

Overview of LHCb results

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Run 1,2 and 3

A rich physics program:

- B-hadron properties
- CKM measurements
- Hadron spectroscopy
- Semileptonic decays
- Rare beauty, charm, strange decays
- Direct New Physics searches
- Electroweak measurements
- …

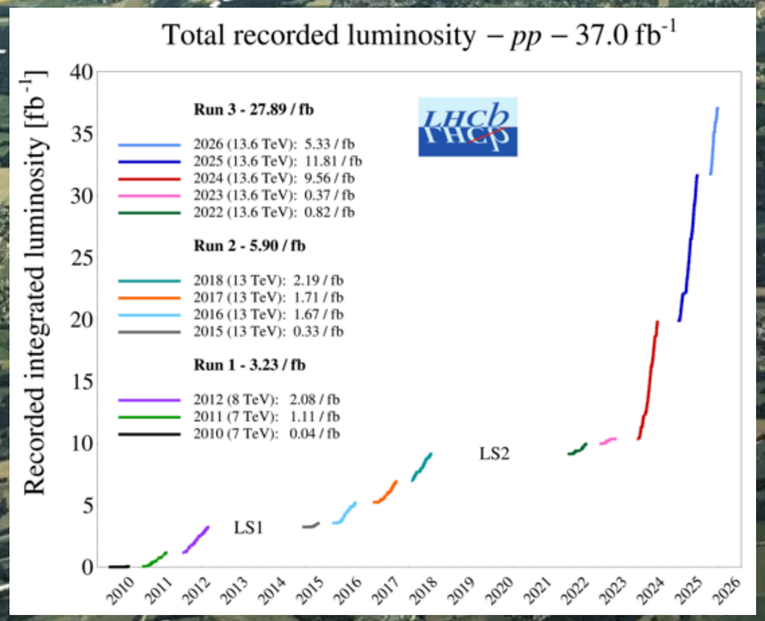


Upgrade II

The past and present

The future

The LHCb experiment at the LHC



pp collisions at 7,8,13 and 13.6 TeV

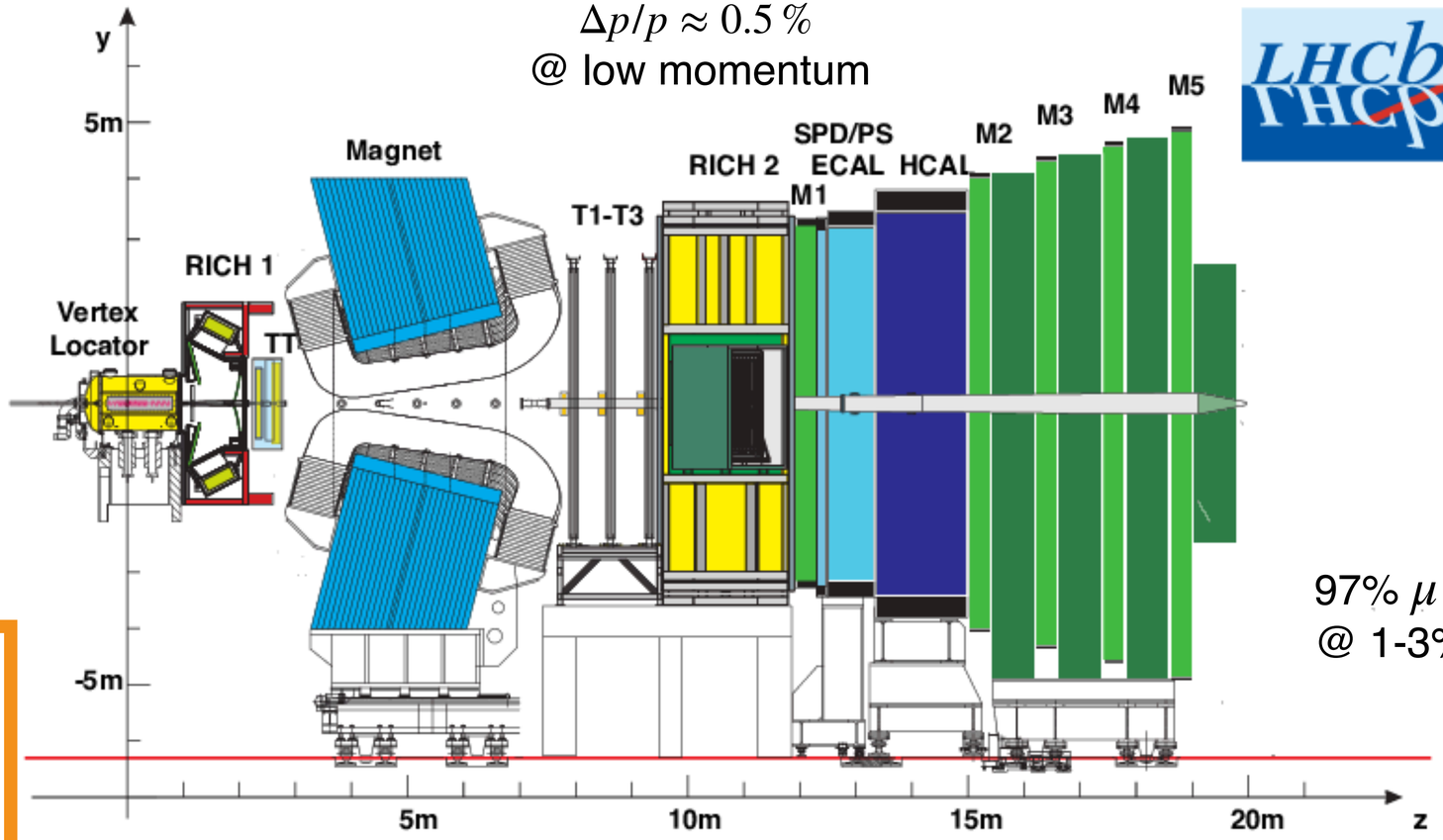
[IJMP A 30 (2015) 1530022]

LHCb in Run 1&2

Collected $9\,\text{fb}^{-1}$ in 2011-2018
@ 7,8,13 TeV

$\sigma_{IP} \approx 20\mu\text{m}$
@ high p_T

$\Delta p/p \approx 0.5\,\%$
@ low momentum



97% μ ID
@ 1-3% pion misID

Designed for CPV and rare decay measurements in beauty and charm

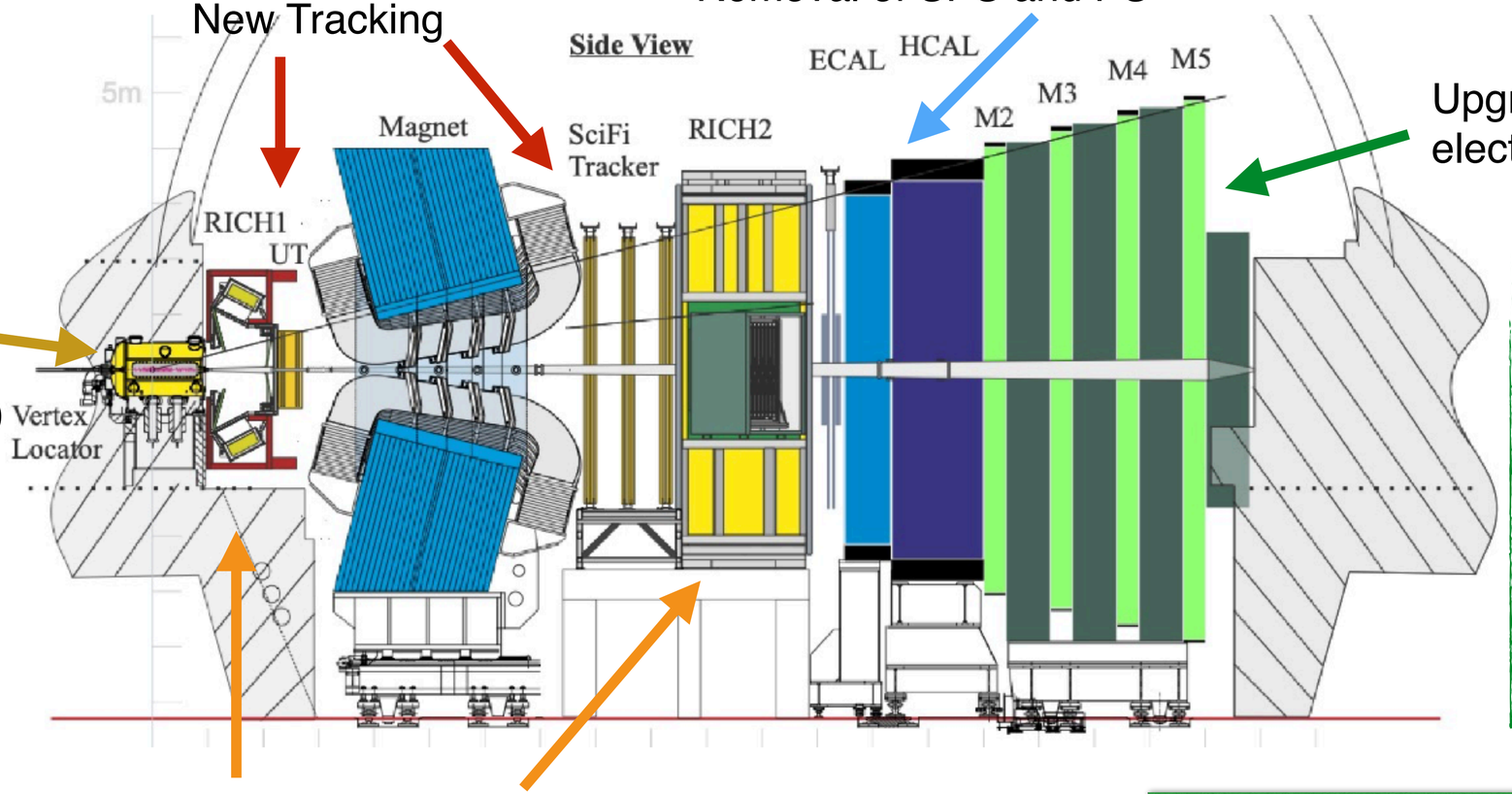
→ Now multipurpose flavour factory (and much more)

[LHCb Upgrade TDR]
[Muon Performance]
[UT Performance]
[PLUME Performance]

LHCb detector in Run 3

New front-end electronics,
Removal of SPS and PS

New Tracking



Upgrade Muon front-end electronics

New VELO:
Nominal sensor position
@ 5.1 mm (before: 7mm)
from collision region
→ improved vertexing!

Move to a software-only trigger:
- Exploit topology features
- $> \times 2$ efficiencies for hadronic, electronic final states and soft tracks

New RICH PMT's and electronics

Similar or better performance
@$5\times$ instantaneous Luminosity!

