

Physics Highlights from the LHCb Experiment

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Outline

- Introduction
- The LHCb Detector
- Flavour Physics and Spectroscopy
- Ion Physics
- New Developments
- Summary and Outlook



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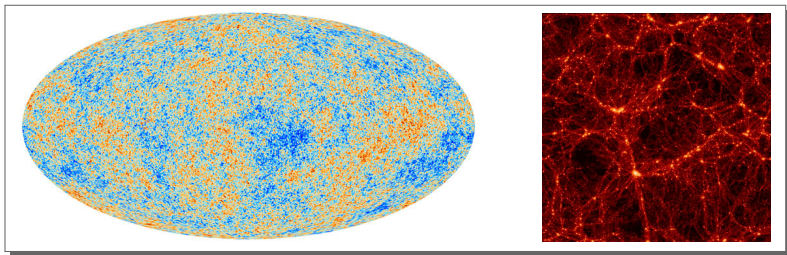
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- the Higgs mechanism does not predict mass values
- understanding mass hierarchy requires New Physics
 - new (heavy) particles and fields
 - rich new phenomenology

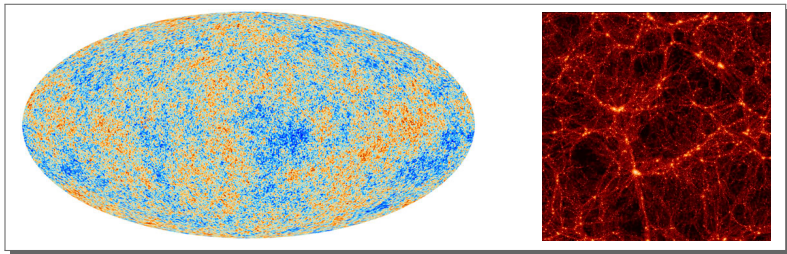
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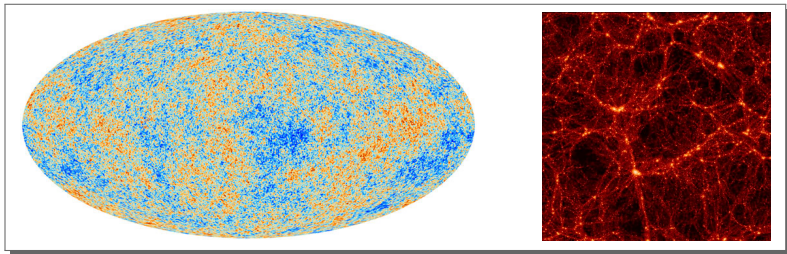
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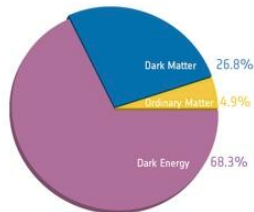
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- its energy content is [Planck]
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 - 4.9% ordinary matter
 - 26.8% dark matter (heavy particles?)



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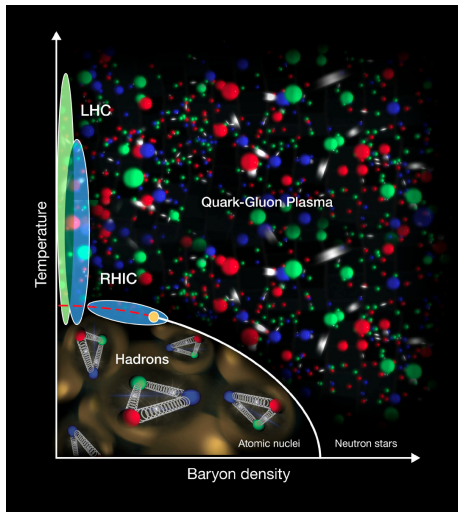
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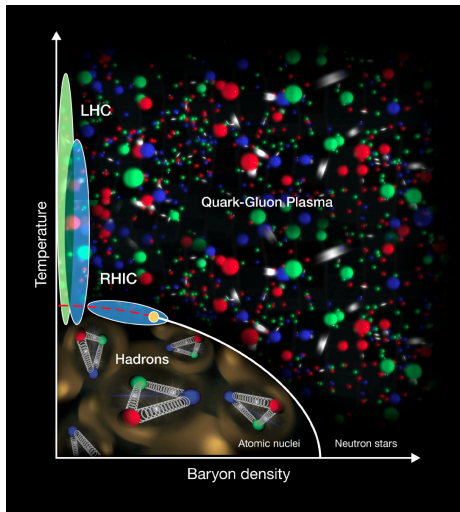
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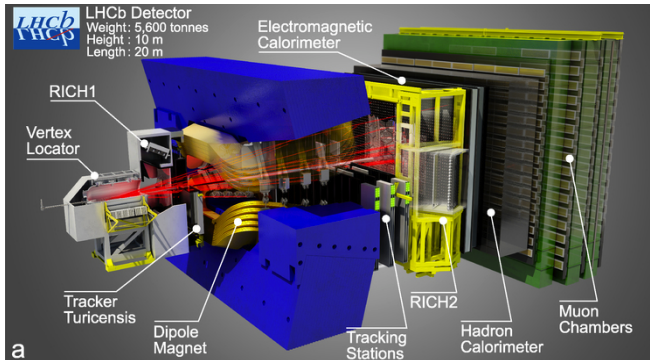
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 - ◆ **soft processes** and **bound states**
 - ◆ **Quark Gluon Plasma** - high densities and temperatures (ALICE)

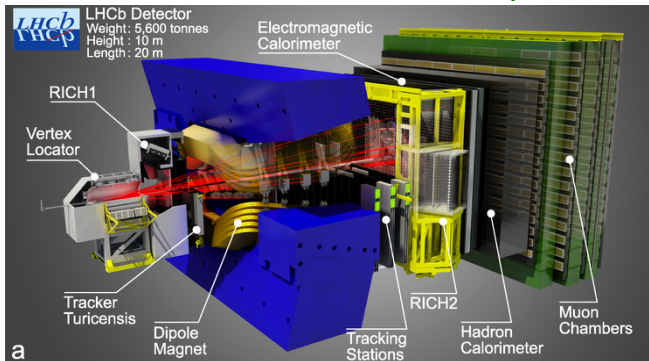
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- TT,T1,T2,T2: tracking stations, silicon strip and straws for charged particles
- RICH1, RICH2: ring imaging cherenkov detectors for $\pi/K/p$ -separation
- ECAL, HCAL: electromagnetic & hadronic calorimeters for trigger and neutrals
- M1-M5: tracking stations for muon identification

