

Central exclusive production at LHCb

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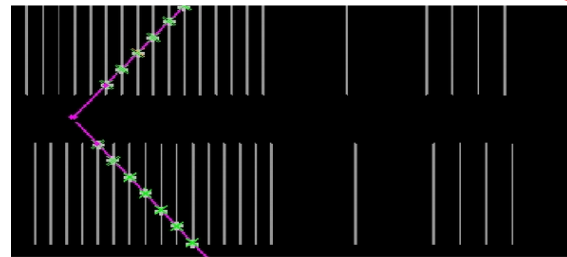
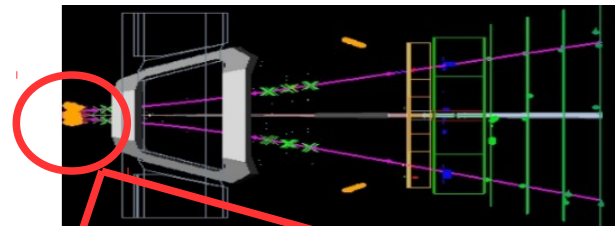
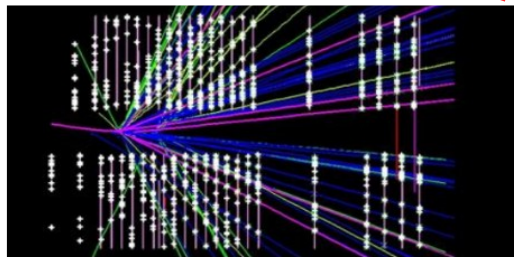
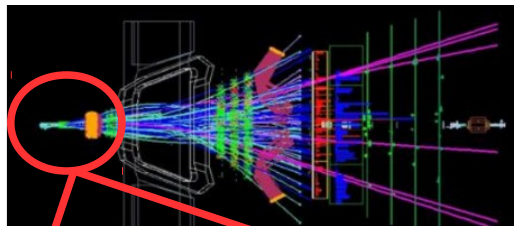
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- Central Exclusive Production (CEP)
- LHCb detector
- Results of CEP @ 7, 8 and 13 TeV
- Outlook

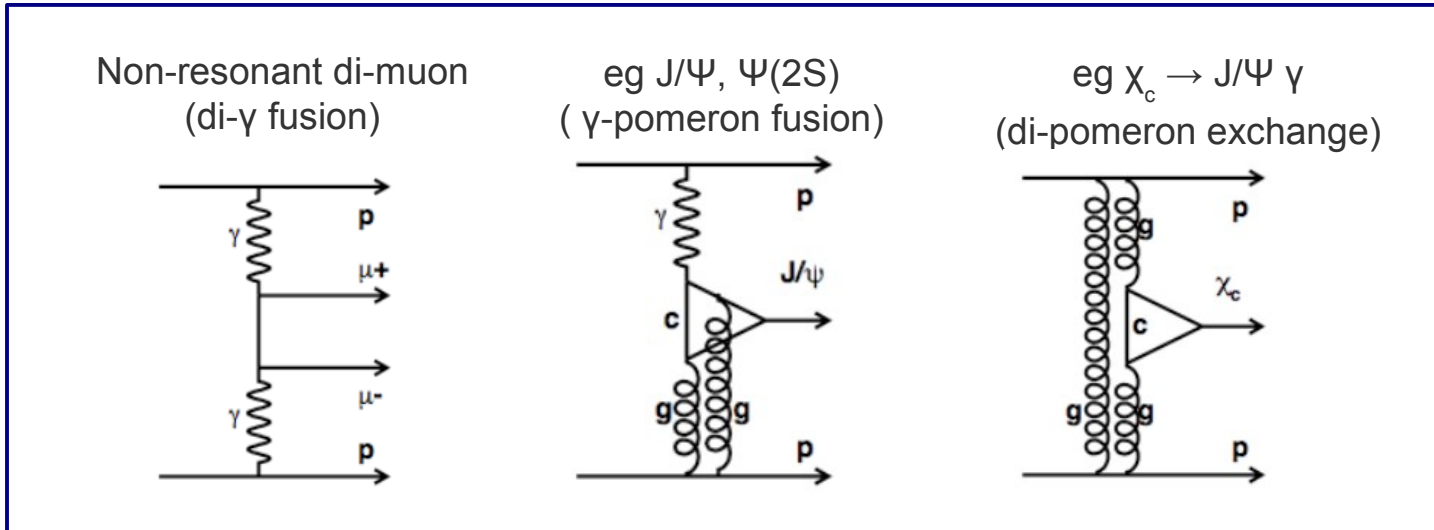


Central exclusive production (CEP): Introduction

exchange of a colourless object: eg. γ , pomeron

→ exclusive candidate (eg two muons) + rapidity gaps

→ protons escape undetected in beampipe



test of QCD and the pomeron in clean environment

search for the odderon and saturation effects

resonant production → sensitivity to gluon distribution at low Bjorken- x ($5 \cdot 10^{-6}$)

non-resonant production: pure QED process, precisely known

→ could be used for luminosity measurement

measured at HERA/Tevatron but different γp energy, W

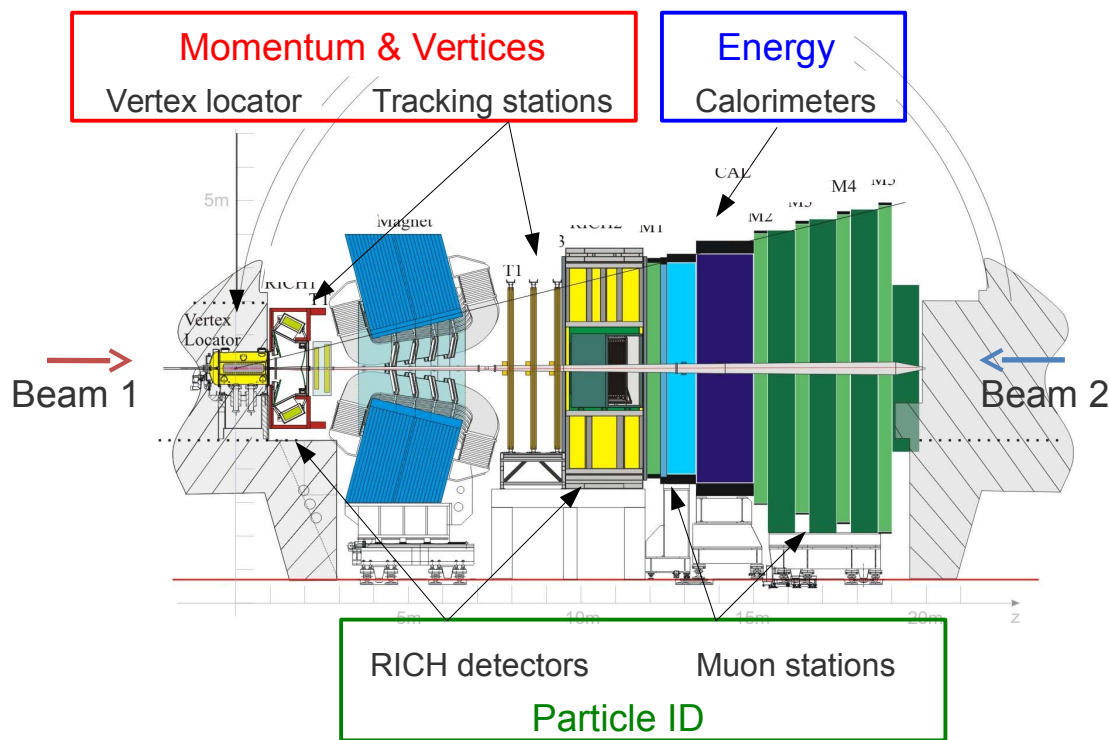
single arm spectrometer – designed for precision measurements in b and c physics

fully instrumented in the forward region ($2 < \eta < 5$)

some detection capability in backward region ($-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$)

very flexible trigger → able to trigger on low momentum, low multiplicity objects

run II: additional scintillators upstream and downstream (up to 114 m)

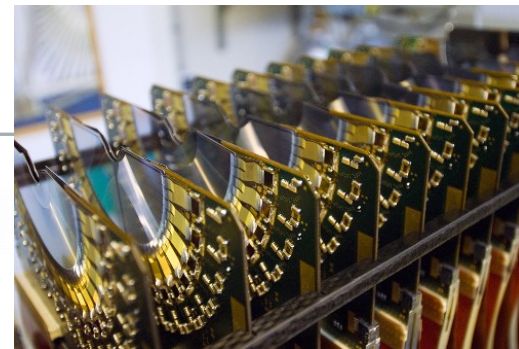


VELO: 20 μm impact parameter resolution

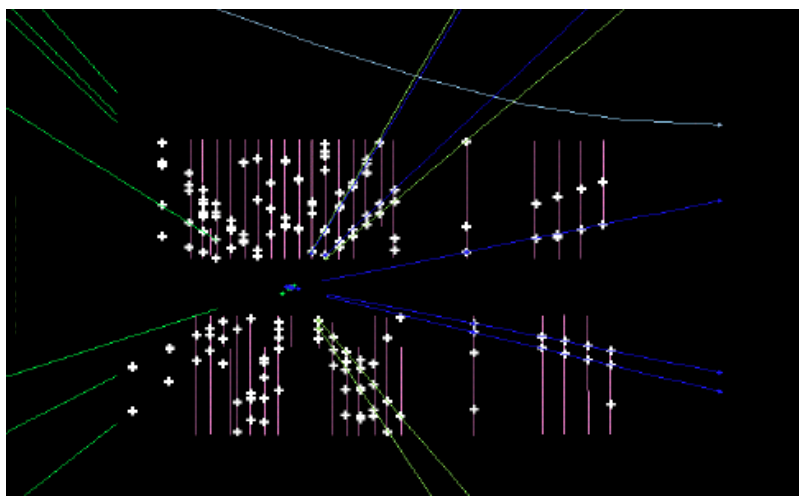
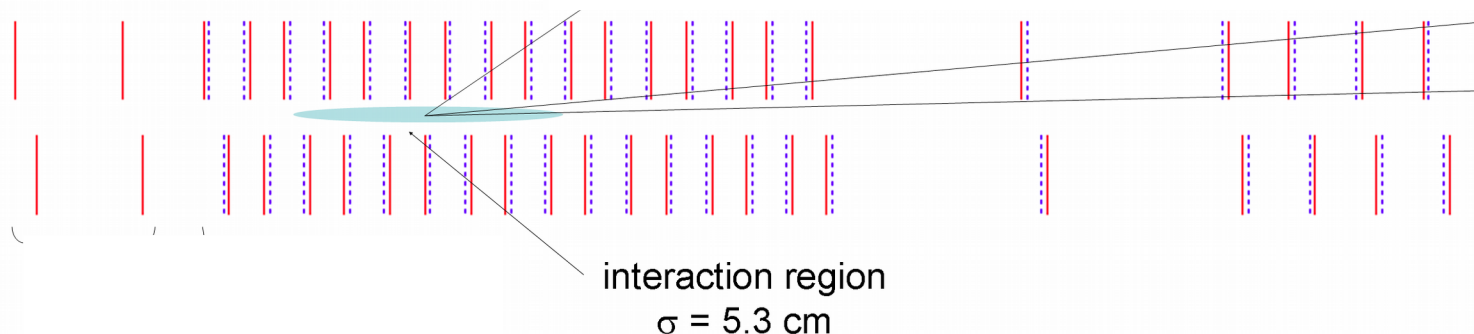
Muons: 97% efficiency for 2% misid

