



LHCb Status and Plans: The View from the US



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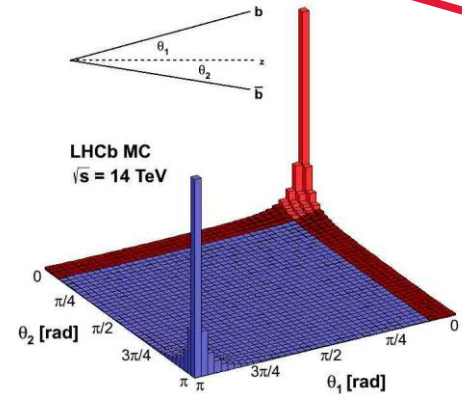
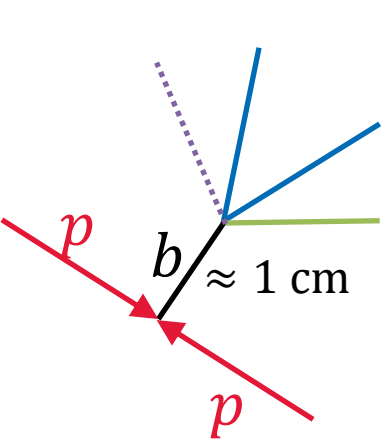
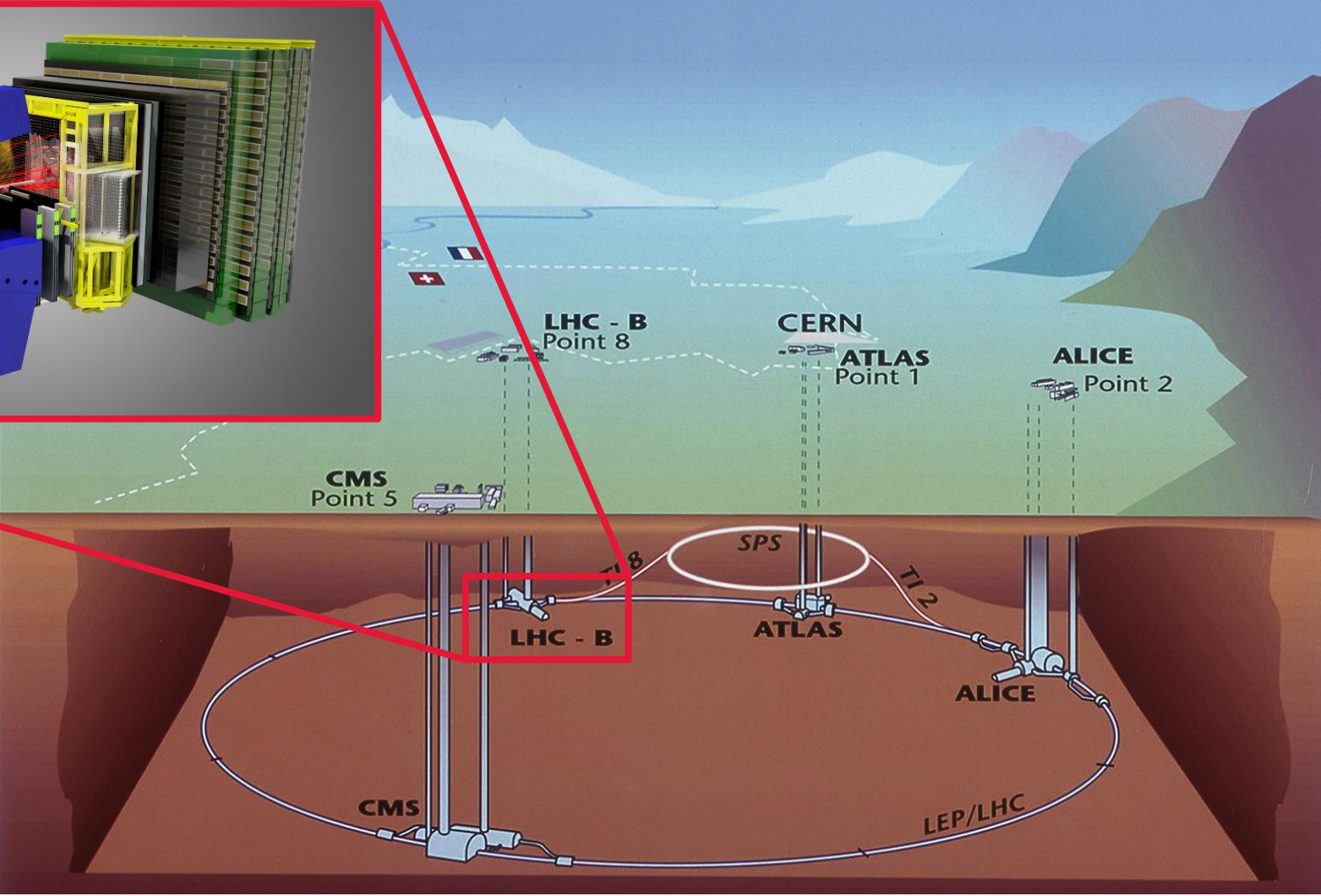
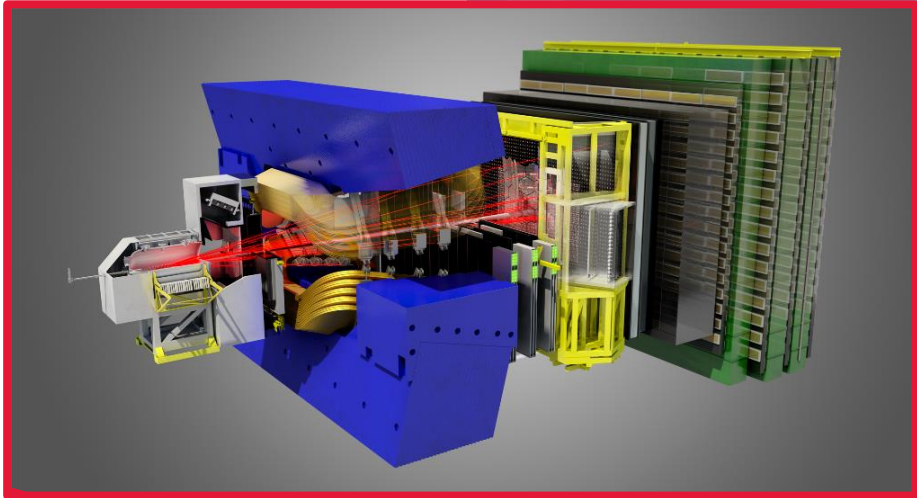
LHCb overview



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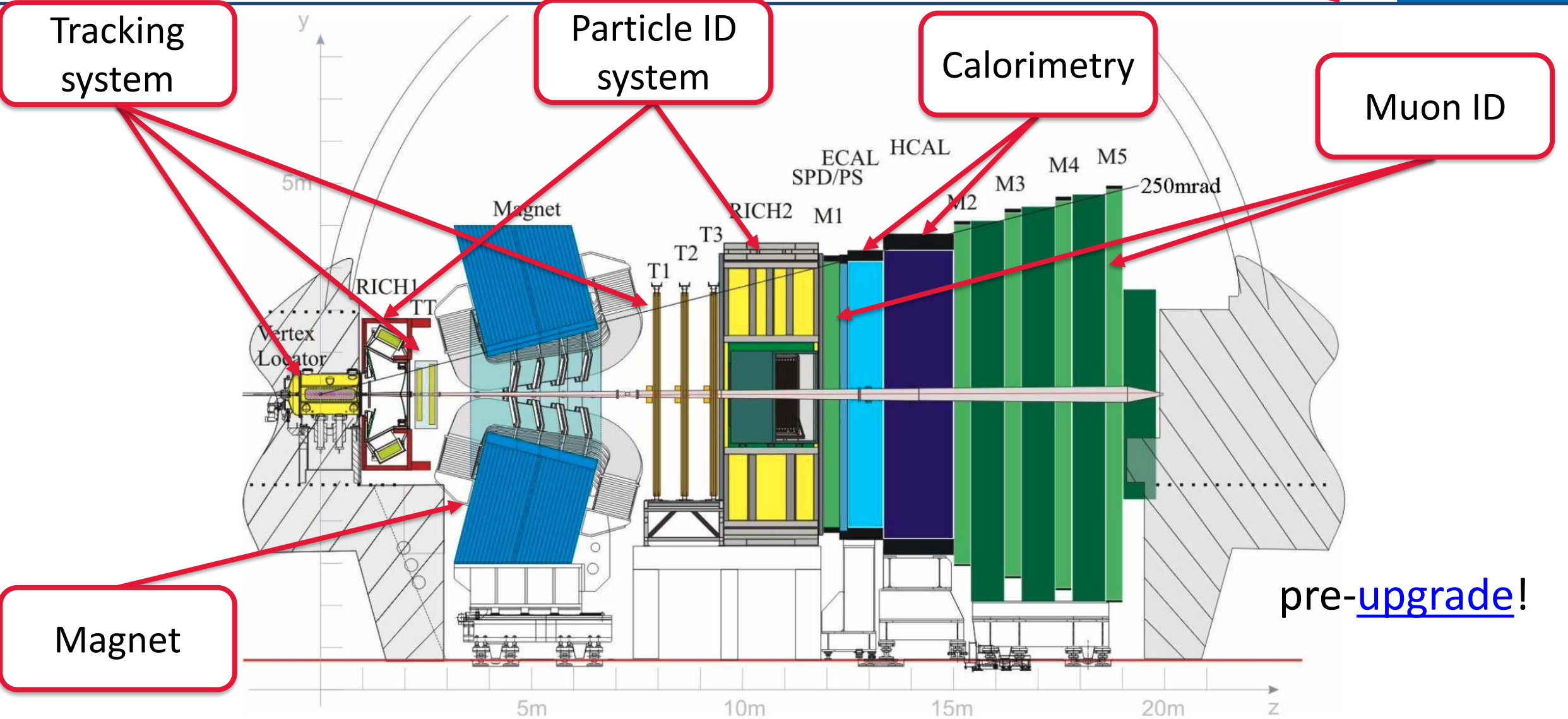
Overall view of the LHC experiments.