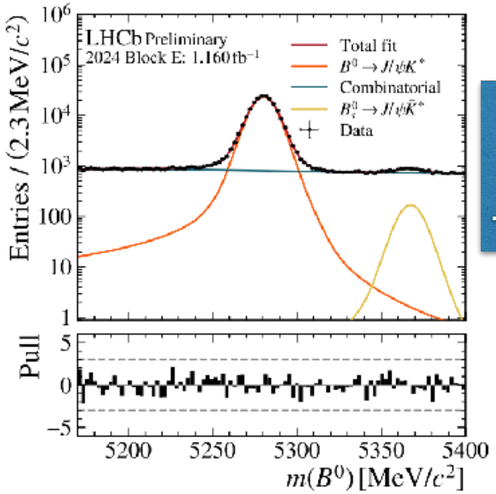
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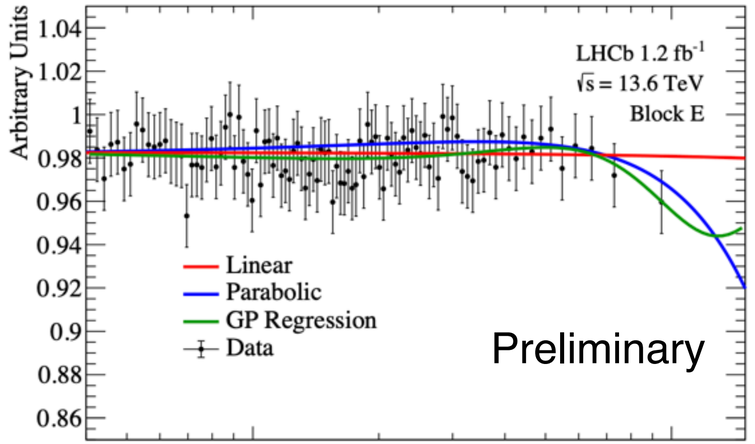
Precision measurements of the B^0 and B^+ lifetimes

- Experimentally well known, theory prediction $> \times 10$ less precise
  - Stringent tests of non-perturbative QCD effects
  - Calibrate other decay-time-dependent measurements
- Measure lifetimes with LHCb Upgrade I (2024 data)
- Most precise measurements of B^0 and $B^\pm$ lifetimes and their ratios!

$$\tau_{B^0\to J/\psi K^{*0}} = 1.5145 \pm 0.0020 \pm 0.0010\,\text{ps} \to 20\,\%\ \text{better than PDG}$$
$$\tau_{B^+} = 1.6370 \pm 0.0014 \pm 0.0014\,\text{ps} \to 2\times\ \text{better than PDG}$$
$$\tau_{B^+}/\tau_{B^0} = 1.0809 \pm 0.0017 \pm 0.0007$$
$$\tau_{B^+}/\tau_{B^-} = 1.0017 \pm 0.0017 \pm 0.0008$$



Extremely high yields
→ high precision



LHCb ready for decay-time-dependent precision measurements with Upgrade I!

Flat decay-time acceptance
→ excellent systematics control

Measurements of the CKM angle γ

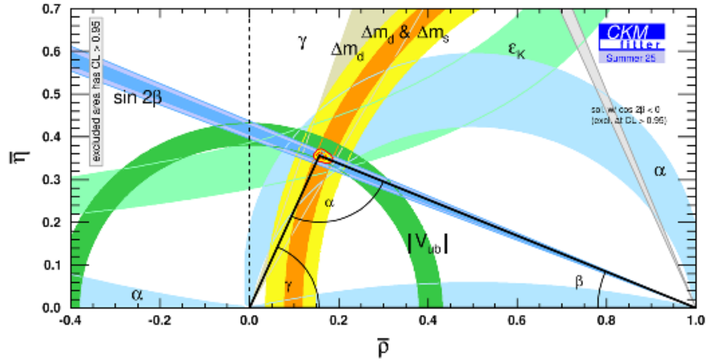
- NP search by testing the unitarity of the CKM matrix → see talk by Luiz

$$\gamma_{\text{dir}} = \left(65^{+2.7}_{-2.8}\right)^{\circ}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{ind}} = \left(66.16^{+0.78}_{-3.20}\right)^{\circ}$$

- Need combination of **many** $B \to DX$ and $D \to Y$ channels for good sensitivity on γ
- γ and charm observables depend on the same hadronic observables
- LHCb measures plethora of channels: NEW γ combination!

[CKMFitter '25]



D decay	Observable(s)	Ref.	Dataset	Status since Ref. [20]
$D^0 \to h^+h^-$	ΔA_{CP}	[31,98,99]	Runs 1 and 2	*As before*
$D^0 \to K^+K^-$	$A_{CP}(K^+K^-)$	[40,98,100]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$D^0 \to h^+h^-$	$y_{CP} - y_{CP}^{K^-\pi^+}$	[91,92]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$D^0 \to h^+h^-$	$\Delta Y_{K^+K^-}$, $\Delta Y_{\pi^+\pi^-}$	[93–96]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$D^0 \to K^+\pi^-$	$R_{K\pi}$, $A_{K\pi}^{(\prime)}$, $c_{K\pi}^{(\prime)}$, $\Delta c_{K\pi}^{(\prime)}$	[50,85]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$D^0 \to K^+\pi^-$	R^-, $(x'^-)^2$, y'^-	[84,86]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$D^0 \to K^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	r_+, $\kappa_+y'_+$, $(x^2+y^2)/4$	[118]	Run 1	*As before*
$D^0 \to K^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	$r_+^{\pm}$, $(\kappa_\pm c_\pm^{\pm})_+$, $x^{2\pm}+y^{2\pm}$	[51]	Run 2	New
$D^0 \to K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$	x, y	[64]	2011	*As before*
$D^0 \to K_S^0\pi^+\pi^-$	x_{CP}, y_{CP}, Δx, Δy	[32,48,65]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$D^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	$\Delta Y_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0}^{\text{diff}}$	[97]	Run 2	New

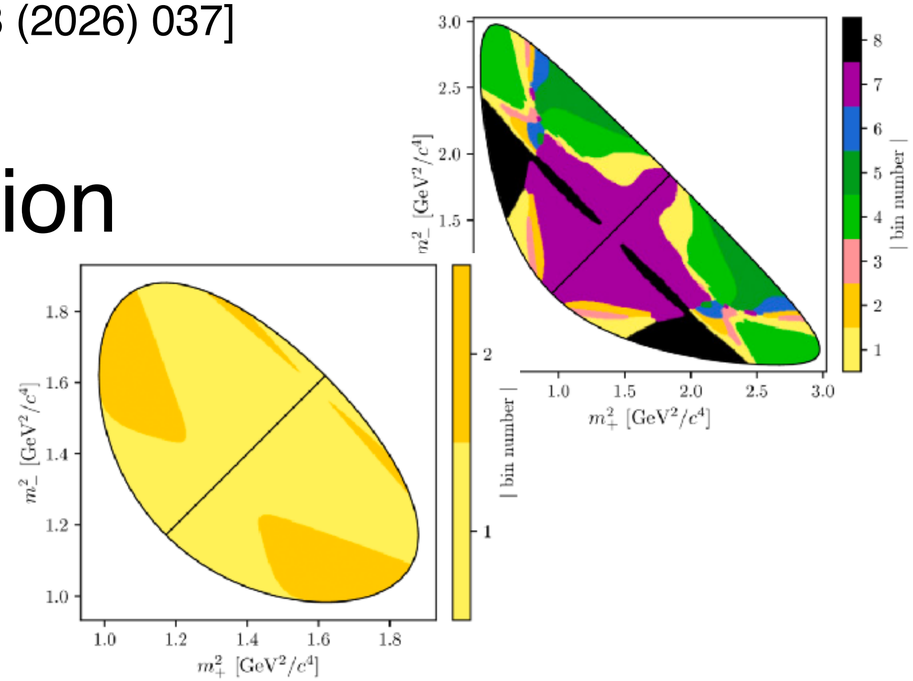
B decay	D decay	Ref.	Dataset	Status since Ref. [20]
$B^- \to Dh^-$	$D \to h^\pm h'^\mp$	[119]	Runs 1 and 2	*As before*
$B^- \to Dh^-$	$D \to h^+h^-\pi^+\pi^-$	[45,120]	Runs 1 and 2	New
$B^- \to Dh^-$	$D \to h^+h'^\mp\pi^0$	[121]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^- \to Dh^-$	$D \to K^\pm\pi^\mp\pi^+\pi^-$	[44]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^- \to Dh^-$	$D \to K_S^0h^+h^-$	[47,115]	Runs 1 and 2 & 2024	Updated
$B^- \to Dh^-$	$D \to K_S^0K^-\pi^+$	[122]	Runs 1 and 2	*As before*
$B^- \to D^*h^-$ (PR)	$D \to h^\pm h'^\mp$	[119]	Runs 1 and 2	*As before*
$B^- \to D^*h^-$ (PR)	$D \to K_S^0h^+h^-$	[40]	Runs 1 and 2	New
$B^- \to D^*h^-$ (FR)	$D \to K_S^0h^+h^-$	[39]	Runs 1 and 2	New
$B^- \to DK^{*-}$	$D \to h^\pm h'^+$	[41]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^- \to DK^{*-}$	$D \to h^+\pi^\mp\pi^-\pi^-$	[41]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^- \to DK^{*-}$	$D \to K_S^0h^+h^-$	[41]	Runs 1 and 2	New
$B^\pm \to Dh^\pm\pi^\pm$	$D \to h^\pm h'^+$	[123]	Run 1	*As before*
$B^0 \to DK^{*0}$	$D \to h^+h'^\mp$	[43]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^0 \to DK^{*0}$	$D \to h^\pm\pi^\mp\pi^-\pi^-$	[43]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^0 \to DK^{*0}$	$D \to K_S^0h^+h^-$	[42]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B^0 \to D^\mp\pi^+$	$D^+ \to K^-\pi^+\pi^+$	[114]	Run 1	*As before*
$B_s^0 \to D_s^+K^-$	$D_s^+ \to h^+h^-\pi^-$	[46,124]	Runs 1 and 2	Updated
$B_s^0 \to D_s^\mp K^+\pi^+\pi^-$	$D_s^+ \to h^+h^-\pi^-$	[112]	Runs 1 and 2	*As before*

[LHCb-PAPER-2026-058]

NEW!

