

# Overview of LHCb Monte Carlo Simulation Framework

**Alexandru T. Grecu**

\*on behalf of the **LHCb** collaboration

Horia Hulubei National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering  
(IFIN-HH), Bucharest, Romania

*Workshop on Sensors and High Energy Physics (SHEP-2016)*  
*21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016*

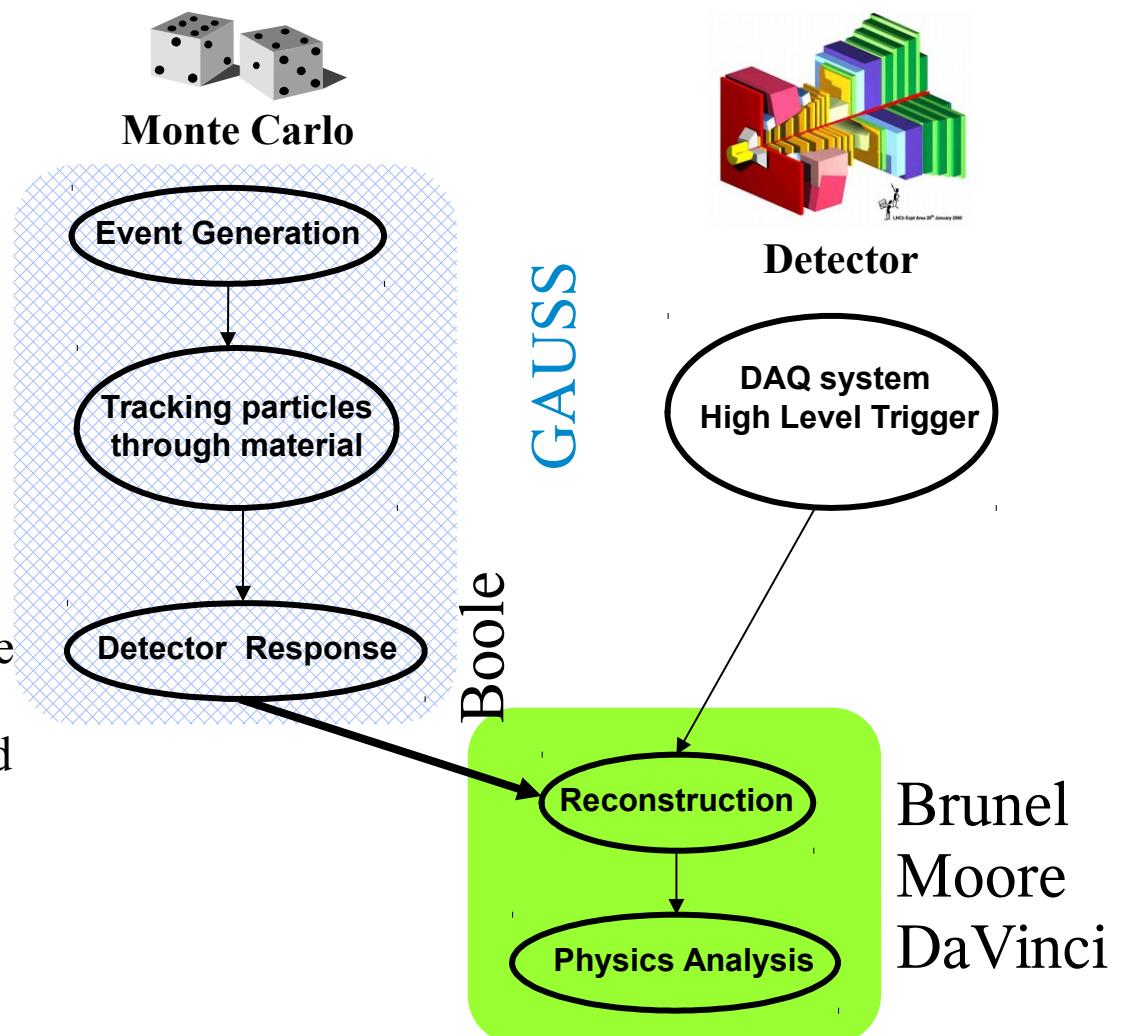
*Univ. Stefan cel Mare of Suceava, Suceava, România*

# Outline

- ◆ Particle Simulation in High Energy Physics
  - The LHCb Detector at the LHC
- ◆ The LHCb Simulation Software Framework
- ◆ Summary & Outlook at LHCb Simulation Upgrades

## ★ Event Generation. Detector Simulation

- implement collision model
- generate (un)stable particles
- perform unstable particle decay; get final state particles (fsp)
- restrict to detector fiducial phase space
- propagate fsp through detector material
- simulate detector response



G. Corti, "LHCb Simulation(s)", LHCb UK Students Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

# The LHCb detector at the LHC \*

JINST 3 (2008) S080005; IJMP A30 (2015) 1530022

Fully instrumented single-arm spectrometer.

Unique pseudorapidity range:

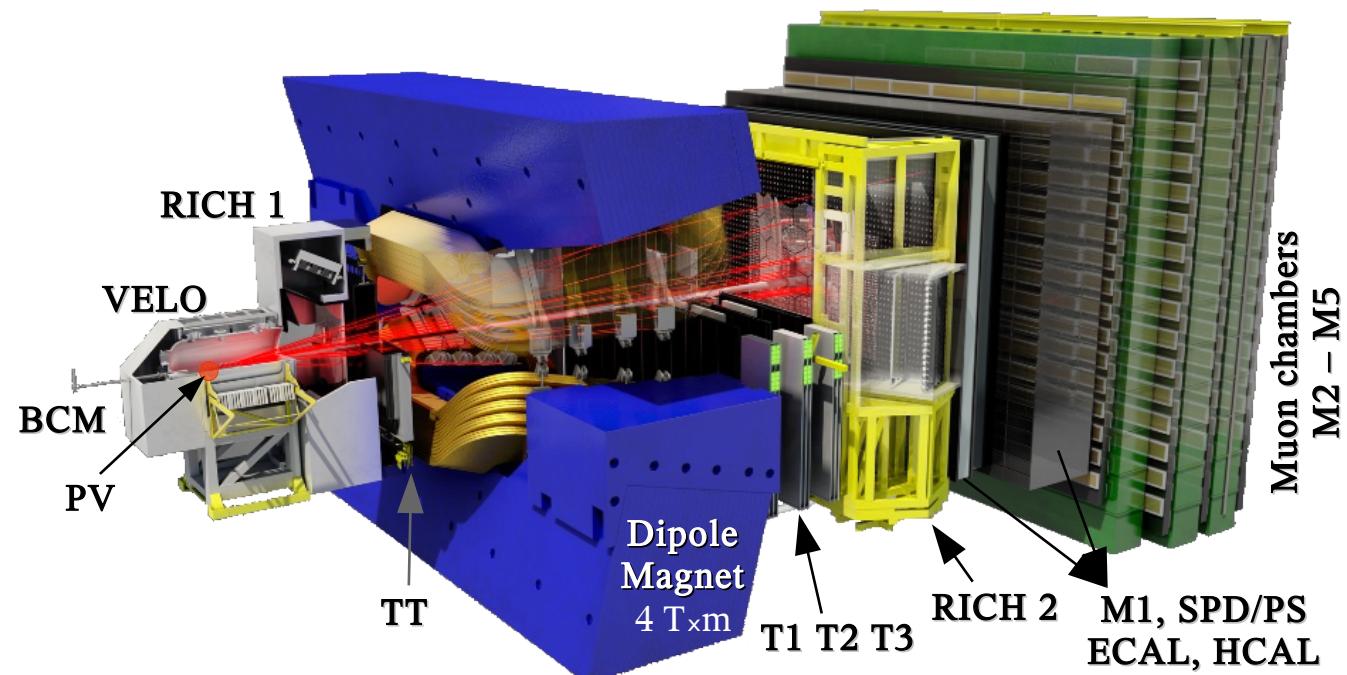
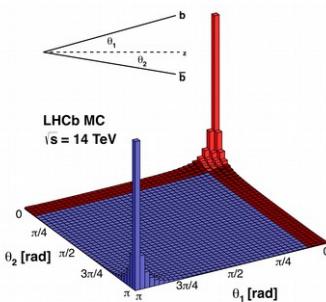
- ★ forward:  $2 < \eta < 5$
- ★ backward:  $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$  (PV in VErtex Locator; no momentum measurement)

High precision tracking & vertexing: Impact Parameter (IP) resolution  $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$  at high- $p_T$

Momentum resolution ( $\Delta p / p$ ): from 0.5 % below 20 GeV/c to 1.0 % @ 200 GeV/c

Good PID efficiency:

- $\pi$ , p, K: RICH 1,2
- e,  $\gamma$ ,  $\mu$ : CALO/M1-M5

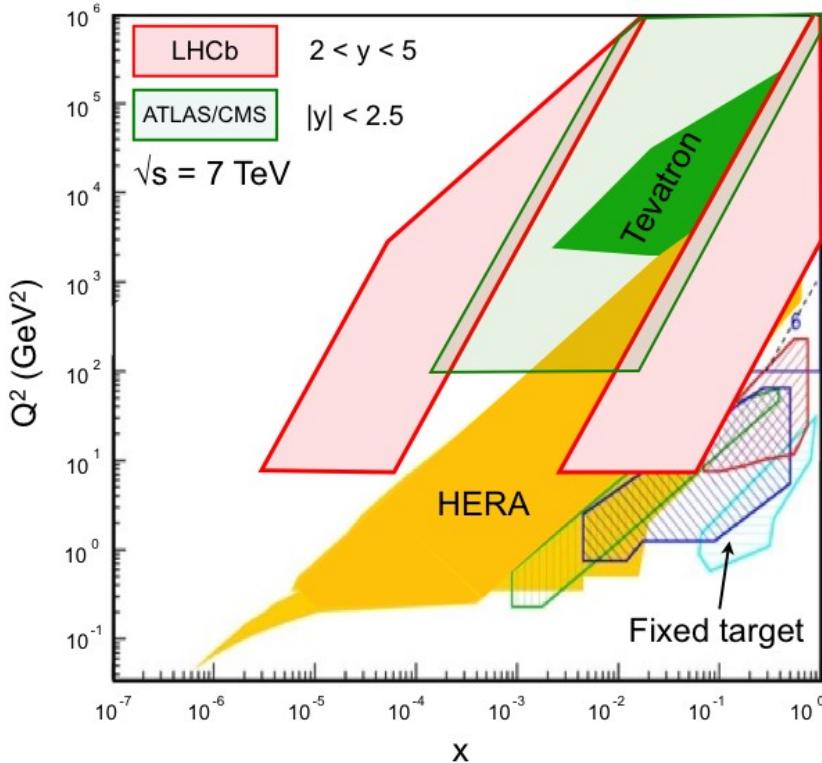


\* more details in back-ups

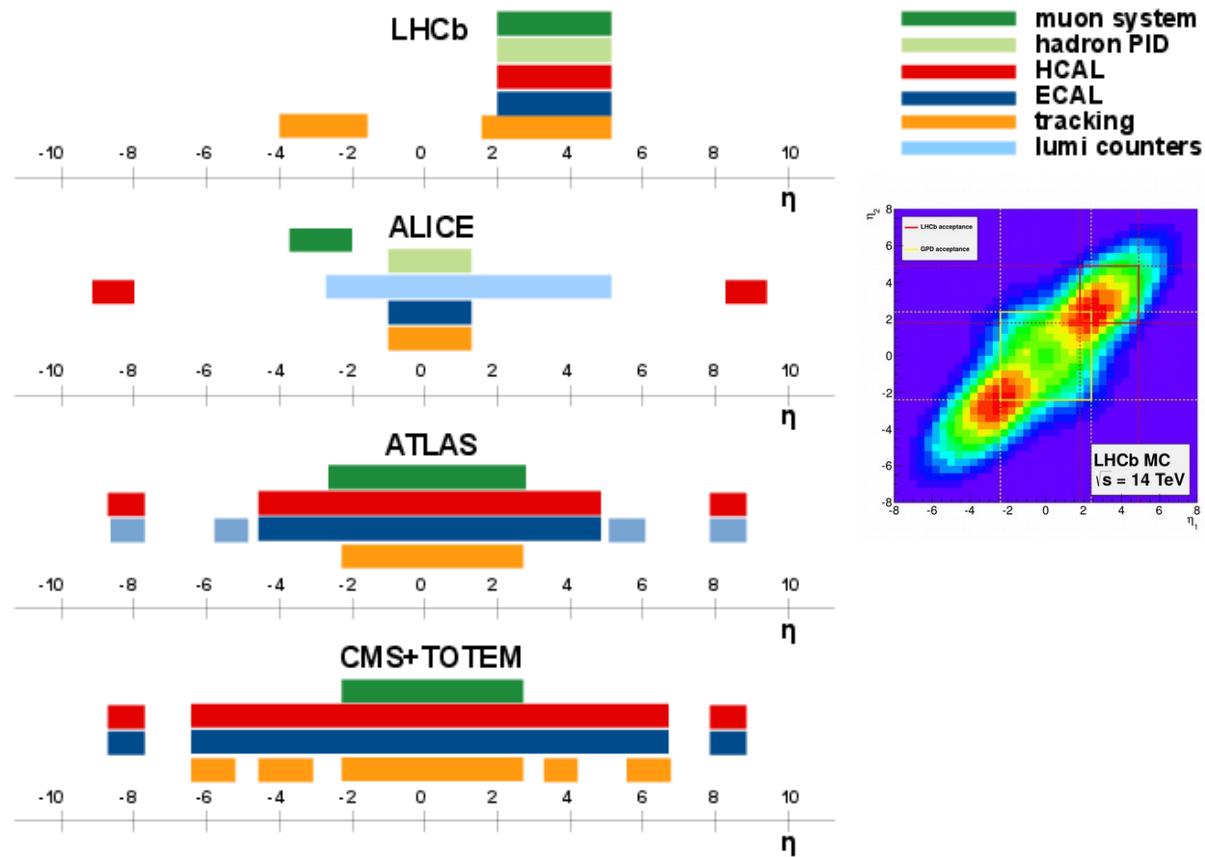
# The LHCb detector at the LHC

JINST 3 (2008) S080005; IJMP A30 (2015) 1530022

Also access low  $x_{Bj}$  ( $\sim 10^{-6}$ )  
and low  $Q^2$  ( $> 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ ).

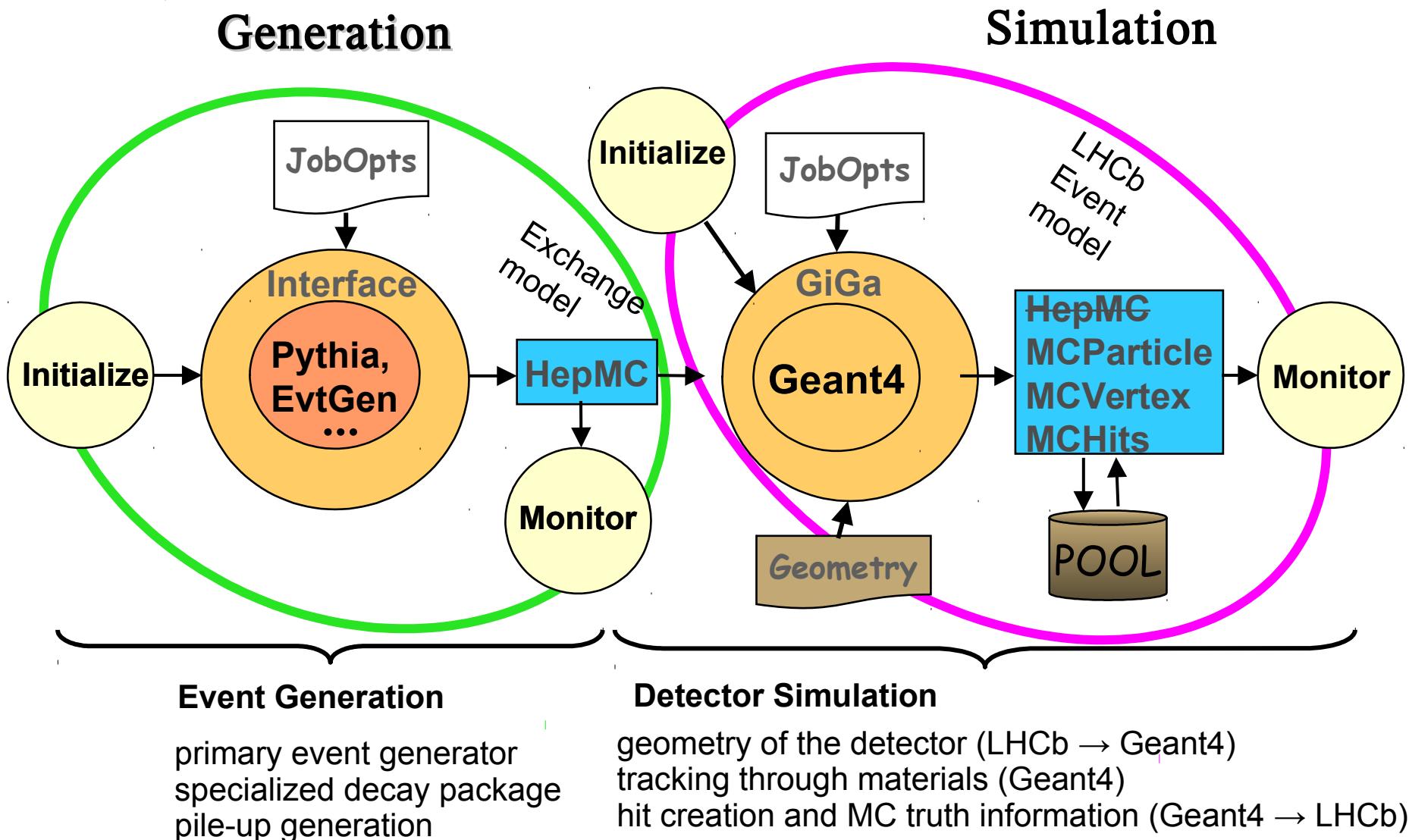


LHCb covered phase-space region  
complementary to other detectors at LHC



Recorded data sample statistics in back-ups

Two separate steerable stages that can be run independently:



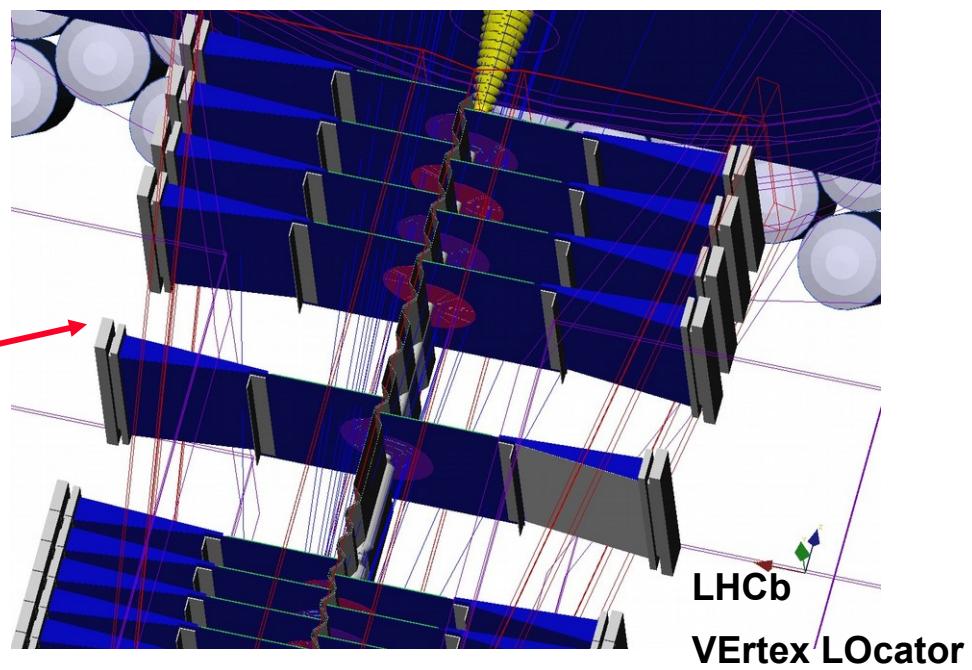
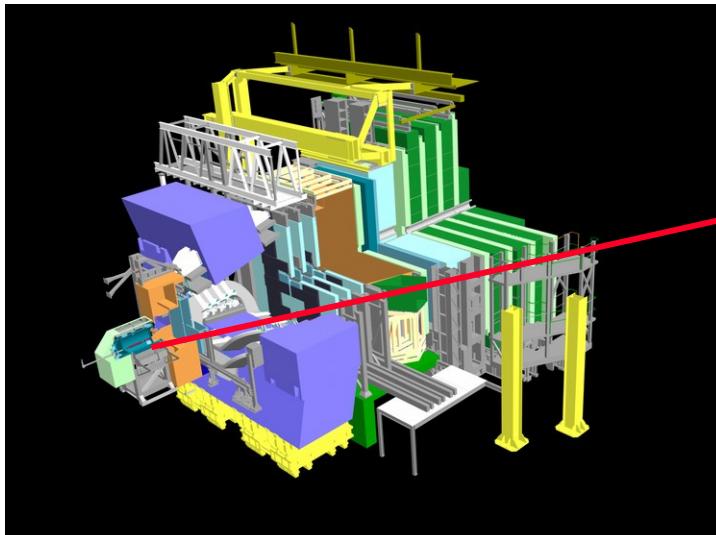
M.Clemencic, G. Corti et al., “The LHCb Simulation Application, Gauss: Design, Evolution and Experience”, CHEP-2010, Taipei

- Virtualizing production theoretical model implementation – **GAUDI** ProductionTool classes (examples in back-ups) with specific interfaces
- Reproduce specific cocktails of generation-decay model implementations
- General Purpose Event Generators (GPEG) – compromise QCD, global description of whole event
  - ➔ Toolkit for High Energy Physics Event Generation – ThePEG based:
    - **PYTHIA 6.427.2 & PYTHIA 8.186**
      - successor to JETSET (since 1978)
      - **HERWIG** – successor to EARWIG (since 1984);
  - ➔ **SHERPA** – developed since 2000s (different architecture, newly added)
  - ➔ **CRMC 1.5.6** – implementing cosmic ray models: EPOS, PHOJET, QSJET, SIBYLL (see A. Ene's talk)

- Specialized Generators – provide in detail specific aspects of generated event; (some times) pluggable into GPEGs; for LHCb – Gaudi interfaces spiced for experiment needs
  - ◆ **ALPGEN** – multi-parton processes in hadronic collisions
  - ◆ GenXicc, SuperChic, BCVEGPY – modelling production of heavy hadron states containing  $b$  and  $c$  quarks
  - ◆ Photos++ – generate bremsstrahlung photons in decay of particles and resonances
  - ◆ **Tauola++** – C++ interface to Tauola to simulate narrow  $\tau$  lepton decay with spin and electro-weak corrections
  - ◆ **POWHEGBOX** – NLO calculations for showering
  - ◆ **HIJING 1.383** – particle production in high energy hadronic and nuclear collision focusing on the accompanying jet structures
  - ◆ **EvtGen** – main component to model heavy flavour hadron decays.  
Steered by so-called dkfiles (more details in Elena's talk)