LHCb is a general-purpose forward detector, exploiting boost to separate b -decays from background


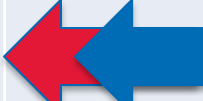








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LHCb sub-detectors (LHC Runs 1 & 2)



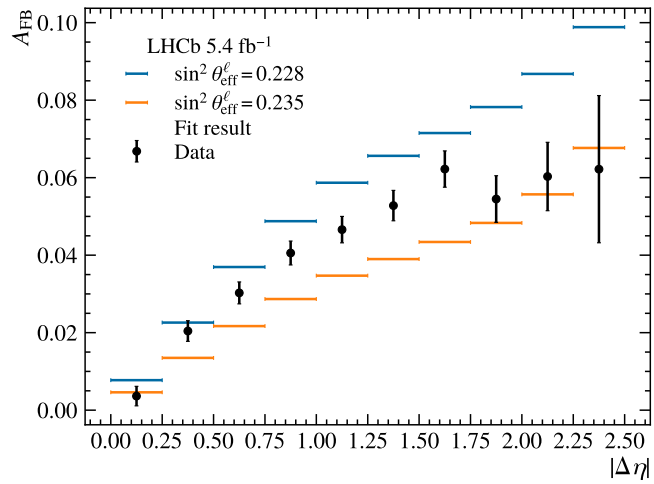
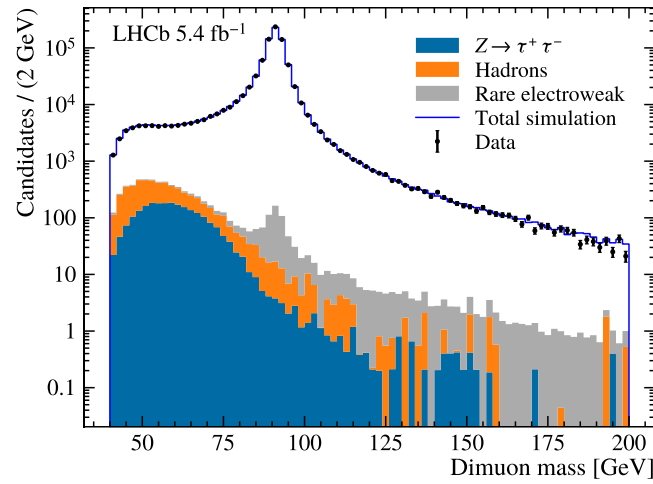
LHCb physics analysis program

Physics analysis working group	Description
QCD, Electroweak and Exotica	 $Z, W, \chi_{c1}(3872) \dots$
B hadrons and Quarkonia	  $\tau_{-}, I/\psi \rightarrow \dots$
Charm physics	
Rare decays	
Charmless b-hadron decays and B decays to Charmonia	 $B \rightarrow J/\psi X \dots$
B decays to Open Charm	$B \rightarrow DX \dots$
Semileptonic decays	
Ions and Fixed Target	 $\text{Proton-lead, lead-lead, proton helium, } \dots$

Papers with direct US-involvement released in 2024!

...or late 2023!

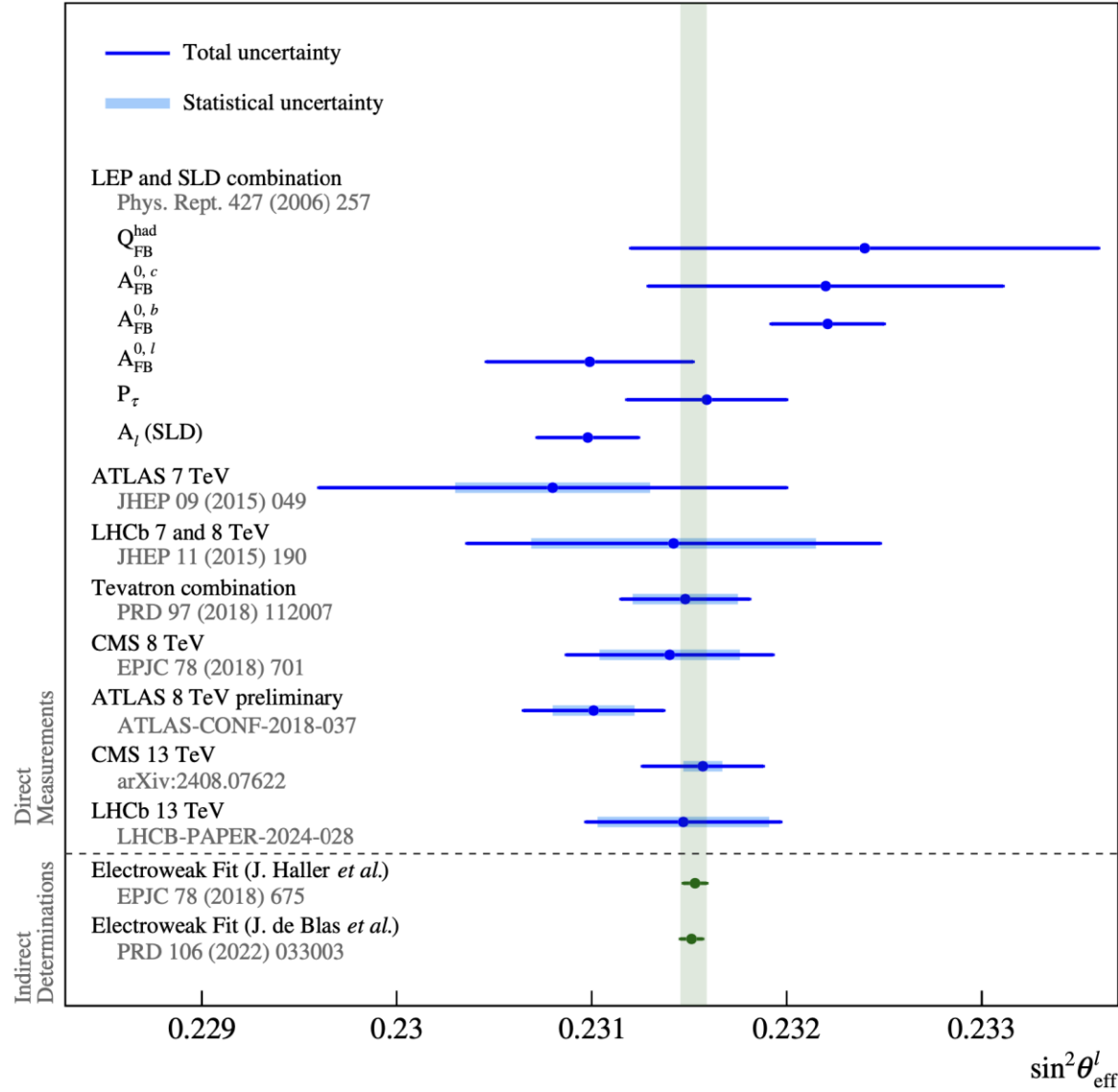
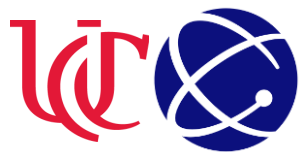
QCD, Electroweak and Exotica



Measured forward-backward asymmetry in $pp \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, finding $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell = 0.23147 \pm 0.00044 \pm 0.00005 \pm 0.00023$, consistent with predictions and previous measurements

Two papers with direct US-involvement in 2024:

- R. Aaij and others. *Measurement of the effective leptonic weak mixing angle.* [JHEP, 12:026, 2024.](#) [arXiv:2410.02502.](#)
- R. Aaij and others. *Measurements of $\psi(2S)$ and $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ production within fully reconstructed jets.* 2024. [arXiv:2410.18018.](#)



B hadrons and Quarkonia

- Measured ratio of Ξ_b^- to Λ_b^0 lifetimes ($r_\tau^{\text{HQE}} = 1.078 \pm 0.021$ predicted) [1]:

$$r_\tau^{\text{Run 2}} = 1.076 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$$
- ...and extracted Ξ_b^- lifetime with $\approx 2 \times$ better precision than world-average [1]:

$$\tau_{\Xi_b^-}^{\text{Run 1,2}} = 1.578 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.011 \text{ ps}$$
- Also observed first b -baryon decay where s -quark decays first and measured [2]:

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-) = (0.89 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.29)\%$$

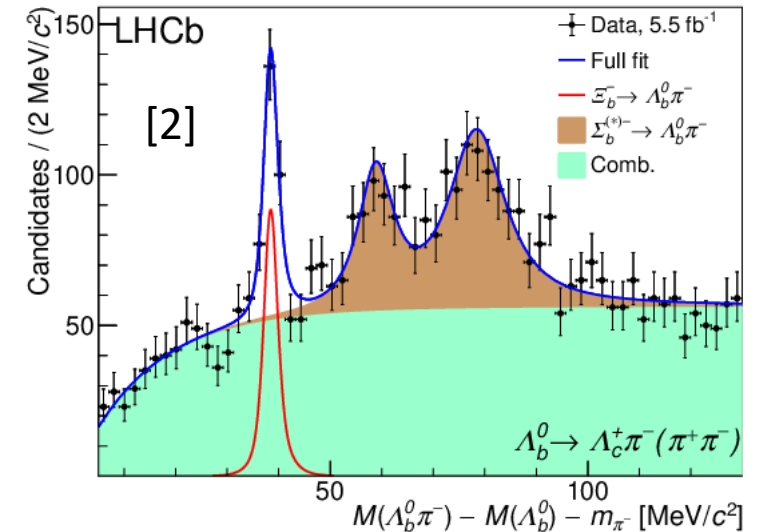
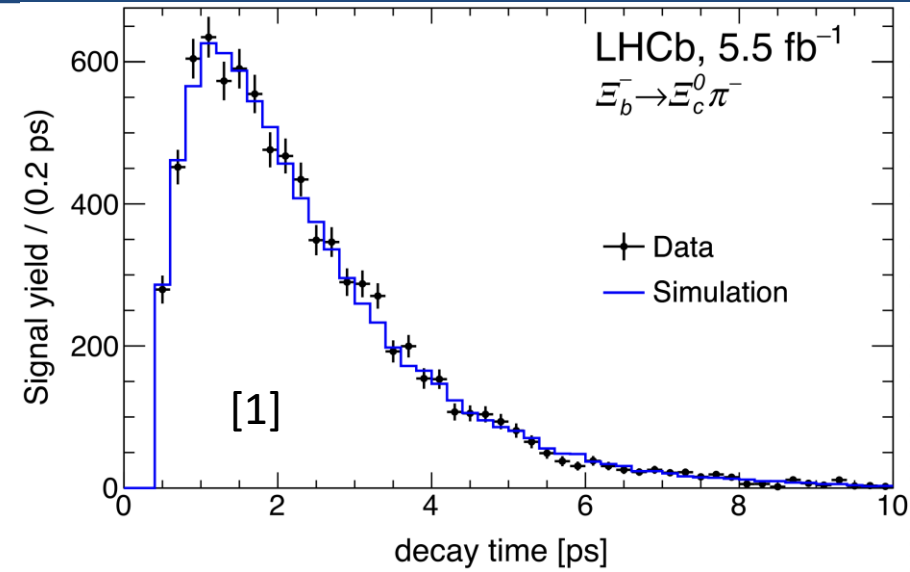
One paper with direct US-involvement in 2024:

1. R. Aaij and others. *Precision measurement of the Ξ_b^- baryon lifetime*. [Phys. Rev. D, 110\(7\):072002, 2024](#). arXiv:[2406.12111](#).