[LHCb-PAPER-2026-058] [JHEP 08 (2026) 037]

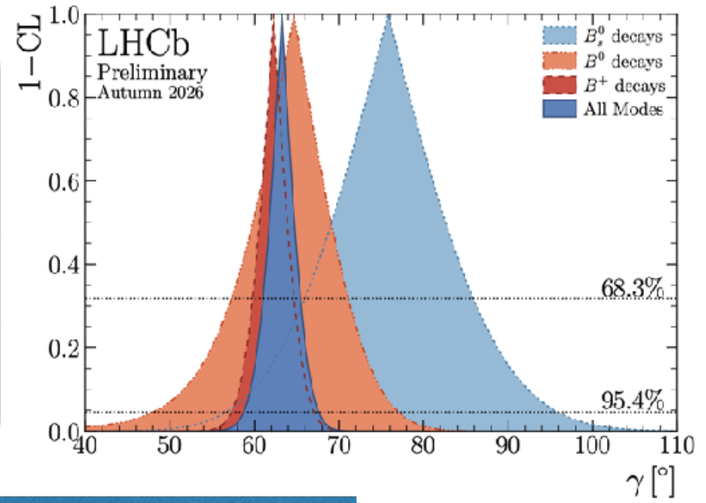
New developments in the γ determination



- Measure γ in $B^\pm \to D(\to K^0_S h^+ h^-) h'^\pm$ decays with 2024
  - Similar sensitivity from 1 year Run 3 like full Run 1&2 together!
  - Upgrade I provides improved hadron trigger efficiencies and PID
  - Binned phase space: local strong-phases from BESIII and CLEO-c
- New ideas for improvement: joint BESIII-LHCb analysis [arXiv:2604.05712] encoding strong-phase variation in per-event weights! [arXiv:2604.05701]

NEW combination $\gamma = \left(63.2^{+2.3}_{-2.2}\right)^\circ$

- Many updated measurements
- Reduced model dependence in charm hadronic inputs
- $< 1^\circ$ with full Run 3 in reach! (target: 1.5°)



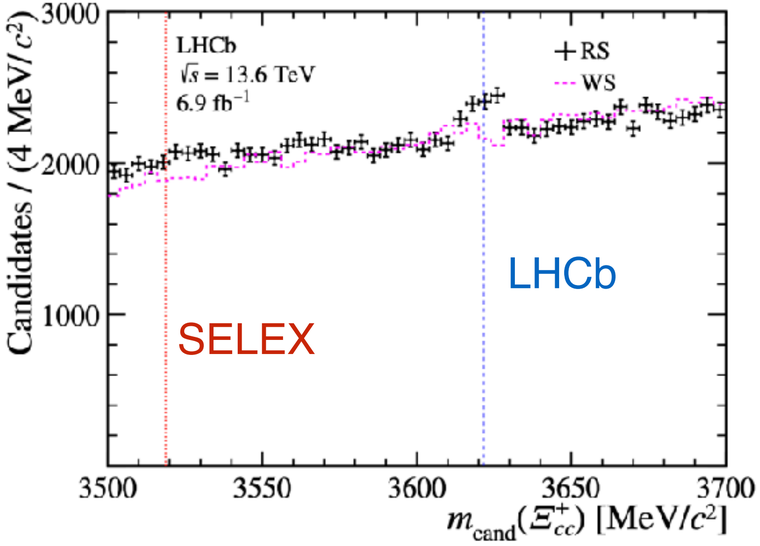
Talk by Michael

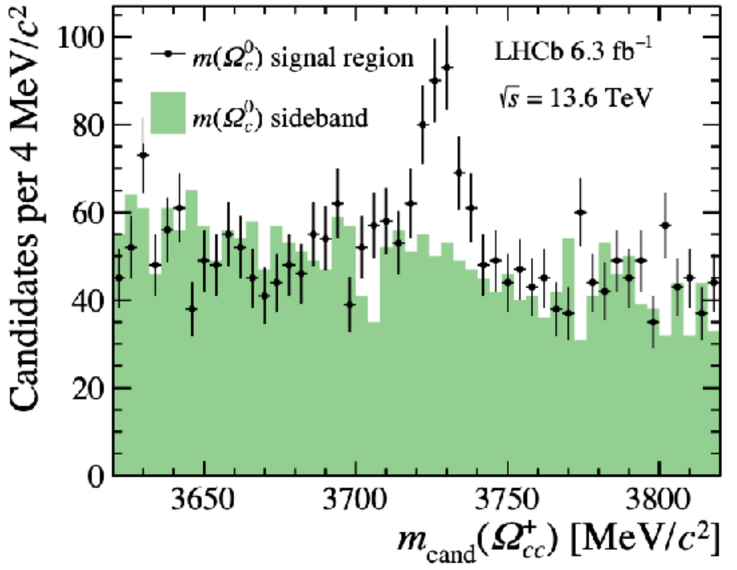
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[PRL 137 (2026) 021902] [arXiv:2609.21921]

Charm baryon spectroscopy

- Huge charm production at LHC → LHCb design ideal to exploit!
- Observation of the Ξ_{cc}^{+} (dcc) and Ω_{cc}^{+} (scc) with 2024 data
- Turbo enabled: efficiency $2.5\times$ (Ξ_{cc}^{+}) and $8\times$ (Ω_{cc}^{+}) higher than Run 2
- $\Xi_{cc}^{+} \to (\Lambda_c^{+} \to pK^{+}\pi^{-})K^{-}\pi^{+}$
  - Refuting SELEX claim of $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_{cc}^{+} \to \Lambda_c^{+}X) \approx 20\,\%$ not confirmed by earlier FOCUS, BaBar, Belle and LHCb searches
- $\Omega_{cc}^{+} \to (\Omega_c^{0} \to pK^{-}K^{-}\pi^{+})\pi^{+}$
  - Discriminate from combinatorics thanks to established large lifetime of Ω_c^{0}
- Studies of lifetimes and further decay modes will follow



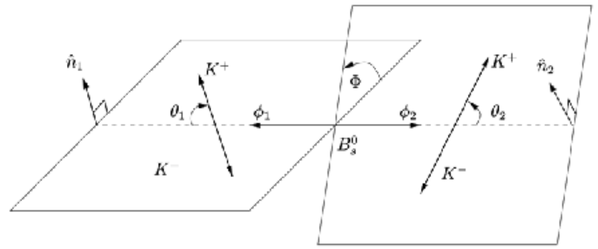


Complete experimental observation of ALL SU(4) ground state baryons predicted by quark model!

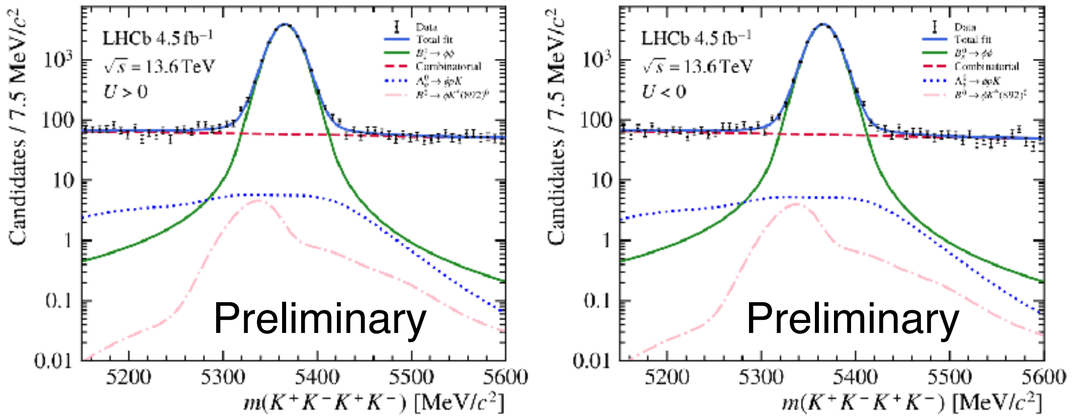
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[LHCb-PAPER-2026-055]

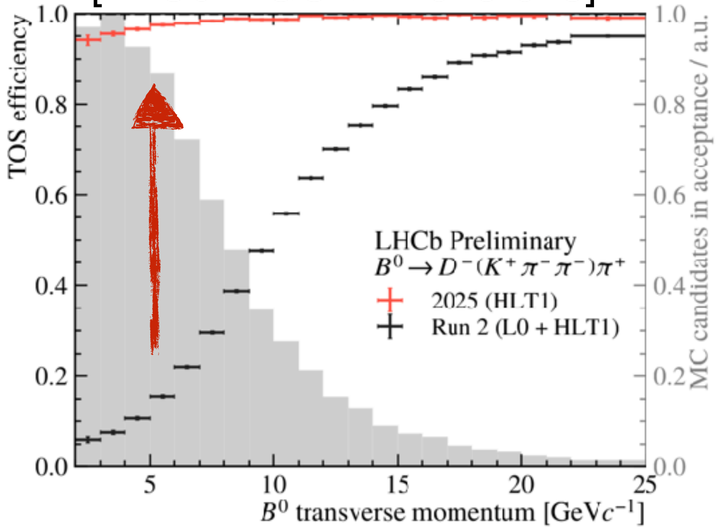
CP studies in suppressed charmless decays



- Study CP-violation in $b \to ds\bar{s}$ with $B_s^0 \to \phi\phi$ in 2024 data
  - Golden channel: negligible CP-violation in the SM
  - Time-integrated method: measure triple-product asymmetries
    $A_U = (5.6 \pm 5.4 \pm 2.4) \times 10^{-3}$
    $A_V = (3.8 \pm 5.4 \pm 2.4) \times 10^{-3}$
  - Statistics dominated → strong improvement with full Run 3 data expected



[LHCb-FIGURE-2025-015]



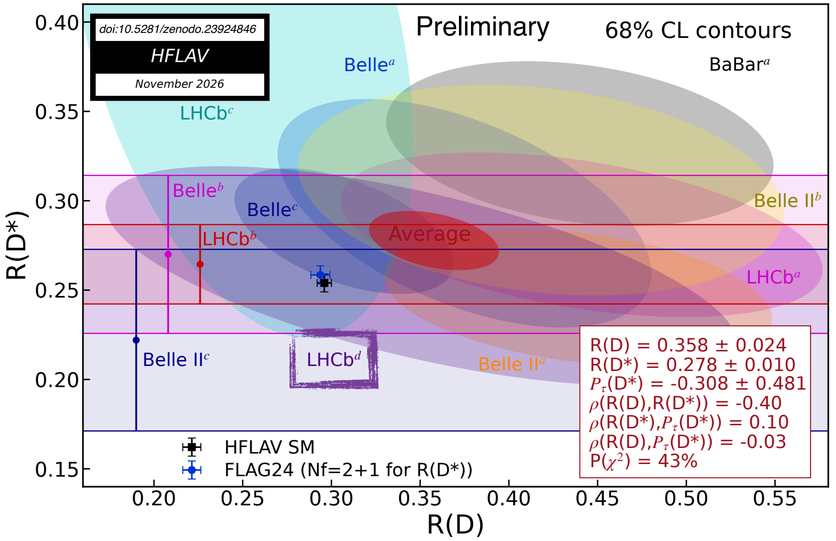
× 2 better sensitivities in $4.5\ \text{fb}^{-1}$ of 2024 data wrt full Run 1+2 ($9\ \text{fb}^{-1}$) due to software-only trigger!