Installation in the cavern

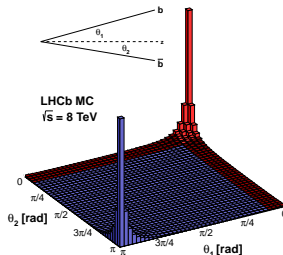
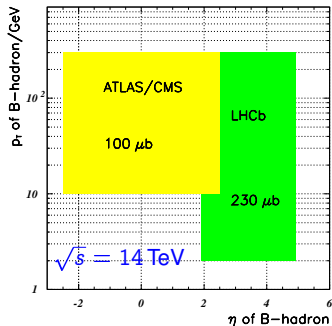


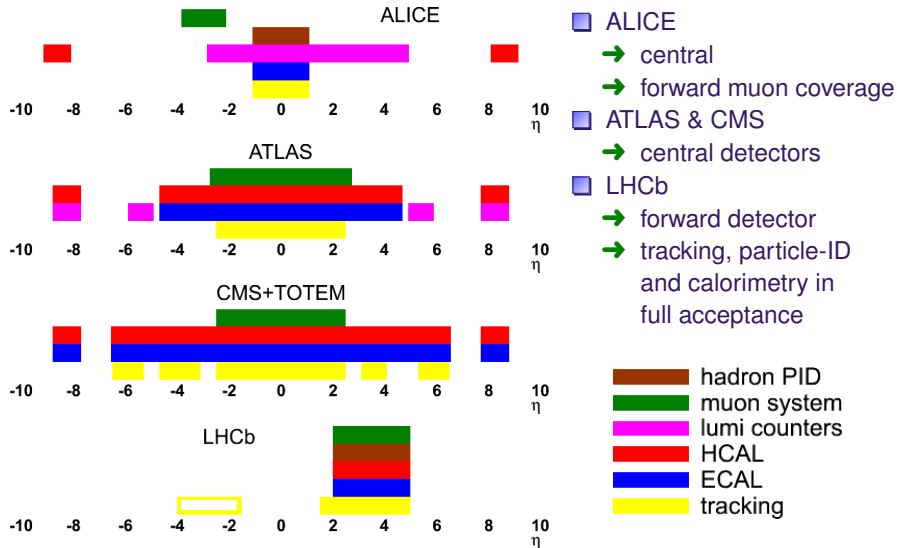
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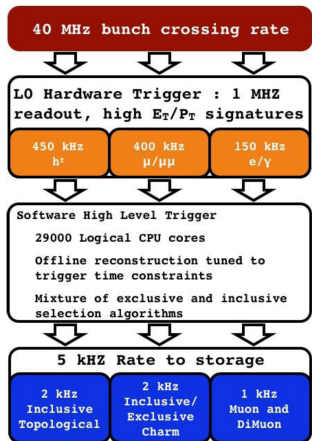
→ optimization for *B*-Physics – but can do much more

- ▣ forward angular coverage → large boosts: *B* decay lengths $O(1\text{ cm})$
- ▣ focus on vertex reconstruction and particle identification
- ▣ phase space coverage down to low p_T , small x_{Bj} and large η
- ▣ flexible and highly selective trigger



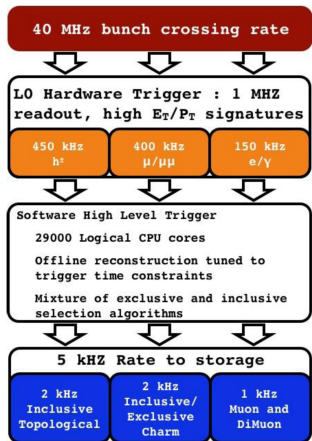


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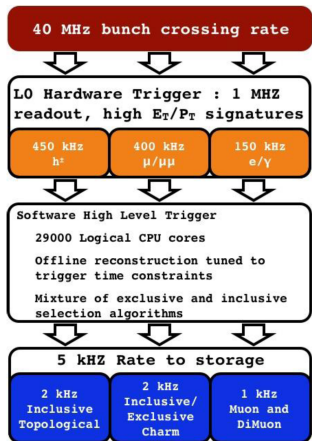
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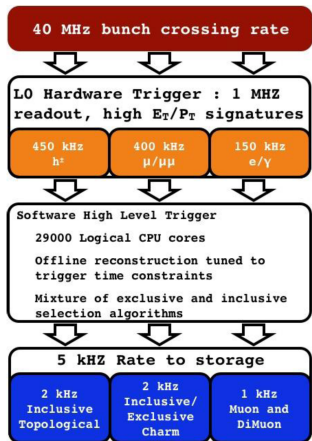
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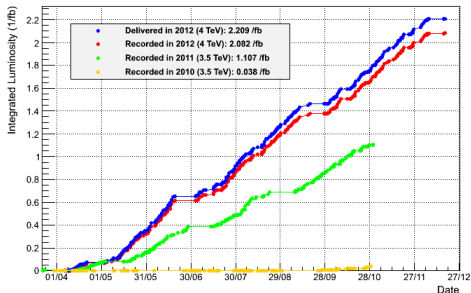
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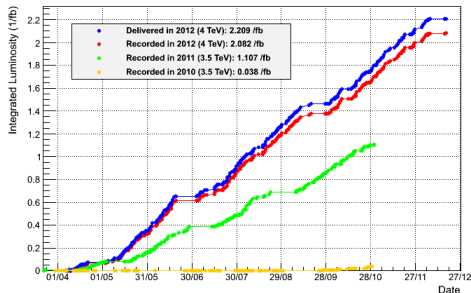
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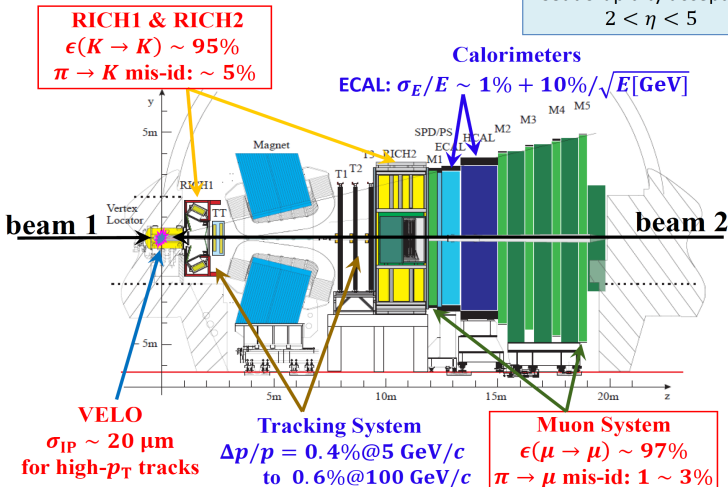


