

LHCb results relevant for dark matter searches

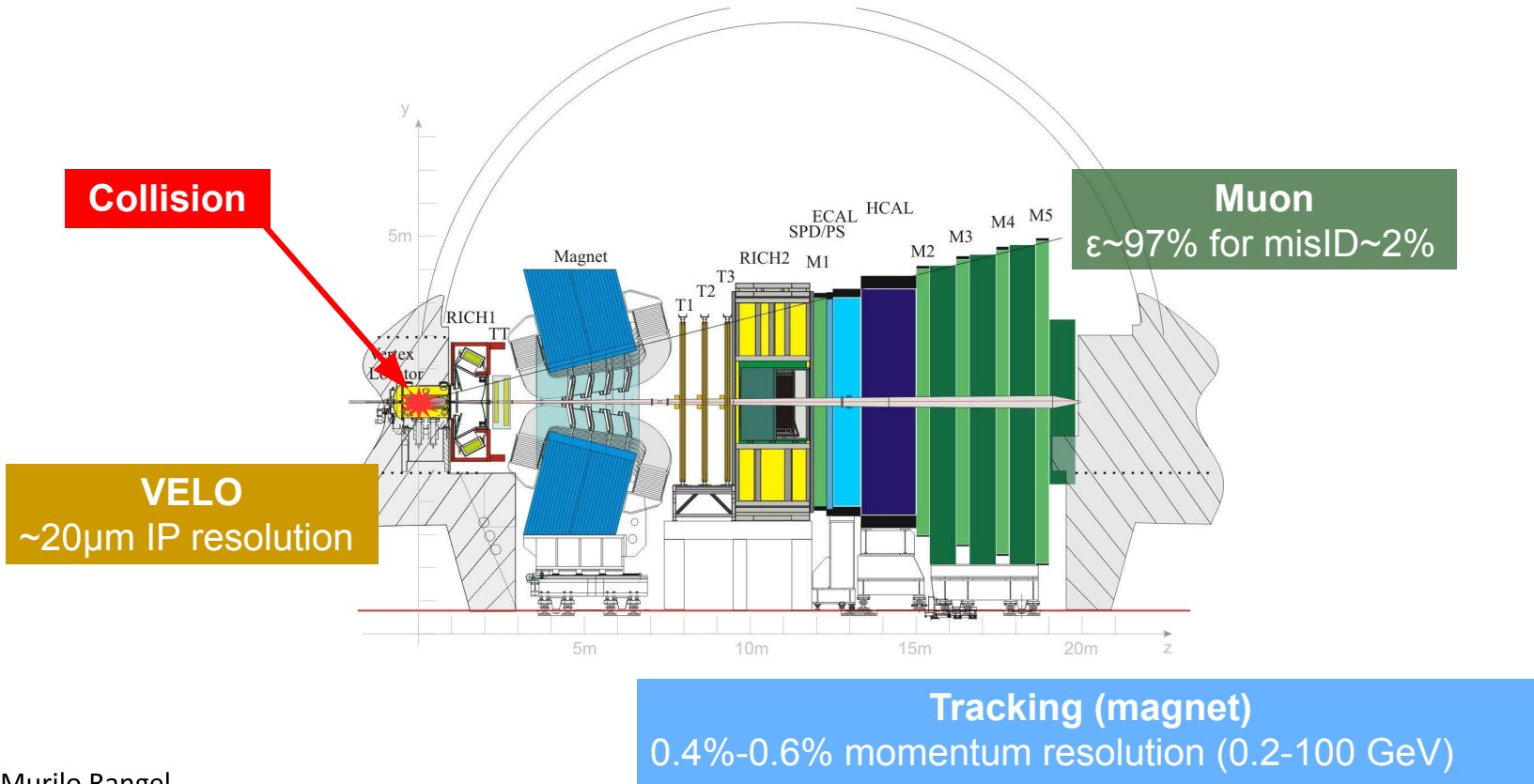
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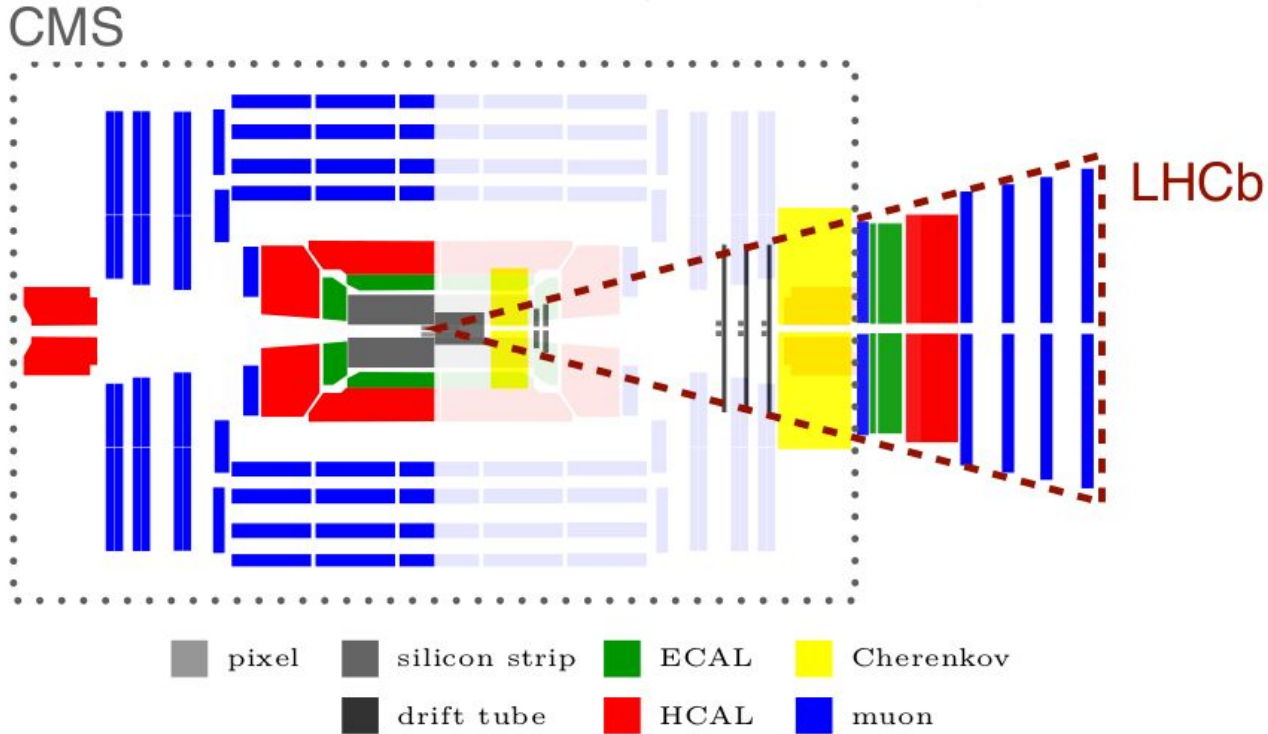
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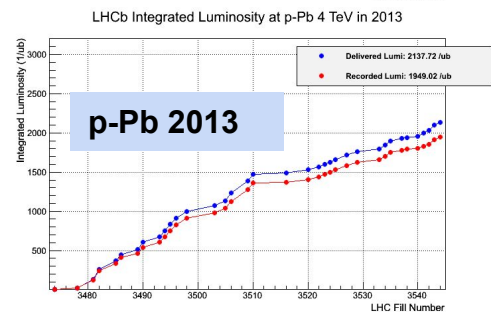
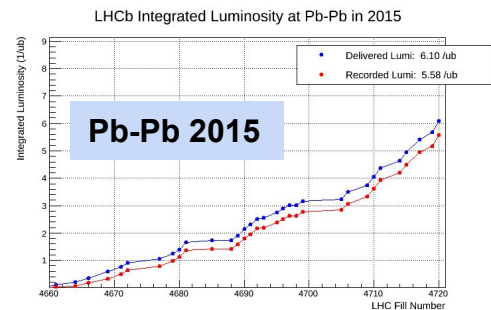
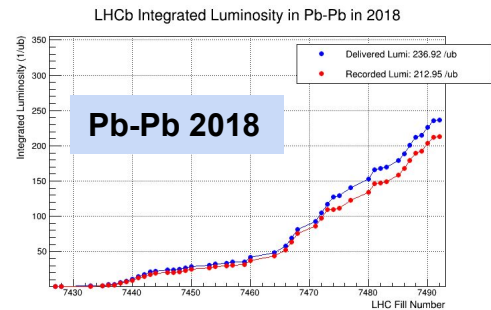
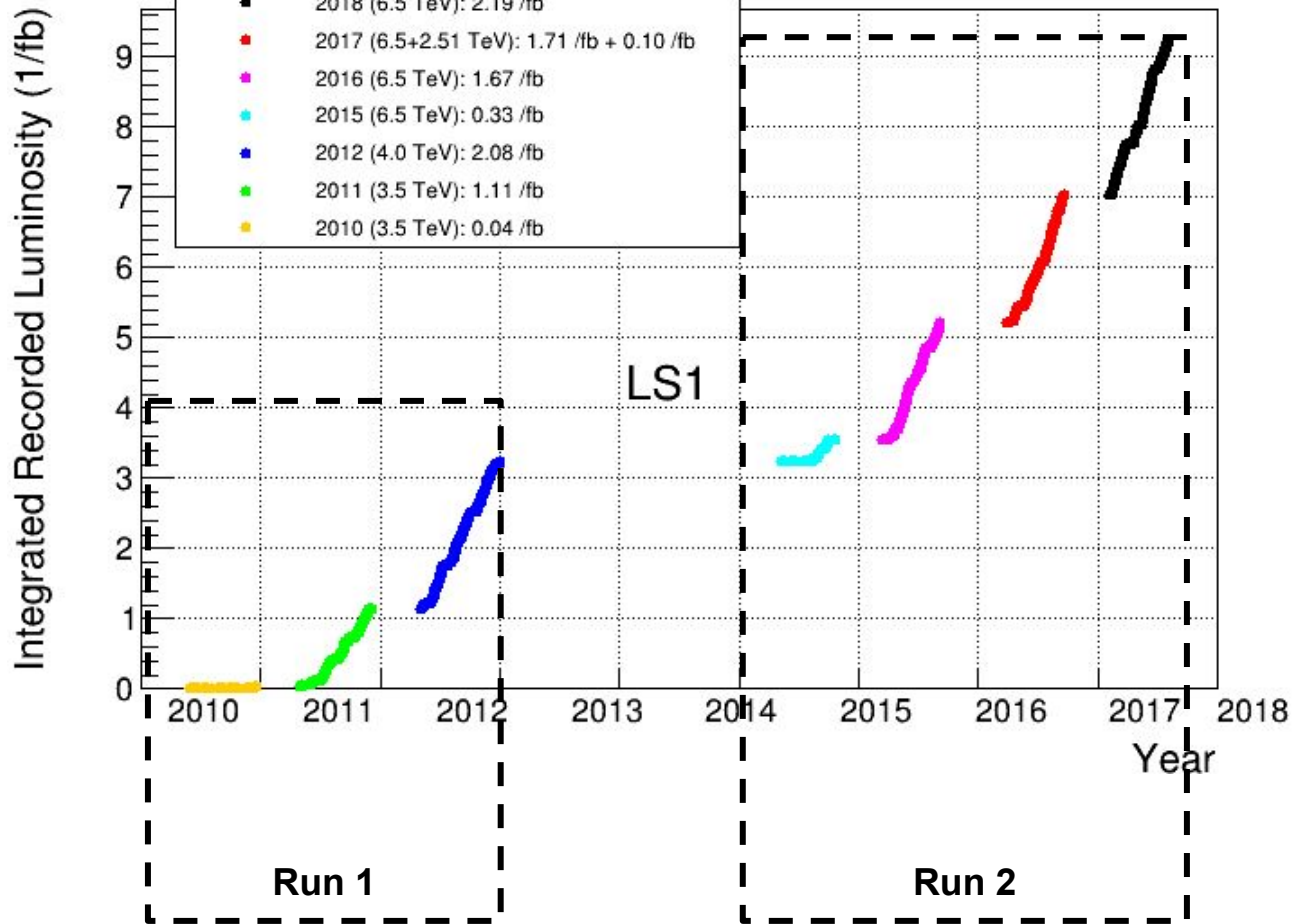
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[Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30, 1530022 (2015)]



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LHCb Cumulative Integrated Recorded Luminosity in pp, 2010-2018