SPD: Scintillating pad detector in front of ECAL → event multiplicity

silicon strip vertex detector surrounding interaction region
no magnetic field, R and ϕ sensors



pileup stations



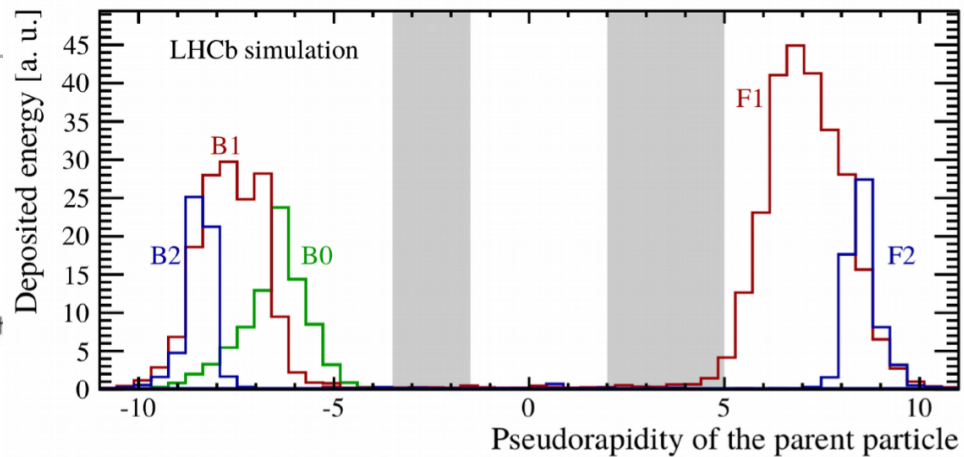
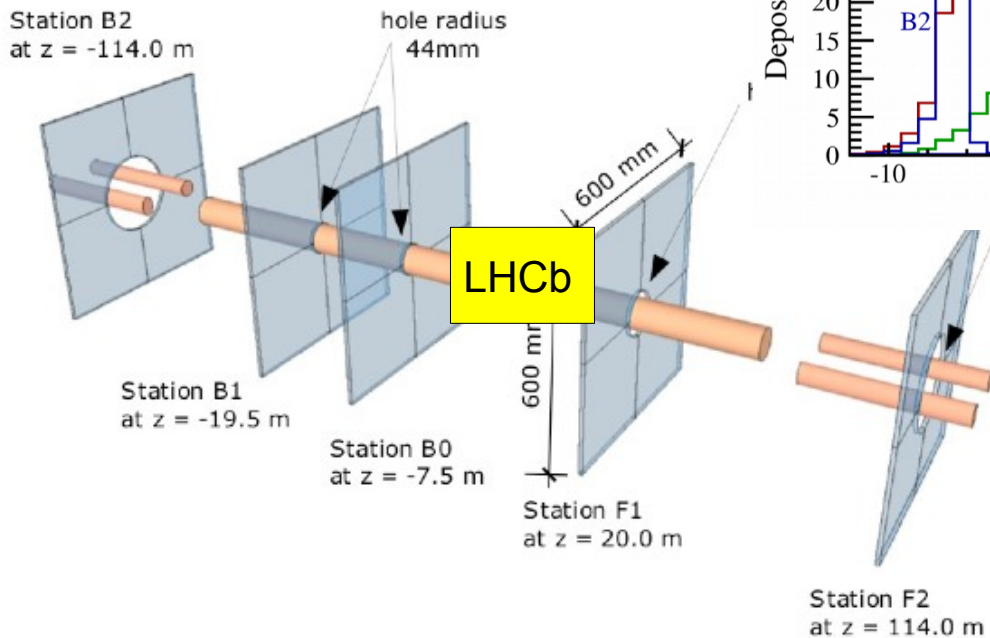
forward: $1.5 < \eta < 5.0$
backward: $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$

backwards tracks re-constructable
(no momentum information)

rapidity gap coverage

forward: 3.5
backward: $\sim 1\text{-}2$ units, depending on z vertex position

HeRSChelL: High Rapidity Shower Counters for LHCb

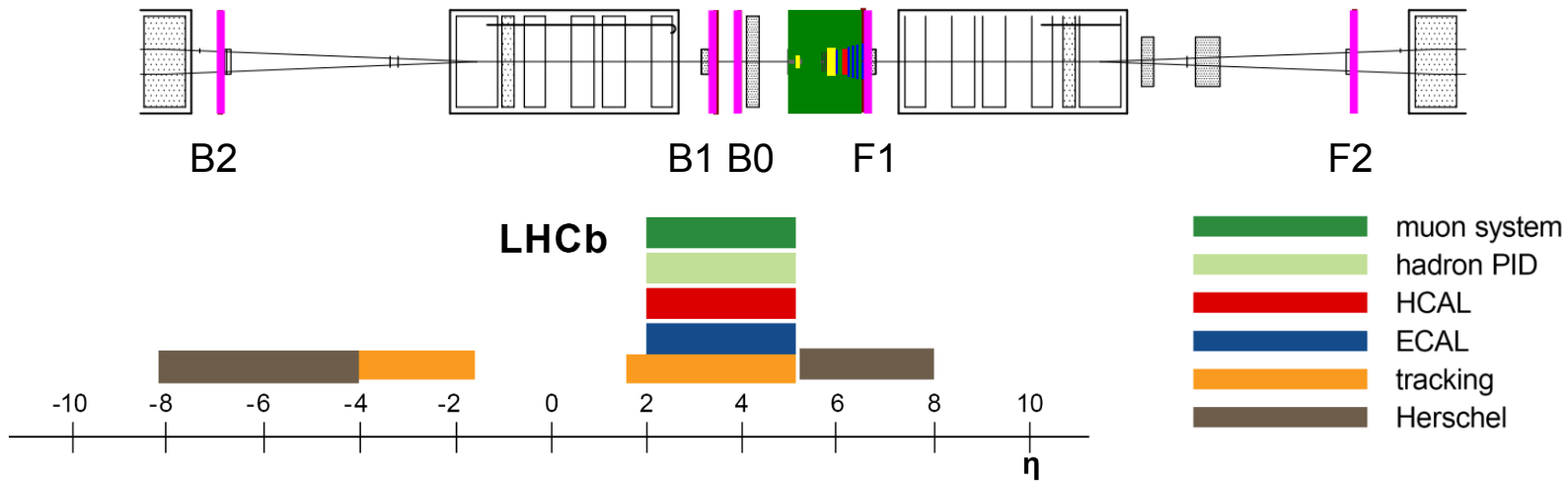
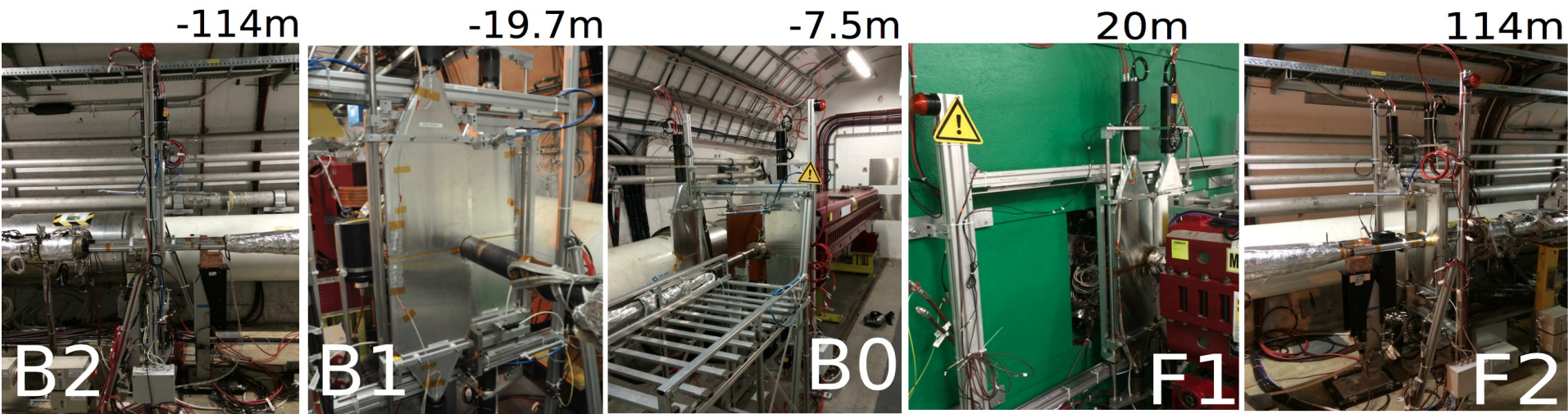


run II: additional scintillators upstream and downstream (up to 114 m)
 → increase pseudorapidity coverage: $-8.0 < \eta < -1.5$, $5.0 < \eta < 8.0$

five stations: three backwards, two forward

detectors four plastic scintillator plates, 20 mm thick - retractable

→ improvements in triggering and background rejection for CEP events



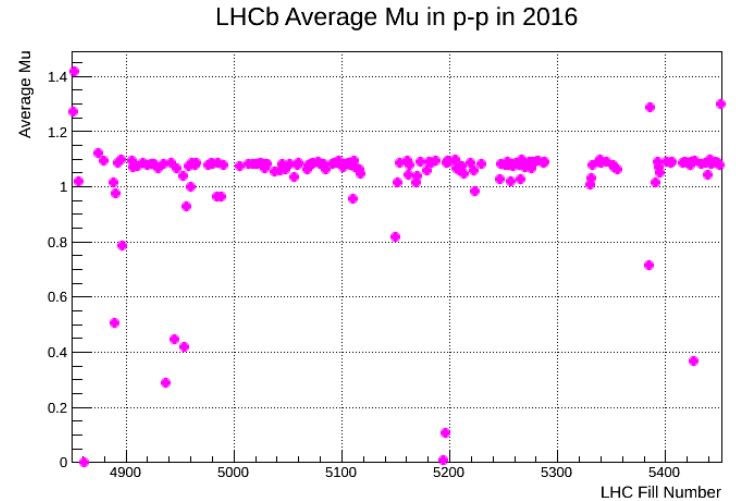
HeRSChel pseudorapidity coverage: $-8.0 < \eta < -3.5$, $5.0 < \eta < 8.0$
 LHCb (run II) $-8.0 < \eta < -1.5$, $2.0 < \eta < 8.0$

low pileup → following results based on events with one primary interaction (PV)

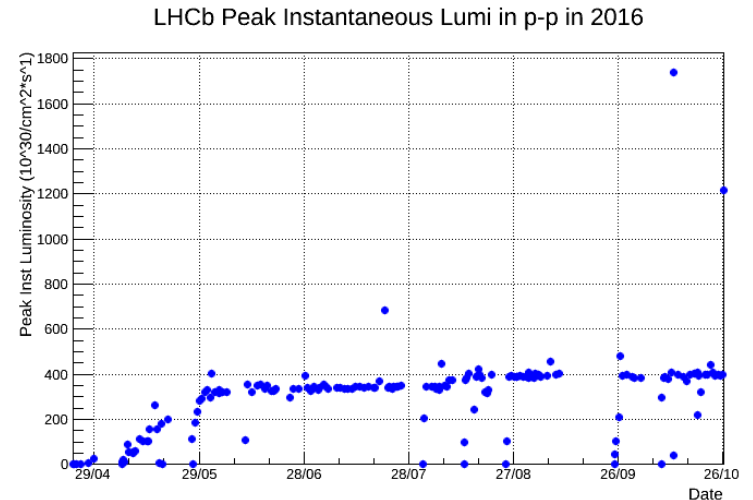
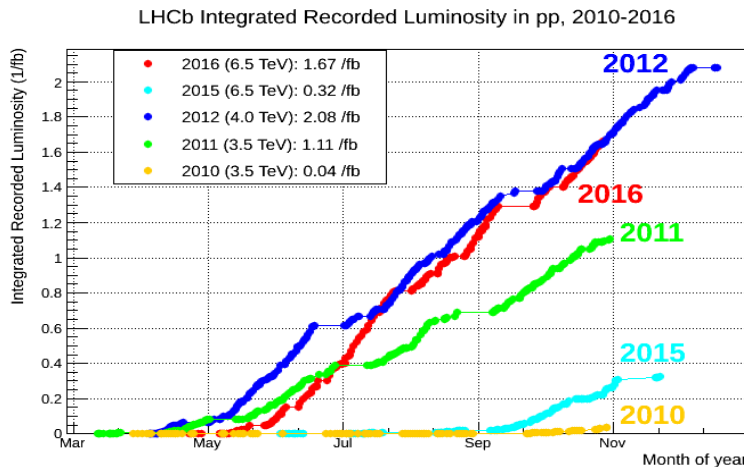
fraction of crossings with N interactions, $f(N)$,
with μ average number of interactions

$$f(N) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^N}{N!}$$

			μ	f(1PV)
2011:	1.1 fb ⁻¹	7 TeV	1.6	25%
2012:	2.1 fb ⁻¹	8 TeV	1.4	29%
2015:	300 pb ⁻¹	13 TeV	1.1	35%
2016:	1.7 fb ⁻¹	13 TeV	1.1	35%



luminosity leveling – very stable data taking conditions



CEP with di-muon final states

- J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ @ 7 TeV, J.Phys. G41 (2014) 055002
- J/ψ and $\psi 2S$ @ 13 TeV, LHCb-CONF-2016-007
- $\Upsilon(nS)$ @ 7 TeV and 8 TeV, JHEP 1509 (2015) 084
- double charmonia @ 7 TeV and 8 TeV, J.Phys. G41 (2014) no.11, 115002
- di-muon continuum @ 7 TeV, LHCb-CONF-2011-022
- $\chi_c (\rightarrow J/\psi\gamma)$ @ 7 TeV, LHCb-CONF-2011-022

CEP with hadronic final states

- double open-charm
- di-pion spectrum
- $\chi_c (\rightarrow \pi\pi, KK)$
- 'light' two- (and four-) hadron final states

