

# Heavy flavor production in $pp$ and $pPb$ collisions at LHCb

Matt Durham, on behalf of the LHCb collaboration  
Los Alamos National Laboratory



**19th International Conference on B-Physics at Frontier Machines, BEAUTY 2020**

- Introduction: heavy flavor production in pp and pA collisions
- Charm/bottom dijet production
  - LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation
- Double charm production in pPb collisions
  - arXiv:2007.06945, submitted to PRL
- Prompt  $X(3872)$  suppression in high-multiplicity pp collisions
  - arXiv:2009.06619, submitted to PRL

- Introduction: heavy flavor production in pp and pA collisions
- Charm/bottom dijet production
  - LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation
- Double charm production in pPb collisions
  - arXiv:2007.06945, submitted to PRL
- Prompt  $X(3872)$  suppression in high-multiplicity pp collisions
  - arXiv:2009.06619, submitted to PRL

# Heavy Quark Production

$$d\sigma(Q^2, \sqrt{s})_{pA \rightarrow a+X} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} f_i^P(x_1, Q^2) \otimes Af_i^A(x_2, Q^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}(Q^2, x_1, x_2)_{i,j \rightarrow a+X}$$

$$\boxed{d\sigma(Q^2, \sqrt{s})_{pA \rightarrow a+X}} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} f_i^P(x_1, Q^2) \otimes Af_i^A(x_2, Q^2) \otimes \boxed{d\hat{\sigma}(Q^2, x_1, x_2)_{i,j \rightarrow a+X}}$$

Measureable cross section

Calculable with pQCD

- Precision tests of perturbative QCD

# Heavy Quark Production

$$d\sigma(Q^2, \sqrt{s})_{pA \rightarrow a+X} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} f_i^P(x_1, Q^2) \otimes Af_i^A(x_2, Q^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}(Q^2, x_1, x_2)_{i,j \rightarrow a+X}$$

Measureable cross section

Linked by PDFs

Calculable with pQCD

- Precision tests of perturbative QCD
- Constrains parton distribution function in protons/nuclei

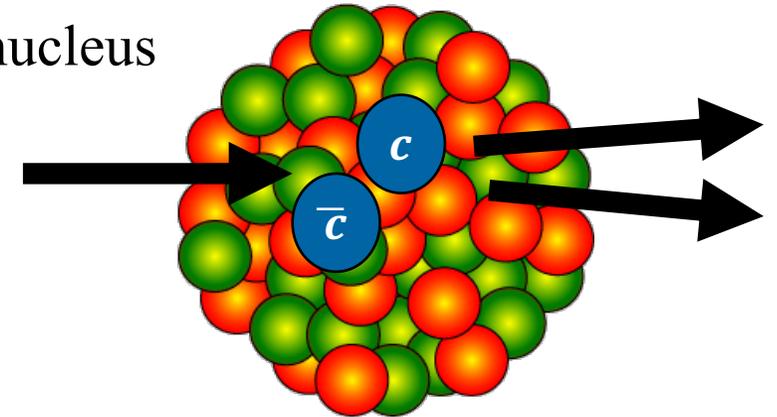
$$d\sigma(Q^2, \sqrt{s})_{pA \rightarrow a+X} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} f_i^P(x_1, Q^2) \otimes Af_i^A(x_2, Q^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}(Q^2, x_1, x_2)_{i,j \rightarrow a+X}$$

Measureable cross section

Linked by PDFs

Calculable with pQCD

- Precision tests of perturbative QCD
- Constrains parton distribution function in protons/nuclei
- Probes QCD energy loss and possible hydrodynamic effects in nucleus



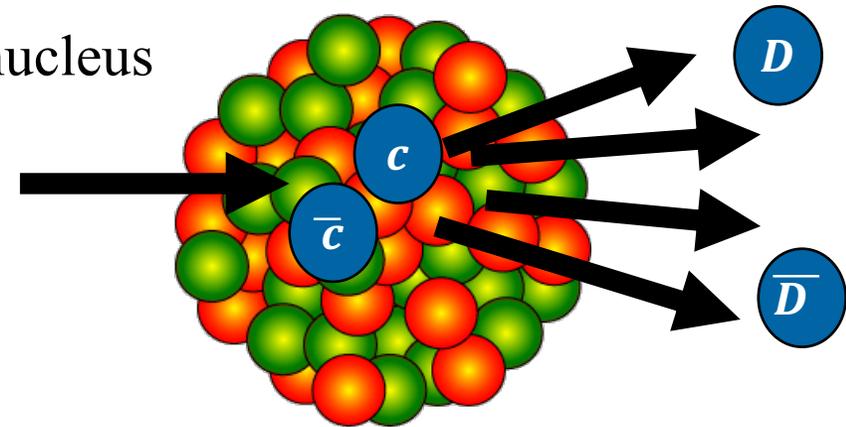
$$d\sigma(Q^2, \sqrt{s})_{pA \rightarrow a+X} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} f_i^P(x_1, Q^2) \otimes Af_i^A(x_2, Q^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}(Q^2, x_1, x_2)_{i,j \rightarrow a+X}$$

Measureable cross section

Linked by PDFs

Calculable with pQCD

- Precision tests of perturbative QCD
- Constrains parton distribution function in protons/nuclei
- Probes QCD energy loss and possible hydrodynamic effects in nucleus
- Quarkonia breakup is sensitive to binding energy of hadrons

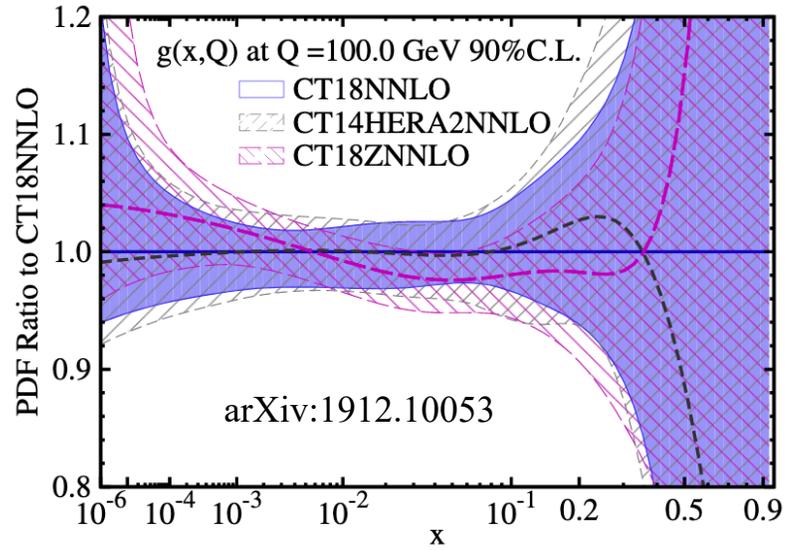


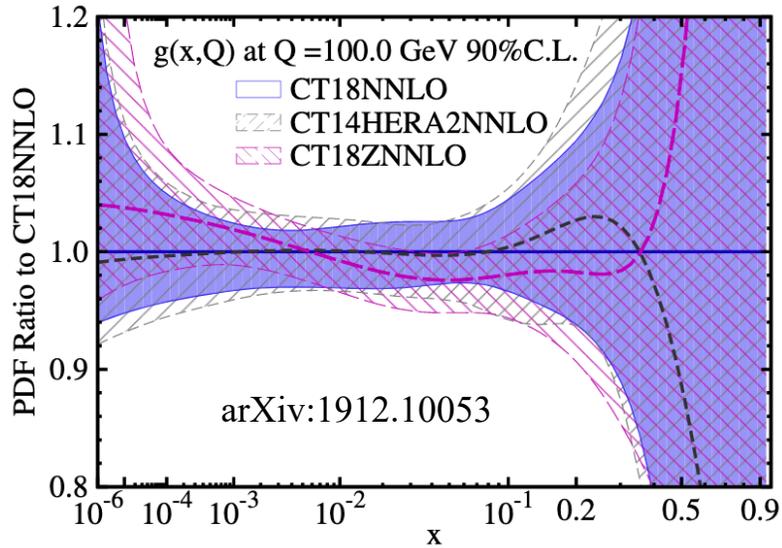
- Introduction: heavy flavor production in pp and pA collisions