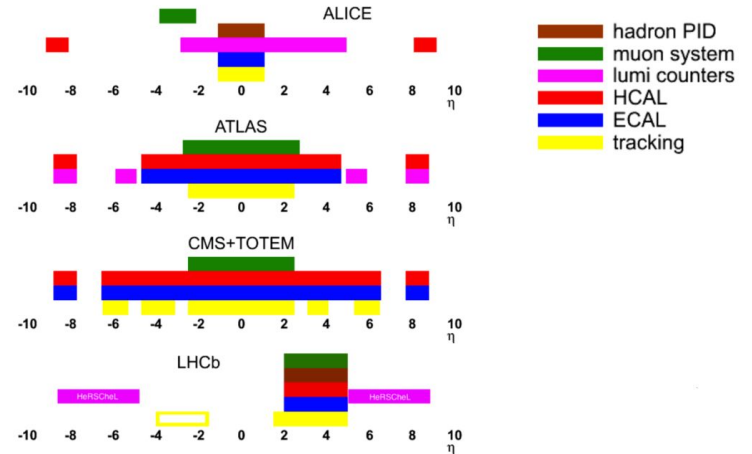
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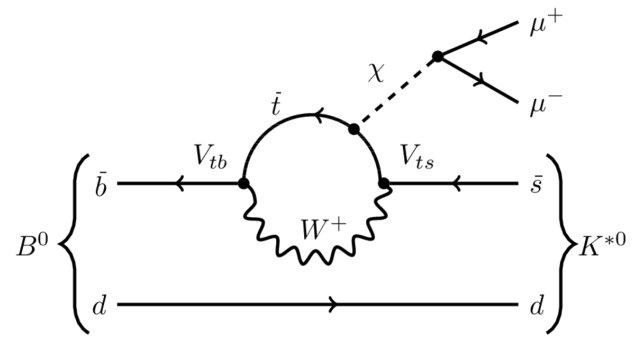
Dark Matter and LHCb

- Unification of Dark Matter and SM phenomenology predicts signatures at LHC.
- Many signatures can be searched at LHCb
 - + Dark bosons
 - + Long lived particle (LLP)
 - + Rare decays

LHCb

- Unique coverage complementary to ATLAS/CMS
- Soft trigger and forward acceptance → **lower masses** reach
- Excellent secondary/tertiary vertex reconstruction → **lower lifetimes** (~ 1 ps).

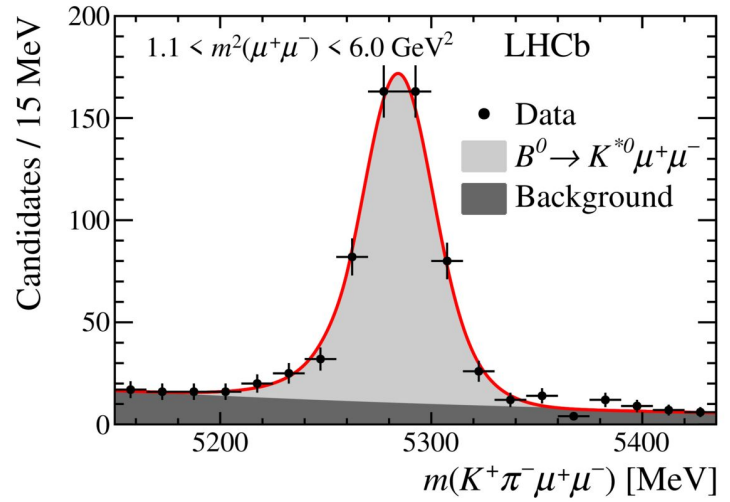


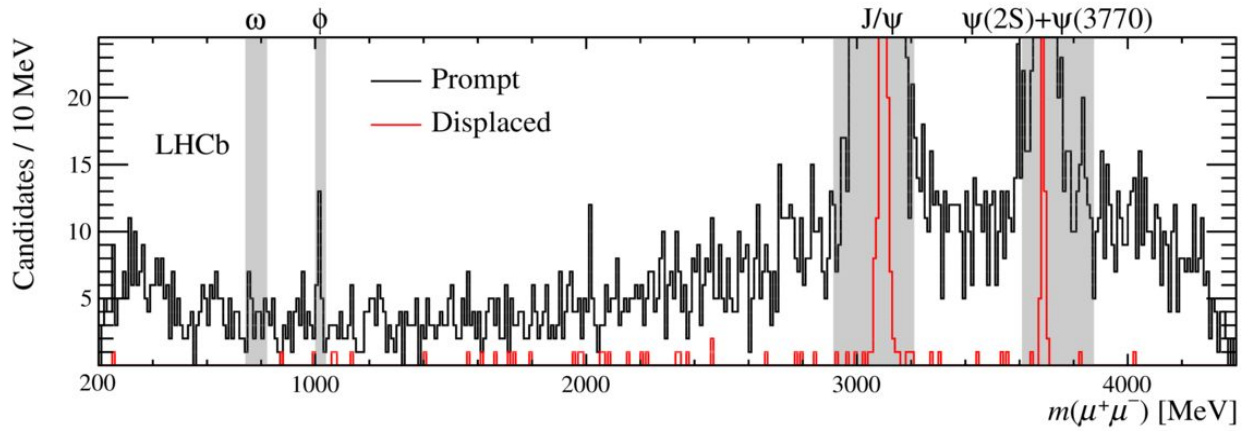


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Multivariate selection is applied to reduce the background further using uBoost algorithm.

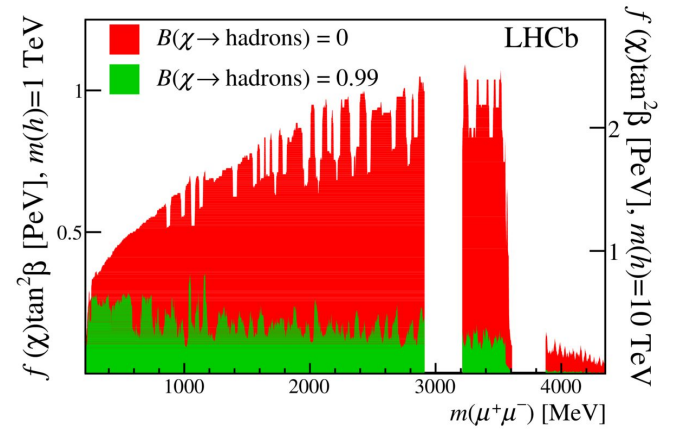
J. Stevens and M. Williams, uBoost: A boosting method for producing uniform selection efficiencies from multivariate classifiers, *JINST* **8**, P12013 (2013).

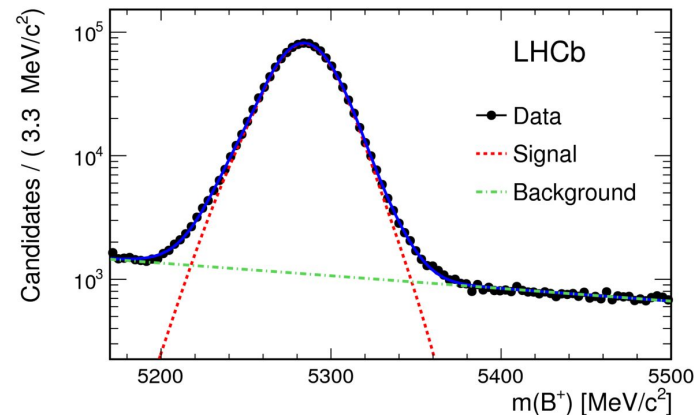
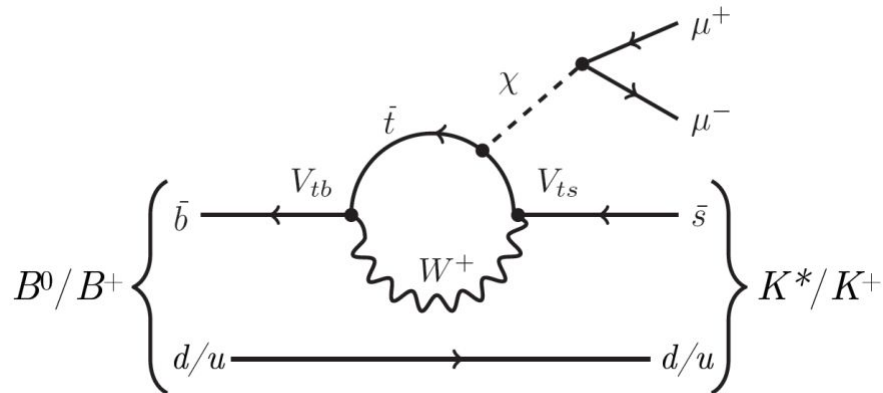




- Different models hypothesize a field that could explain inflation, baryon asymmetry and/or dark matter
- Search for a narrow dimuon peak is performed
- Limits for the axion model below are calculated.

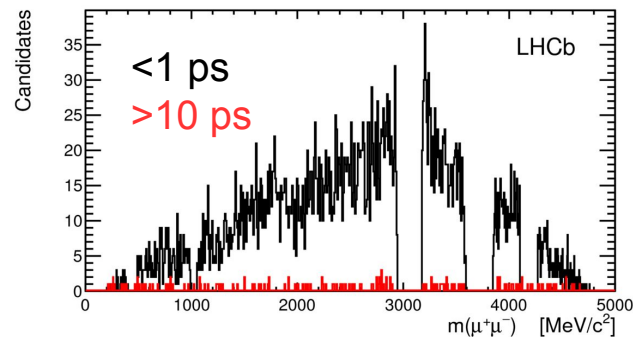
M. Freytsis, Z. Ligeti, and J. Thaler, Constraining the axion portal with $B \rightarrow K \ell^+ \ell^-$, *Phys. Rev. D* **81**, 034001 (2010).



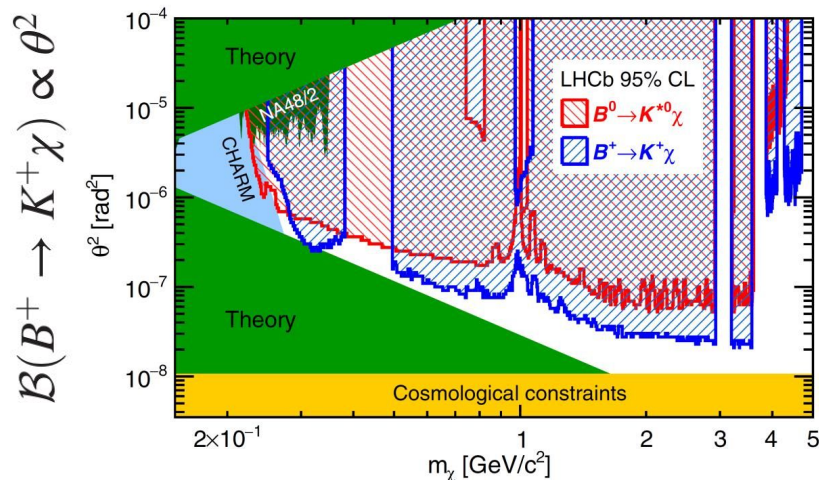
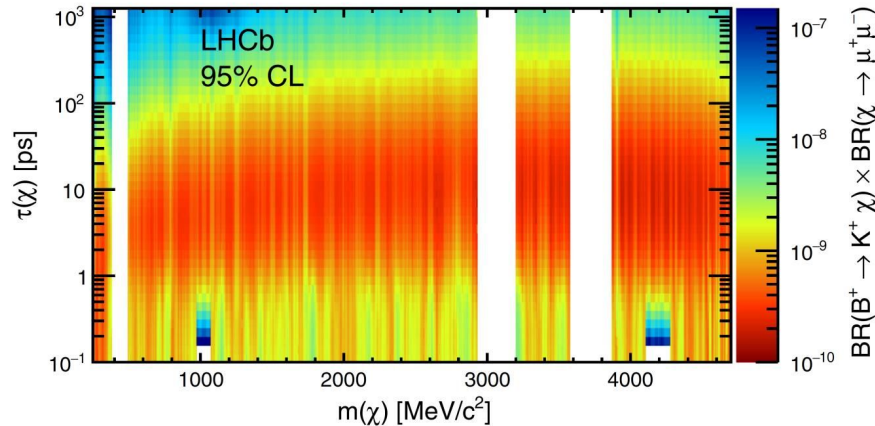


→ Sensitive to DM sector with portals to SM

→ **Three** regions of dimuon decay time are selected to optimize limits using Run I data



→ Model-independent limit with branching fraction normalised to $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \psi (\mu^+ \mu^-)$
 → Lifetimes constrained relative to decay lengths ~ 30 mm to 30 cm



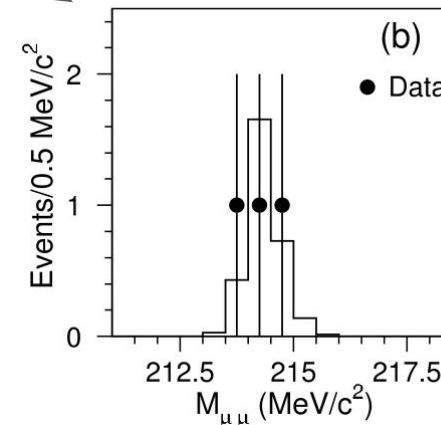
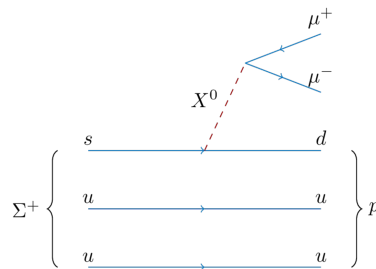
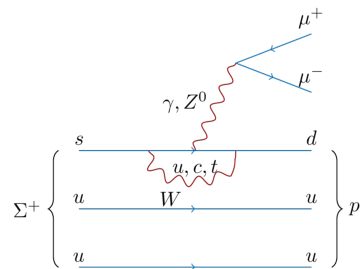
→ Interpretation for the inflaton model described in the references below is given for square of the mixing angle, θ^2 .

