



LHCb: Heavy ion physics results and prospects

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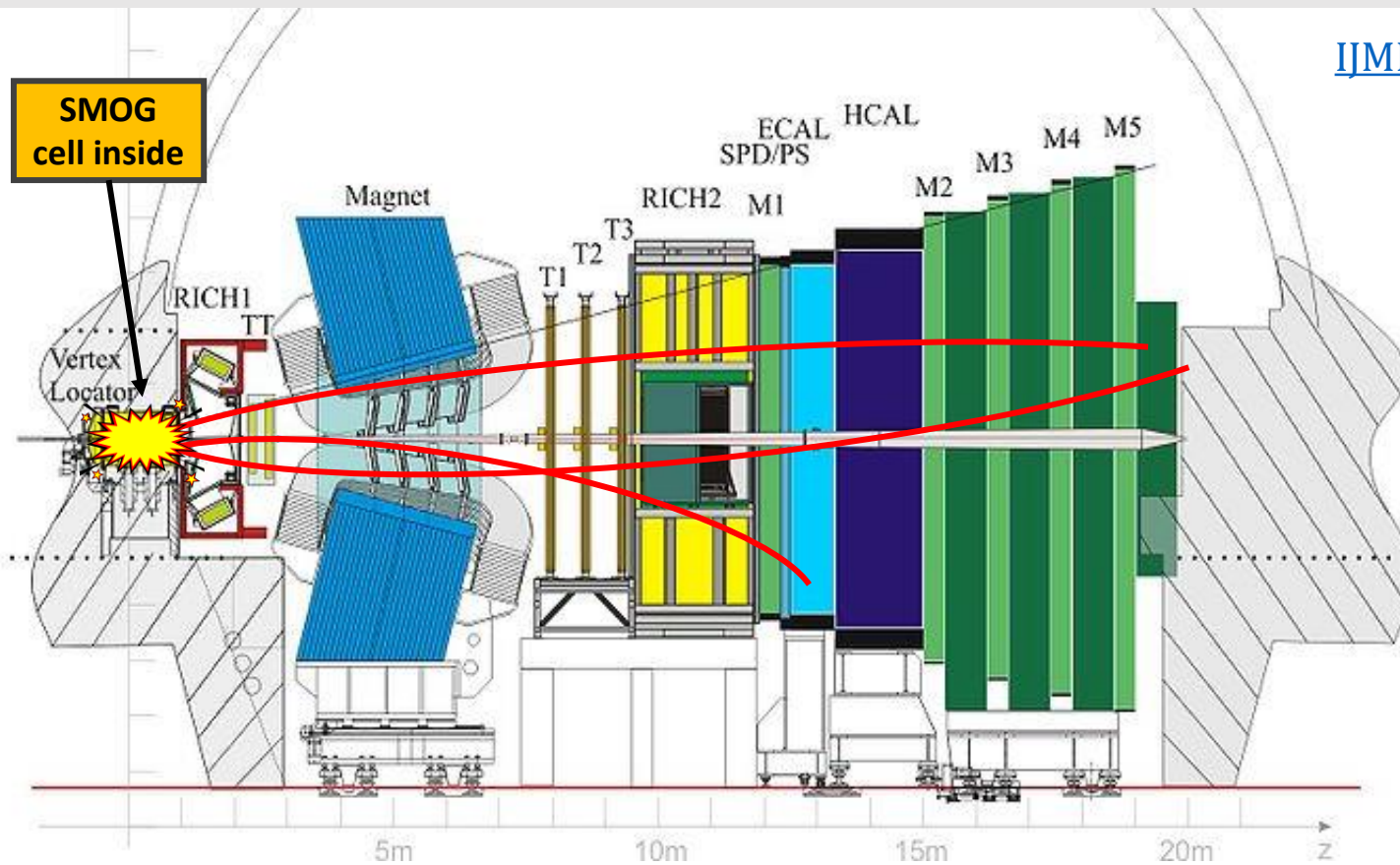
Prospects:

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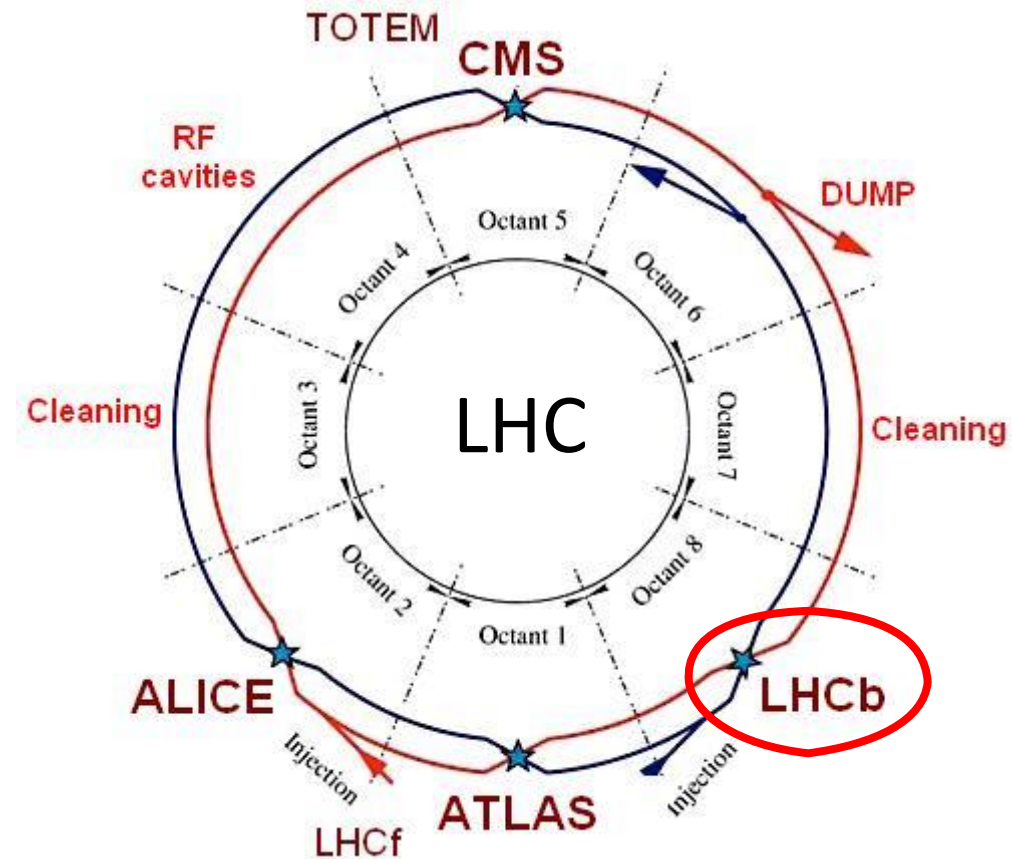
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The LHCb detector at CERN

