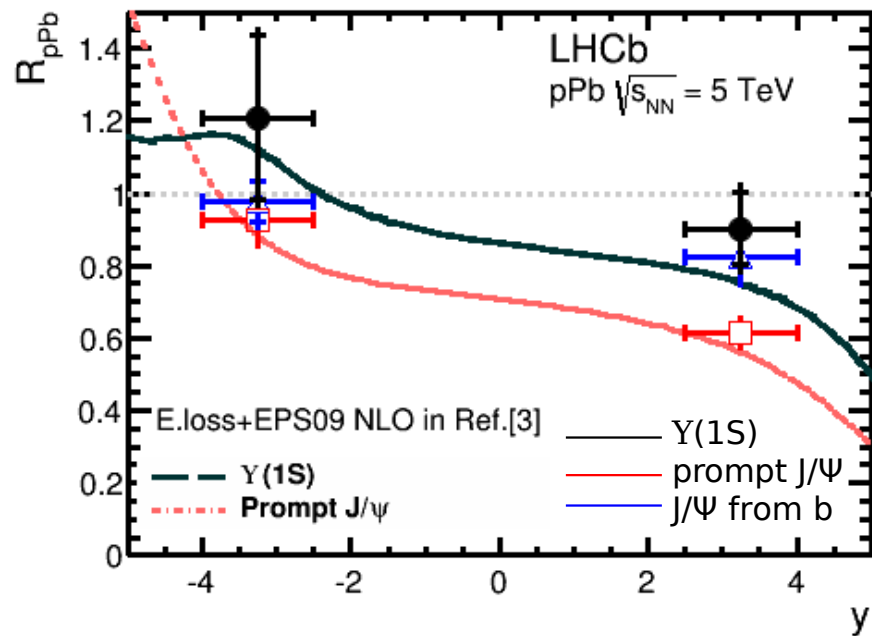
dominant systematic uncertainties:

p_T and y dependence of signal 4%(forward) 7%(backward)

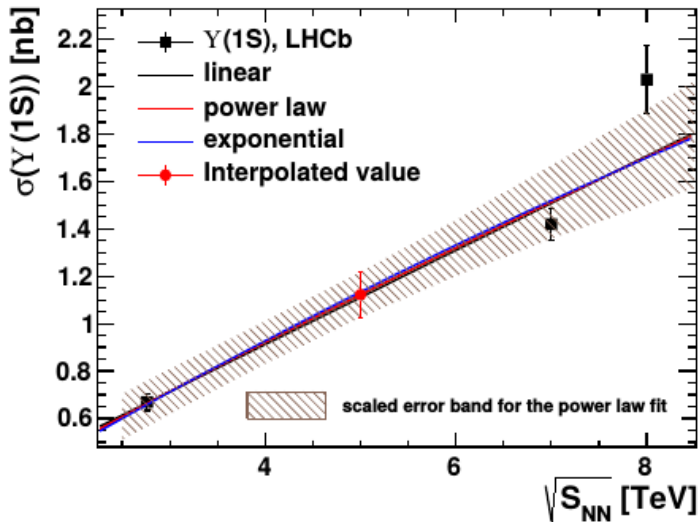
or trigger efficiency : 2%(forward) 5%(backward)

→ concentrate on Y(1S)

measurement of R_{pPb} and R_{FB} with $Y(1S)$ complementary to J/ψ (probing different x_A)



- cold nuclear effects are also visible with $Y(1S)$ production
- suppression in forward region smaller than for J/ψ
- possible enhancement in backward region due to anti-shadowing
- agreement with prediction EPS09(NLO) for nPDF and with and without energy loss



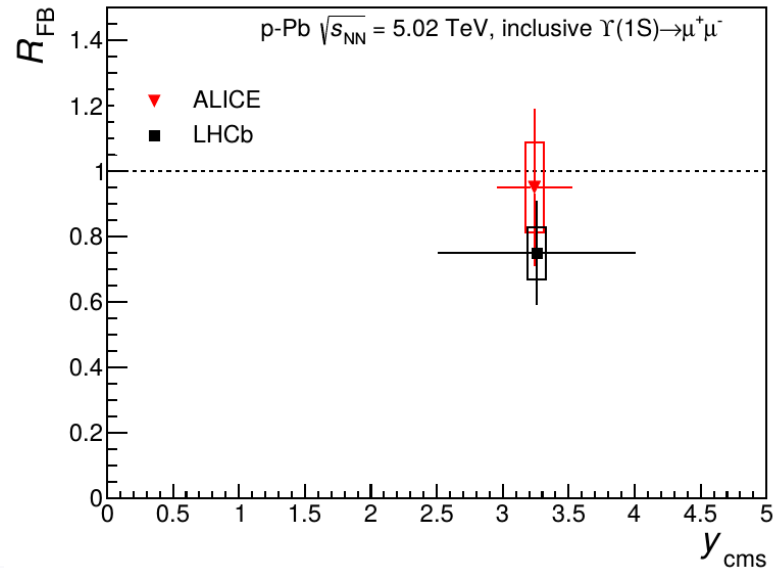
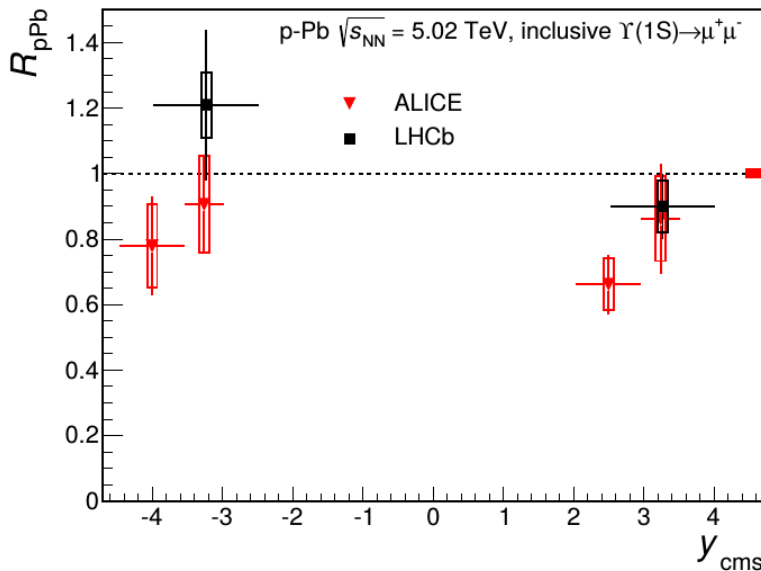
reference cross section @ 5 TeV:

interpolation of measurements at 2.76, 7 and 8 TeV:

linear	1.111 ± 0.036 nb
power law	1.123 ± 0.036 nb
exponential	1.134 ± 0.038 nb

Comparison to ALICE Phys.Lett. B740 (2015) 105-117
slightly different phase space:

LHCb $|2.5| < y < |4|$
 ALICE $|2.96| < y < |3.53|$
 → reasonable agreement



Z production

LHCb forward kinematics:

@ first order, collision of a sea and a valence quark

→ LHCb probes two distinct regions in x - Q^2 :

$$x_{1,2} = (Q/\sqrt{s}) e^{\pm y}$$

complementary to ATLAS/CMS

LHCb phase space:

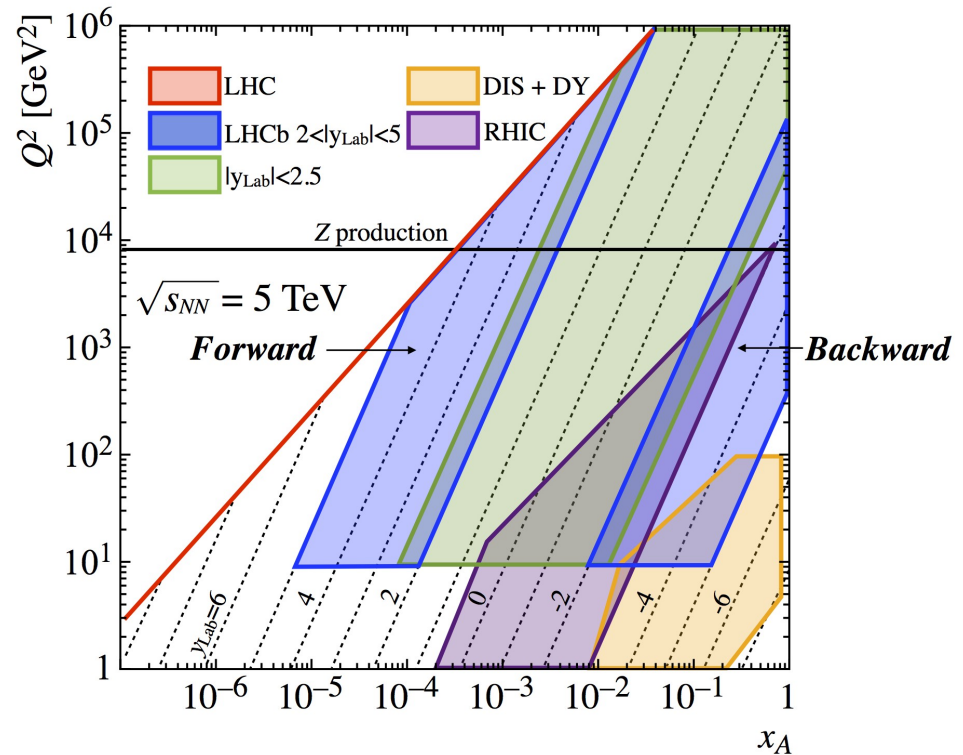
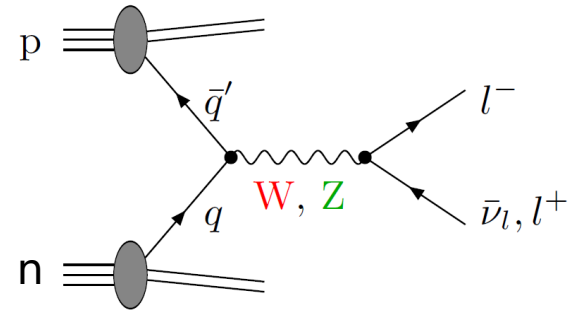
→ sensitivity to nuclear PDF at large x_A and low $x_A \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$

selection:

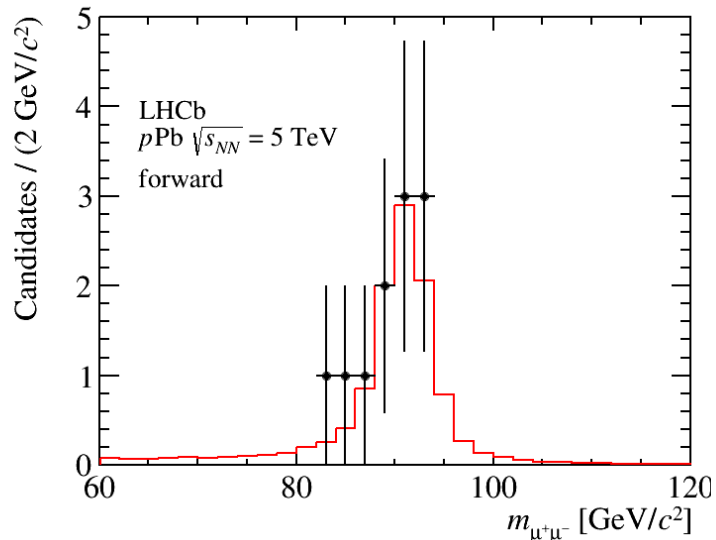
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mass: $60 < M_{\mu\mu} < 120$ GeV

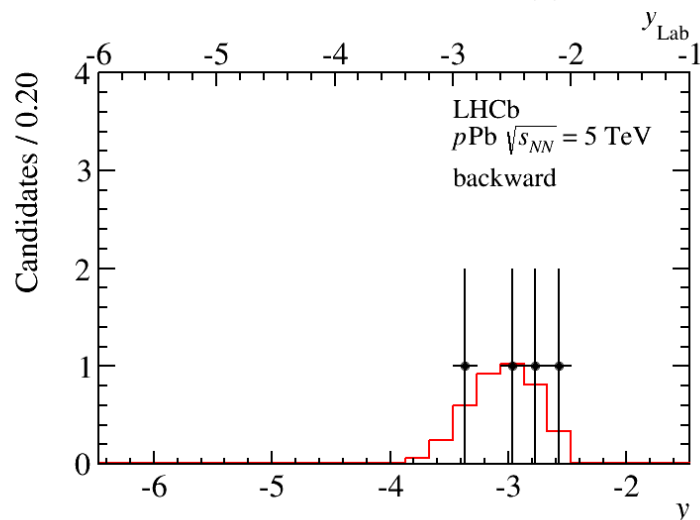
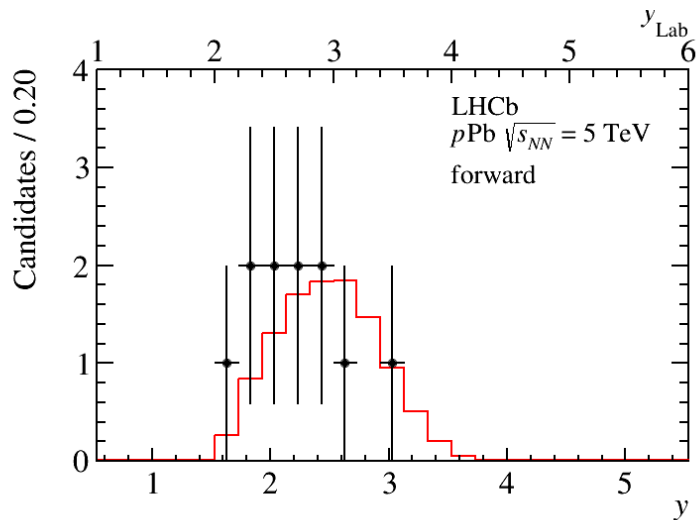
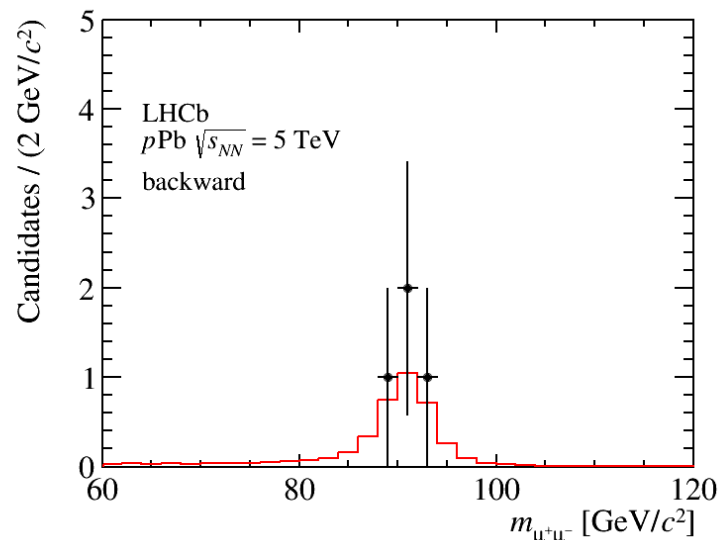
backgrounds: very small, purity > 99% determined from data



forward: 11 candidates



backward: 4 candidates



- efficiencies, purity from data

- cross sections:

forward:

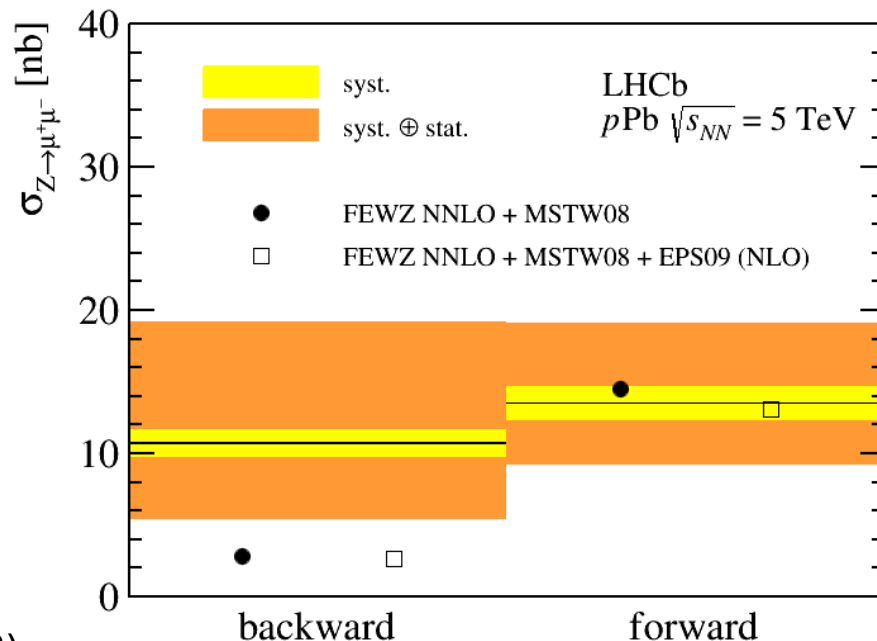
$$\sigma_{Z(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)} = 13.5^{+5.4}_{-4.0} \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.2 \text{ (syst.) nb}$$

backward:

$$\sigma_{Z(\rightarrow\mu^+\mu^-)} = 10.7^{+8.4}_{-5.1} \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.0 \text{ (syst.) nb}$$