B. Batell, M. Pospelov, and A. Ritz, Multi-lepton signatures of a hidden sector in rare B decays, *Phys. Rev. D* **83**, 054005 (2011).

F. Bezrukov and D. Gorbunov, Light inflaton hunter's guide, *J. High Energy Phys.* 05 (2010) 010.

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Hints from HyperCP experiment could indicate the existence of dark boson.

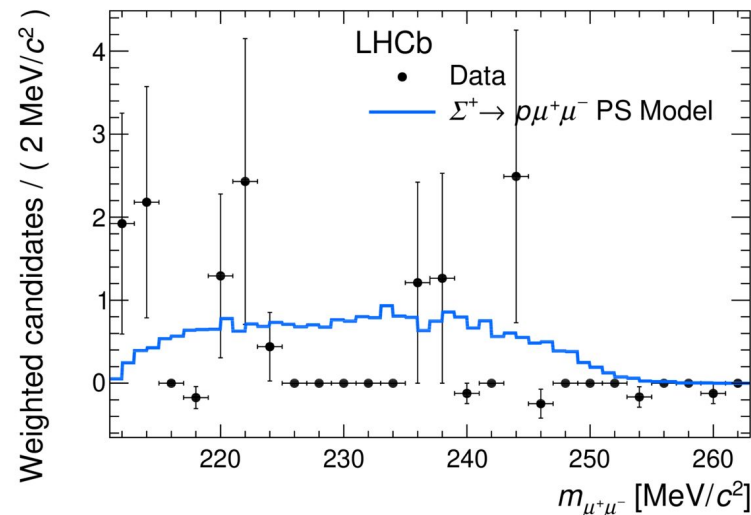
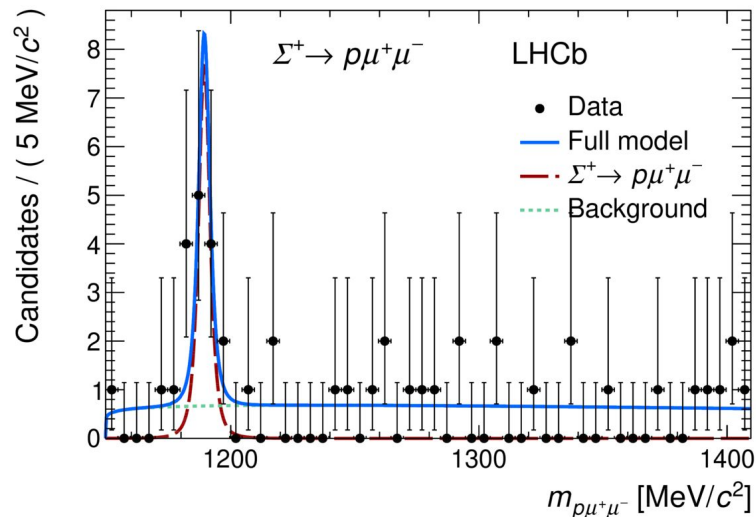


H. Park *et al.* (HyperCP Collaboration), Evidence for the Decay $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p \mu^+ \mu^-$, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **94**, 021801 (2005).

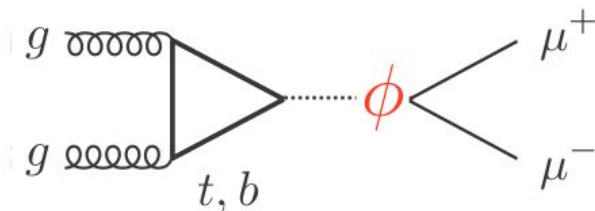
Using Run I data, LHCb found evidence for SM decay

$$\mathcal{B}(\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-) = (2.2_{-1.3}^{+1.8}) \times 10^{-8}$$

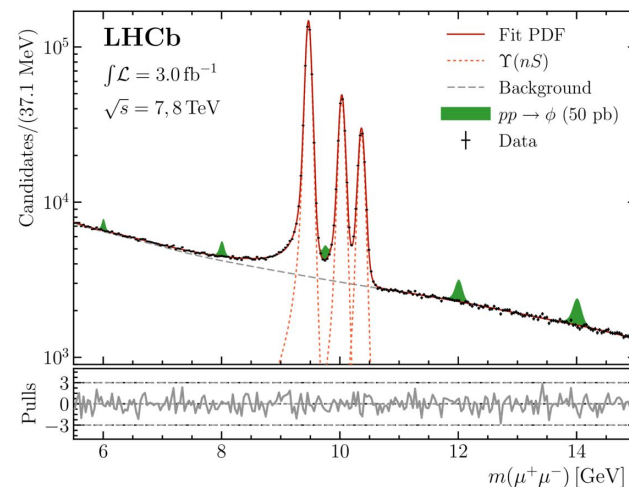
No significant peak in the dimuon mass.



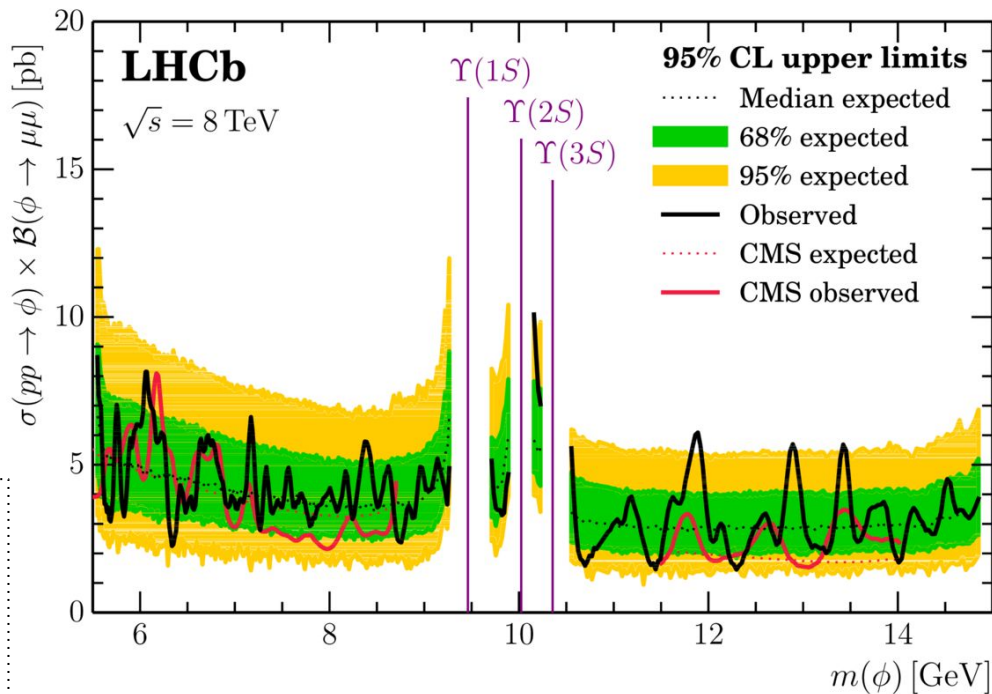
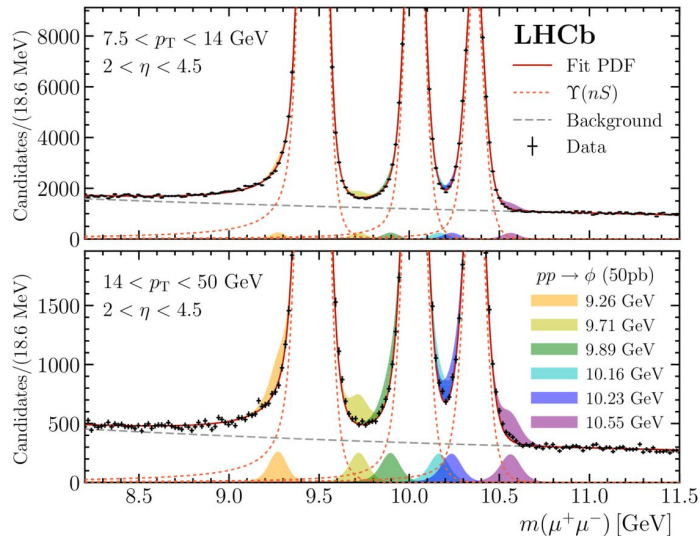
Spin-0 particles can be copiously produced at LHC via gluon fusion



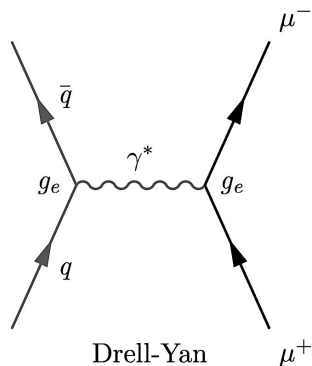
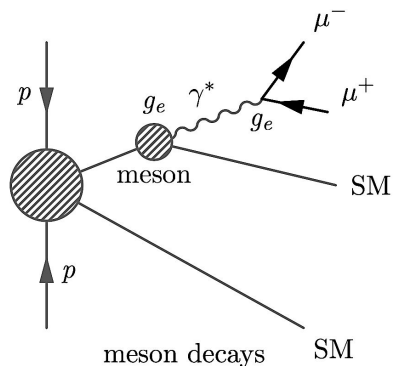
- In the dimuon final state, searches at LHC usually **exclude** the Υ region.
- Due to the excellent mass resolution, search for a narrow dimuon resonance in the mass region between **5.5 and 15 GeV** at LHCb is performed.
- **Mass independent multivariate selection** is used to maximise the analysis sensitivity.