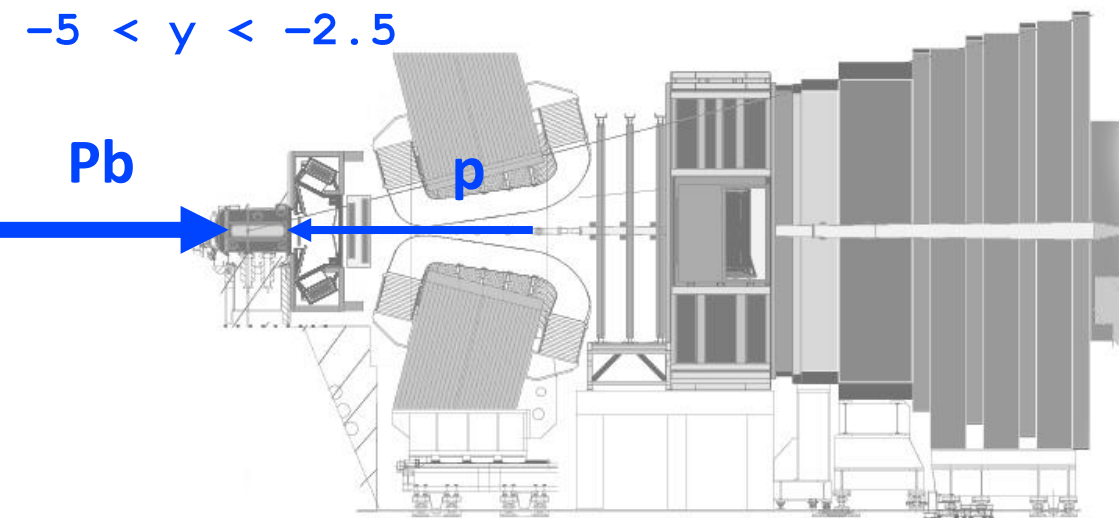
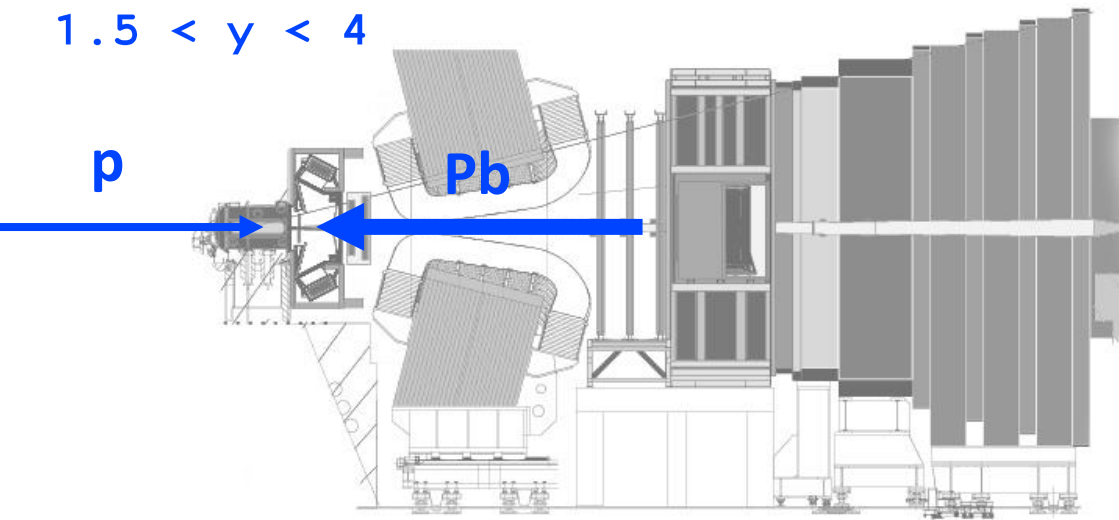
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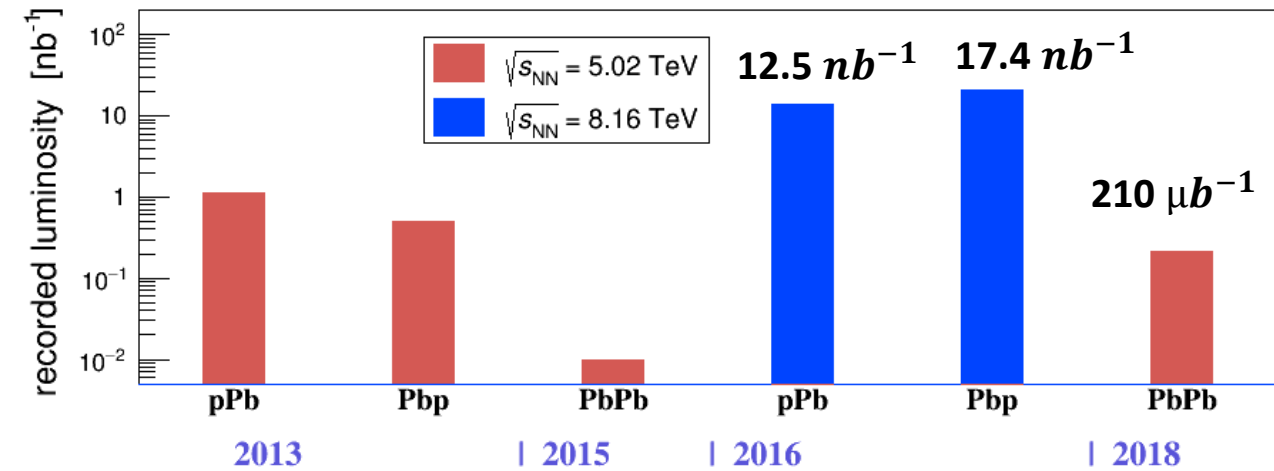
- $2 < \eta < 5$ pseudo-rapidity range;
- pp/PbPb and fixed target mode;
- Interaction point resolution $< 10 \mu\text{m}$;
- Momentum resolution 0.5–1.0% (5–200 GeV/c);
- Excellent $e, \mu, \pi, K, p, \gamma$ identification ;



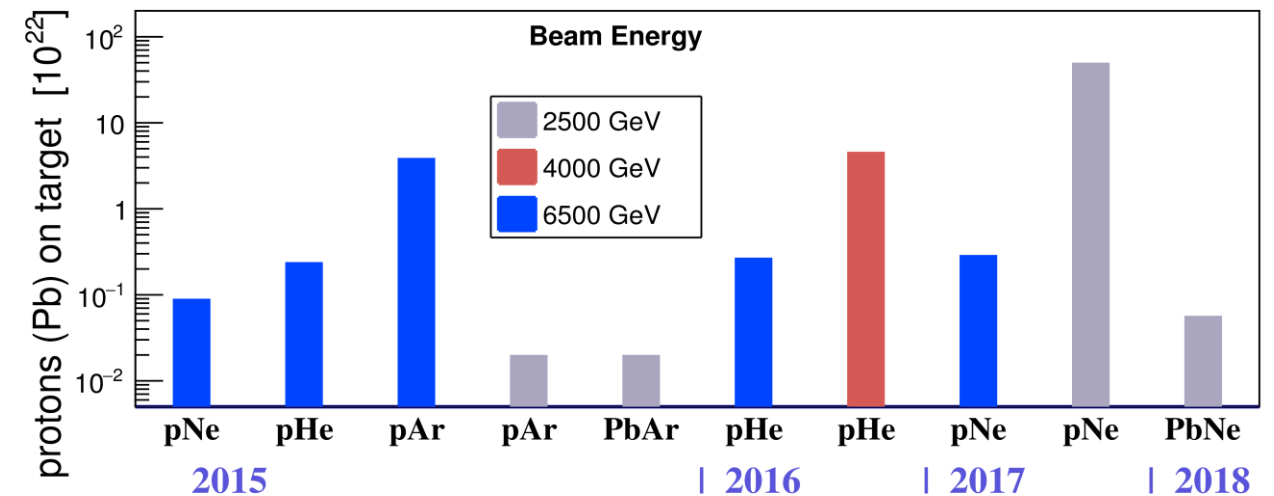
Available samples in Run2



Collider mode samples:



Fixed target mode samples:



Results and ongoing analyses

Published Results

A summary in the WG data base:

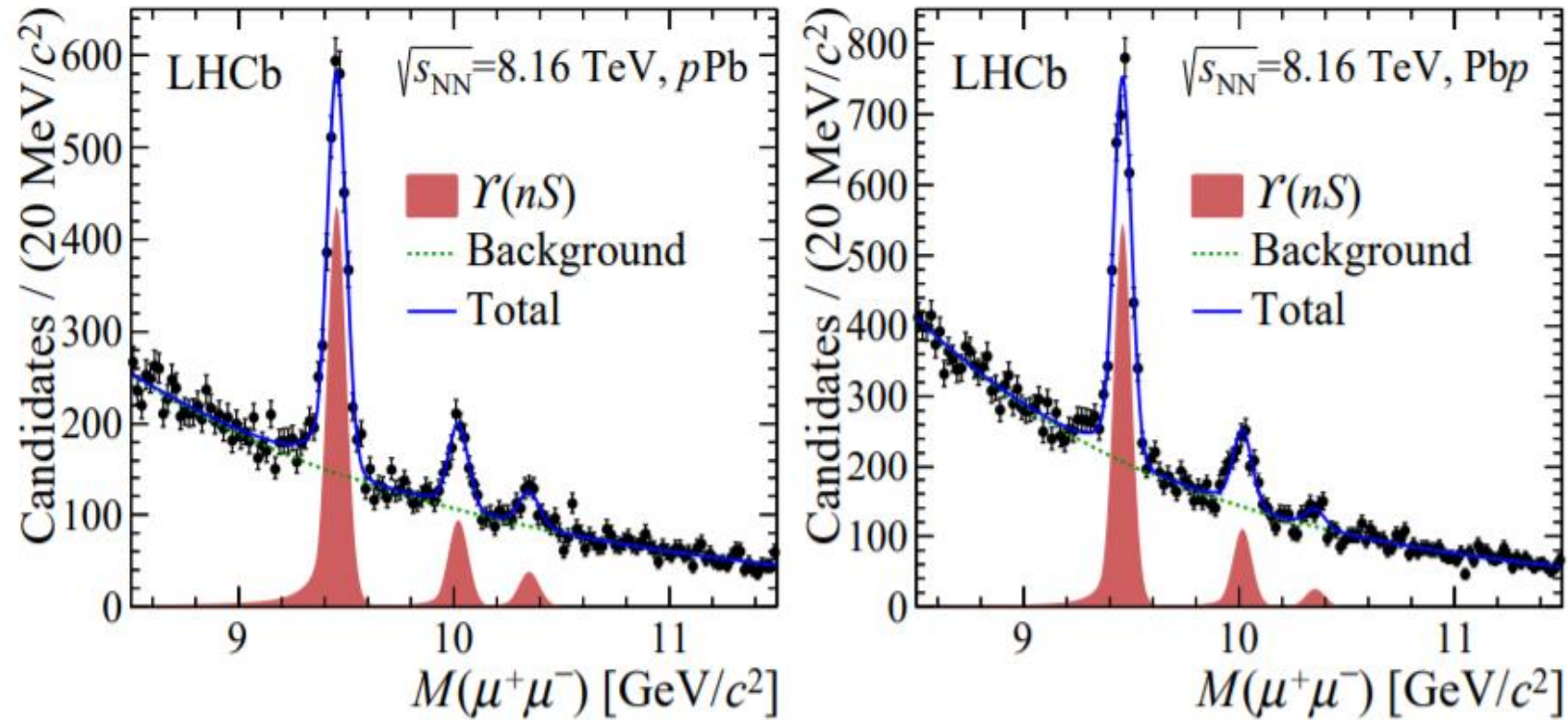
Title	Details	Reference
open beauty in p-Pb 8 TeV	PAPER-2018-048	Phys. Rev. D 99, 052011
Status and Prospects for Fixed Target Physics (PBC)	LHCB-PUB-2018-015	
SMOG2 Technical Design Report	LHCB-TDR-020	
Projections for pPb analyses in Run 3 and Run 4	LHCB-CONF-2018-005	
First measurements of charm production fixed-target configuration at the LHC	PAPER-2018-023	PRL 122 (2019) 132002
Study of Upsilon production in pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=8$ TeV	PAPER-2018-035	JHEP11(2018)194
Prompt Lc production in pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV	PAPER-2018-021	JHEP 02 (2019) 102
Measurement of antiproton production in pHe collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=110$ GeV	PAPER-2018-031	PRL 121 (2018) 222001
Study of prompt D0 meson production in pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5$ TeV	PAPER-2017-015	JHEP 10 (2017) 090
Prompt and nonprompt J/ψ production and nuclear modification in pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=8.16$ TeV	PAPER-2017-014	PLB 774 (2017) 159
Study of $\psi(2S)$ production and cold nuclear matter effects in pPb collisions at 5 TeV	PAPER-2015-058	JHEP 03 (2016) 133
Measurements of long-range near-side angular correlations in $s_{NN}=5$ TeV proton-lead collisions in the forward region	PAPER-2015-040	PLB 762 (2016) 473
Observation of Z production in proton-lead collisions at LHCb	PAPER-2014-022	JHEP 09 (2014) 030
Study of Y production and cold nuclear matter effects in pPb collisions at 5 TeV	PAPER-2014-015	JHEP 07 (2014) 094
Study of J/ψ production and cold nuclear matter effects in pPb collisions at 5 TeV	PAPER-2013-052	JHEP 02 (2014) 72