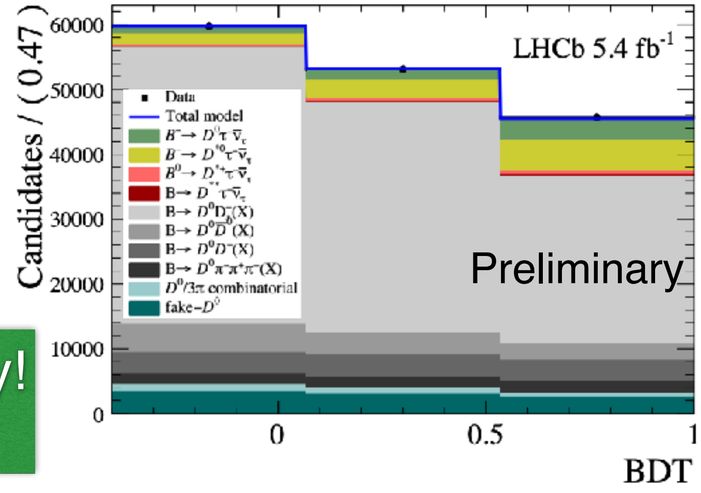
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[LHCb-PAPER-2026-059]

New measurement of $R(D^{(*)0}) \equiv \mathcal{B}(\overline{B} \to D^{(*)0}\tau^-\bar{\nu})/\mathcal{B}(\overline{B} \to D^{(*)0}\mu^-\bar{\nu})$

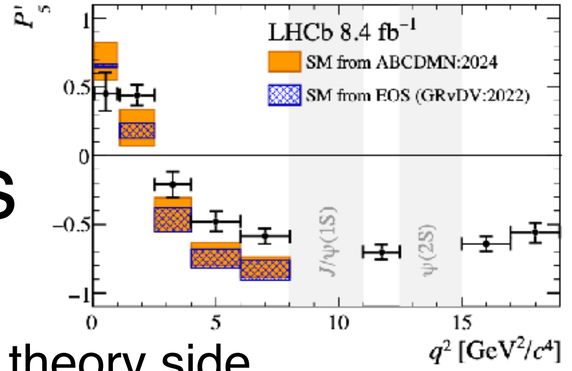
- Long-standing tension between SM and experiment in $b \to c\ell\nu$
  - Theoretically clean: ~1%
  - Experimentally very challenging: large $B \to DX$ backgrounds and $D \sim \tau$
- First simultaneous R(D) and R(D*) with $\tau^- \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^-(\pi^0)\bar{\nu}$
  - Full Run 2 data set
  - Measure relative to $B^+ \to (\overline{D}^0 \to K^+\pi^-)(D_s^+ \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+)$
  - 3D fit in τ decay time, q^2 and BDT rejecting $B \to D^0 D_s X$ decays
- Systematic uncertainties at similar level as statistical uncertainties:
  - Background simulation statistics
  - External branching fractions
- Tension moves from 3.7σ to 3.4σ (or 1.8σ: BaBar's news)





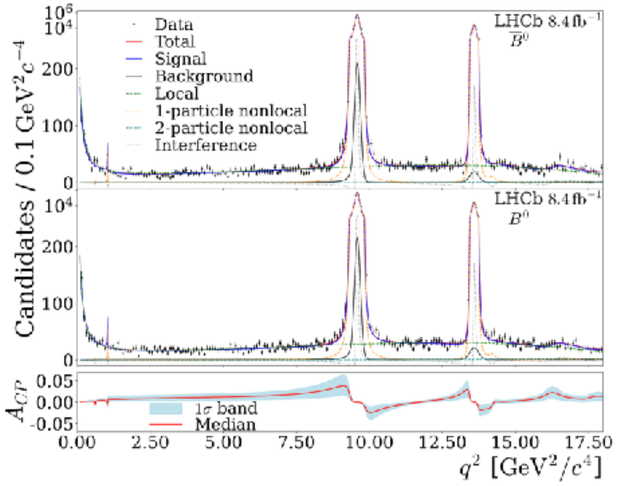
Improvements on fast simulations and external measurements on the way!
Significant improvements with Run 3 measurements expected!

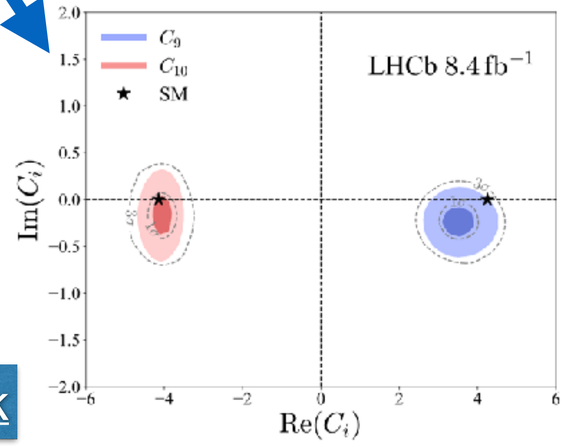
Studies of $b \to s(d)\ell^+\ell^-$ decays



[PRL 137 (2026) 021802]

- Large community interest: → Bernat's and Tobias' talks on theory side
  $B \to K^{(*)}(\pi)\ell\ell, \Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda/\Lambda(1520)\ell\ell, \ldots$
  - Tensions wrt SM in $\partial\mathcal{B}/\partial q^2$ and angular observables
  - Lepton-flavour universality measurements consistent with SM
- NEW studies of the $B^0 \to K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$ angular structure with full Run 1&2:
  - binned in q^2 [PRL 137 (2026) 021802]
  - Unbinned fit to Wilson Coefficients of WET using dispersion relation [PRL 137 (2026) 061801]
  - Unbinned "model-independent": model q^2 distribution with Legendre polynomials [arXiv:2608.12215]
  - …
  - Many additional ideas using sPlot, method of moments, allow to extract unbinned quantities in function of q^2 also for low-stats modes! [JINST 20 (2026) P07042, arXiv:2609.39998], [PRD 112 (2025) 016007]





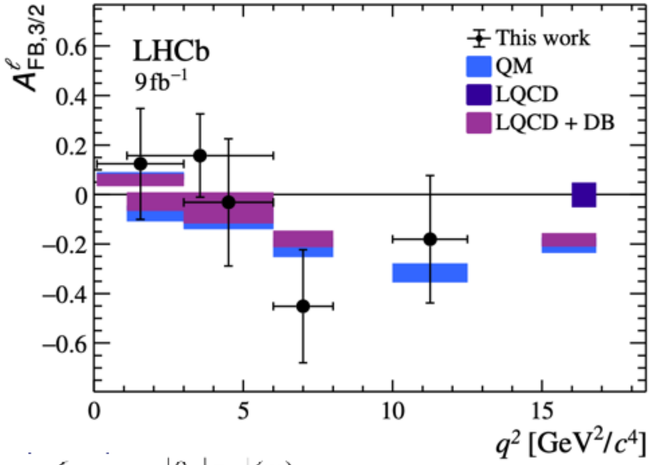
Moving towards LFU measurements: Lorenzo's talk

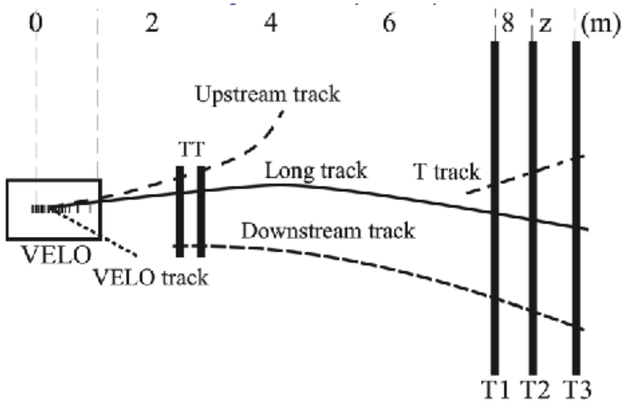
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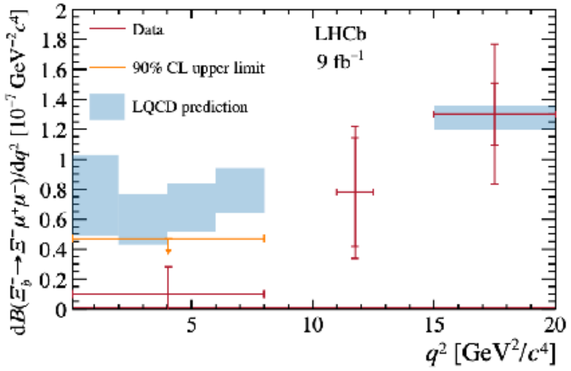
[arXiv:2608.21082]
[arXiv:2610.22452]

New studies of baryonic $b \to s\ell\ell$ decays with Run 1/2

- Angular analysis of $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda(1520)\mu^+\mu^-$
  - Baryonic counterpart to $B^0 \to K^{*0}\mu^+\mu^-$ but much more rare
  - Good agreement with the SM
- First differential measurement of $\Xi_b^- \to \Xi^-\mu^+\mu^-$
  - Use cascade $\Xi^- \to (\Lambda \to p\pi^-)\pi^-$
  - Exploit different track types: $\sim 90\,\%$ decays have at least one track not registered in VELO







Large Run 3 data set offers much better precision and plethora of new channels, e.g. $\Xi_b^0 \to \Xi^0\ell^+\ell^-$ [arXiv:2609.15251]

Same pattern as $\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda\mu^+\mu^-$

BBC

Scientists detect signals at the smallest scale ever explored

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Science

Cern breakthrough offers firs glimpse into the zeptoverse

British-led researchers using the Large Hadron Collider detected a r
gives clues to a minuscule world where exotic new particles may be



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Bienvenidos al Zeptoverso: el mundo más pequeño jamás detectado que el CERN ha descubierto

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Haben Forscher das Tor zum Zeptoversum geöffnet?

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O que os cientistas estão descobrindo sobre o zeptoverso, a menor escala do universo que se conhece até agora

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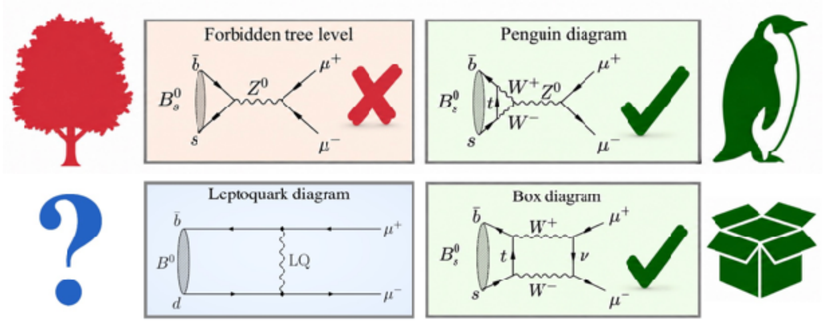
E' un mondo infintamente piccolo in cui potrebbero nascondersi nuove particelle

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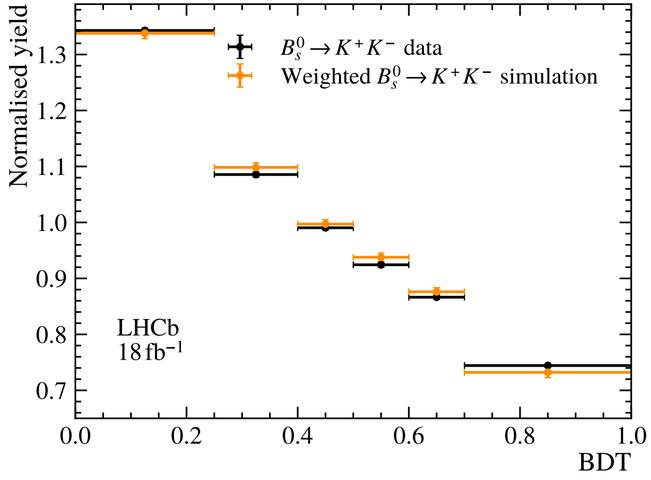
[arXiv:2611.00230]