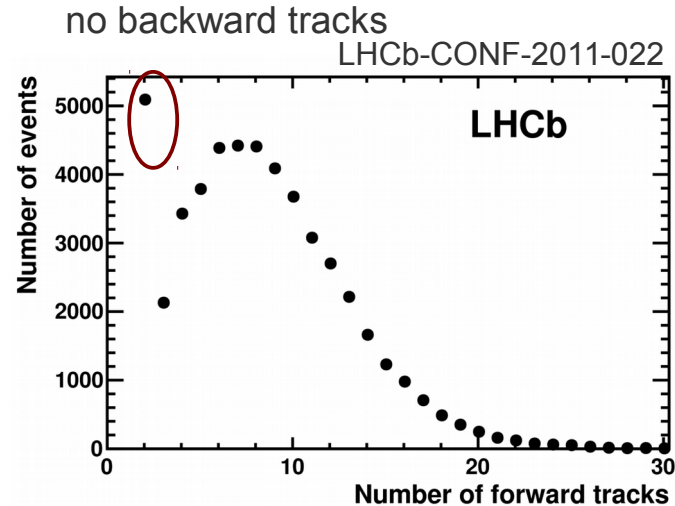
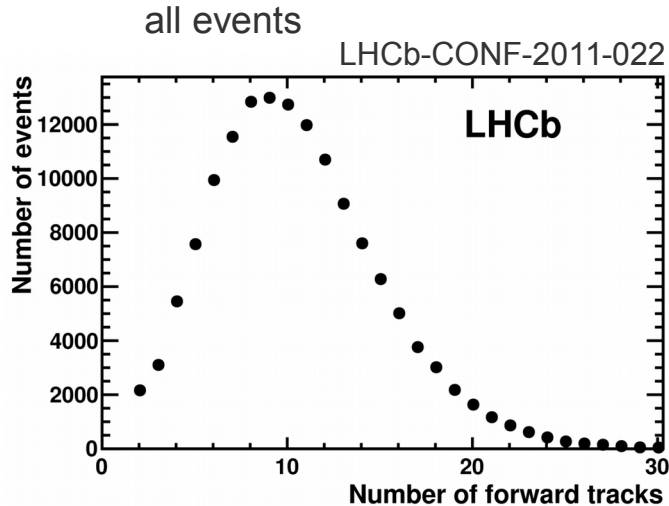
CEP with photon final states

- di-photon

CEP in pA , Ap and AA collisions

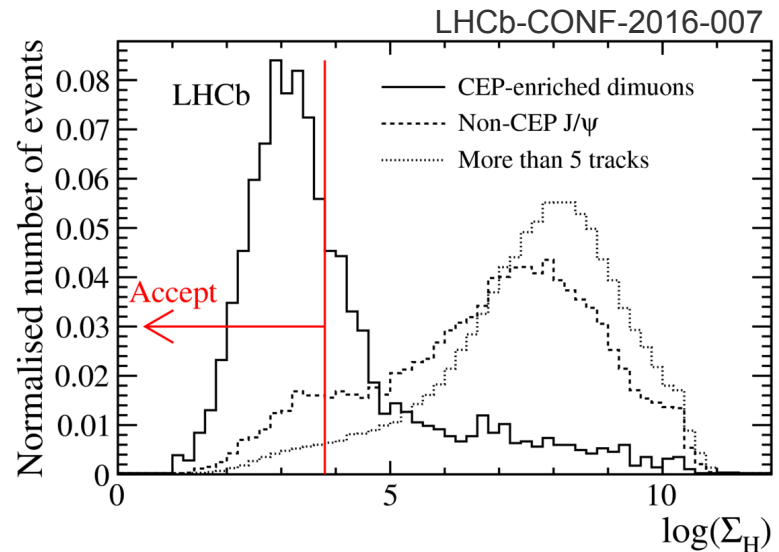
many ongoing exclusive analyses Run I & II

- number of forward and backward tracks in VELO



- number of SPD hits
- cut on normalised ADC signal in each of the 20 scintillators of HeRSChel

$$\Sigma_H = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \left(\frac{ADC_i}{2.5RMS_i} \right)^2$$

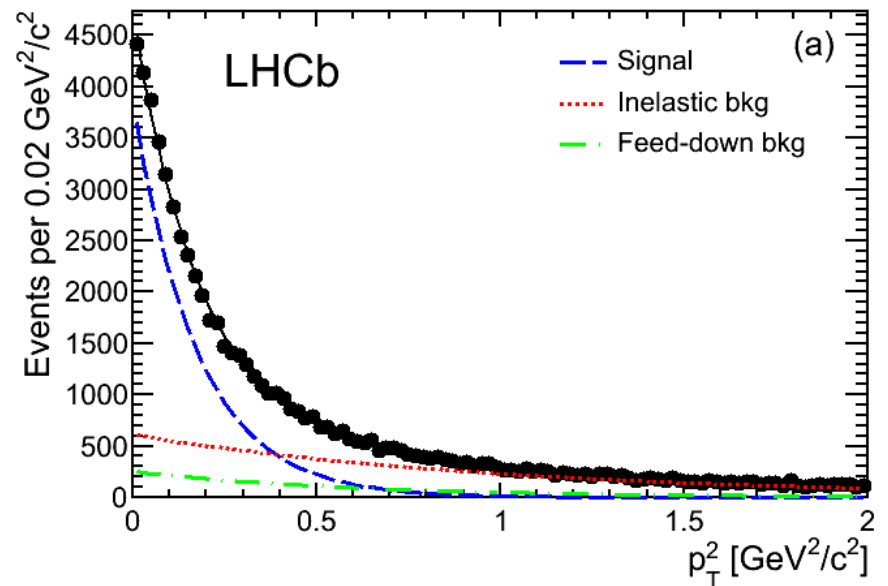
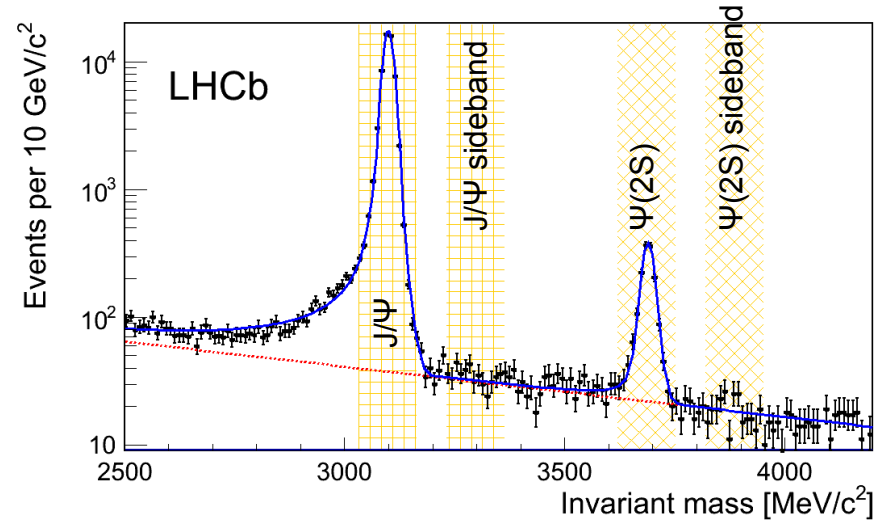
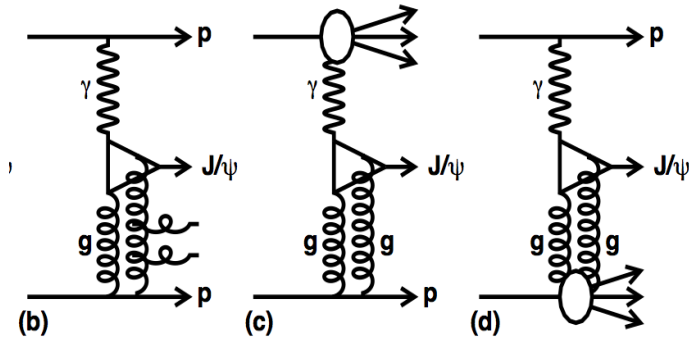


- 1/fb @ 7 TeV
- two muon, no other activity in event
- $M_{\mu\mu}$ within 65 MeV of $m_{J/\psi}$, $m_{\psi(2S)}$
- 55985 J/ψ and 1565 ψ(2s) candidates

backgrounds

- non resonant: J/ψ 1%, ψ(2s) 17%
- feed down: J/ψ: 10% from χ_c and ψ(2s)
ψ(2s): 2% X(3872) and $\chi_c(2P)$
- inelastic background with extra particles out of LHCb acceptance – **dominant** from proton dissociation and gluon radiation

estimated from p_T^2 distribution



- 1/fb @ 7 TeV
- two muon, no other activity in event
- $M_{\mu\mu}$ within 65 MeV of $m_{J/\psi}$, $m_{\psi(2S)}$
- $p_T^2 < 0.8 \text{ GeV}^2$

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- feed down: J/ψ: 10% from χ_c and ψ(2s)
ψ(2s): 2% X(3872) and $\chi_c(2P)$
- inelastic background: about 40%

fit to determine inelastic contribution

$$f_s e^{-b_s p_T^2} + f_b e^{-b_b p_T^2} f_f F_f p_T^2$$

- signal and inelastic background: exponential
- feed-down shape from data

exp. slopes b agree well with expectation from HERA:

LHCb exp. from HERA

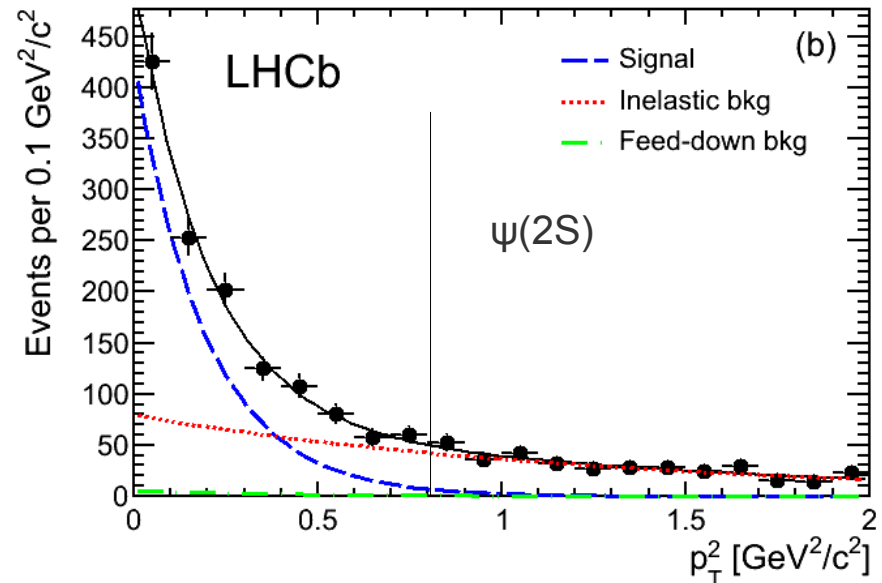
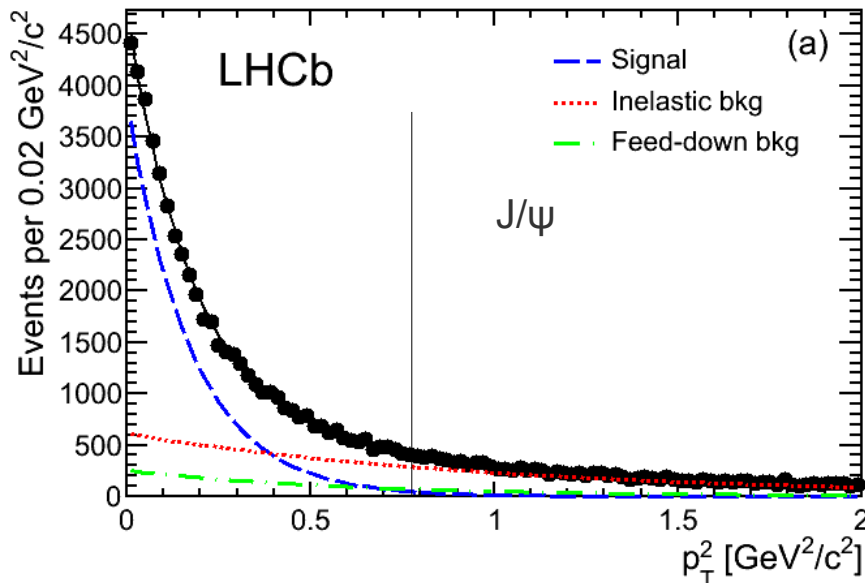
$$b_s \sim 6 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$b_b \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