...and a selected one from late 2023:

2. R. Aaij and others. *Observation and branching fraction measurement of the decay $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Lambda_b^0 \pi^-$* . [Phys. Rev. D, 108\(7\):072002, 2023](#). arXiv:[2307.09427](#)

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Charm physics

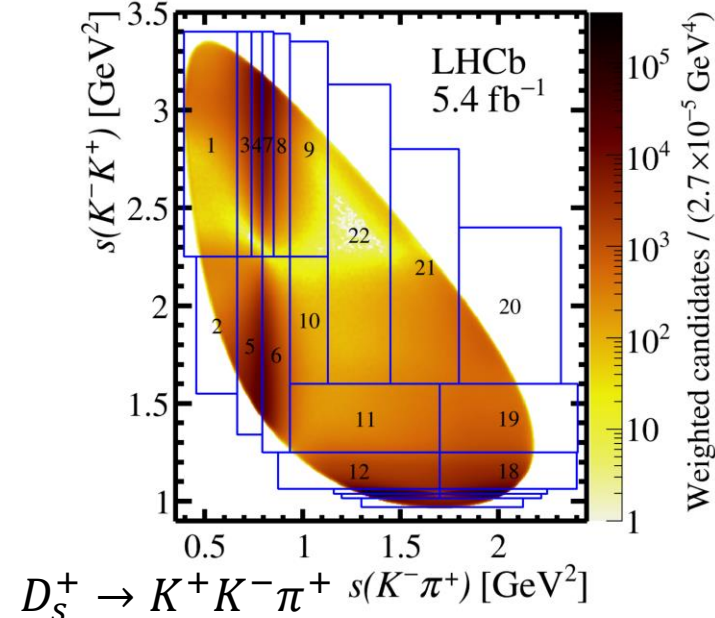
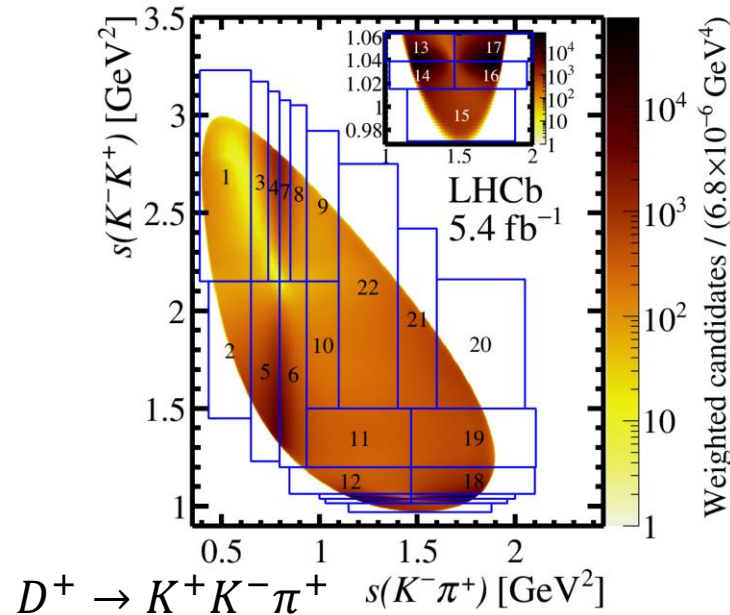
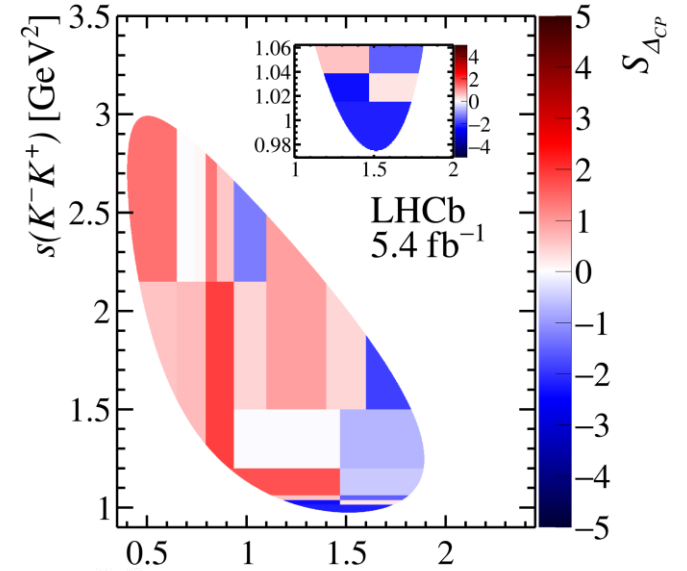
- Search for CP violation in $D^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$ using Run 2 data using a model-independent comparison between D^+ and D^- phase-space distributions
- Most precise search for localized CP violation ever; no evidence
- Measured

$$A_{CP|S}^{\phi\pi^+} = (0.95 \pm 0.43 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (most precise)}$$

$$A_{CP|S}^{K^*0K^+} = (-0.26 \pm 0.56 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-3} \text{ (first time)}$$

One paper with direct US-involvement in 2024:

- R. Aaij and others. *Measurement of CP violation observables in $D^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$ decays*. 2024. arXiv:[2409.01414](https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.01414).



Rare decays

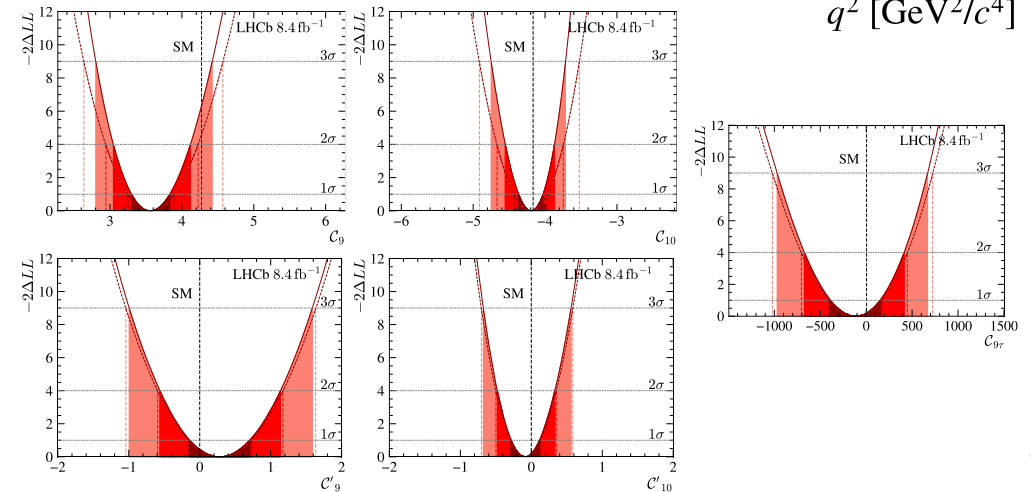
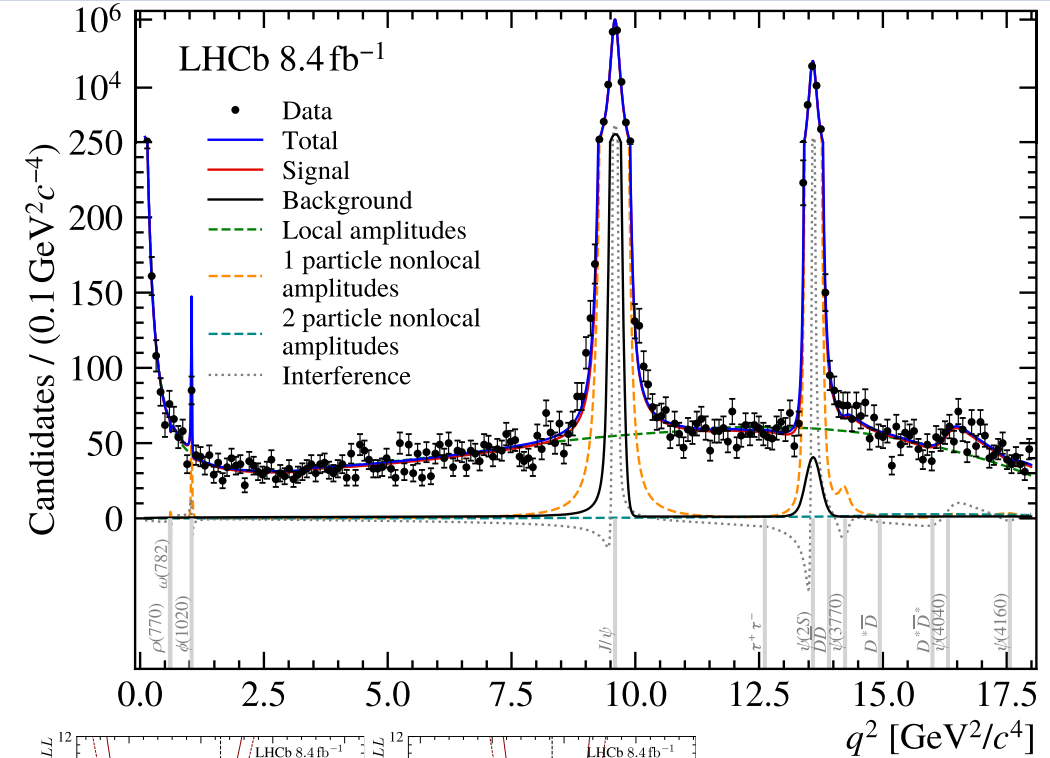
- First time $K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ has been measured across full q^2 spectrum and most precise measurement of $K^{*0} \tau^+ \tau^-$
- Measures long-distance charmonium contributions to $K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Confirms that flavor anomalies cannot be trivially explained by long-distance contributions

Eight papers with with direct US-involvement in 2024:

- R. Aaij and others. *Determination of short- and long-distance contributions in $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays.* [Phys. Rev. D, 109\(5\):052009, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2312.09102](#).
- R. Aaij and others. *Amplitude Analysis of the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ Decay.* [Phys. Rev. Lett., 132\(13\):131801, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2312.09115](#).
- R. Aaij and others. *Comprehensive analysis of local and nonlocal amplitudes in the $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay.* [JHEP, 09:026, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2405.17347](#).
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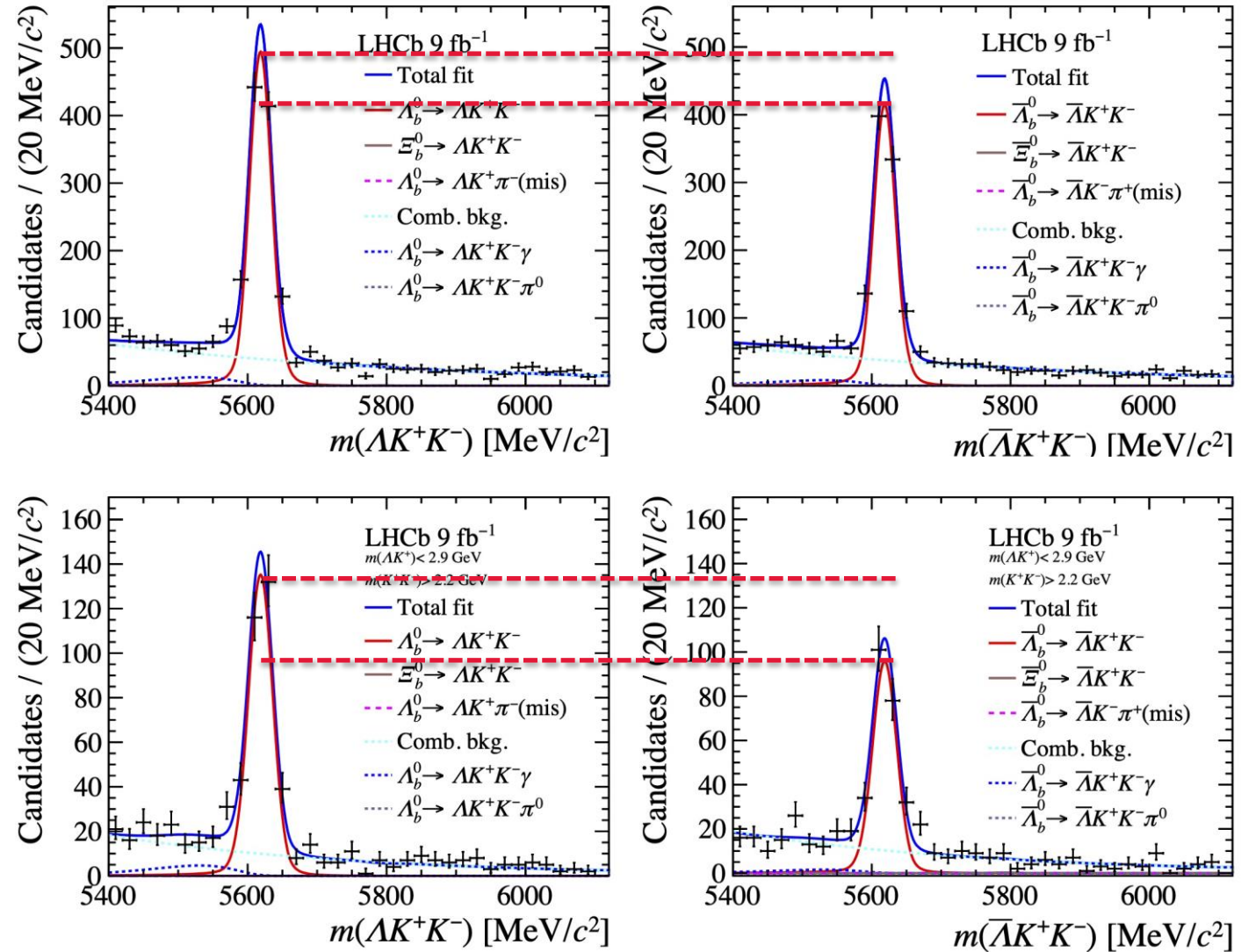


Charmless b-hadron decays

- Measured branching fractions for $\Lambda_b^0/\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda h^+ h'^-$ ($h^{(\prime)} = \pi, K$)
- Evidence for CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ (only evidence in b -baryon decay!)
- First observation of $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^-$ and $\Xi_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+$

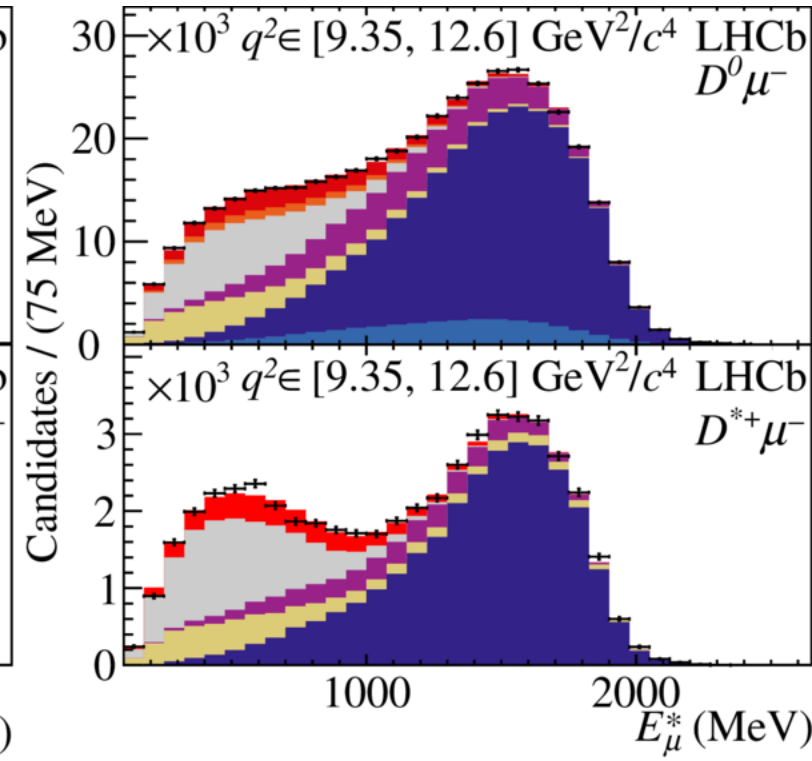
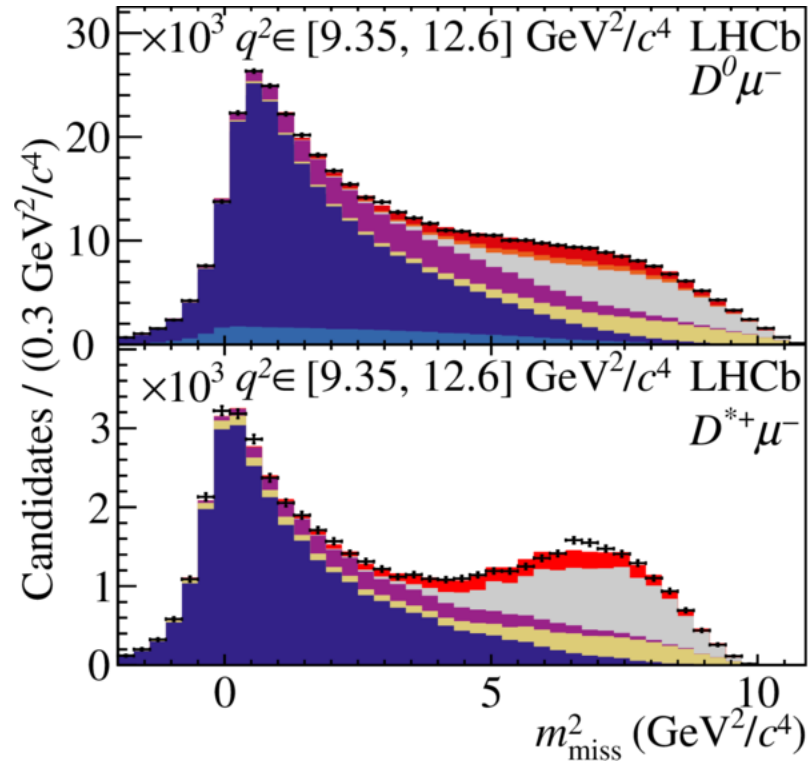
One paper with direct US-involvement in 2024:

- R. Aaij and others. *Study of Λ_b^0 and Ξ_b^0 decays to $\Lambda h^+ h'^-$ and evidence for CP violation in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ decays.* 2024. arXiv:[2411.15441](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.15441).



Semileptonic decays

- Uses samples of $\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$ to measure $R(D^*)$
 $= 0.281 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.024$
 $R(D^0)$
 $= 0.441 \pm 0.060 \pm 0.066$
- Consistent with Lepton Flavor Universality, reducing Standard Model tension of HFLAV average by 0.1σ



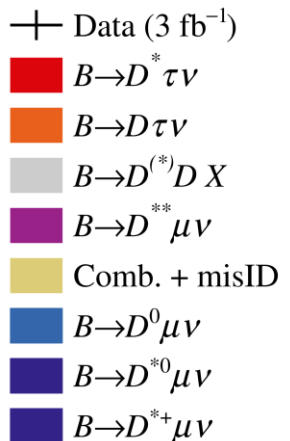
A selected paper with direct US-involvement in late 2023:

- R. Aaij and others. *Measurement of the ratios of branching fractions $R(D^*)$ and $R(D^0)$* . [Phys. Rev. Lett., 131:111802, 2023](#). arXiv:[2302.02886](#). Also see last year's [report](#).



$$R(D^*) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^* \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$

$$R(D^0) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^0 \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^0 \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)}$$



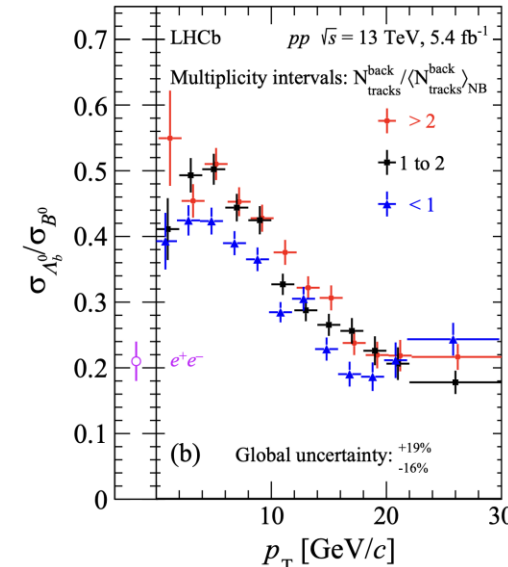
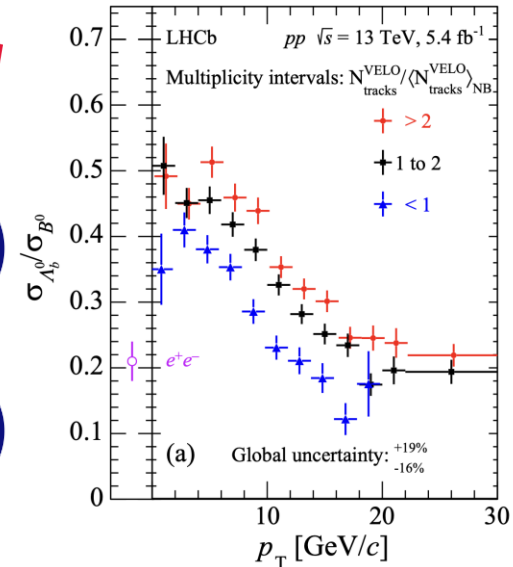
Ions and Fixed Target

Six papers with direct US-involvement in 2024:

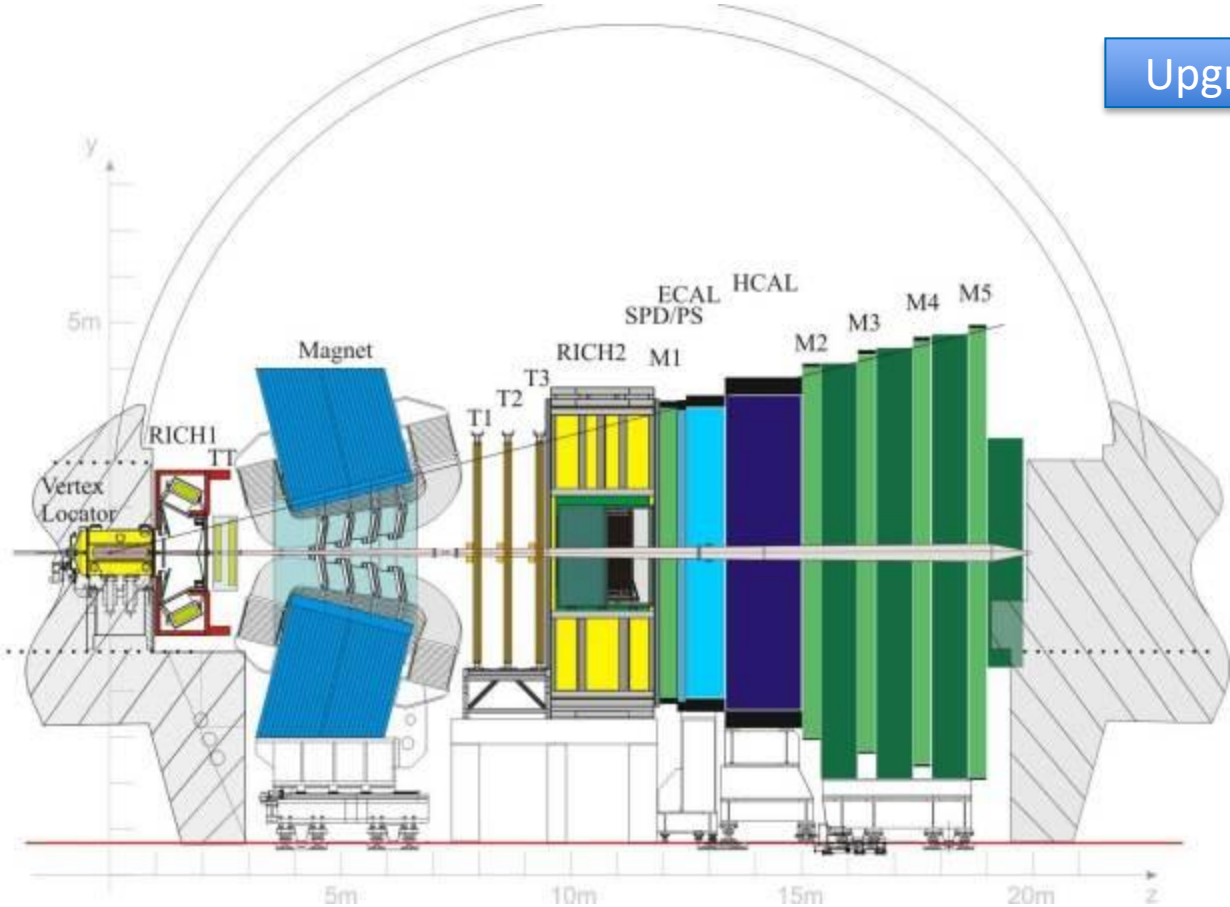
- R. Aaij and others. *Enhanced Production of Λ_b^0 Baryons in High-Multiplicity pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV.* [Phys. Rev. Lett., 132\(8\):081901, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2310.12278](#).
- R. Aaij and others. *Modification of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$ Production in pPb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV.* [Phys. Rev. Lett., 132\(24\):242301, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2402.14975](#)
- R. Aaij and others. *Fraction of χ_c Decays in Prompt J/ψ Production Measured in pPb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV.* [Phys. Rev. Lett., 132\(10\):102302, 2024.](#) arXiv: [2311.01562](#).
- R. Aaij and others. *Production of η and η' mesons in pp and pPb collisions.* [Phys. Rev. C, 109\(2\):024907, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2310.17326](#).
- R. Aaij and others. *Measurement of forward charged hadron flow harmonics in peripheral $PbPb$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV with the LHCb detector.* [Phys. Rev. C, 109\(5\):054908, 2024.](#) arXiv:[2311.09985](#).
- R. Aaij and others. *Measurement of the $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ cross-section ratio as a function of centrality in $PbPb$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV.* 2024. arXiv:[2411.05669](#).



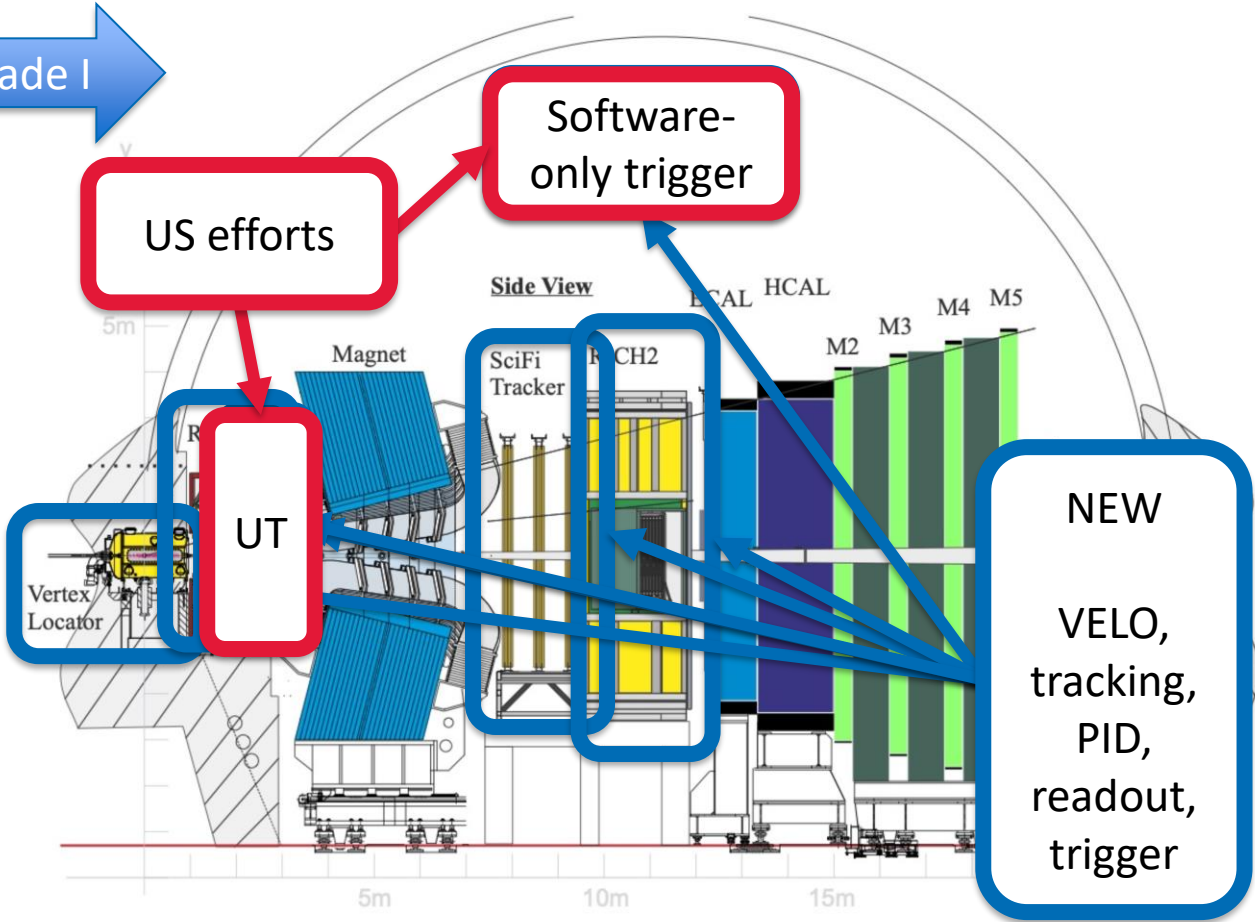
- Measured production rate of Λ_b^0 to B^0 in pp using Run 2 data
- Ratio depends on p_T and charge multiplicity, implying evolution of heavy hadrons is dependent on the density of the produced hadronic environment



LHCb upgrade I



Upgrade I →



LHCb (2011-2018)

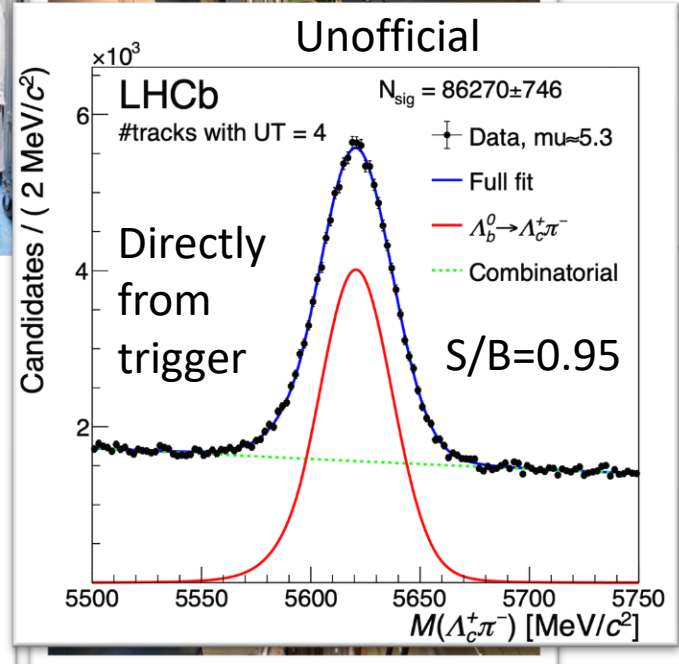
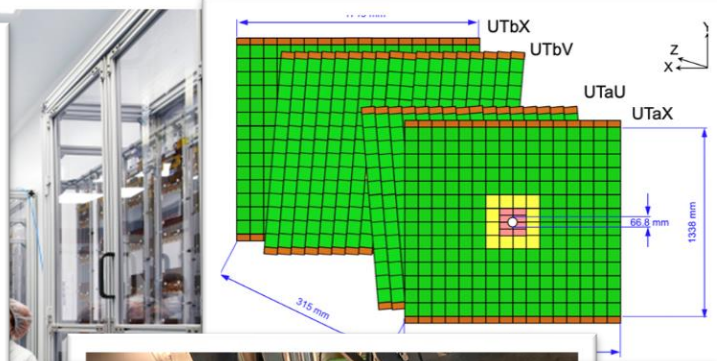
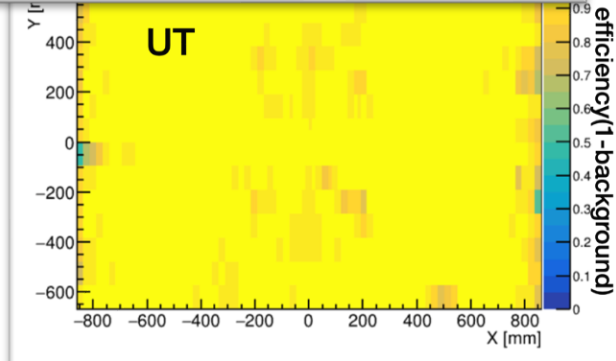
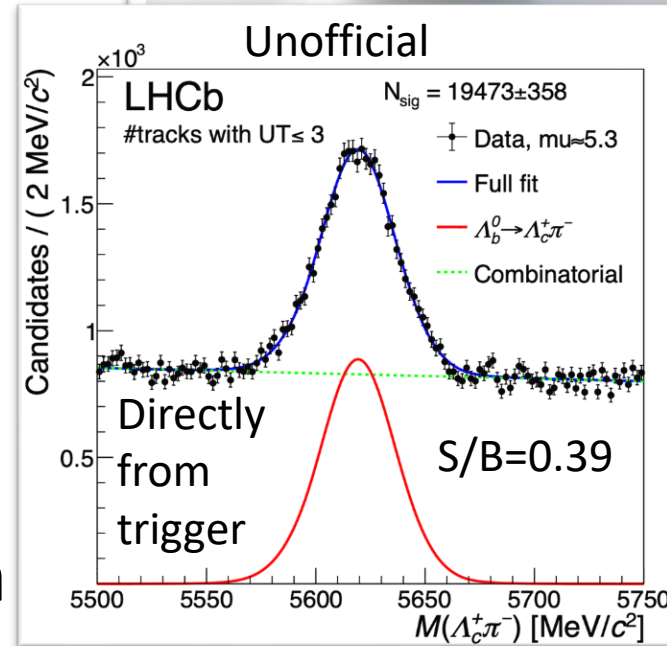
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- *LHCb Trigger and Online Upgrade Technical Design Report*. 2014.

