

Central exclusive production in LHCb

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QCD challenges in pp, pA and AA collisions at high energies

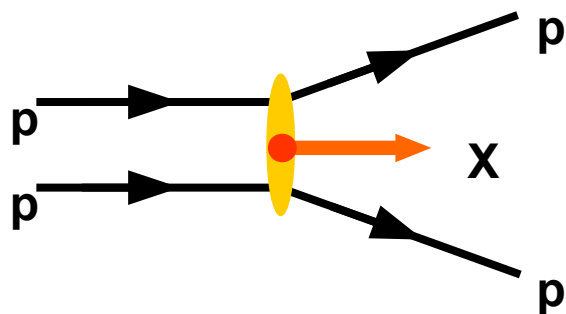
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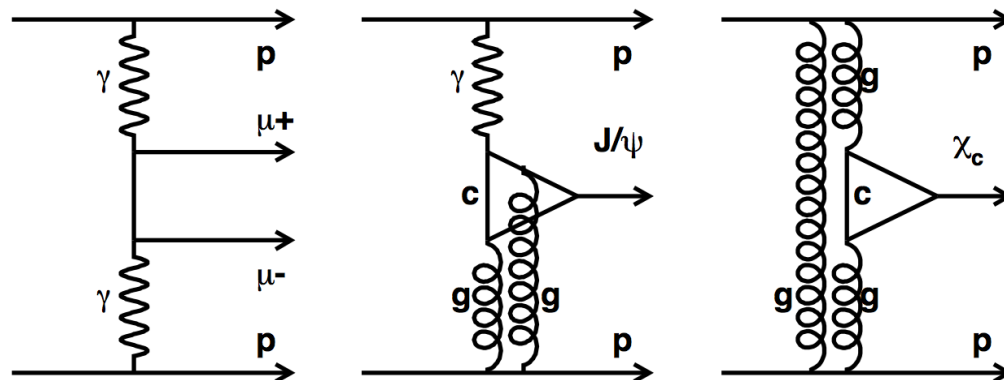


- **Motivation**
- **LHCb detector**
- **LHCb central exclusive production results**
 - J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$
 - Double charmonium
 - Non-resonant dimuon
 - χ_c

Central Exclusive Production (CEP)



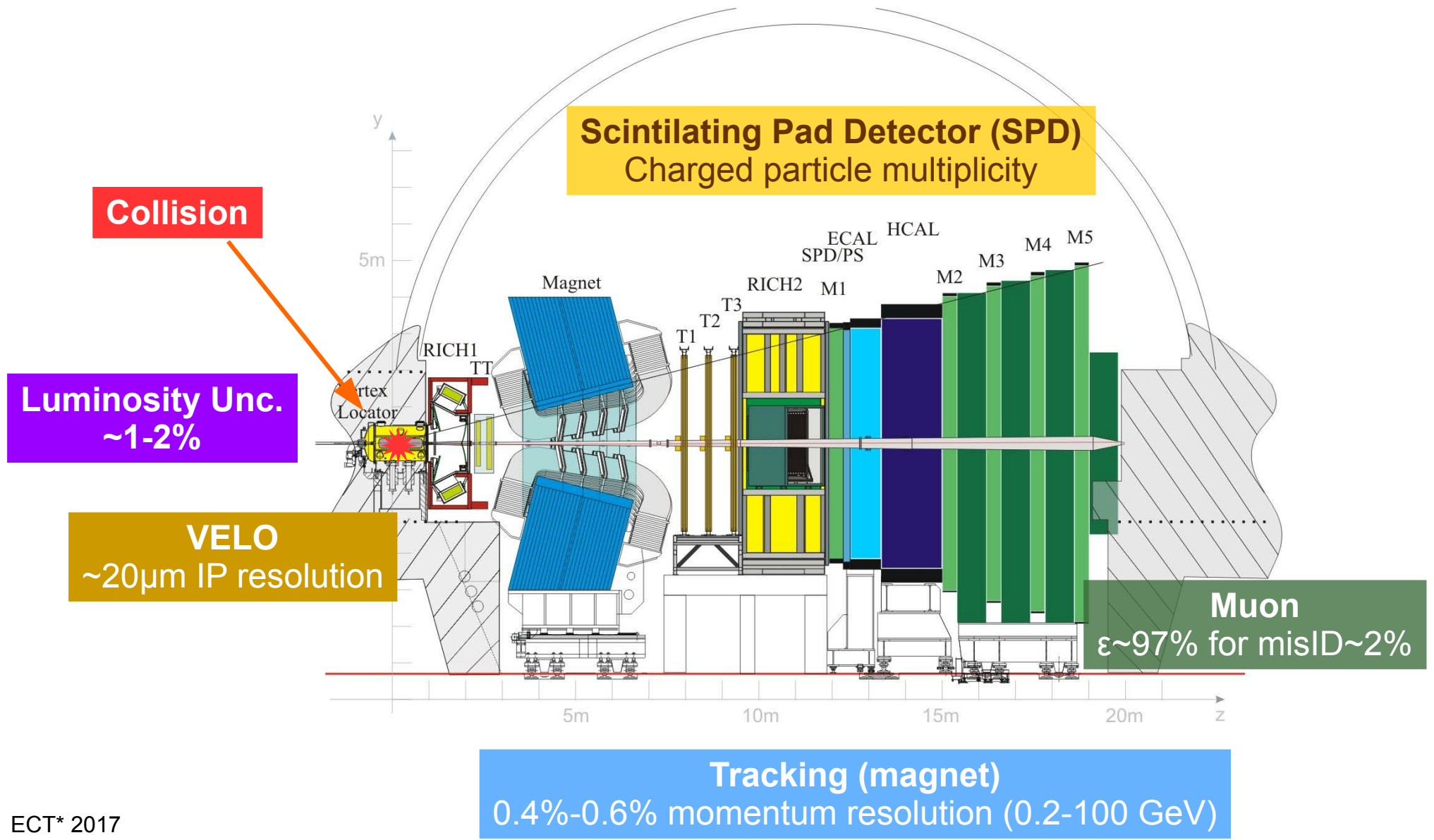
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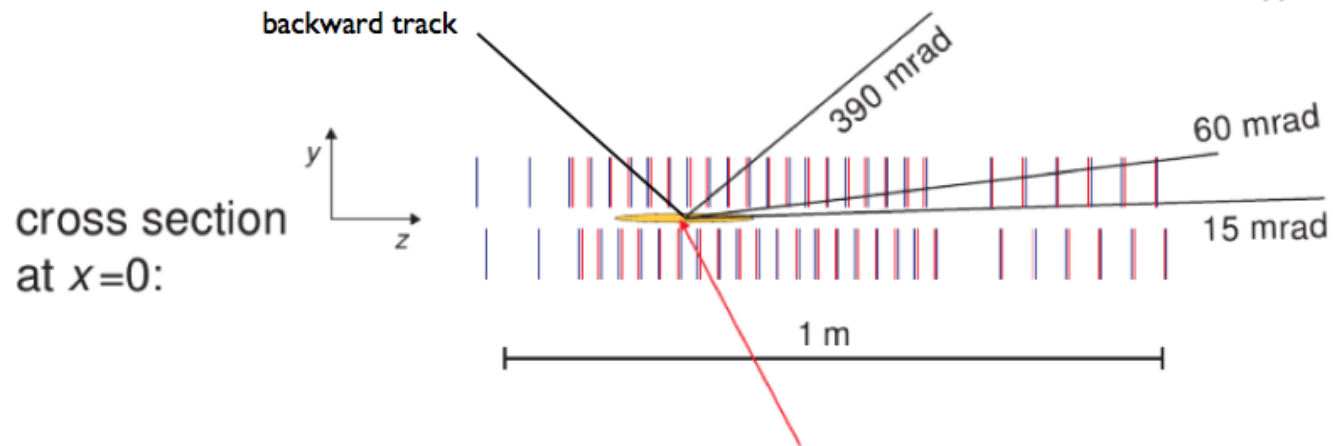


Motivation

- colorless object production (X) in a very clean environment: [theory vs data](#)
- understanding of [soft](#) → [hard](#) QCD scale
- [input](#) to phenomenological models: saturation, pomeron/oderon interaction, ...
- sensitive to [low-x](#) gluon density in the proton down to 5×10^{-6}

LHCb is a **single** arm spectrometer fully **instrumented** in the forward region ($2.0 < \eta < 5.0$)
Designed for heavy flavour physics \leftrightarrow **Explored** for general purpose physics

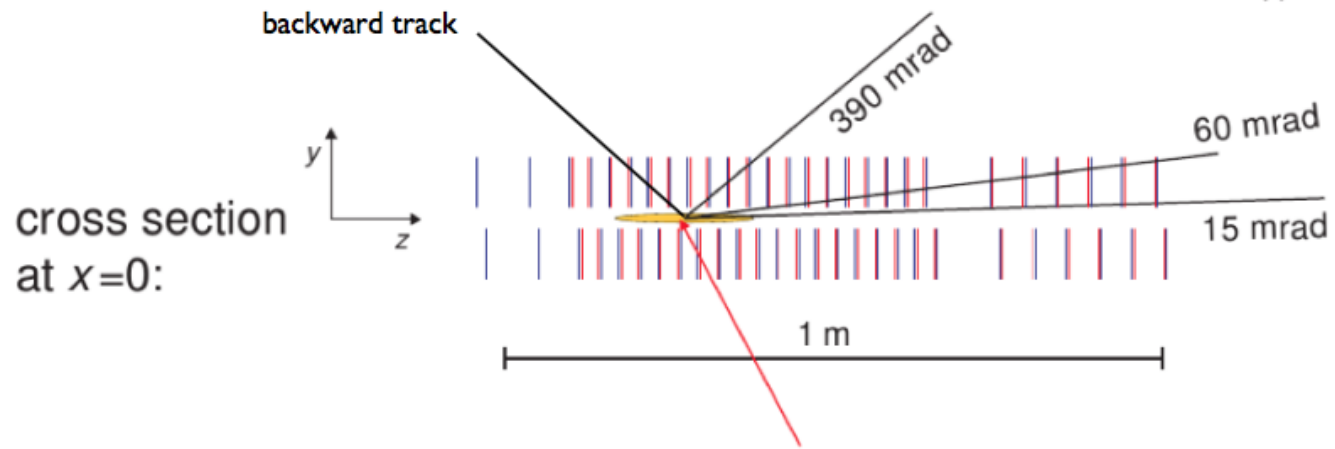




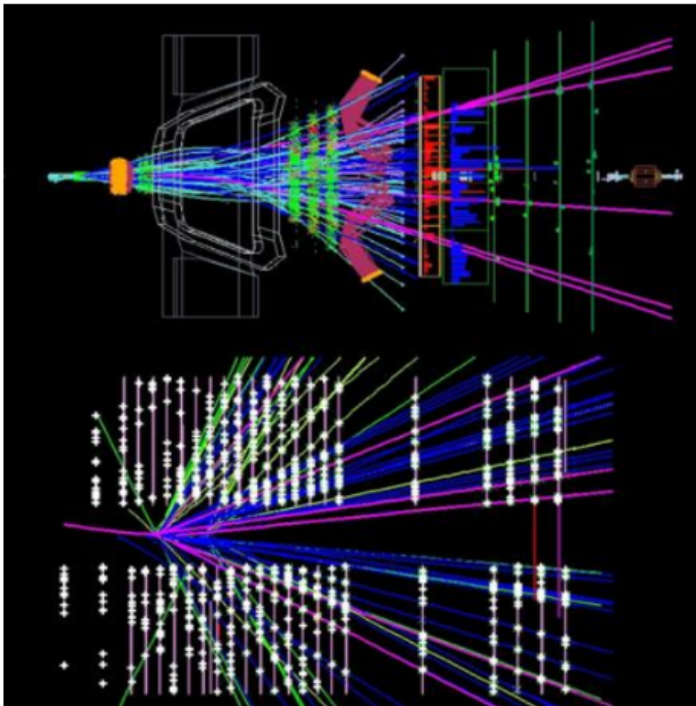
VELO

- surrounds the interaction point
- no magnetic field
- allows backward tracks ($-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$)

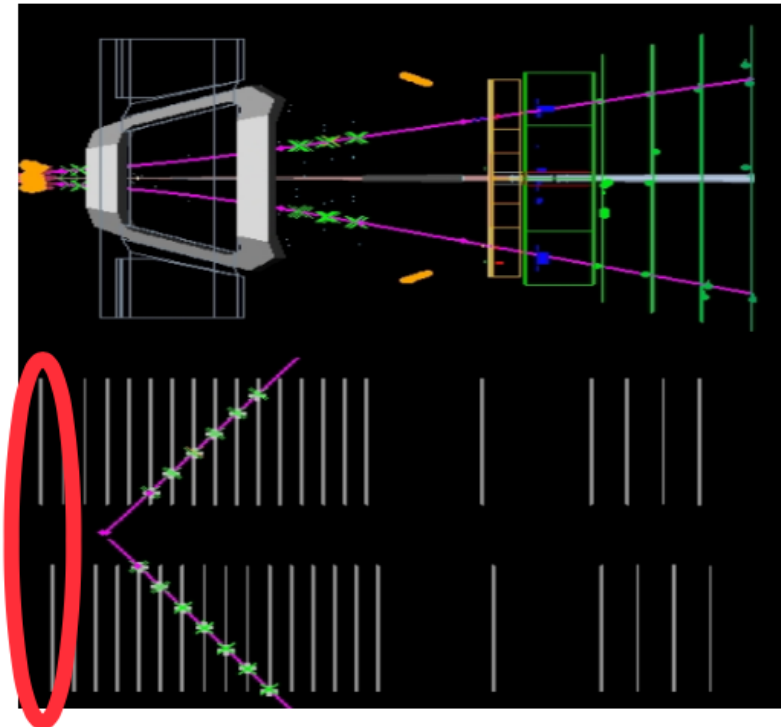




Typical Event

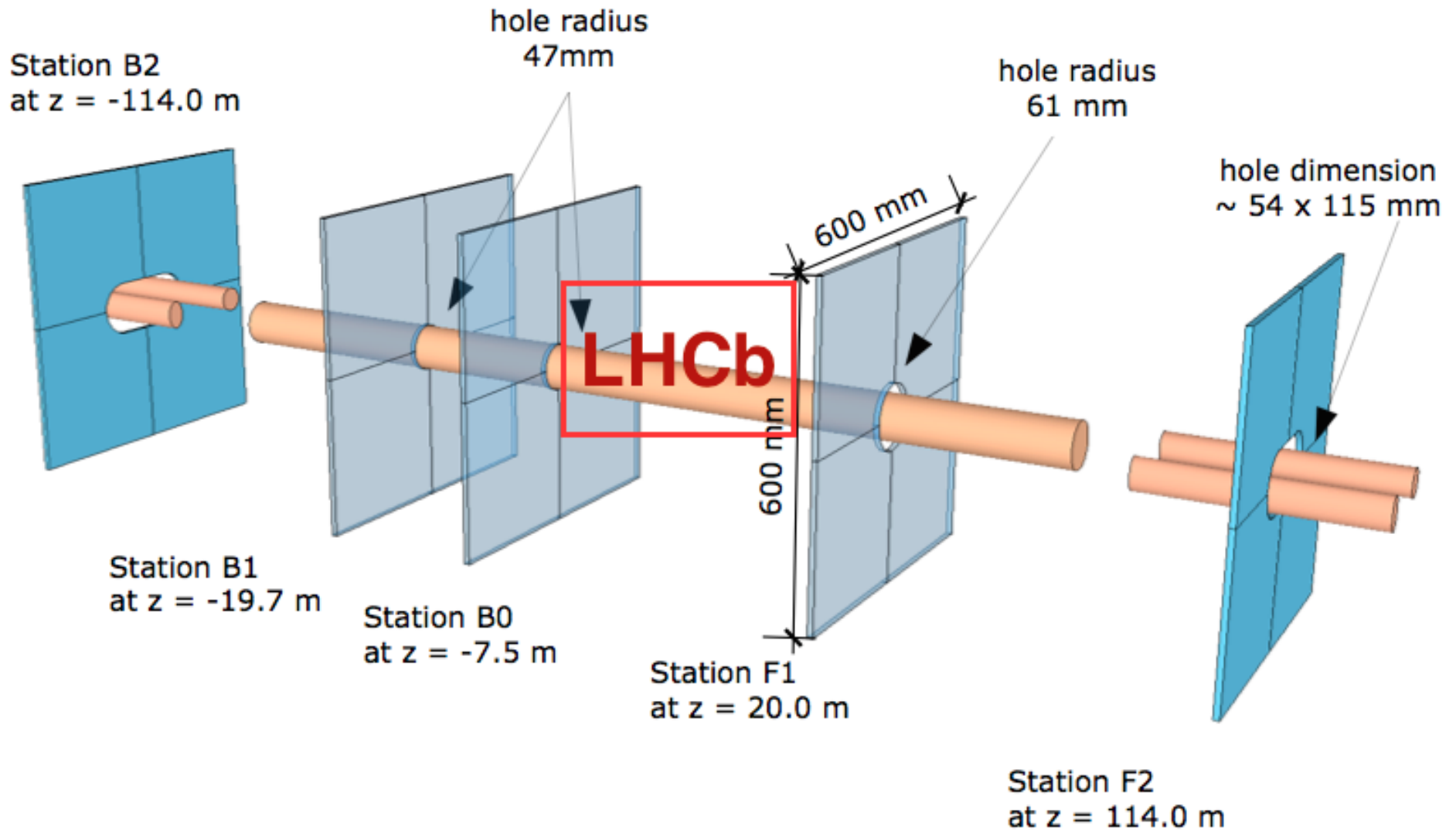


CEP-like event: 2muons



High Rapidity Shower Counters for LHCb – HERSCHEL

- installed at the end of 2014 → increase pseudorapidity coverage
- 5 stations with 4 scintillators with PMT
- able to detect forward particle showers and **veto** events with these