- Charm/bottom dijet production
  - LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation

- Double charm production in pPb collisions
  - arXiv:2007.06945, submitted to PRL
- Prompt  $X(3872)$  suppression in high-multiplicity pp collisions
  - arXiv:2009.06619, submitted to PRL

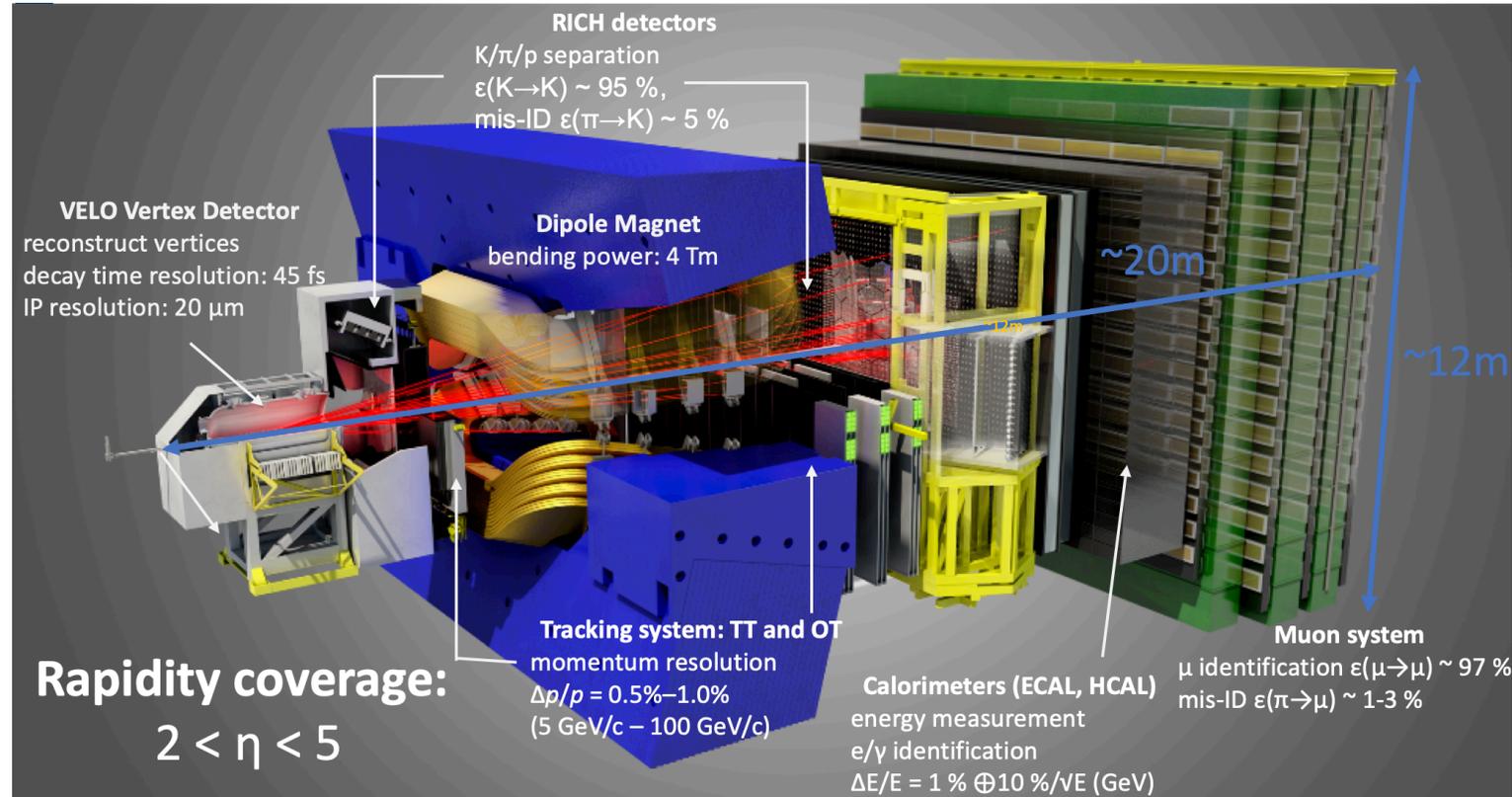
# Charm and bottom dijet production



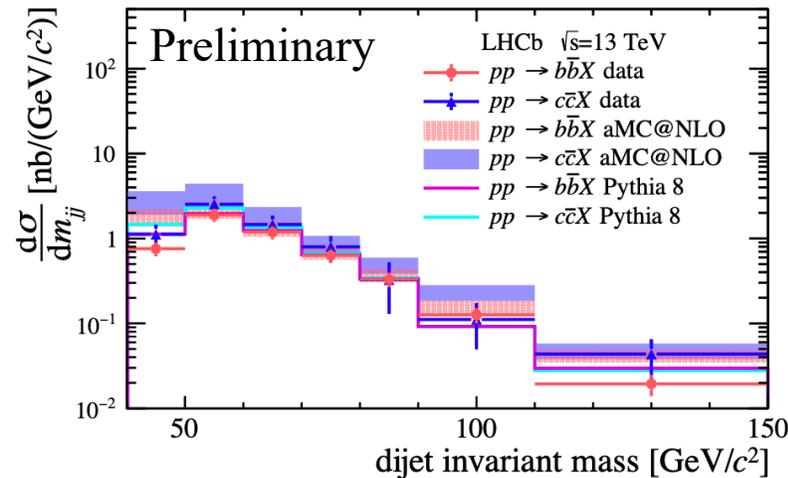
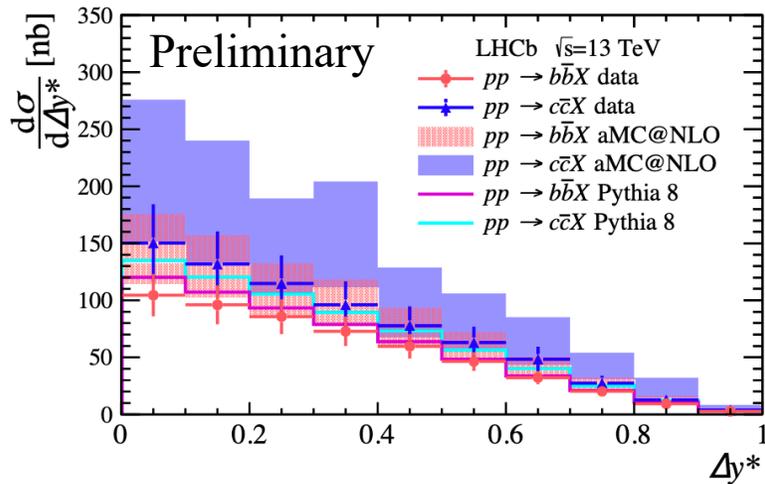
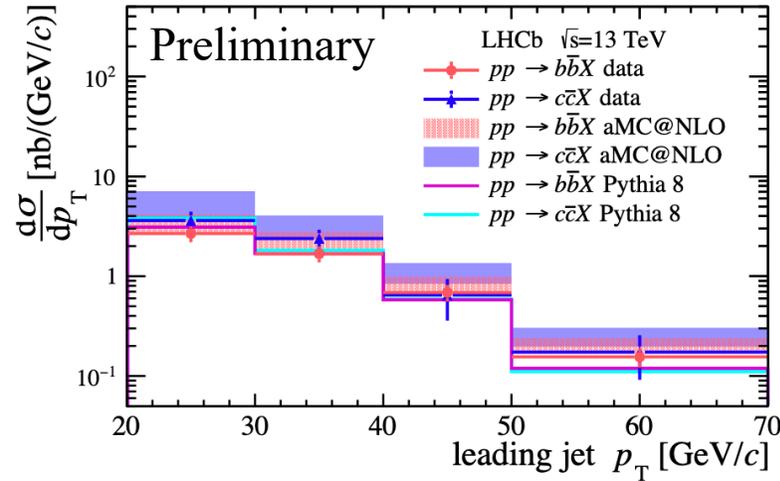
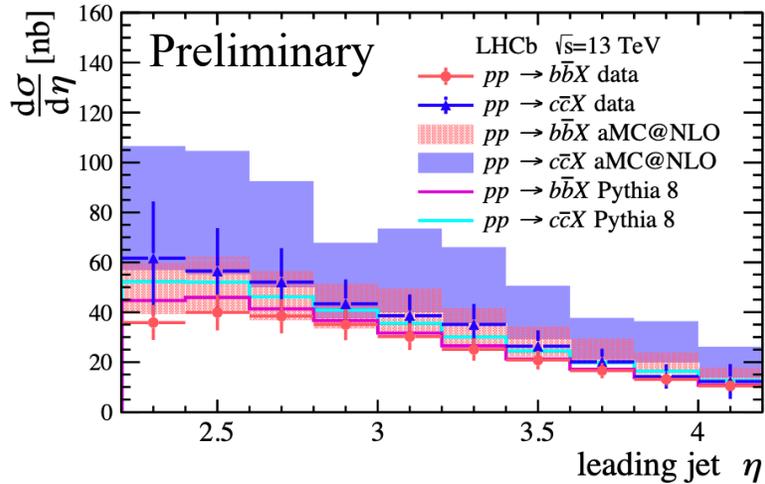