and many more to come...

Υ production in pPb

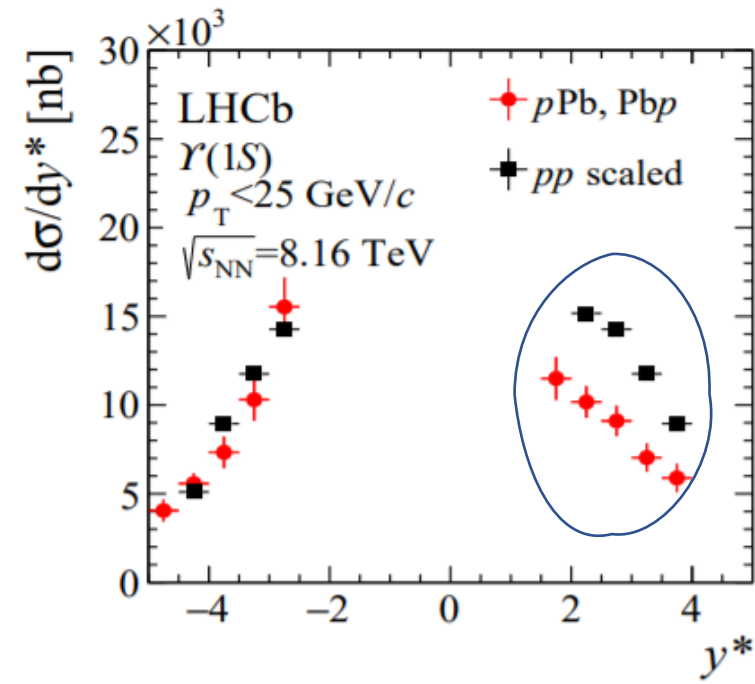
Signal yields

Samples	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$	\mathcal{L}
pPb	2705 ± 87	584 ± 49	262 ± 44	12.5 nb^{-1}
Pbp	3072 ± 82	679 ± 54	159 ± 39	19.3 nb^{-1}

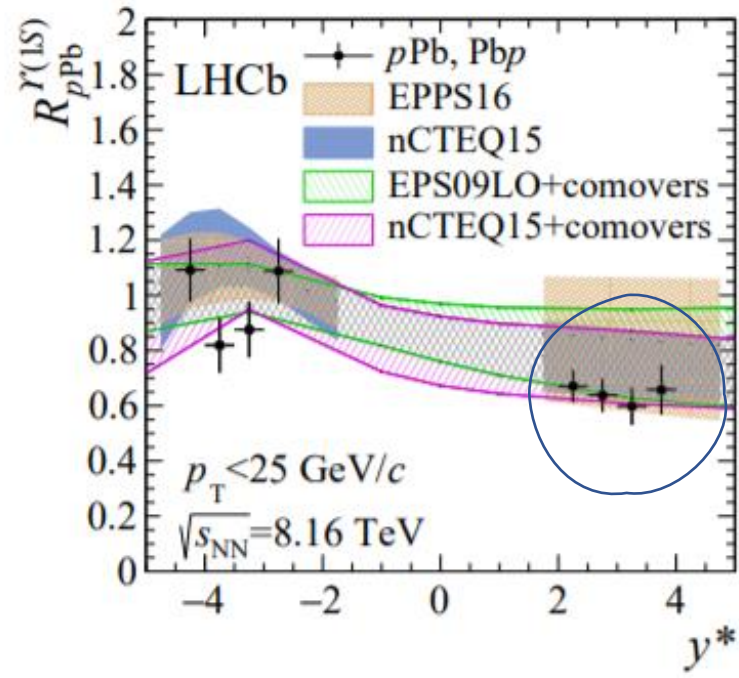


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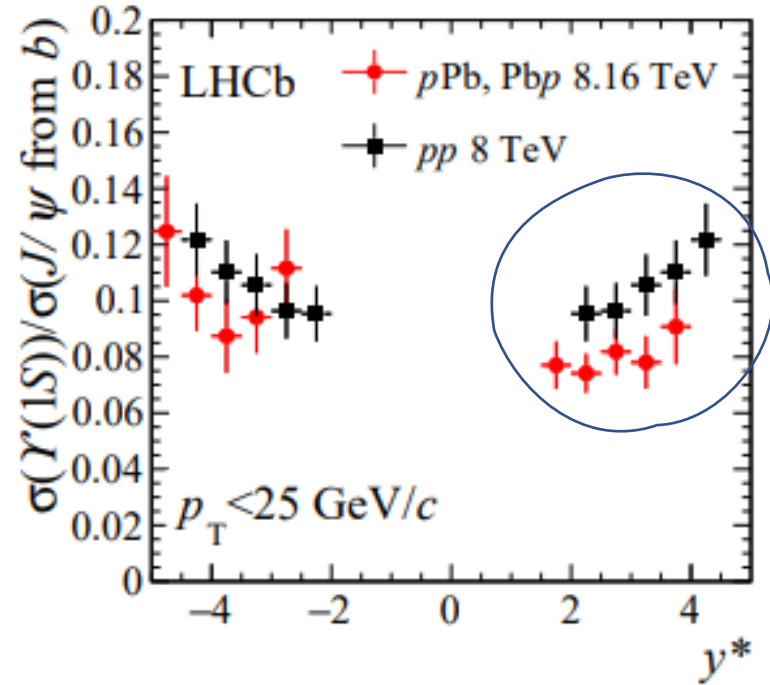
Υ production in pPb



The production of $\Upsilon(1S)$ is suppressed in the forward region.



R_{pPb} - nuclear modification factor, suppressed in pPb collisions up to about 40%, consistent with model calculations.



A small suppression is visible, which could be attributed to final-state CNM effects.

MODELS:
 EPPS16: Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77: 163
 EPS09: JHEP 04 (2009) 065, arXiv:0902.4154
 nCTEQ15: Phys. Rev. D93 (2016) 085037
 Comovers: arXiv:1804.04474; Phys. Lett. B749 (2015) 98, arXiv:1411.0549

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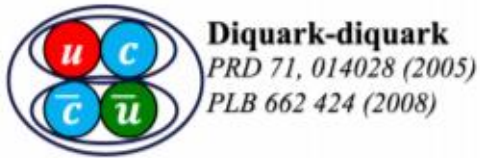
$$R_{pPb}(p_T) = \frac{\text{Yield}_{pPb}(p_T)}{\langle N_{bin} \rangle_{pPb} \times \text{Yield}_{pp}(p_T)}$$

$\chi(3872)$ production in high multiplicity in pp

First observed by Belle in $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- K^+$ [PRL 91, 262001]

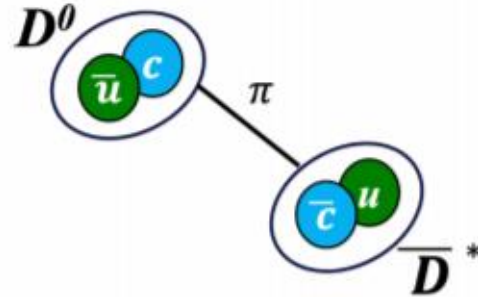
LHCb measurement of quantum numbers $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$ [PRL 110, 222001]