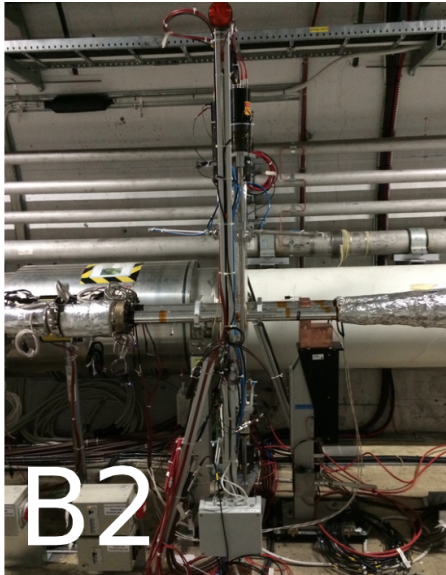


LHCb detector

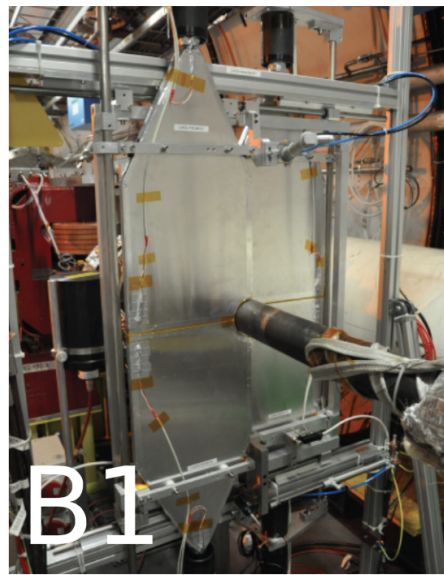
-114m

-19.7m

-7.5m



B2



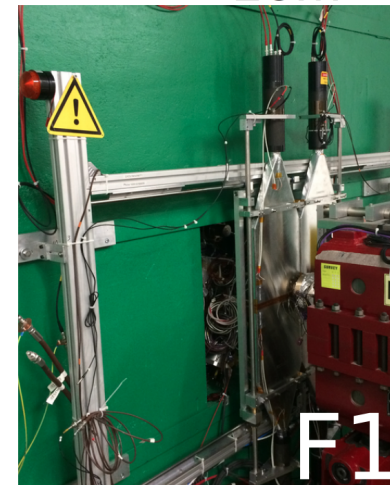
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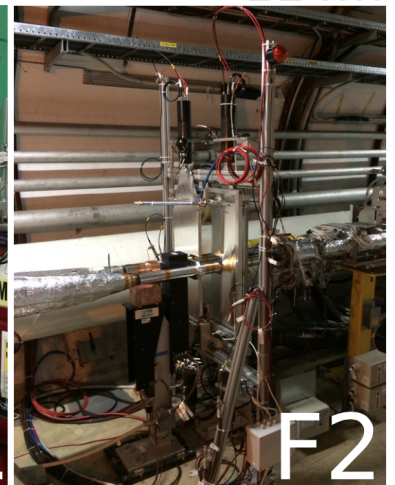
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20m

114m

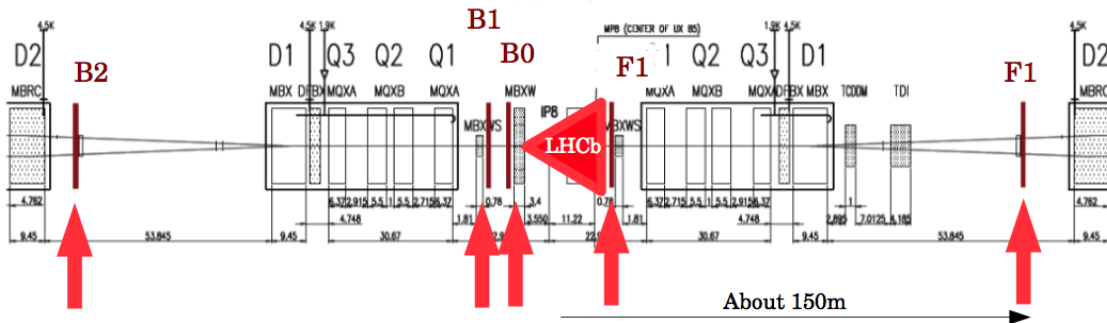


F1



F2

To get an idea on distances



Data used in the results presented in these slides:

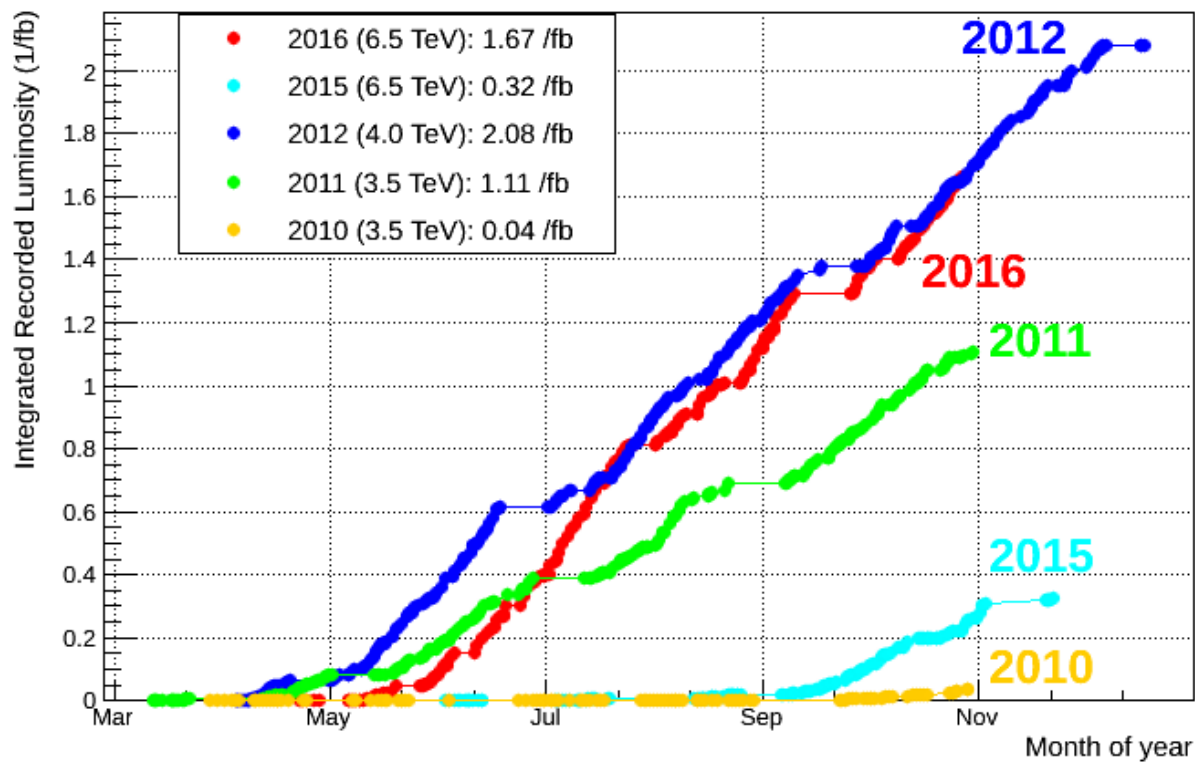
2010 → L=36/pb at 7 TeV

2011 → L=1/fb at 7 TeV

2012 → L=2/fb at 8 TeV

2015 → L=204/pb at 13 TeV

LHCb Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp, 2010-2016



Pile-up conditions

$$P(N) = e^{-\mu} \mu^N / N!$$

μ = average number of visible interactions

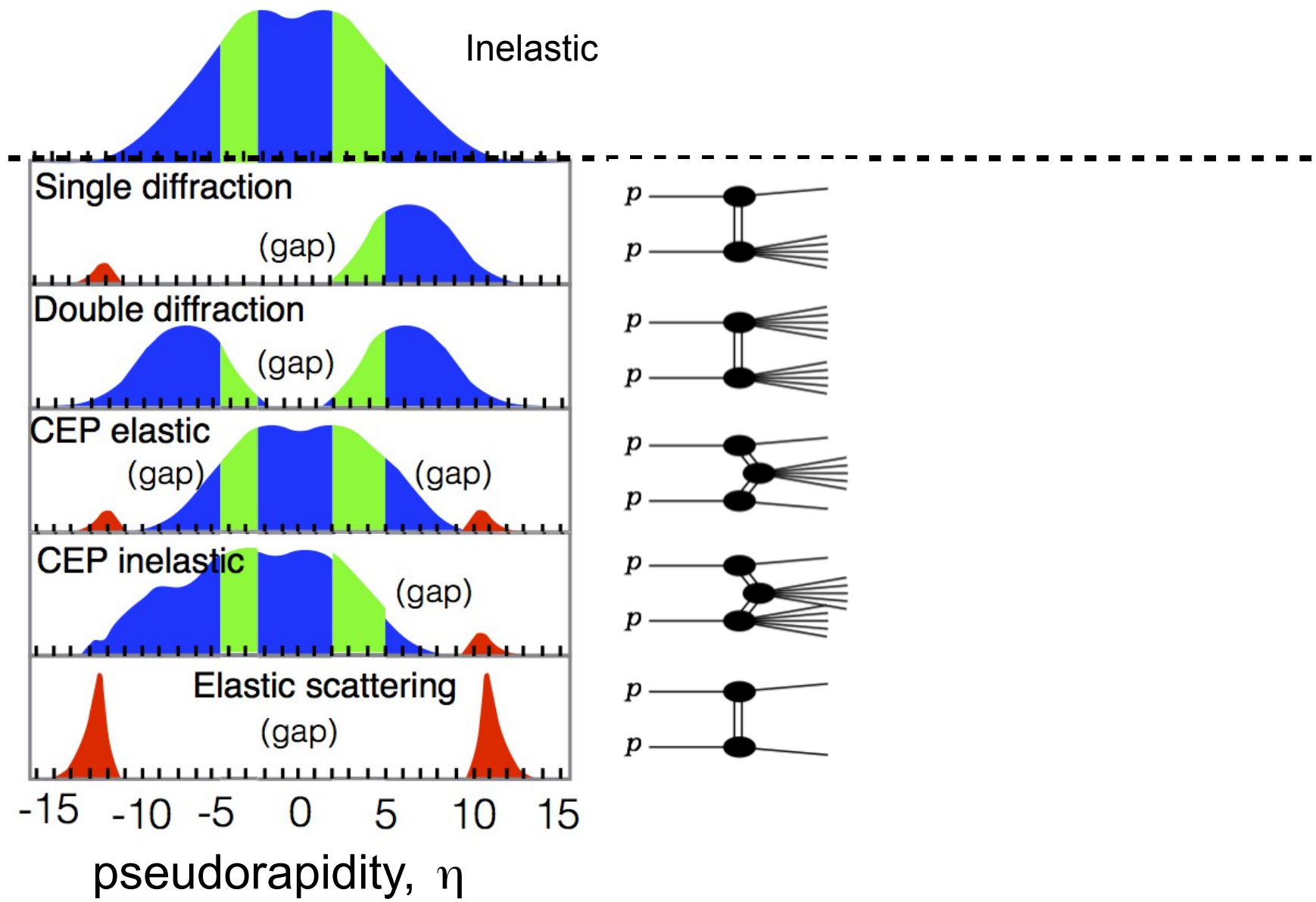
2010 → $\mu \sim 1.6$, $P(1) \sim 21\%$

2011 → $\mu \sim 1.4$, $P(1) \sim 25\%$

2012 → $\mu \sim 1.7$, $P(1) \sim 19\%$

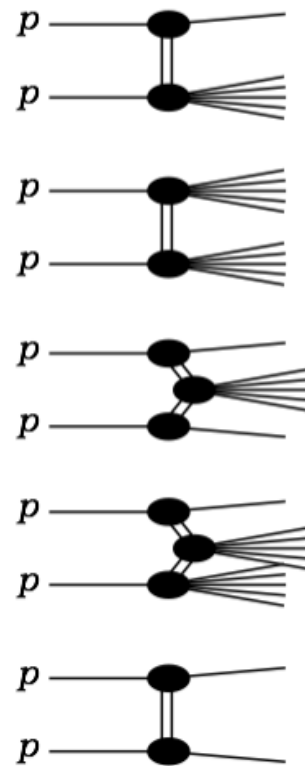
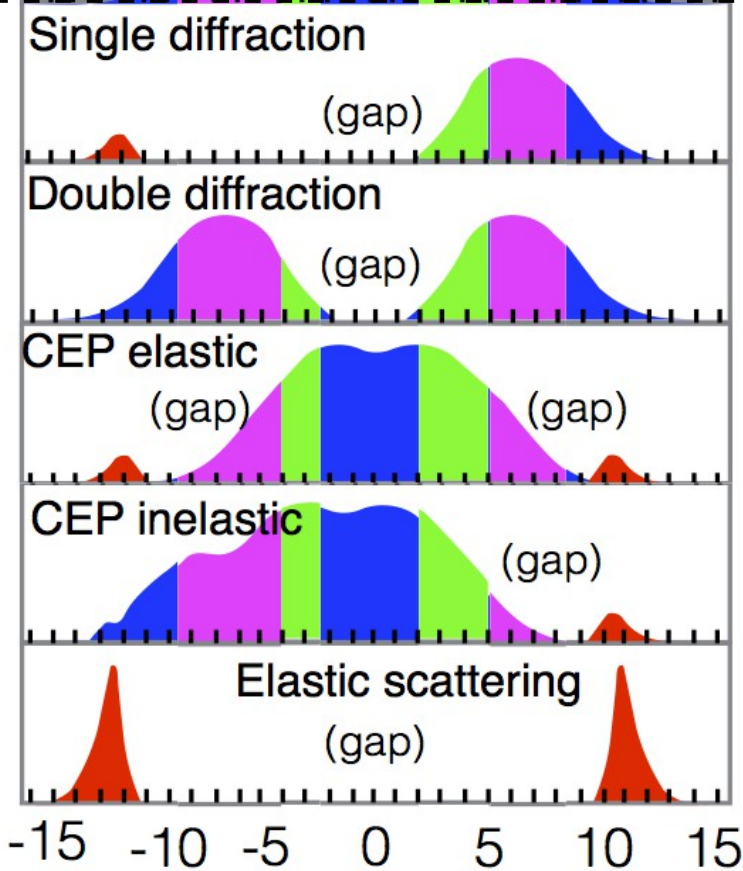
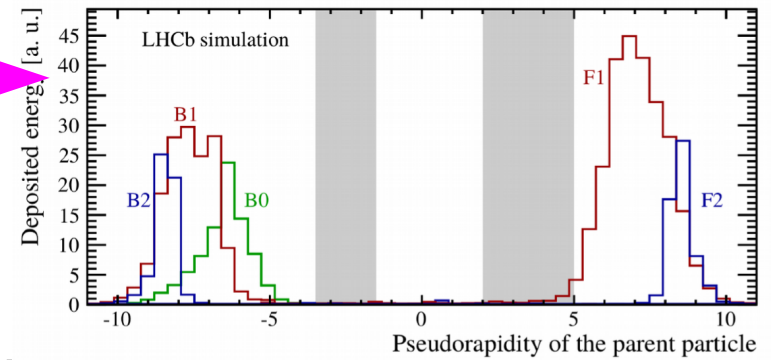
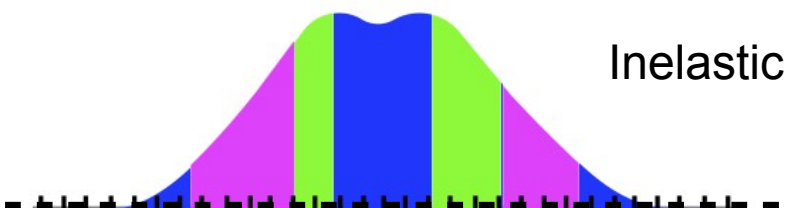
2015 → $\mu \sim 1.1$, $P(1) \sim 35\%$