- LHCb has a unique forward acceptance: sensitive to high and low Bjorken-x values, where PDFs are not well constrained
- Many new physics searches for massive particles look for decays to *b* and *c* jets; constraints from heavy quark measurements can clarify background contributions

JINST 3 (2008) S08005  
 Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30, 1530022 (2015)



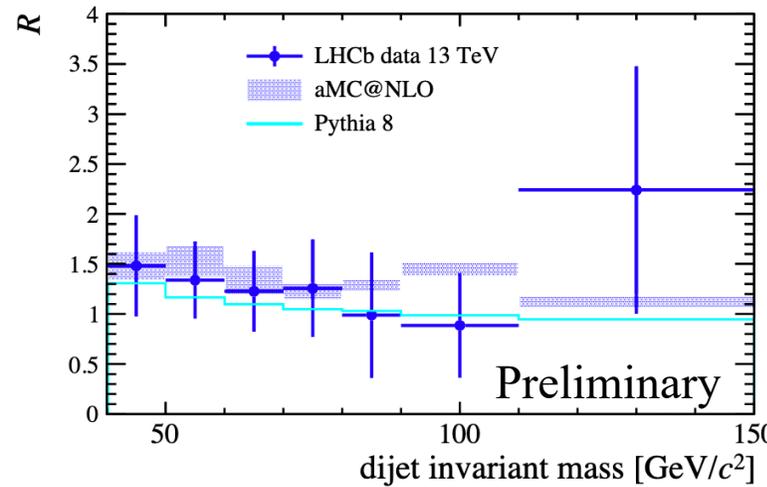
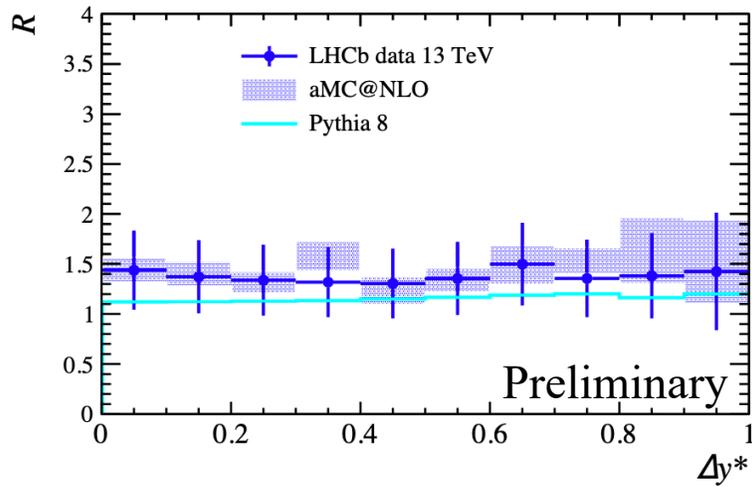
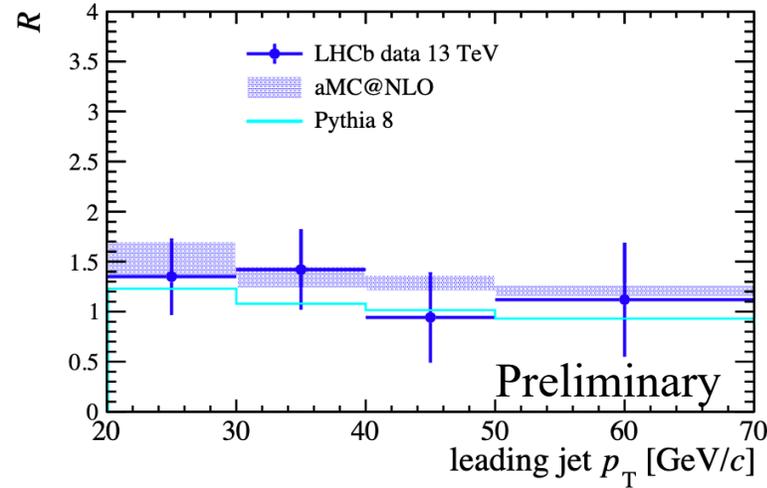
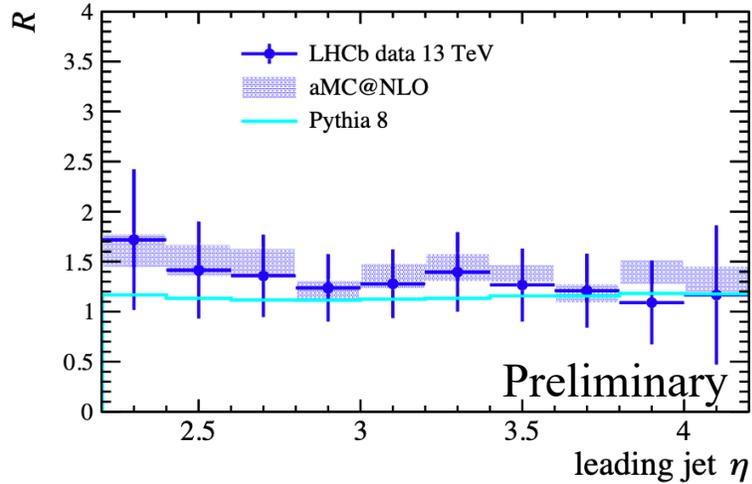
LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation



- Charm and bottom dijet yields measured as function of leading jet  $\eta$ , transverse momentum, rapidity difference, and invariant mass.
  - Anti- $k_T$  algorithm with  $R=0.5$
- General agreement with shape of pQCD calculations, yields consistent with low edge
- Data uncertainties  $<$  pQCD uncertainties, dominated by uncertainties on renormalization and factorization scales, and PDF uncertainties.
- **Data provides new constraints**



LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation

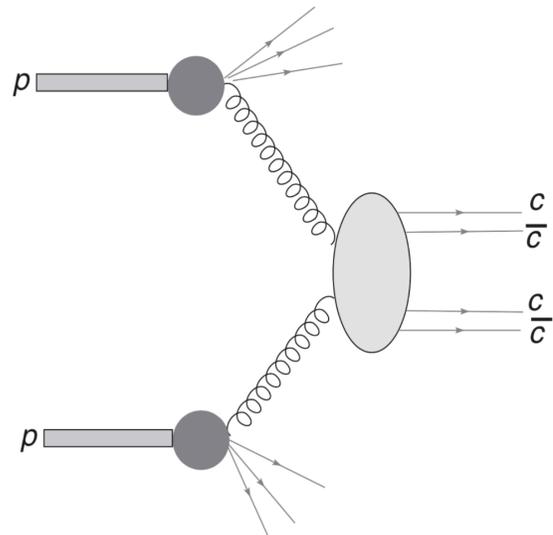


- Ratio of  $c\bar{c}/b\bar{b}$  dijet cross sections
- Some uncertainties on predictions cancel in the ratio
- In general, good agreement with pQCD NLO calculations