Compact tetraquark/pentaquark



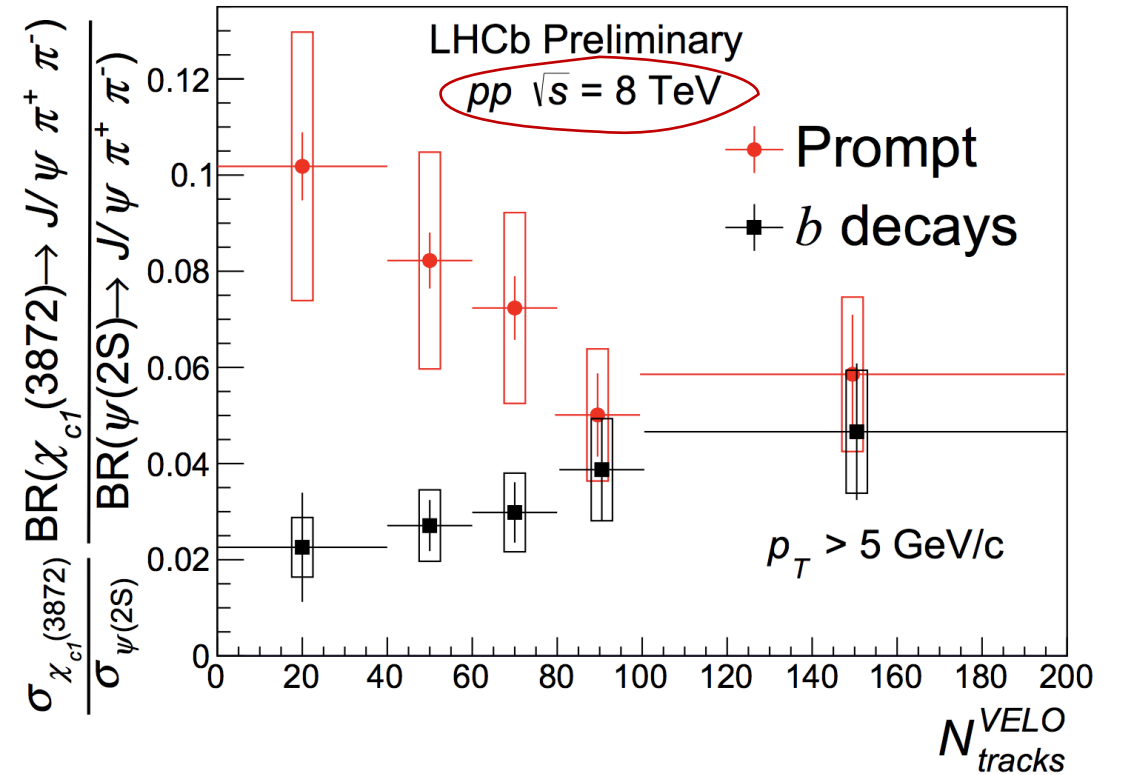
Hadronic Molecules

PLB 590 209 (2004)
PRD 77 014029 (2008)
PRD 100 0115029(R) (2019)



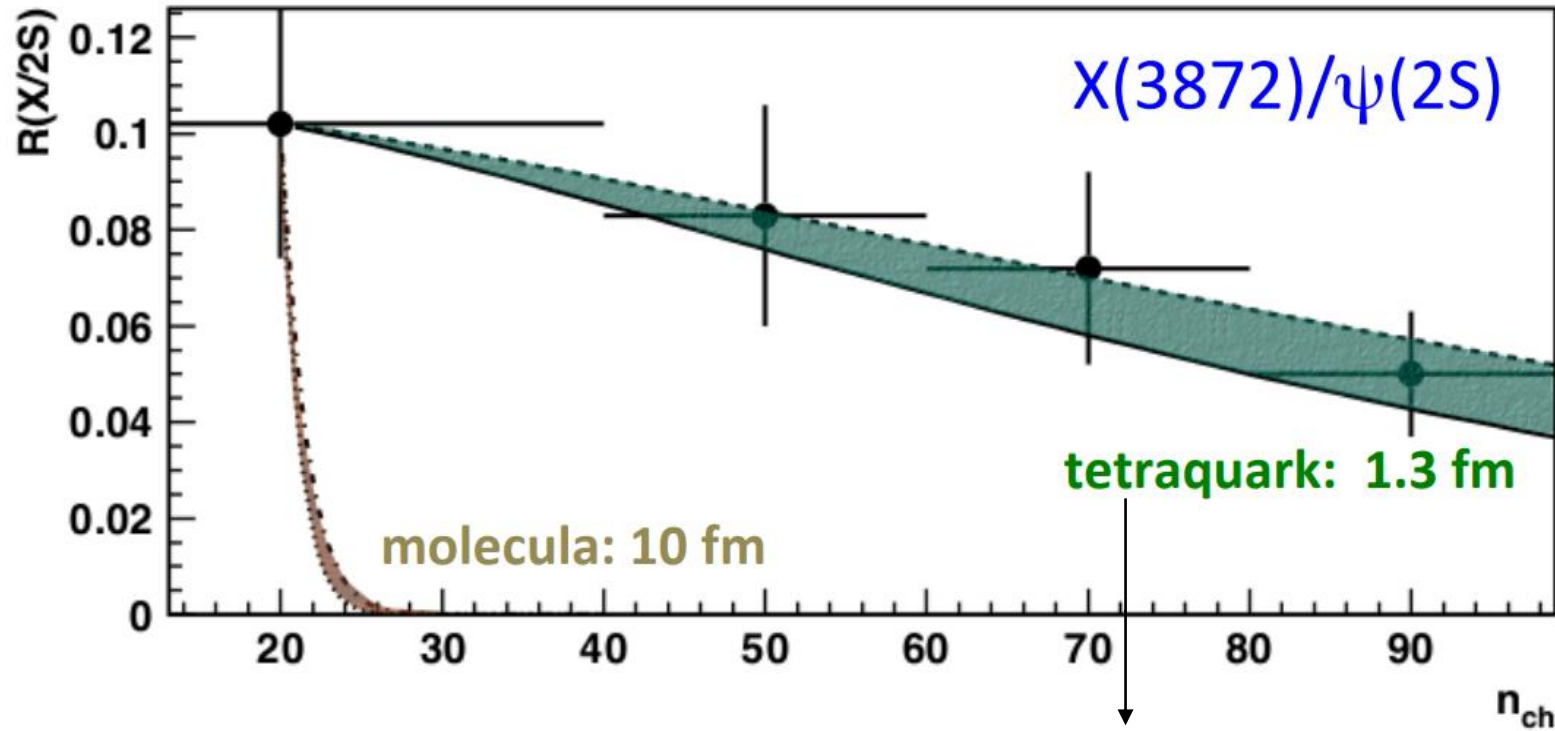
$L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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- We can probe the structure through multiplicity dependent measurements.

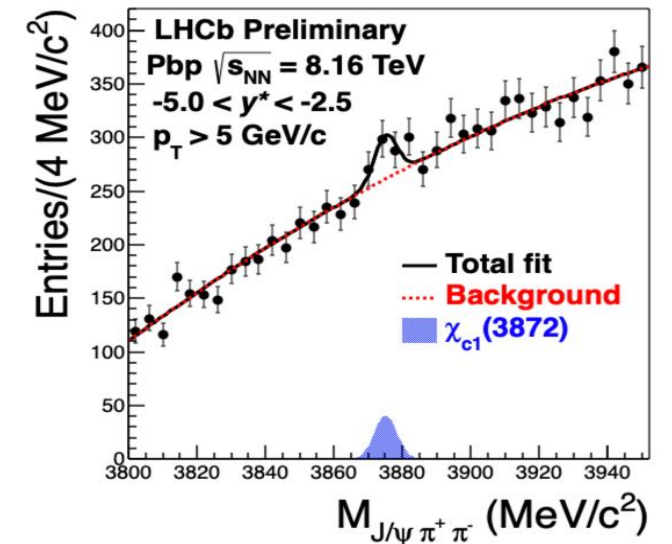
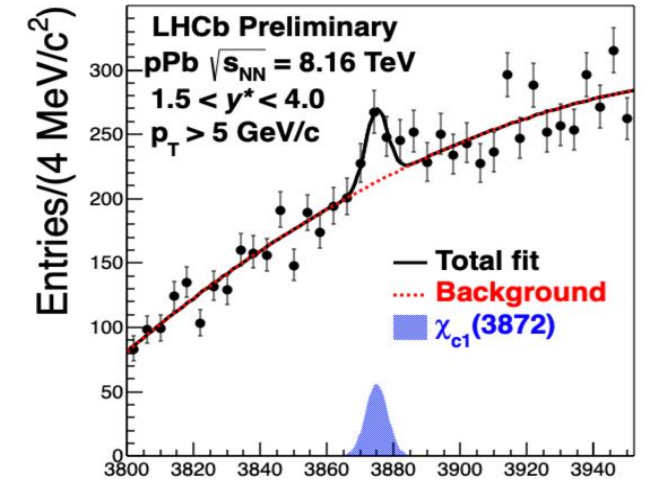
X(3872) production in high multiplicity in pp



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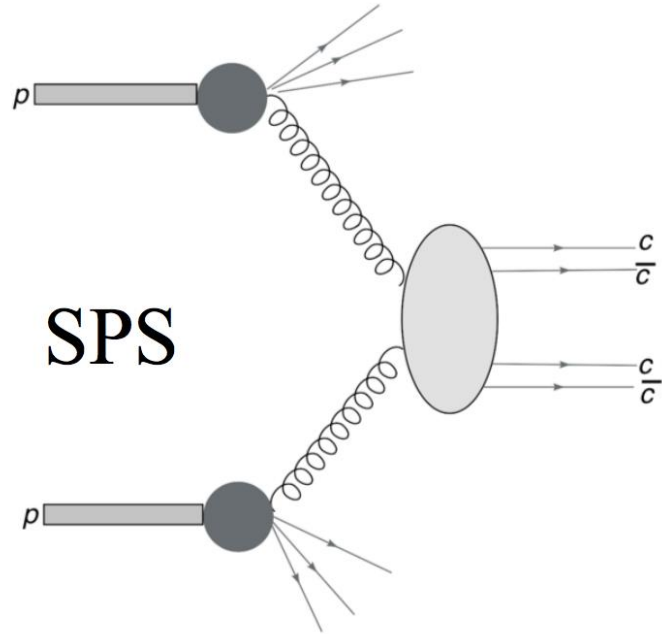
Comovers model:
arXiv:2006.15044

- Molecular particle would disappear with modest multiplicity;
- Tendency that X(3872) is a compact tetraquark of 1.3 fm;
- Coming soon in **pPb**...