New measurements of the $B^0_{(s)} \to \mu^+\mu^-$ properties

- Golden channels search for New Physics:
  - Theoretically very clean in the SM
    - Only allowed at loop level and helicity suppressed
    - Known to <10% precision
  - Experimentally very clean: 2 energetic muons from displaced vertex
  - Many NP models imply rate enhancements
- New measurement based on data from Run 1&2 ($9\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$) and part of Run 3 ($18\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$)
  - Similar combinatorial rejection despite 5x higher pile-up
  - Better suppression of $B \to hh^{(\prime)}$ wrt Run 1/2



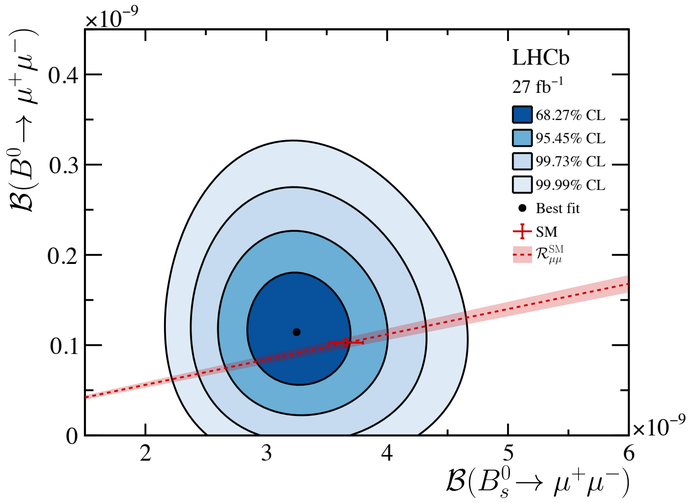
Precise calibration of BDT slices thanks to simplified trigger

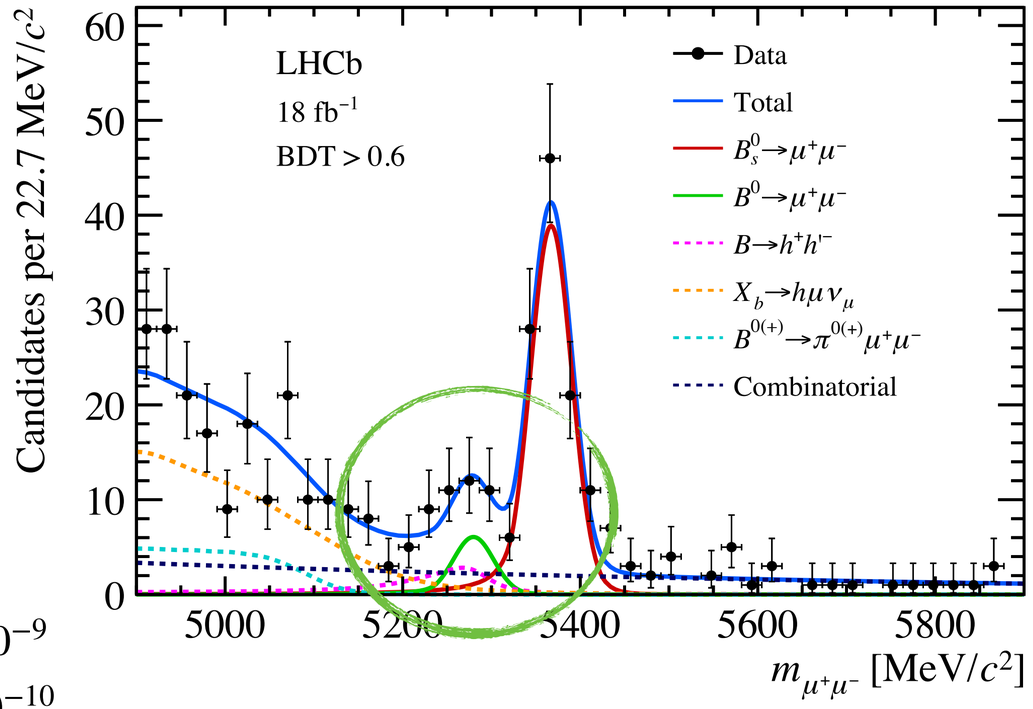


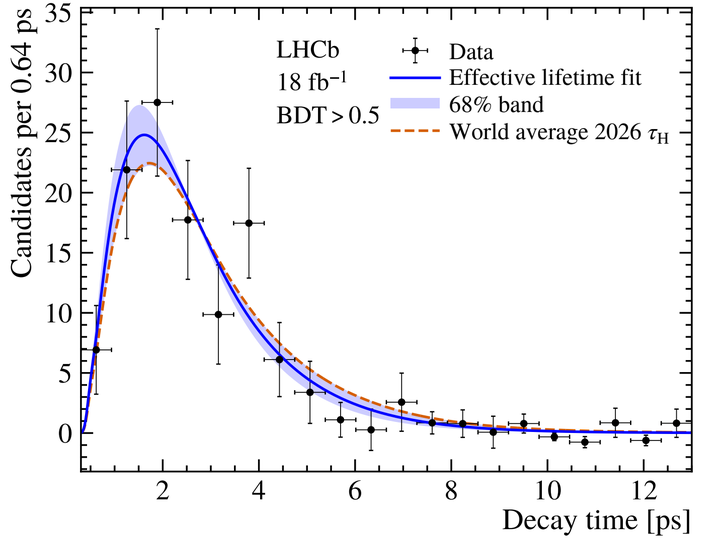
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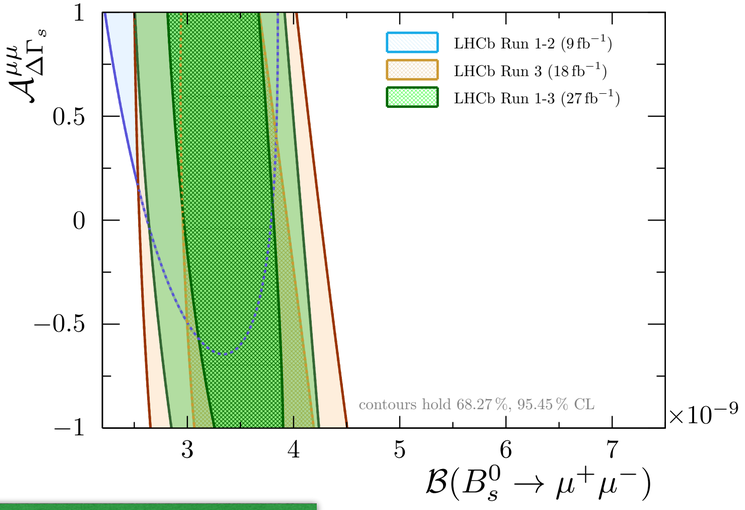
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Evidence for $B^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$ decays!









$$\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-) = \left(3.25^{+0.26+0.13}_{-0.25-0.12}\right) \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-) = \left(1.14^{+0.42+0.06}_{-0.39-0.05}\right) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$R_{\mu\mu} = 0.035^{+0.014+0.002}_{-0.012-0.001}$$

$$\tau_{\mu\mu} = 1.60 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.01 \text{ ps}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\mu\mu}_{\Delta\Gamma_s} = 0.91 \pm 1.92 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.10$$

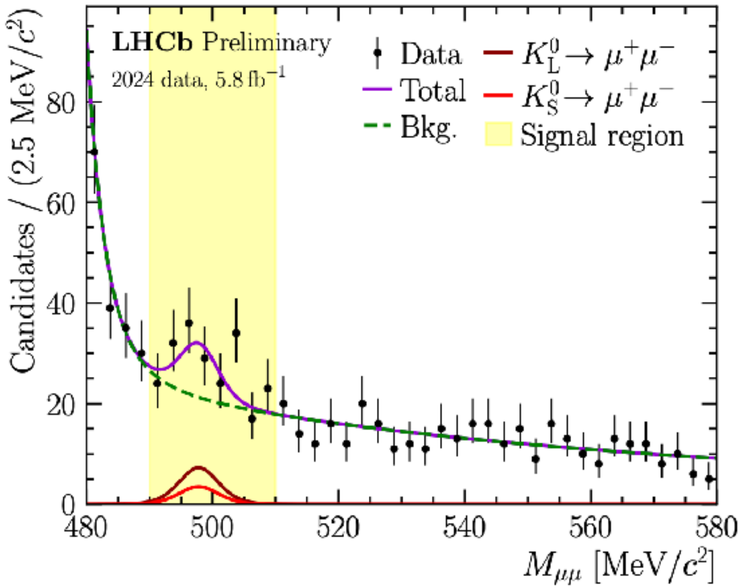
Next step: full Run 3 analysis and time dependent CP analysis of $B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$!

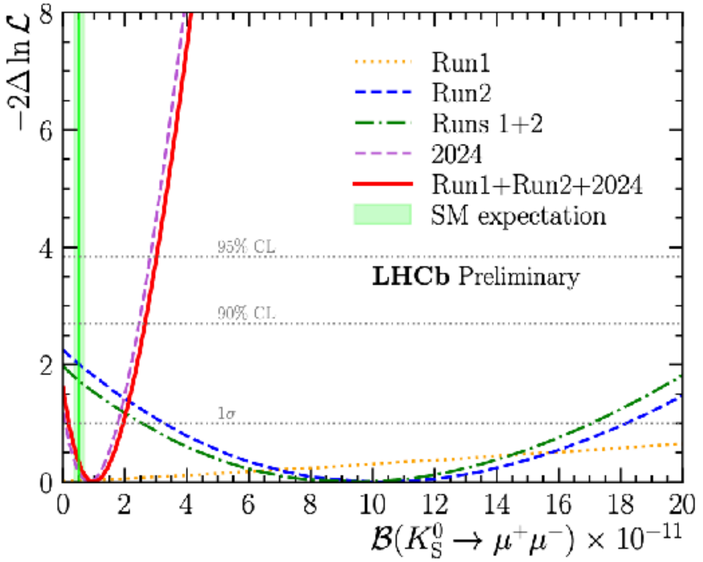
NEW!

[LHCb-PAPER-2026-052]

Zeroing in on $K^0_S \to \mu^+\mu^-$

- Flavour-changing neutral current, not observed to date
  - $\mathcal{B}(K^0_S \to \mu^+\mu^-)_{SM} = (5.18 \pm 1.50_{LD} \pm 0.02_{SD}) \times 10^{-12}$
  - NP: large enhancements, e.g. SUSY or LQ scenarios
- Huge K^0_S production at LHC: sensitivity jumps at LHCb and recently CMS
  - NEW LHCb search with 2024 data: upgrade trigger leads to **5 × better efficiency**
  - Additional improvements with dedicated muonID network
  - First evidence for $K^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$ at the LHC, $K^0_S \to \mu^+\mu^-$ at 1.1σ





Evidence for $K^0_S \to \mu^+\mu^-$ with full Run 3 in reach
→ next step: study $K^0_S - K^0_L$ interference!