- dominant systematic uncertainty: efficiency, statistically dominated
- theoretical predictions: NNLO calculations (FEWZ with MSTW08) nuclear modification: EPS09(NLO)

- future higher statistics measurements will provide important information on nuclear PDFs



Fiducial volume

muons: $p_T > 20$ GeV, $2 < \eta < 4.5$

mass: $60 < M(\mu\mu) < 120$ GeV

FEWZ: Y. Li and F. Petriello, Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 094034, arXiv:1208.5967.

MSTW08: A. Martin, W. Stirling, R. Thorne, and G. Watt, Phys. J C63 (2009), no 2 189

EPS09: K. Eskola, H. Paukkunen, and C. Salgado, JHEP 04 (2009) 065, arXiv:0902.4154.



results from pilot (pA) run in 2012
integrated luminosity: $0.9 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

look at K_s^0 , Λ , Φ , D^0 production, kinematic range $2.5 < y < 4.5$, $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$
compare pPb collisions to minimum bias pp interactions at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

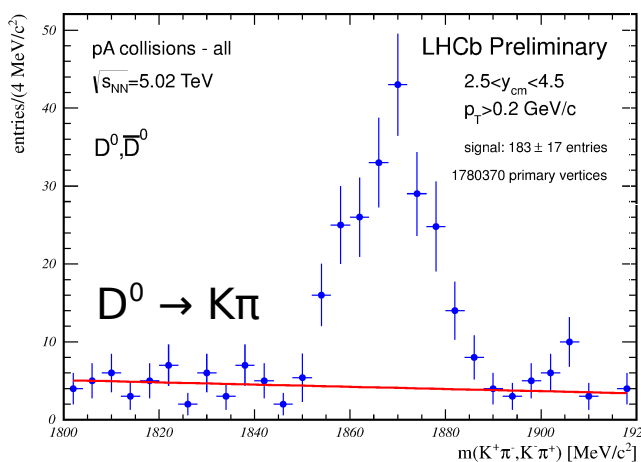
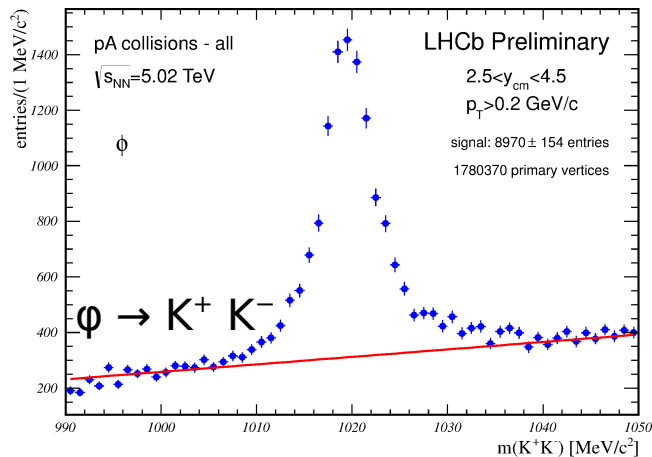
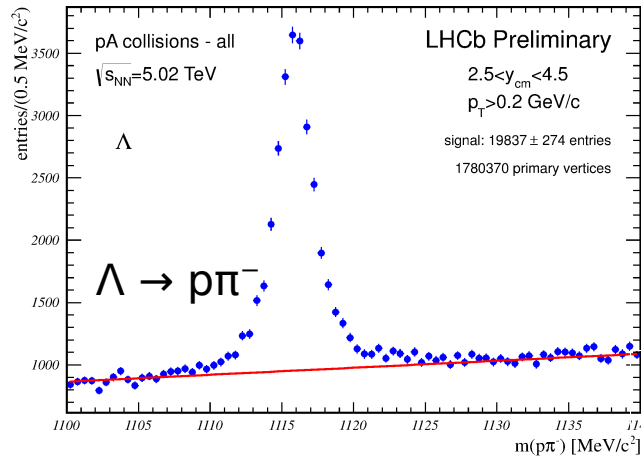
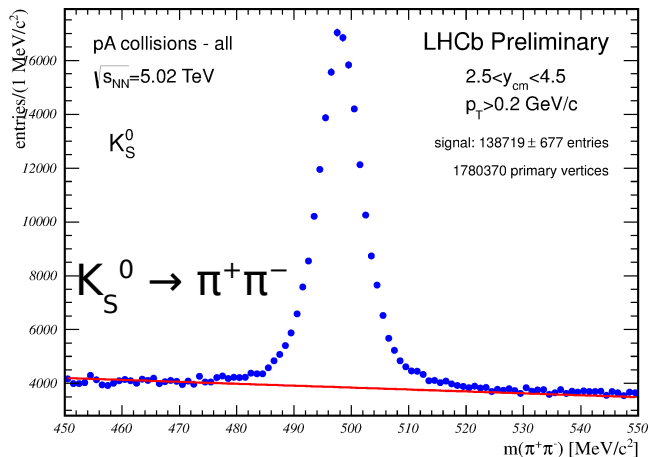
study enhancement of particle production from pp to pA

$$R(X) = \frac{N(X)_{pA} \text{ per pA interaction}}{N(X)_{pp} \text{ per pp interaction}}$$

only statistical uncertainties
no corrections for

- spurious or multiply reconstructed tracks
- tracks from decays and secondary vertices
- tracking efficiencies
- different kinematics in lab frame
- different nucleon-nucleon cms energies