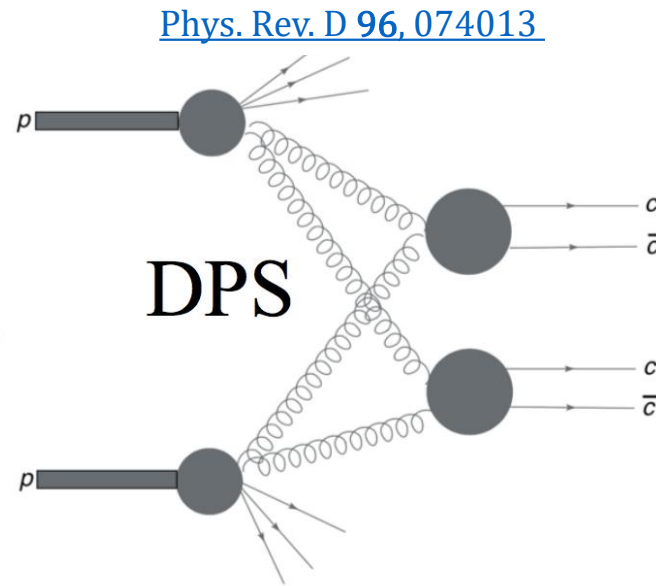


Double Charm Production

Single Parton Scattering



Double Parton Scattering



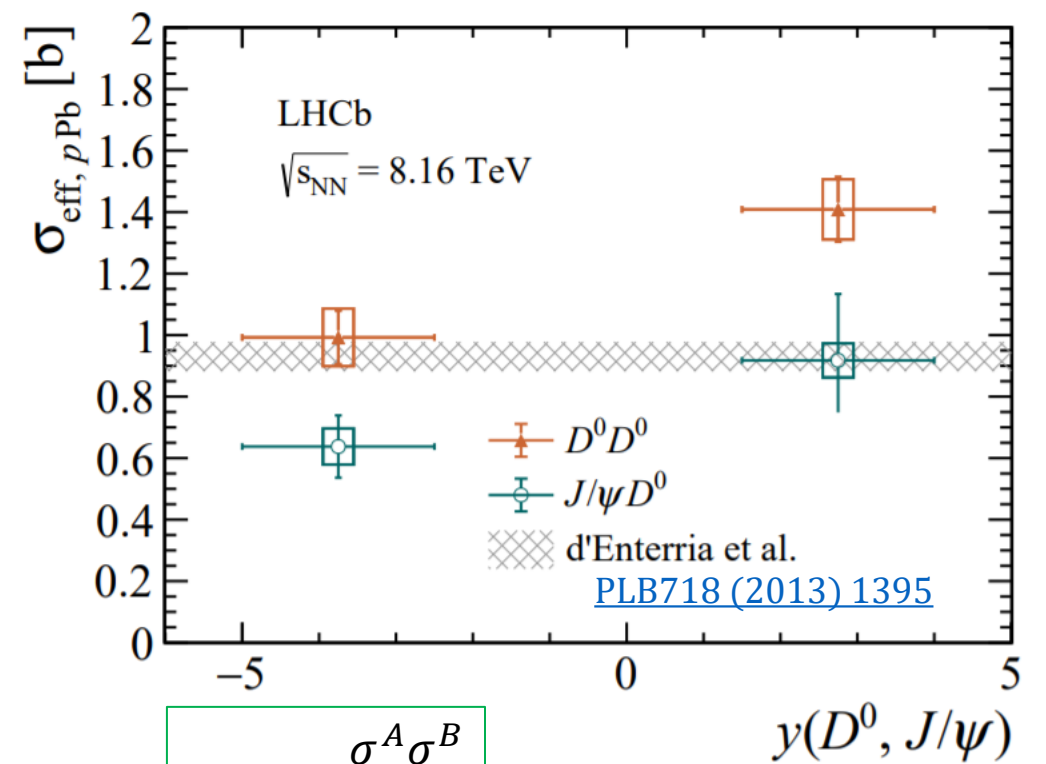
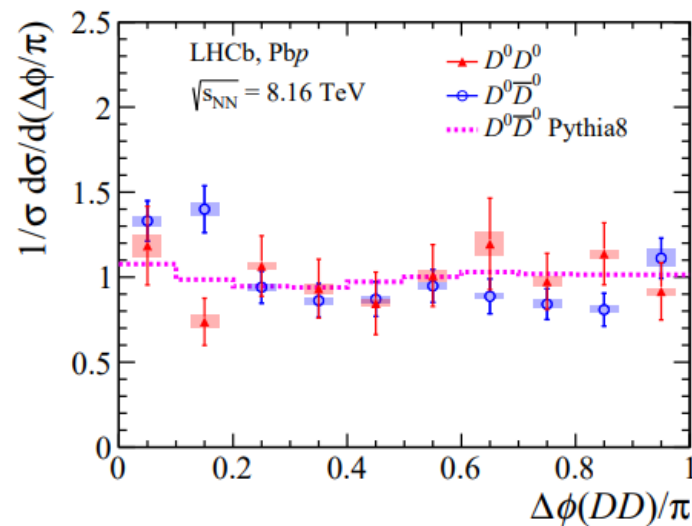
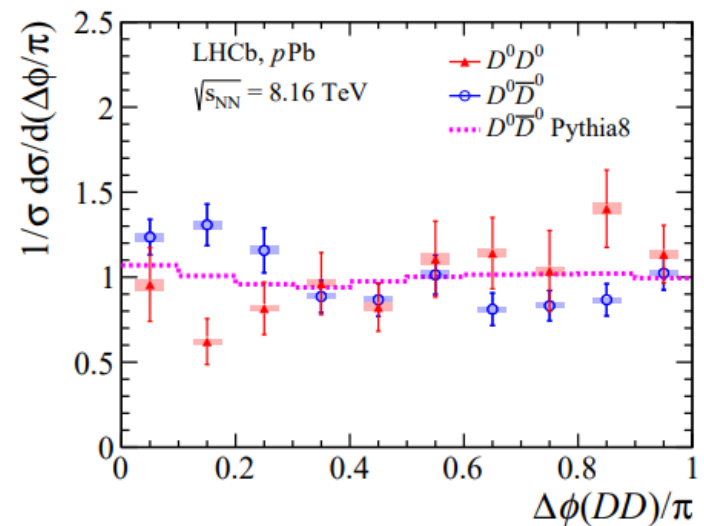
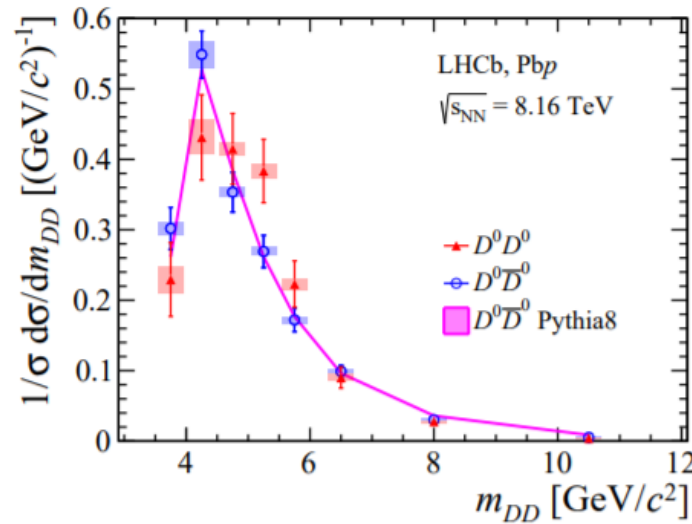
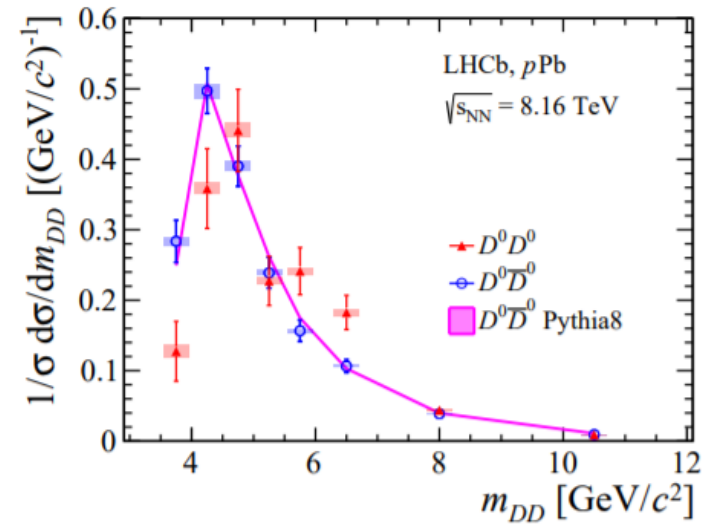
$$\sigma_{DPS}^{AB} = \frac{\sigma^A \sigma^B}{\sigma_{eff}}$$

Opposite-sign (OS): mesons are formed in SPS;

Like-sign (LS): mesons are produced in DPS. Should be uncorrelated if there is no parton correlation.