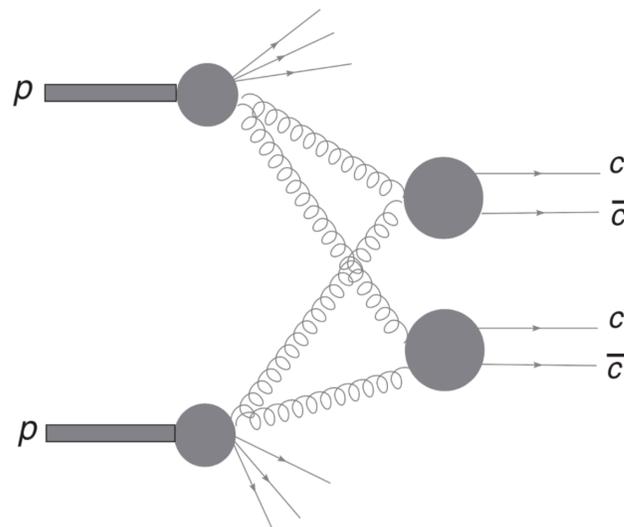


- Introduction: heavy flavor production in pp and pA collisions
- Charm/bottom dijet production
  - LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation
- Double charm production in pPb collisions
  - arXiv:2007.06945, submitted to PRL
- Prompt  $X(3872)$  suppression in high-multiplicity pp collisions
  - arXiv:2009.06619, submitted to PRL

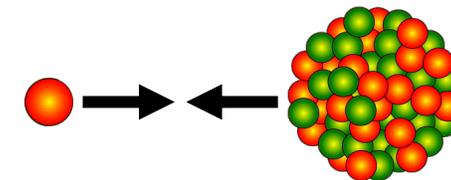
# Double charm production in $pPb$ collisions



Single Parton Scattering



Double Parton Scattering

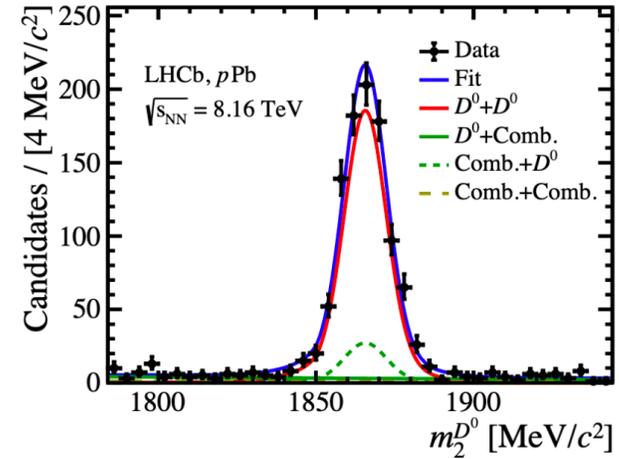
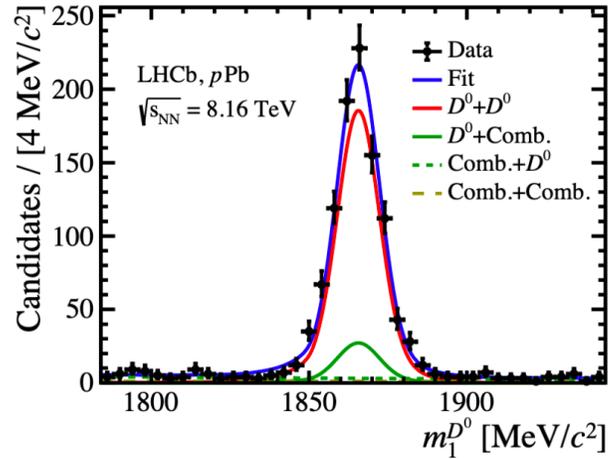
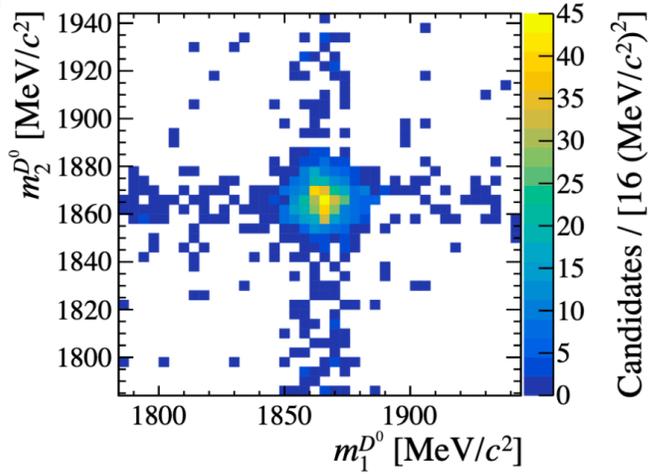


Enhancement of DPS is expected in pA relative to pp

Measure like-sign and opposite-sign pairs of D mesons ( $D^0$ ,  $D^+$ ,  $D_s^+$ ) and  $J/\psi D$ :  
correlated in SPS, uncorrelated in DPS