 LHCb



Collision signatures at LHCb

LHCb
 HeRSChelL

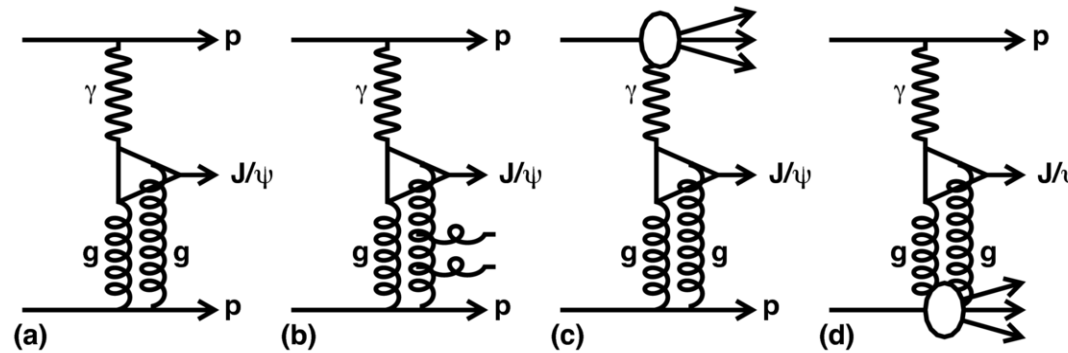


pseudorapidity, η

General Strategy

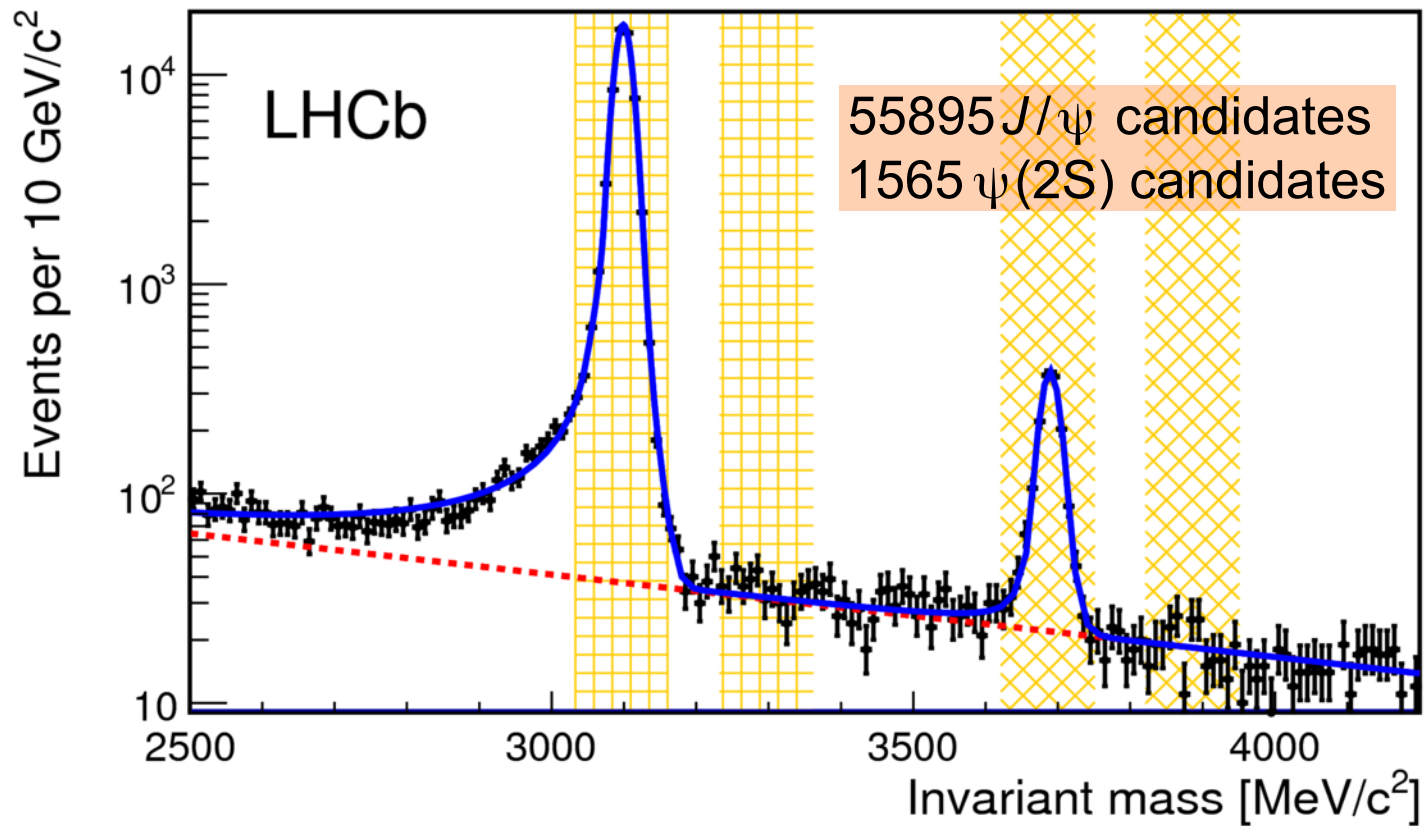
- LHCb has no proton tag detectors
 - use regions void of particle production (gaps)
- **Trigger** on low multiplicity events
 - using SPD and/or tracks (future results will use Herschel at Run-II)
- **Select candidate** and no other activity in the detector
 - Detector acceptance: $2.0 < \eta(\text{track}) < 4.5$
 - Require no backward tracks: $-1.5 < \eta < -3.5$ (+Herschel at Run-II)
- **Backgrounds** :
 - feed-down: if X object is a resonance, it could be a decay product of Y
 - Ex: In J/ψ CEP: $\chi_c^0 \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$
 - inelastic (proton dissociation): p_T^2 distribution is used to fit CEP and non-CEP
 - other diffractive production: estimated with event generators

2011 dataset with $L=1/\text{fb}$



Signal fit – Crystal-Ball function (ad-hoc asymmetric function)

Background fit - exponential

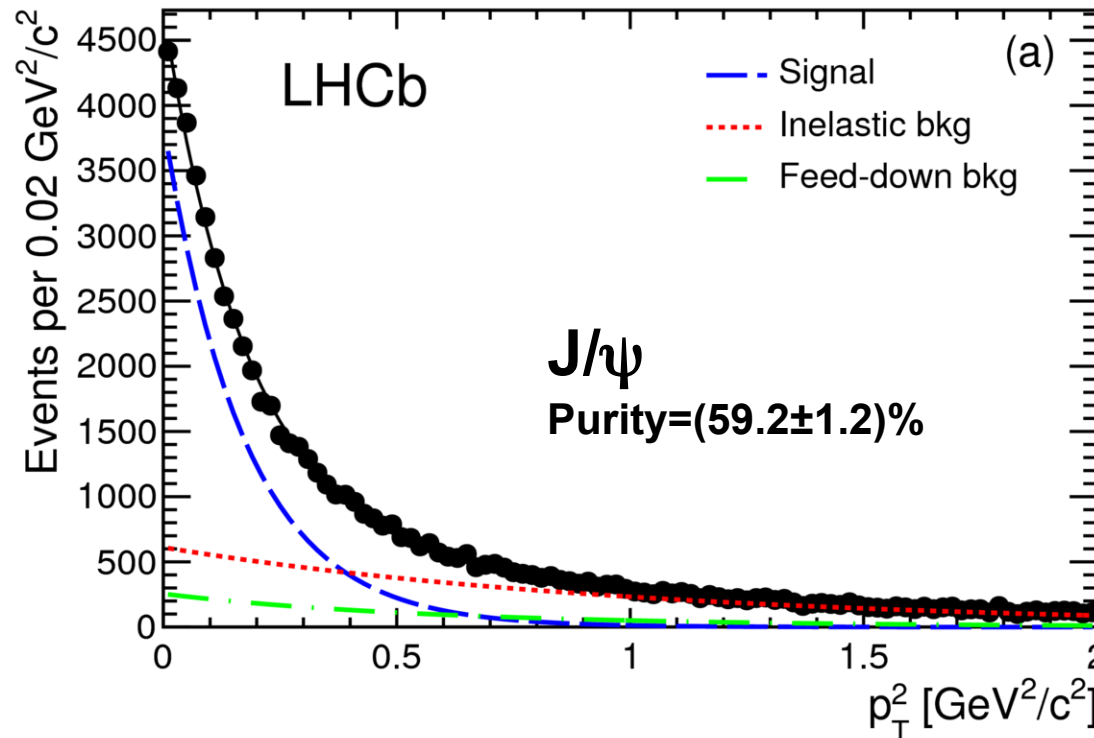


Template fit to data

- **Inelastic background**: exponential (HERA extrapolation $b_{in} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$)
- **Feed-down** background: data driven from reconstructed decays
- **Signal**: exponential (HERA $b_{el} \sim 6 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$)

- J/ψ feed-down: $(\chi_{c0}, \chi_{c1}, \chi_{c2}), \psi(2S)$
- ψ(2S) feed-down: $X(3872), \chi_c(2P)$

$$f_{el} e^{-b_{el} p_T^2} + f_{in} e^{-b_{in} p_T^2} + f_{fd} \mathcal{P}_{fd}(p_T^2)$$



background fractions
 feed-down 10.1%
 inelastic 49.1%

$$b_{el} = 5.70 \pm 0.11 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

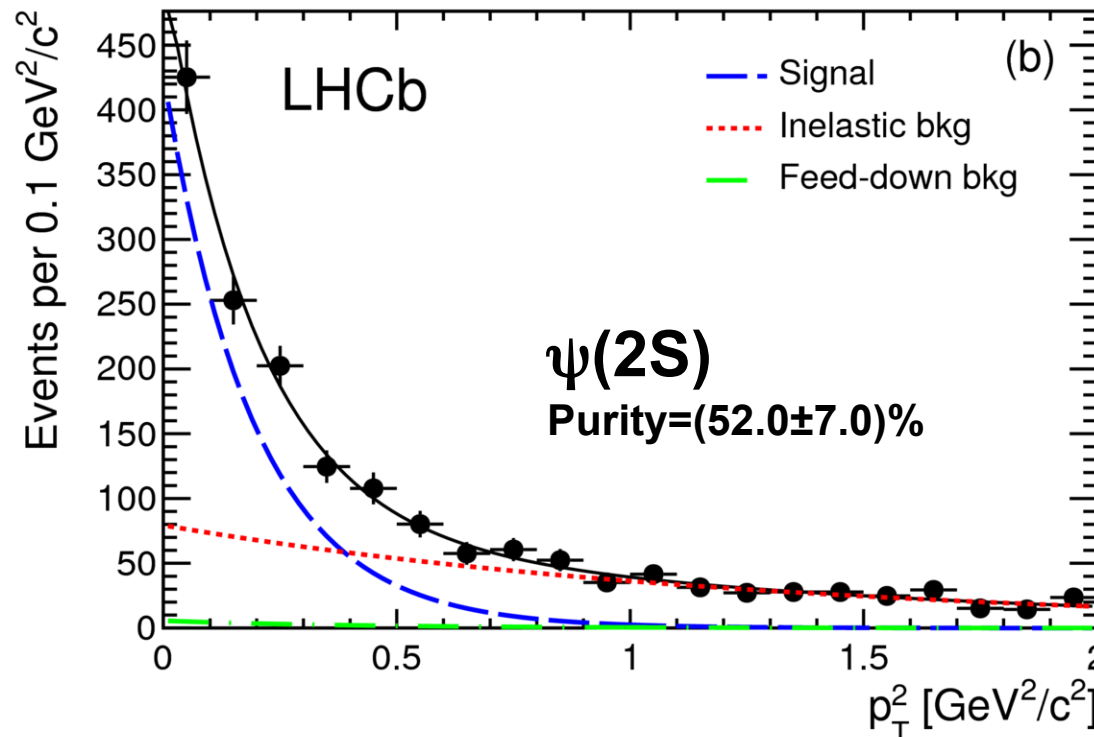
$$b_{in} = 0.97 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

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background fractions
 feed-down 2.0%
 inelastic 36.0%

$$b_{el} = 5.1 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$b_{in} = 0.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Cross-section measurement

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dy}\right)_i = \frac{\rho N_i}{A_i \epsilon_i \Delta y (\epsilon_{\text{single}} L)}$$

For each bin i , we have

→ N_i is the number of candidates

→ ρ is the purity

→ A_i is the acceptance

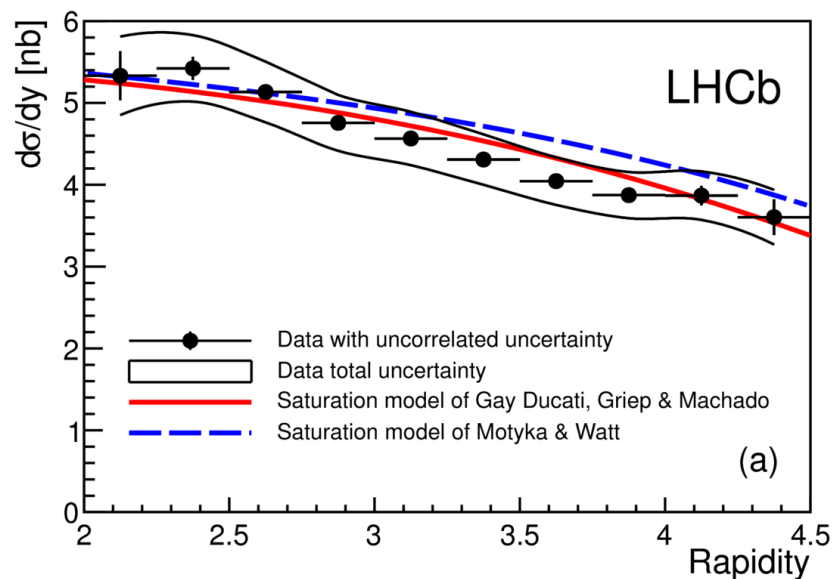
→ Δy is the bin width

→ L is the integrate luminosity

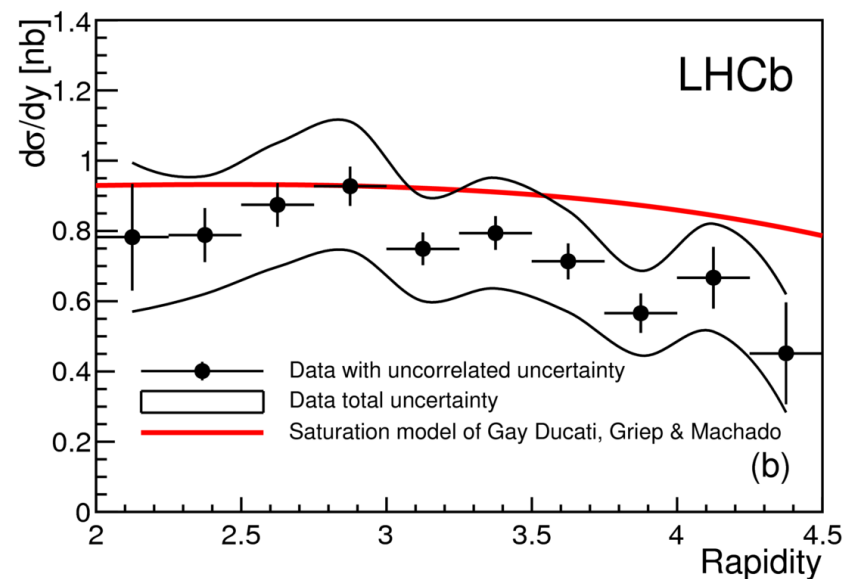
→ ϵ_i is the efficiency for selecting single interaction events

Correlated uncertainties expressed as a percentage of the final result

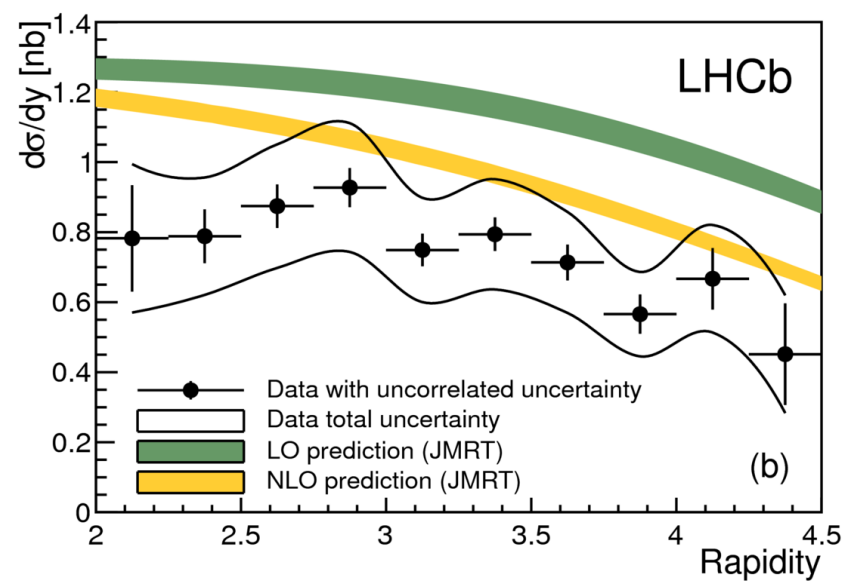
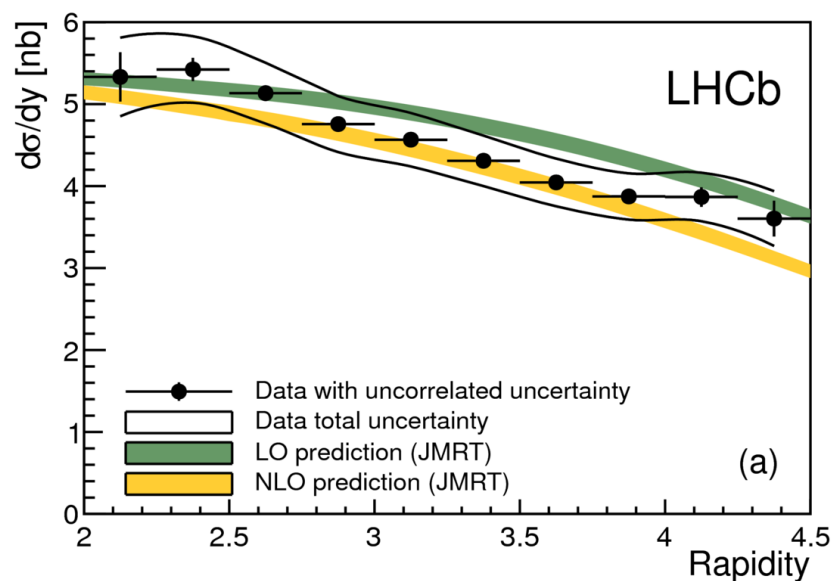
ϵ_{sel}	1.4%
→ Purity determination (J/ψ)	2.0%
→ Purity determination ($\psi(2S)$)	13.0%
* ϵ_{single}	1.0%
* Acceptance	2.0%
* Shape of the inelastic background	5.0%
* Luminosity	3.5%