- The first measurement of charm pair production in pPb (Pbp) with 12.2 (18.6 nb^{-1}) at 8.16 TeV;
- Studies of LS pair production and correlations in different environments help to test the universality of the parameter σ_{eff} and thus of the underlying parton correlations.

Double Charm Production



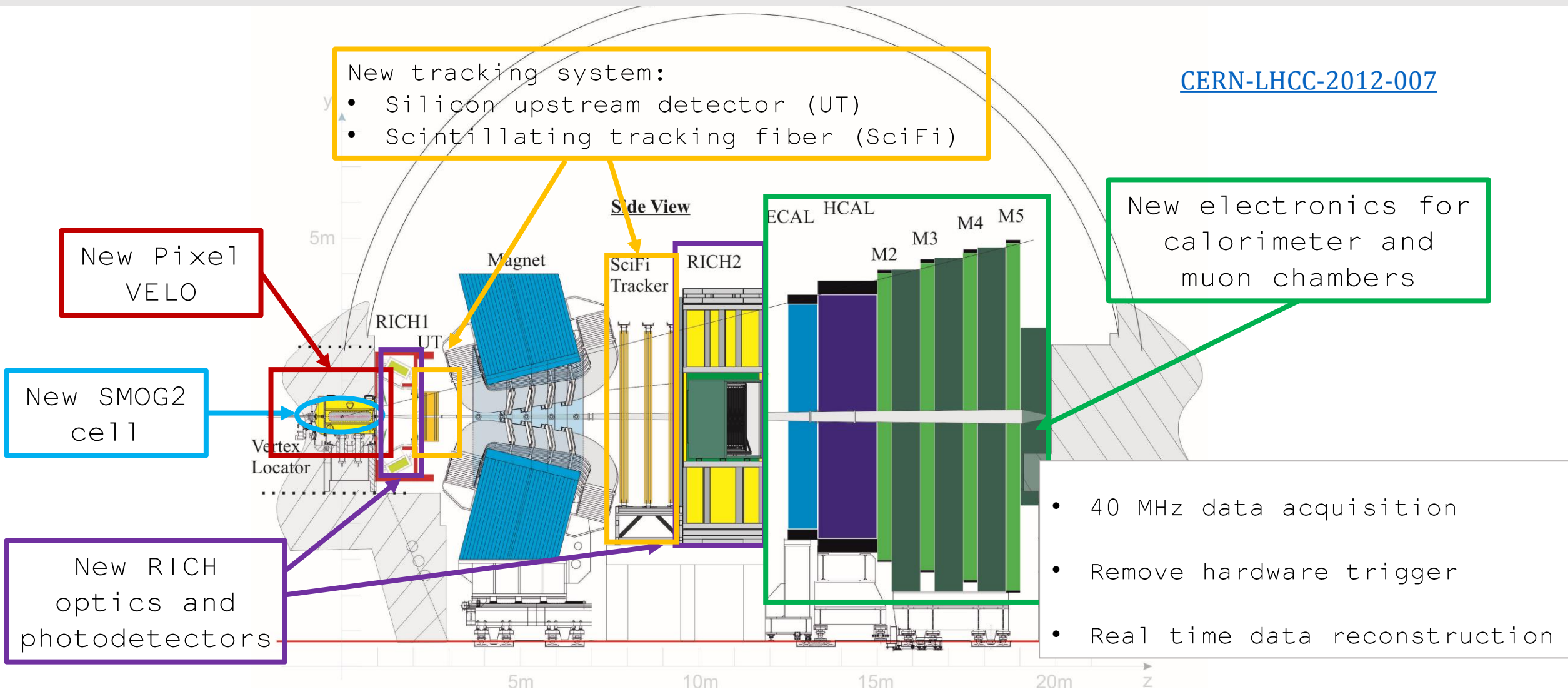
$$\sigma_{eff} = \frac{\sigma^A \sigma^B}{\sigma_{DPS}^{AB}}$$

- σ_{eff} using J/ψ - D_0 smaller than D_0 - D_0 (due to SPS contamination or DPS enhancement in J/ψ - D_0 production);
- σ_{eff} for pPb data higher than Pbp data, suggesting a suppression of DPS signal in pPb data.

Prospects

LHCb upgrade Run3

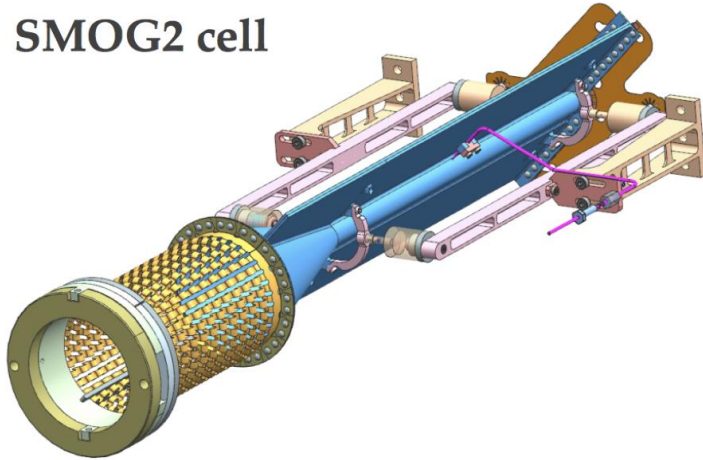
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Heavy ion program will profit from this upgrade!

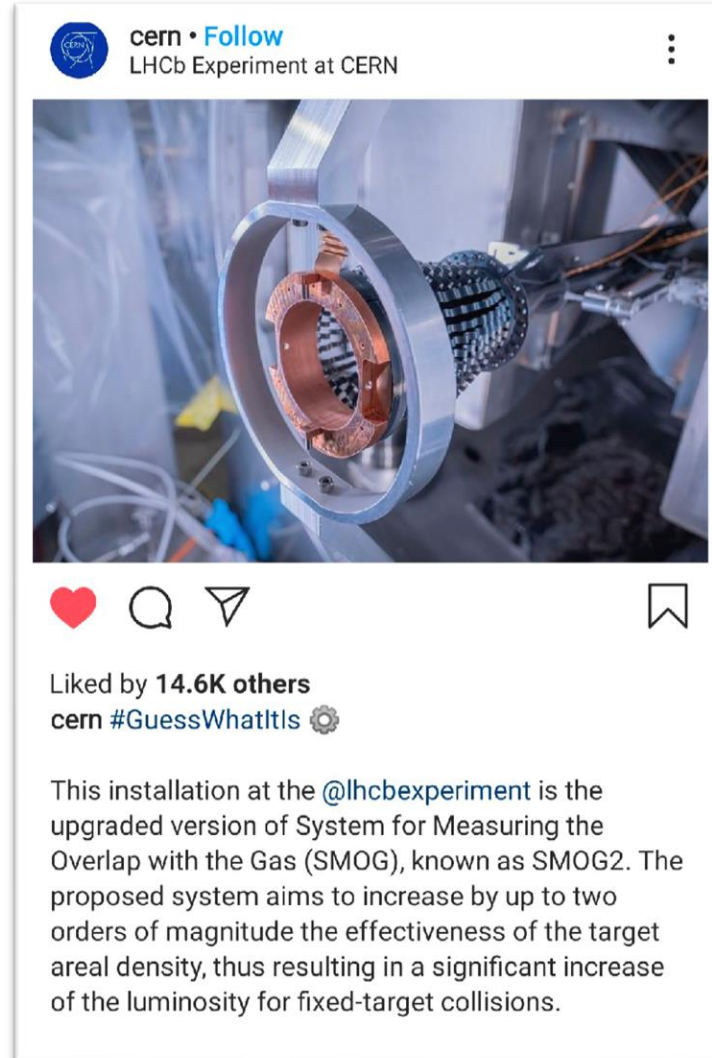
Fixed Target: SMOG2

SMOG2 cell



- SMOG2 will replace SMOG
- Higher density of the gas (up to 100x higher luminosity);
- First preliminary studies show minimal disturbance to the pp → run in parallel;
- New gas H_2 , D_2 , O_2 in addition to all noble gases;