→ expect corrections to increase $R(X)$ by 7 to 16%



$$R(K_S^0) = 1.745 \pm 0.014$$

$$R(\Lambda) = 1.818 \pm 0.043$$

$$R(\phi) = 2.163 \pm 0.071$$

$$R(D^0) = 1.820 \pm 0.307$$

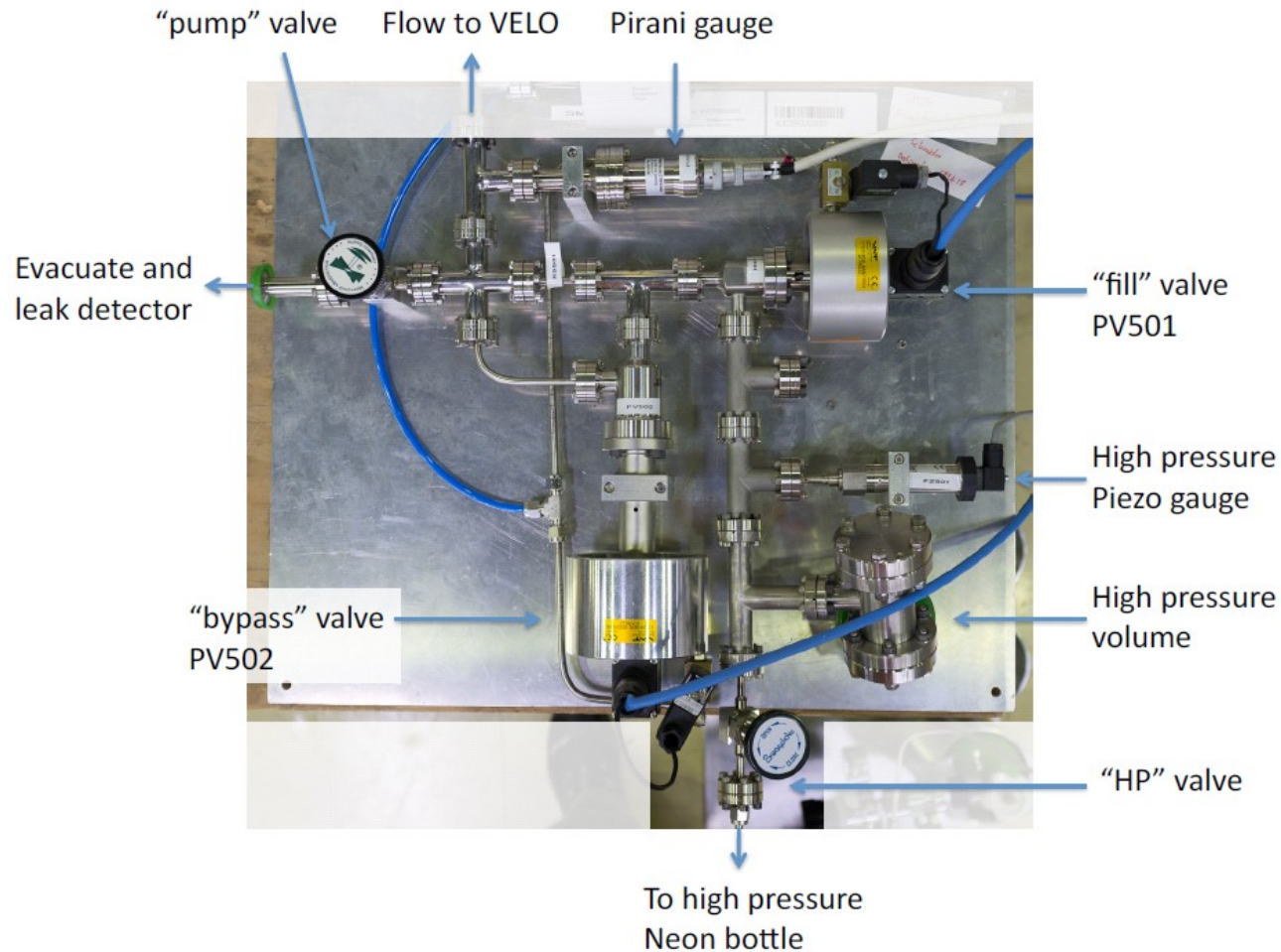
→ clean signals of strangeness and charm production

only statistical uncertainties, no corrections applied
 expect corrections to increase $R(X)$ by 7 to 16%



Fixed target physics at LHCb

SMOG 'System for Measuring Overlap with Gas' used as internal gas target



→ injection of Ne gas into interaction region

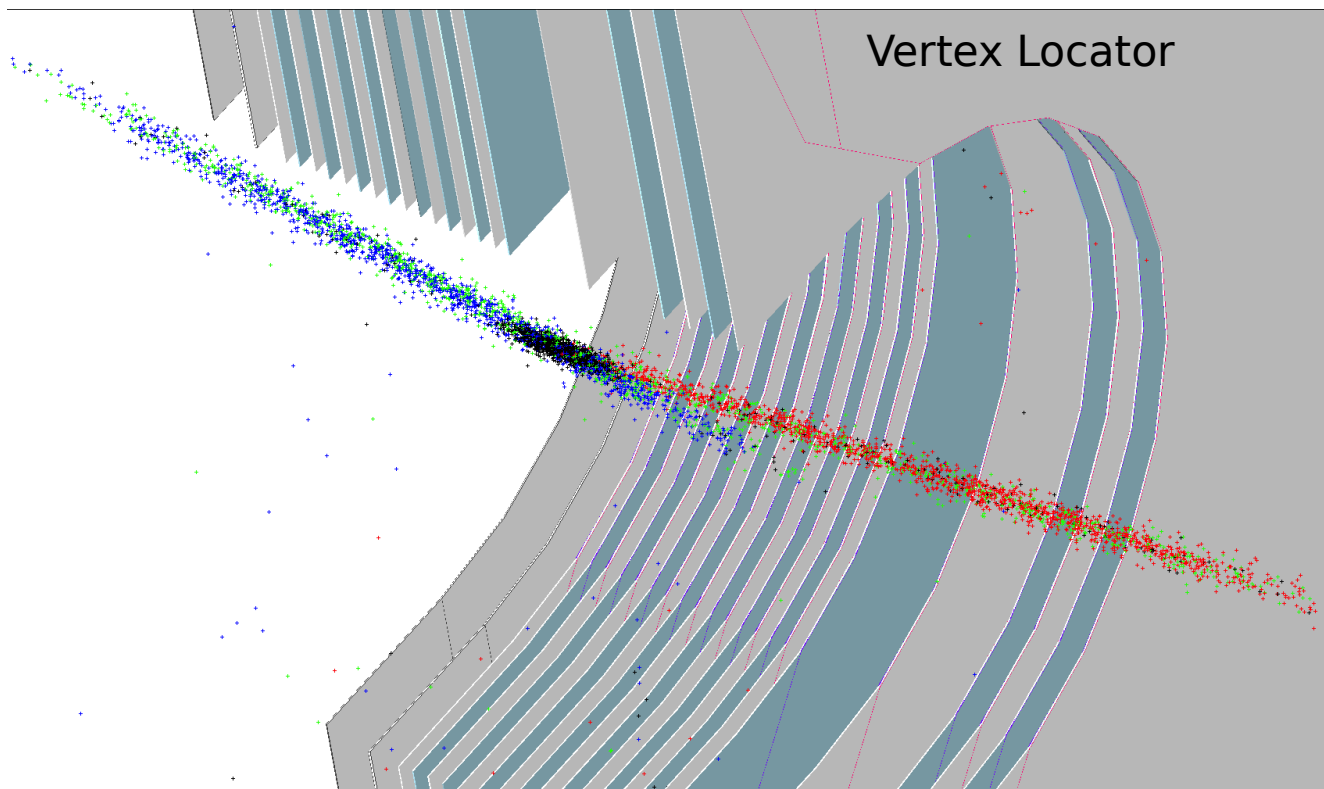
very simple robust system (constant flow)

used for a precise luminosity determination (arXiv:1410.0149 accepted by JINST)



Fixed target physics at LHCb

Distribution of vertices (z-axis scaled by 1:100 compared to transverse dimensions)
beam1-beam2, beam1-gas, beam2-gas



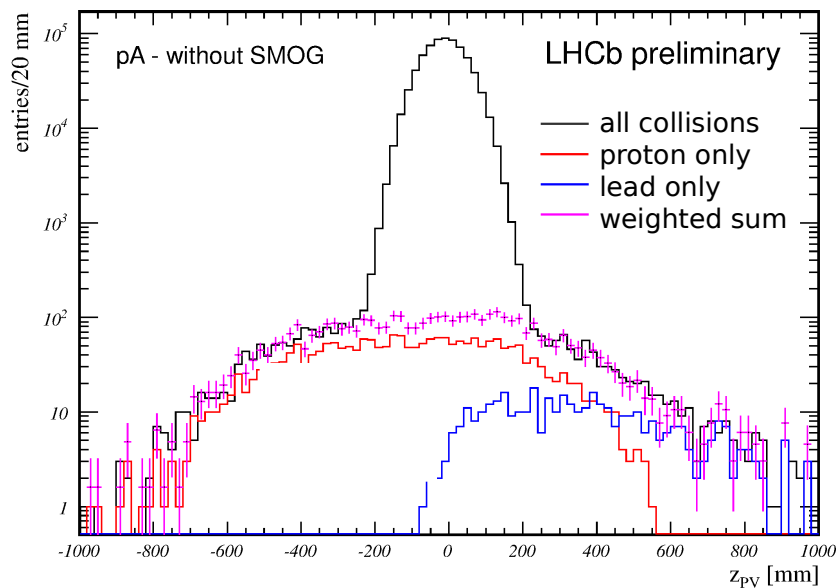
SMOG can be re-used for fixed target physics:

precise vertexing allows to separate beam-beam and beam-gas contributions

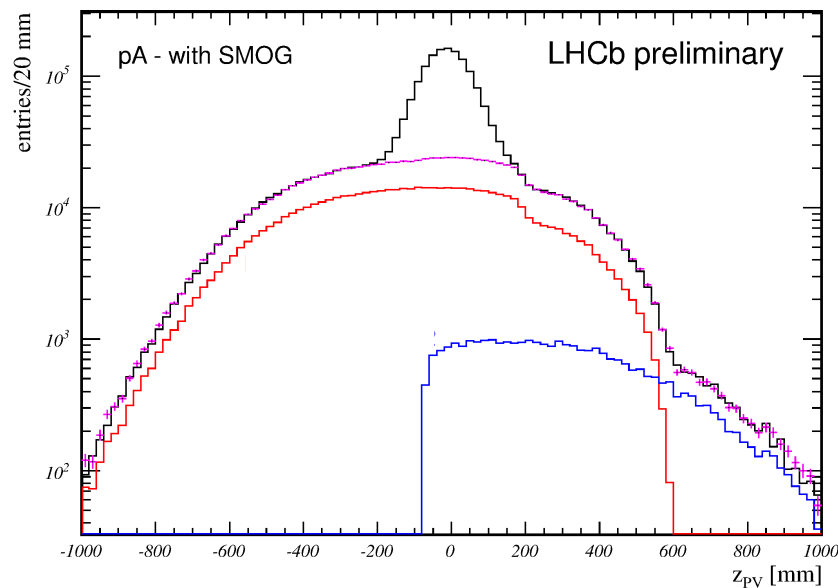
however strong acceptance effects as a function of the z position

z-distribution of primary vertex

no SMOG



with SMOG

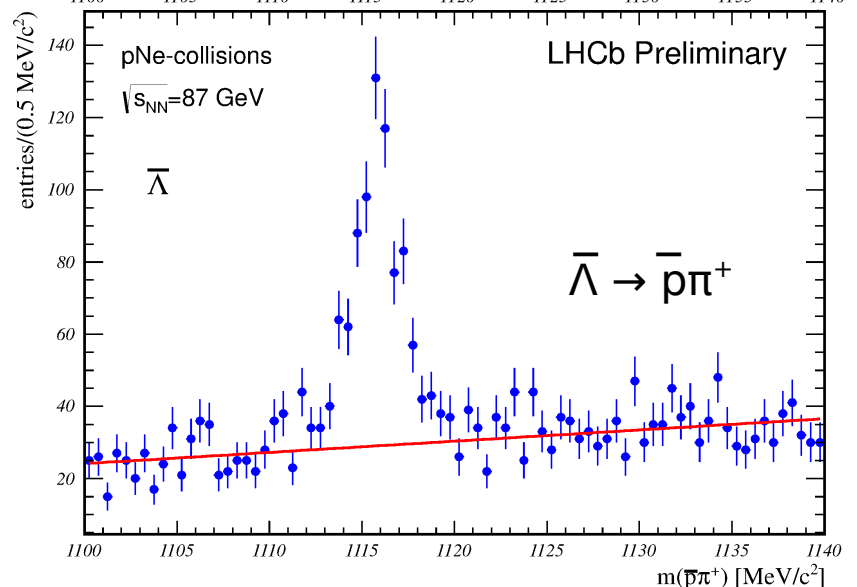
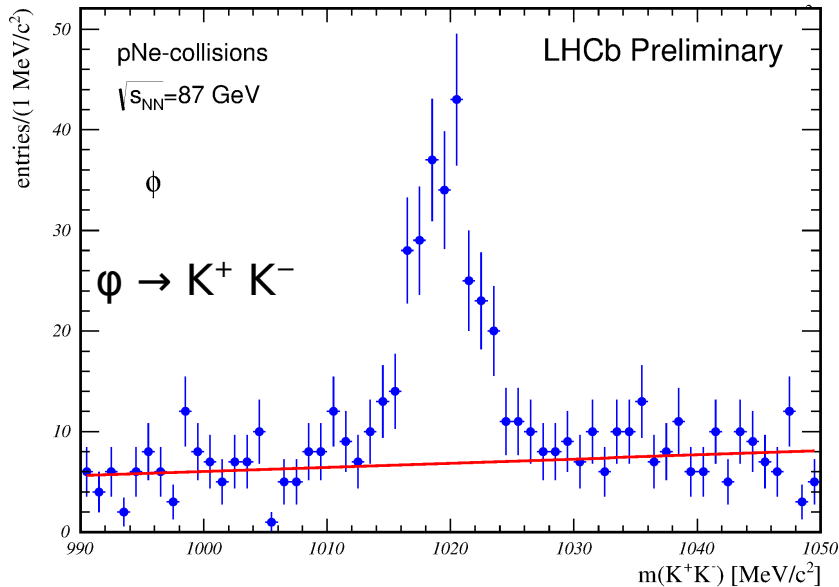
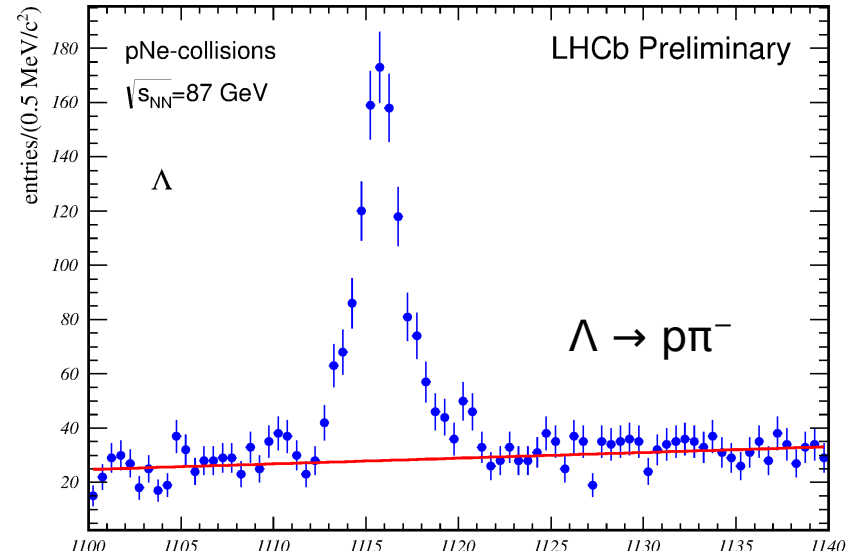
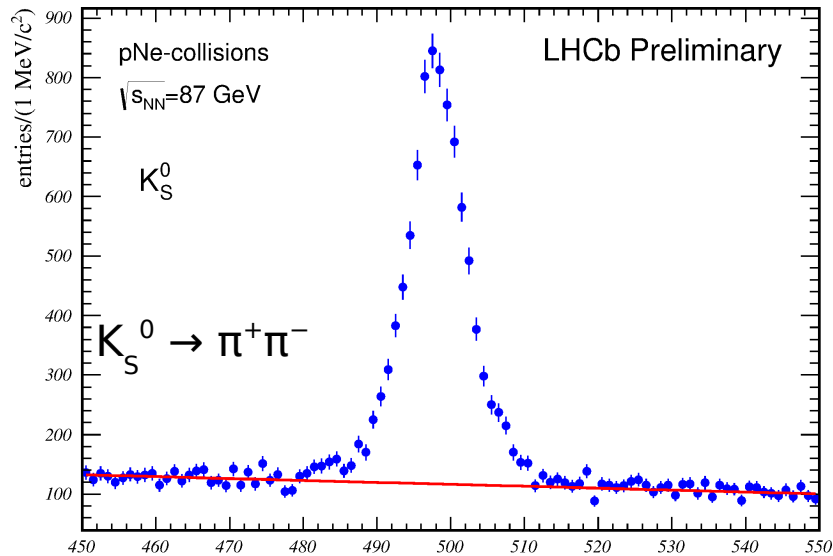