LHCb fit

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

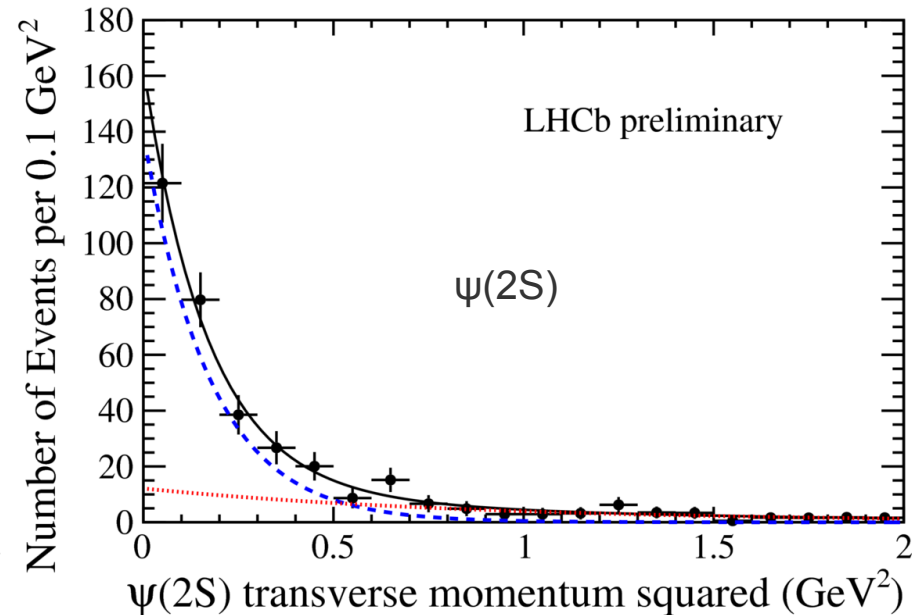
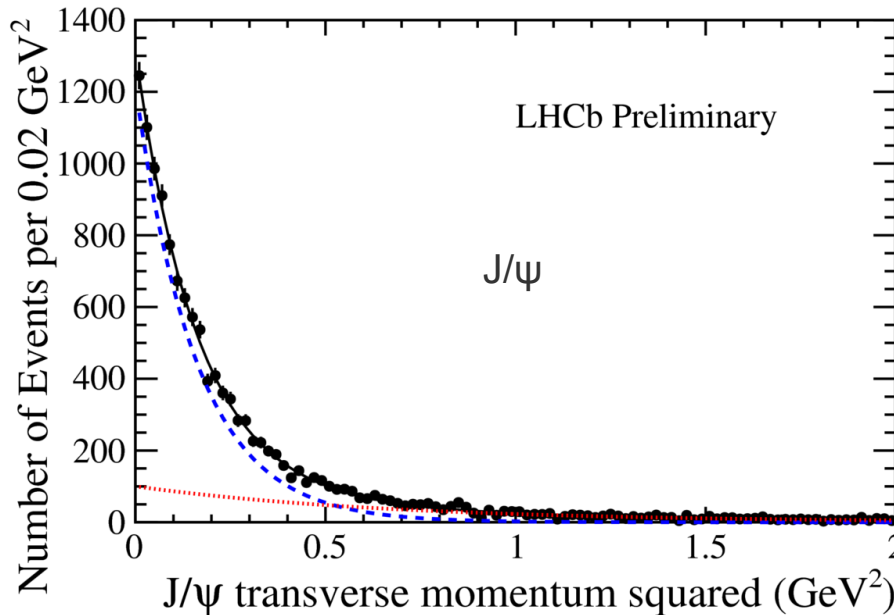
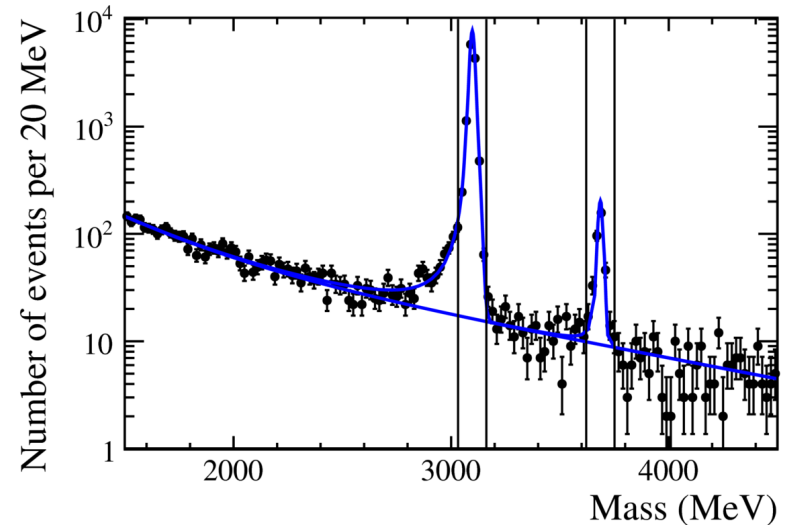
$$b_b = 0.97 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$



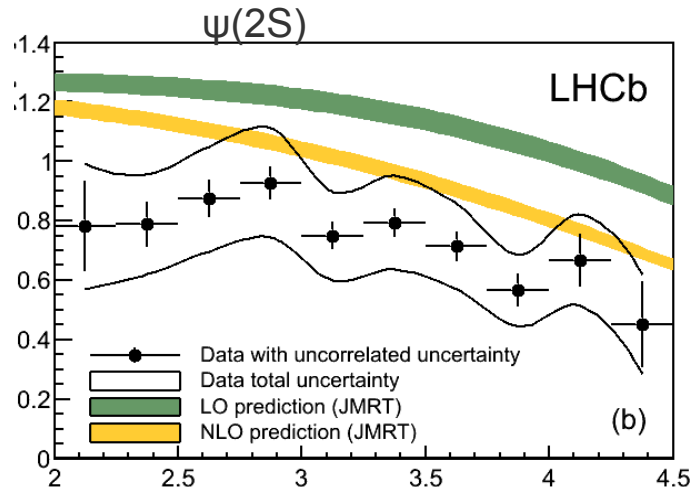
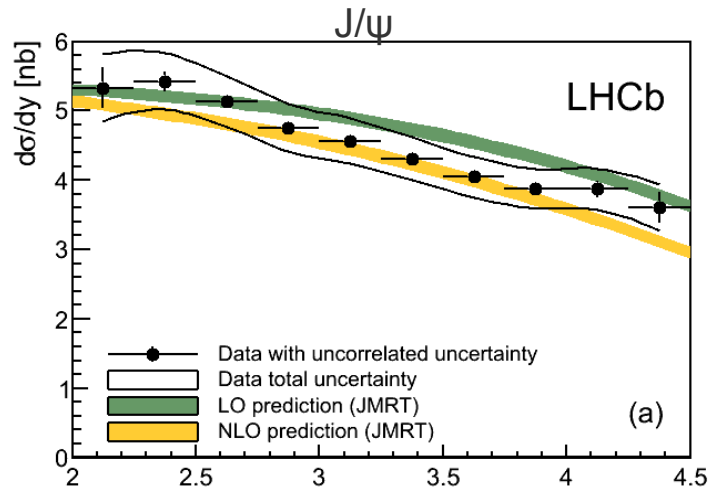
2015 dataset @ 13 TeV with $L=204/\text{pb}$
 12992 J/ψ candidates, 382 $\psi(2S)$ candidates
 same selection plus HeRSCHeL veto

- non resonant: J/ψ 1%, $\psi(2s)$ 18%
- feed-down: J/ψ 6% (10% @ 7 TeV)
- inelastic $\sim 20\%$

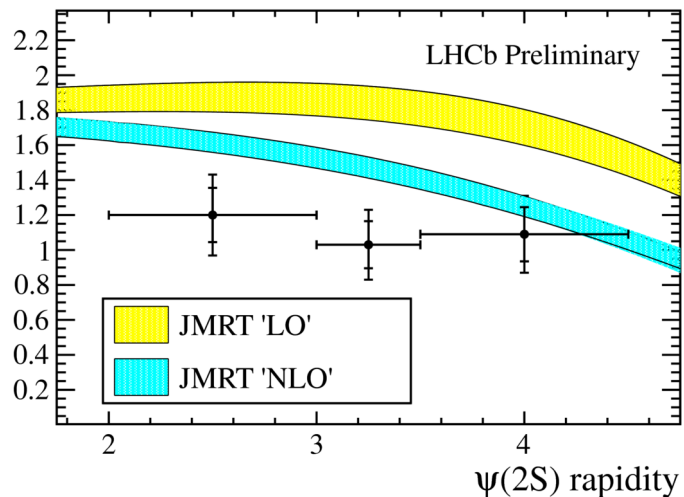
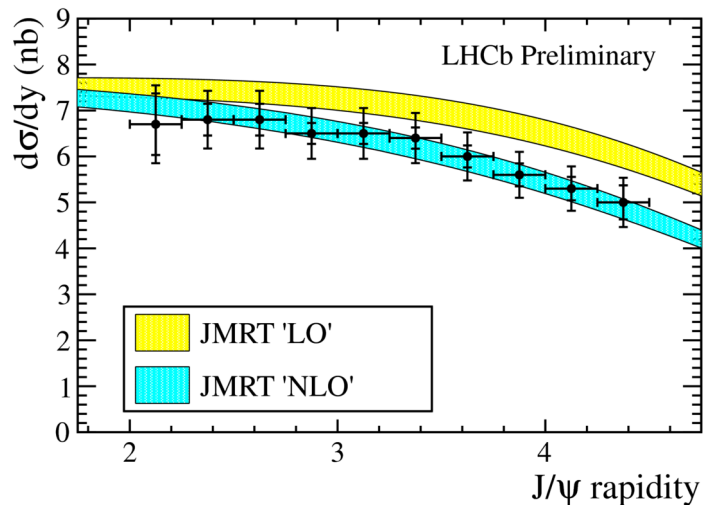
→ inelastic background: run I $\sim 40\%$ → run II $\sim 20\%$



7 TeV



13 TeV



- dominant uncertainty: purity 2% J/ψ, 13% ψ(2S)
- uncertainties highly correlated between bins
- shape better described by NLO prediction or models including saturation

JRMT:
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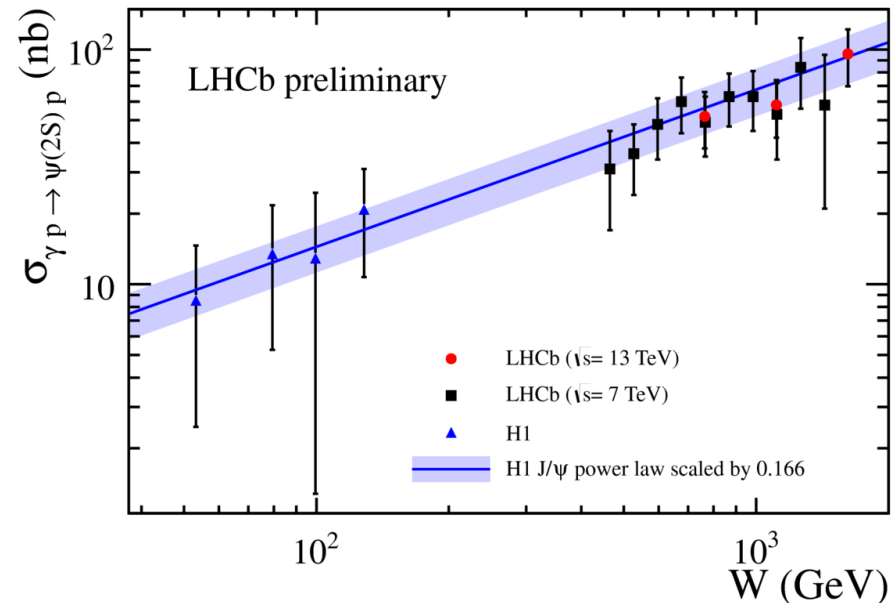
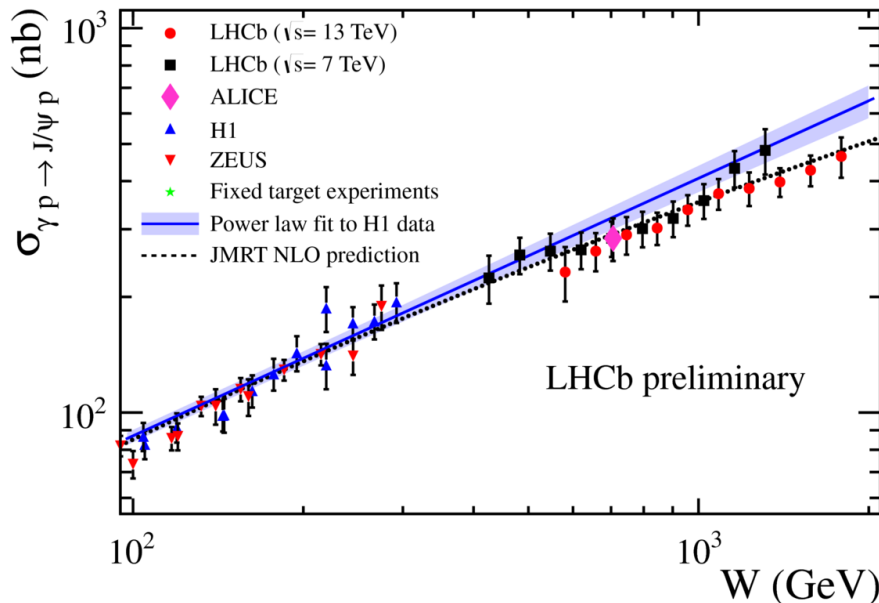
$$\underbrace{\frac{d\sigma}{dy}}_{\text{measured}} \Big|_{pp \rightarrow pVp} = r(y) \left[k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \underbrace{\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}(W^+)}_{\text{from HERA/extracted}} + k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \underbrace{\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}(W^-)}_{\text{extracted/from HERA}} \right]$$

