

THE LHCb TRACKS RECONSTRUCTION IN RUN 2: STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE

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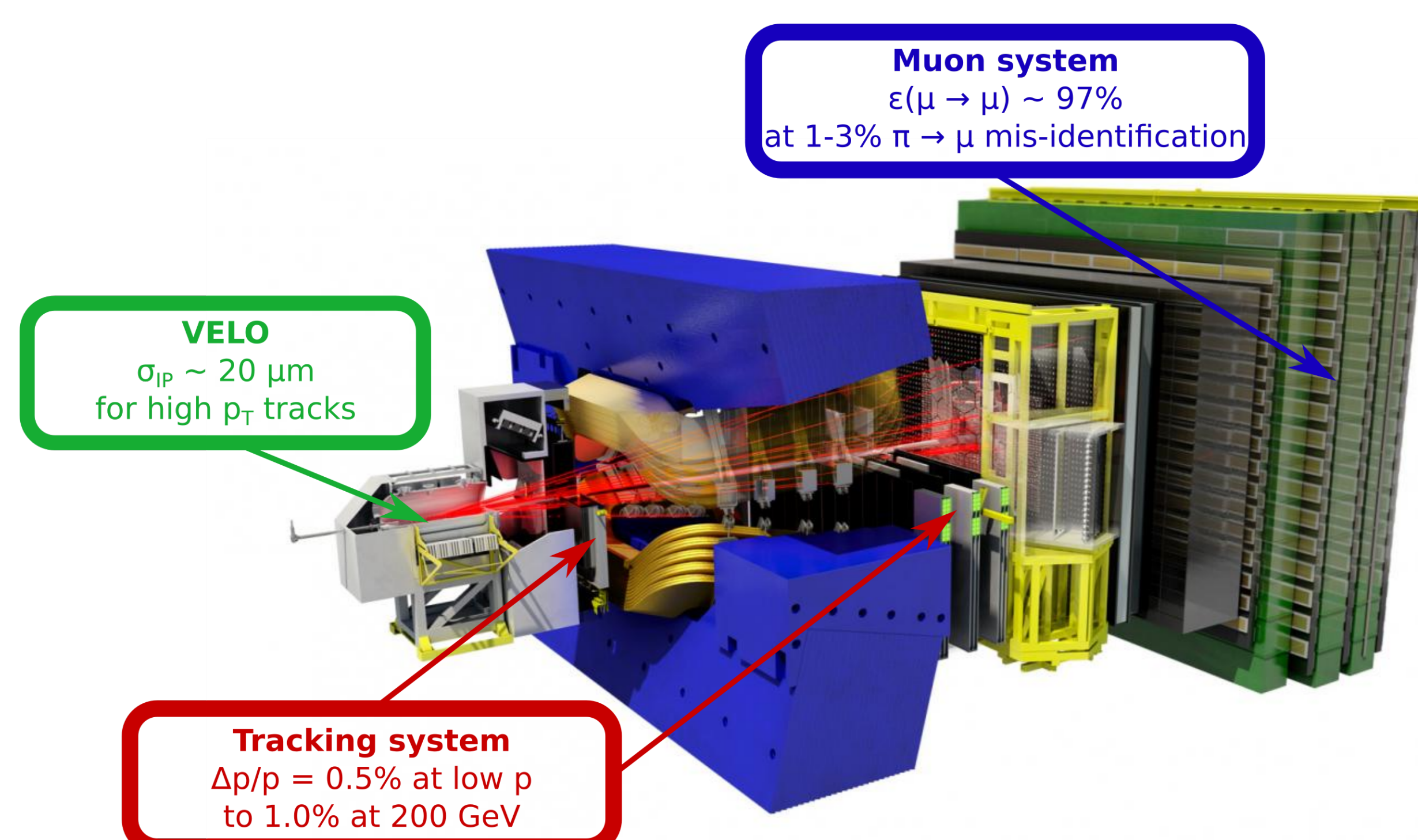
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LHCb DETECTOR