Upstream Tracker (UT)

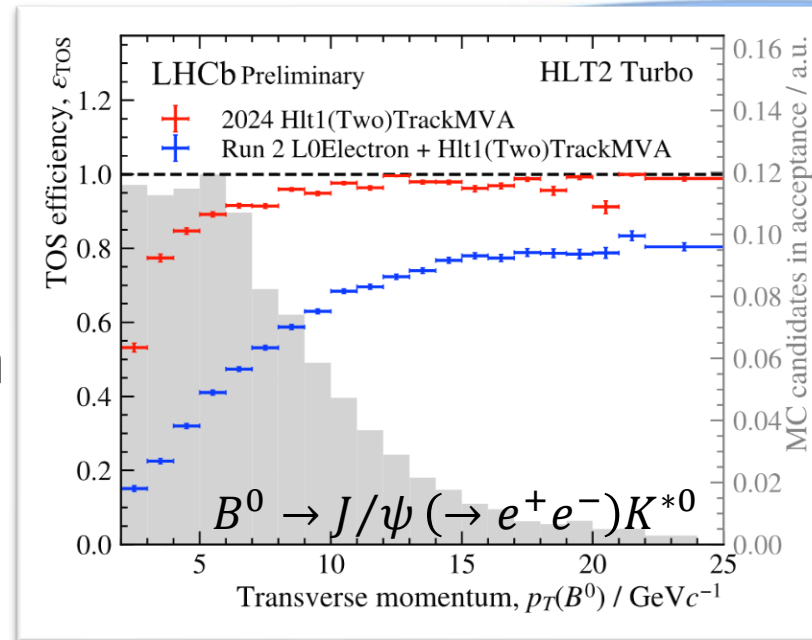
- Upgrade of the old Tracker Turicensis (TT)
- Needed to withstand higher radiation environment, handle higher occupancy, and provide 40 MHz read-out
- Improves momentum resolution and ghost suppression, reducing trigger bandwidth
- Enables reconstruction of downstream decays
- Installation completed in 2023



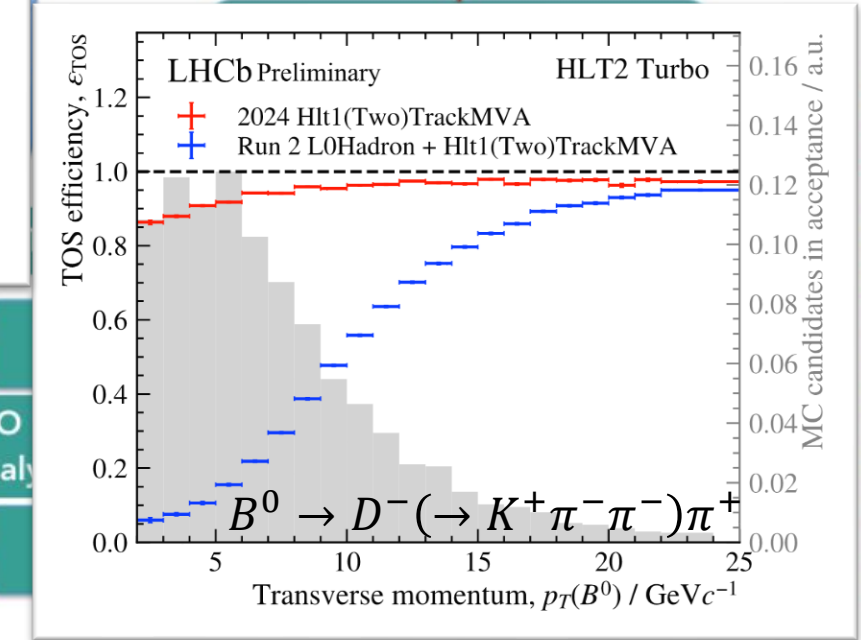
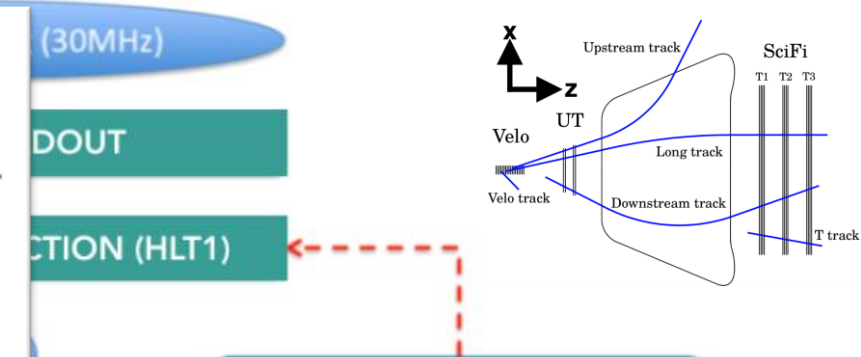
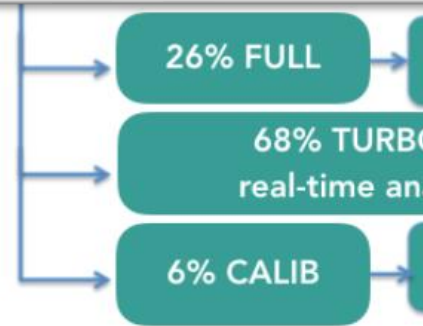
- LHCb Tracker Upgrade Technical Design Report. 2014
- M. Brice. LHCb Upstream Tracker (UT) in clean room. 2022. [CDS](#).
- Upstream Tracker closing completes installation of the LHCb Upgrade 1 detector. [link](#).
- T. Mombächer. Status of the LHCb Experiment. 2024. [link](#).

Software-only trigger (Allen)

- LHCb moved to software-only trigger in Run 3
- Allen is the 1st-level trigger, implemented on GPUs, to perform partial track-reconstruction and reduce data-rate by $\approx 30 \times$
- Improves efficiencies compared to hardware trigger across particle species

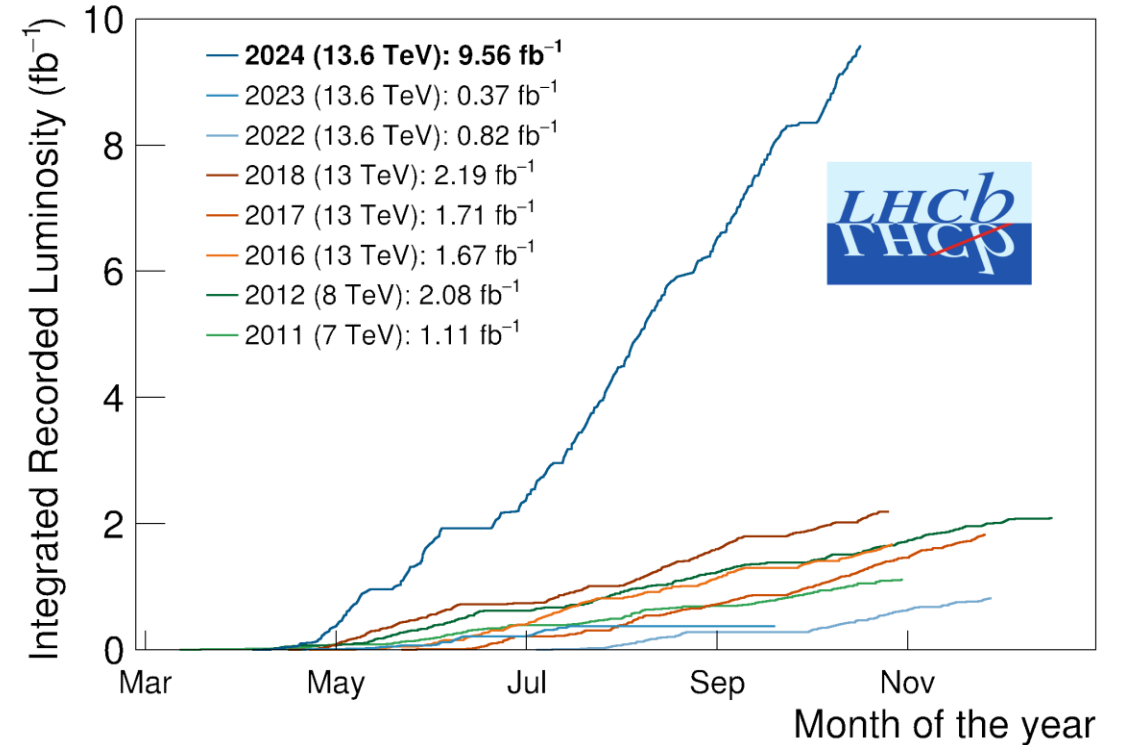
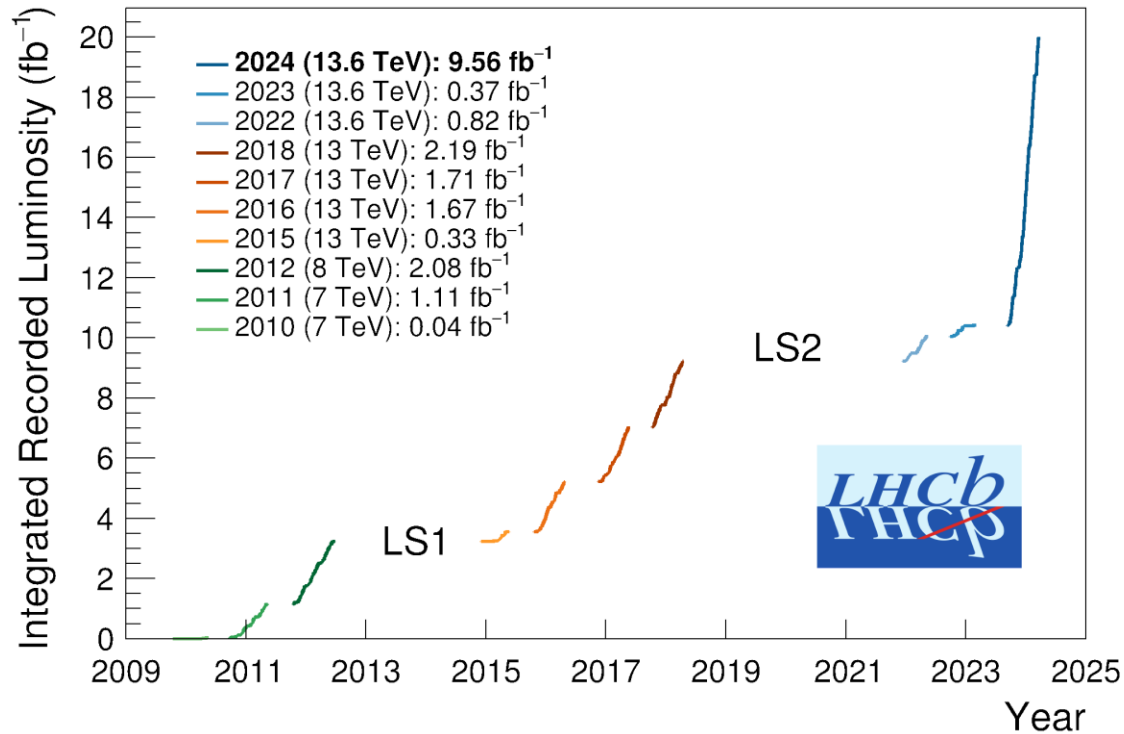