- Detector simulation based on **GEANT4**
  - ➔ Converting (friendly) XML detector description (DDDB) to GEANT4 geometry – allows in/exclusion of individual sub-detectors
  - ➔ Status of sub-detector parts controlled from data base of conditions (CondDB; for simulation a.k.a. SimCondDB)
  - ➔ Detector material description (accurate, but fast)

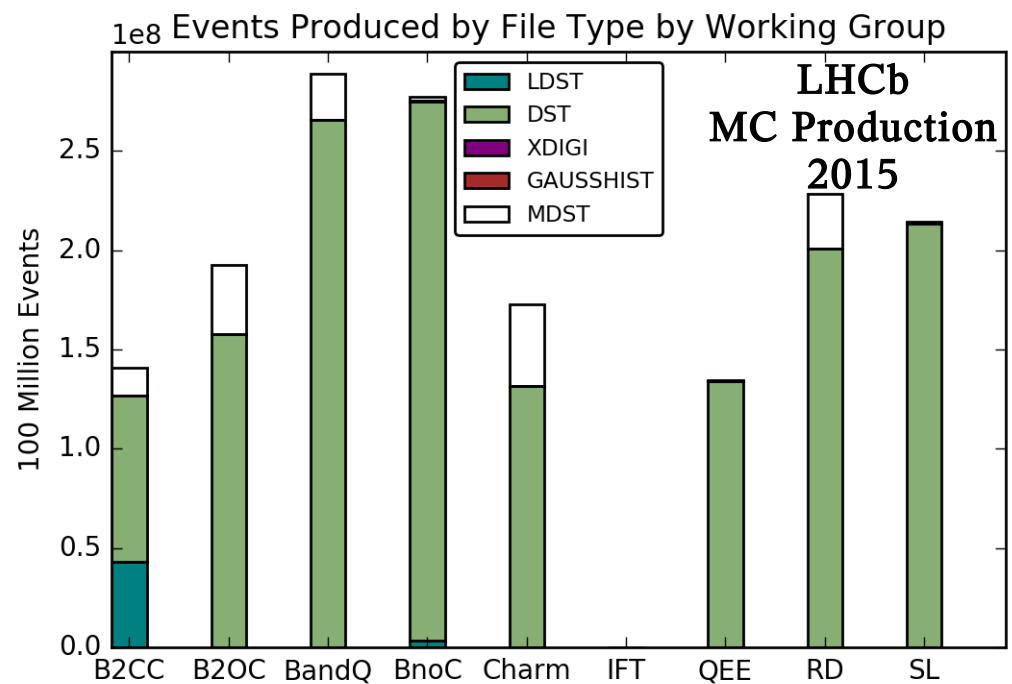
G. Corti, "LHCb Simulation(s)",  
LHCb UK Students Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014



- GEANT4 simulates a great variety of physics processes combined in Physics Lists (PL):
  - ◆ Mixture of theory/parametrization-based and empirical formulae
  - ◆ Library of physics process simulation implementation:  
Standard and Low energy EM processes, Hadronic and nuclear processes, Optical photon processes, Decay processes, etc.
  - Extend/tweak PL – implement processes in GAUSS:  
e.g. for RICH: photoelectric process (creation of photoelectrons in HPDs), energy loss in the silicon of HPDs
- Provide collections of hits, secondary and surviving primary particles
- Digitize detector response in Boole
- Reconstruct primary particles in Brunel
- Emulate hardware and software trigger response in Moore
- Further selection for physics analysis in DaVinci
- In simulation one *always* knows the truth – final state particles related to initial state ones

# Summary & Outlook at Simulation Upgrade

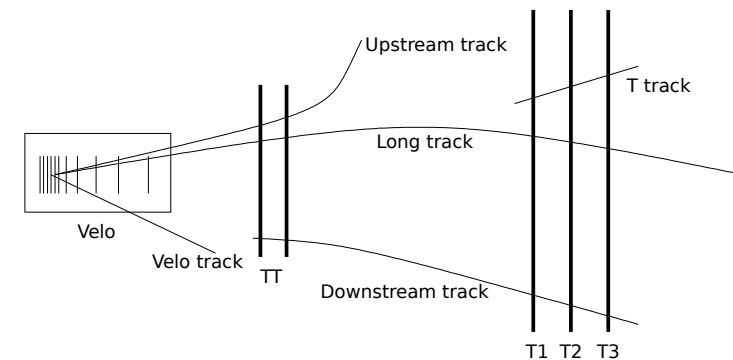
- Unique fiducial volume at LHC experiments
- GAUSS – the Gaudi-based LHCb Simulation Software.  
Evolving into experiment independent framework Gaussino – w/ help from ATLAS, ILC; under FCC supervision.
- MC Generator Tuning: individually running in GAUSS or specific GAUSS flavour “cocktail” (specialized generator + GPEGs) – improvement of data description.  
Plethora of measurements to be used as reference in event generator tuning  
→ back-ups!
- Simulation phase. Detailed description of (sub)detector. Yet, keep it fast !  
**FLUKA**
- Keep up with (sub)detector upgrades.  
Optimize material knowledge.
- Go to GEANT4.10 MT on GRID.



Thank you!

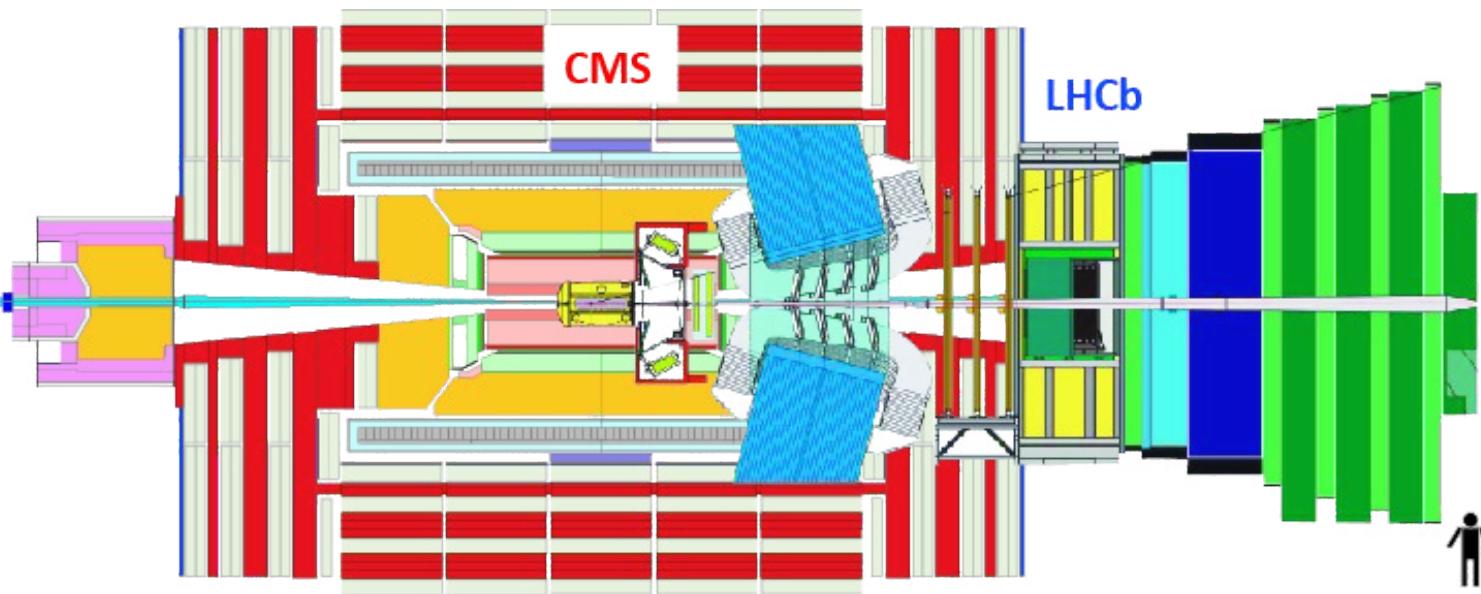
# BACKUPS

- Impact Parameter (IP) resolution:  $(15 + 29/p_T[\text{GeV}/c]) \mu\text{m}$ , i.e.,  $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$  at high  $p_T$
- Momentum resolution:  $\Delta p/p \sim 0.5\%$  ( $p < 20 \text{ GeV}/c$ )  $\rightarrow 1.0\%$  ( $p \sim 200 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
- ECAL resolution (nominal):  $1\% + 10\%/\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}$
- Invariant mass resolution:
  - $\sim 8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  for  $B \rightarrow J/\psi X$  decays with constraint on  $J/\psi$  mass
  - $\sim 22 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  for two-body  $B$  decays
  - $\sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  for  $B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$ , dominated by photon contribution
- Trigger efficiencies:
  - $\sim 90\%$  for dimuon channels
  - $\sim 30\%$  for multi-body hadronic final states
- Track reconstruction efficiency:  $\sim 96\%$  for Long Tracks
- Particle ID efficiency:
  - Electron ID  $\sim 90\%$  for  $\sim 5\%$   $e \rightarrow h$  mis-id probability
  - Kaon ID  $\sim 95\%$  for  $\sim 5\%$   $\pi \rightarrow K$  mis-id probability
  - Muon ID  $\sim 97\%$  for 1-3%  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$  mis-id probability
- Integrated luminosity for datasets:
  - 7 TeV (2011):  $1.0/\text{fb} \pm 1.7\%$
  - 8 TeV (2012):  $2.0/\text{fb} \pm 1.2\%$
  - 13 TeV (2015):  $0.3/\text{fb} \pm 3.9\%$  (to improve in 2016)
- Data taking efficiency: 90% (99% good for physics analyses)



# The LHCb Detector & Data Samples

Extends central detectors  
phase coverage at LHC.