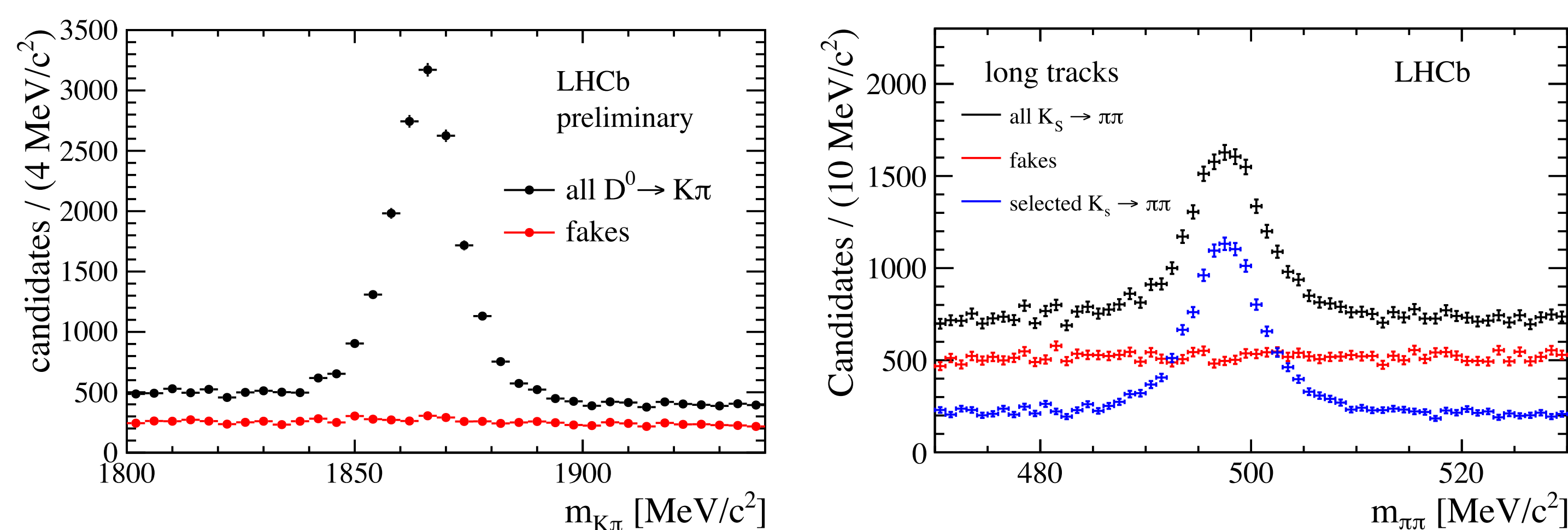
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RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS IN RUN 2

- Major improvements in the pattern recognition algorithms
- Factor of 2 speed-up, without loss in performance
- Extensive use of machine-learning techniques
- Example: Improved fake-track reduction
 - Fake tracks: not corresponding to a real particle's trajectory
 - Sped up by $O(90\%)$: allow the use in the online event selection
 - Ghost rate in online event selection reduced from 22% to 14%

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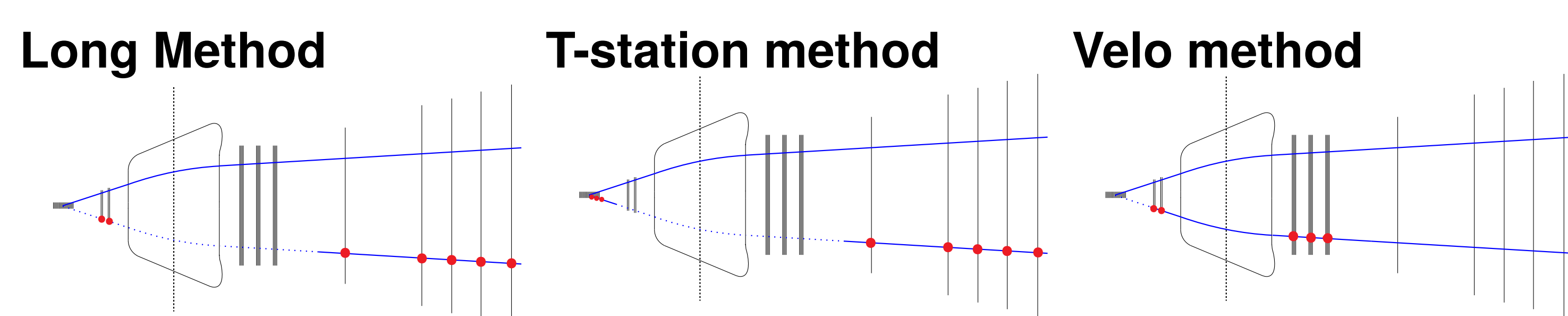