- SMOG: increase of beam-gas interaction rate by two orders of magnitude
- accurate measurement of beam profile → precise luminosity determination
- also allows to study pNe interactions at $\sqrt{s}=87$ GeV

$$E_2 = m_{Ne} / 2 \rightarrow \sqrt{s} = \sqrt{4 E_p M_{Ne} / 2}$$

shift of cm system by 4.5 units in rapidity in proton direction

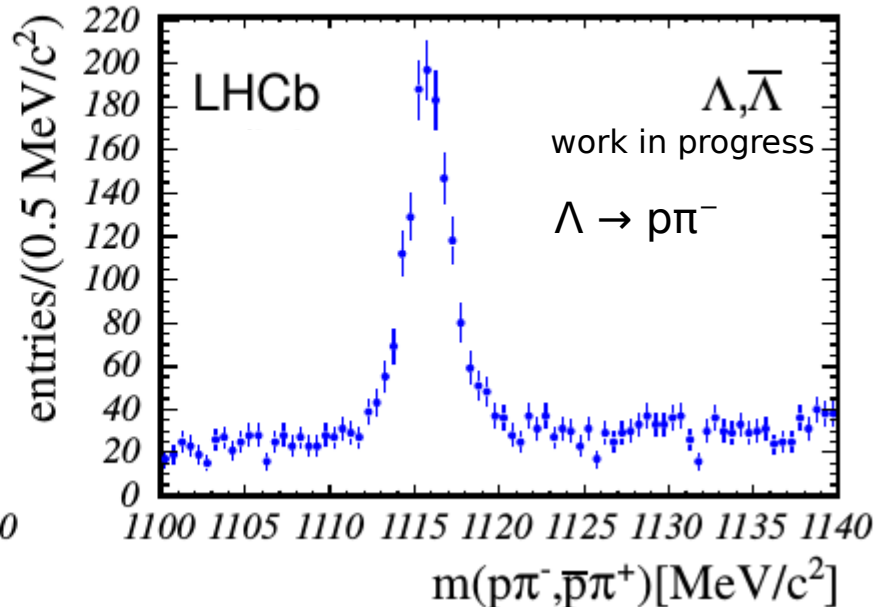
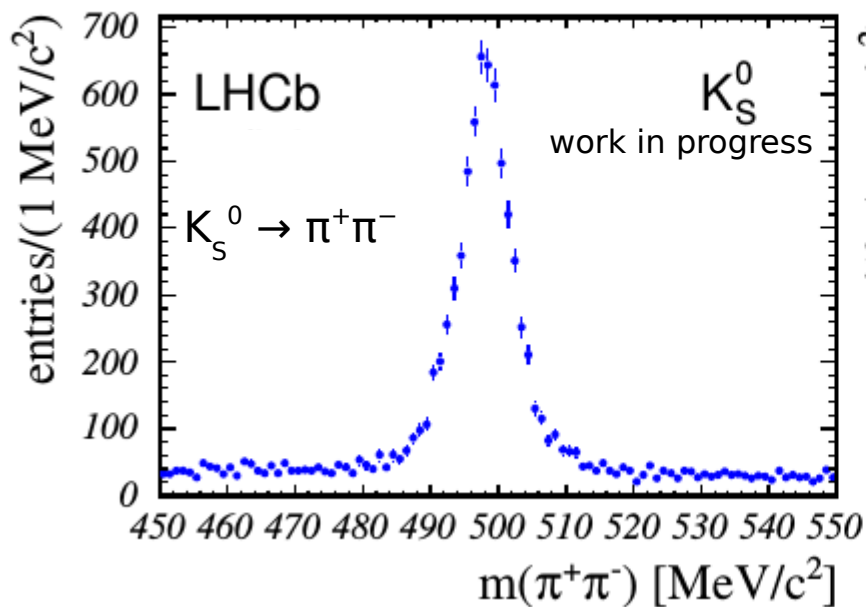
→ LHCb is a central detector for fixed target collisions



clear signals observed



A first look at PbNe collisions

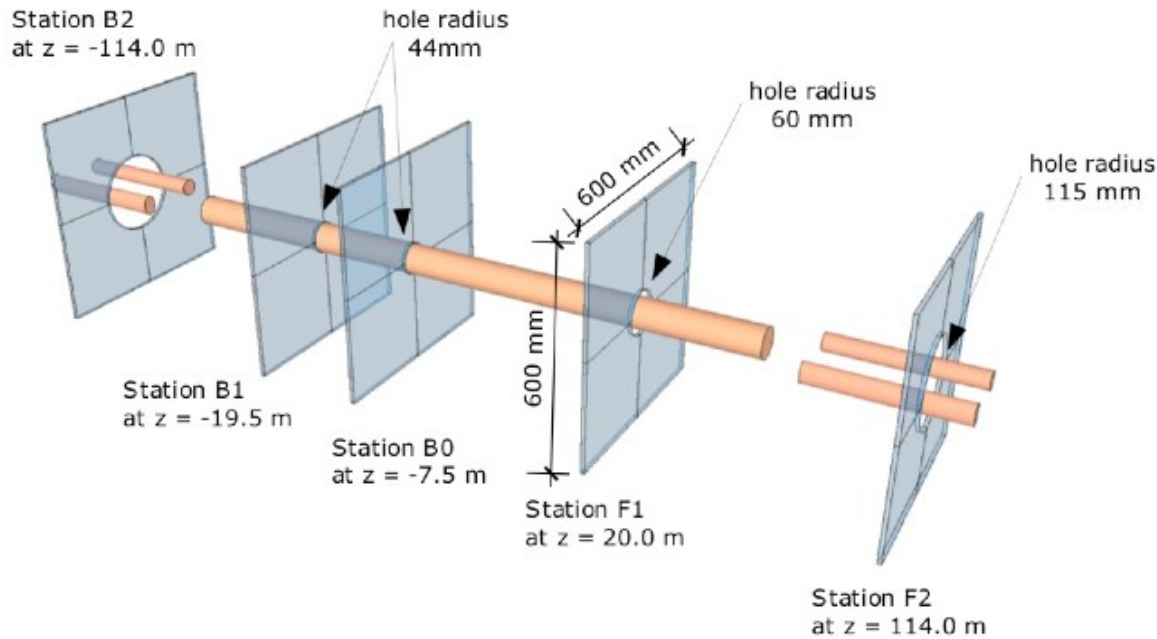


PbNe interactions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=54.4$ GeV

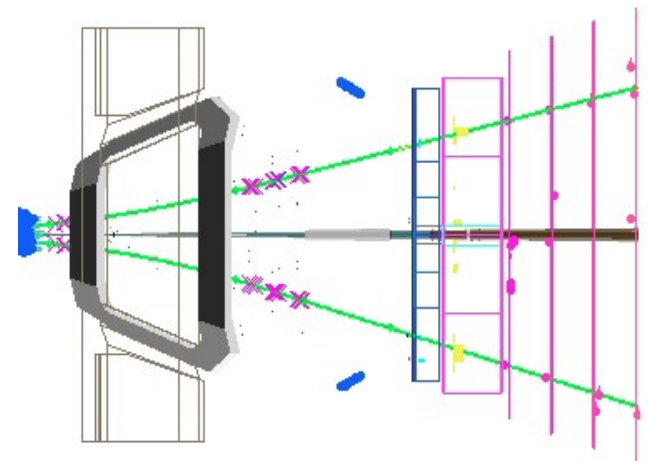
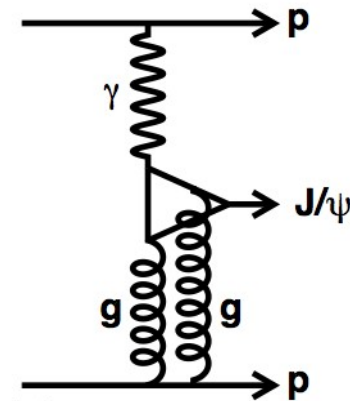
40 minutes data taking with PbNe interactions
plots based on $\frac{1}{4}$ of available statistics
→ clean light hadron signals visible
other targets possible: H, He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe

Prospects increase LHCb acceptance

new: shower counters

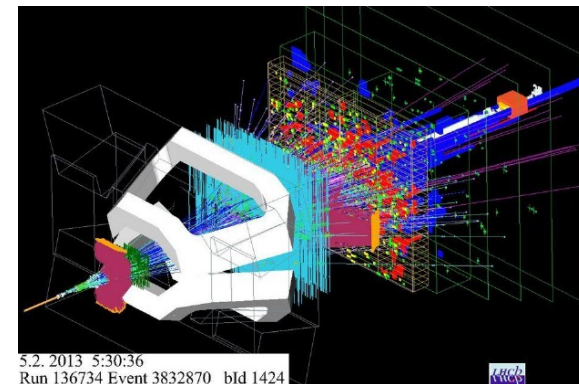


five stations for selecting rapidity gaps up to 114 m from IP
 rapidity gap size $2 < y < 8$
 detectors: four plastic scintillator plates,
 20 mm thick - retractable
 → improvements in triggering and background rejection
 for diffractive physics and central exclusive production
 in pp and fixed target collisions



Summary and Outlook

- LHCb successfully participated in proton-lead runs
- measurement of J/ψ and Υ production
 - cold nuclear matter effects visible in J/ψ and $\Upsilon(1S)$ production
 - first observation of cold nuclear effects for b hadrons
- first observation of forward Z production in proton-nucleus collisions
- many more measurements ongoing
- measurements limited by statistics
 - benefit from larger data samples after the restart of LHC
- in addition, we have sample of pNe and PbNe data
- only a small part of LHCb's potential used so far
- increased forward and backward acceptance with new detector
 - excellent prospects for diffractive physics in fixed target collisions