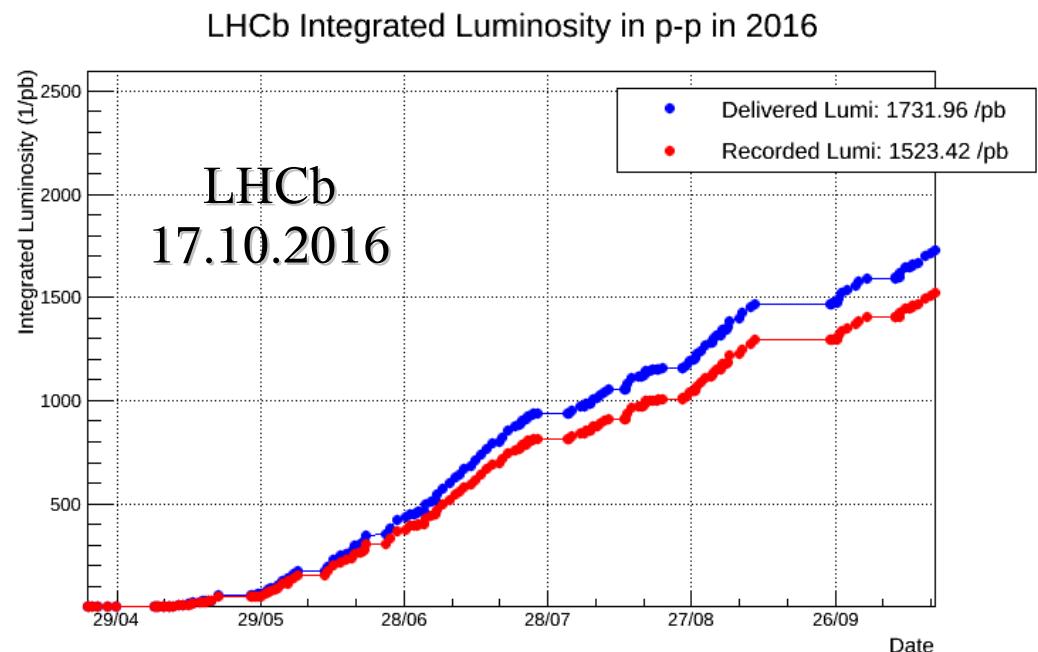
## Integrated luminosity

### LHC Run I

2010:  $37 \text{ pb}^{-1}$     2011:  $1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$     2012:  $2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

### LHC Run II

2015:  $1.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}$     2016:  $>1.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



# Event Generator Tunes & Theoretical Models

★ PYTHIA 6.4

T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, P. Skands, JHEP **05** (2006) 026

LHCb MC tune (GAUSS: PYTHIA6.4+EVTGEN+PHOTOS)

I. Belyaev *et al.*, Nuclear Science Symposium Conference Record (NSS/MIC)  
(IEEE, New York 2010), p. 1155

Perugia0, PerugiaNOCR, Perugia 2010 tunes

P. Z. Skands, Phys. Rev. D **82** (Oct, 2010) 074018

★ PYTHIA 8.1

T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna, P. Skands, Comput. Phys. Commun. **178** (2008) 850

★ Cosmic-ray models:

**EPOS:**

T. Pierog and K. Werner, Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. **196** (2009) 102

**QGSJET:**

S. Ostapchenko, Status of QGSJET, AIP Conf. Proc. **928** (2007) 118

**SYBILL:**

E.-J. Ahn *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **80** (2009) 094003

★ Other Monte Carlo Event Generators and Theoretical Models:

**PHOJET:**

R. Engel, Z. Phys. C **66** (1995) 203; doi

**HERWIG++:**

M. Bahr *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C **58** (2008) 639-707; doi

**SUPERCHIC:**

L.A. Harland-Lang, V.A. Khoze, M.G. Ryskin, W.J. Stirling,  
Eur. Phys. J. C **65** (2010) 433

**STARLIGHT:**

S.R. Klein, J. Nystrand, Phys. Rev. Lett. **92** (2004) 142003

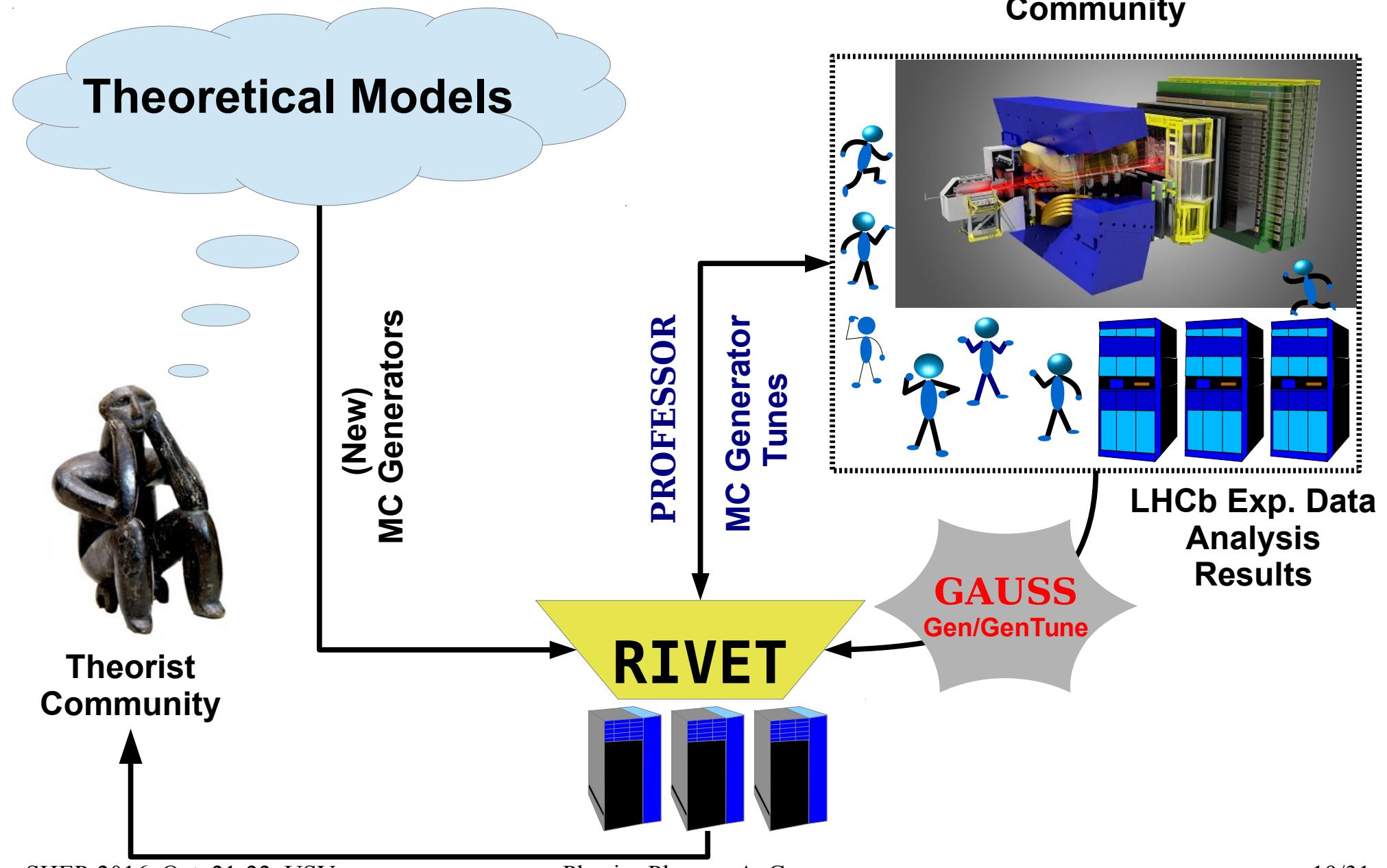
**G&M model:** V.P. Gonçalves and M.V.T. Machado, Phys. Rev. C **84** (2011) 011902; arXiv:1106.3036

**Sch&S model:** W. Schäfer and A. Szczerba, Phys. Rev. D **76** (2007) 094014; arXiv:0705:2887

**JMRT model:** Jones S., Martin A., Ryskin M. and Teubner T., JHEP **11** (2013) 085

- PythiaProduction: (being retired) interface to Pythia6  
Complete FORTRAN generator which contains a lot of different physics processes.
- Pythia8Production: (the new default) C++ Pythia version Pythia8 with the most recent developments
- HerwiggppProduction: General purpose with different production mechanism than Pythia
- HijingProduction: For ions interactions
- AlpGenProduction: NLO Hard Processes , in LHCb as input to Pythia6 for now
- PowhegProduction: NLO Hard Processes , in LHCb as input to Pythia6 for now
- BcVegPyProduction: LHCb in house generator for  $B_c$  production, as input to Pythia6 (and 8 soon)
- GenXiccProduction: LHCb in house generator for  $X_{bc}$  and  $X_{cc}$  production, as input to Pythia6 (and 8 soon)
- SherpaProduction: General purpose, with proof of principle in LHCb, also for decays

- **Matrix Elements** – NO, but precise measurements may provide new/better values.
- **Hadronisation** – many parameters for flavour selection including  $b$  and  $c$  fragmentation functions, some for kinematics
- **Showers** – very sensitive in some generators. Optimize cut-off scale and coupling constant(s).
- **Multiple Parton Interactions (MPI)** – last before completing a tune to give as strict boundaries as possible
- **LHCb Approach to Tuning**
  - Limited by available measurements: use as many compatible sets as possible from different experiments at multiple energies; weight to favour data to describe
  - Start from existing (global) tunes
  - Keep in mind tunes in central region may not be best for forward region and vice versa
  - Preliminary re-tune of light flavour production – better match underlying event (UE)
  - Tune hadronisation of heavy flavour
  - Re-tune non-perturbative QCD sector
  - Hope for a quick convergence if not repeat
- **Method/Tools**
  - **Parametrisation** – Hamacher & Weierstall (1995) quadratic interpolation;  
re-implemented as Professor & **RIVET** (arXiv:hep-ph/1003.0694; EPJ C65 (2010) 331)

Experimentalist  
Community

## Light Flavour Production\*

→  $K_s$  production:

- 0.9 [PLB 693 (2010) 69]
- 7 & 8 (limited by data sample)
- 13 (on-going)

→  $V^0$  ratios:

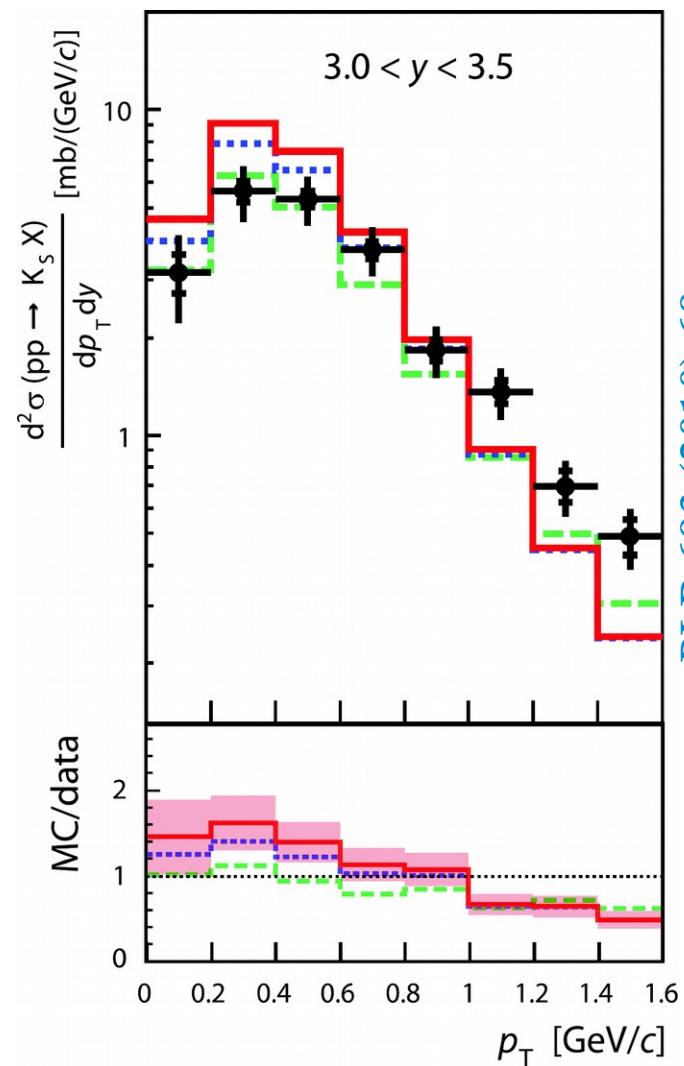
- 0.9 & 7\*\* [JHEP 08 (2011) 034]
- 2.76, 13 (on-going)

→  $\Phi$  production:

- 7\*\* [PLB 703 (2011) 267]
- 13 (planned)

→ Prompt light hadron:

- 0.9 & 7\*\* [EPJ C72 (2012) 2168]
- 2.76, 13 (planned)