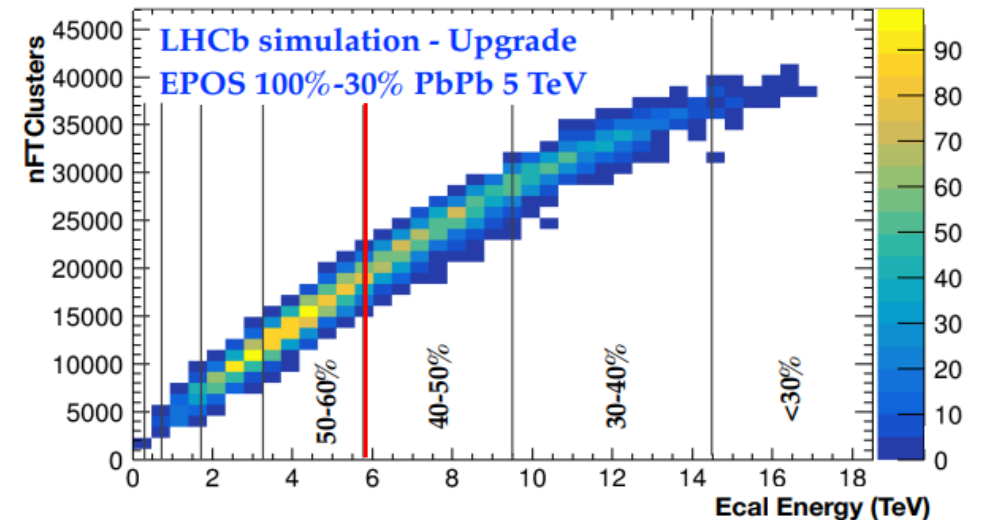
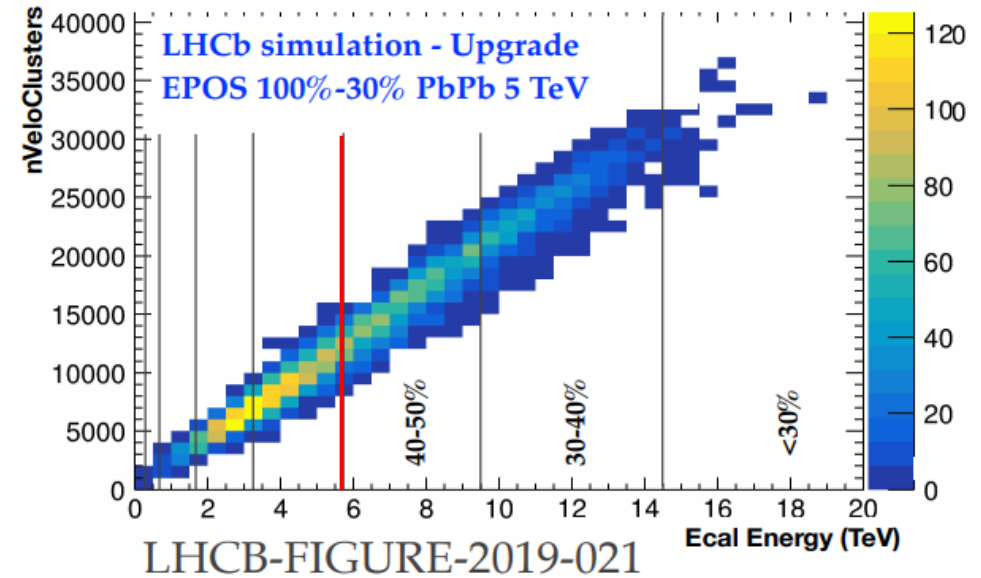
LHCb-PUB-2018-015	SMOG published result $pHe@87$ GeV	SMOG largest sample $pNe@69$ GeV	SMOG2 example $pAr@115$ GeV
Integrated luminosity	7.6 nb^{-1}	$\sim 100 \text{ nb}^{-1}$	$\sim 45 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
syst. error on J/ψ x-sec.	7%	6 - 7%	2 - 3 %
J/ψ yield	400	15k	15M
D^0 yield	2000	100k	150M
Λ_c^+ yield	20	1k	1.5M
$\psi(2S)$ yield	negl.	150	150k
$\Upsilon(1S)$ yield	negl.	4	7k
Low-mass Drell-Yan yield	negl.	5	9k



LHCb upgrade Run3

- Run3 → Feb 2022 start
- 2 runs of PbPb
- 1 run of pPb+Pbp
- other species
- several fix target samples

- No significant saturation for 70% most peripheral collisions (simulation for higher centralities are being produced);
- Semi-central PbPb collisions soon available : QGP studies for LHCb in Run3!
- Expect almost no saturation for Run4 (90% most peripheral) and no saturation for Run5.

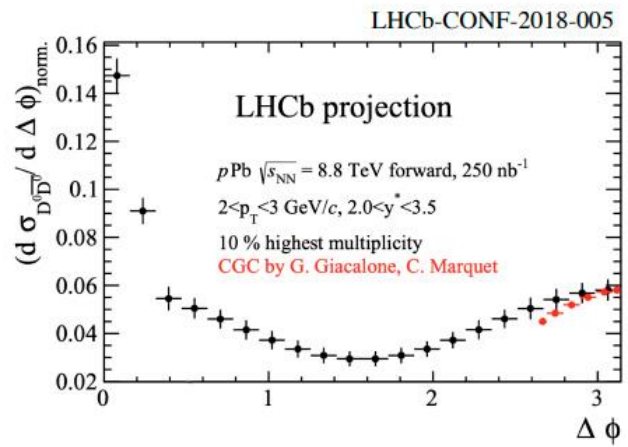
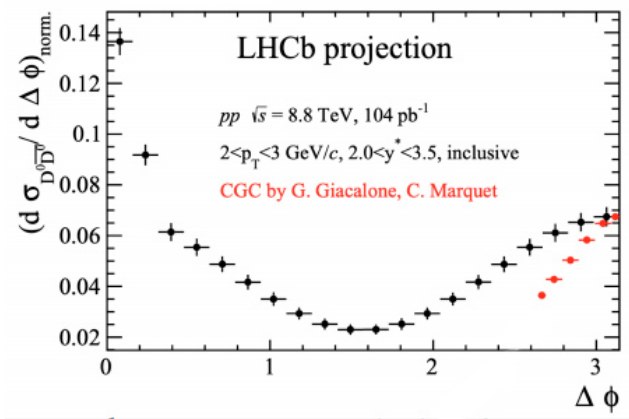
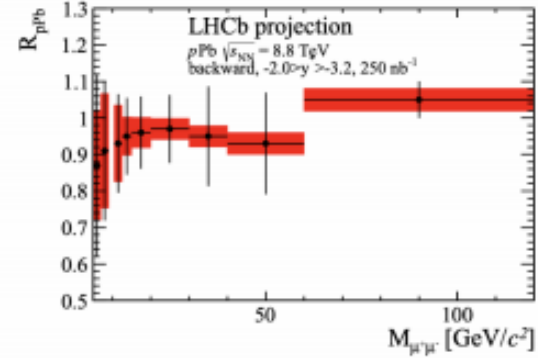
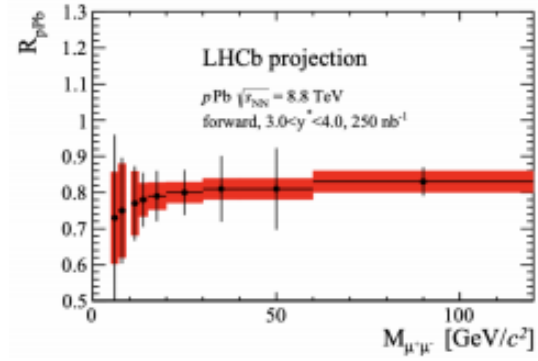
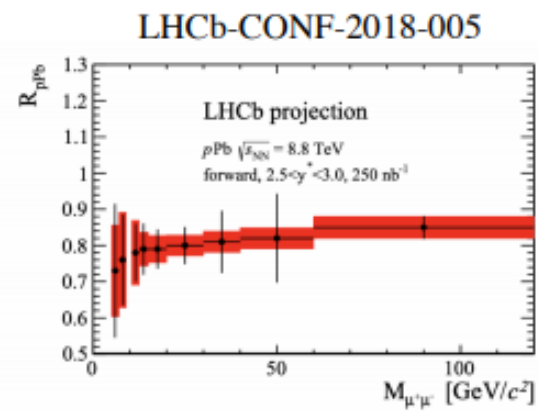
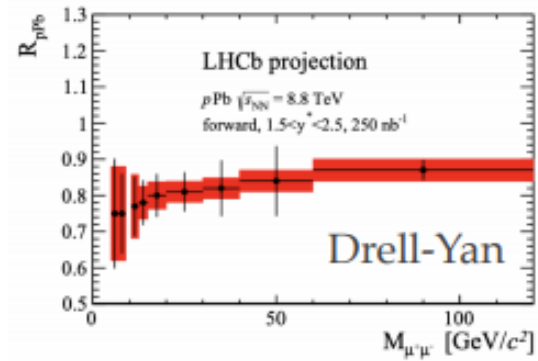
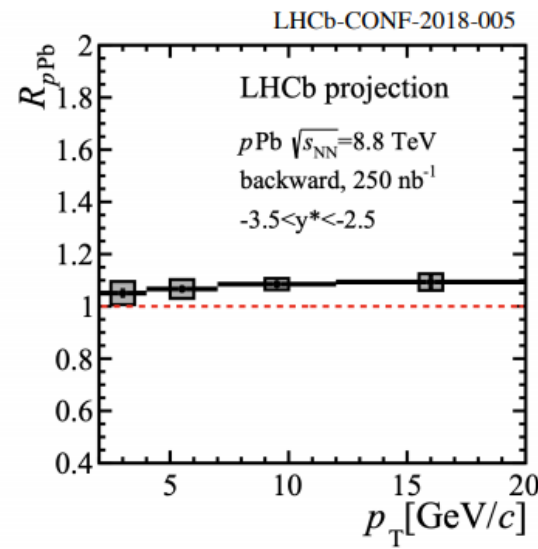
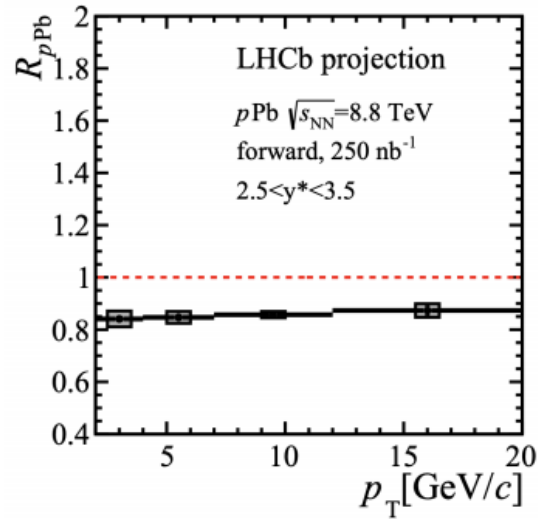