Dark Bosons in gluon fusion



Due to the precise model of tails, LHCb sets **first limits** for spin-0 hypothetical light dimuon resonance in the mass range between **8.7 and 11.5 GeV**.



electromagnetic current suppression factor

$$n_{\text{ex}}^{A'}[m(A'), \epsilon^2] = \epsilon^2 \left[\frac{n_{\text{ob}}^{\gamma^*}[m(A')]}{2\Delta m} \right] \mathcal{F}[m(A')] \epsilon_{\gamma^*}^{A'}[m(A'), \tau(A')]$$

off-shell photon

phase-space

A'/γ^* eff ratio,
 $\epsilon=1$ for prompt

→ Coupling may arise via kinetic **mixing** between the SM hypercharge and A' field strength tensors

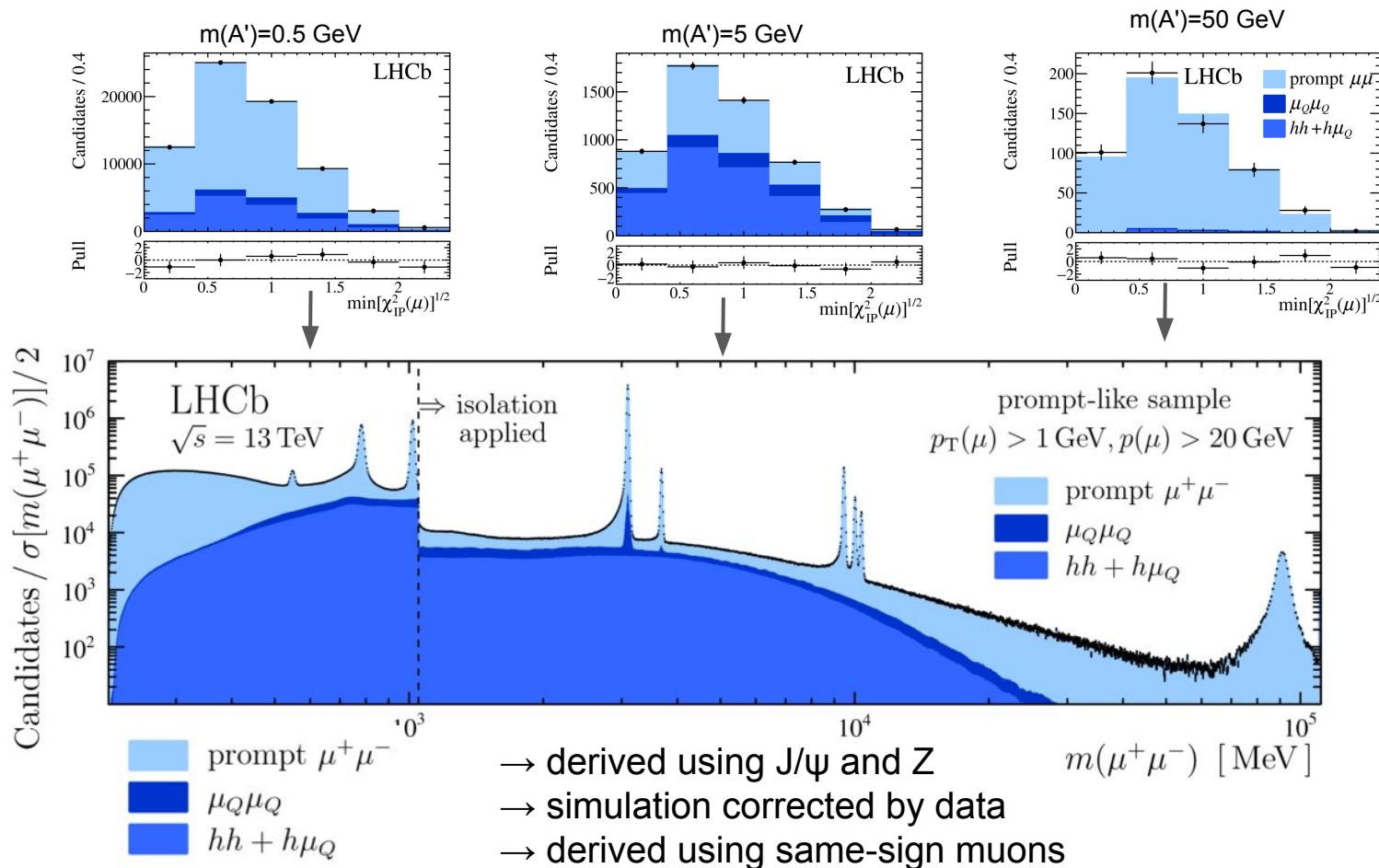
→ A' can **decay** to pair of muons and search can be normalise to prompt production

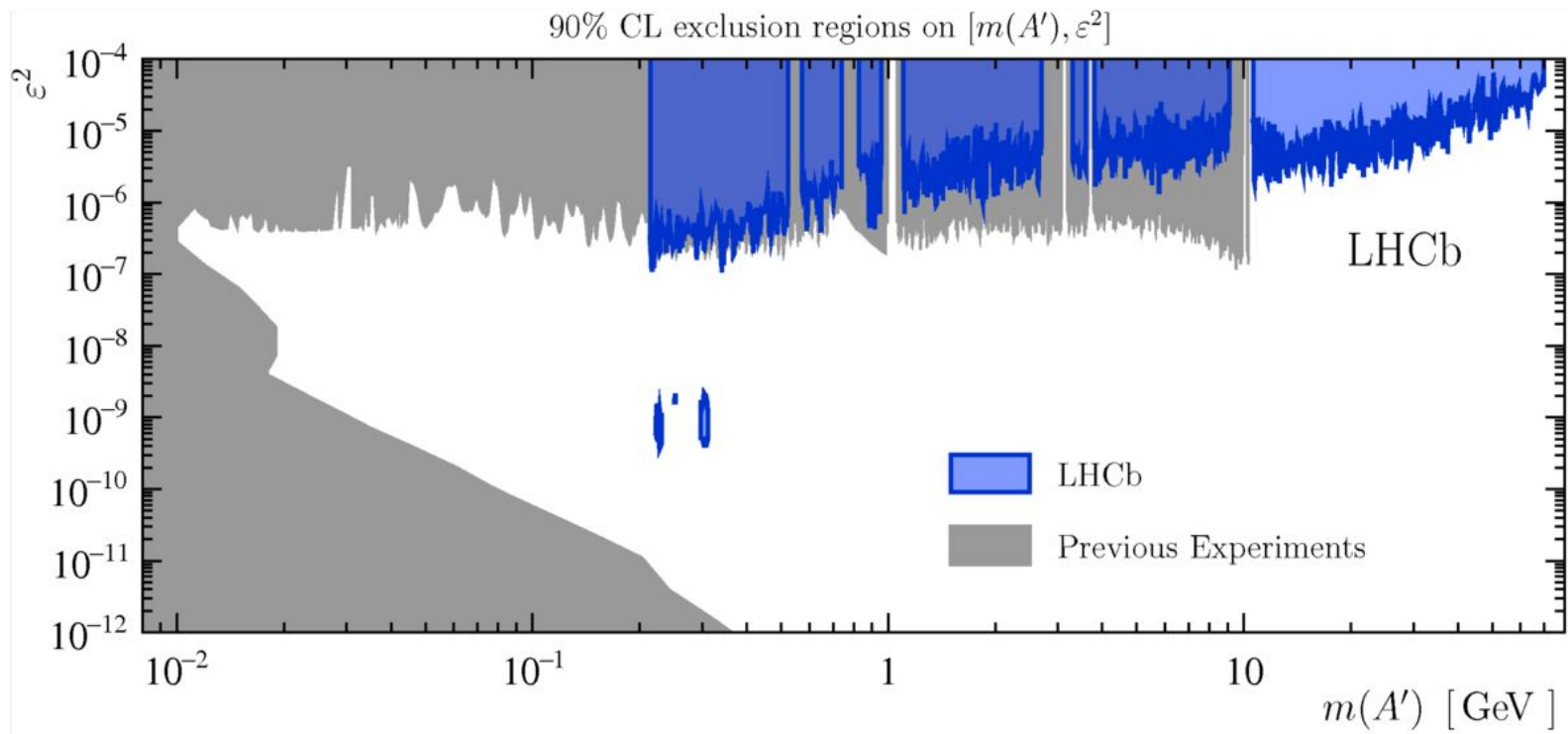
→ Search is fully **data-driven** if very short lifetimes are considered

Run II data: $L=1.6/\text{fb}$ at 13 TeV

Trigger: **Soft** p_T muons with no prescale

→ Di-muon masses down to $2m(\mu)$ up to 70 GeV

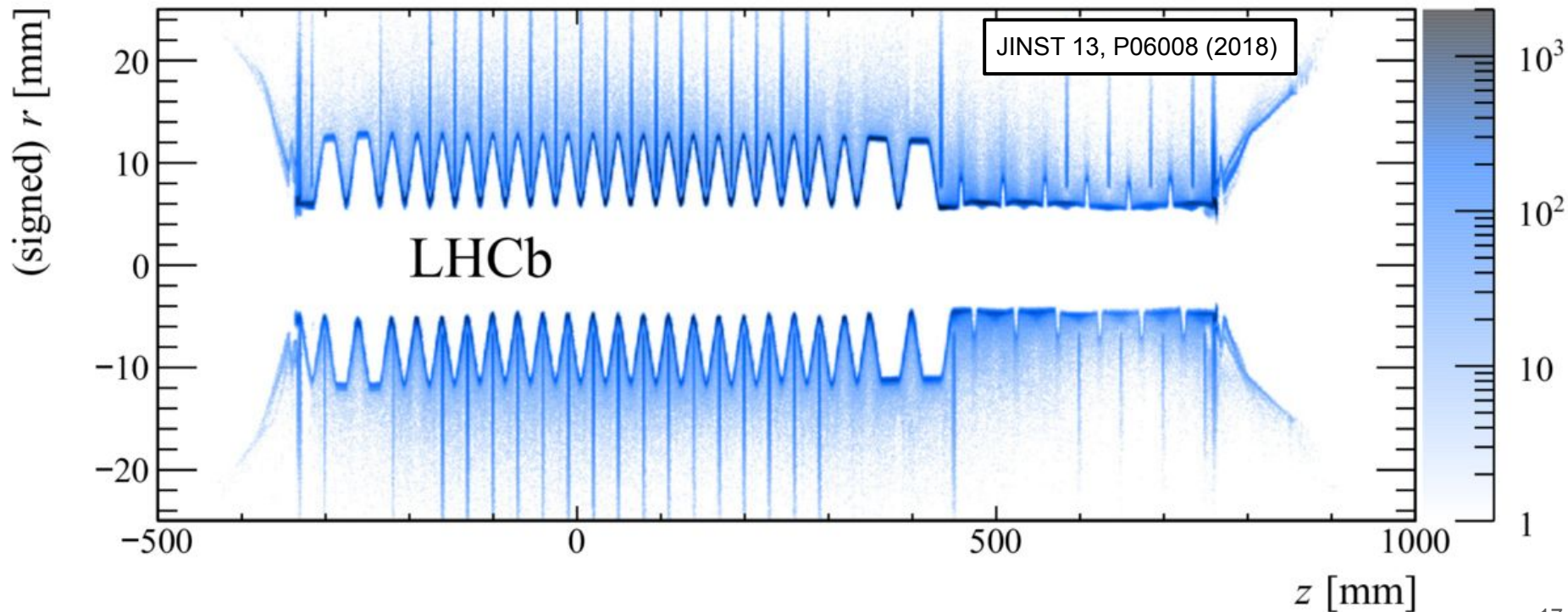




No significant excess found in the prompt-like search.
 First search for dark photon masses of 10 GeV.

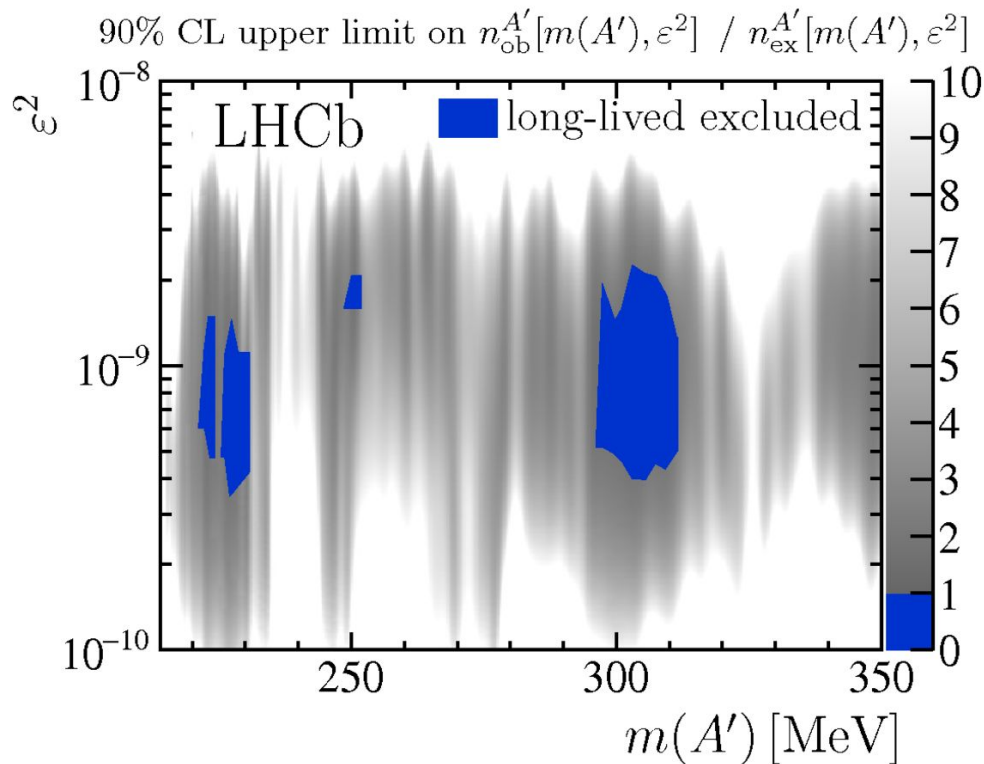
Long-lived search covers **lower masses** [214-350] MeV