PLB 693 (2010) 69

\* numbers represent  $\sqrt{s}$  in TeV for pp collisions

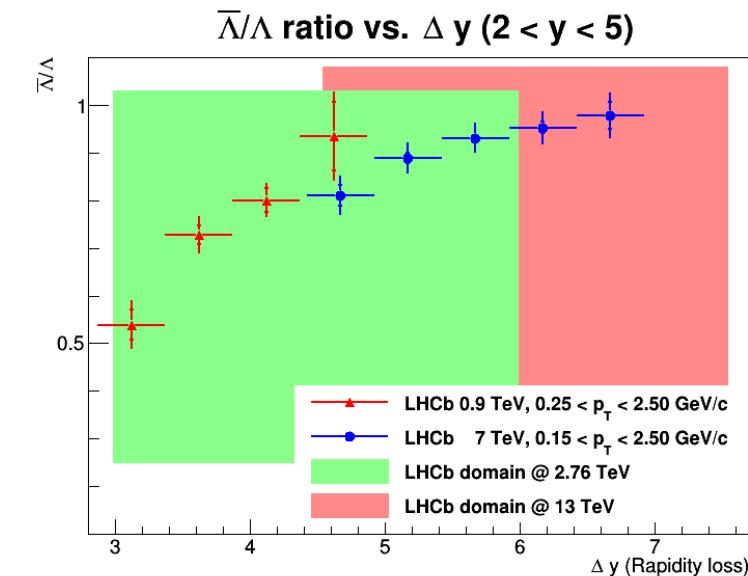
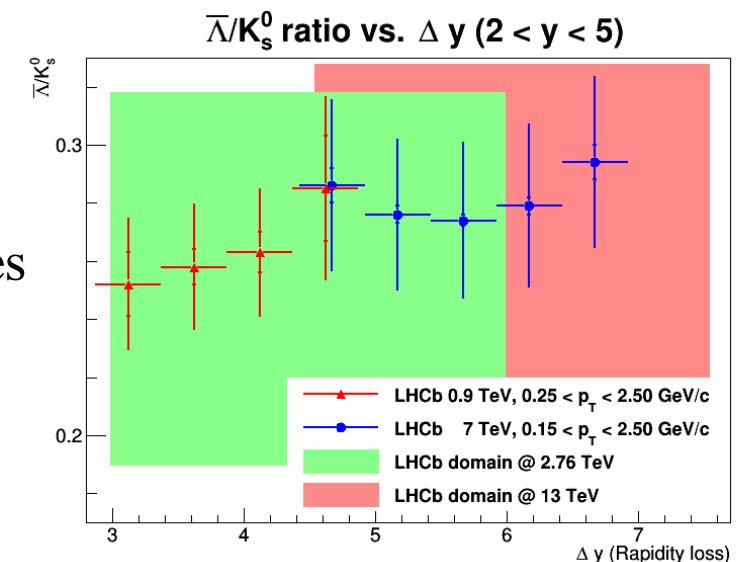
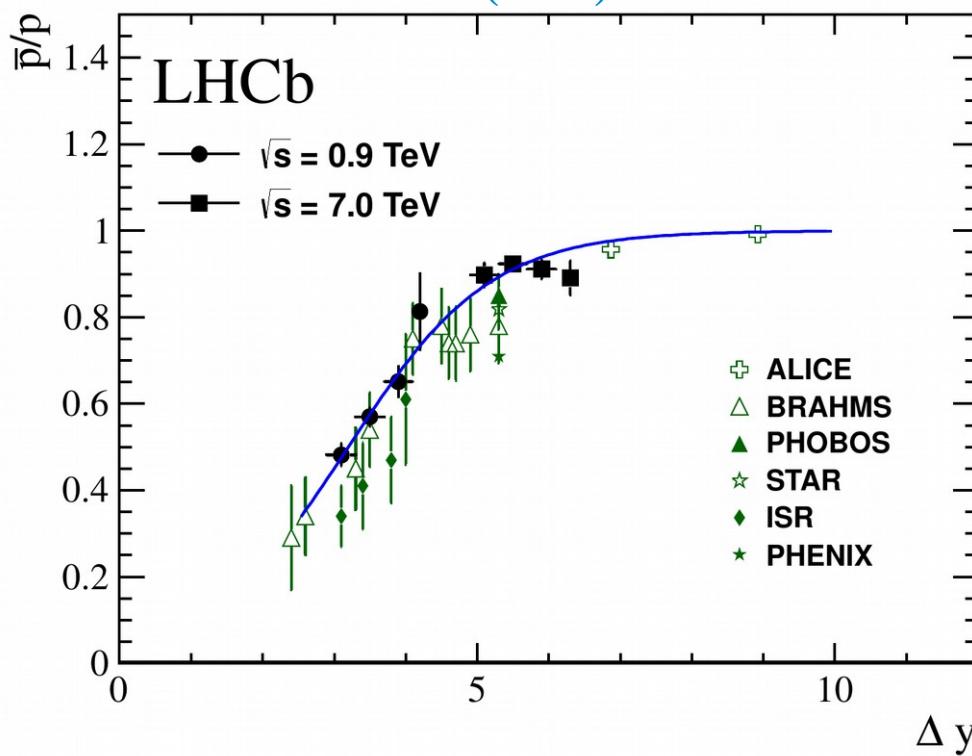
\*\* used in first PYTHIA8 tuning in the forward region

→ Many more measurements on-going; different  $\sqrt{s}$ ; comparison to newer tunes from LHC data

## Light Flavour Production

- (LHCb) prompt light particles include products of heavy hadron decays.
- Optimize baryon number transport ( $\bar{p}/p$ ,  $\bar{\Lambda}/\Lambda$ ), baryon suppression ( $\bar{\Lambda}/K_s$ ,  $(p+p)/(\pi^+ + \pi^-)$ , ...), strangeness production
- Further constraints from charged particle multiplicities

EPJ C72 (2012) 2168



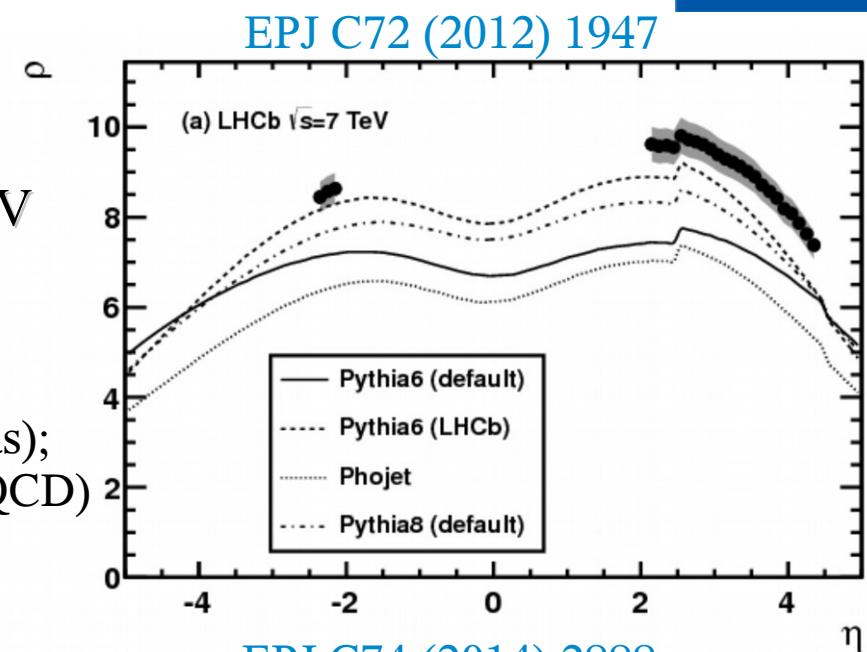
## Global Event Characteristics

Charged particle multiplicities in pp collisions at 7 TeV

EPJ C72 (2012) 1947

Selection: at least 1 trk in  $2 < \eta < 5$

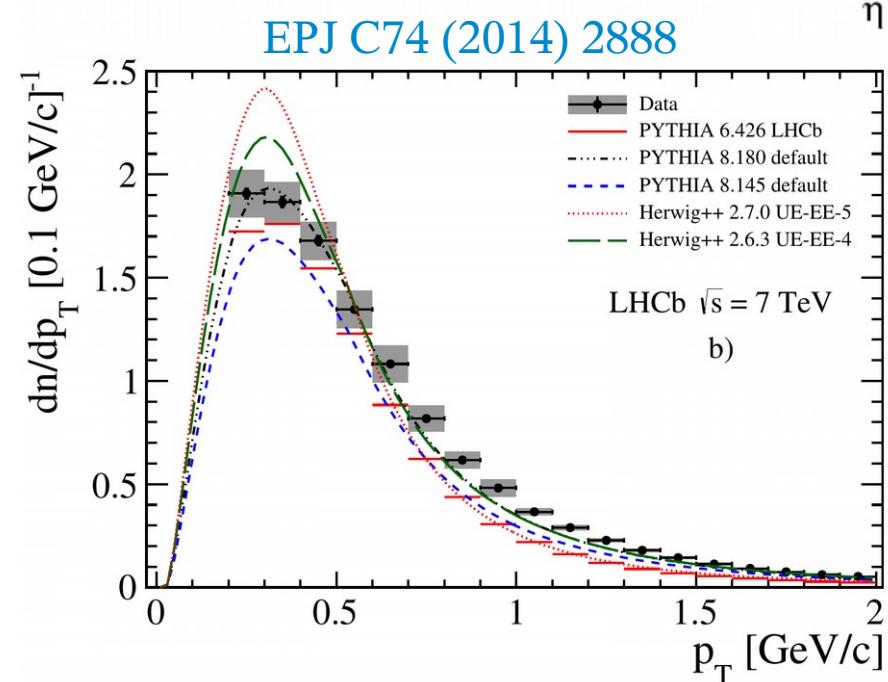
Kinematic range:  $-2.5 < \eta < -2.0$ ,  $2.0 < \eta < 4.5$  (minbias);  
 $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$  (hard QCD)



EPJ C74 (2014) 2888

Selection:  $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $p > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $2.0 < \eta < 4.8$

Kinematic range:  $0.2 < p_T < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ ;  $2.0 < \eta < 4.5$