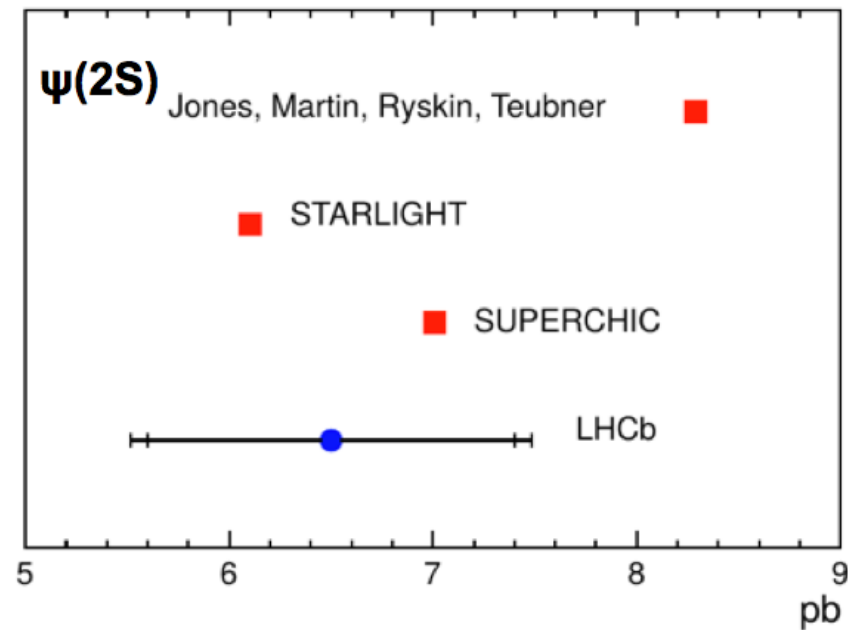
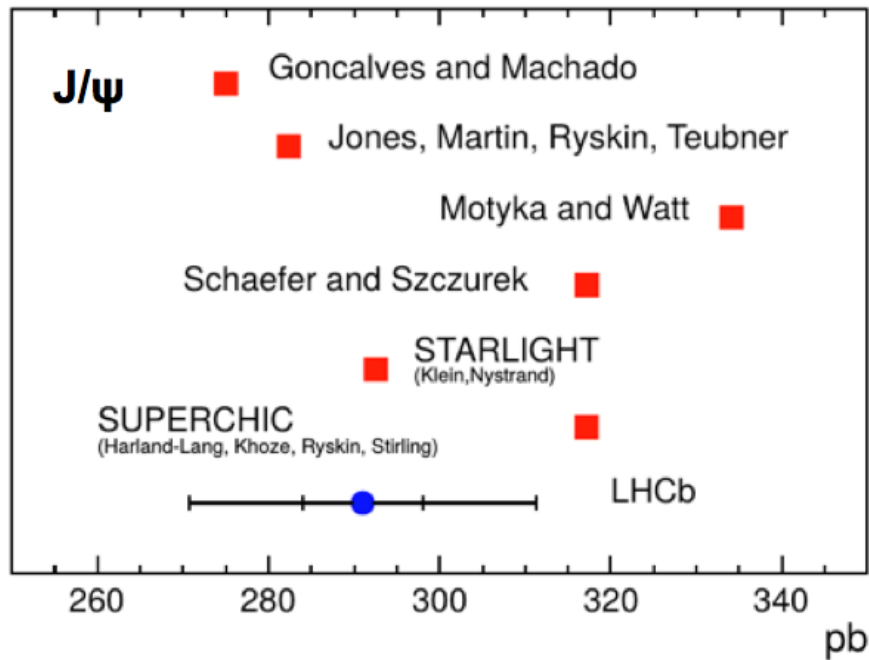


J/ψ



$\psi(2S)$





Cross section times BF to two muons with $2.0 < \eta < 4.5$

$$\sigma(J/\psi) = 291 \pm 7(\text{stat}) \pm 19(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(\psi(2S)) = 6.5 \pm 0.9(\text{stat}) \pm 0.4(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

in good agreement with predictions

G&M: Phys. Rev. C84 (2011) 011902
 JRMT: JHEP 1311 (2013) 085
 M&W: Phys. Rev. D78 (2008) 014023
 Sch&S: Phys. Rev. D76 (2007) 094014
 Starlight: Phys. Rev. Lett. 92 (2004) 142003
 Superchic: Eur. Phys. J. C65 (2010) 433

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{pp \rightarrow pJ/\psi p} = r_+ k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W_+) + r_- k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W_-)$$

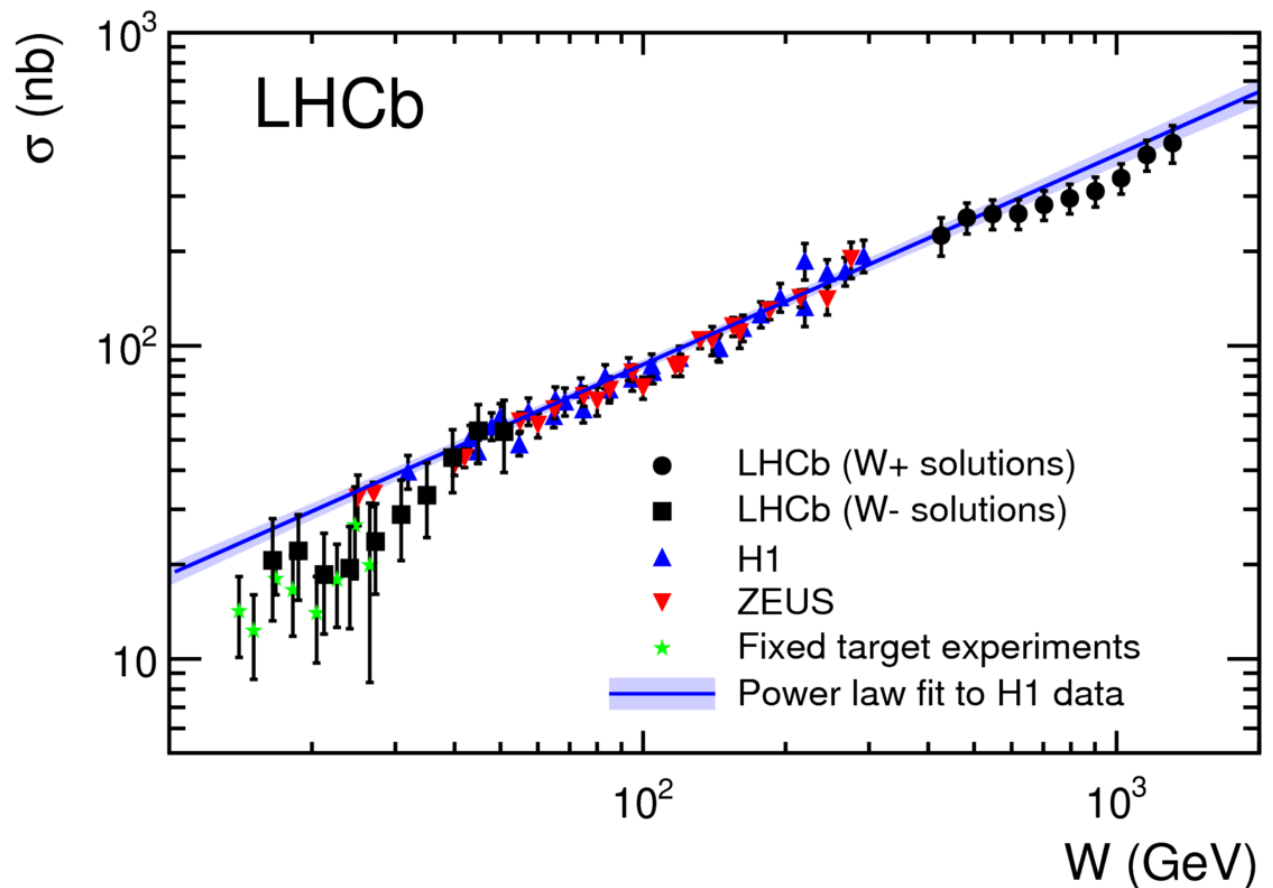
dn/dk_{\pm} are photon fluxes for photons of energy $k_{\pm} \approx (M_{J/\psi}/2) \exp(\pm|y|)$

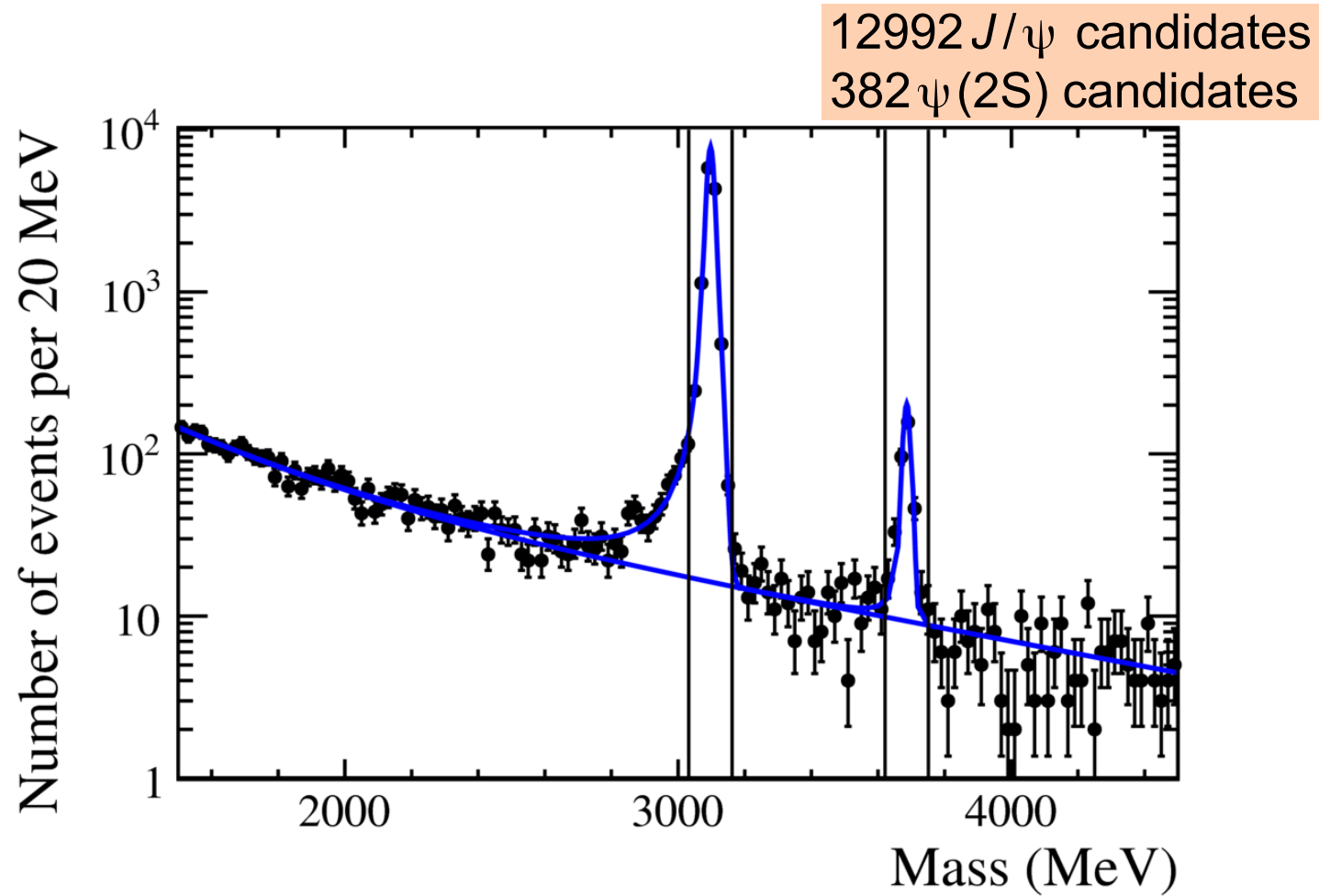
$(W_{\pm})^2 = 2k_{\pm}\sqrt{s}$, and r_{\pm} are absorptive corrections

Assuming HERA result for W_+

$$\sigma(W) = 81 (W/90 \text{ GeV})^{0.67} \text{ nb}$$

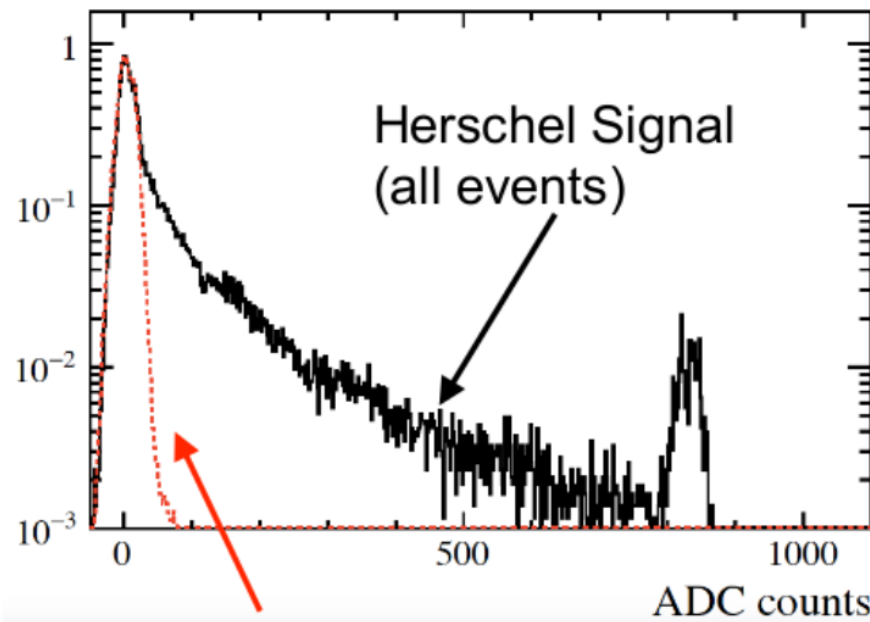
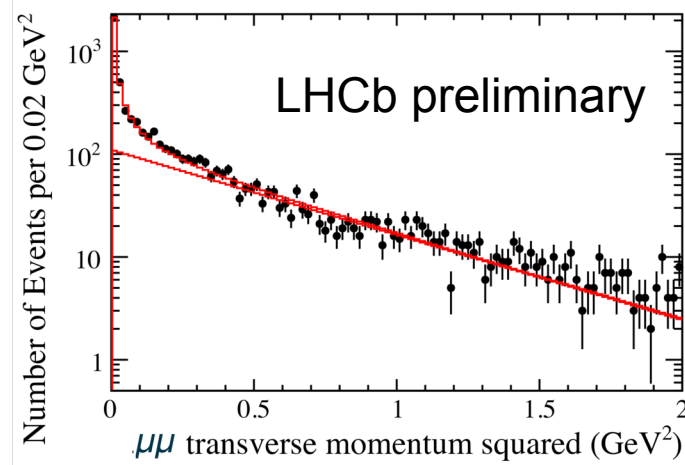
one can obtain $\sigma(W_-)$
and vice-versa



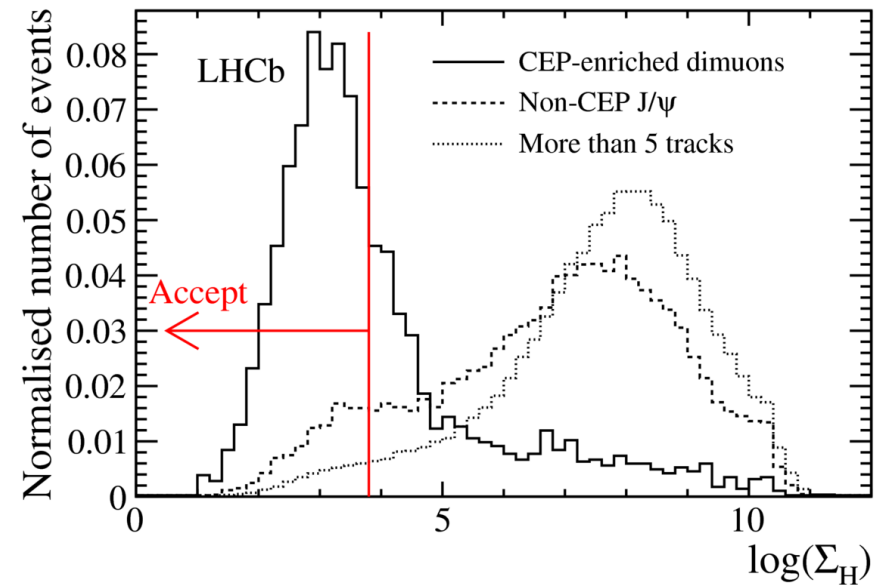
2015 dataset with $L=204/\text{pb}$ 

Herschel requirement

Using **non-resonant DiMuon events**, high multiplicity and high p_T J/ψ



Herschel Pedestal (including spillover)