$k_{\pm} = m_{\psi} / 2e^{\pm y}$ - photon energy
 dn/dk_{\pm} - photon flux
 $W_{\pm}^2 = 2k_{\pm}s$ - inv. mass of the γp system

gap survival photon flux

→ two correlated points (W^+ , W^-) for each measurement in y , $W: \gamma p$ centre-of-mass energy

- 13 TeV data allows significant extension of the reach in W
- 7 & 13 TeV results are in agreement
- comparison with HERA → simple power law insufficient to describe J/ψ but data well described by NLO, ψ(2S) results are consistent, but uncertainties large



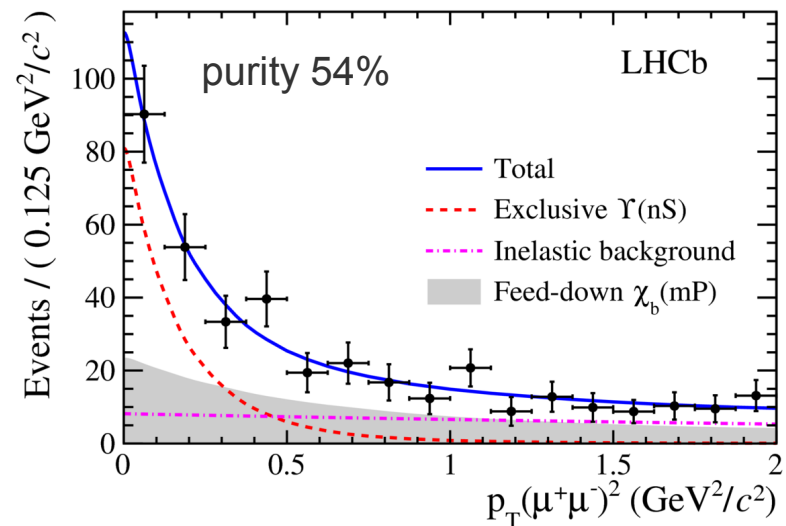
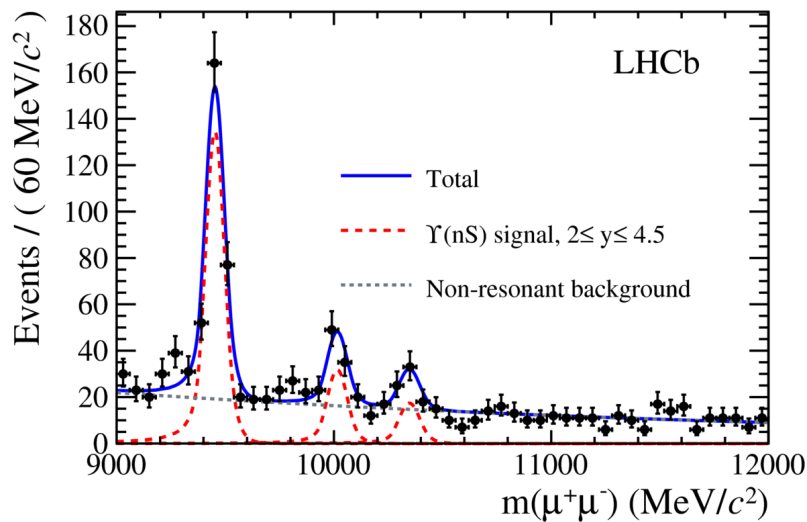
Run-I data set $L=1/\text{fb}$ at 7 TeV and $L=2/\text{fb}$ at 8 TeV

analysis strategy similar to J/ψ , $p_T^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$

background

- non-resonant: fit to di-muon mass
- feed-down, $\chi_b \rightarrow \Upsilon \gamma$: simulation and data input
- inelastic background: from fit to p_T^2 (non-resonant background sPlot subtracted)
- signal template is obtained from SuperChiC

dominant uncertainty: background from feed down and inelastic events

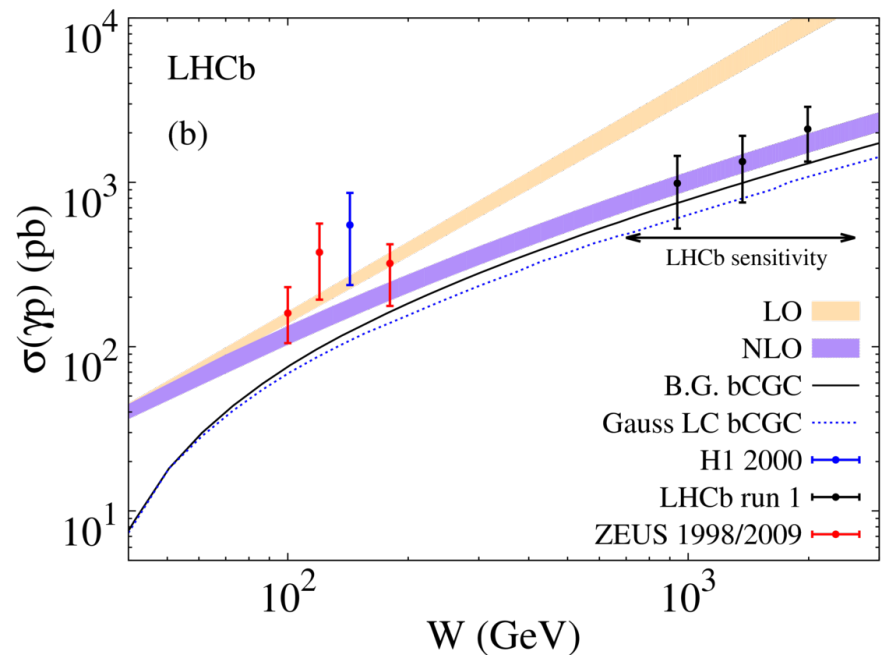
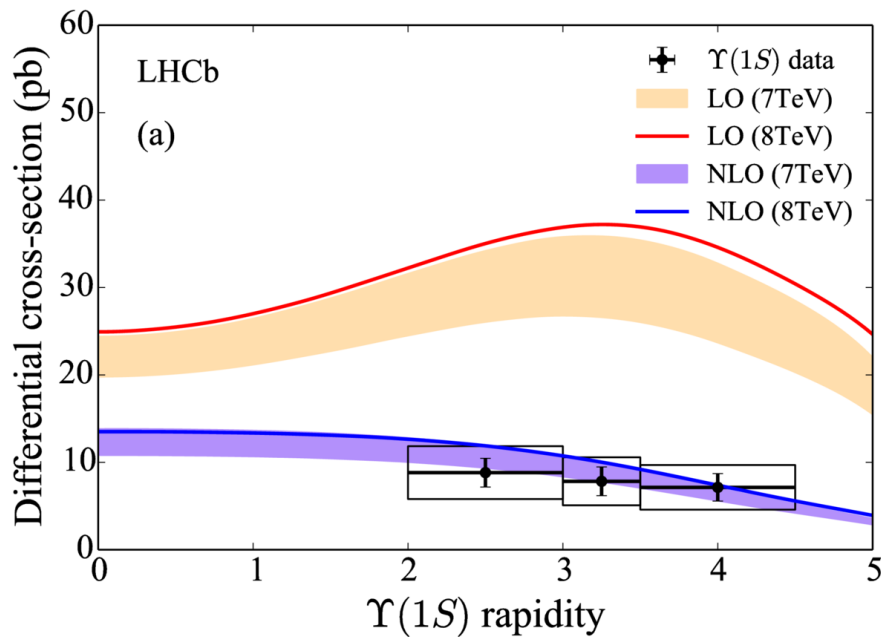


integrated cross-sections: $2.0 < \eta(\mu) < 4.5$
 $\sigma(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 9.0 \pm 2.1 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1.7 \text{ (sys)} \text{ pb}$
 $\sigma(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 1.3 \pm 0.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.3 \text{ (sys)} \text{ pb}$
 upper limit: $\sigma(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 3.4 \text{ pb @ 95\% C.L.}$

W- solution very small - neglected

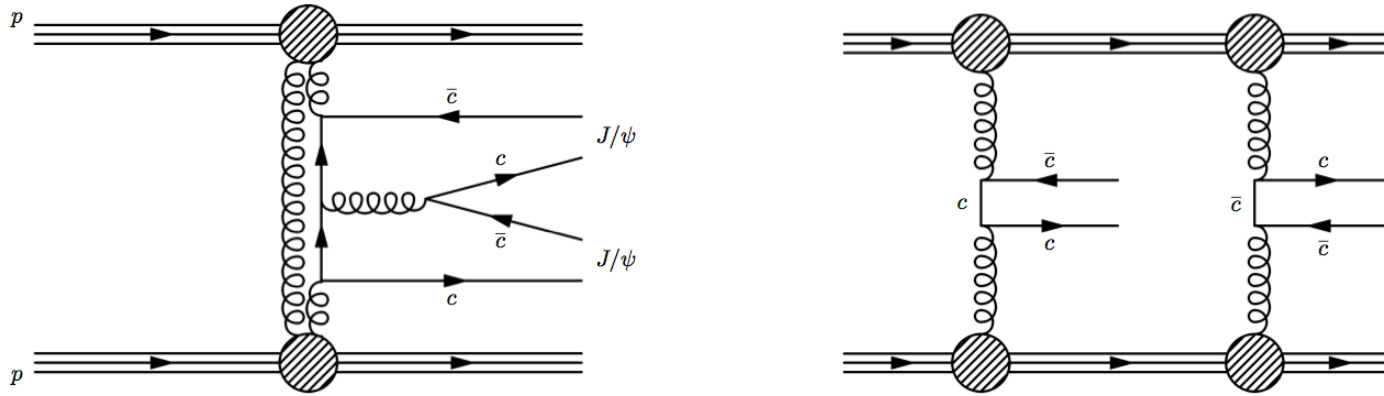
→ strong preference of NLO prediction

colour glass condensate (CGC) formalism does describe data [Phys.Lett B742 (2015) 172]



measurement of $J/\psi J/\psi$, $J/\psi \psi(2S)$, $\psi(2S) \psi(2S)$ and $\chi_c \chi_c$ production

exchange of two pomerons

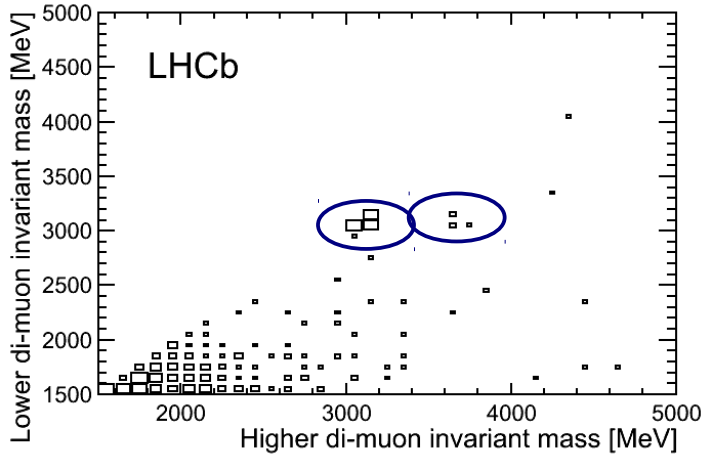


- cross section and mass spectrum sensitive to exotics, such as glueballs or tetraquarks
- comparison of exclusive and inclusive J/ψ mass spectra
 - helps to understand J/ψ pairs production

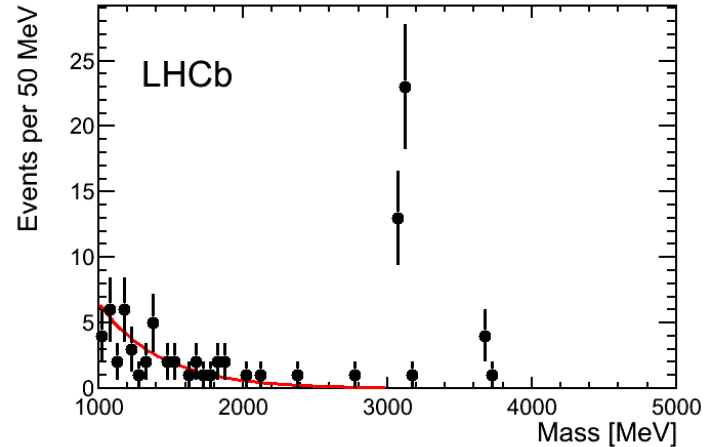
analysis based on full run I data: 1 fb^{-1} @ 7 TeV and 2 fb^{-1} @ 8 TeV