Conclusions

- o LHCb data is already providing essential information for the understanding of hard probes in Heavy Ion collisions;
- o New results on double charm production provide rich material for the study of parton correlations;
- o LHCb has a solid and complete Heavy Ion physics program, with unique capabilities;
- o The LHCb detector will soon be able to perform Quark Gluon Plasma studies with the improvements of the detector in high occupancy.

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LHCb upgrade Run3

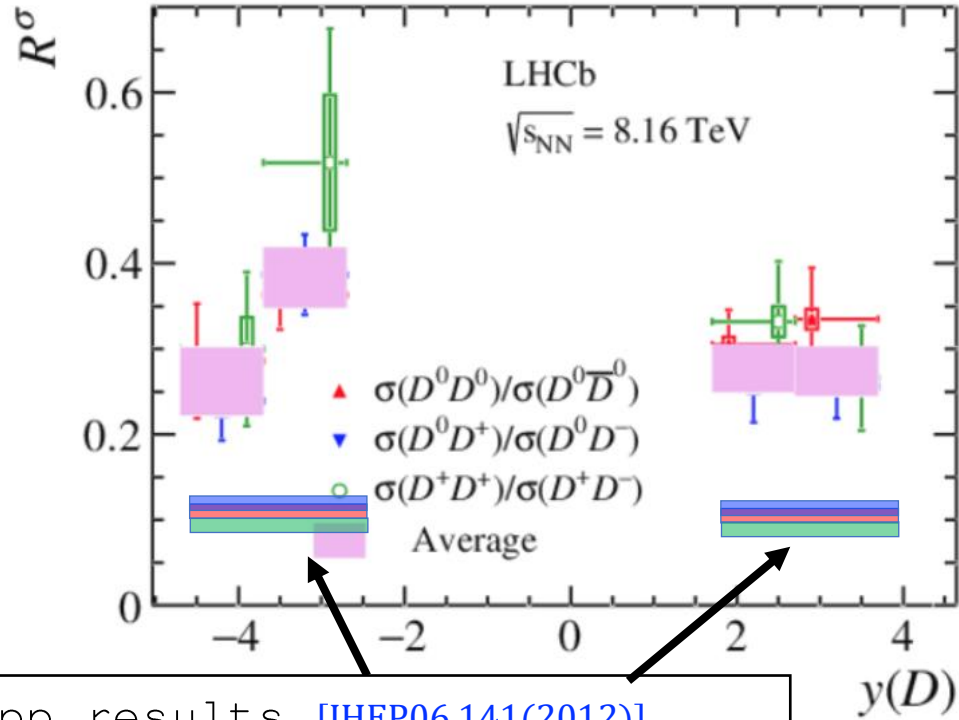


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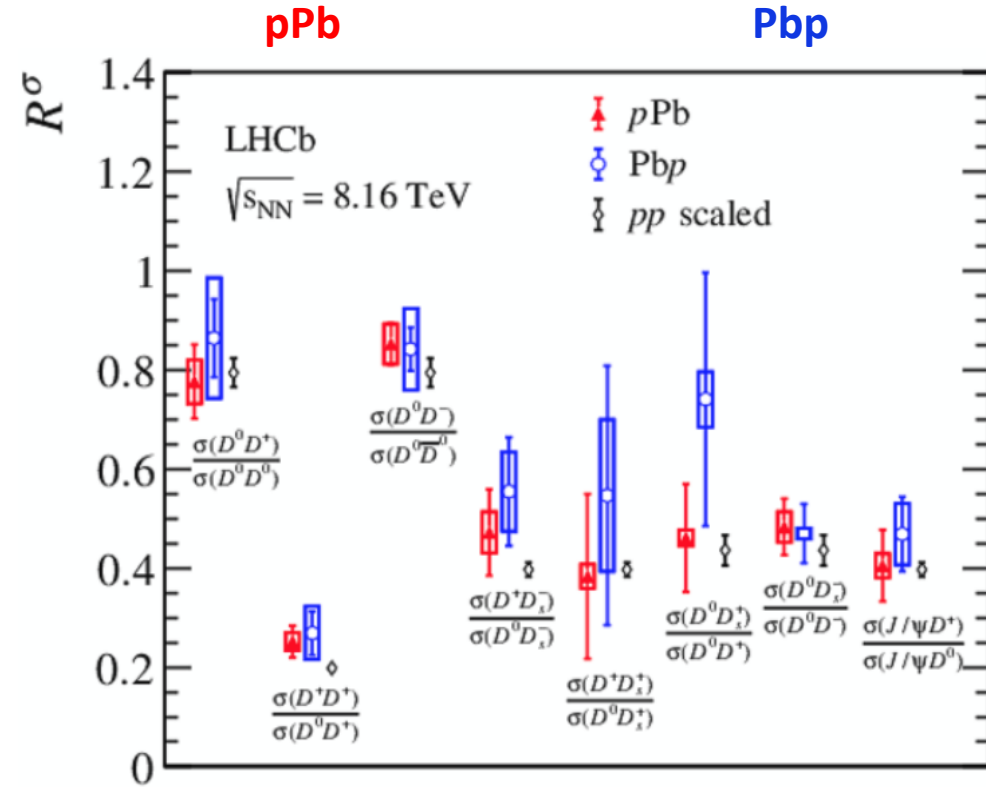
Double Charm Production

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16 \text{ TeV}$$

arXiv:2007.06945v1

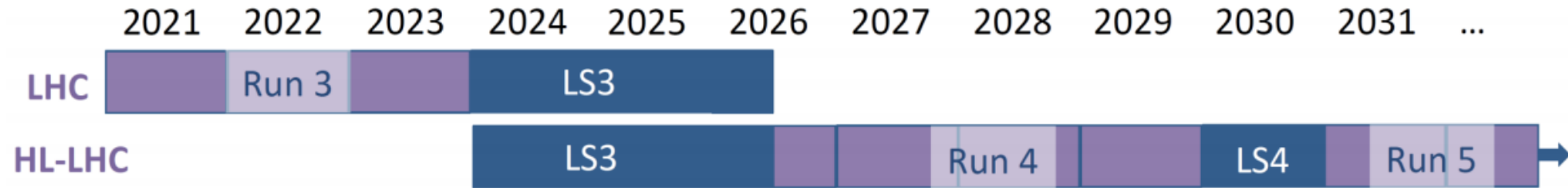


Like-sign production enhanced by a factor ~ 3 in pPb and even more in Pbp



No significant modification of charm hadronization in pPb and Pbp collisions compared to pp collisions.

Future samples (possible schedule)



LS2 – LHCb upgrade 1a →

LS3 – LHCb upgrade 1b →

LS4 – LHCb upgrade 2 →

Year	Systems, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Time	L_{int}
2021	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	3 weeks	2.3 nb^{-1}
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb^{-1} (ALICE), 300 pb^{-1} (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb^{-1} (LHCb)
2022	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.9 nb^{-1}
	O–O, p–O	1 week	$500 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ and $200 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
2023	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb^{-1} (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb^{-1} (ALICE, LHCb)
	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb^{-1} (ALICE), 100 pb^{-1} (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
2027	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.8 nb^{-1}
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb^{-1} (ALICE), 300 pb^{-1} (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb^{-1} (LHCb)
2028	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb^{-1} (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb^{-1} (ALICE, LHCb)
	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb^{-1} (ALICE), 100 pb^{-1} (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
2029	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	4 weeks	3 nb^{-1}
Run-5	Intermediate AA	11 weeks	e.g. Ar–Ar $3\text{--}9 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ (optimal species to be defined)
	pp reference	1 week	

arXiv:1812.06772 - CERN-LPCC-2018-07