80 Gb/s



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LHCb data-taking post-upgrade I

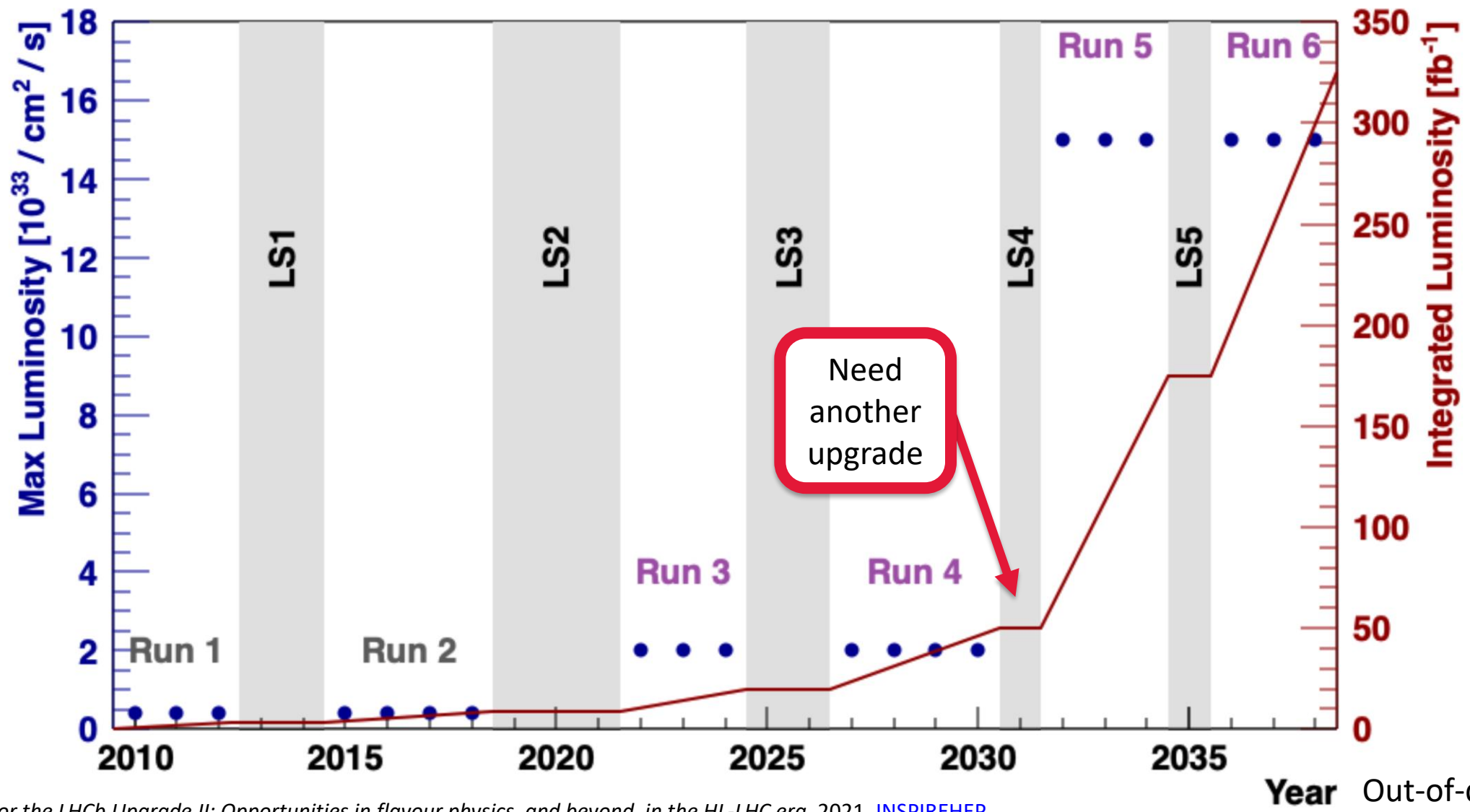


- Installation completed in 2023
- Commissioning in 2023 continued into 2024
- Problem with RF foil in 2023, resolved in 2024
- All detectors in global since late June 2024

<https://lbggroups.cern.ch/online/OperationsPlots/index.htm>

- Run 3 *pp* sample (9.6 fb^{-1} from just 2024) already larger than Runs 1 & 2 combined (8.7 fb^{-1})
- Similarly for Run 3 PbPb and fixed-target samples, plus new gases (H, D, ...)
- Performance papers, early results, etc., expected in 2025

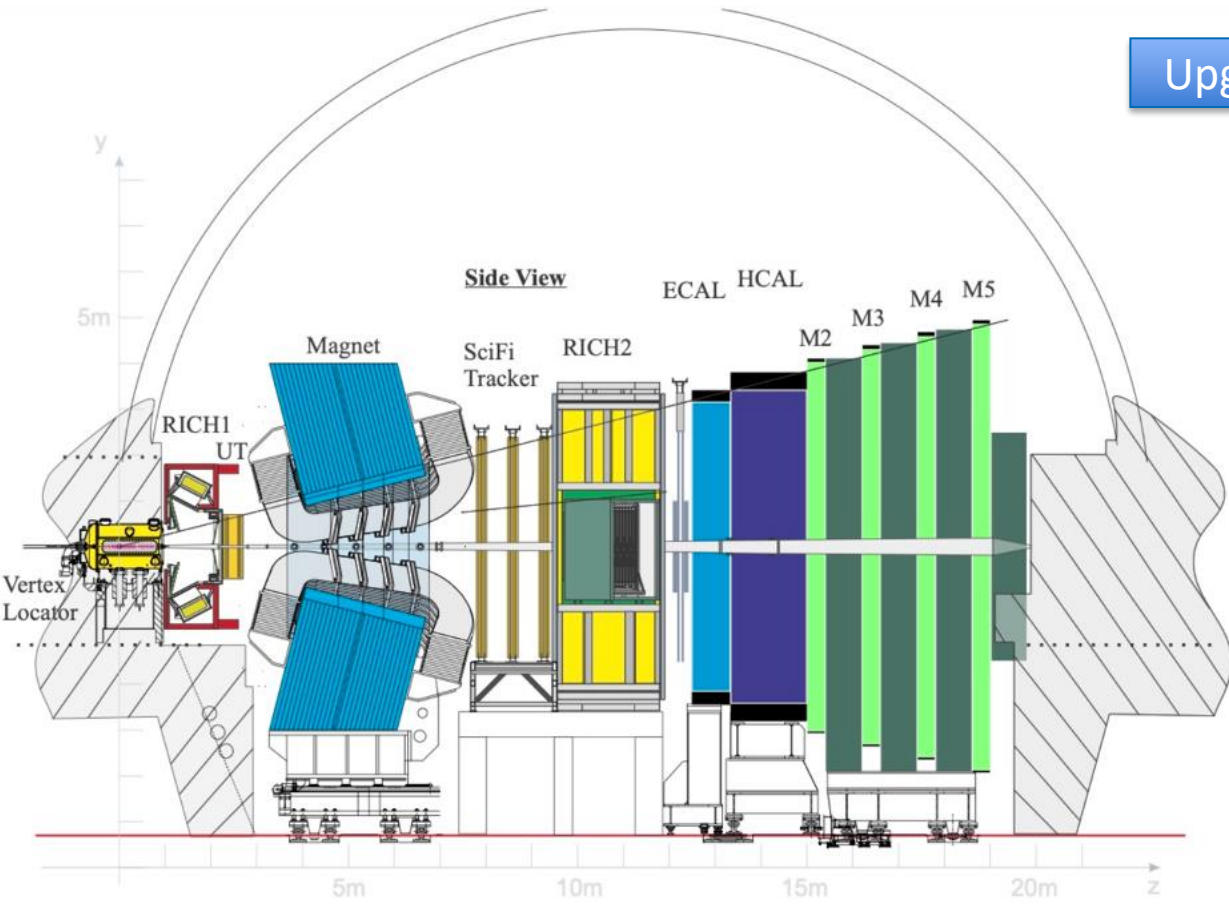
LHC luminosity schedule



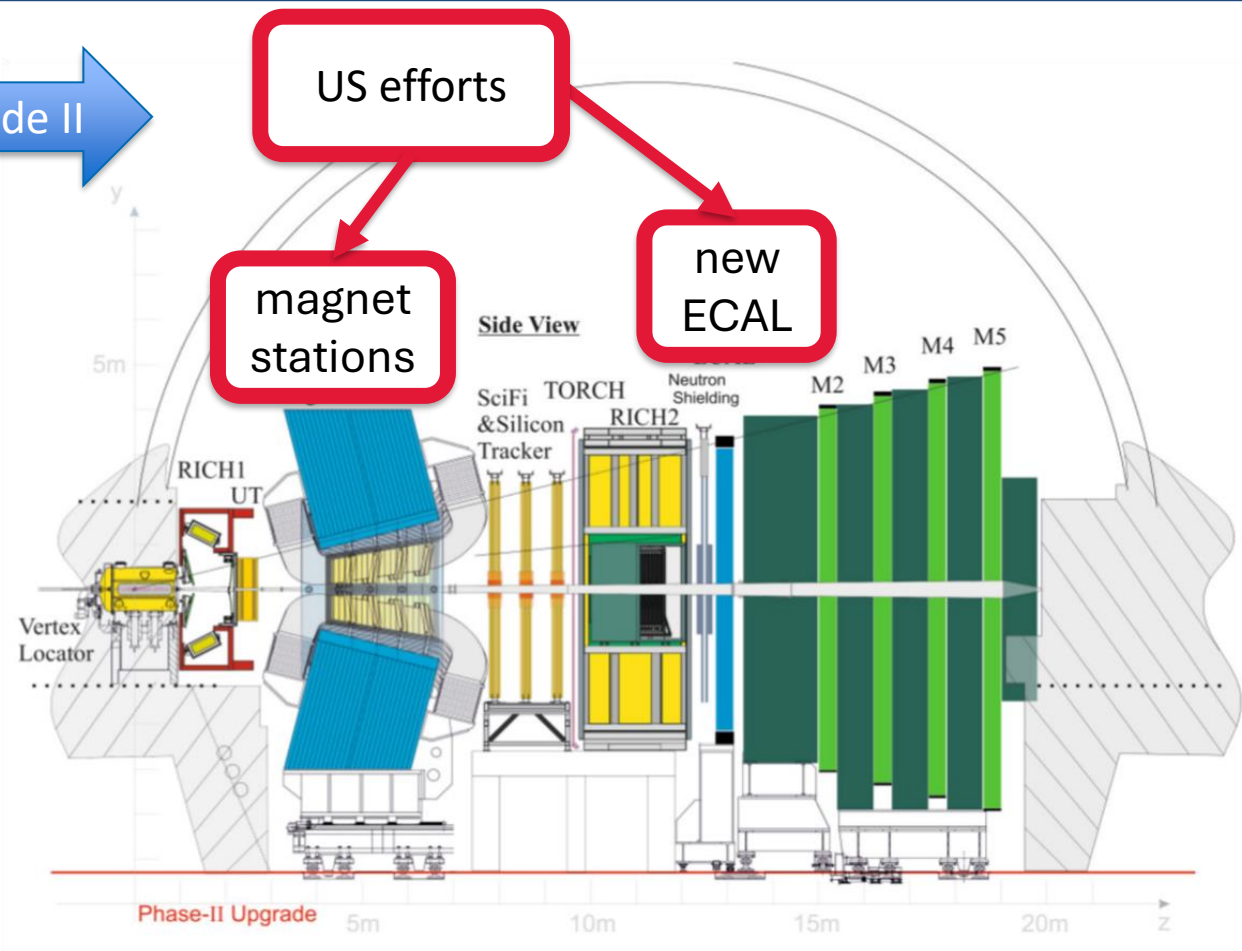
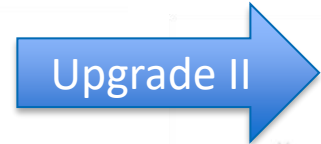
Need another upgrade