- cross-sections for $J/\psi J/\psi$ and $J/\psi \psi(2S)$ pairs measured by LHCb
- upper limits established for $\psi(2S) \psi(2S)$ and $\chi_{c(0,1,2)} \chi_{c(0,1,2)}$

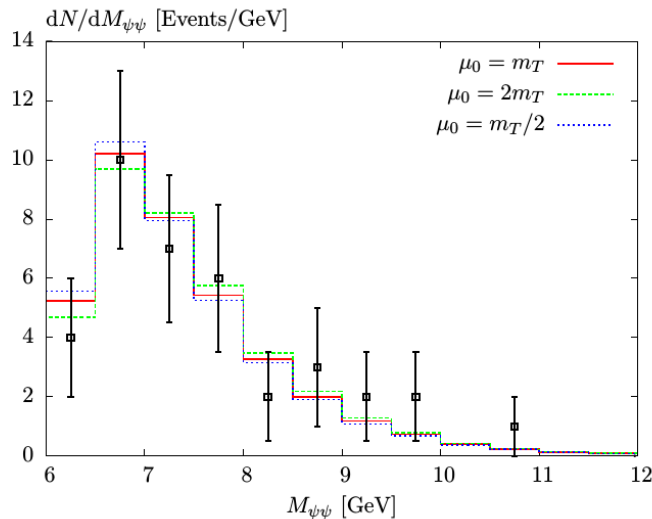
selection: four tracks – three identified as muons, no photons, no other tracks in VELO



invariant mass of di-muon pairs



invariant mass of 2nd di-muon pair



four-muon invariant mass

observed J/ψ J/ψ mass spectrum agrees with theory (arXiv:1409.4785)

event yield in 3/fb : 37 $J/\psi J/\psi$, 5 $J/\psi \psi(2S)$, 0 $\psi(2S)\psi(2S)$, 1/0/0 $\chi_c \chi_c$ (0/1/2)

→ first observation of CEP of charmonium pair mesons

→ x-section for the decay into four muons in the LHCb acceptance

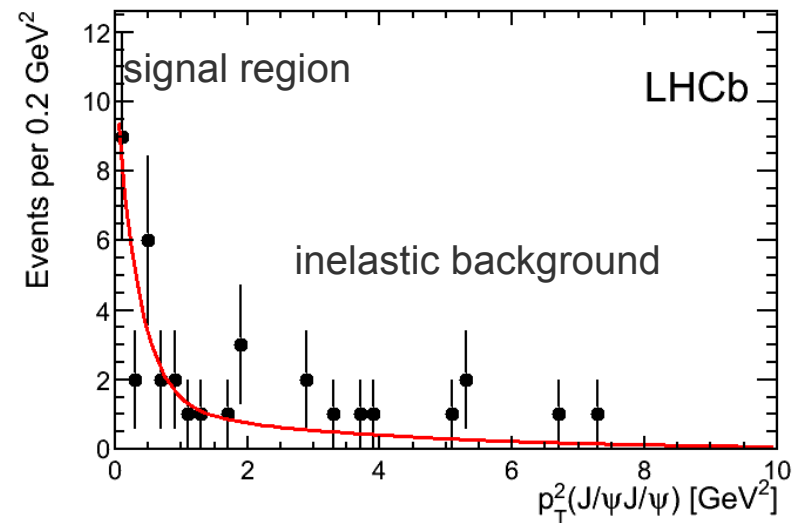
non-resonant and feed-down background removed

but still includes inelastic contributions

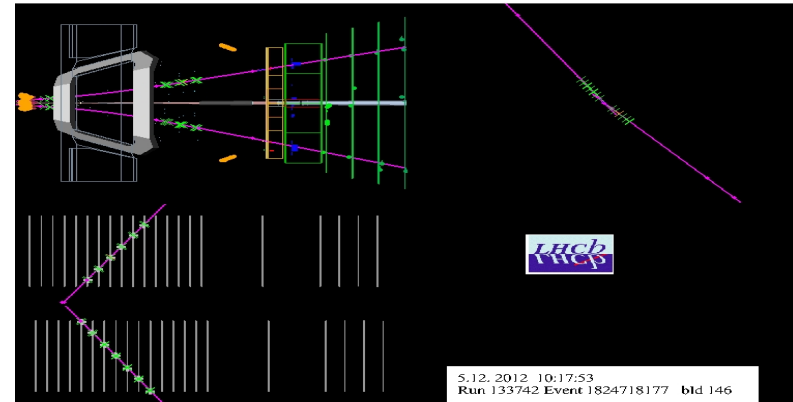
$\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi)$	=	$58 \pm 10(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{sys}) \text{ pb}$
$\sigma(J/\psi \psi(2S))$	=	$63^{+27}_{-18}(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{sys}) \text{ pb}$
$\sigma(\psi(2S)\psi(2S))$	<	237 pb
$\sigma(\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0})$	<	69 pb
$\sigma(\chi_{c1}\chi_{c1})$	<	45 pb
$\sigma(\chi_{c2}\chi_{c2})$	<	141 pb

fraction of elastic events: $42 \pm 13\%$

CEP:	$\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi)$	=	$24 \pm 9 \text{ pb}$
Theory:	$\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi)$	≈	8 to 36 pb
			[arXiv:1409.4785]



- LHCb's forward acceptance provides unique window on CEP
- Spectroscopy in a very clean environment
- QCD studies
 - very low-x gluon PDF
 - sensitivity to shadowing
 - nature of pomeron
 - sensitivity to glueballs, odderons, tetraquarks
- Results
 - J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$, Υ production
 - double-charmonium
- Outlook
 - increased sensitivity
 - expect to collect 5/fb with low pileup → unique measurements possible also in proton-ion or heavy-ion collisions



→ many more interesting measurements also with hadronic final states to come!

Backup



integrated cross-sections $2.0 < \eta(\mu) < 4.5$:

13 TeV

$$\sigma(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 411.0 \pm 16 \text{ stat} \pm 21 \text{ sys} \pm 16 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$

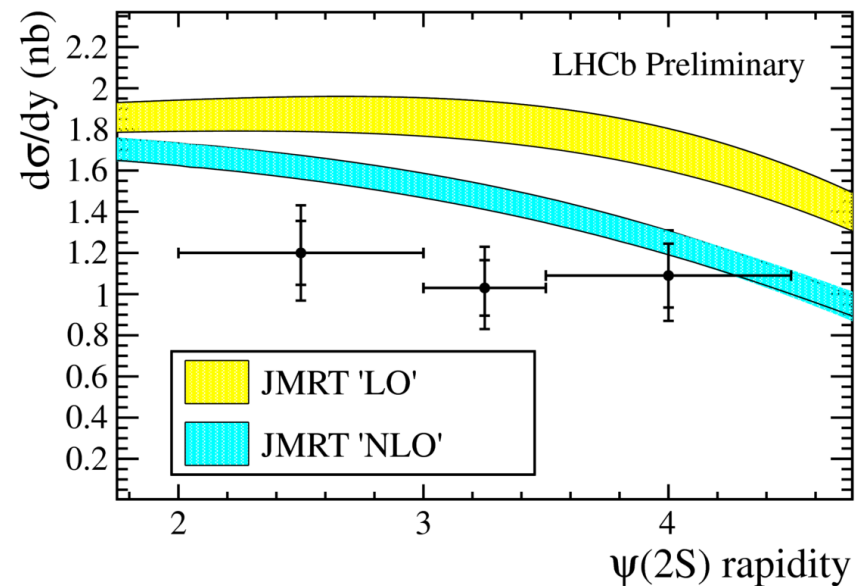
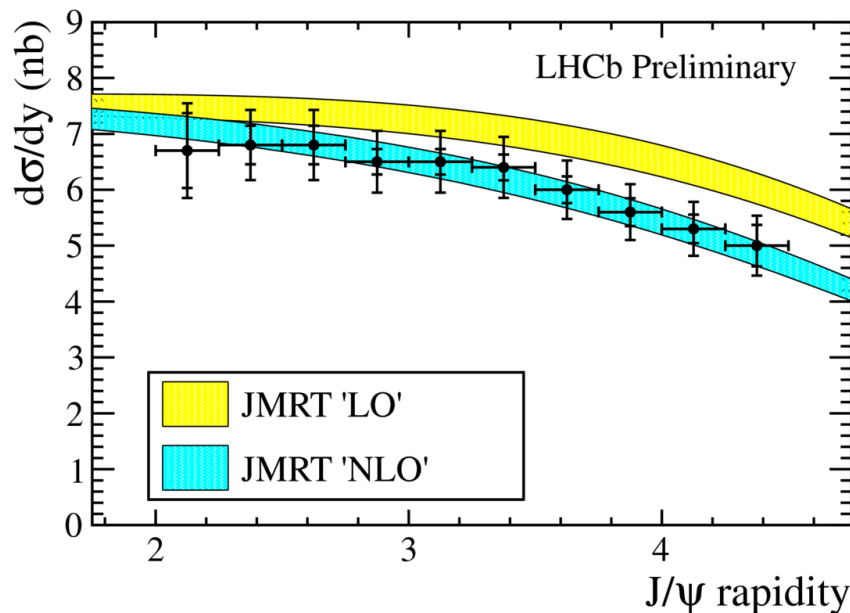
$$\sigma(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 9.4 \pm 1.3 \text{ stat} \pm 0.5 \text{ sys} \pm 0.4 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$

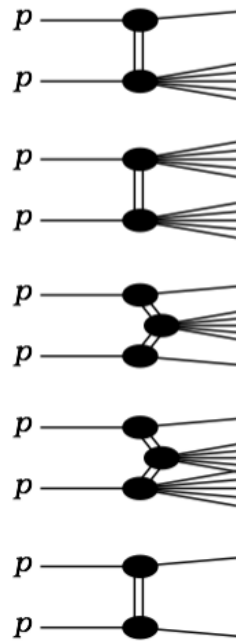
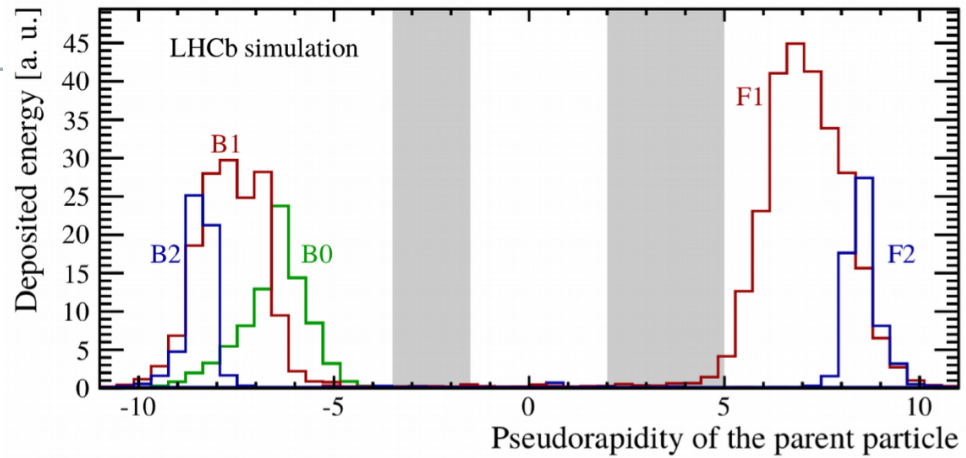
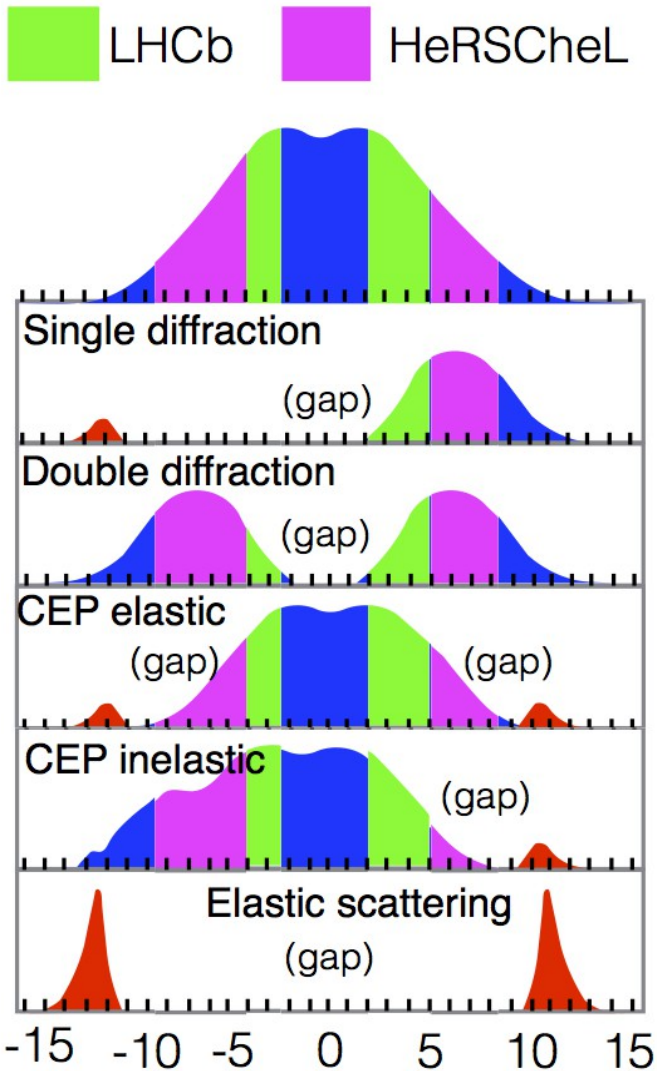
7 TeV

$$\sigma(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 291.0 \pm 7 \text{ stat} \pm 19 \text{ (sys) pb}$$

$$\sigma(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = 9.4 \pm 1.3 \text{ stat} \pm 0.5 \text{ sys} \pm 0.4 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$