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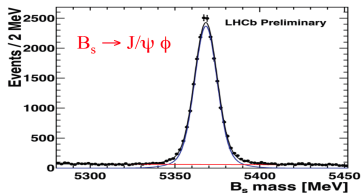
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Pseudorapidity acceptance
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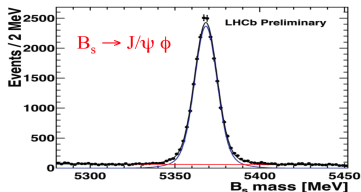
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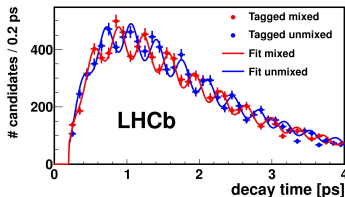
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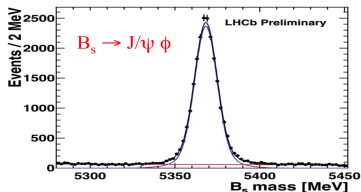
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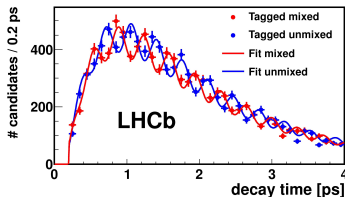
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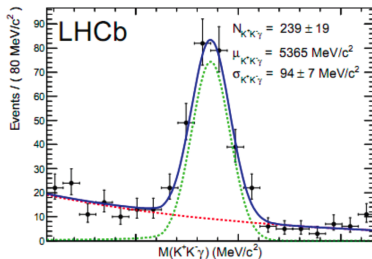


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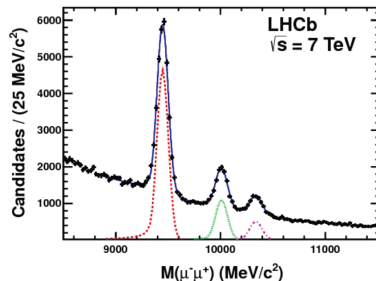
- ❖ particle identification essential to reconstruct decay modes
- ❖ polarity switching of dipole magnet allows to control systematics

- ECAL: optimized to measure radiative B-decays
- HCAL: for triggering on hadronic final states
- Muon system for quarkonium and semi-leptonic decays

$$B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$$



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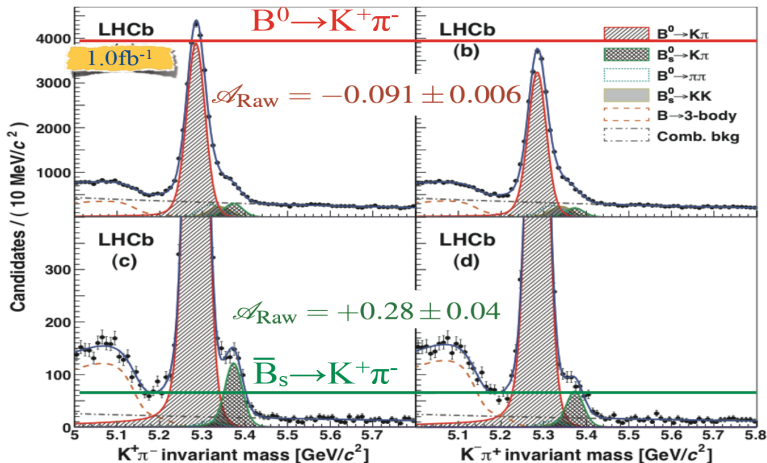
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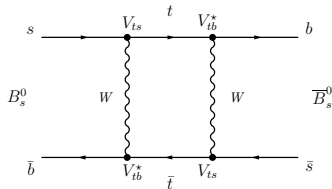
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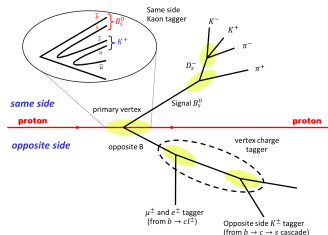
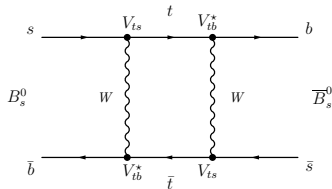
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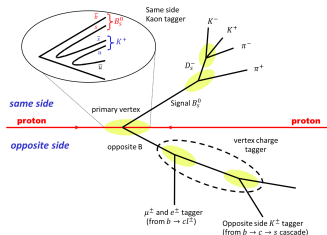
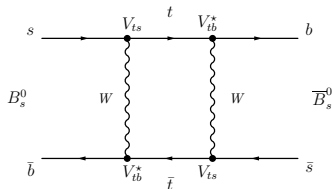
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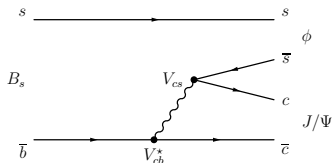
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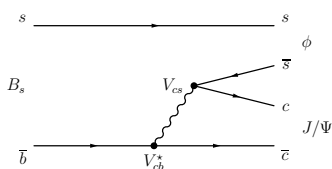
→ *CP-violation from interference between mixing and decay*



- SM-dominated **tree-level** decay
- small SM phase between mixing & decay
- “null-test” of the Standard Model
- sensitive to **New Physics in mixing**

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→ CP-violation from interference between mixing and decay



- SM-dominated tree-level decay
- small SM phase between mixing & decay
- “null-test” of the Standard Model
- sensitive to New Physics in mixing

■ measure mixing phase and lifetime-difference

■ study flavour symmetric decay modes

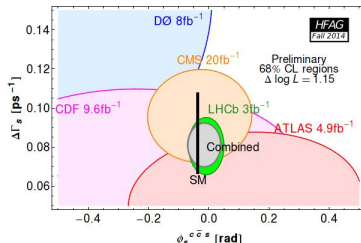
→ $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi\phi$, $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$