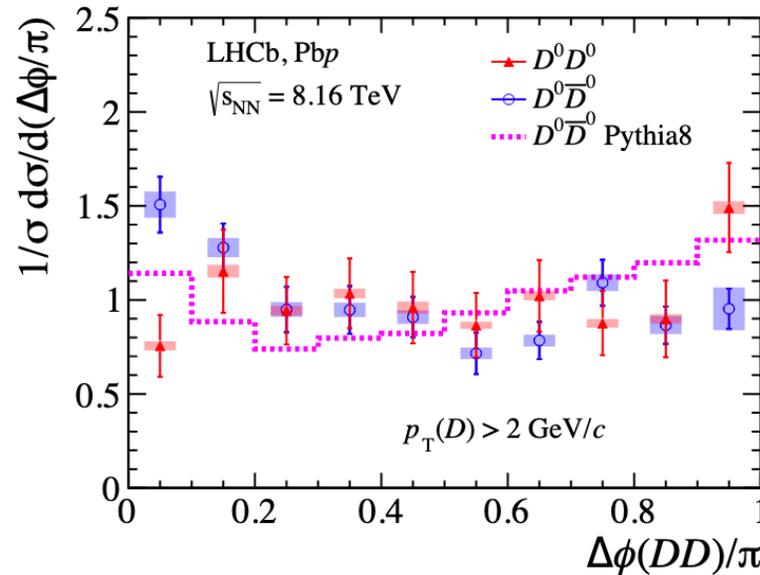
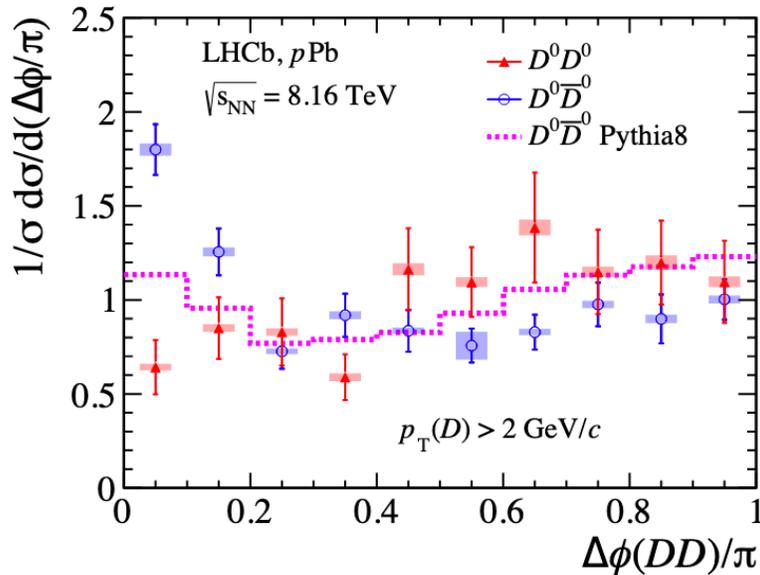
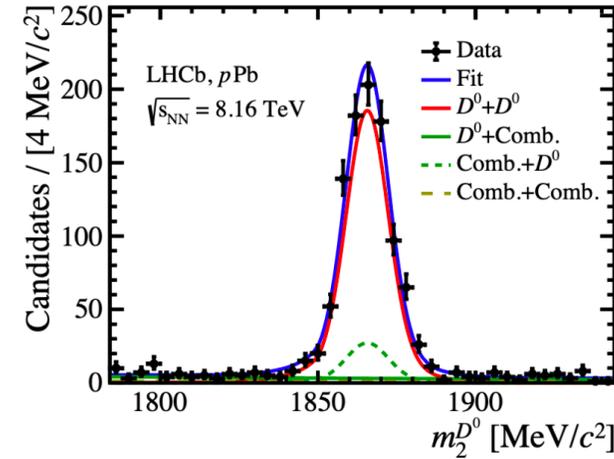
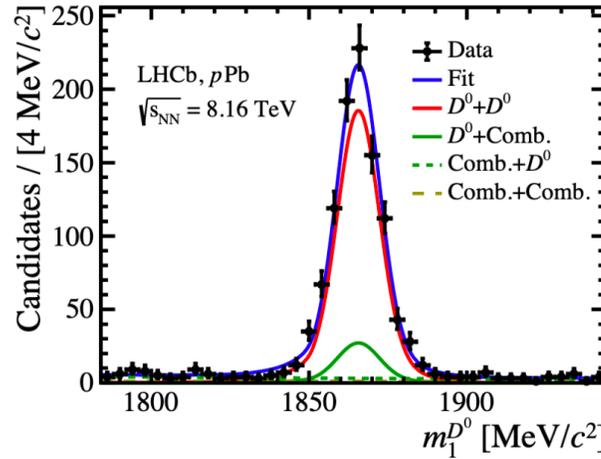
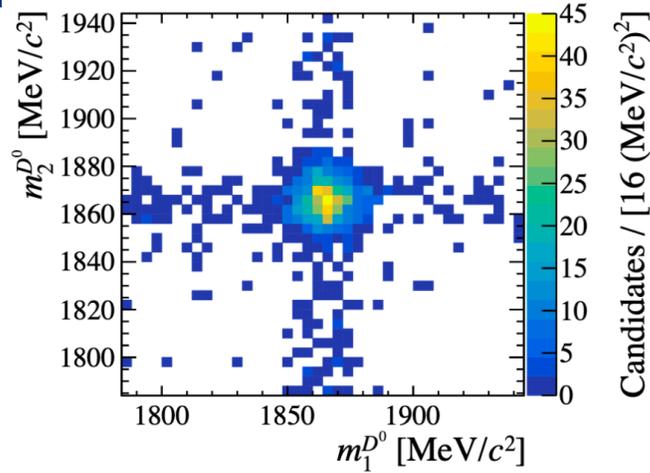
- Correlations can be modified relative to pp due to nuclear effects:
  - Modifications of the nuclear PDF (gluon saturation?)
  - Energy loss crossing nucleus, hydrodynamic effects?

# Double charm production in $pPb$ collisions



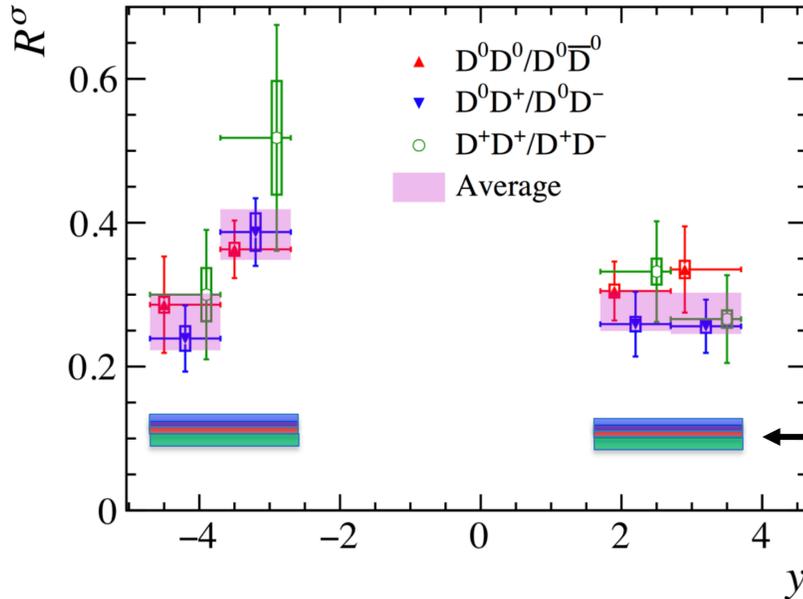
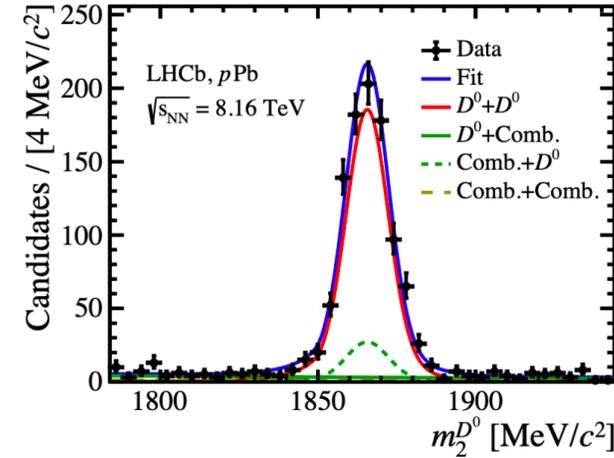
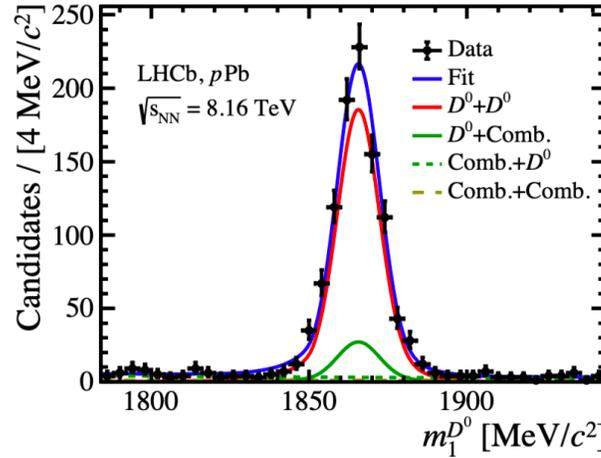
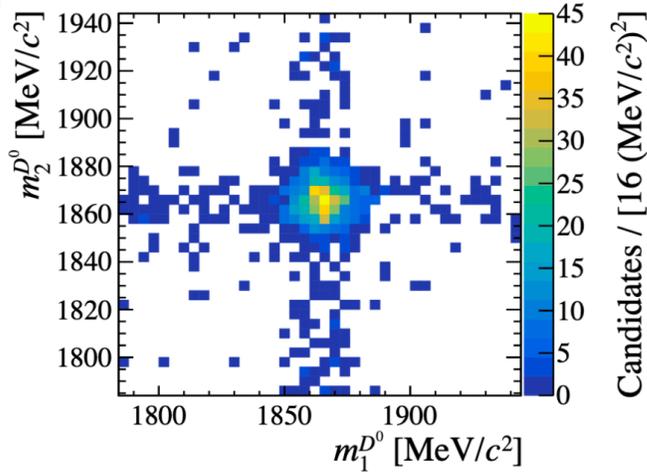
arXiv:2007.06945