Log of the quadratic sum of the normalized signals in each of the 20 channels

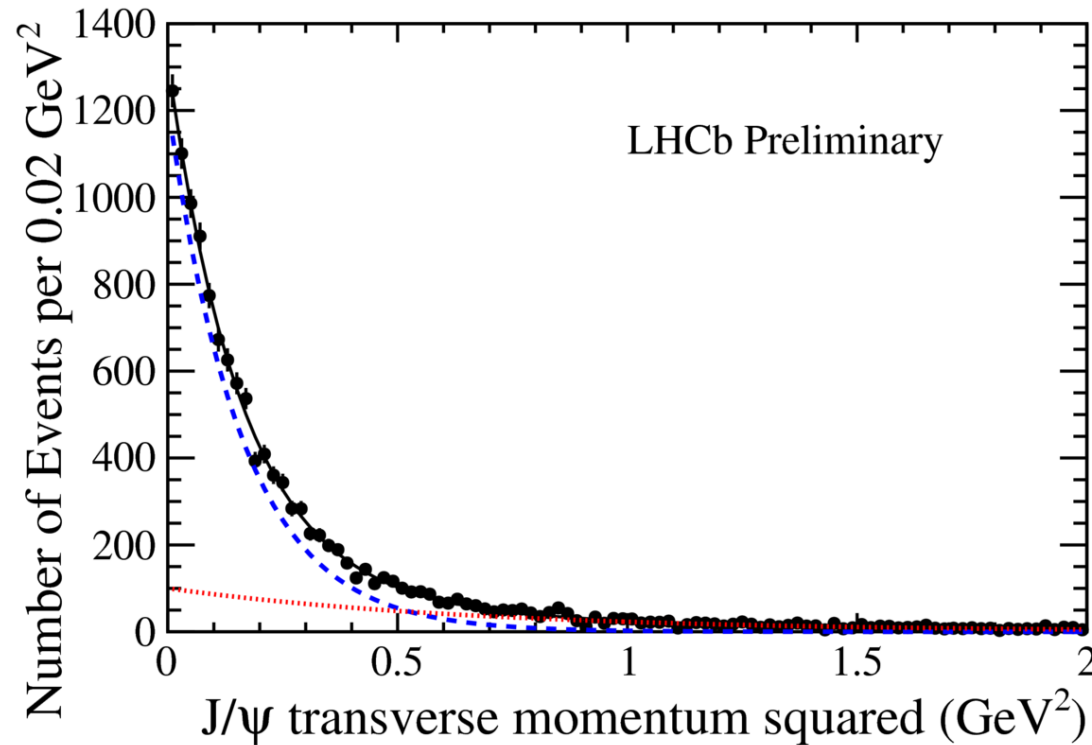
Background fractions

Non-resonant estimated from DiMuon mass $\rightarrow 0.009$

Feed-down estimated using data $\rightarrow 0.059$ (compared to 0.101 at 7 TeV)

Proton dissociation extracted from fit to p_T^2 after subtracting non-resonant and feed-down background

$$f_{el} b_s \exp(-b_s p_T^2) + (1 - f_{el}) b_b \exp(-b_b p_T^2)$$



$$b_s = 6.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad b_b = 1.5 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad f_{el} = 0.805 \pm 0.027$$

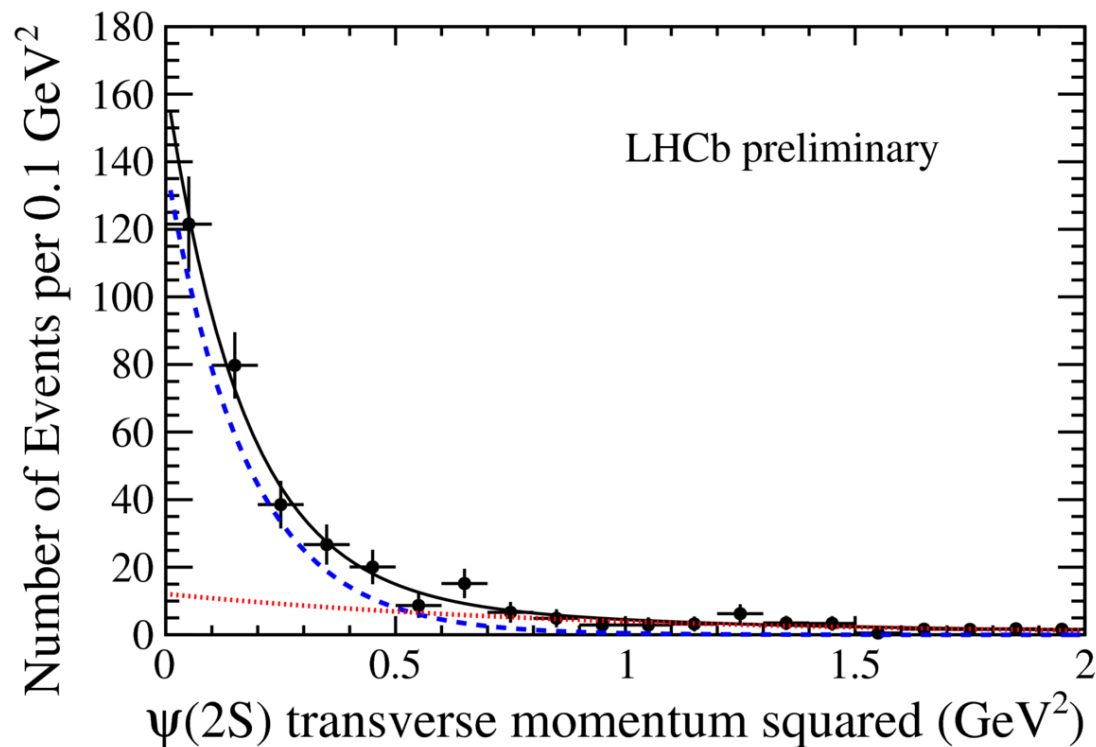
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Non-resonant estimated from DiMuon mass $\rightarrow 0.175$

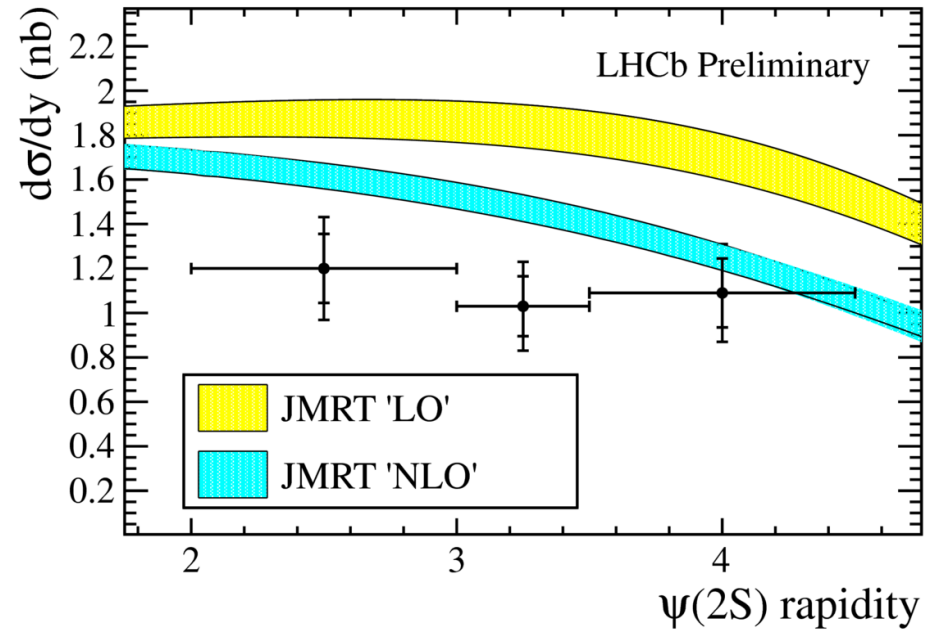
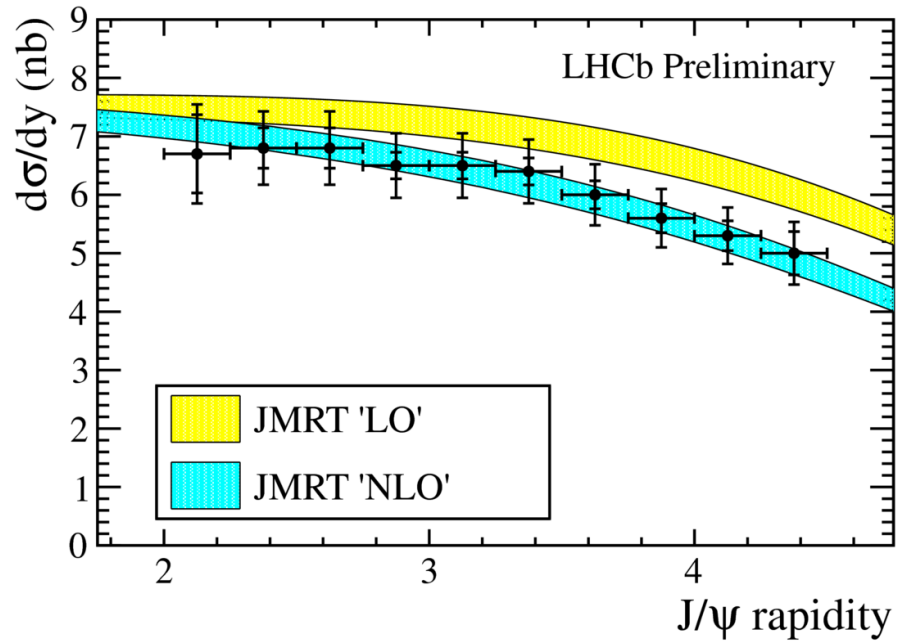
Feed-down neglected in this preliminary result

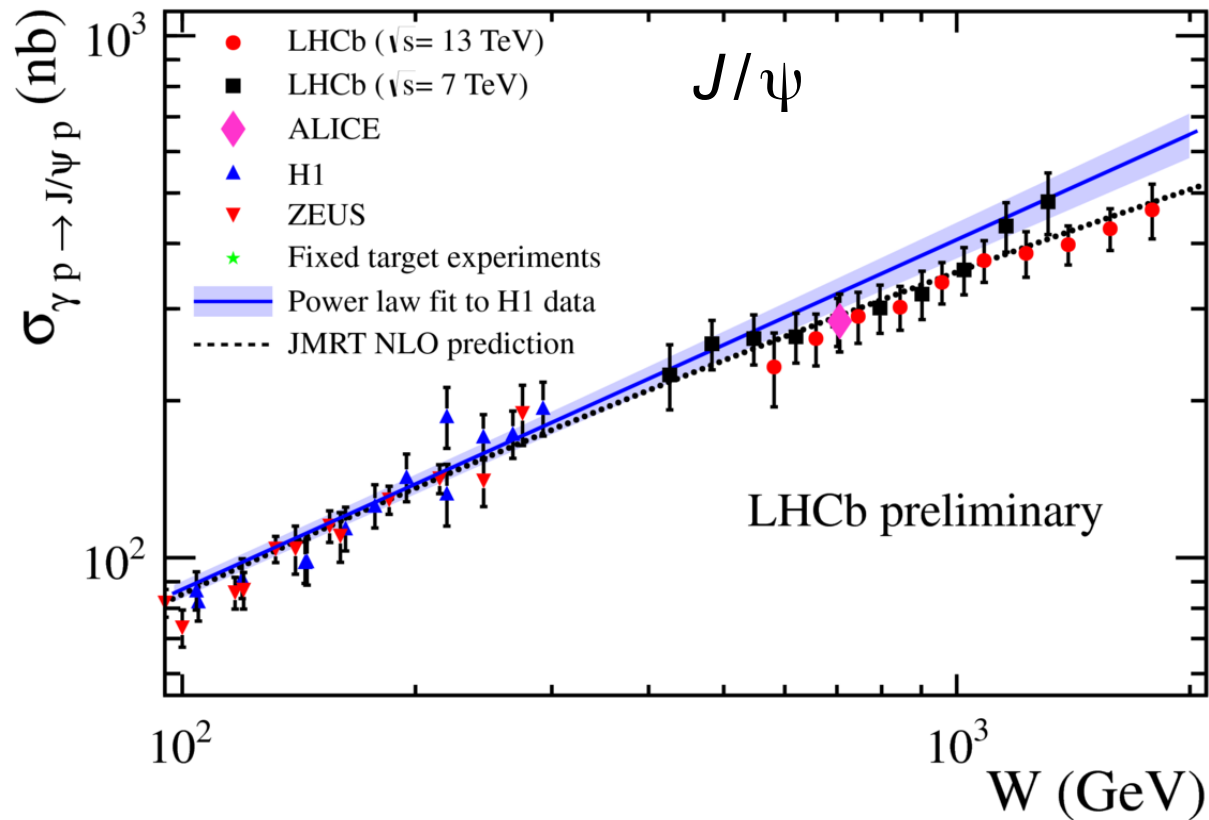
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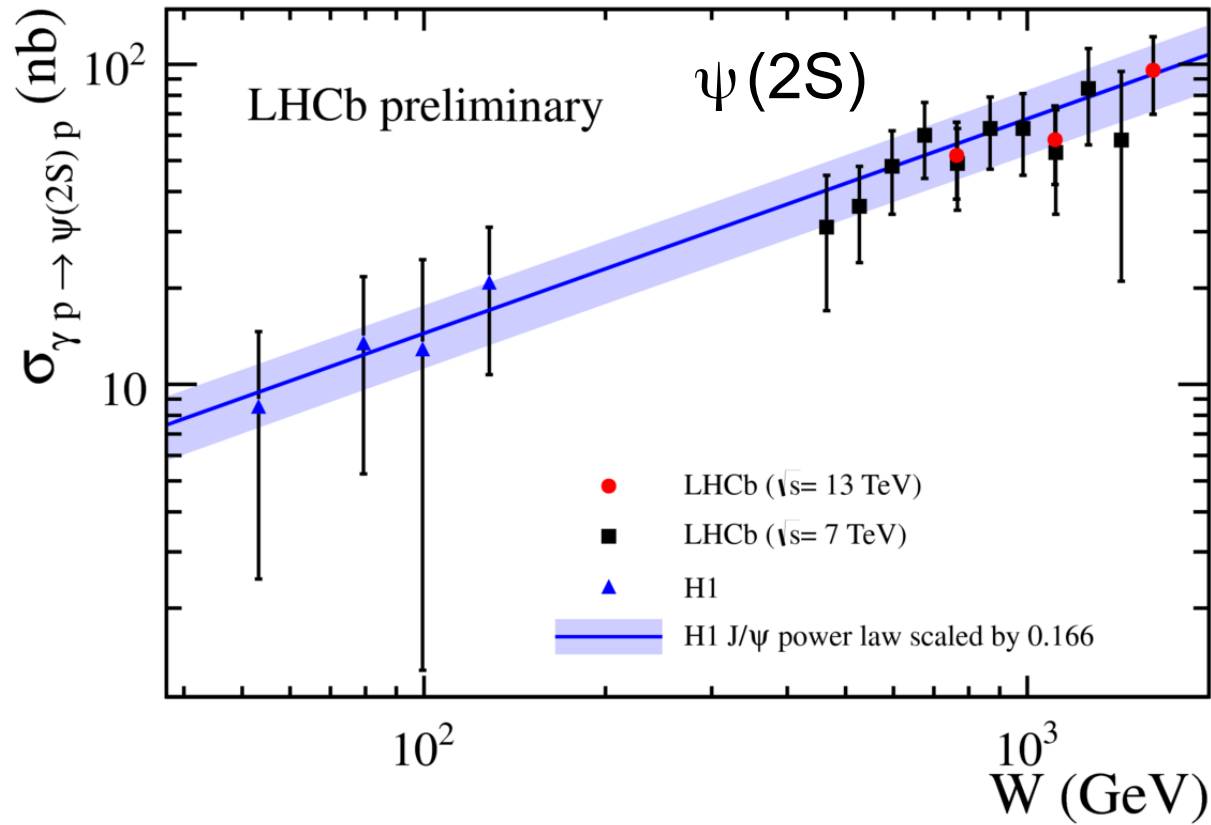


$$b_s = 5.7 \pm 1.0 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad b_b = 1.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \quad f_{el} = 0.79 \pm 0.13$$