13 TeV \rightarrow better agreement with NLO predictions



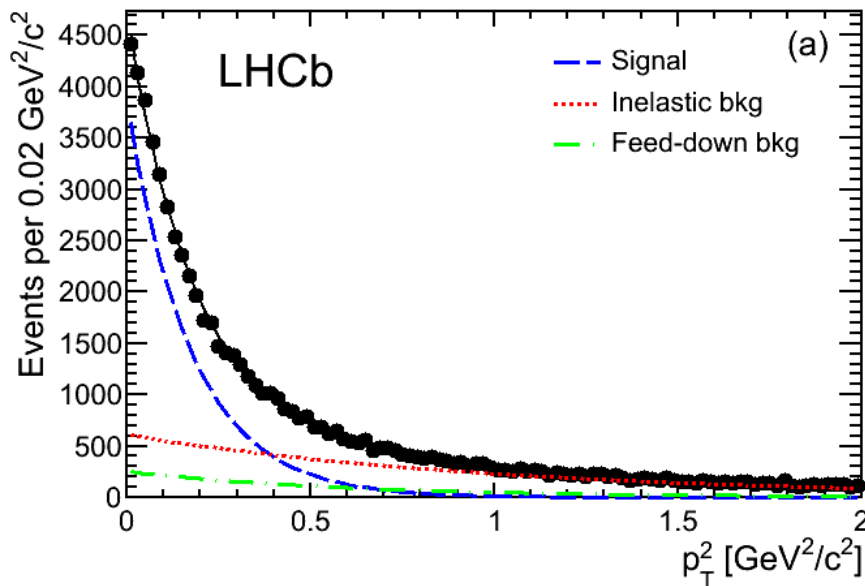
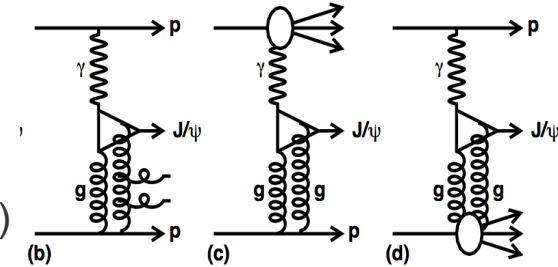


CEP events:
only few particles
(muons, hadrons, photons..)

CEP backgrounds:
additional particles,
usually very forward

Backgrounds

- non resonant: small for J/ψ ($0.8 \pm 0.1\%$)
significant for ψ(2s) ($17.0 \pm 0.3\%$)
- feed down: from higher resonances
J/ψ: ($7.6 \pm 0.9\%$) from χ_c and ($2.5 \pm 0.2\%$) from ψ(2s)
ψ(2s): ($2.0 \pm 2.0\%$) from X(3872) and $\chi_c(2P)$
- inelastic background with extra particles out of LHCb acceptance - **dominant**
estimated from p_T^2 distribution



$$f_s e^{-b_s p_T^2} + f_b e^{-b_b p_T^2} f_f F_f p_T^2$$

- signal and inelastic background: exponential
- feed-down: shape from data
- fit slope and normalization of signal and backgrounds

exp. slopes b agree well with expectation from HERA:

LHCb exp. from HERA

$$b_s \sim 6 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

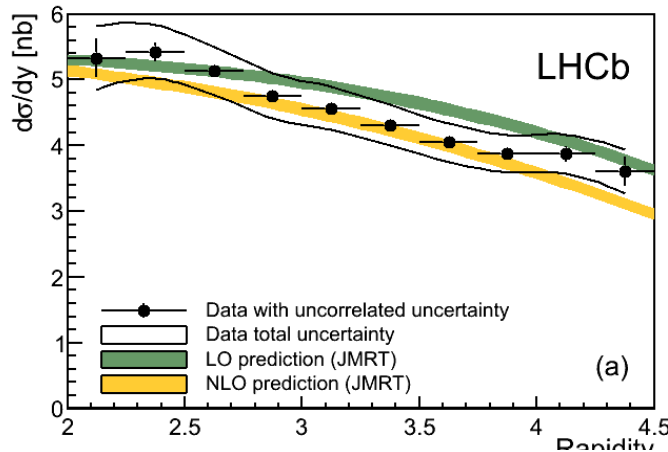
$$b_b \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

LHCb fit

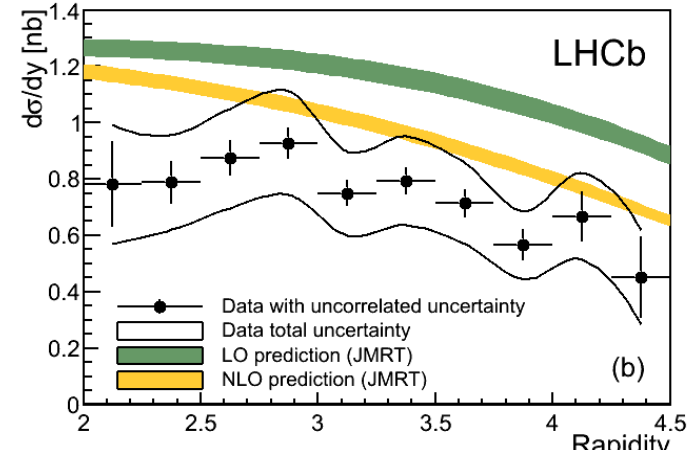
$$b_s = 5.70 \pm 0.11 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

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

J/ψ

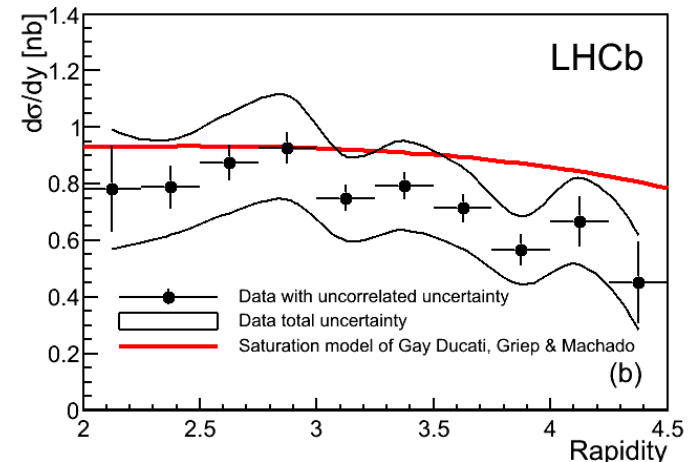
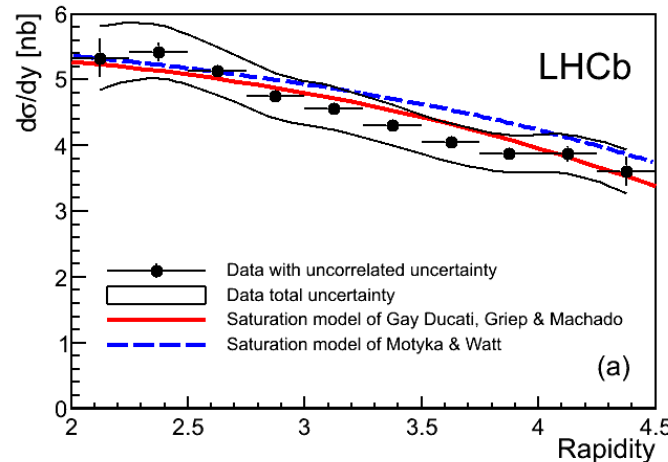


ψ(2S)



LO,NLO
JRMT:
JHEP 1311 (2013) 085

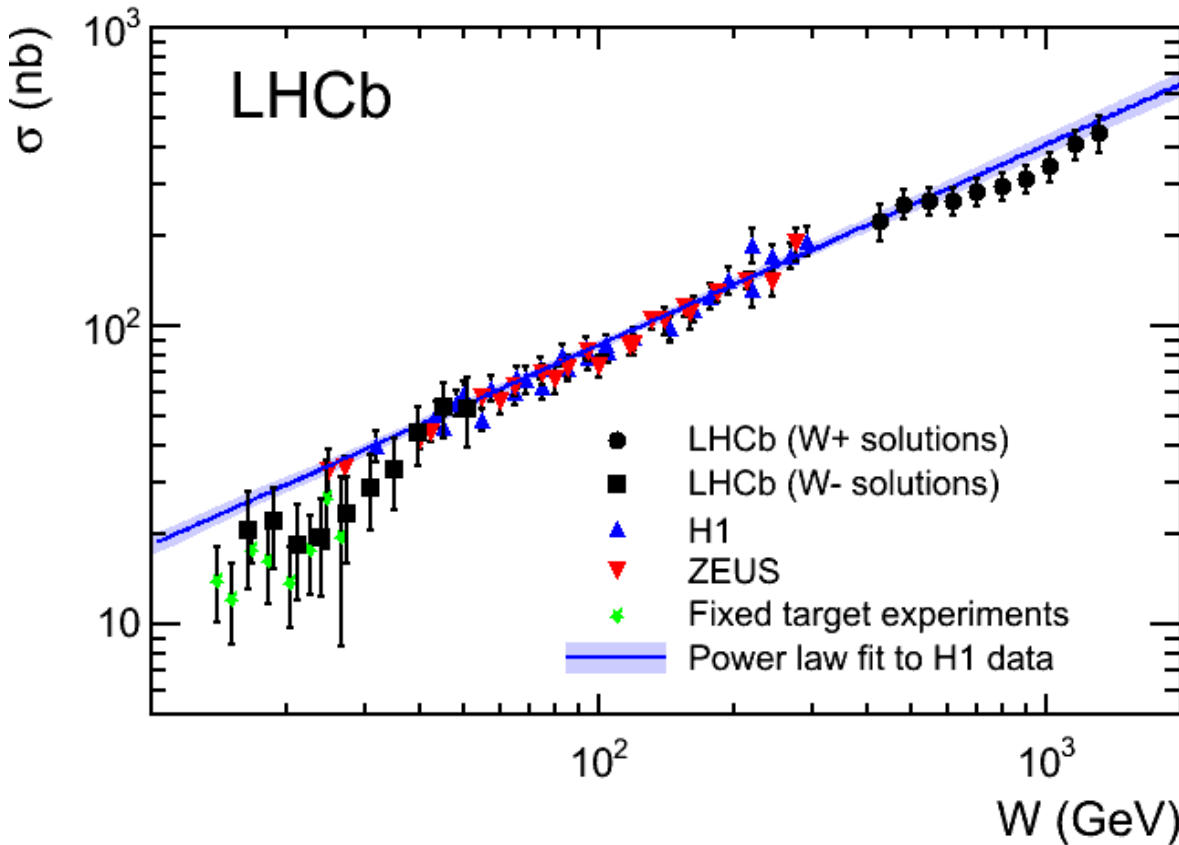
Saturation
M&W:
Phys. Rev. D78 (2008) 0140
GGM:
Phys.Rev. D88 (2013) 01750



- dominant uncertainty: purity 2% J/ψ, 13% ψ(2S)
- uncertainties highly correlated between bins
- shape better described by NLO prediction or models including saturation

compare to HERA γp data using known photon flux for a photon (energy k)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_{pp \rightarrow pVp}} = r(y) \left[k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \underbrace{\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}(W^+)}_{\text{from HERA/extracted}} + k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \underbrace{\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}(W^-)}_{\text{extracted/from HERA}} \right]$$



→ two correlated points for each measurement (W^+ , W^-) in y

→ good agreement with low energy fixed target data

deviation from power law:

- higher order
- saturation effects

feed down backgrounds

Signal window	Υ sample	Estimated contamination yield		
		$\chi_b(1P)$	$\chi_b(2P)$	$\chi_b(3P)$
$2 < y(\Upsilon) < 4.5$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	63 ± 10	14 ± 5	3 ± 2
	$\Upsilon(2S)$	–	43 ± 12	5 ± 3
	$\Upsilon(3S)$	–	–	21 ± 21
$2 < y(\Upsilon) < 3$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	31 ± 8	2 ± 2	0 ± 2
$3 < y(\Upsilon) < 3.5$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	22 ± 6	10 ± 4	0 ± 2
$3.5 < y(\Upsilon) < 4.5$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	8 ± 4	0 ± 2	3 ± 2

systematic uncertainties

	$2 < y < 3$	$3 < y < 3.5$	$3.5 < y < 4.5$	$2 < y < 4.5$		
	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Purity fit	14.2	14.2	14.2	13.7	13.7	13.7
Feed-down b.g.	12.2	12.2	12.3	12.2	14.6	12.5
Υ' feed-down	4.0	4.3	5.4	4.5	11.1	–
Mass fit	2.2	2.8	2.9	2.1	2.8	3.6
Luminosity	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
$\mathcal{B}(\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	8.8	9.6
Total	19.5	19.7	20.0	19.3	24.8	21.4

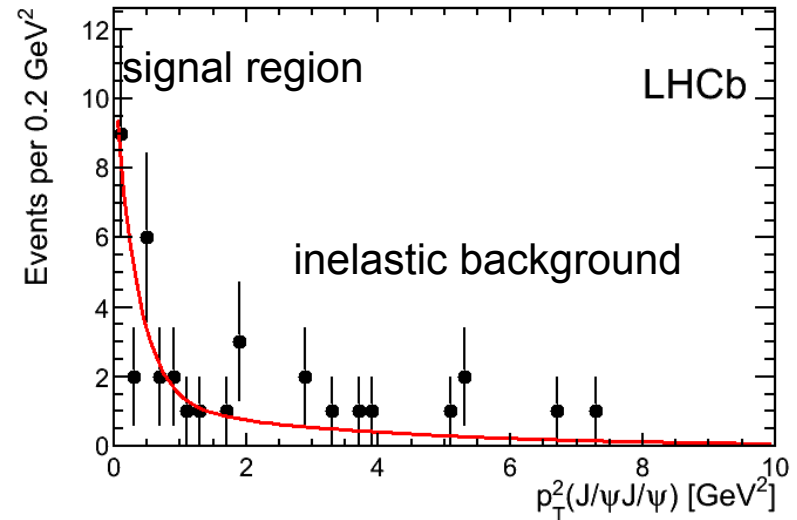
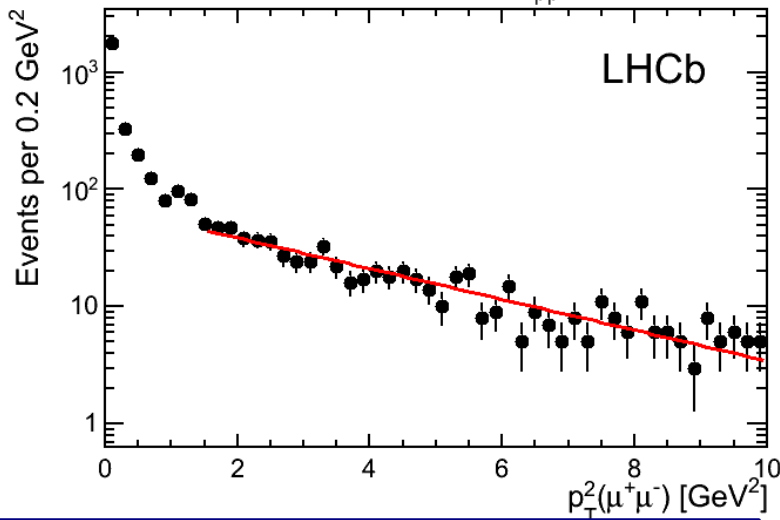
fraction of elastic events:
$$d\sigma/dp_T^2 = f_s b_s e^{-b_s p_T^2} + (1 - f_s) b_b e^{-b_b p_T^2}$$

elastic (b_s) & inelastic (b_b) components

- take b_b from fit to background sample: $b_b = 0.29 \pm 0.02 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
- perform fit to determine b_s and f_s $b_s = 2.9 \pm 1.3 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$, $f_s = 0.42 \pm 0.13$

background sample:

CEP di- μ candidates with $6 < M_{\mu\mu} < 9 \text{ GeV}$

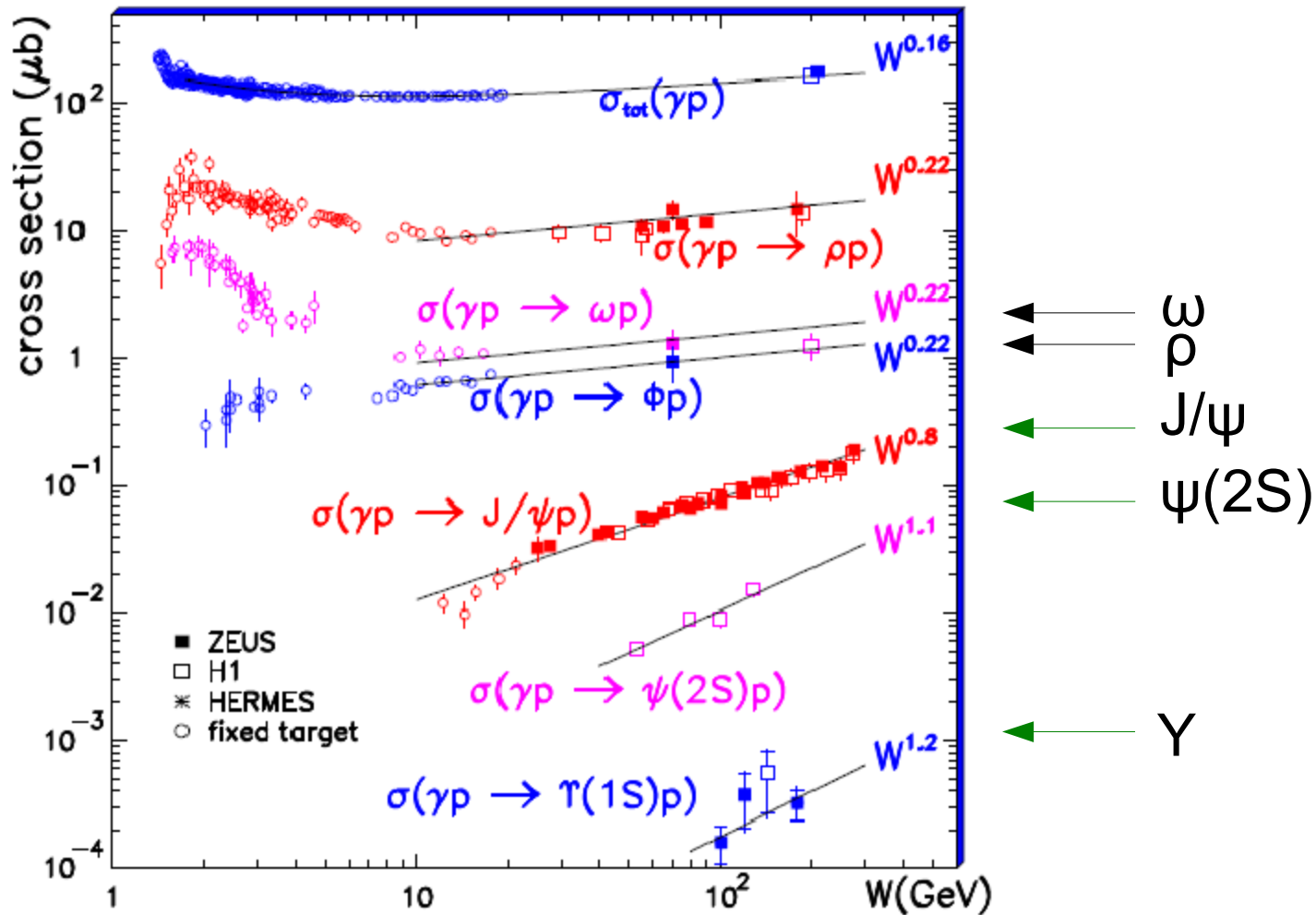


CEP: $\sigma(J/\Psi J/\Psi) = 24 \pm 9 \text{ pb}$
 Theory: $\sigma(J/\Psi J/\Psi) \approx 8 \text{ to } 36 \text{ pb}$

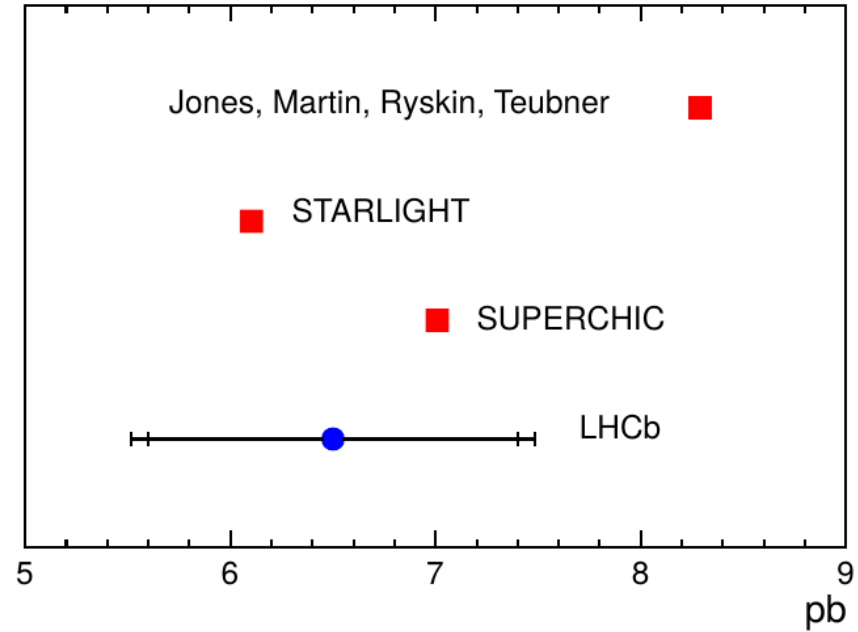
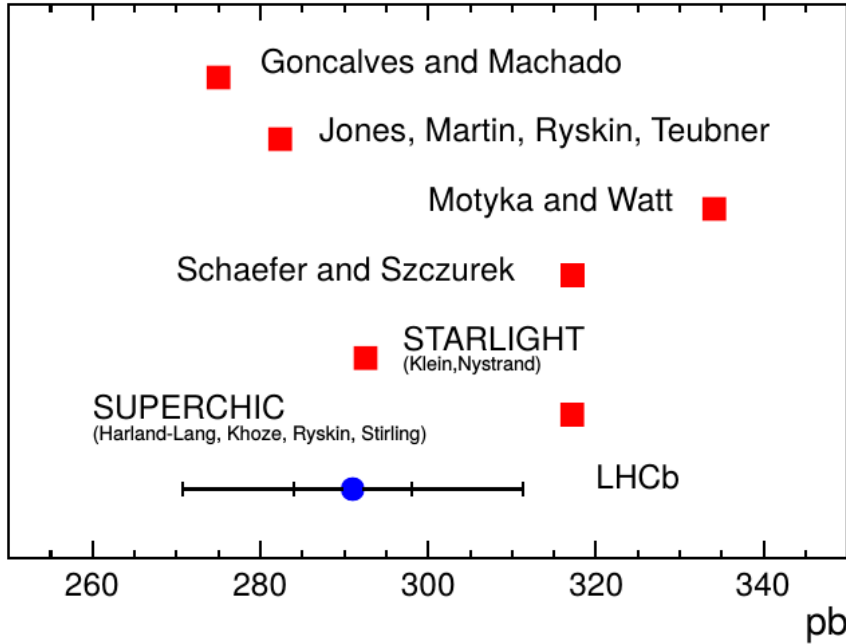
arXiv:1409.4785

work ongoing with other final states, also in hadronic channels

10.3204/DESY-PROC-2012-03/58



total cross sections:



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

J/Ψ production cross section measured as a function of rapidity

→ results can then be compared to H1/ZEUS data using photon flux for a photon of energy k

- correct for gap survival
- each rapidity bin: two solutions for W
- take LO extrapolation from HERA for W⁺⁽⁻⁾, extract solution for W⁻⁽⁺⁾

$$\overbrace{\frac{d\sigma}{dy_{pp \rightarrow pVp}}}^{\text{measured}} = r(y) \left[k_+ \overbrace{\frac{dn}{dk_+}}^{\text{extracted/from HERA}} \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}(W^+) + k_- \overbrace{\frac{dn}{dk_-}}^{\text{from HERA/extracted}} \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}(W^-) \right]$$

$$r(y) = 0.85 - \frac{0.1|y|}{3} \quad \text{absorptive correction, gap survival}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dk} = \frac{\alpha_{cm}}{2\pi k} \left[1 + \left(1 - \frac{2k}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^2 \right] \left(\log A - \frac{11}{6} + \frac{3}{A} - \frac{3}{2A^2} + \frac{1}{3A^3} \right) \quad \text{photon energy spectrum}$$