13 TeV measurement on-going

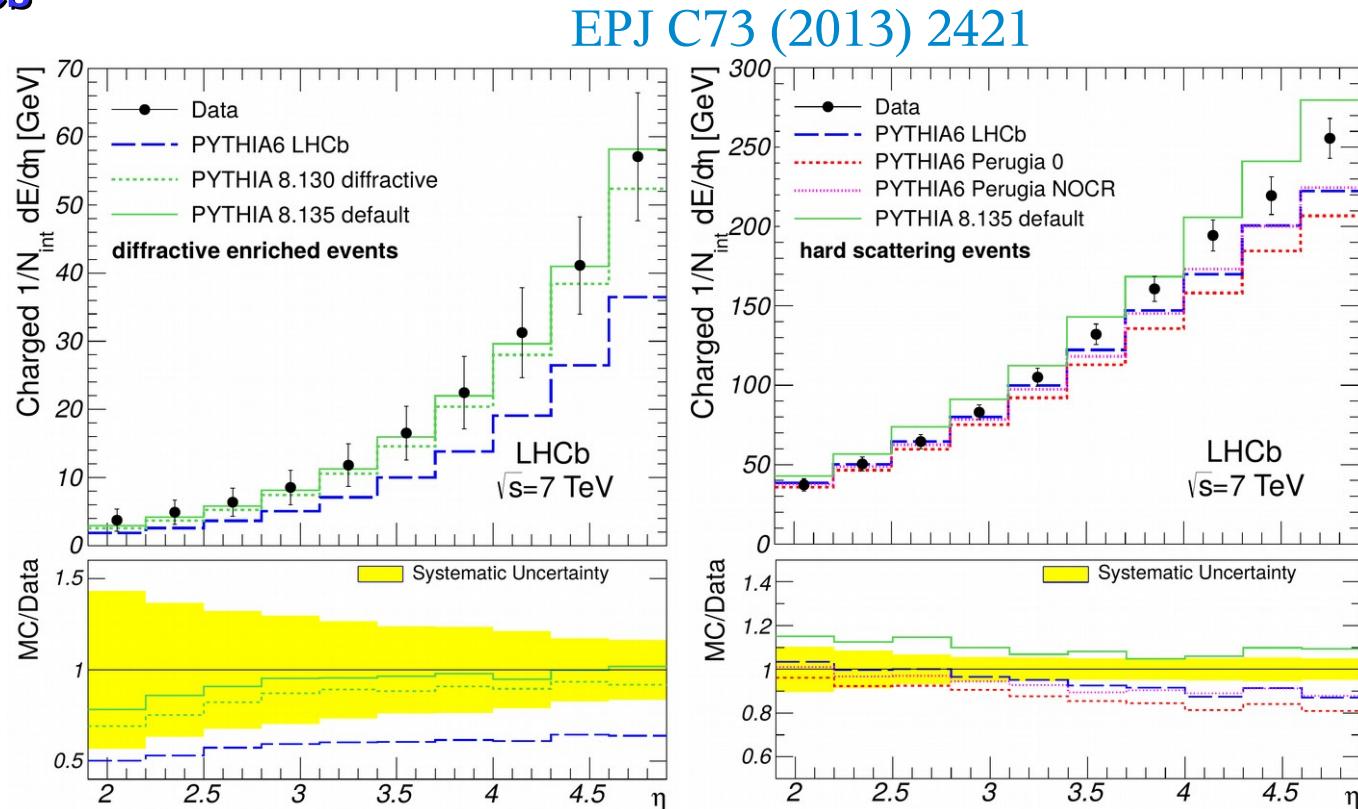
## Global Event Characteristics

Energy Flow at 7 TeV

Selection: at least 1 trk from PV

Event classes:

- minbias  $1.9 < \eta < 4.9$ ,  
 $2 < p < 10^3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- hard scattering  
 $p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- diffractive enriched  
no trk. in  $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$
- non-diffractive enriched  
at least 1 trk.  $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$



→ Largest divergence between models in forward region where LHCb data has smallest uncertainties. Reference for tuning both MC and cosmic ray generators.

- Important input to constrain MPI in the light flavour sector
- 13 TeV measurement on-going

## Global Event – Total Cross-sections

Inelastic pp cross-section @ 7 TeV

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{acc}} = 55.0 \pm 2.4 \text{ mb}$$

- prompt charged parts.,  $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $2.0 < \eta < 4.5$
- main uncertainty from luminosity
- 13 TeV measurement is on-going

→ Preliminary tune of total cross-sections separately from rest of steering parameters; rely on other LHC measurements:

- ATLAS

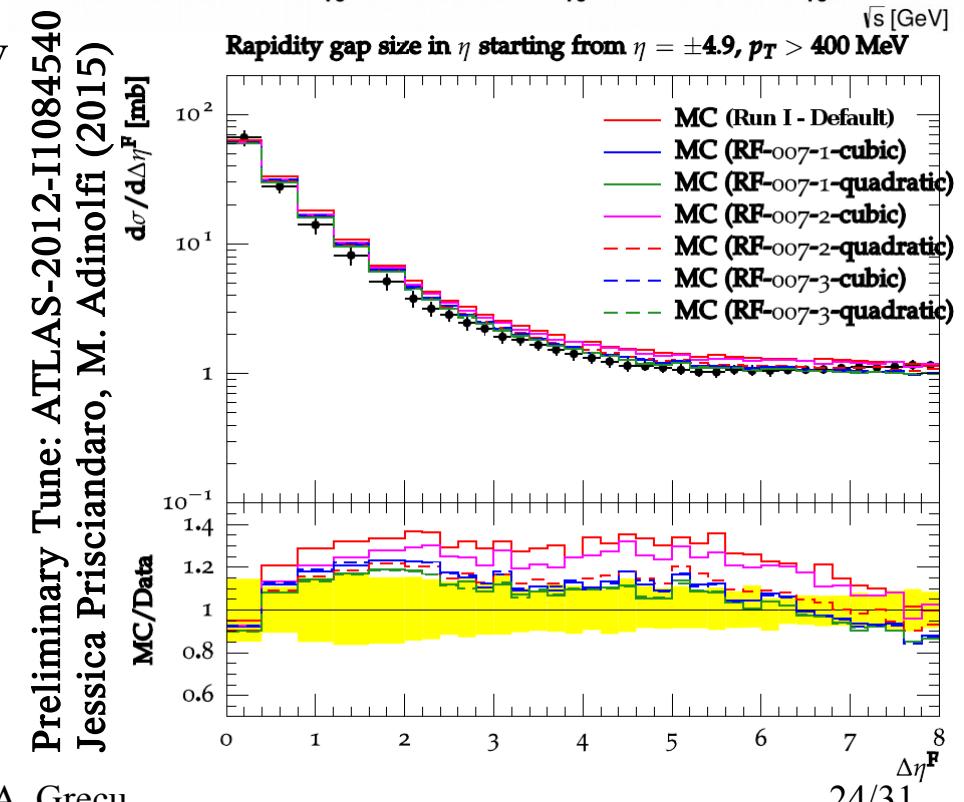
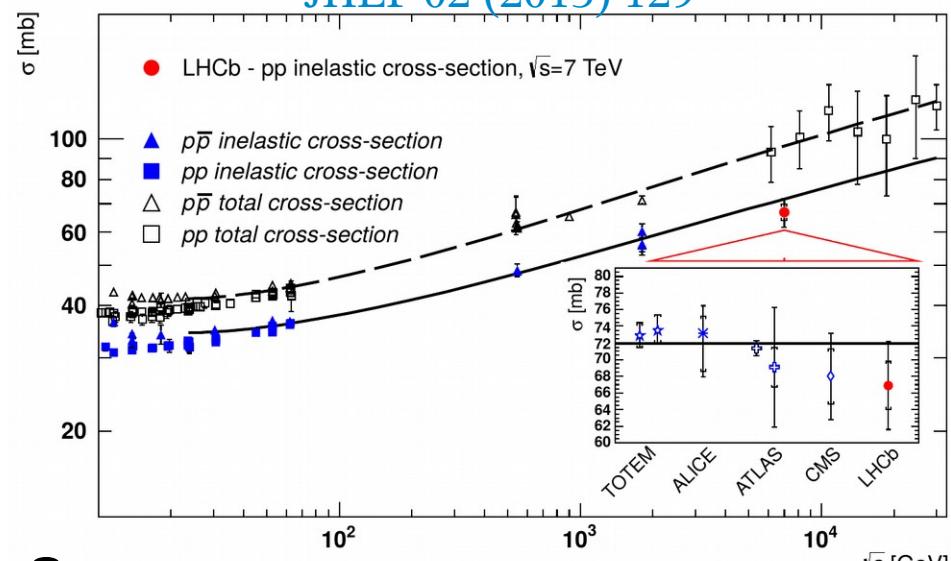
Nature Com. 2 (2011) 463, EJP C72 (2012) 1926;

- CMS

PLB 722 (2013) 5, PRD 92 (2015) 012003 [new!];

- TOTEM

EPL 101 (2013) 21002



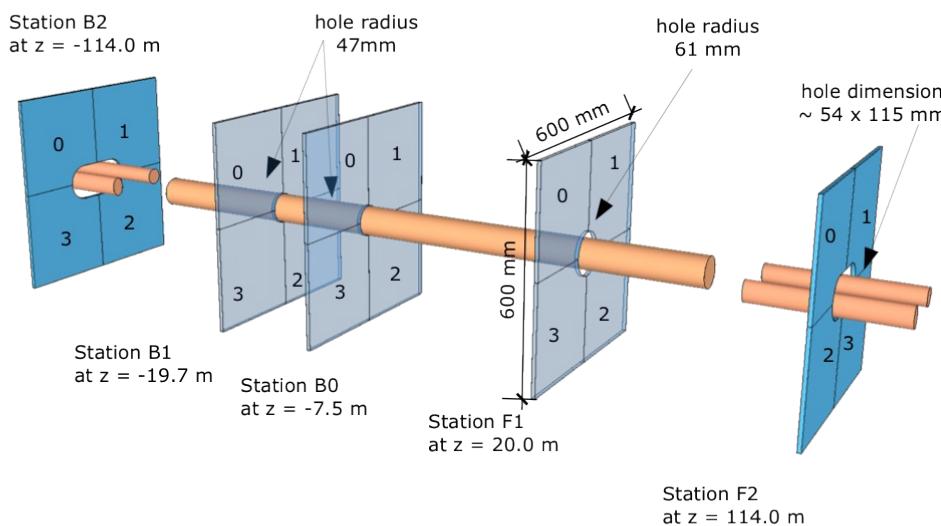
## Global Event – Total Cross-sections

Central diffraction not covered by tune.

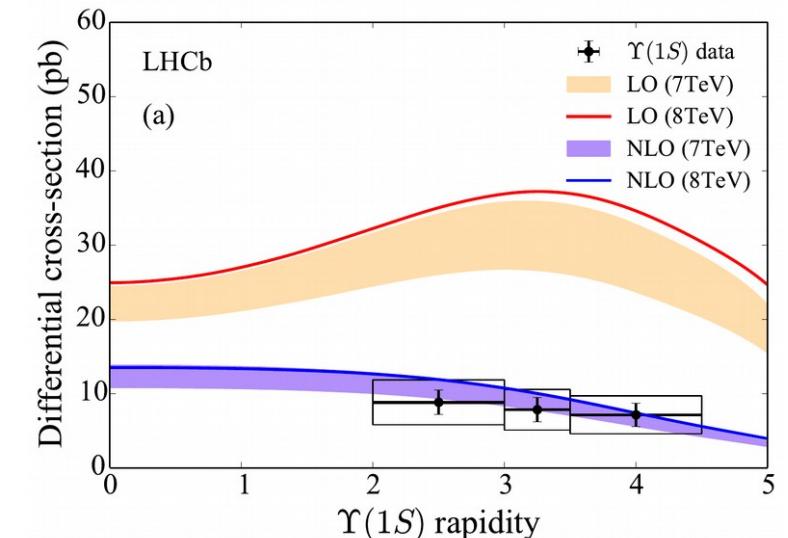
Possible input in high mass domain (pomeron PDFs) from central exclusive production measurements:

[JPG 40 \(2013\) 045001](#), [JPG 41 \(2014\) 055002](#),  
[JHEP 09 \(2015\) 084](#)

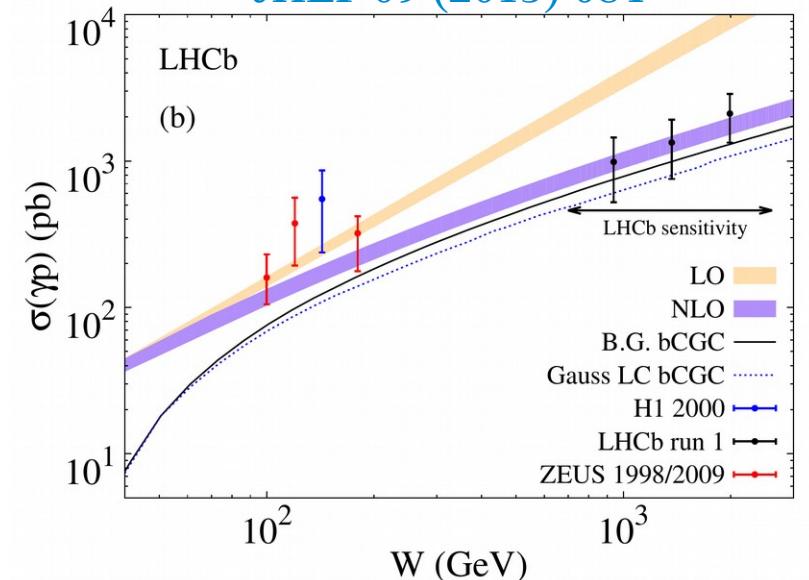
Dedicated sub-system in Run II  
 HeRSChel – High Rapidity Shower Counters for LHCb



reduce background from non-elastic events outside LHCb acceptance.