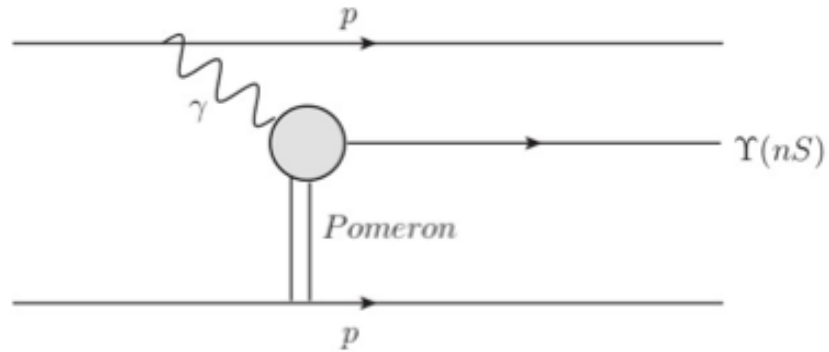


7 and 13 TeV results are in agreement
 Power-law fit is not sufficient to explain data
 Good agreement with JMRT NLO

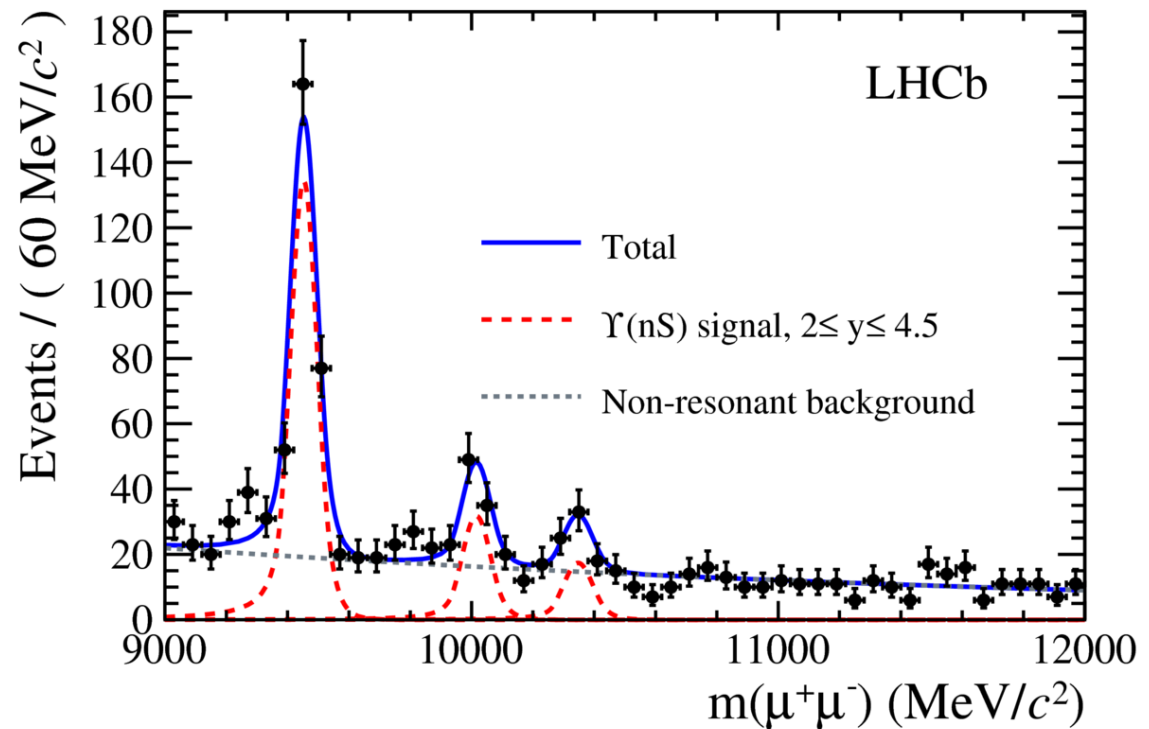


Only W_+ solution possible
 Good agreement with H1 extrapolation

Run-I data set $L=1/\text{fb}$ at 7 TeV and $L=2/\text{fb}$ at 8 TeV



+ Analysis strategy similar to J/ψ



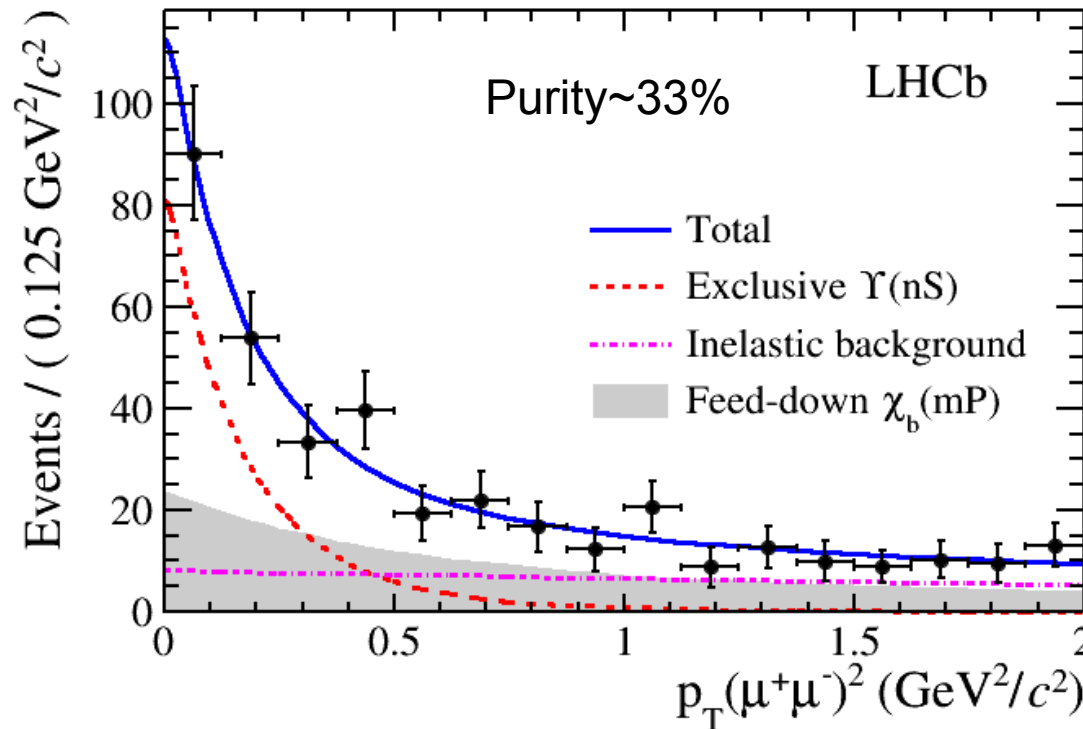
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Feed-down estimated using simulation and data input $\chi_b \rightarrow \Upsilon + \gamma$

Proton dissociation extracted from fit to p_T^2 using sWeights

Signal template is obtained from SuperChiC



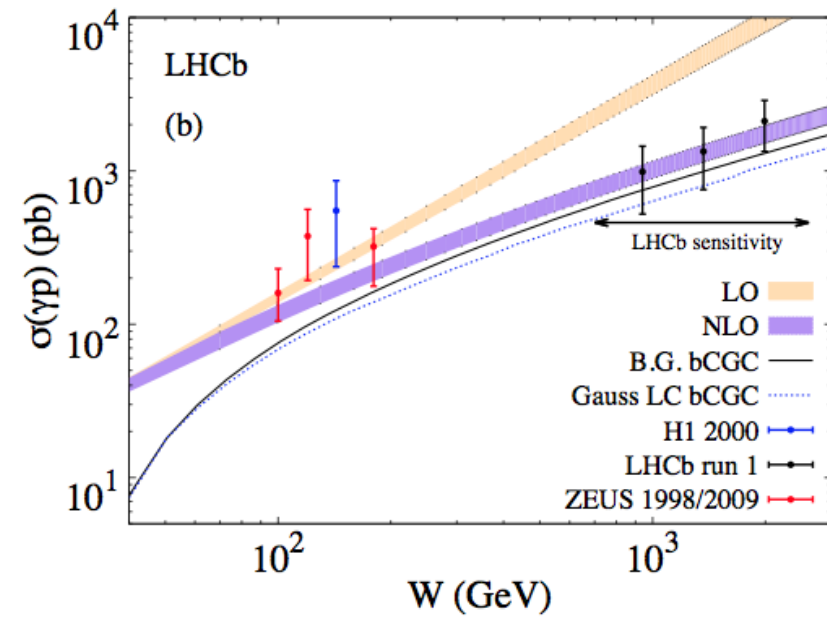
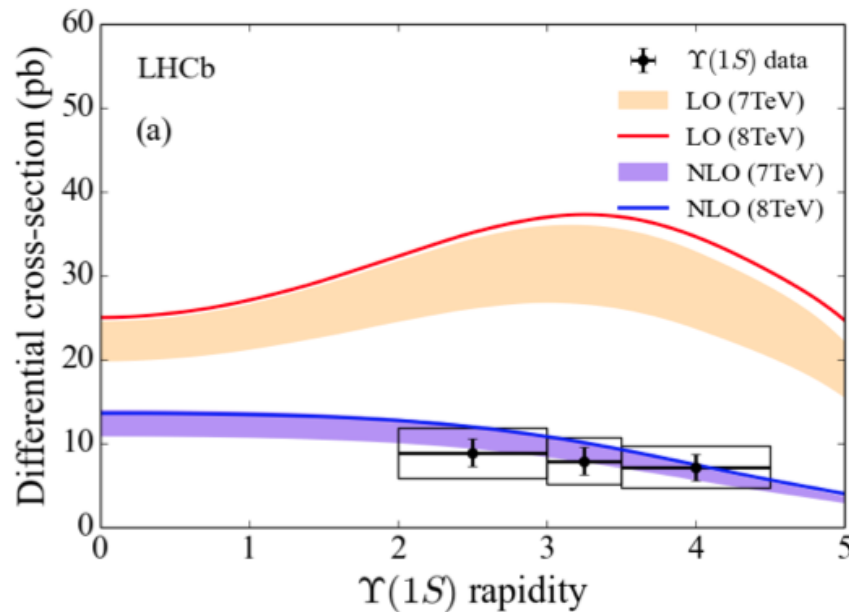
background fractions

feed-down 39%

inelastic 28%

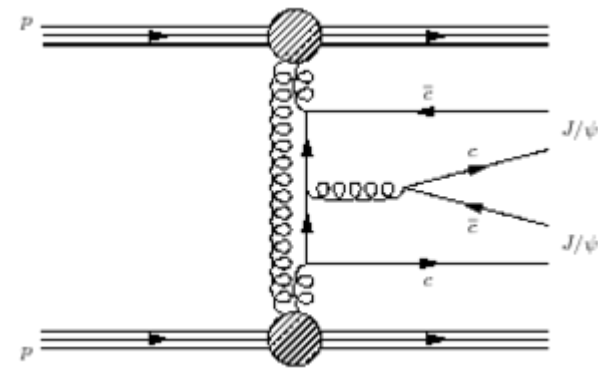
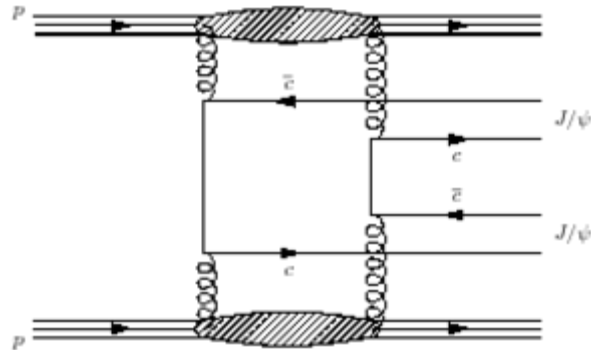
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow p\Upsilon(1S)p) = 9.0 \pm 2.1 \pm 1.7 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow p\Upsilon(2S)p) = 1.3 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.3 \text{ pb}$$



Rapidity dependence in agreement with NLO calculation

Photon-proton cross-section extrapolated from measurement can be compared with different phenomenological models



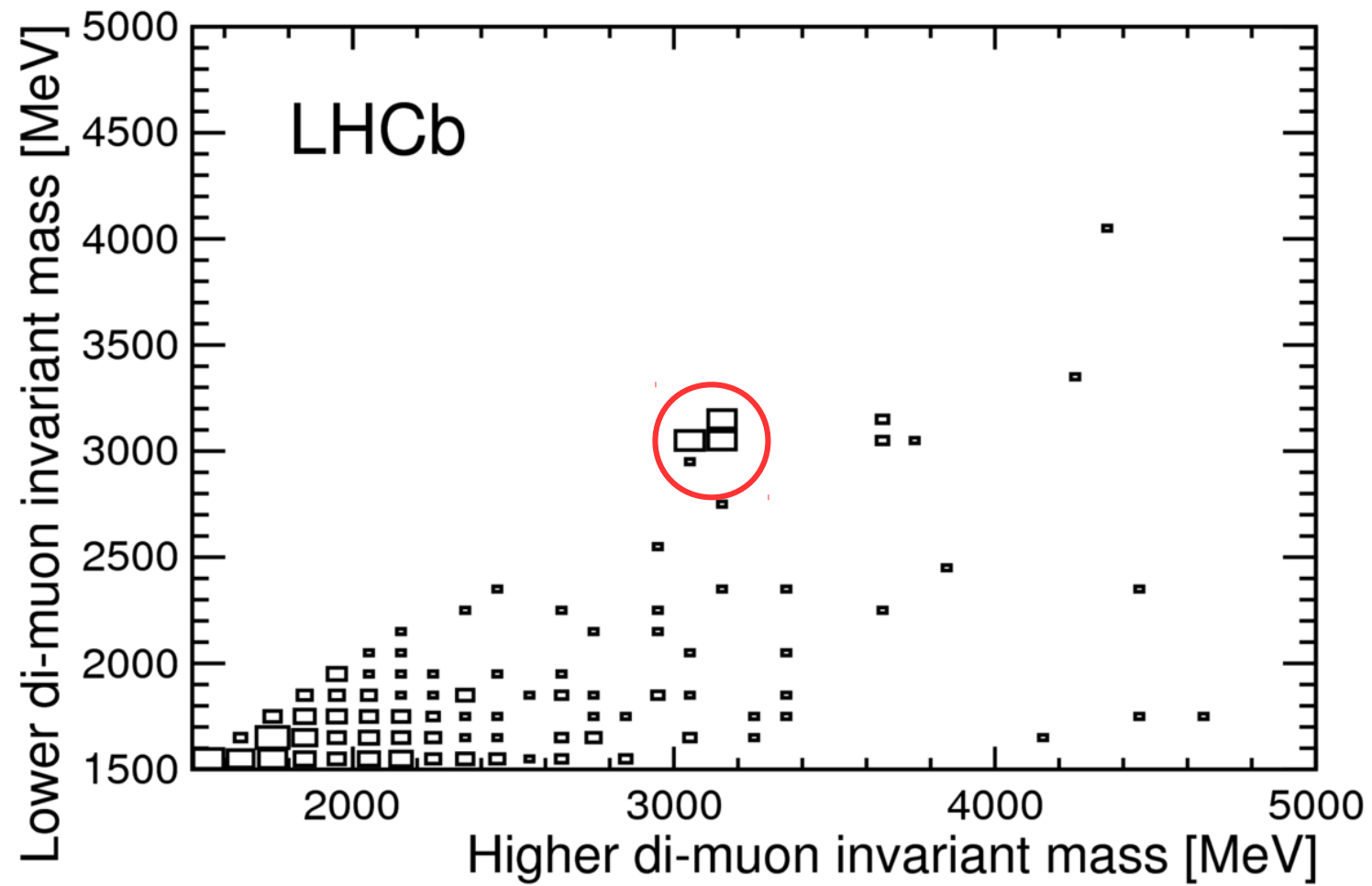
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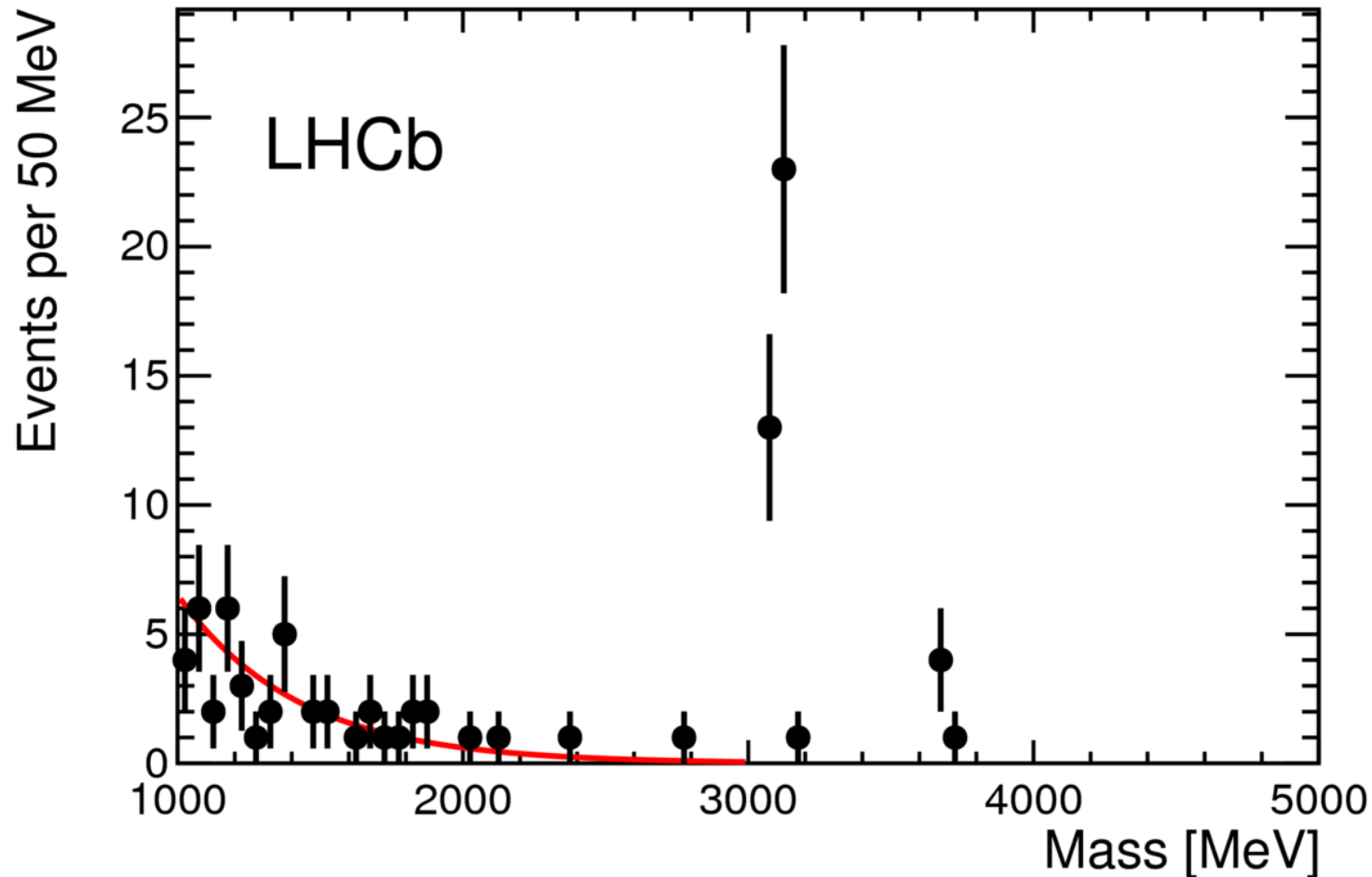
Trigger