→ Excluded material map using beam-gas collisions (photon conversion background)
based on material interactions from hadrons produced in beam-gas collisions



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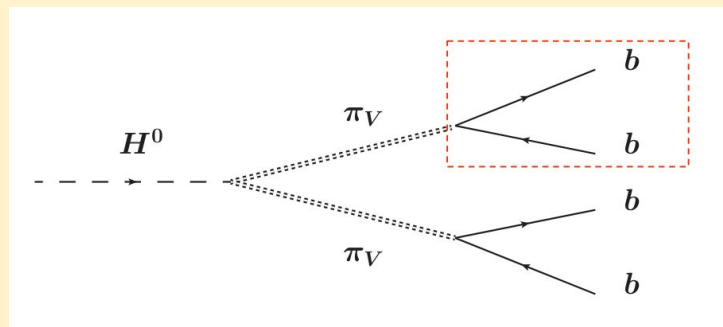
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No significant excess found

First displaced search not from beam-dump experiments

Search for **SM Higgs** decaying to hidden valley particles
 → Single displaced vertex with two jets



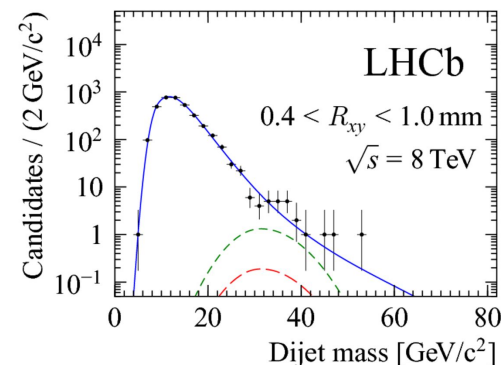
The trigger explores displaced vertex topology and the limits use:

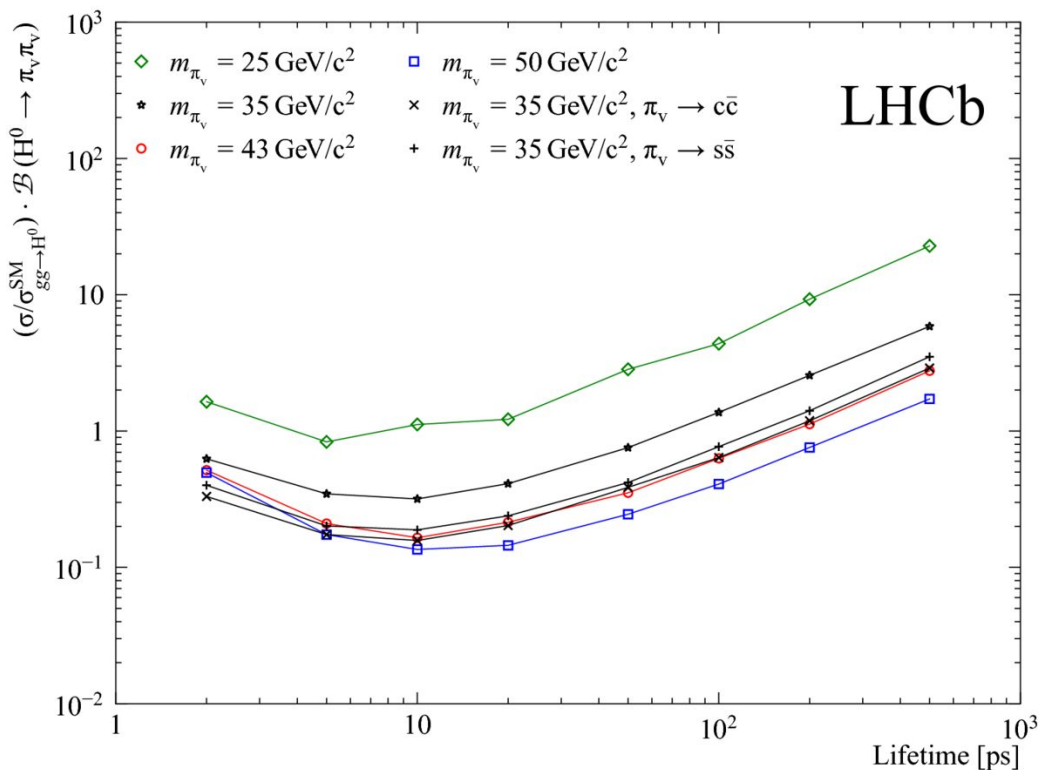
Background model empirically modeled as HF decays material interaction

Signal model obtained in simulation

Signal model ($35 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, 10 ps) for $\mathcal{B}(H^0 \rightarrow \pi_V \pi_V) = 1$.

Best-fit signal model ($35 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, 10 ps).

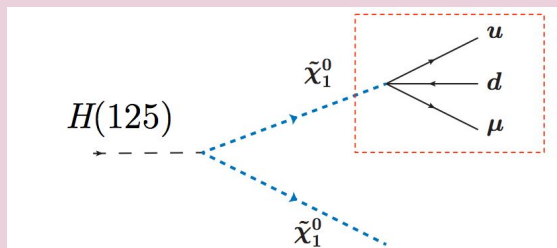




No significant excess found in the long-lived
Example: for $m_{\pi\nu} = 50 \text{ GeV}$ and $\tau = [5-50] \text{ ps}$, $\text{BR} > 30\%$ is excluded

Testing models:

- mSUGRA with R-parity violation
- Four simplified MSSM models
 - Possible decay of Higgs-like particle with mass between 50 and 130 GeV



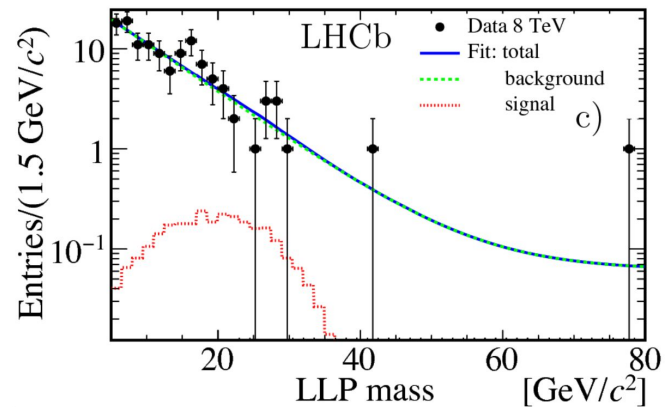
Trigger on displaced vertex containing a muon and tracks

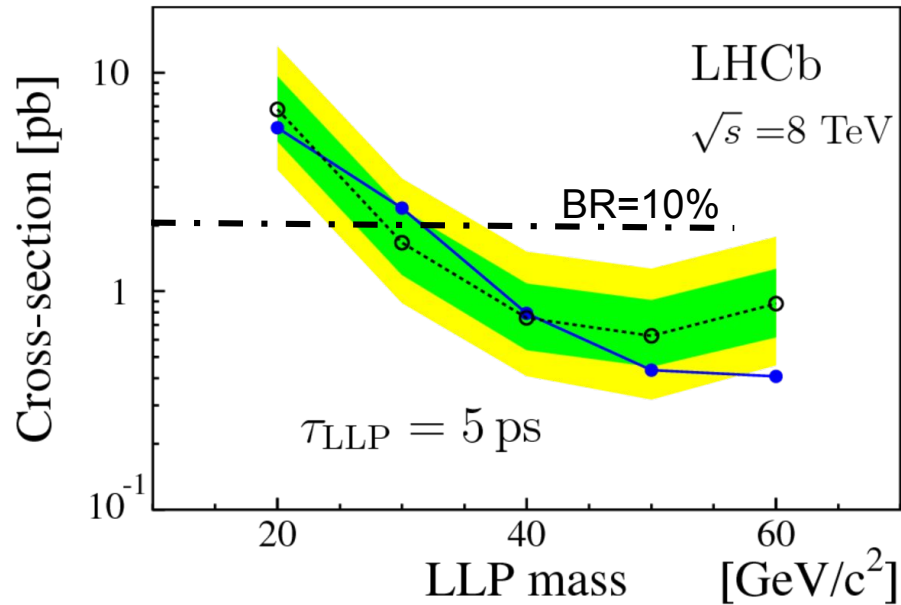
Selection based on MLP using 7 variables – R_{xy} is the most discriminant

Limit setting from fits to LLP mass

Background model empirically modeled as two exponentials

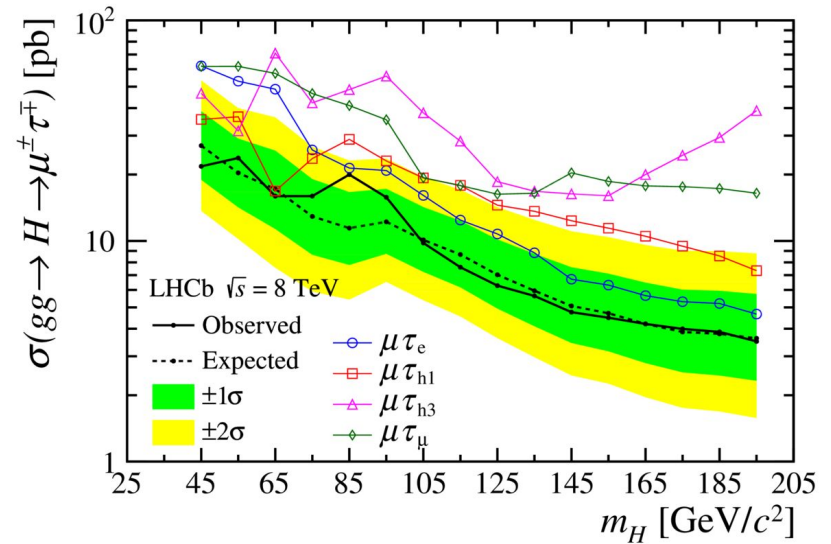
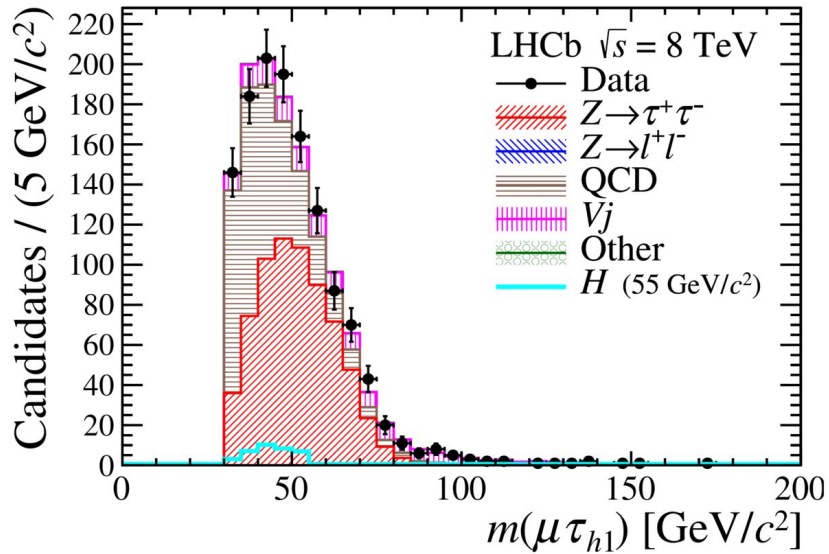
Signal model obtained in simulation





5 models tested and **no significant excess** found in the long-lived
Example above: $m(H)=125$ GeV, $\tau(\text{LLP})=5$ ps and BR=10%,
LLP mass < 30 GeV is excluded

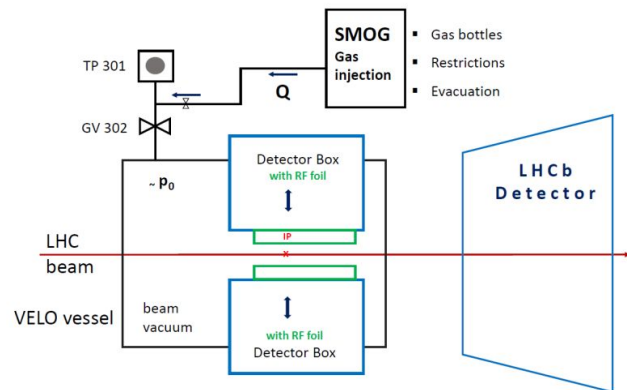
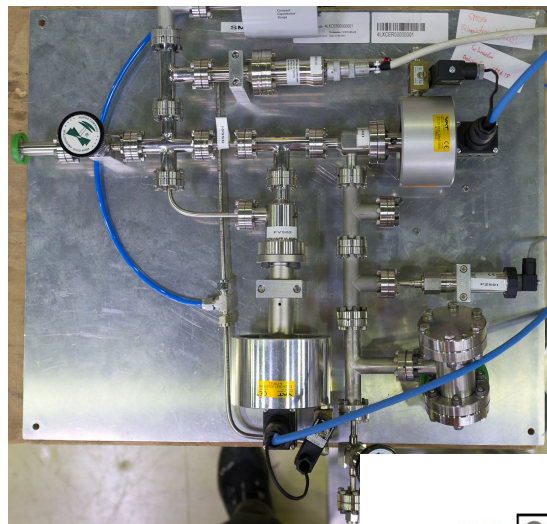
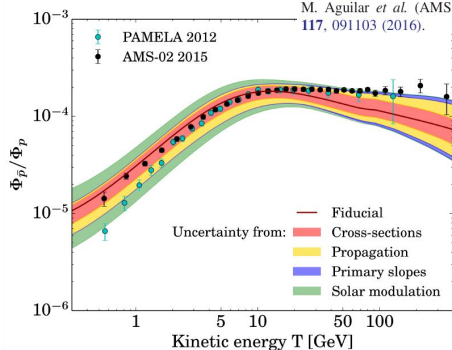
Lepton-flavour-violating decay of Higgs-like particle will indicate the presence of unknown physics. Four decay channels are analysed and the search is performed for masses between 45 and 195 GeV.