■ LHCb analysis for vector-vector states

→ $\phi_s = -0.010 \pm 0.039$ rad

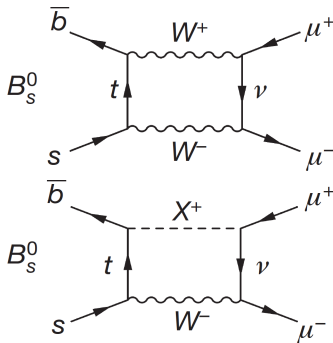
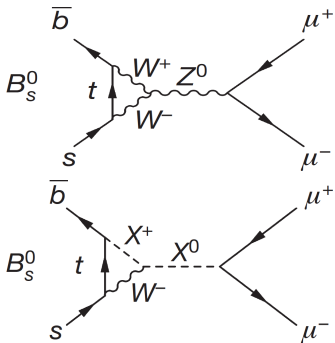
→ $\Delta\Gamma_s = 0.106 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.007$ ps⁻¹
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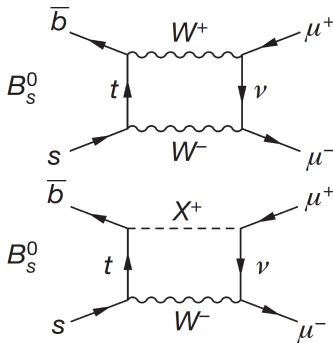
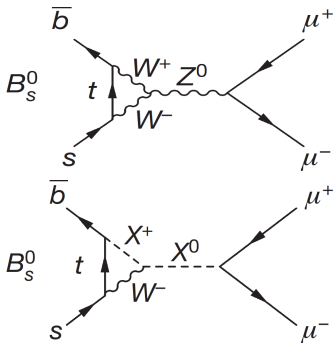


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■ SM prediction PRL 112(2014)101801

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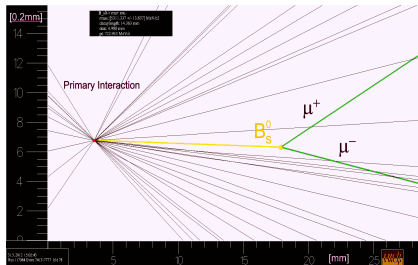
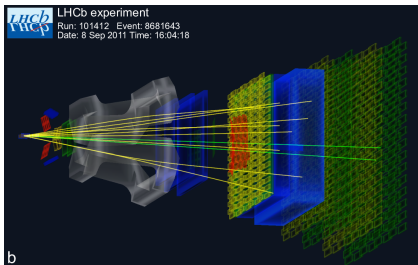
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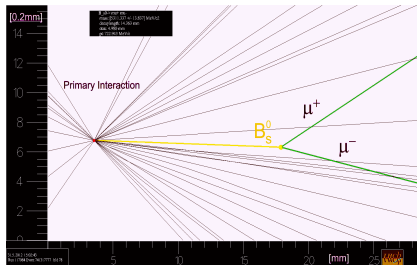
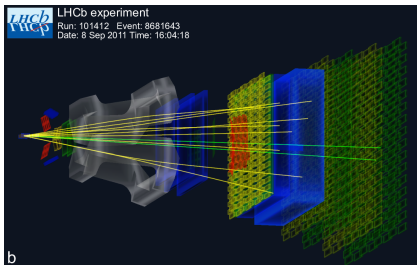
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■ possibly strong enhancements in MSSM $BR(B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \propto \tan^6 \beta$

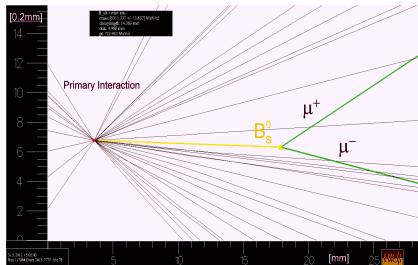
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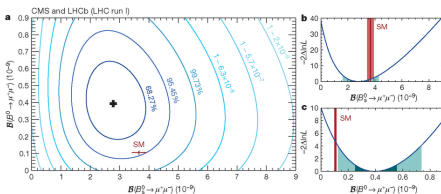
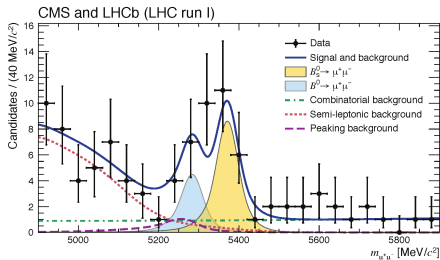


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→ larger than SM expectation

but still compatible

■ statistics limited result

→ $\sigma_{\text{experiment}} > \sigma_{\text{theory}}$

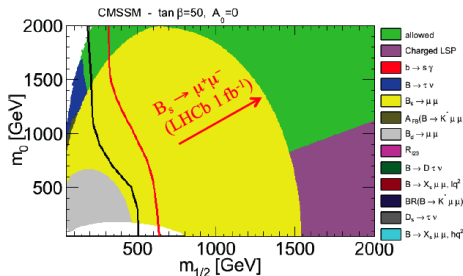
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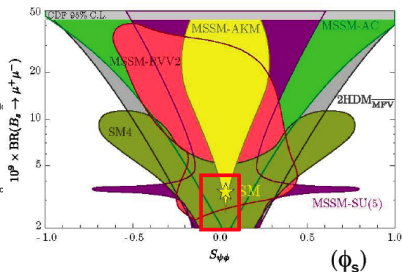
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[N. Mahmoudi, Moriond QCD]



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limits based on summer 2012 data

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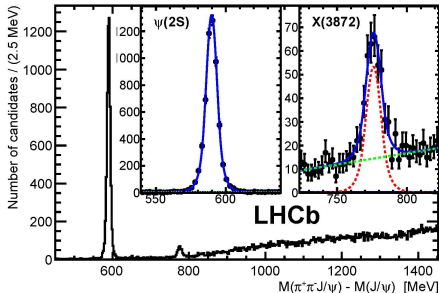
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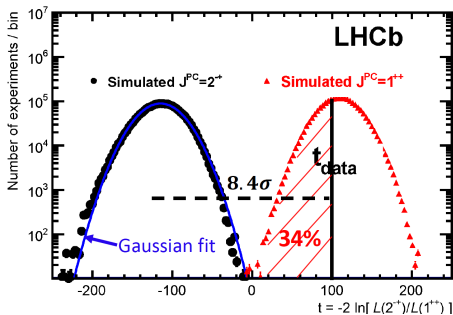
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- clean signal seen by LHCb
- interpretation open
 - ◆ $D\bar{D}$ molecule (?)
 - ◆ tetra-quark state (?)
- enough statistics to test quantum number assignments