DiMuon ($p_T(\text{muon}) > 400 \text{ MeV}$) in coincidence with SPD multiplicity < 10

Candidate selection

Exactly **four** forward tracks (**three** identified as muons)



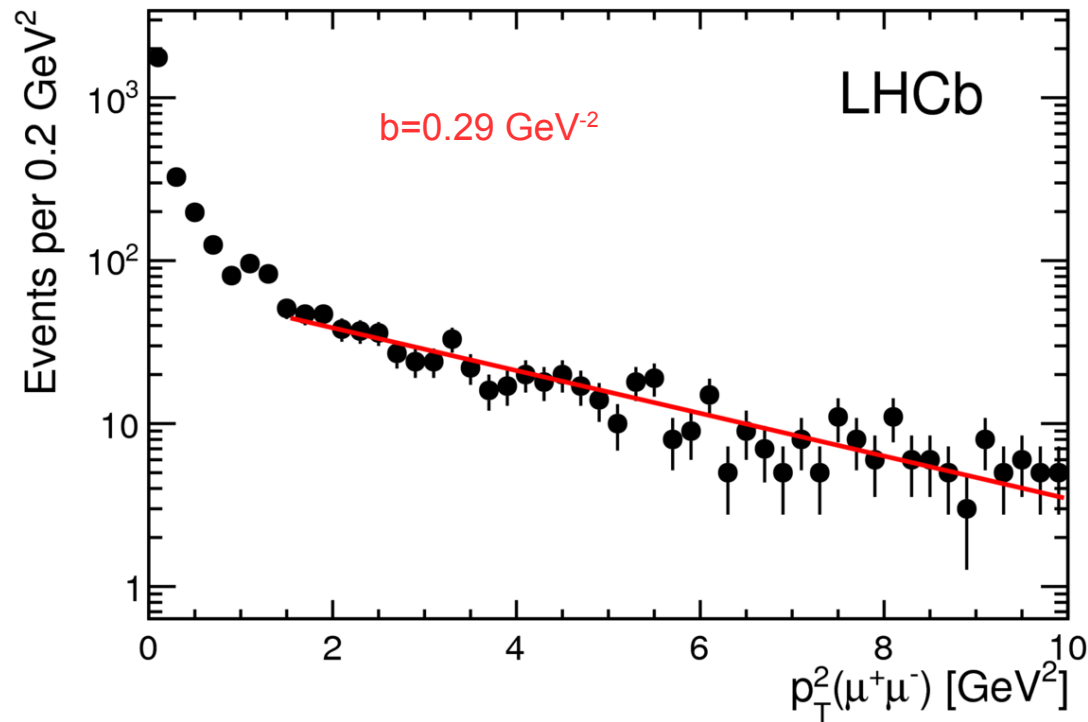


Mass of the second pair when the first pair has a mass consistent with the J/ψ or the $\psi(2S)$

Extrapolation of **exponential fit** up to 2500 MeV is used to estimate non-resonant background
 $\Rightarrow 0.3 \pm 0.1 (0.07 \pm 0.02)$ for J/ψ ($\psi(2S)$)

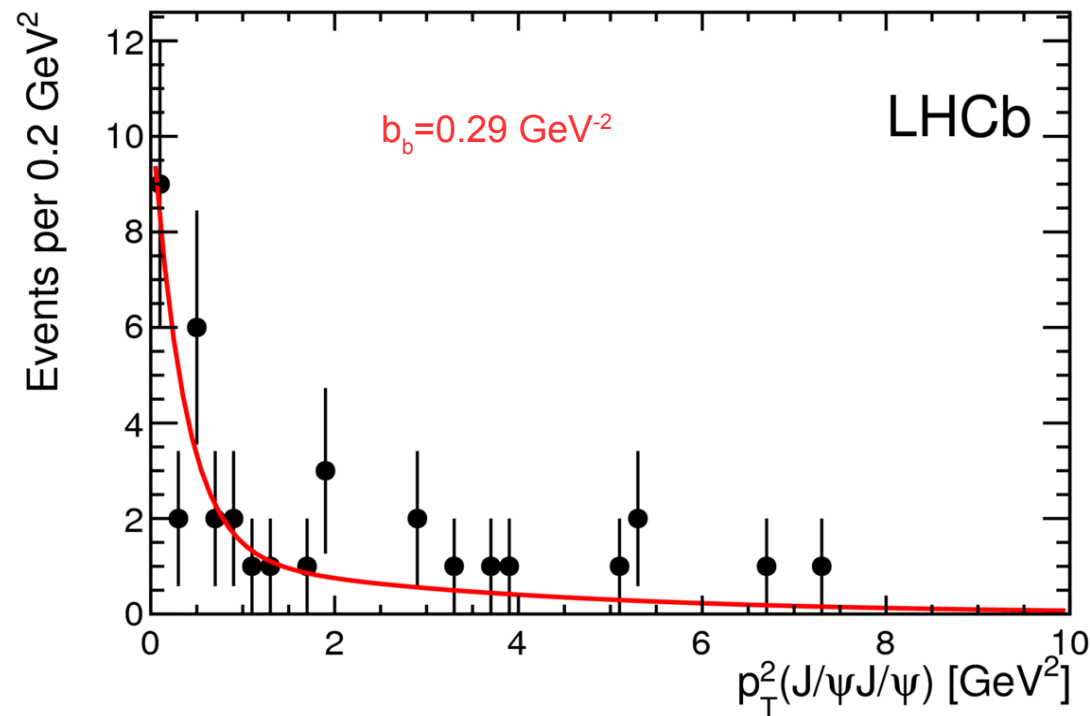
Feed-down from $J/\psi \psi(2S)$ as $J/\psi J/\psi$ estimated from data $\Rightarrow 2.9 \pm 2.0$

Proton dissociation estimated from p_T^2 fit using events with DiMuon mass = [6,9] GeV



Signal estimated using a fit to data

$$f_{el} b_s \exp(-b_s p_T^2) + (1 - f_{el}) b_b \exp(-b_b p_T^2)$$



$$b_s = 2.9 \pm 1.3 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \text{ and } f_{el} = 0.42 \pm 0.13$$

$$J/\psi \text{ CEP} \rightarrow b_s = 5.70 \pm 0.11 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Different signal slope from double charmonium to single charmonium

Candidates

37 J/ψ - J/ψ 5 J/ψ - $\psi(2S)$ 0 $\psi(2S)$ - $\psi(2S)$ Cross-section **measurements** without proton dissociation correction**Limits** calculated at 90% CL

$$\sigma^{J/\psi J/\psi} = 58 \pm 10(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ pb},$$

$$\sigma^{J/\psi \psi(2S)} = 63_{-18}^{+27}(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{syst}) \text{ pb},$$

$$\sigma^{\psi(2S)\psi(2S)} < 237 \text{ pb},$$

$$\sigma^{\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0}} < 69 \text{ nb},$$

$$\sigma^{\chi_{c1}\chi_{c1}} < 45 \text{ pb},$$

$$\sigma^{\chi_{c2}\chi_{c2}} < 141 \text{ pb},$$

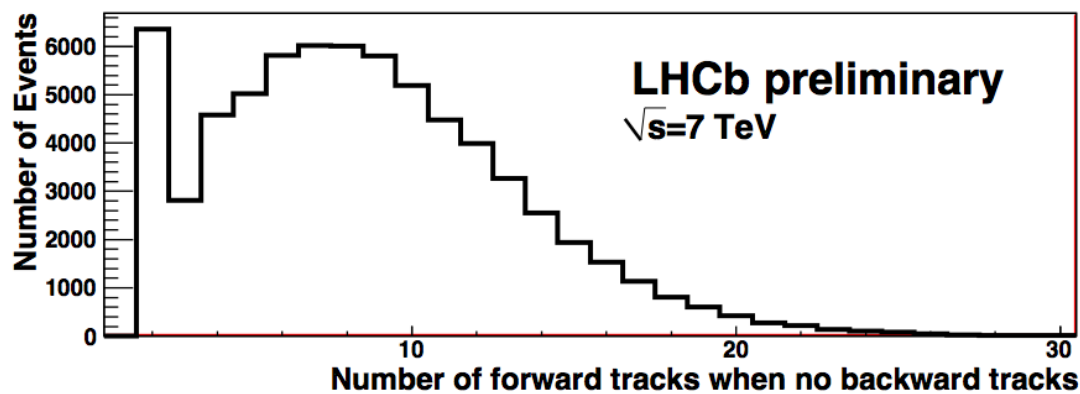
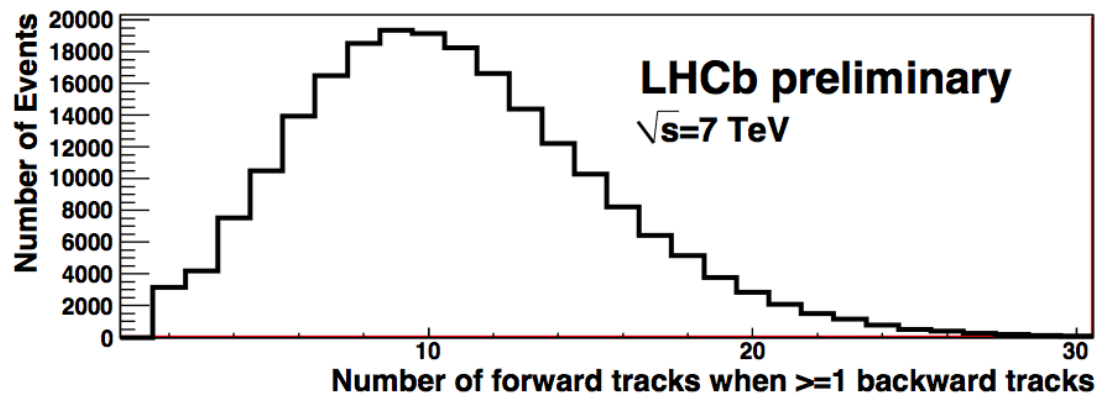
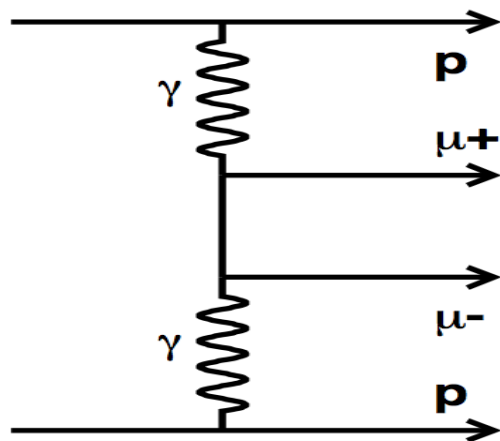
$$\frac{\sigma(J/\psi \psi(2S))}{\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi)} = 1.1_{-0.4}^{+0.5}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(\psi(2S))}{\sigma(J/\psi)} = 0.17 \pm 0.02$$

$$\sigma^{J/\psi J/\psi} / \sigma^{J/\psi} |_{\text{exclusive}} = (2.1 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\sigma^{J/\psi J/\psi} / \sigma^{J/\psi} |_{\text{inclusive}} = (5.1 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.6_{-1.0}^{+1.2}) \times 10^{-4}$$

- Data collected in 2010 (L=36/pb)



DiMuon selection

Candidates of J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ are vetoed

Muon $p_T > 80$ MeV

DiMuon Mass > 2.5 GeV

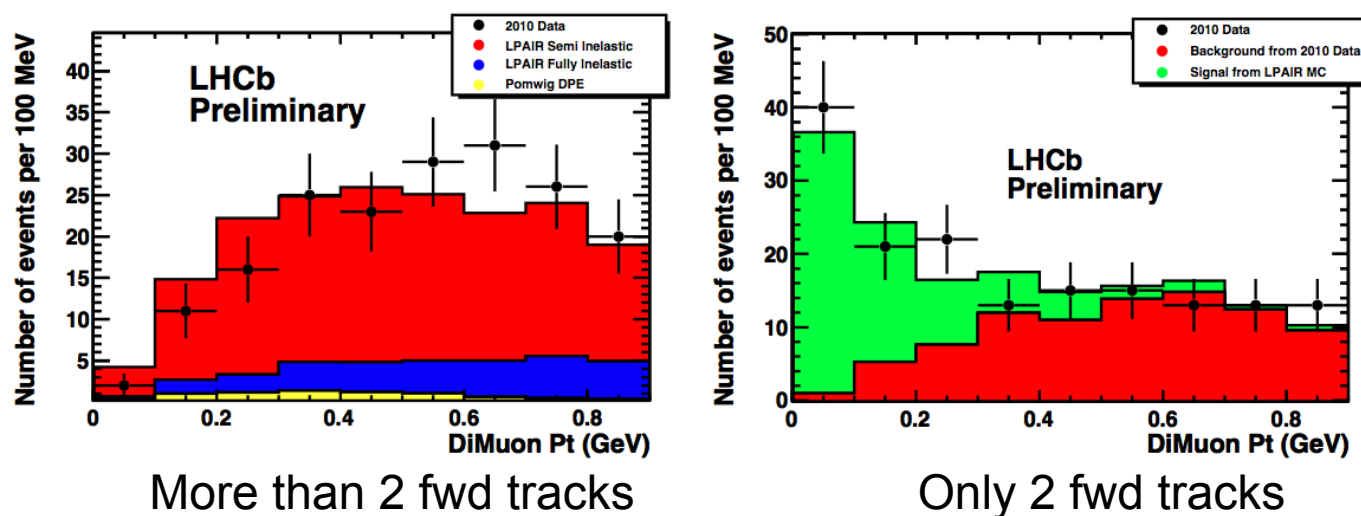
DiMuon $p_T < 0.9$ GeV

Background

Muon mis-id: random triggers without muon id cuts

Diffractively produced DiMuon contribution estimated by POMWIG

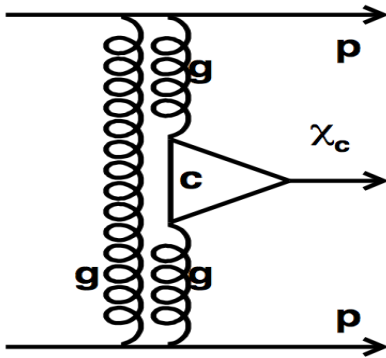
Inelastic production estimated using LPAIR and normalized to data



$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-p}(2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-} < 4.5; m_{\mu^+\mu^-} > 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2) = 67 \pm 10 \pm 7 \pm 15 \text{ pb}$$