Antiproton production in pHe collisions

Astroparticle experiments probe dark matter in the universe, but large uncertainties due to the antiproton production cross-section limit their sensitivity.

O. Adriani *et al.* (PAMELA Collaboration), JETP Lett. **96**, 621 (2013).
 M. Aguilar *et al.* (AMS Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. **117**, 091103 (2016).

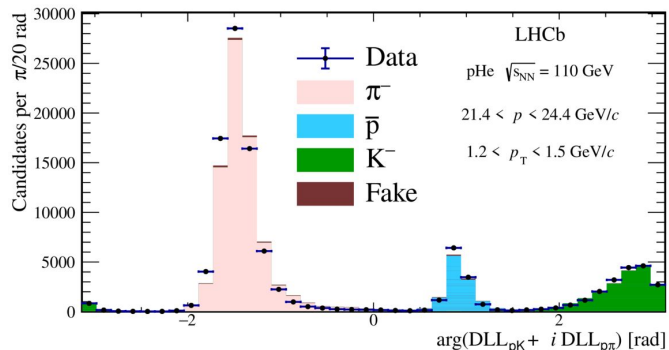


→LHCb is able to inject gas in the interaction region and become a fixed target experiment using SMOG device.

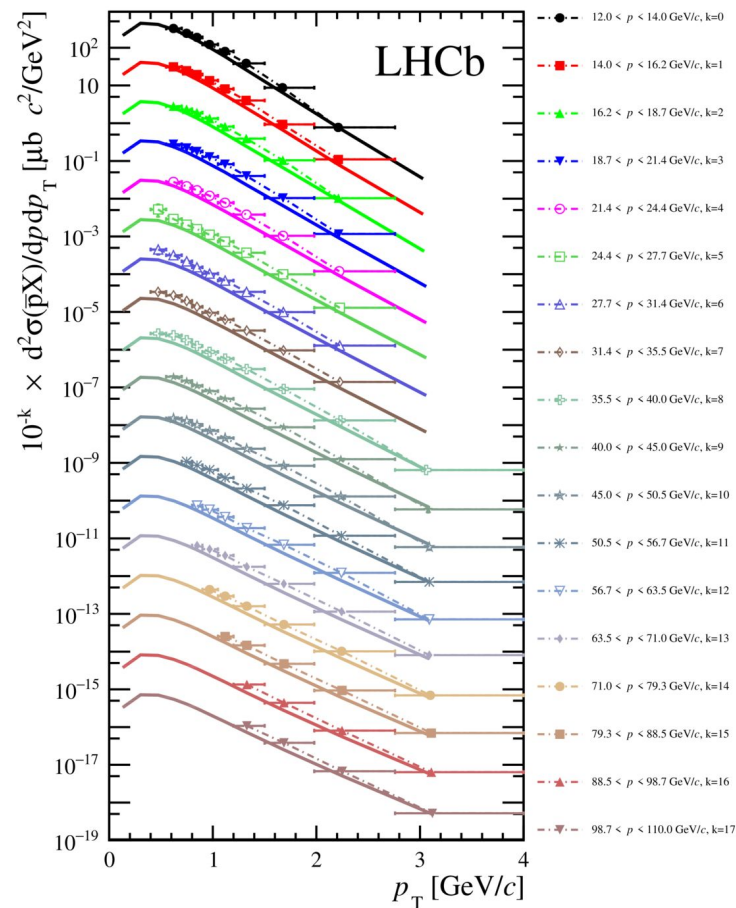
→6.5 TeV protons collide with He at $\sqrt{s} = 110.5$ GeV

→0.4/nb acquired in 2016

33.7 million reconstructed pHe collisions for about 1.4 million antiprotons

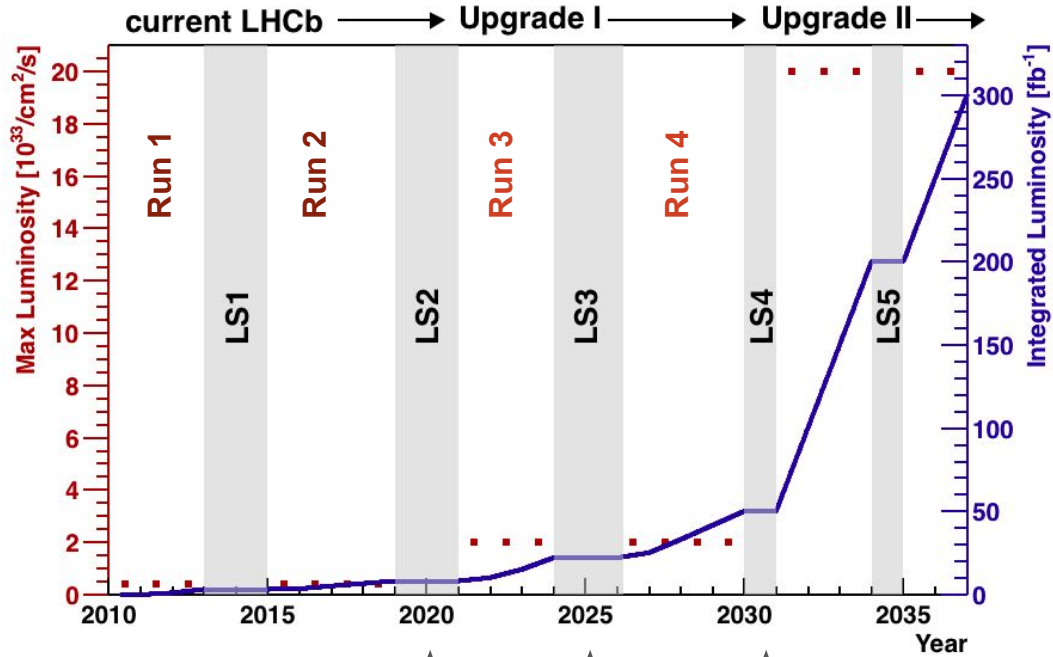


- **First** measurement of antiproton production in p-He collisions
- Significant excess of anti-proton production over the EPOS
- Measured range of the antiproton kinematic spectrum are **crucial** for interpreting the precise anti-proton cosmic ray measurements from the PAMELA and AMS-02 experiments by improving the precision of the secondary anti-proton cosmic ray flux prediction



LHCb Upgrade

[arXiv:1808.08865 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.08865)



Run 1+2: 9.1/fb
Run 3: 25/fb
Run 4: 50/fb

Upgrade

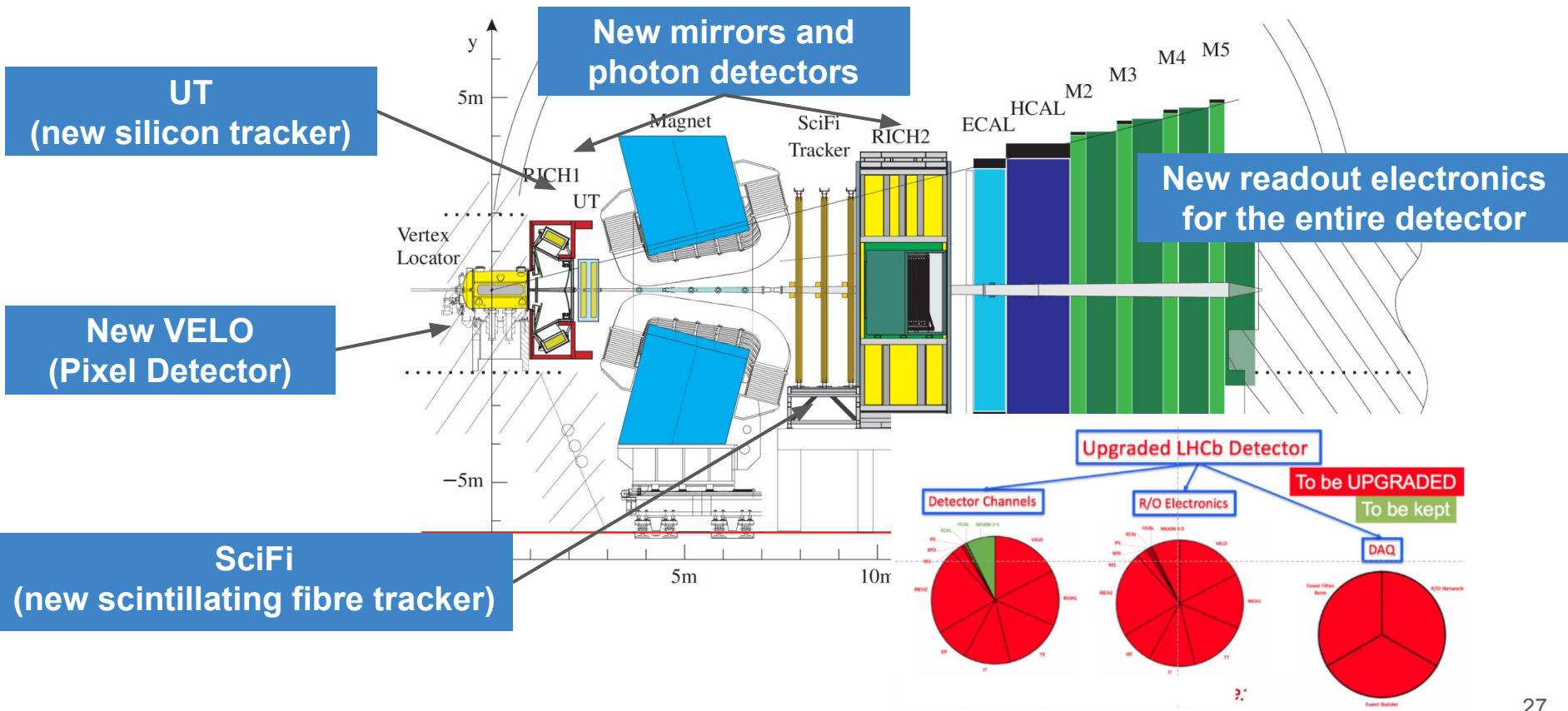
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LHCb Trigger - Upgrade I

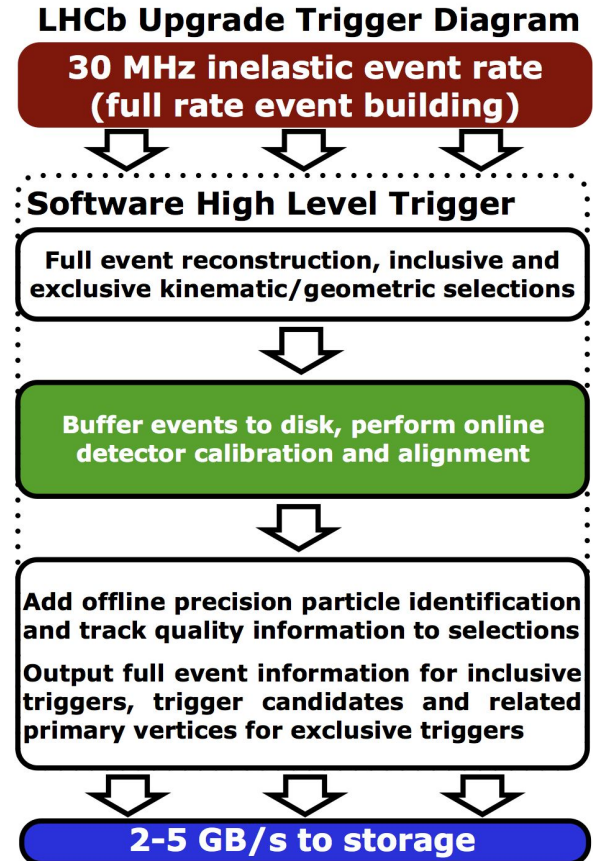
✳ Increase instantaneous luminosity:
 $4 \times 10^{32} \rightarrow 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