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LHCb upgrade II



LHCb (2022-2033)

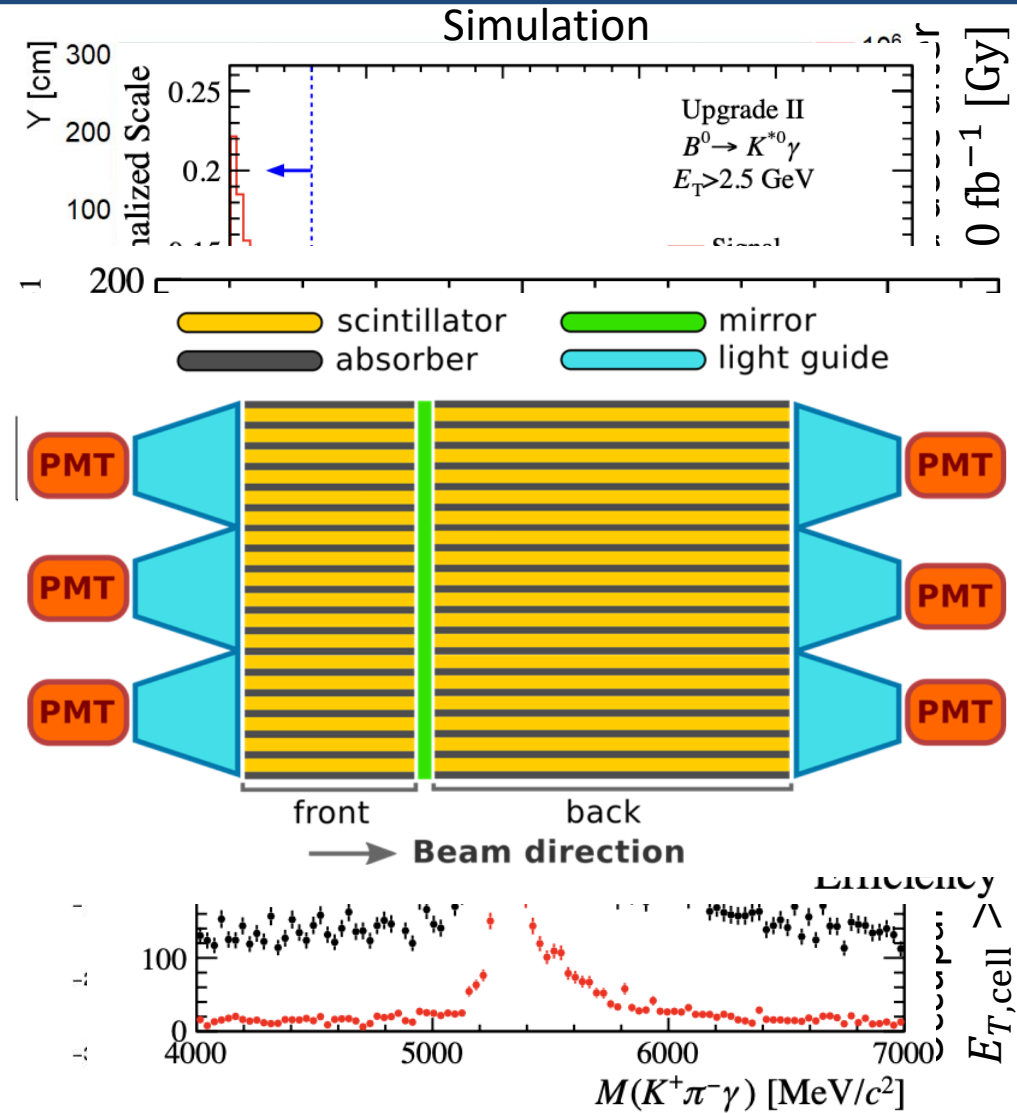


LHCb (2036-)

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- LHCb collaboration. LHCb Upgrade II Scoping Document. 2024. [CDS](#) (forthcoming).

Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL)

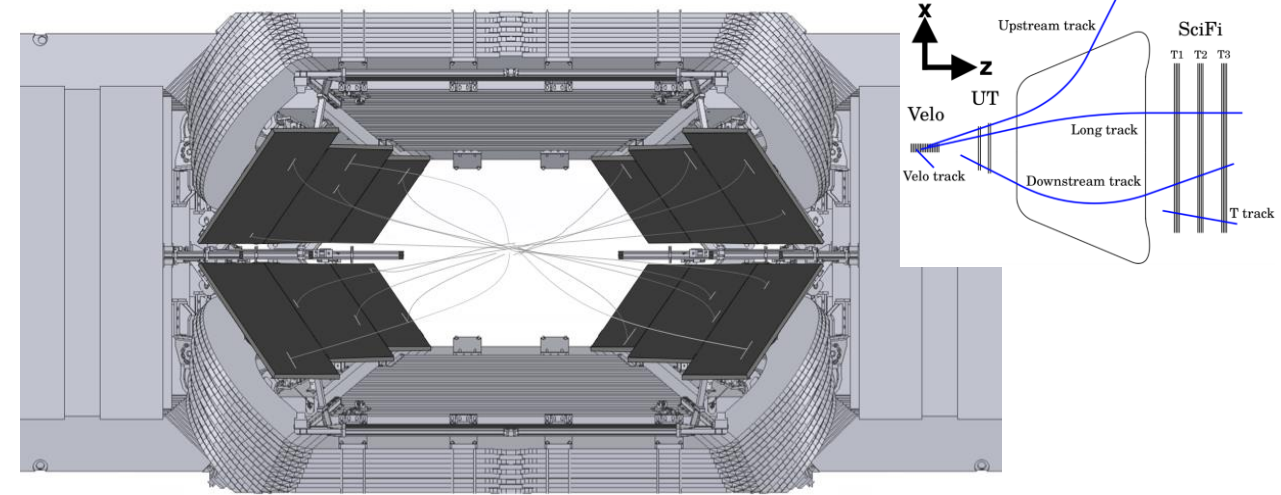
- ECAL essential to studies with neutrals / electrons [1, 2, 3, 4]
- Upgrade needed to handle very high luminosity (increased radiation and pile-up)
- Timing information ($\mathcal{O}(10)$ ps) needed to resolve pile-up
- Use Shashlik technology in outer region, as current ECAL
- Use new Spaghetti Calorimeter (SpaCal) technology in central region
 - Absorber with longitudinal fibers for scintillation and light-transport, split into front and back regions to improve timing and cluster resolutions and to resist radiation damage
 - Tungsten absorber in innermost region, lead elsewhere
- May include dedicated timing layer, technology TBD
- R&D ongoing



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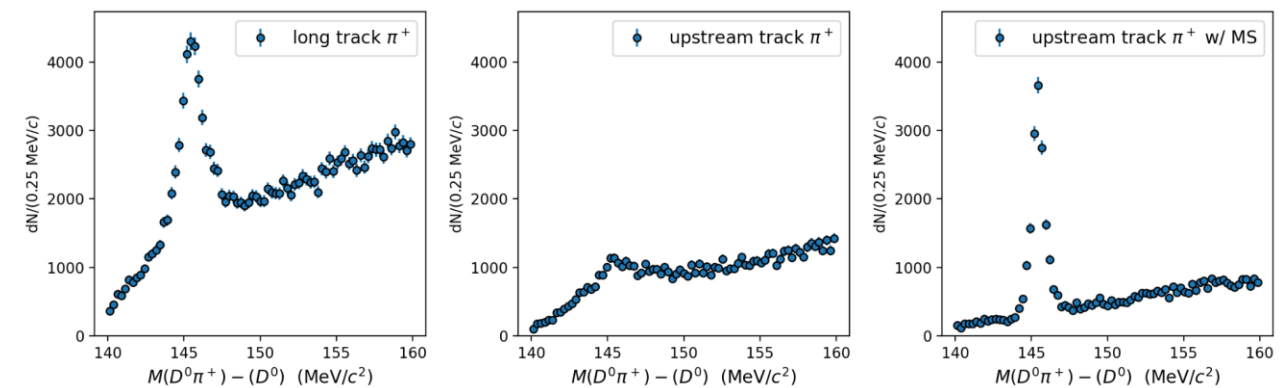
Magnet Stations (MS)

- LHCb (original and upgrade I) has only partial tracking information for particles deflected by the magnet ($p_T \lesssim 5 \text{ GeV}/c$), giving $\frac{\delta p}{p} = 12.3\%$
- A scintillating-based tracker inside the magnet would give $\frac{\delta p}{p} < 1\%$
- Would enable all new measurements and improvements to previous measurements
- R&D ongoing



5.0 Magnetic Field Effects in

$p_T (D^0\pi^+) < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ simulation



π^+ hits all 3 tracking systems

π^+ hits only 2 tracking systems

π^+ hits 2 + magnet stations

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Conclusions

- LHCb continues to make important measurements using 2011-2018 data
- LHCb entering new era of data-taking with exciting new possibilities
- US institutions significant contributors to LHCb physics analysis, detector performance, and ongoing upgrade efforts



• *M. Brice. LHCb detector. 2024. [CDS](#).*

LHCb Lighting Round talks:

- “Real-time analysis in HLT1 at LHCb in Run 3” by Kate Richardson: [link](#)
- “Heavy-Flavour Jet Tagging Using Graph Neural Networks at LHCb” by Gabriella Pesticci: [link](#)
- “Waveform Sampling for Future Detector Timing Layers” by Andrew Dowling: [link](#)

Questions?

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