[arXiv:2611.00135]

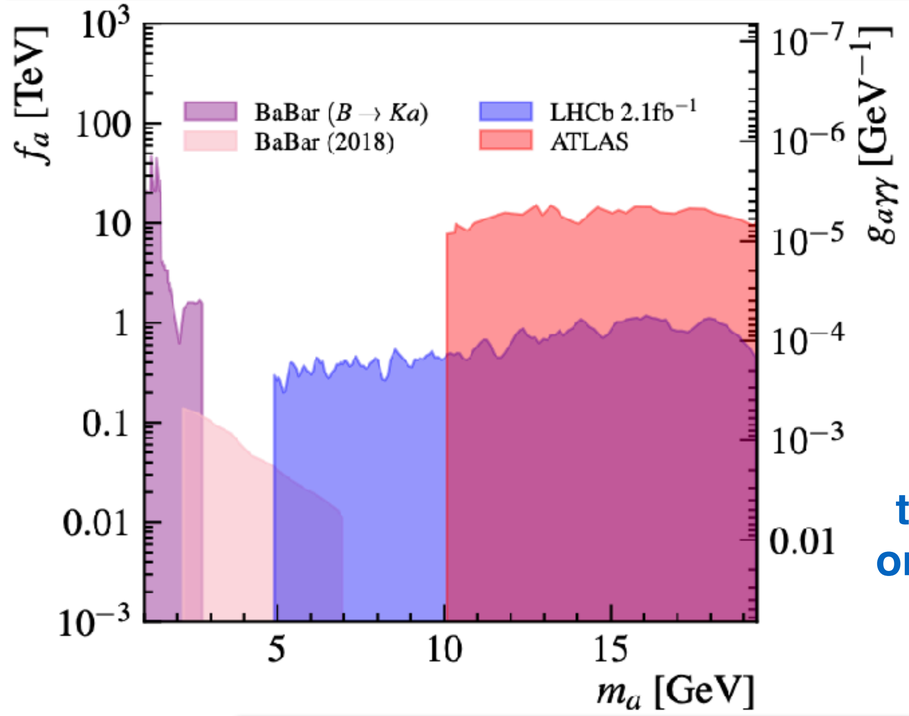
NEW!

Axion-like particles with 2018-only LHCb data

$$\mathscr{L} \supset \frac{a}{4\pi f_a}\left[\alpha_3 c_3 G\tilde{G} + \alpha_2 c_2 W\tilde{W} + \alpha_1 c_1 B\tilde{B}\right] + \frac{1}{2} m_a a^2$$

$$pp \to \mathrm{ALP} \to \gamma\gamma$$

Highly challenging:
2D calorimeter clusters in busy pp environment

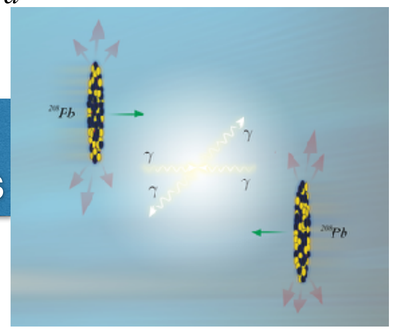


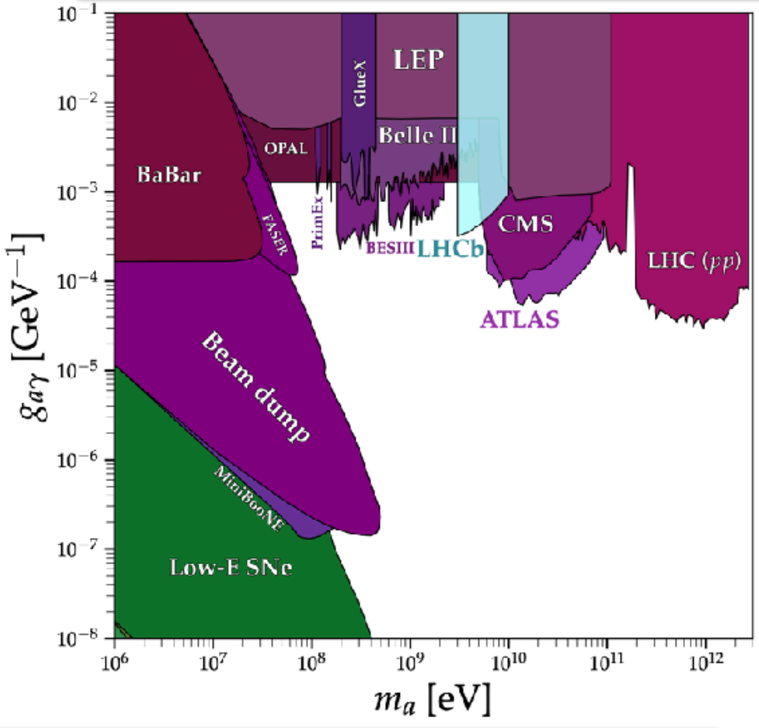
[arXiv: 2507.14390]

$$\mathscr{L} \supset \frac{a}{4\pi f_a}\left[\alpha_3 c_3 G\tilde{G} + \alpha_2 c_2 W\tilde{W} + \alpha_1 c_1 B\tilde{B}\right] + \frac{1}{2} m_a a^2$$

$$\mathrm{UPC}: \mathrm{PbPb} \to \mathrm{ALP} \to \gamma\gamma$$

Extremely clean:
zero background vetoing any tracks





New Belle II search
slightly more stringent
[arXiv:2607.07800]

Compare talk by André on ATLAS/CMS searches

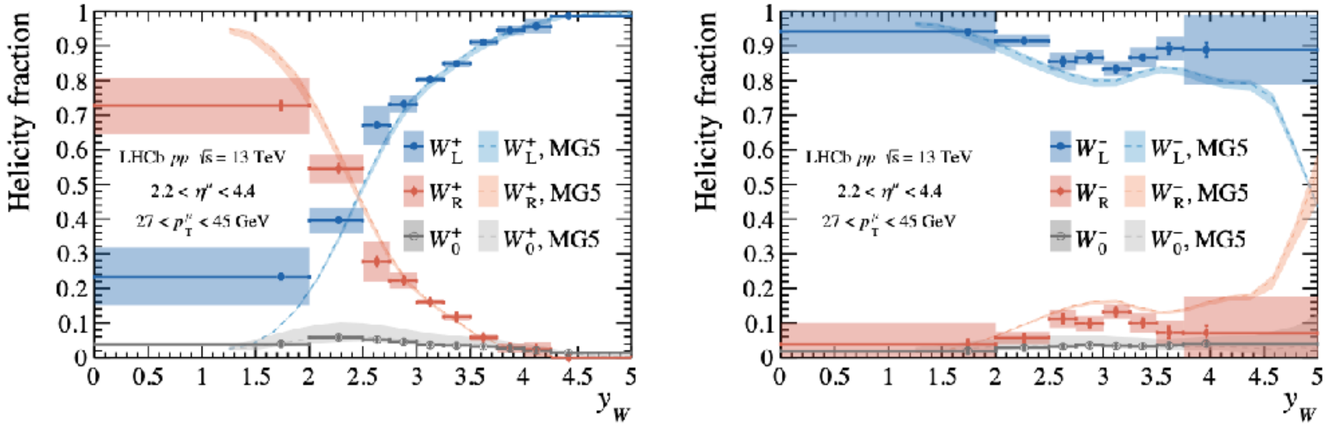
Pathfinder analyses: significant improvements with full Run 3 expected

NEW!

[arXiv:2609.22555]

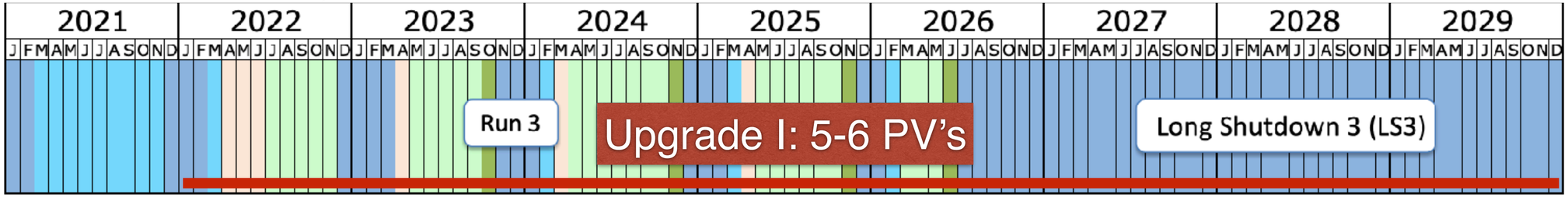
Forward rapidity dependence of W boson transverse helicity fractions

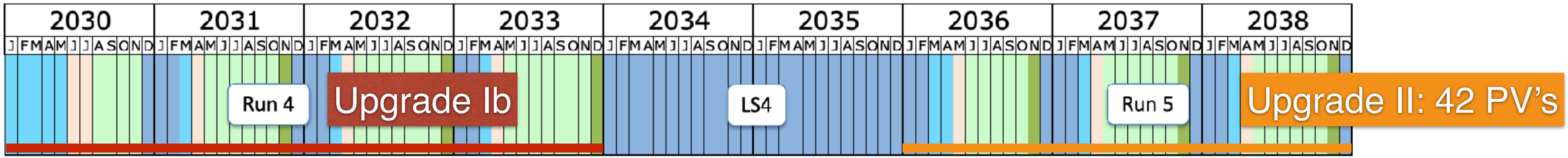
- Rapidity-dependent helicity fractions test interplay between parton-distribution-functions (PDFs), higher-order QCD effects and weak interaction
  - Forward acceptance provides access to unexplored high rapidity region
  - Important for future precision electroweak measurements @LHC
- New measurement with Run 2 data:
  - Strong rapidity dependence
  - Confirming NLL predictions from the SM

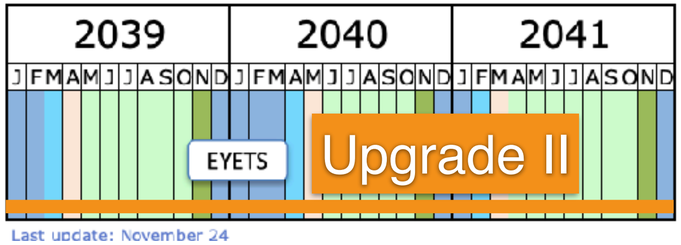


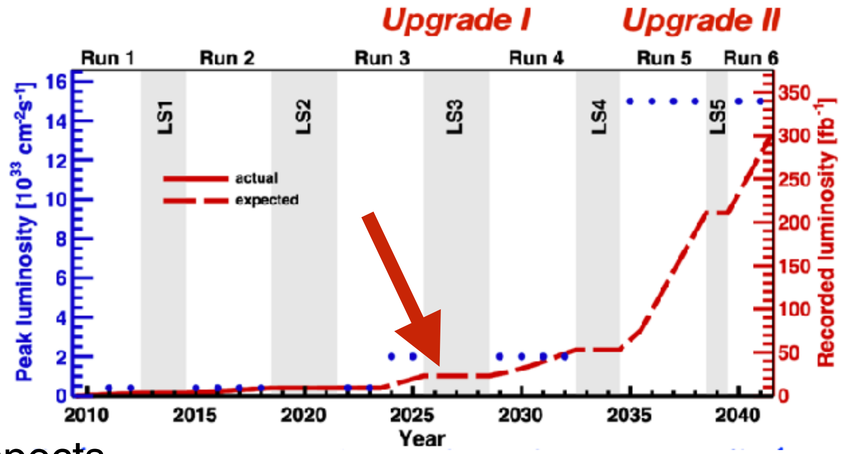
Quo vadis, LHCb?