✳ Replacement of tracking detectors
finer granularity to cope with higher particle density
new front-end electronics compatible with 30 MHz readout

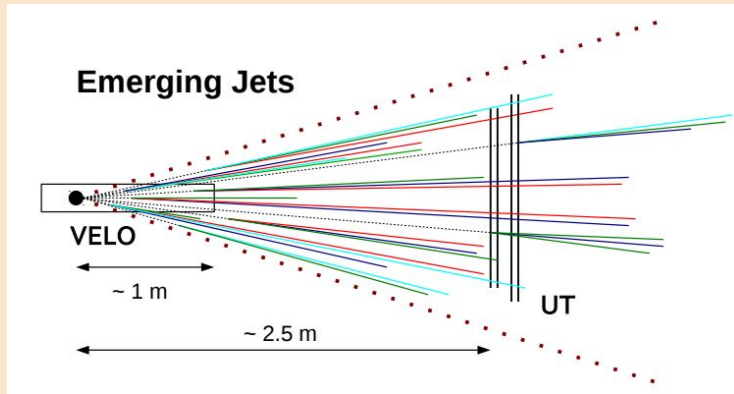
✳ Remove hardware trigger stage and operate software trigger at 30 MHz input rate with 5 x more pileup than Run 2.

✳ **HLT1 output:** from 100 kHz to 1 MHz
Disk buffer contingency: from weeks to days
HLT2 output: from 0.6 GB/s to 10 GB/s

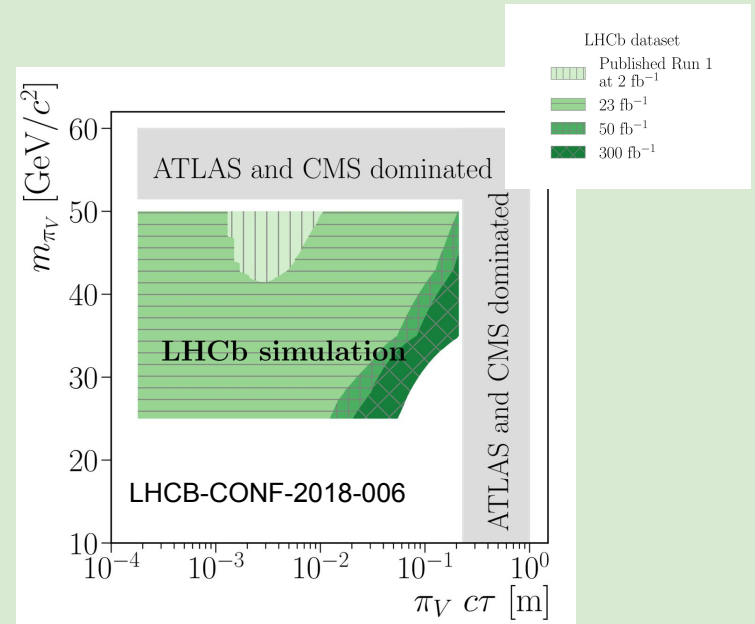
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Possible trigger on merging jets suggested by Schwaller P., Stolarski D. and Weiler A. [JHEP 1505 (2015) 059]



Extrapolations show good perspective to reach lower masses and lower lifetimes



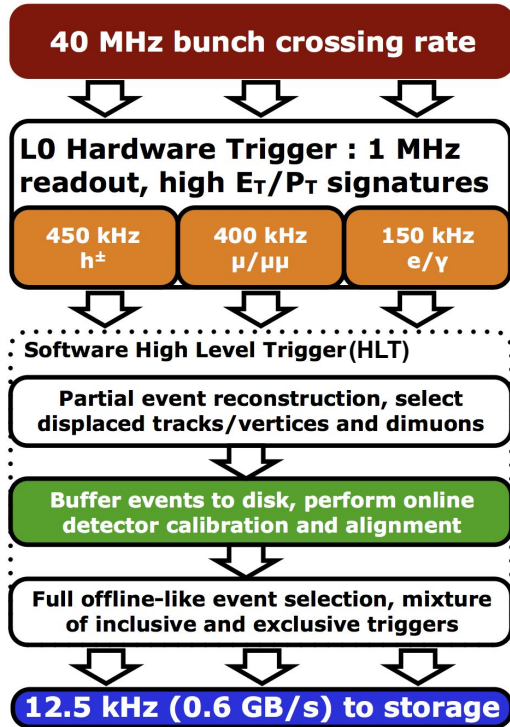
Summary

- ★ LHCb has an extensive program of **searches** sensitive to Dark Matter
- ★ Analyses explore the **unique** LHCb capabilities for
 - . separating primary, secondary and tertiary vertices with excellent resolution
 - . triggering on soft particles
- Future and other related results can be found [here](#)

THANK YOU!

Run 2 trigger

LHCb Run II Trigger Diagram (2015 - 2019)



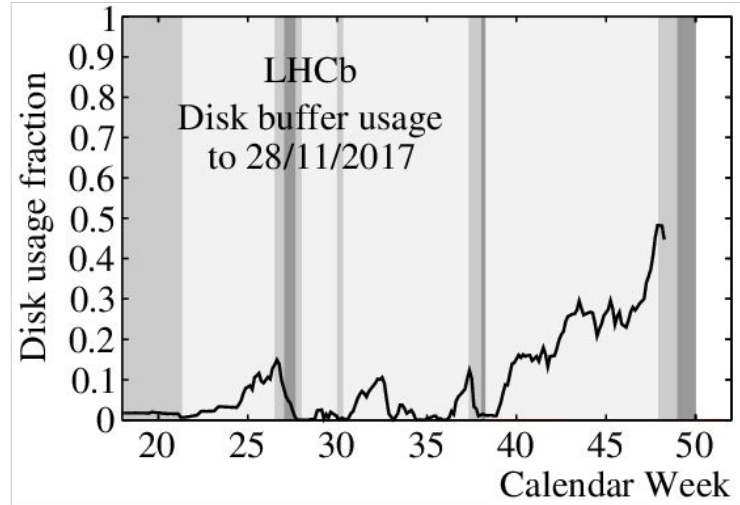
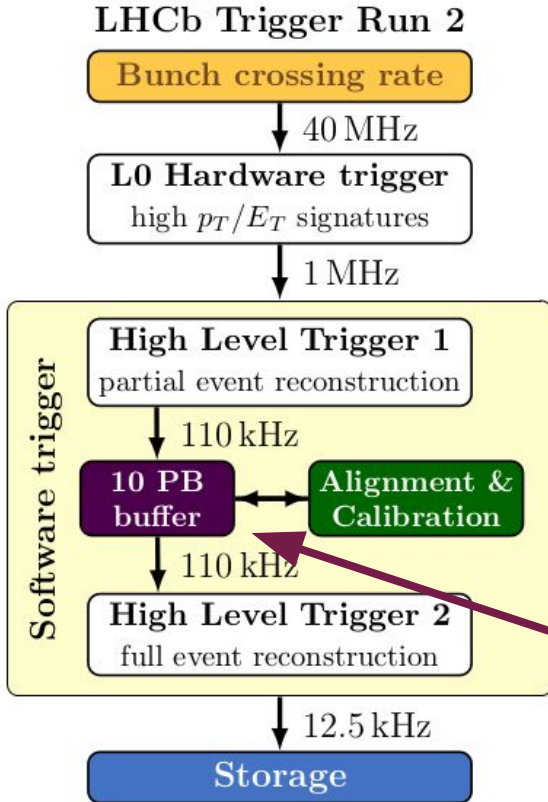
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Trigger structure:

Hardware: energies deposited in calorimeters and muon stations hits are used to bring 40 MHz to 1 MHz

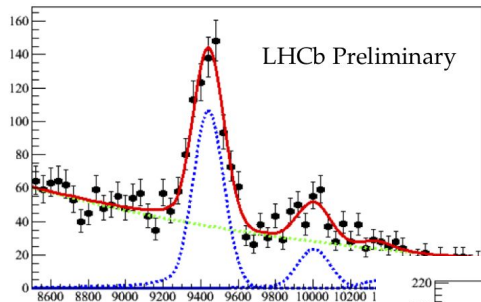
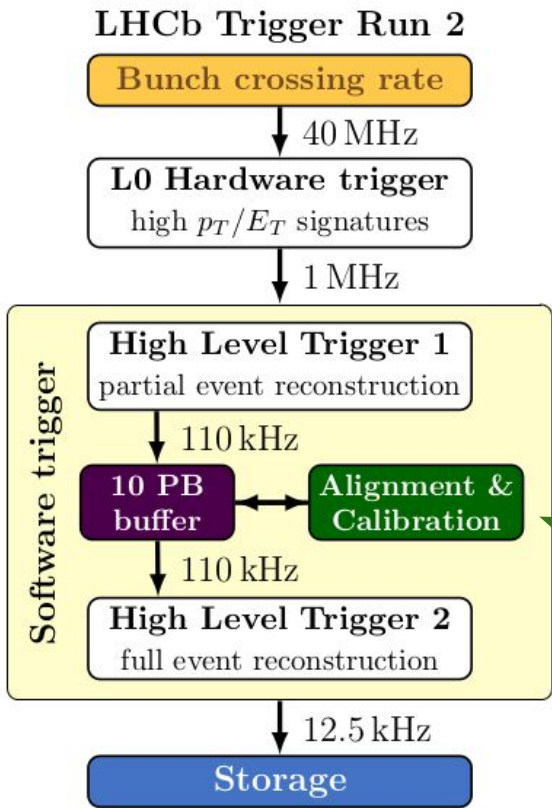
Software: events built at 1 MHz (~27000 physical cores)
HLT1: fast tracking and inclusive selections
1 MHz to 100 kHz
HLT2: complete event reconstruction and selections

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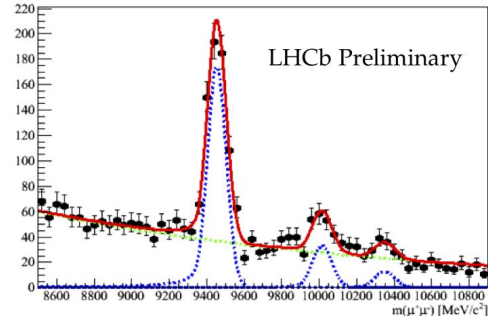


- # HLT Farm with 10 PB disk space
- # At an average event size of 55 kB with 100 kHz: up to 2 weeks before HLT2 has to be executed
- # 2x trigger CPU capacity since Farm is used twice for HLT (excess used for simulation)

Run 2 trigger



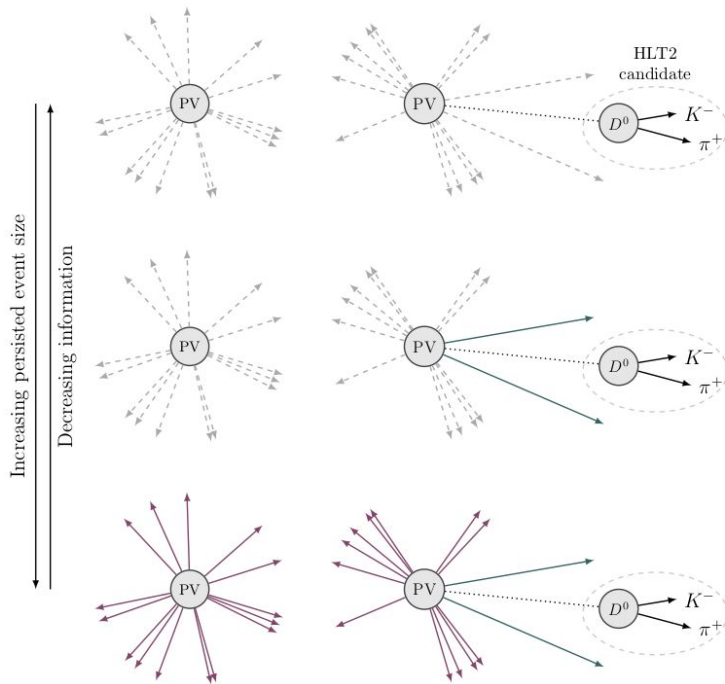
~50% improvement in mass resolution



- # Real-time alignment and calibration
- # Dedicated HLT1 trigger lines supply samples for the alignment
- # Alignment & calibration tasks run in parallel while events are being processed by HLT1

Run 2 trigger: Turbo

$$\text{Bandwidth [GB s}^{-1}] \propto \text{Trigger output rate [kHz]} \times \boxed{\text{Average event size [kB]}}$$



Turbo data processing model

Analyses that can be done using trigger objects can profit of reduced event size and higher trigger rate.