MEASUREMENT OF TRACKING EFFICIENCY

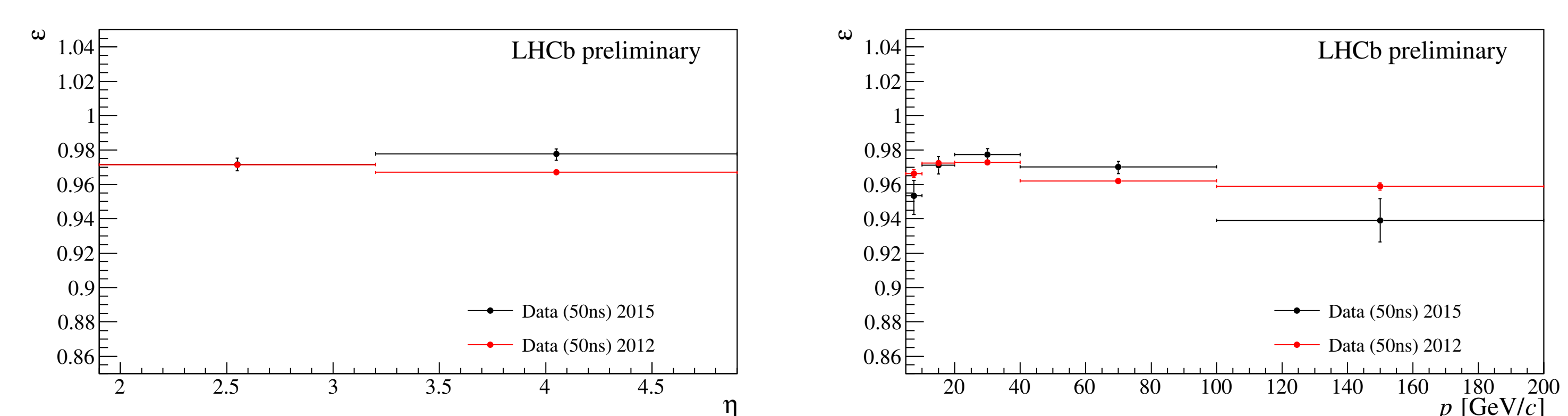
- All data selected and stored in software trigger: “**TurCal**” [5]
 - Offline-quality event reconstruction available online
 - Detector calibration ran online: offline-quality data
 - Data immediately available for analyses
- Efficiency from data using **tag-and-probe method**
 - Track parameter inference independent of standard track reconstruction
 - Exploit two-particle decays
 - First track from the decay is fully reconstructed (**tag** track)
 - Second track is reconstructed excluding the probed subdetector (**probe** track)
- Tracking efficiencies easily accessible using “**TrackCalib**” tool
 - Transparent and easy efficiency estimation
 - User-defined track-quality cuts, binning and variables
 - Available for all users

MUON TRACKING EFFICIENCY

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decay is used [3]
 - $\mu\mu$ pair ideal to probe the whole tracking system
 - J/ψ gives a clear signal in the detector
- J/ψ coming from $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi X$ (data) and $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K$ (MC)
 - Detached J/ψ for clean signal
 - Unbiased selection by dedicated trigger



Final method = Long method + (VELO method \oplus T-station method)