[LHC schedule]









Increase inst. luminosity
@ **similar or better performance!**

LHCb Upgrade II prospects

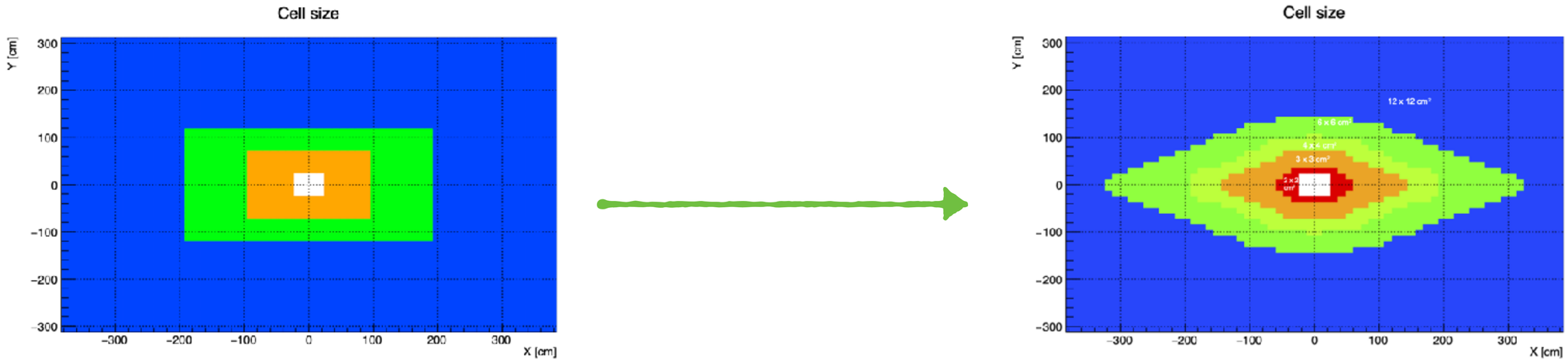
~25 fb-1 in Run 3
~50 fb-1 by end of Run 4
~300 fb-1 by end of Run 5/6

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[LHCb-TDR-025]

Enhancements for Run 4 (>2030)

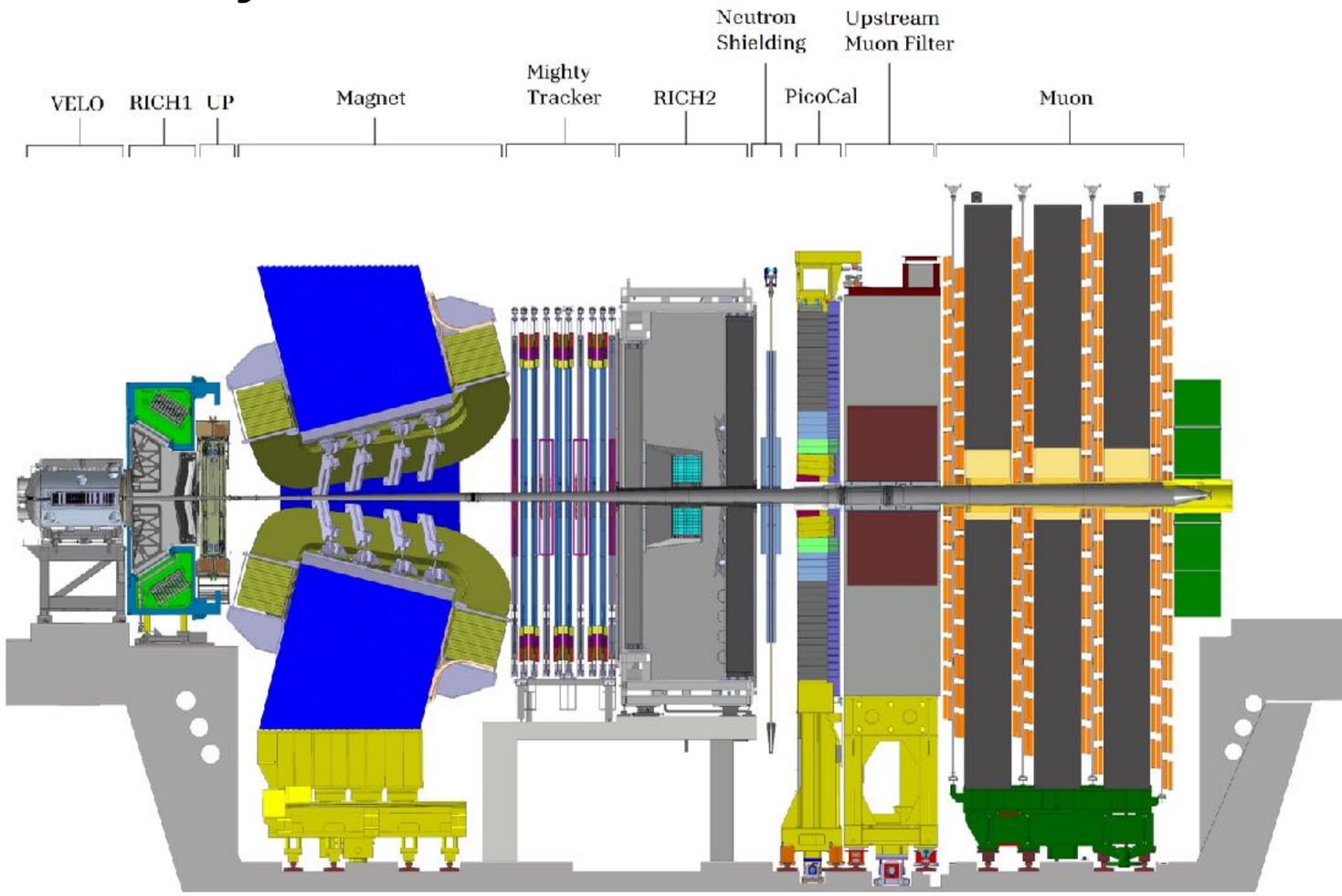
- Improved Charged PID (RICH): new electronics that allows photon time-of-arrival measurement → better photon-track matching
  - Relevant for suppressing backgrounds with misidentified particles
  - Also important for flavour tagging
- Improved neutral PID (ECAL): replace inner section (radiation damage) with higher granularity and different basic geometry that better matches occupancy
- Enable FPGA-based SciFi tracks to accelerate reconstruction



LHCb in Run 5&6 - another fully new detector

- Expect to cope with Pile-Up of ~42 PV's
  →High timing resolution to resolve PV's
- Replace almost all sub detectors
  - Biggest challenge: occupancy
  - Main tracker out of silicon and fibres
  - More fine-grained calorimeter
    - Lateral segmentation
    - Neutron shield to enhance performance
  - New Muon system
- Reoptimisation ongoing to match budget

TDR writing in full swing



[LHCb Upgrade II prospects]

Conclusions and outlook

- LHCb shaped the field of flavour physics
  → and broad program beyond!
- Upgrade I overwhelming success
  - Evidence for $B^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$, $K^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$
  - Sensitivity jumps in γ measurements
  - Discoveries of exotic baryons
  - CP-violation studies in suppressed decays
  - … and much much more to come!
- Upgrade Ib and II preparing in full swing



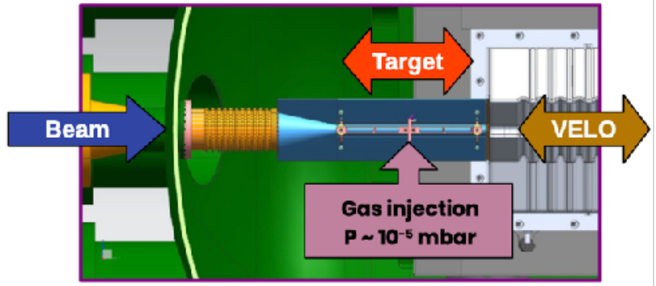
Many new flavourful results to come!



Backup

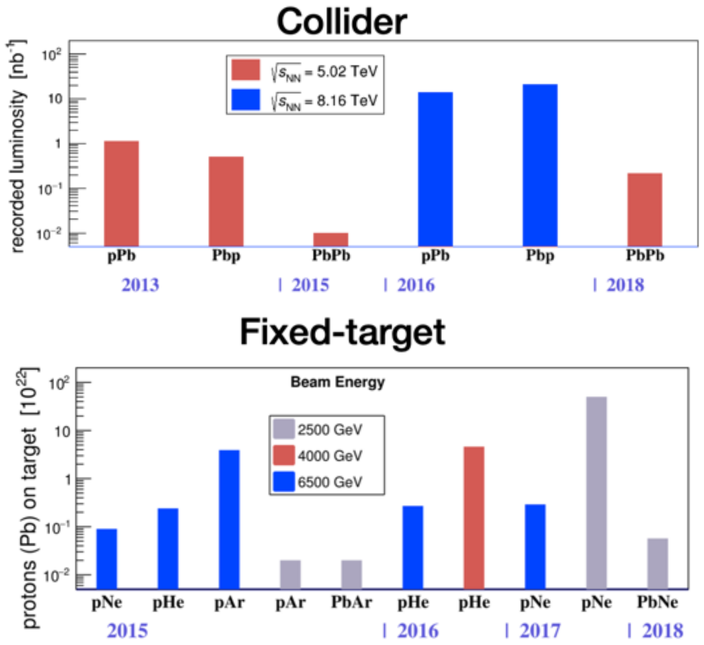
Heavy Ions and Fixed Target @LHCb

- Not only pp, study rich set of collision systems at LHCb
  - In Upgrade I explore HeavyIon collisions down to 30% centrality
- SMOG: Fixed target program in parallel to collider!
  - SMOG2 in Upgrade I: more localised gas → luminosity increase by orders of magnitude