- Distribution of  $D^0D^0$  consistent with flat
  - Uncorrelated pairs from DPS
- Distribution of  $D^0\bar{D}^0$  rises at low  $\Delta\phi$ 
  - Inconsistent with PYTHIA





← Results from pp collisions  
JHEP 06 (2012) 141

- Significant increase in like-sign production cross sections compared to pp data (factor of  $\sim 3$ )
- Consistent with expectations for increased DPS in nuclear collisions



- Introduction: heavy flavor production in pp and pA collisions
- Charm/bottom dijet production
  - LHCb-PAPER-2020-018, in preparation
- Double charm production in pPb collisions
  - arXiv:2007.06945, submitted to PRL
- Prompt  $X(3872)$  suppression in high-multiplicity pp collisions
  - arXiv:2009.06619, submitted to PRL

# $X(3872)$ - a puzzle

Recently renamed  
 $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  by PDG

- The first exotic hadron – discovered in  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  mass spectrum from B decays by Belle in 2003, PRL 91 262001 (2003)
- Quantum numbers inconsistent with expected charmonium at measured mass, PRL 110 222001 2013

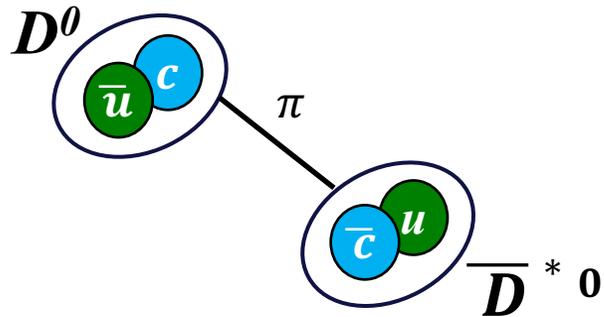
# X(3872) - a puzzle

Recently renamed  
 $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  by PDG

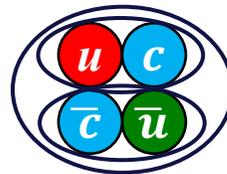
- The first exotic hadron – discovered in  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  mass spectrum from B decays by Belle in 2003, PRL 91 262001 (2003)
- Quantum numbers inconsistent with expected charmonium at measured mass, PRL 110 222001 2013
- In general, two different classes of X(3872) structure have been proposed:

**$D^0\bar{D}^*$  Molecule**

**Compact tetraquark**



**VERY small binding energy**  
**VERY large radius,  $\sim 7$  fm**

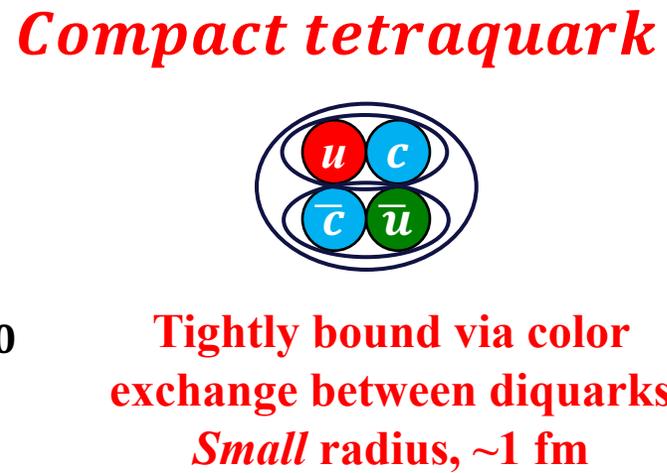
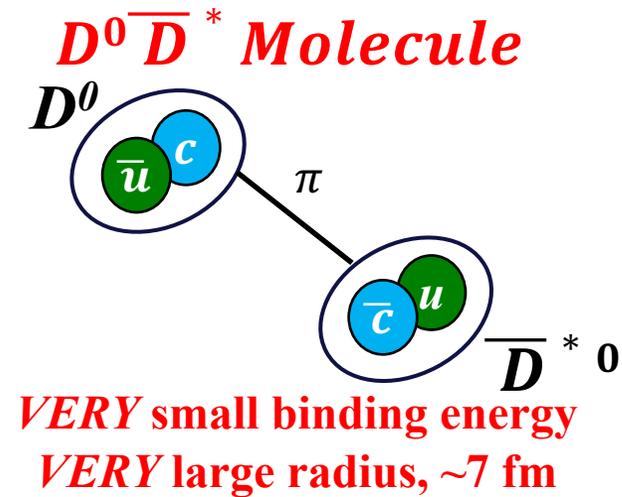


**Tightly bound via color exchange between diquarks**  
**Small radius,  $\sim 1$  fm**

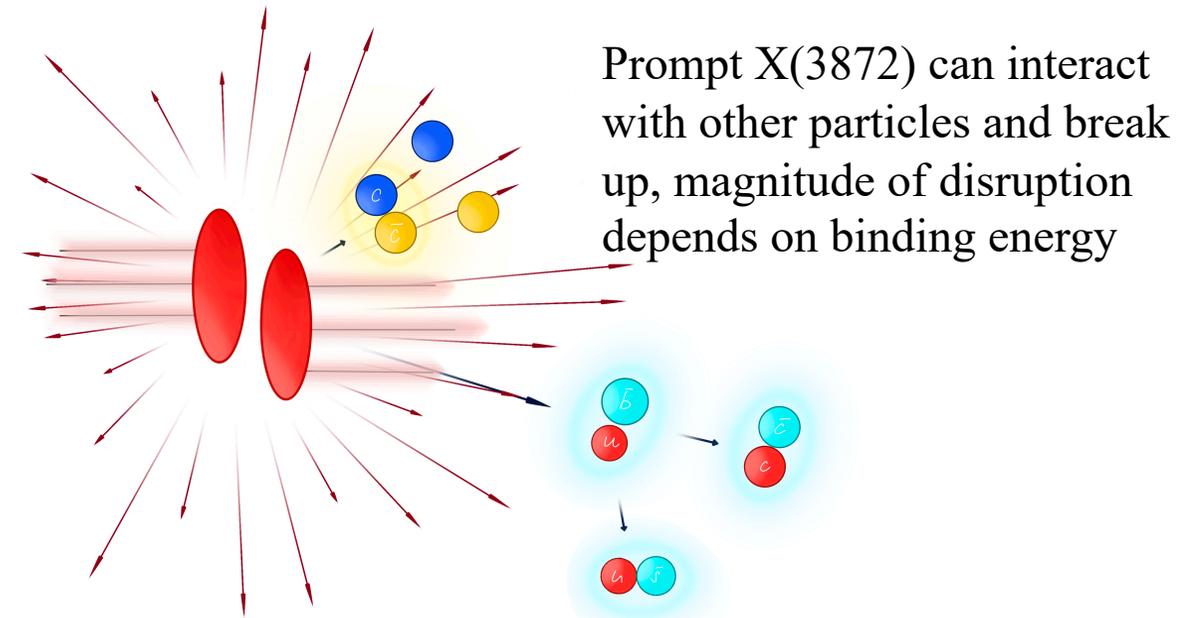
# X(3872) - a puzzle

Recently renamed  
 $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  by PDG

- The first exotic hadron – discovered in  $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$  mass spectrum from B decays by Belle in 2003, PRL 91 262001 (2003)
- Quantum numbers inconsistent with expected charmonium at measured mass, PRL 110 222001 2013
- In general, two different classes of X(3872) structure have been proposed:



Technique from heavy ion collisions:



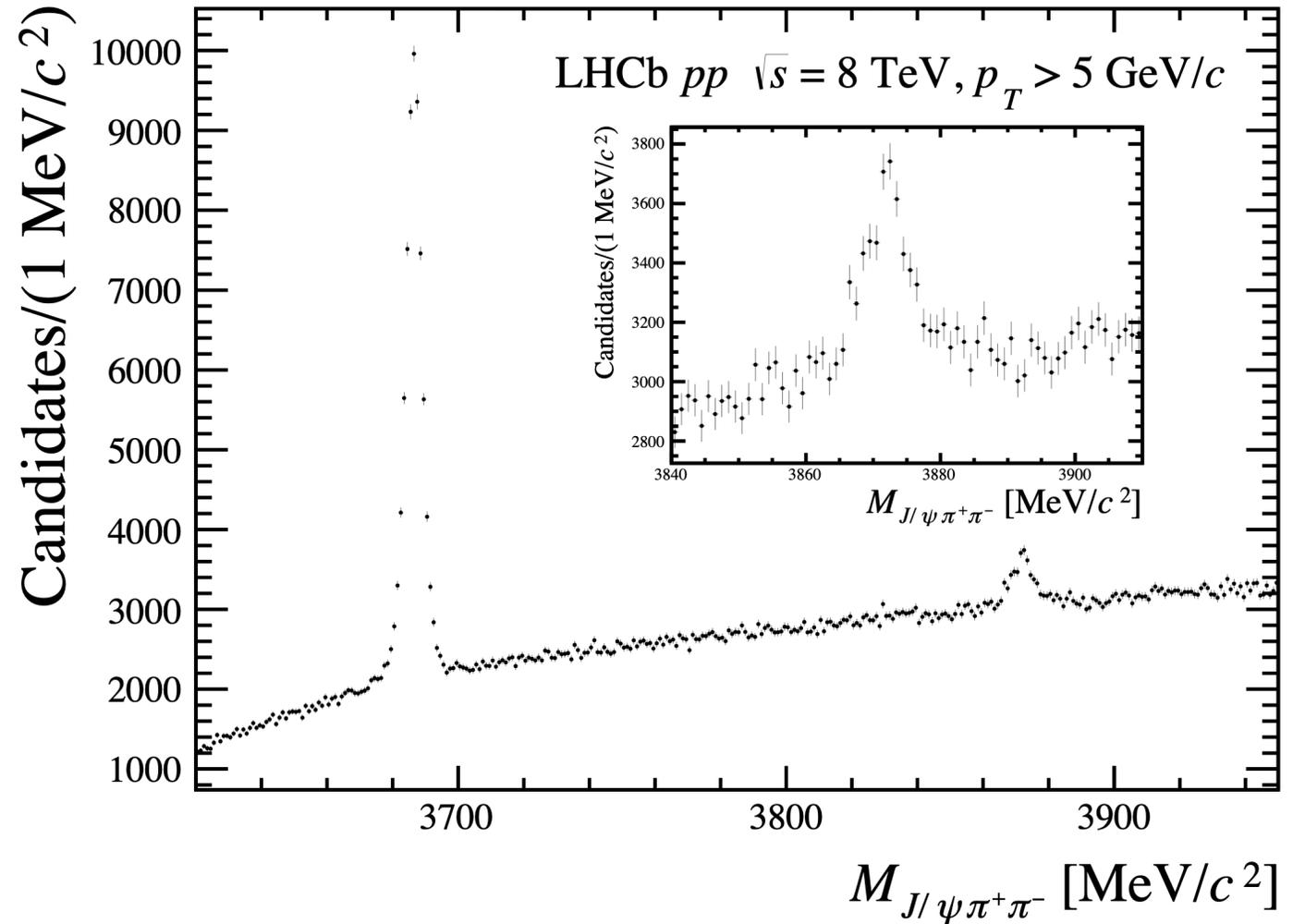
Reconstruct the  $\mu^+\mu^-\pi^+\pi^-$  final state from the decays:

$$X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)\rho(\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$$

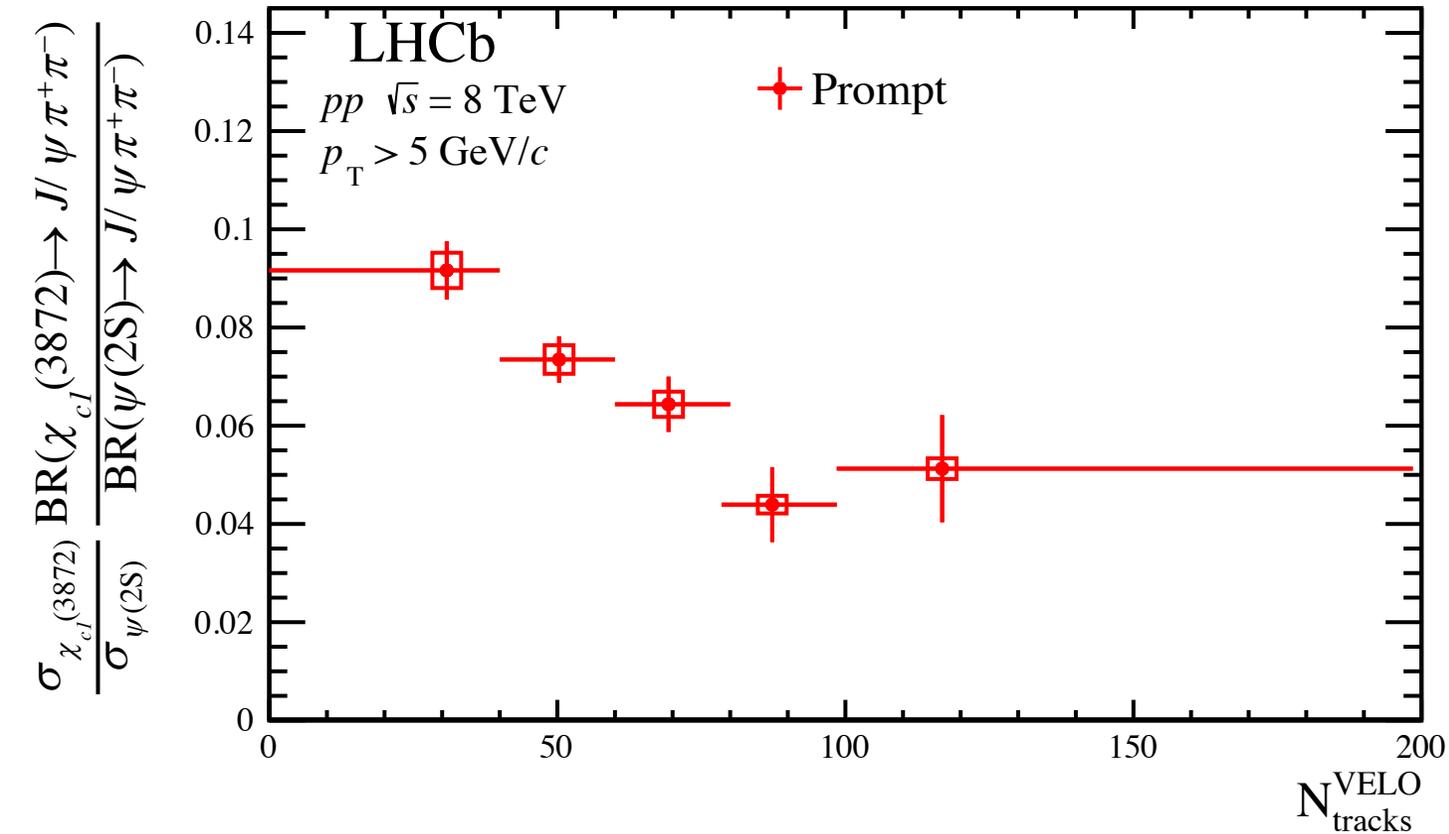
$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^+\pi^-$$

Direct comparison between conventional charmonium  $\psi(2S)$  and exotic  $X(3872)$  via ratio of cross sections:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\chi_{c1}(3872)}}{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}[\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-]}{\mathcal{B}[\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-]}$$