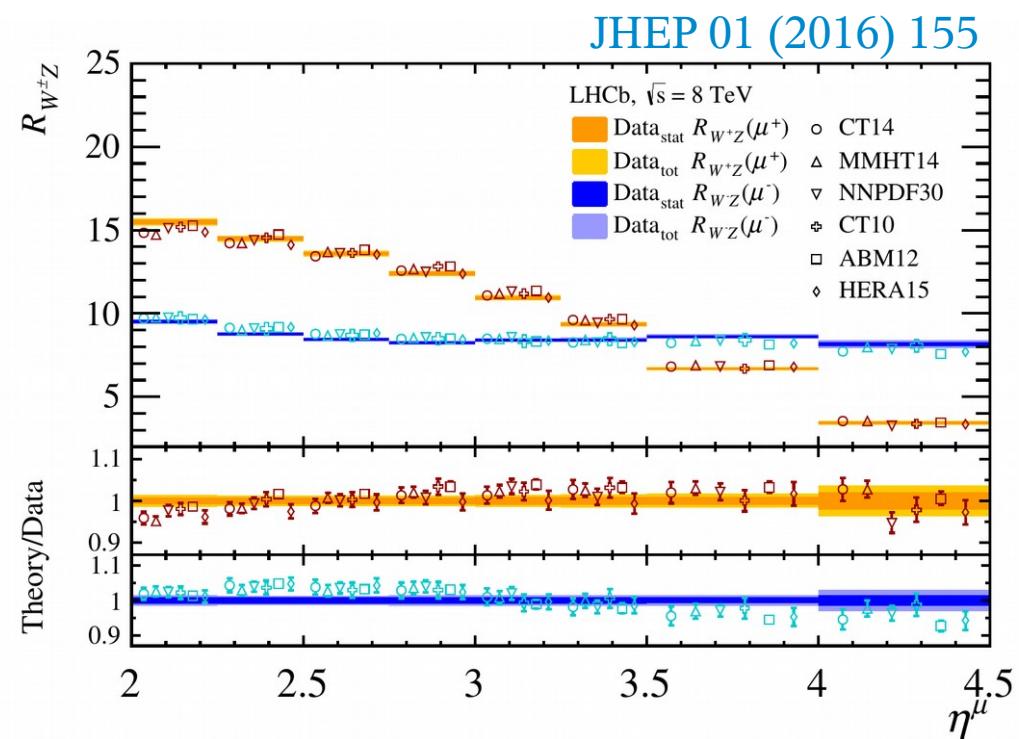
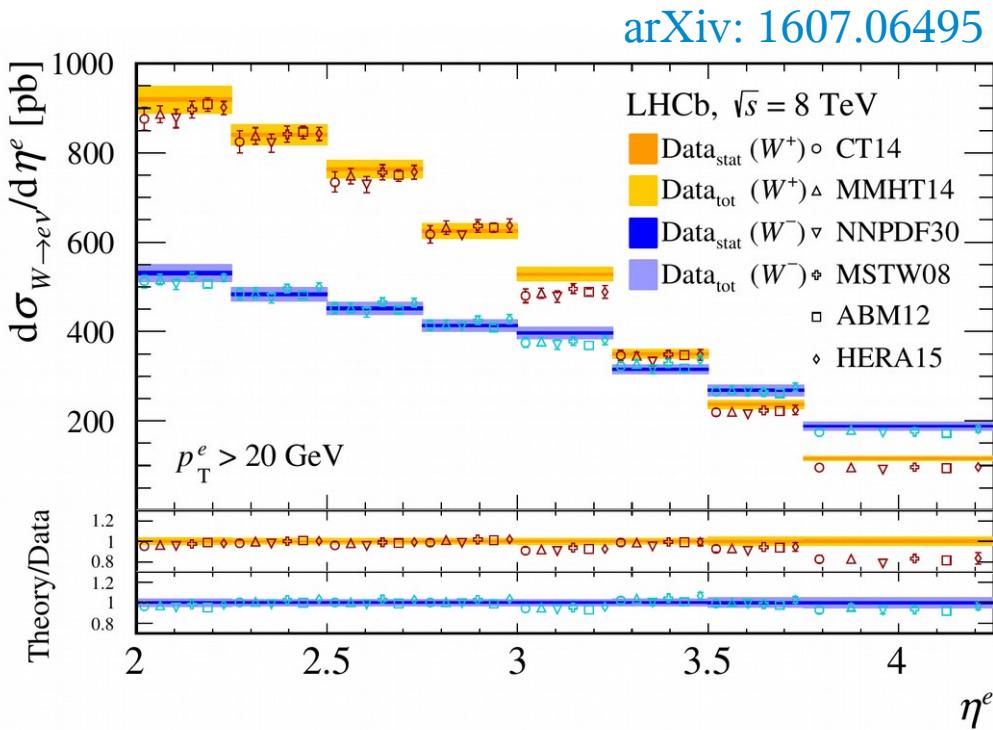


JHEP 09 (2015) 084



## Input to PDF Tuning\*

- EW boson production cross-sections and ratios\*\*
  - $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  @ 7, 8, 13 TeV +  $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$  @ 7, 8 TeV (on-going  $W \rightarrow e\nu$ )
  - Good agreement with NNLO predictions; Ratios and double ratios limit PDFs' uncertainties at high lepton pseudorapidity



## Measuring SM Free Parameters

- Most precise measurement of the effective weak mixing (Weinberg) angle at hadron colliders.

JHEP 11 (2015) 190

LEP + SLD  
Phys. Rept. 427 (2006) 257

LEP A<sub>FB</sub>(b)  
Phys. Rept. 427 (2006) 257

SLD A<sub>LR</sub>  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 84 (2000) 5945