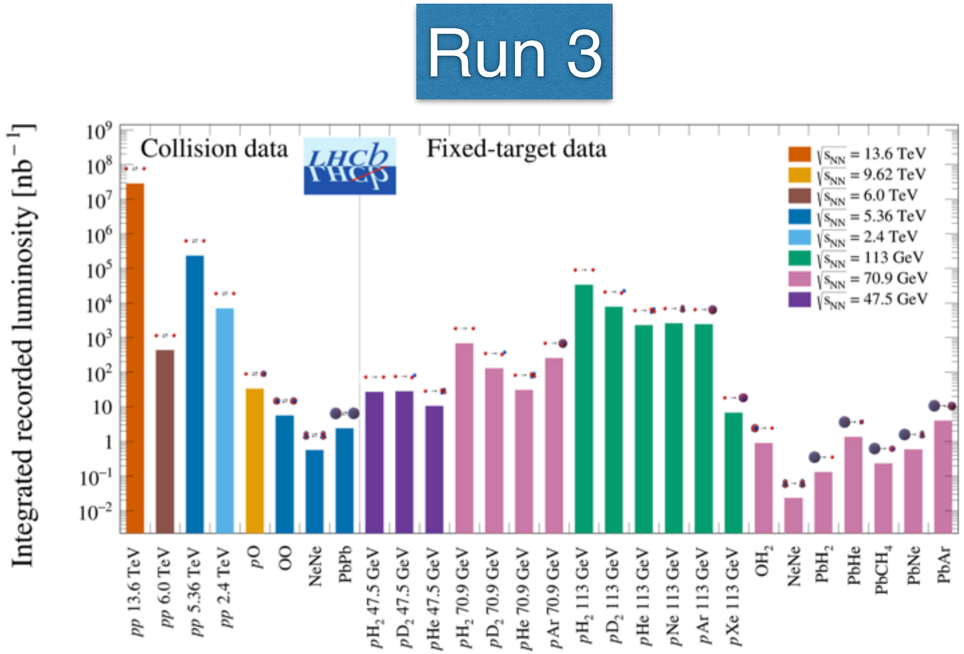


[SMOG2]

Run 1/2



Run 3



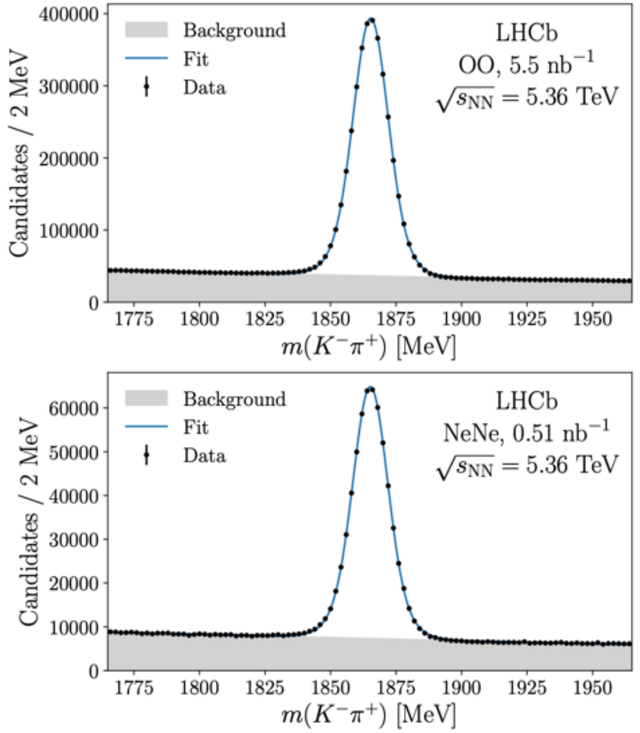
[LHCb Operations plots]

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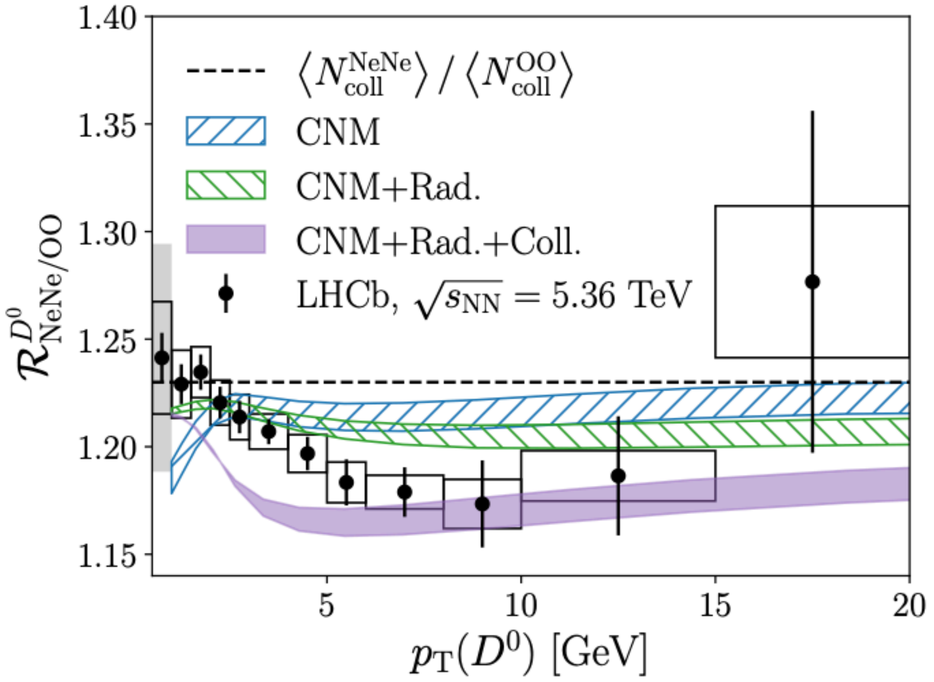
[arXiv:2605.27273]

D^0 production in OO and $NeNe$ collisions

Extremely clean samples



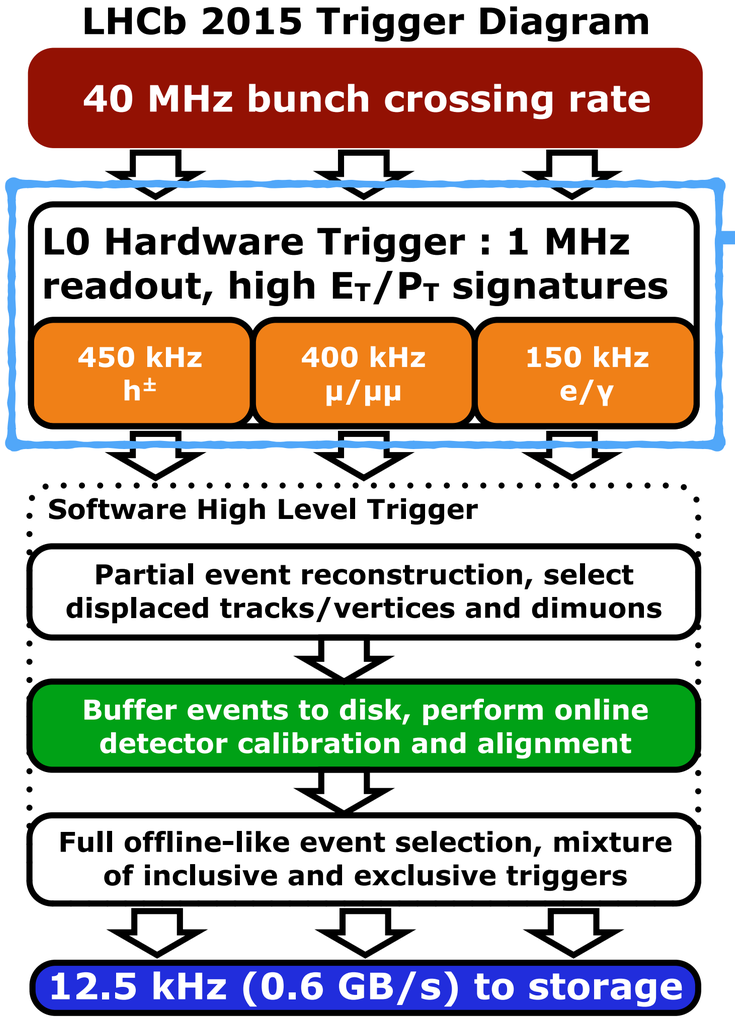
Clear difference between OO and $NeNe$



Shape indicates effects like Quark-Gluon-Plasma
→ study onset of QGP production with increasing nucleus sizes!

Stay tuned for rich program studying initial state, medium properties and hadronisation through many collision systems!

LHCb trigger in Run 3

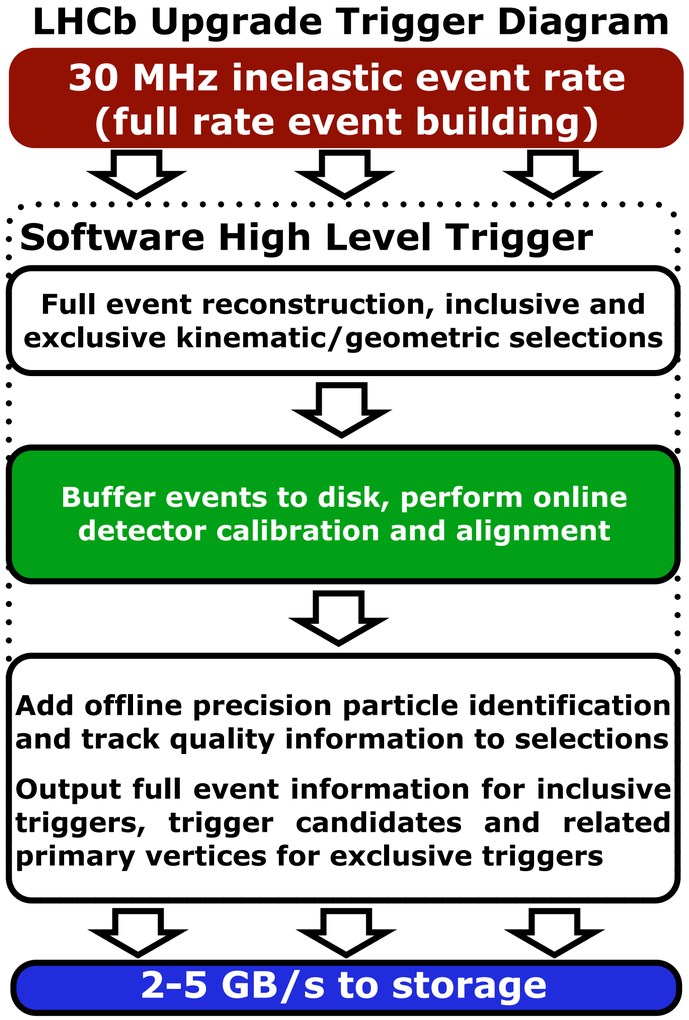


Removal of L0 hardware trigger

Two-staged high-level trigger: HLT 1 (GPU) and HLT2 (CPU)

Full software trigger allows

- Topology-based selection with softer p_T requirements
  → benefit to soft daughters from charm, tau, strange
  → benefit with electrons in final state
- Offline quality HLT2 trigger allows sophisticated selections → gain of up to $\times 2$ in fully hadronic final states



[Trigger schemes]