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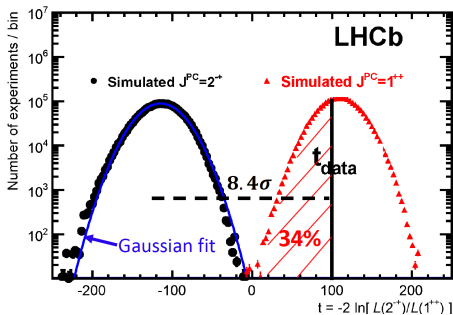
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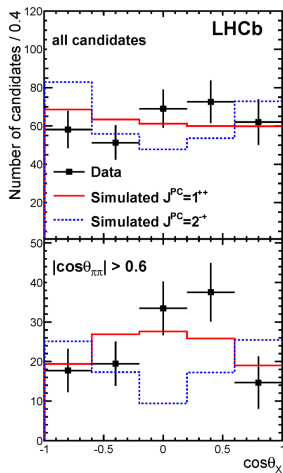
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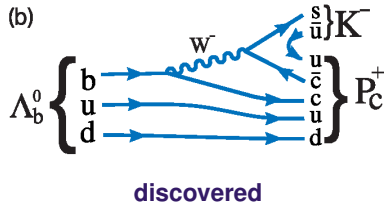
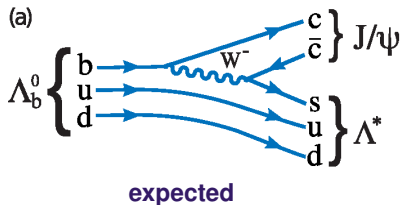
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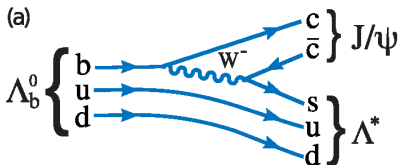


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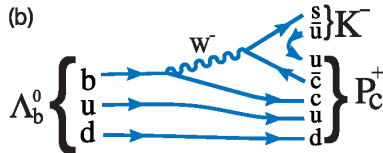
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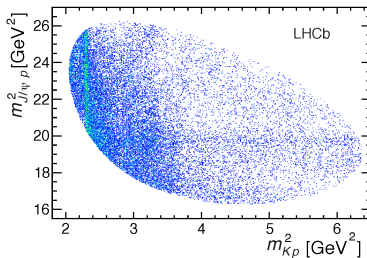


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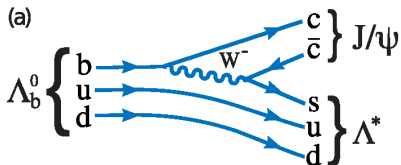


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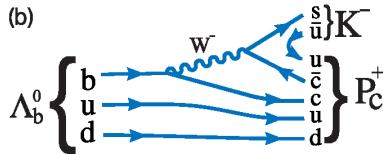
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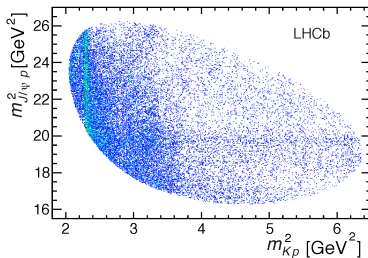


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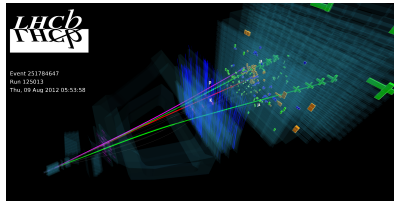
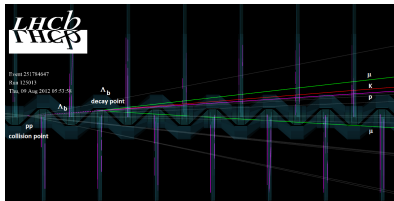
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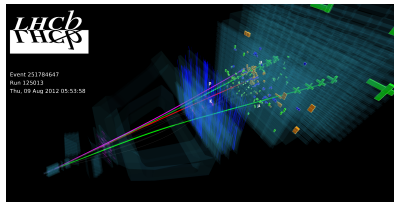
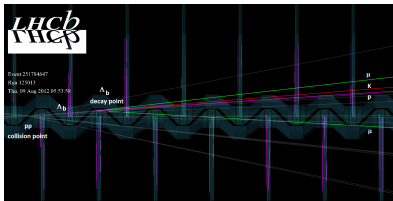


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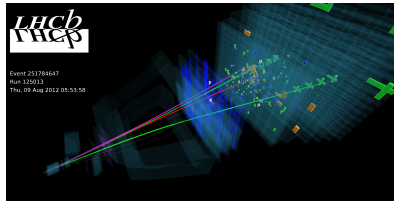
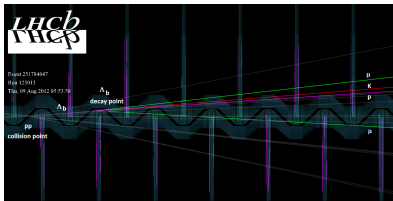
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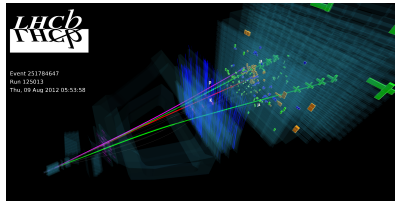
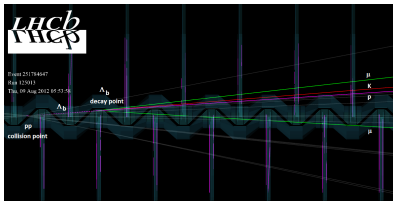
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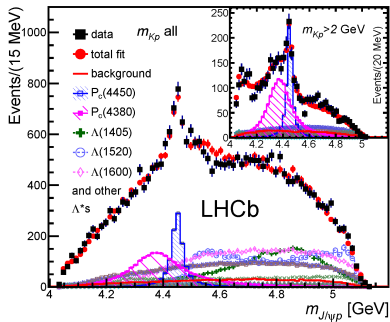
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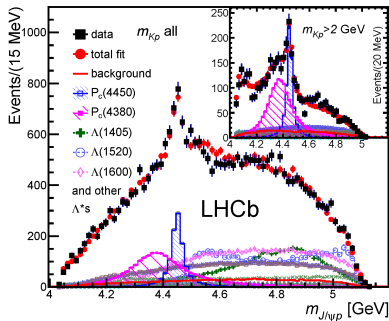
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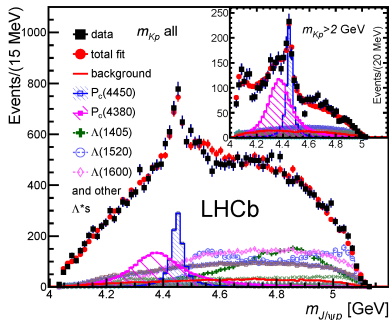