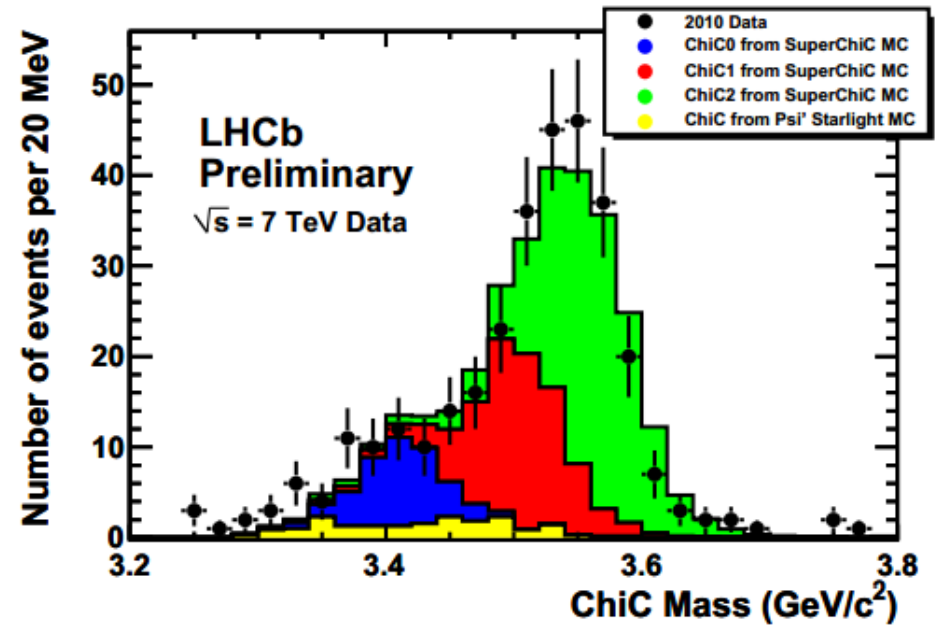
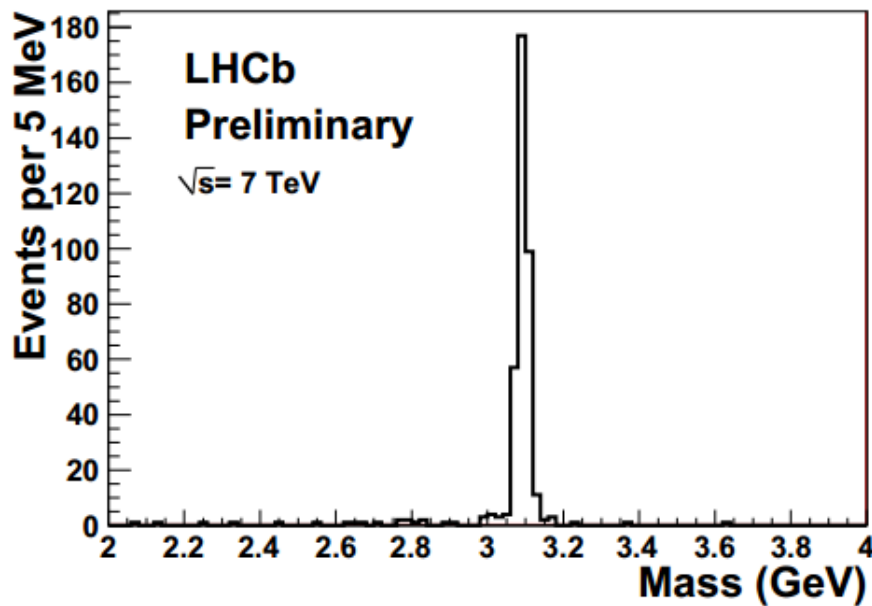
42 pb (LPAIR prediction)

Analysis update is ongoing.



- Same data as non-resonant DiMuon
- J/ψ candidate plus one photon ($E_\gamma > 200$ MeV)

- + Exclusive spectrum estimated by SuperChic fitted to data
- + Inelastic contamination higher than other CEP (60%)



$$\sigma_{\chi_{c0} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma} (2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-}, \eta_\gamma < 4.5) = 9.3 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.5 \pm 1.8 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{\chi_{c1} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma} (2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-}, \eta_\gamma < 4.5) = 16.4 \pm 5.3 \pm 5.8 \pm 3.2 \text{ pb}$$

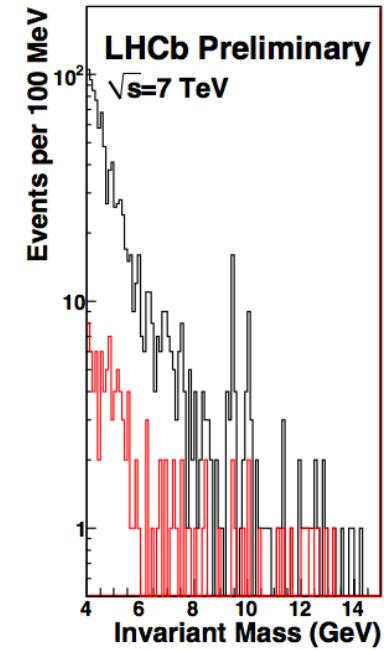
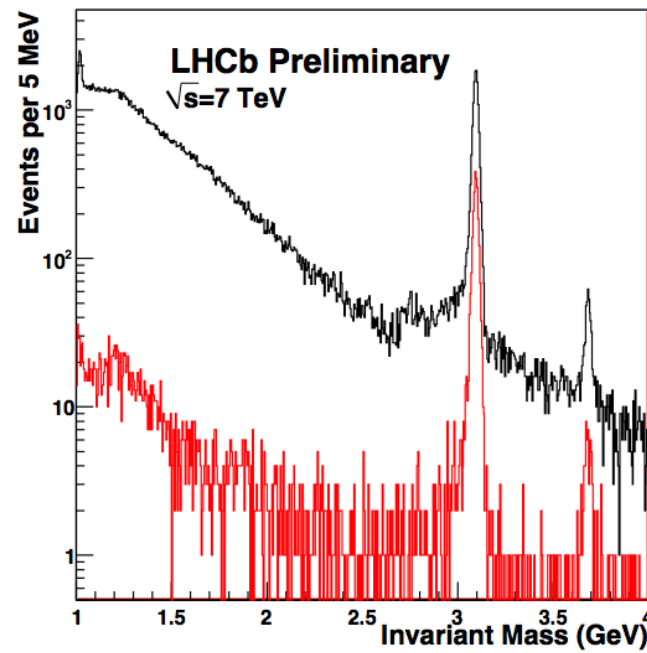
$$\sigma_{\chi_{c2} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma} (2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-}, \eta_\gamma < 4.5) = 28.0 \pm 5.4 \pm 9.7 \pm 5.4 \text{ pb}$$

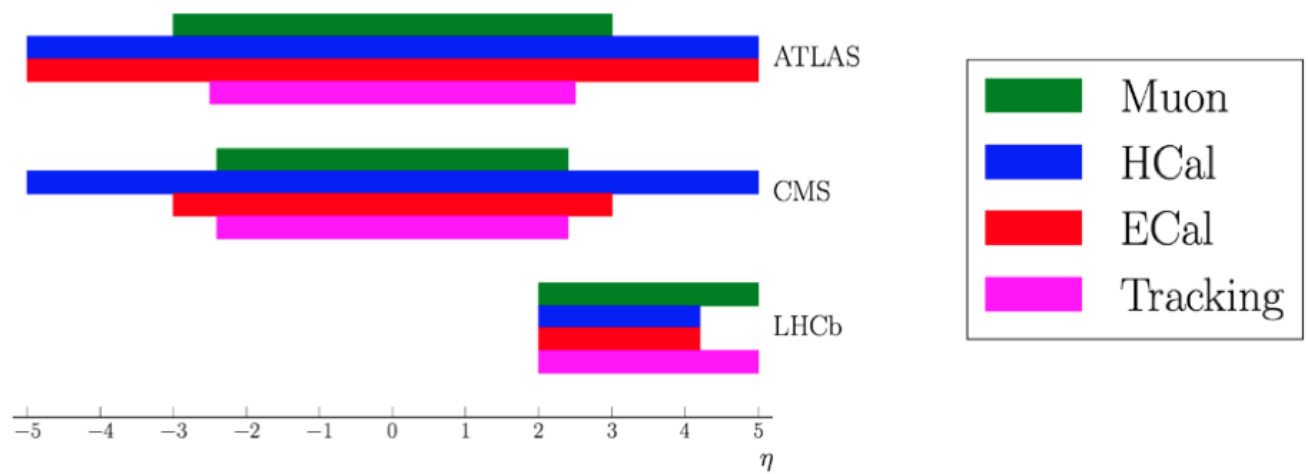
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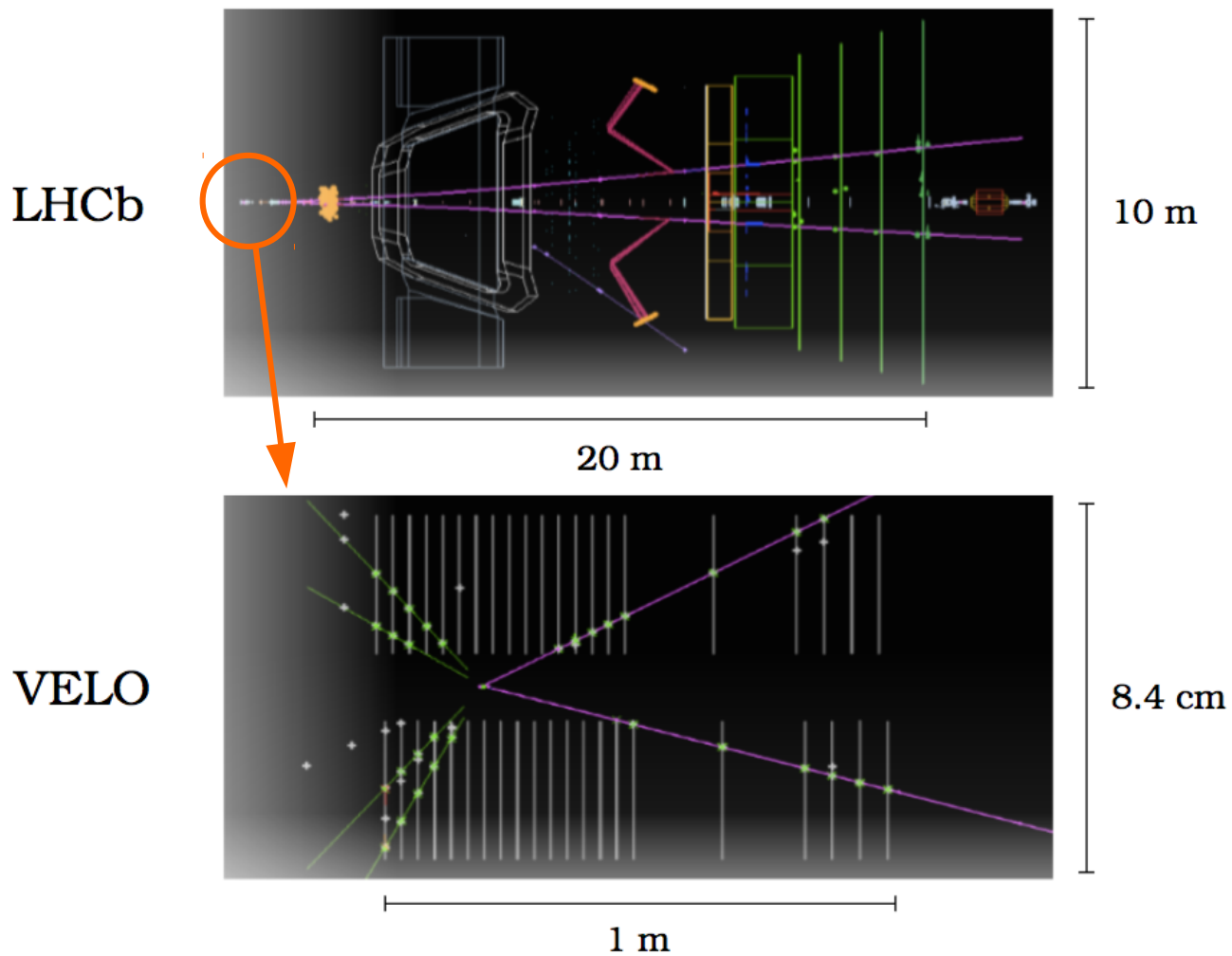
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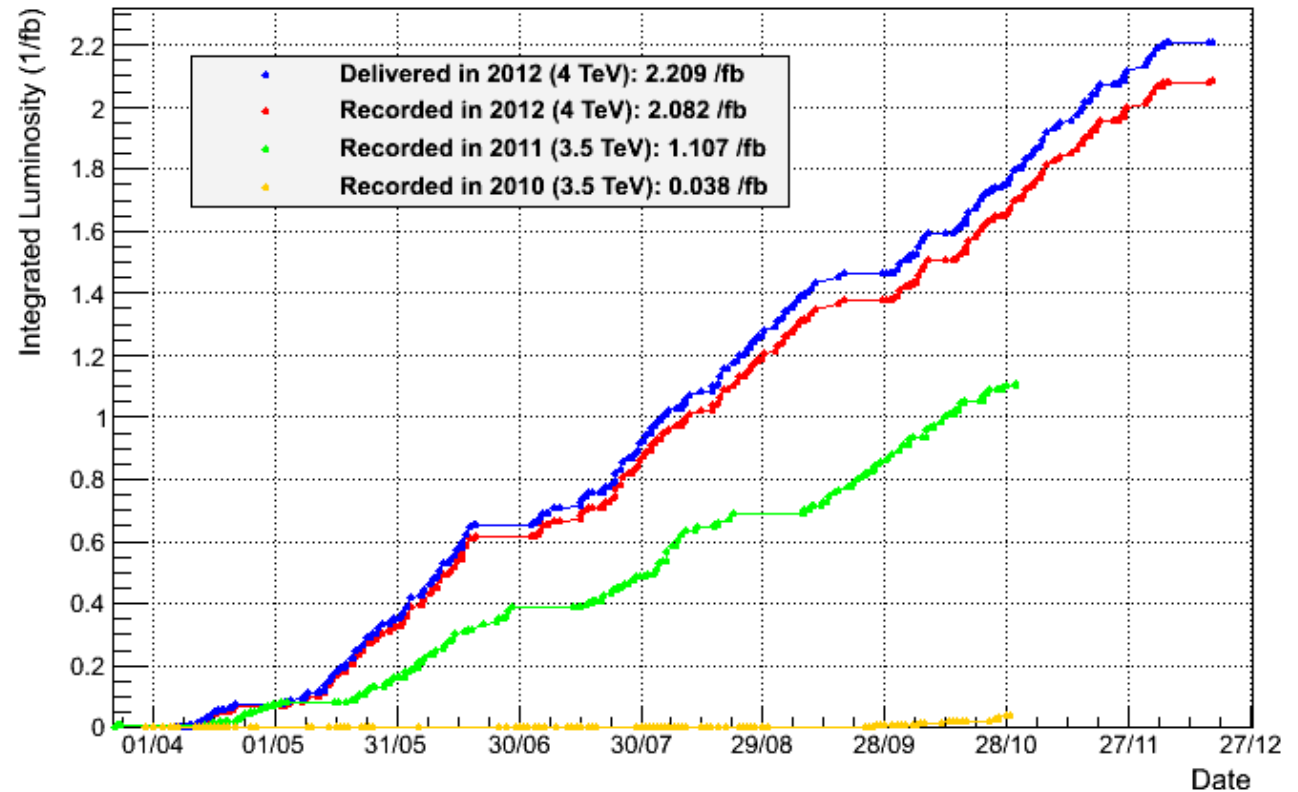
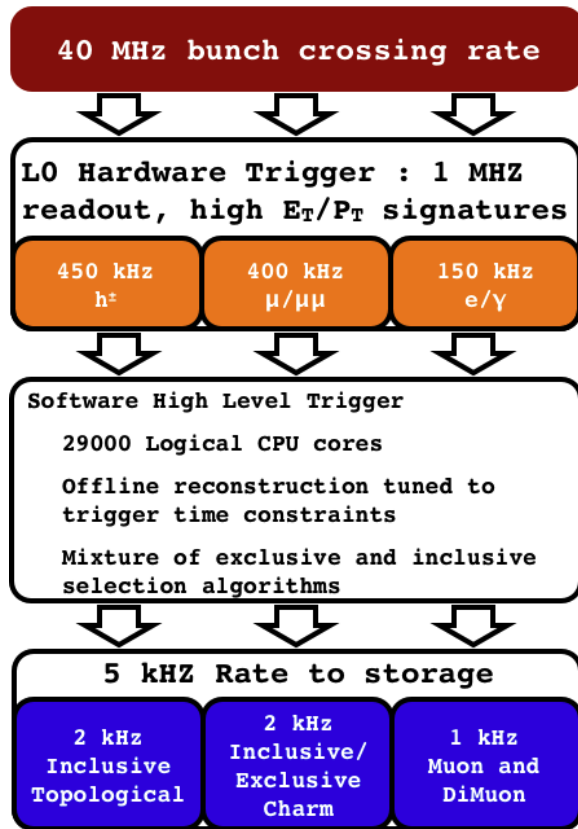




Backward track reconstruction is useful

Phil Ilten's slides – MPI at LHC

LHCb Integrated Luminosity pp collisions 2010-2012



>90% data taking efficiency

>99% DQ efficiency

2010 → 37/pb at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

2011 → 1.0/fb at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

2012 → 2/fb at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

	Predictions [pb]	$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}$	$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \psi(2S) (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}$
[12]	Gonçalves and Machado	275	
[11]	STARLIGHT	292	6.1
[7]	Motyka and Watt	334	
[10]	SUPERCHIC	396	
[13]	Schäfer and Szczurek	710	17
	LHCb measured value	$307 \pm 21 \pm 36$	$7.8 \pm 1.3 \pm 1.0$

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