Event size can be reduced from 70 kB to 7 kB depending on the persistence level

Calibration samples increased, reducing systematic uncertainties on efficiency measurements

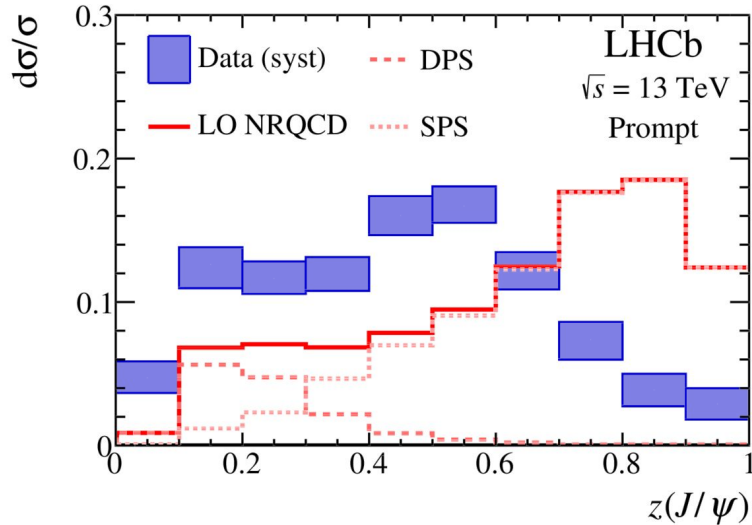
50% of HLT2 trigger lines are Turbo counting 10% of the bandwidth

Run 2 Trigger: Turbo Analyses

Study of J/ψ Production in Jets

R. Aaij *et al.* (LHCb Collaboration)
Phys. Rev. Lett. **118**, 192001 – Published 8 May 2017

Physics See Viewpoint: [Probing Quarkonium Production in Jets](#)



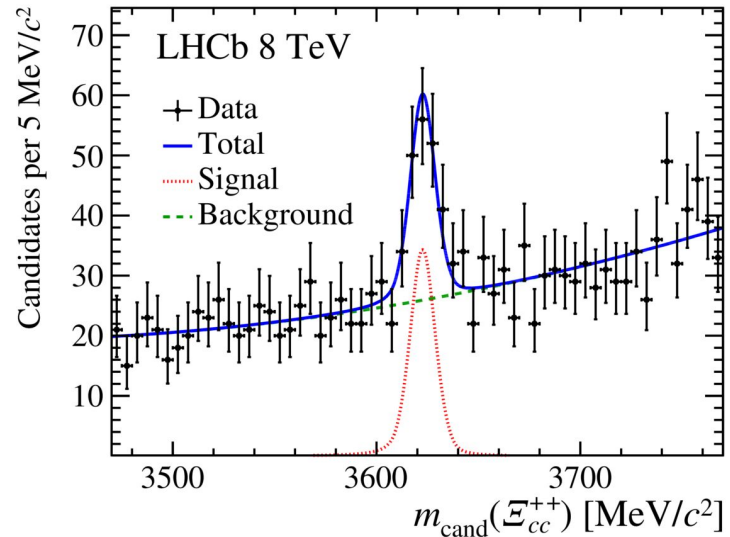
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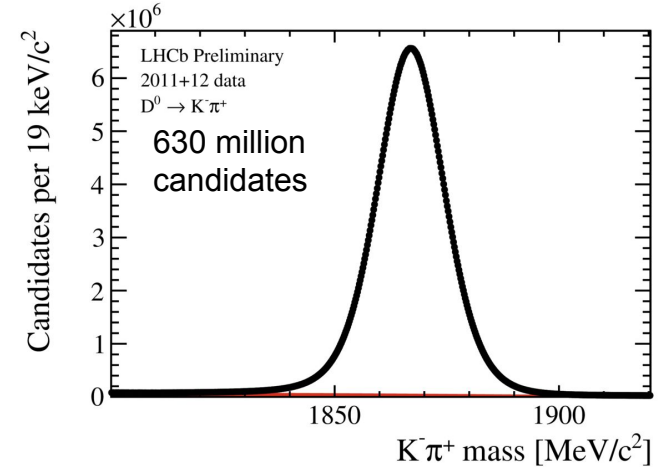
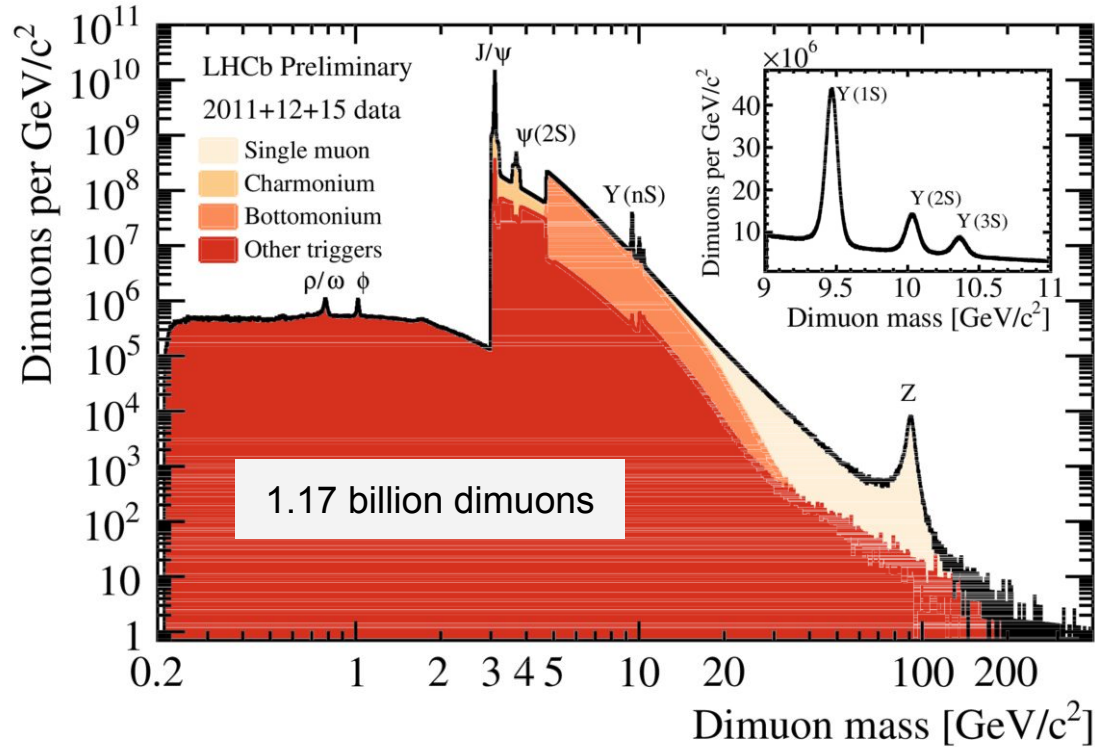
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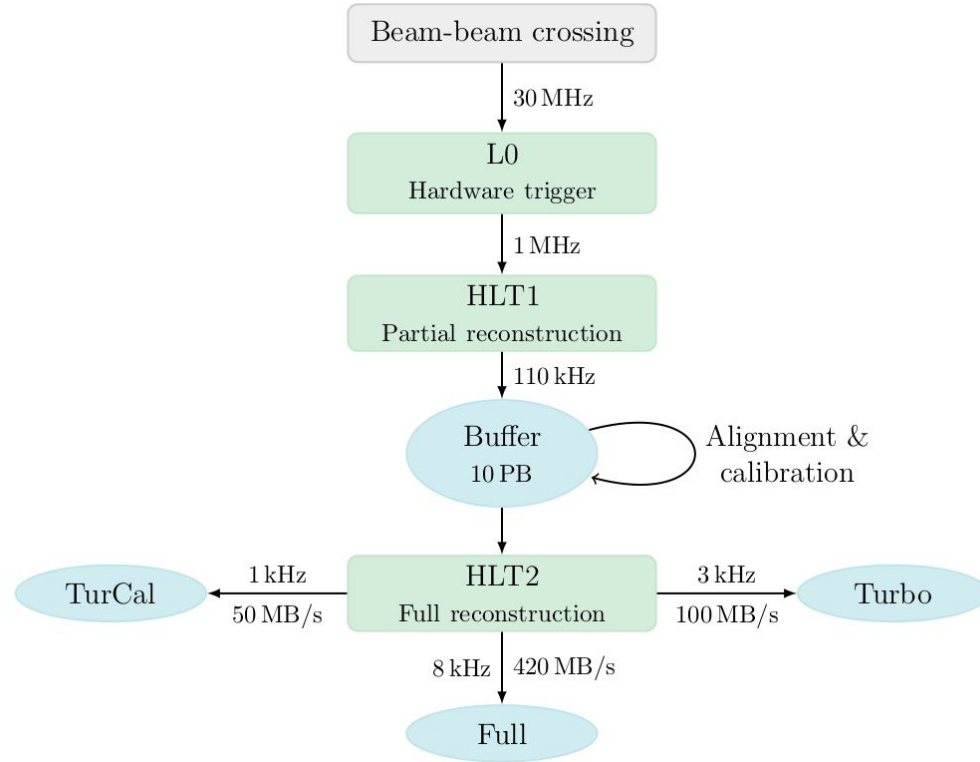
Run 2 trigger: Plots

[LHCb-CONF-2016-005](#)



Rare events: high efficiency
Copious production: high purity

LHCb Run II trigger



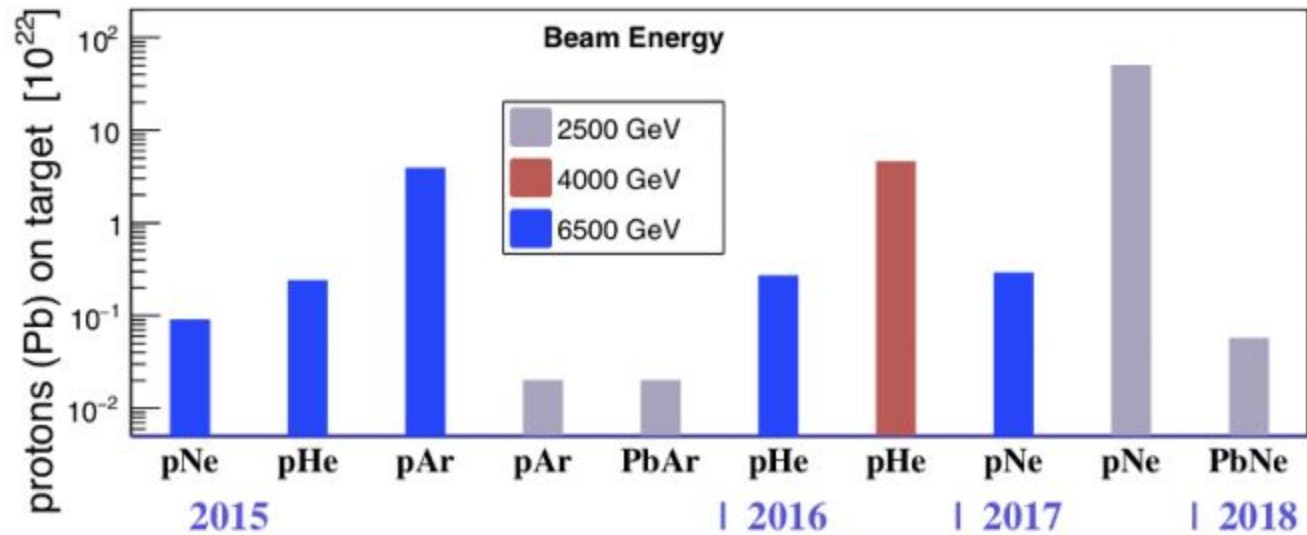


Figure 1: Dedicated SMOG runs collected since 2015. Beam-gas collisions have been recorded using different gas types (He, Ar, Ne) and beam energies.