D0  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 041801

CDF  
arXiv:1605.02719

CMS  
Phys. Rev. D 84 (2011) 112002

ATLAS  
JHEP 09 (2015) 049

LHCb  
JHEP 11 (2015) 190

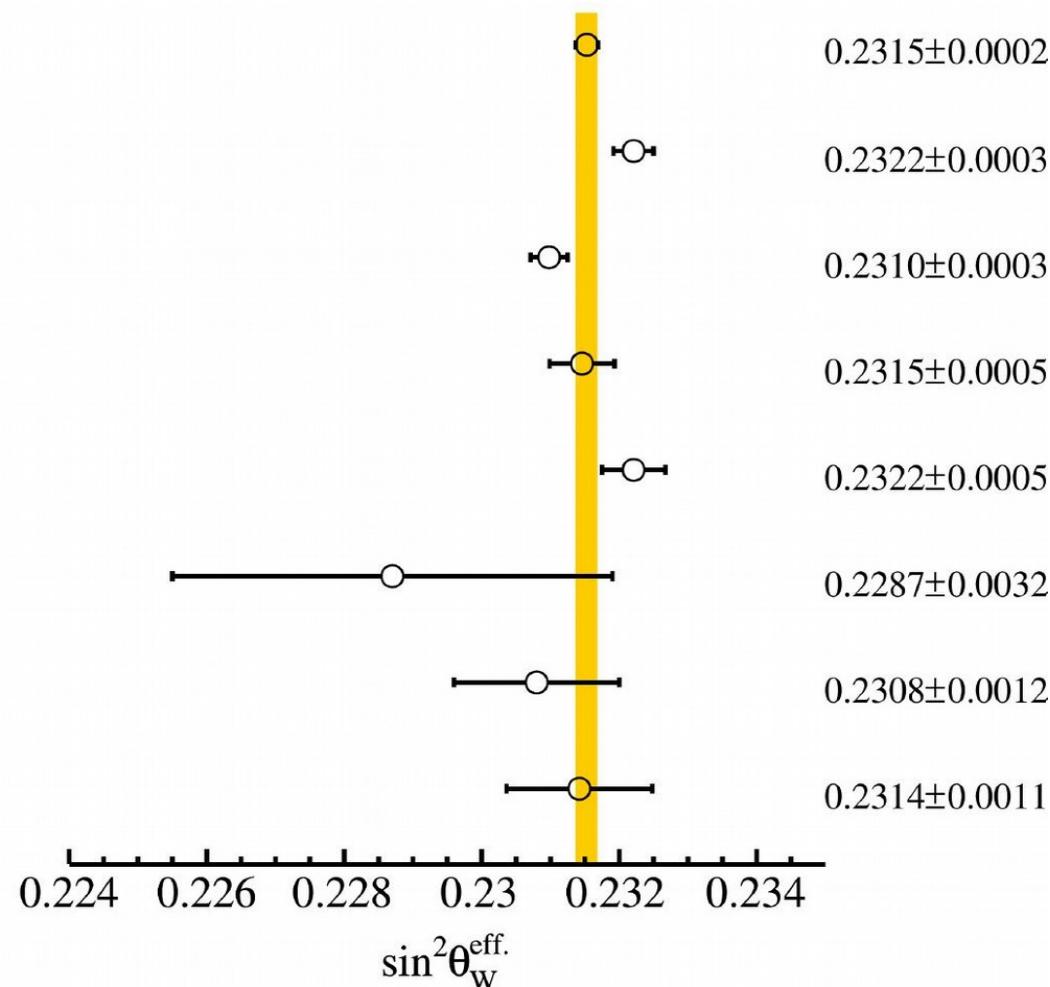


Fig. 4 – Update by Will Barter

## Input to PDF Tuning

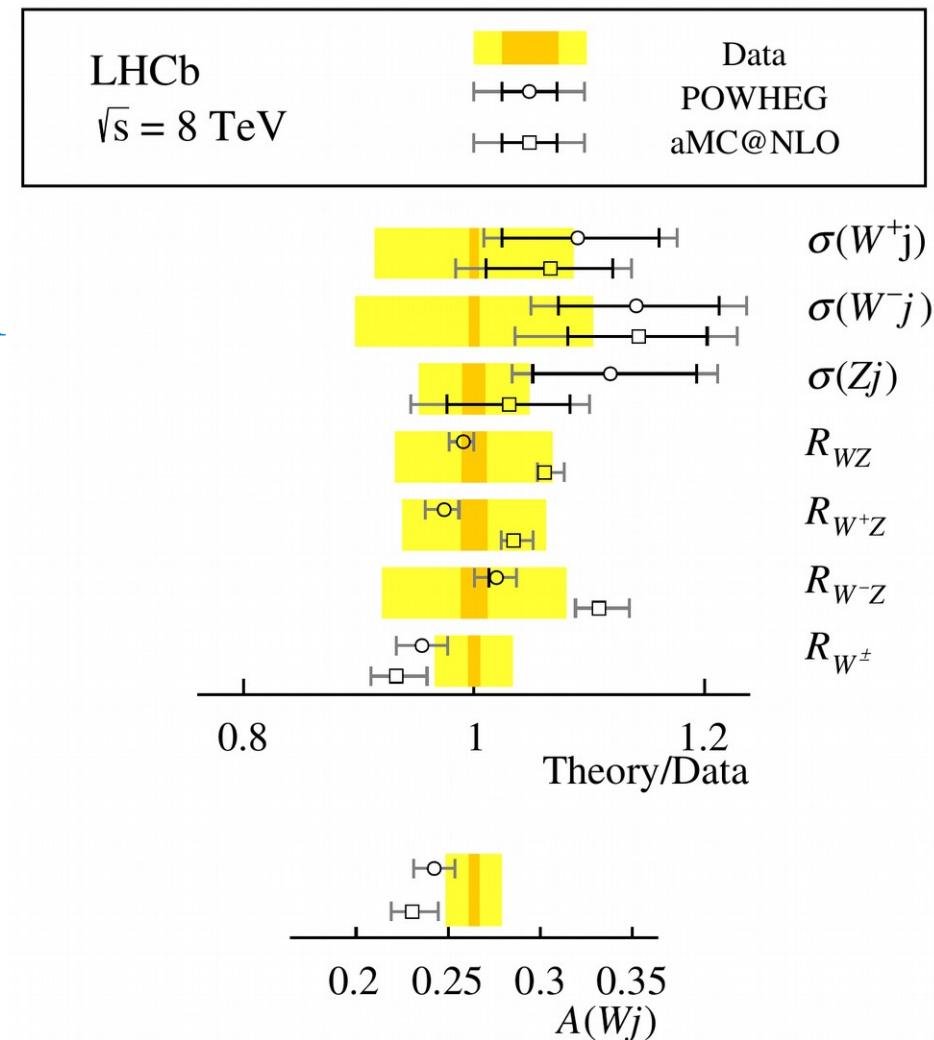
- Probing flavour PDFs in proton – measurements of EW boson + flavour quark jet.

Z + b-jet @ 7 TeV JHEP 01 (2015) 064

W + b/c @ 8 TeV PRD 92 (2015) 052001

W/Z + jets @ 8 TeV JHEP 05 (2016) 131

- Limits on u/d PDFs at high x-Björken



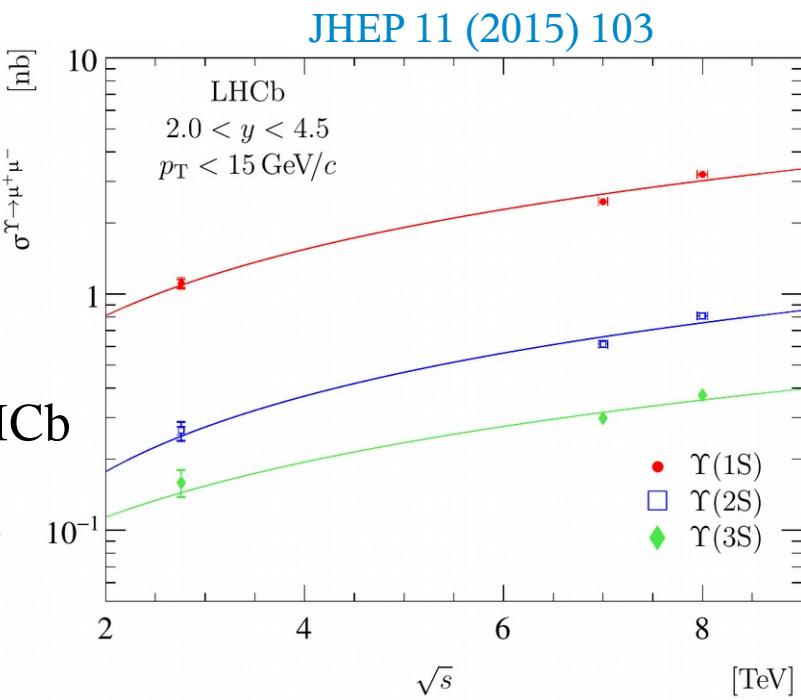
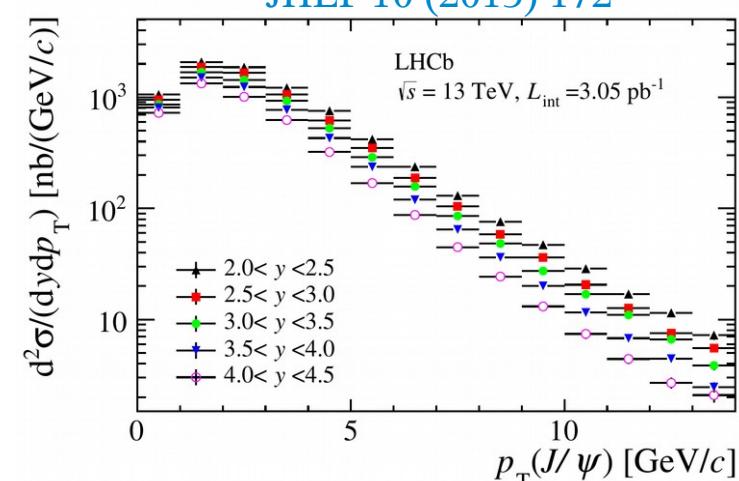
JHEP 05 (2016) 131

## Heavy Flavour\* Production

- Charmonium  
 $J/\psi$  @ 2.76, 7, 8, 13 TeV  
 $\psi(2S)$  @ 7 TeV  
 $\sigma(\chi_{c2})/\sigma(\chi_{c1})$ ,  $\chi_c:J/\psi$ ,  $\eta_c(1S):J/\psi$ ,  
 $\chi_{c0}:\chi_{c1}:\chi_{c2}$   
—  
 $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$  polarisations @ 7 TeV, but  
not supported by current colour-octet  
models
- Bottomonium  
 $\Upsilon(n\text{ S})$  @ 2.76, 7, 8 TeV;  
 $\sigma(\chi_{c2})/\sigma(\chi_{c1})$  @ 7 TeV
- Problems describing full phase-space,  
especially in forward/central regions → input from LHCb
- Optimize quarkonia NRQCD matrix elements in event  
generators (altering inclusion in MPI framework,  
e.g. PYTHIA 8).

[EPJ C74 \(2014\) 2835](#)  
[EJP C71 \(2011\) 1645](#)  
[JHEP 06 \(2013\) 064](#)  
[JHEP 10 \(2015\) 172](#)  
[PLB 714 \(2012\) 215](#)  
[PLB 718 \(2012\) 431](#)  
[EPJ C75 \(2015\) 311](#)  
[JHEP 10 \(2013\) 115](#)  
—  
[EPJ C73 \(2013\) 2631](#)  
[EPJ C74 \(2014\) 2872](#)

[EPJ C74 \(2014\) 2835](#)  
[EPJ C72 \(2012\) 2025](#)  
[JHEP 11 \(2015\) 103](#)  
[JHEP 10 \(2014\) 088](#)



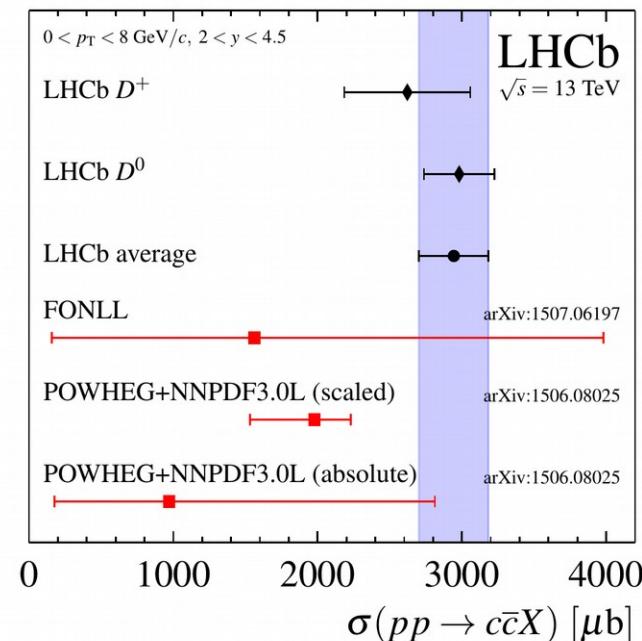
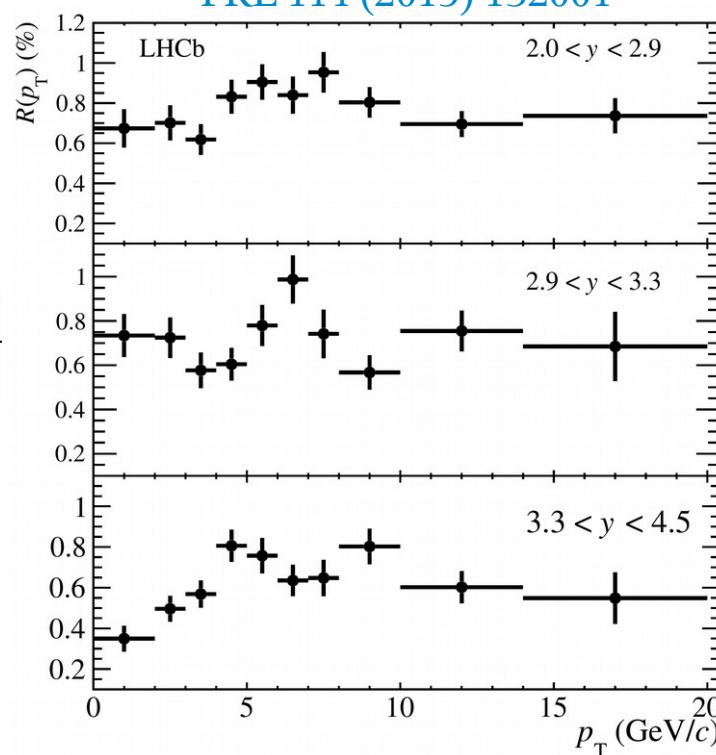
\*To be presented in detail in “Heavy quarks” dedicated session in the following days.  
Physics Plenary, A. Grecu

# LHCb Experimental Input to Generator Tuning

## Heavy Flavour Production

- Prompt  $c$ -hadrons ( $D^0$ ,  $D^+$ ,  $D_s^+$ ,  $D^{*+}$ ,  $\Lambda_c$ ) @ 7, 13 TeV
- $b$ -hadrons  
 $B^\pm$ ,  $B^0$ ,  $B_s^0$  @ 7 TeV  
 $B_c^+ : B^+$  @ 8 TeV
  - JHEP 04 (2012) 093
  - JHEP 08 (2013) 117
  - PRL 114 (2015) 132001
- ▶ Constrain parameters of  $b$  and  $c$  fragmentation functions

$$R(p_T, y) = \frac{N_{B_c^+}(p_T, y)}{N_{B^+}(p_T, y)} \frac{\epsilon_{B^+}(p_T, y)}{\epsilon_{B_c^+}(p_T, y)}$$



## Heavy Flavour – Associated Production

- Z boson + D meson @ 7 TeV JHEP 04 (2014) 091  
PLB 707 (2012) 52
- J/ $\psi$  pair @ 7 TeV JHEP 06 (2012) 141  
JHEP 07 (2016) 052
- Charmonium + open charm hadron @ 7 TeV
- $\Upsilon$  + open charm hadron @ 7 & 8 TeV
- Measurements support double parton scattering (DPS) production mechanisms over traditional single parton scattering (SPS) ones. Reference for validating implementation of DPS production mechanisms.

[blue dots – DPS, curves – SPS predictions]