Backup slides



Check of interpolation method

Cross check with theory: FONLL, Leading Order Colour Evaporation Model (LOCEM)

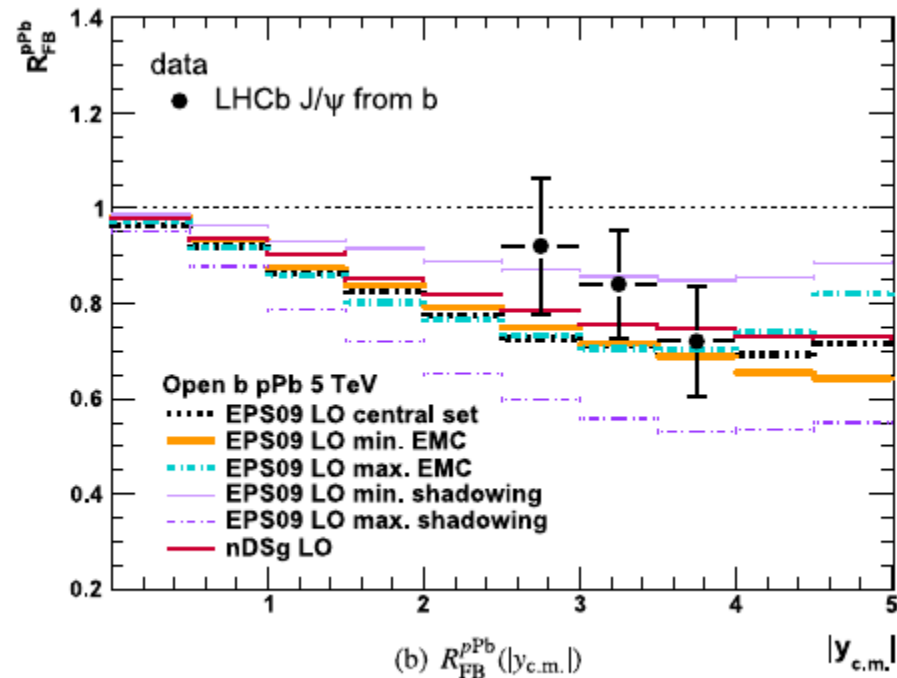
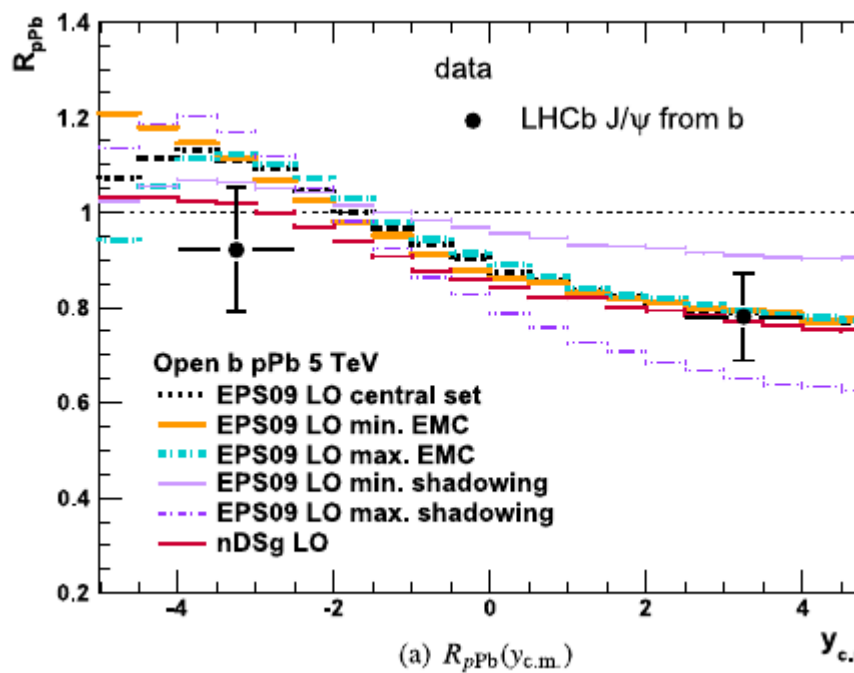
	Model/PDF	factorization scale	$\sigma(2.76 \text{ TeV})$	$\sigma(5.02 \text{ TeV})$	$\sigma(7 \text{ TeV})$
FONLL:					
Phys. Rev. D17 (1978) 2324.	LO-CEM/CTEQ6L	$m_c, m_c/2$	4.271	5.300	5.815
LO-CEM	LO-CEM/CTEQ6L	$2m_c$	3.382	5.300	6.619
JHEP 9805 (1998) 007	LO-CEM/MRST98L	$m_c/2$	4.294	5.300	5.837
	LO-CEM/MRST98L	m_c	3.880	5.300	6.188
	LO-CEM/MRST98L	$2m_c$	3.236	5.300	6.820
	LO-CEM/CTEQ5L	$m_c/2$	3.891	5.300	6.180
	LO-CEM/CTEQ5L	m_c	3.604	5.300	6.450
	LO-CEM/CTEQ5L	$2m_c$	3.138	5.300	6.928
	LO-CEM/MRST01L	$m_c/2$	4.584	5.300	5.586
	LO-CEM/MRST01L	m_c	4.018	5.300	6.131
	LO-CEM/MRST01L	$2m_c$	3.391	5.300	6.670
	LO-CEM/GRV98L	$m_c/2$	3.697	5.300	6.412
	LO-CEM/GRV98L	m_c	3.352	5.300	6.765
	LO-CEM/GRV98L	$2m_c$	3.029	5.300	7.124
	FONLL	(nominal)	3.331	5.300	6.670
	FONLL	(min)	3.872	5.300	6.142
	FONLL	(max)	3.413	5.300	6.587

Absolute cross-sections unconstrained \rightarrow fixed to $5.3\mu\text{b}$ at 5 TeV

check interpolation methods:

- adjust parameters of the interpolation function to cross-section at 2.76 and 7TeV
- compare interpolated value to fixed reference

Z. Conesa del Valle , E.G. Ferreiro , F. Fleuret , J.P. Lansberg , A. Rakotozafindrabe
 Nuclear Physics A 926 (2014) 236–241



R_{pPb} nDSg fit is better (no antishadowing) – but interpolated cross section needed
 R_{FB}^{pPb} no tension with EPS09

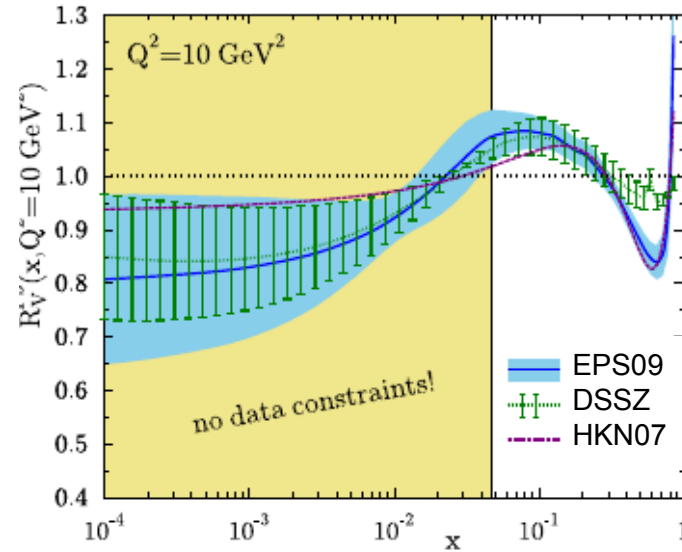
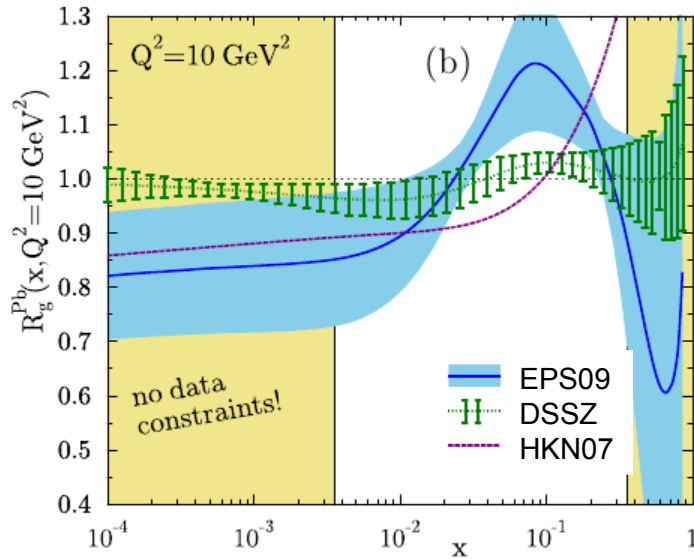