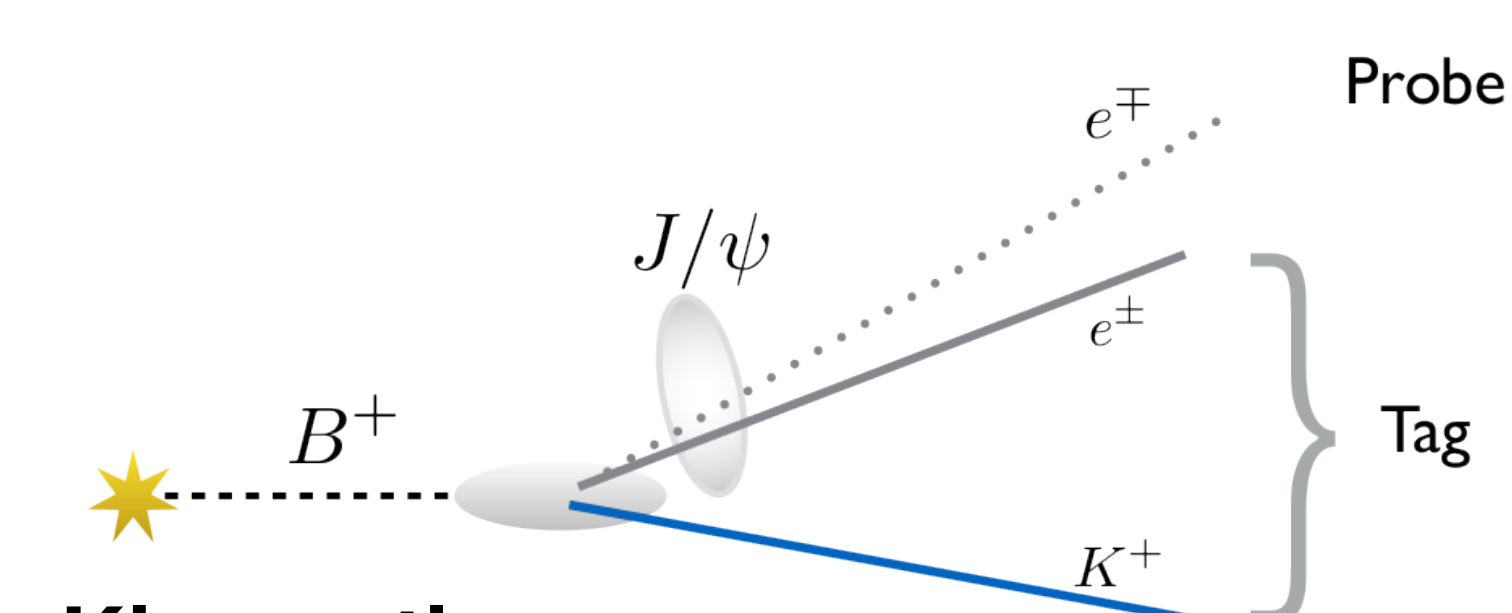
ELECTRON TRACKING EFFICIENCY

Electrons have a considerably different behaviour compared to muons

- Significant energy loss (**bremsstrahlung**) along trajectory
- Decreases reconstruction efficiency downstream of VELO

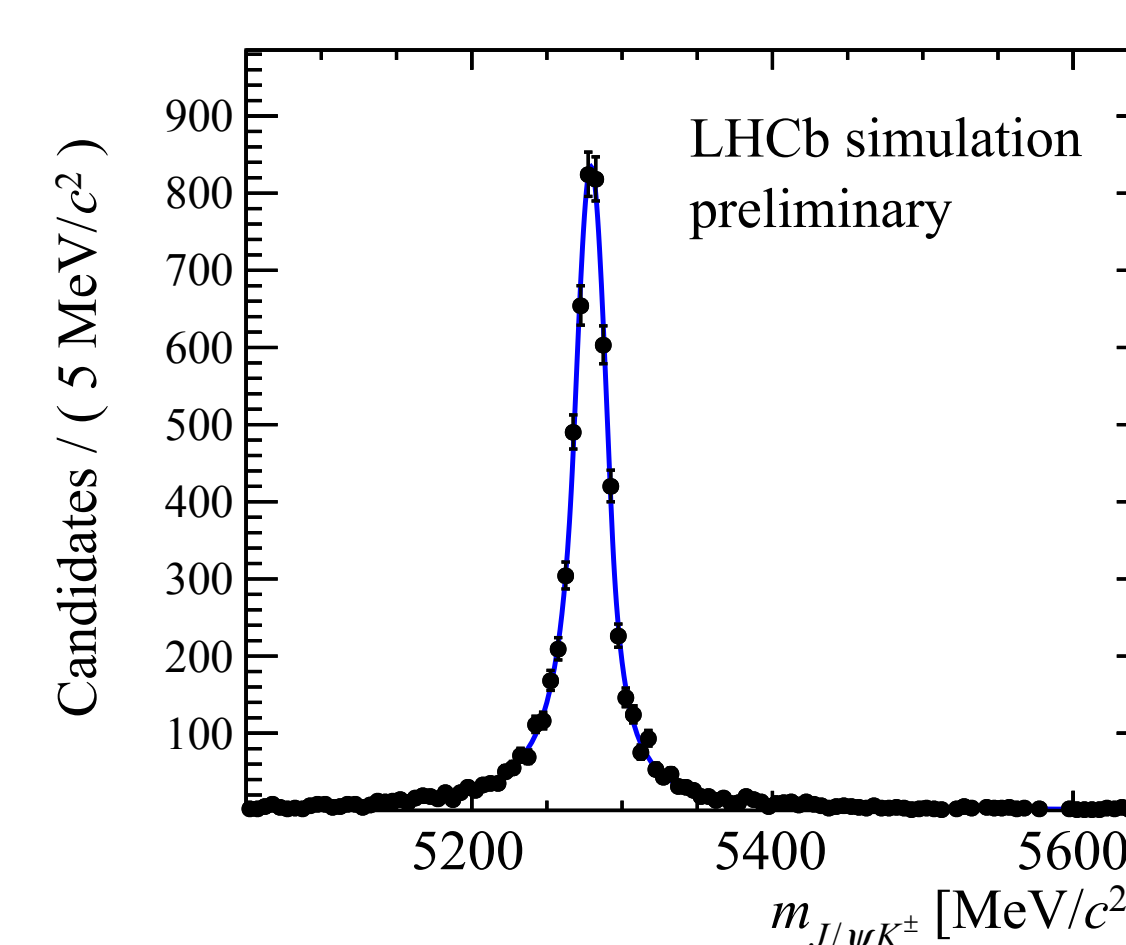
New method for measuring reconstruction efficiencies for electrons:
Kinematically constrained VELO tracks originating from $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+e^-)K^+$

- Efficient VELO reconstruction ($\approx 98\%$)
- Applicable also to muons & hadrons



Kinematics

- Direction inferred from VELO segment
- Probe momentum inferred from J/ψ mass constraint
- Use B^+ mass with J/ψ mass constraint to distinguish between signal and background



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