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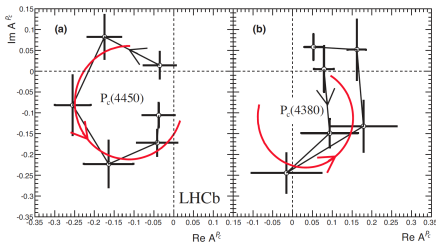
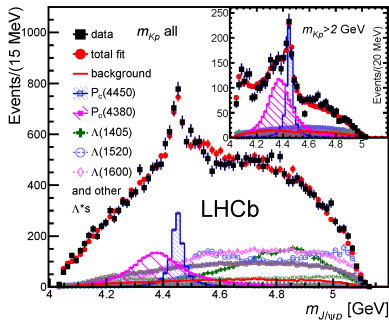
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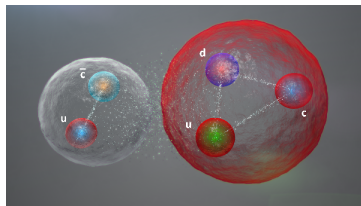
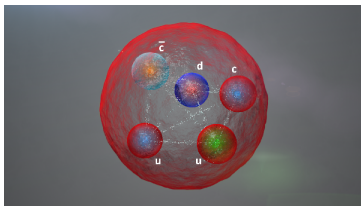
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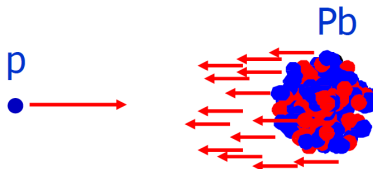
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e.g. $\overline{D}^* \Sigma_c - \overline{D}^* \Sigma_c^*$ (arXiv:1507.04249)

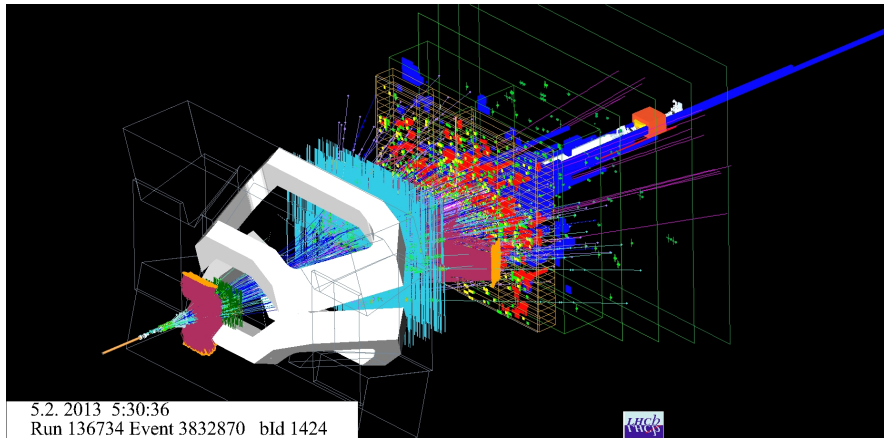
4. ION PHYSICS

→ *measure quarkonium production in p-Pb and compare to pp*

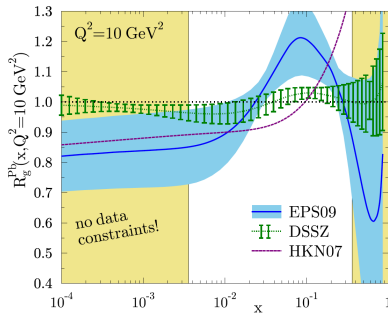
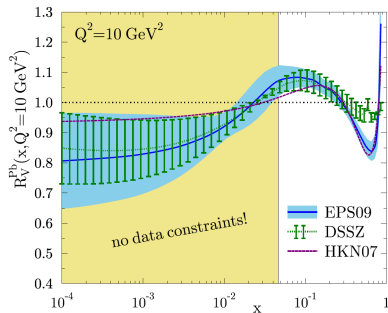


- pA collisions are an ideal laboratory to probe cold nuclear effects, e.g.
 - parton shadowing as parameterized in nuclear PDFs
 - (coherent) energy loss
- needed for the interpretation of quark-gluon-plasma signatures in heavy-ion collisions
- measure quarkonium states (J/ψ , Υ) to probe the hadronic environment
- combine information to disentangle shadowing and energy loss
 - e.g. differentiate between prompt J/ψ and J/ψ from b

A typical pPb interaction

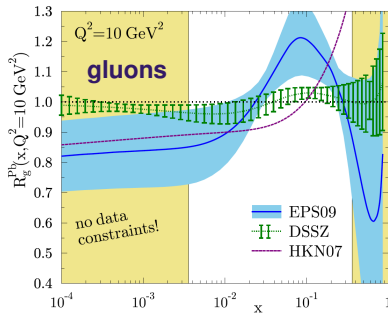
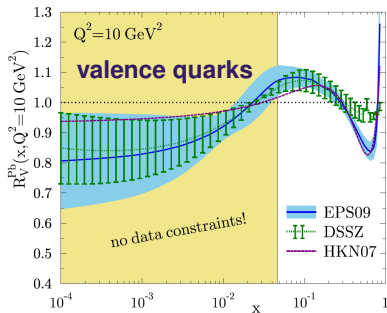


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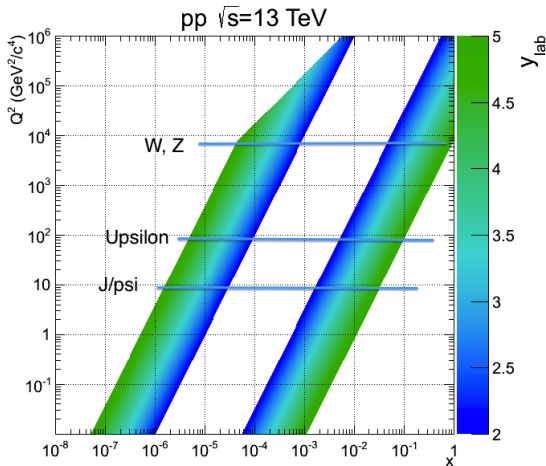
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→ kinematics - ignoring masses and transverse momenta

$$x_1 x_2 = \frac{Q^2}{s} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x_1}{x_2} = e^{2y}$$

→ proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$



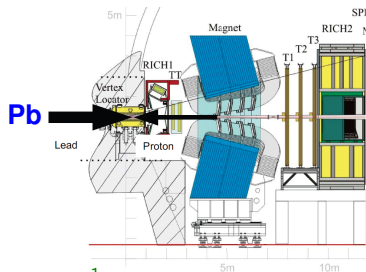
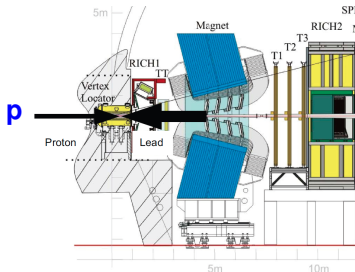
❖ combination of Drell-Yan, J/ψ , Υ and Z probes $10^{-6} \lesssim x \lesssim 1.0$

Observables sensitive to nuclear effects

nuclear modification factor:
$$R_{pA}(y) = \frac{1}{A} \cdot \frac{d\sigma_{pA}/dy}{d\sigma_{pp}/dy}$$

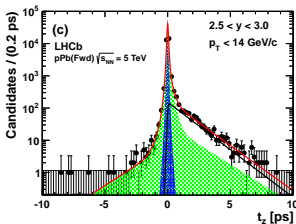
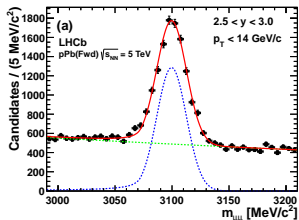
forward-backward asymmetry:
$$R_{FB}(y) = \frac{R_{pA}(+|y|)}{R_{pA}(-|y|)}$$

- positive rapidity in direction of the proton
- pp cross-section cancels in R_{FB}
- exploit asymmetric layout of LHCb to measure forward and backward

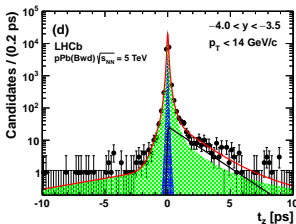
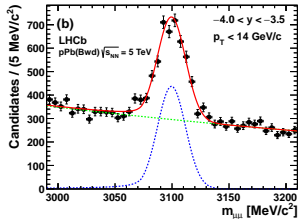


results from 1.6 nb^{-1} pPb-data recorded in 2013 →

simultaneous fit of mass and pseudo-proper-time $t_z = (z_{J/\psi} - z_{PV}) \cdot M_{J/\psi} / p_z$



pA collisions:
forward hemisphere
 $2.5 < y < 3.0$
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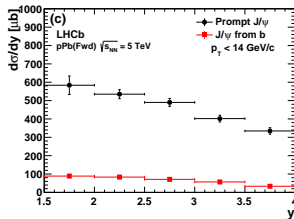
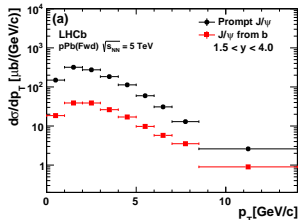


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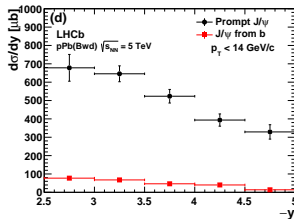
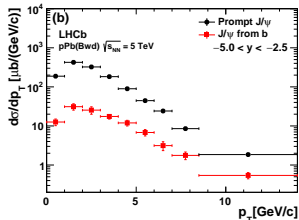
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Single differential cross-sections

❖ $\sqrt{s} = 5 \text{ TeV}$, transverse momentum $0 < p_T < 14 \text{ GeV}/c$



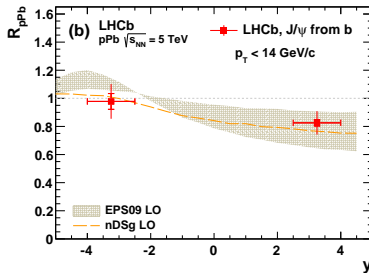
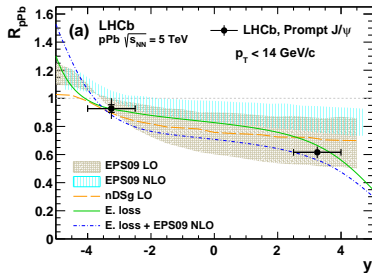
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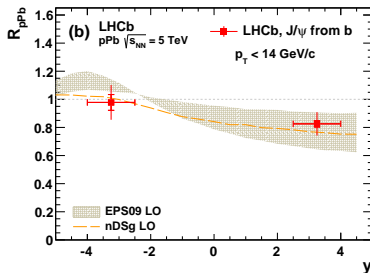
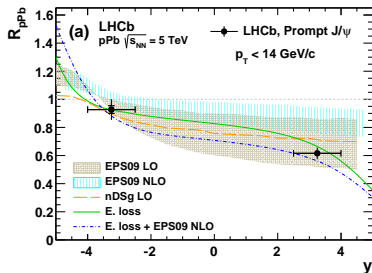
pA collisions:
backward hemisphere
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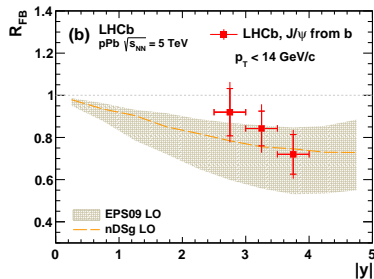
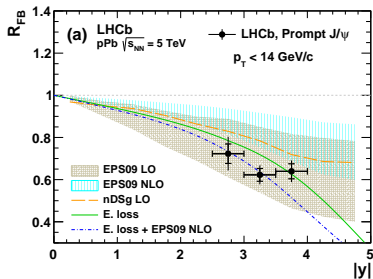


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- results require interpolation of pp cross-section to $\sqrt{s} = 5 \text{ TeV}$
- $R_{pPb} \neq 1$: the nucleus is not a loose collection of independent nucleons
- tighter bound B -mesons less affected than prompt J/ψ
- energy loss and shadowing are about equally important
- J/ψ data agree with “energy loss + NLO shadowing”

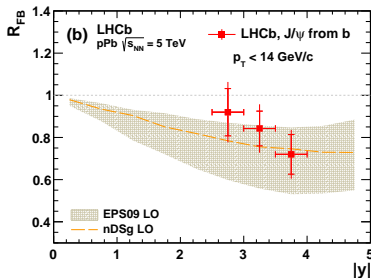
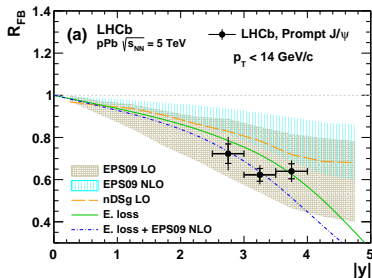
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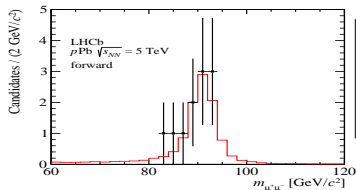
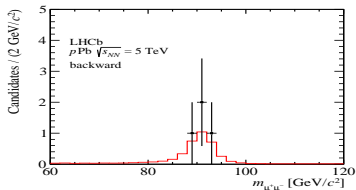
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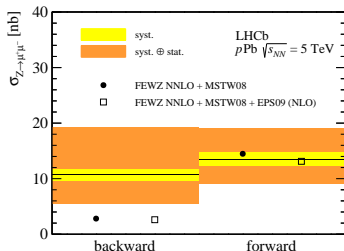
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- differential measurement in $|y|$
- same observations/conclusions as for R_{pPb}
- $\Upsilon(1S)$ (not shown) similar to J/ψ from B