Current knowledge of nuclear PDFs (nPDF)

ratio: (nuclear PDF for Pb)/ (proton PDF) [Nucl.Phys. A926 (2014) 24-33]

gluon

valence quarks



- small x : $R < 1$, shadowing, interference of scattering amplitudes
- $0.4 < x < 0.8$: $R < 1$, EMC effect
- $x \rightarrow 1$: $R > 1$, Fermi motion of nucleons in nucleus
- x around 0.1: $R > 1$ antishadowing (sum rules of PDFs)

x_A : momentum fraction carried by parton inside the nucleon bound in the lead ion



	forward	backward
correlated between bins	%	%
mass fit	2.3	3.4
radiative tail	1.0	1.0
muon identification	1.3	1.3
track reconstruction efficiency	1.5	1.5
luminosity	1.9	2.1
B (J/ψ→μ+μ−) from PDG	1.0	1.0

uncorrelated between bins

y - p _T binning	0.1- 8.7	0.1- 6.1
Reweighting of track multiplicity	0.1- 3.0	0.2- 4.3
t _z fit on non-prompt J/ψ	0.2- 12	0.2- 13

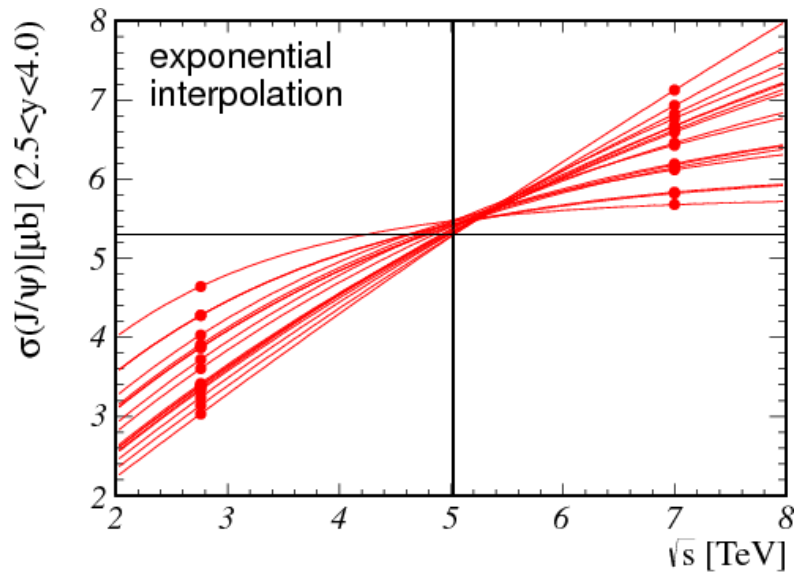
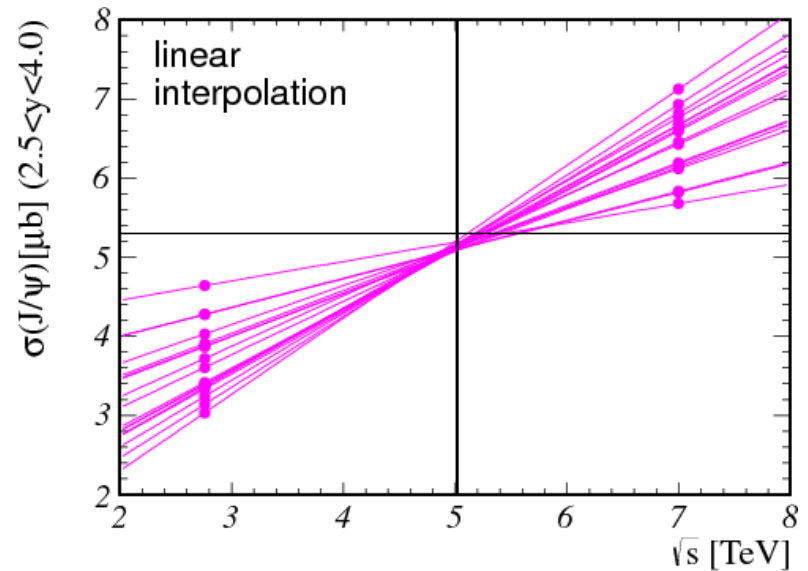
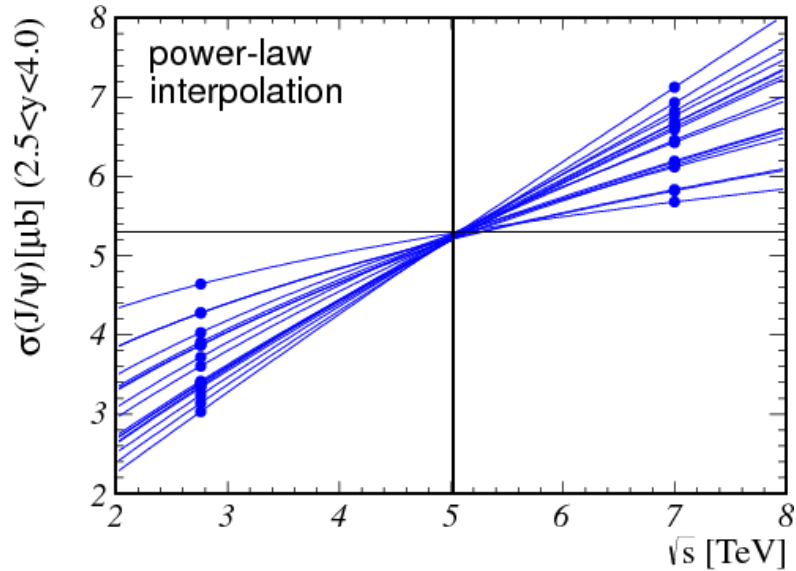
systematics are dominated by fit model, luminosity and data-MC agreement

no uncertainty assigned to the effect of J/ψ polarisation, but effect measured to be small
Eur. Phys. J. C73 (2013) 2631: longitudinal J/ψ polarisation consistent with zero



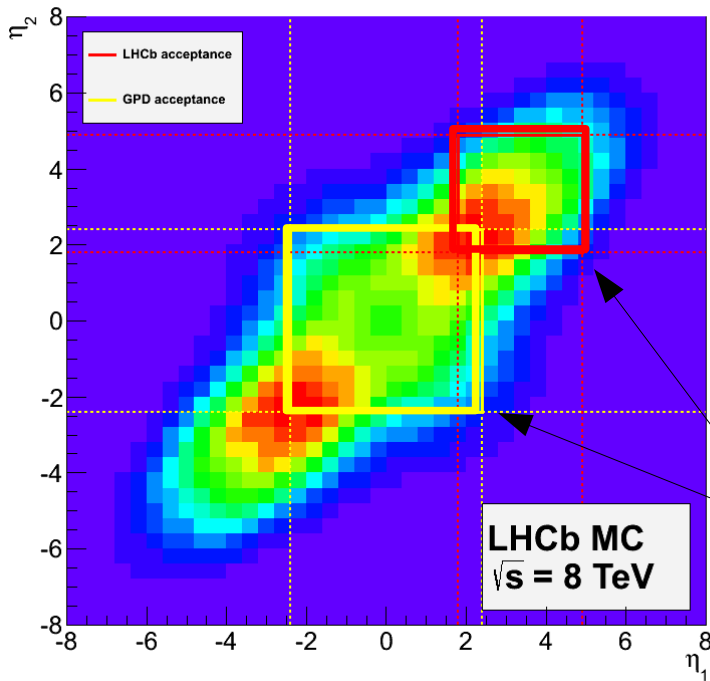
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→ power-law parametrisation gets closest to reference points at 5 TeV

- single arm forward spectrometer
- b pair production angles strongly correlated
 - 25% of $b\bar{b}$ pairs in LHCb acceptance
 - 100'000 $b\bar{b}$ pairs/s



LHCb acceptance ($2 < \eta < 5$)

ATLAS/CMS acceptance ($|\eta| < 2.5$)