→ clean signals: 4 backward-candidates, 11 forward-candidates



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→ muon selection

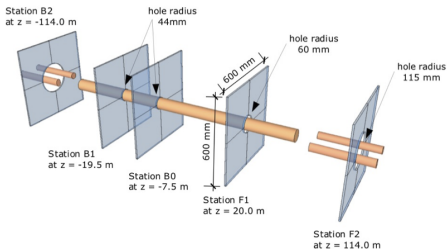
- $p_T > 20$ GeV/c, $2.0 < \eta < 4.5$
- $60 < M(\mu^+\mu^-) < 120$ GeV/c²

→ cross-section results

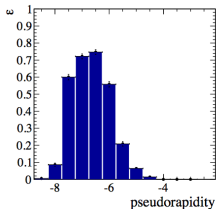
$$\sigma_{\text{fwd}} = 13.5 \pm_{4.0}^{5.4} (\text{stat}) \pm 1.2 (\text{syst}) \text{ nb}$$

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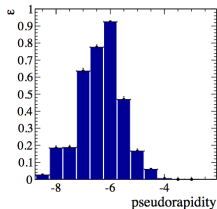
→ HeRSChel: High Rapidity Shower Counters for LHCb



- forward scintillators for selecting rapidity gaps
- up to ± 114 m from IP
- central region not covered
- gap size $2 < \eta < 8$
- huge gain for diffractive physics and central exclusive production (e.g. J/ψ photoproduction on the proton in pA)



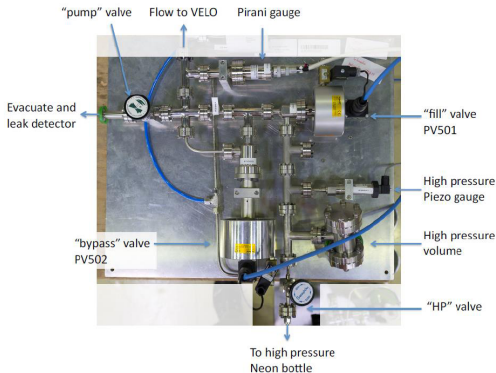
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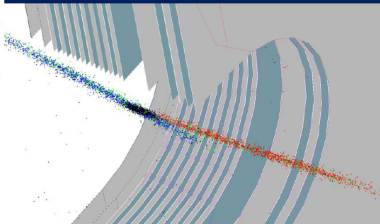
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LHCb simulation results for the efficiency to see charged pions

→ SMOG: System for Measuring Overlap with Gas



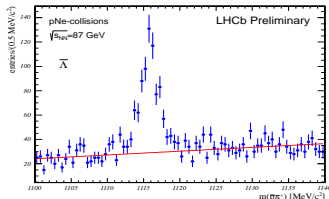
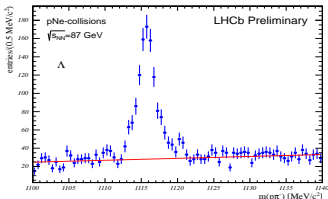
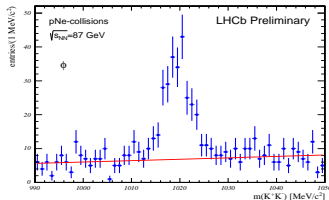
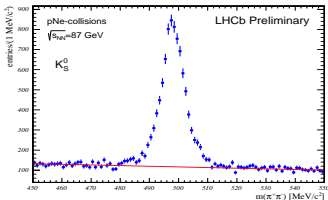
- injection of (Ne) gas into interaction region
- very simple robust system
- used for a precise luminosity determination



- possibility to inject (noble) gases: Ne or He, Ar, Kr (under discussion)
- fixed target physics in pA and PbA configuration

→ proton-Neon collisions

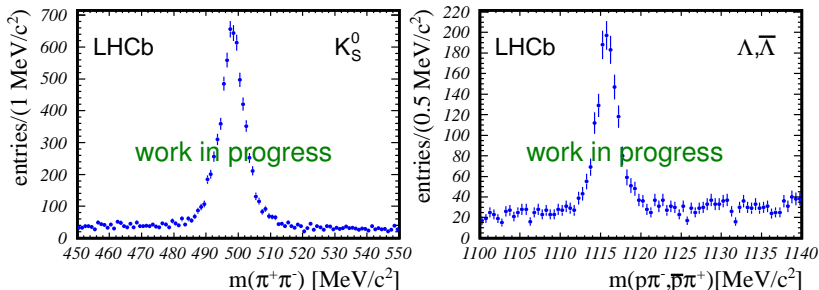
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 87 \text{ GeV}$, boost to center-of-mass $\Delta y \approx 4.5$
- LHCb: backward direction in the nucleon-nucleon center-of-mass



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→ first look at PbNe collisions using data from O(10) min running

PbNe-interactions - $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=54.4$ GeV



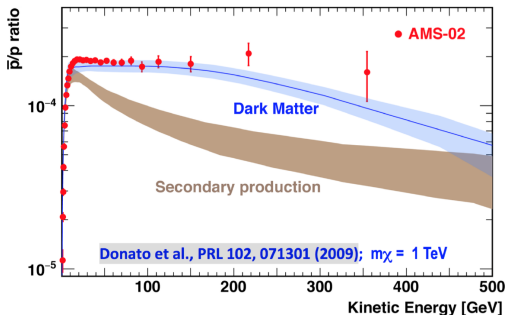
❖ physics potential:

- explore nuclear structure at large x
- conditions between SPS and RHIC for QGP studies

→ cosmic ray physics and cosmology

- understanding of extensive air showers → MC tuning
- understanding the AMS antiproton/proton ratio

AMS \bar{p}/p results and modeling



- use fixed target measurements to clarify: QCD or Dark Matter annihilation

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❖ much more to come in LHC Run-II. . .