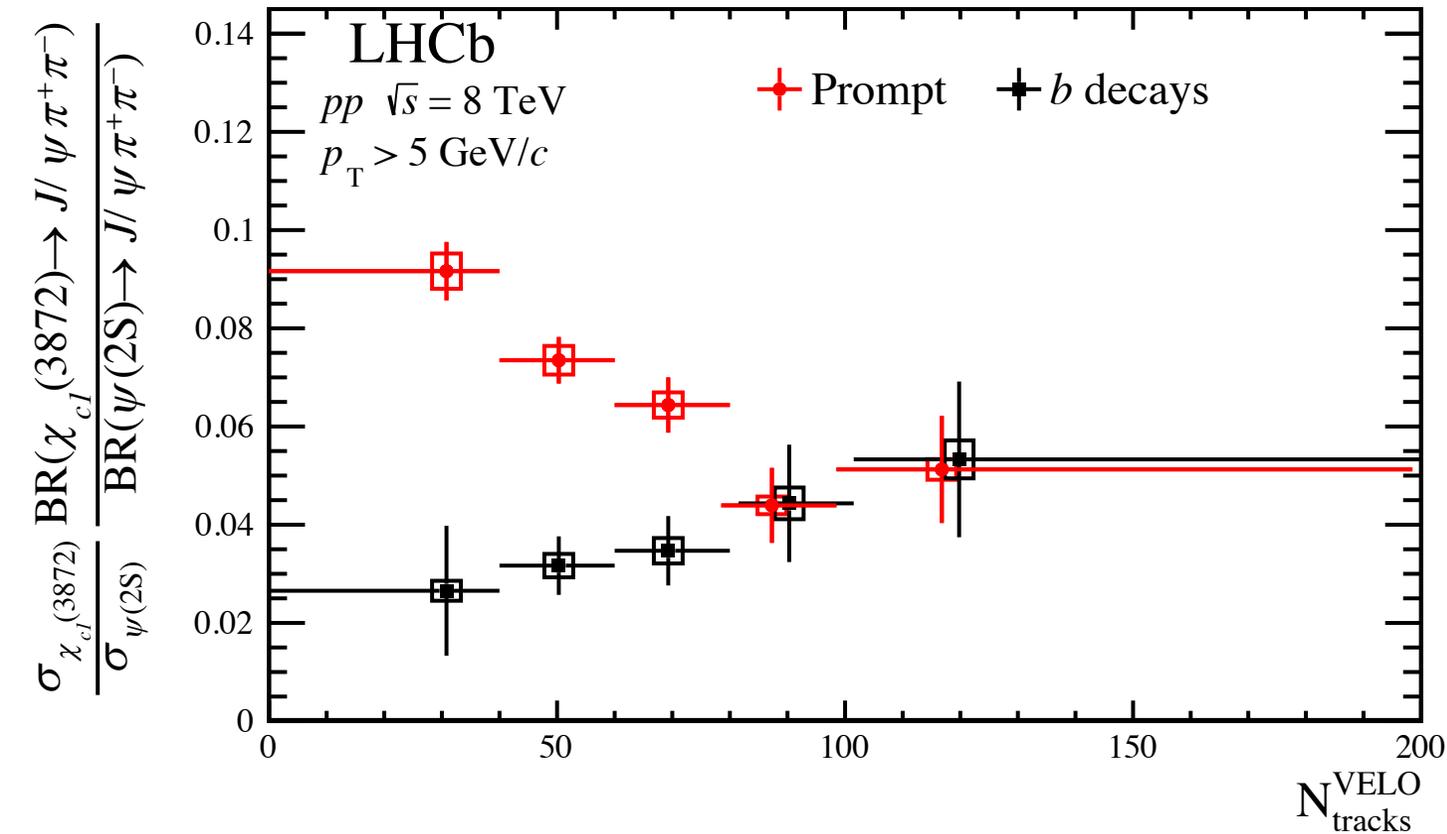


# X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$



Prompt component:  
 Increasing suppression of X(3872) production relative to  $\psi(2S)$  as multiplicity increases

# X(3872)/ $\psi(2S)$

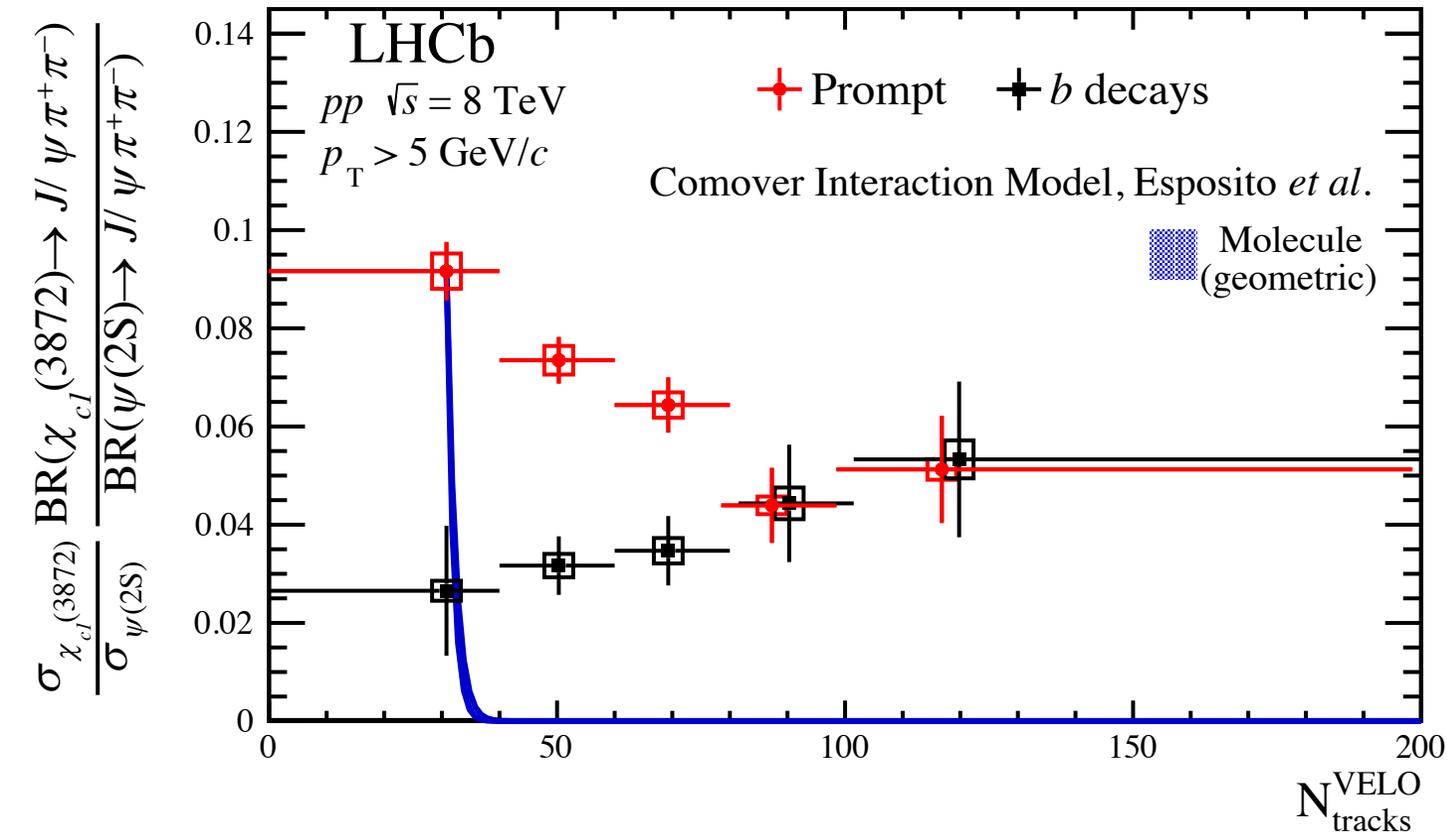


**Prompt component:**

Increasing suppression of **X(3872)** production relative to  **$\psi(2S)$**  as multiplicity increases

**$b$ -decay component:**

Totally different behavior: no significant change in relative production, as expected for decays in vacuum. Ratio is set by  $b$  decay branching ratios.



**Prompt component:**

Increasing suppression of X(3872) production relative to  $\psi(2S)$  as multiplicity increases

**$b$ -decay component:**

Totally different behavior: no significant change in relative production, as expected for decays in vacuum. Ratio is set by  $b$  decay branching ratios.

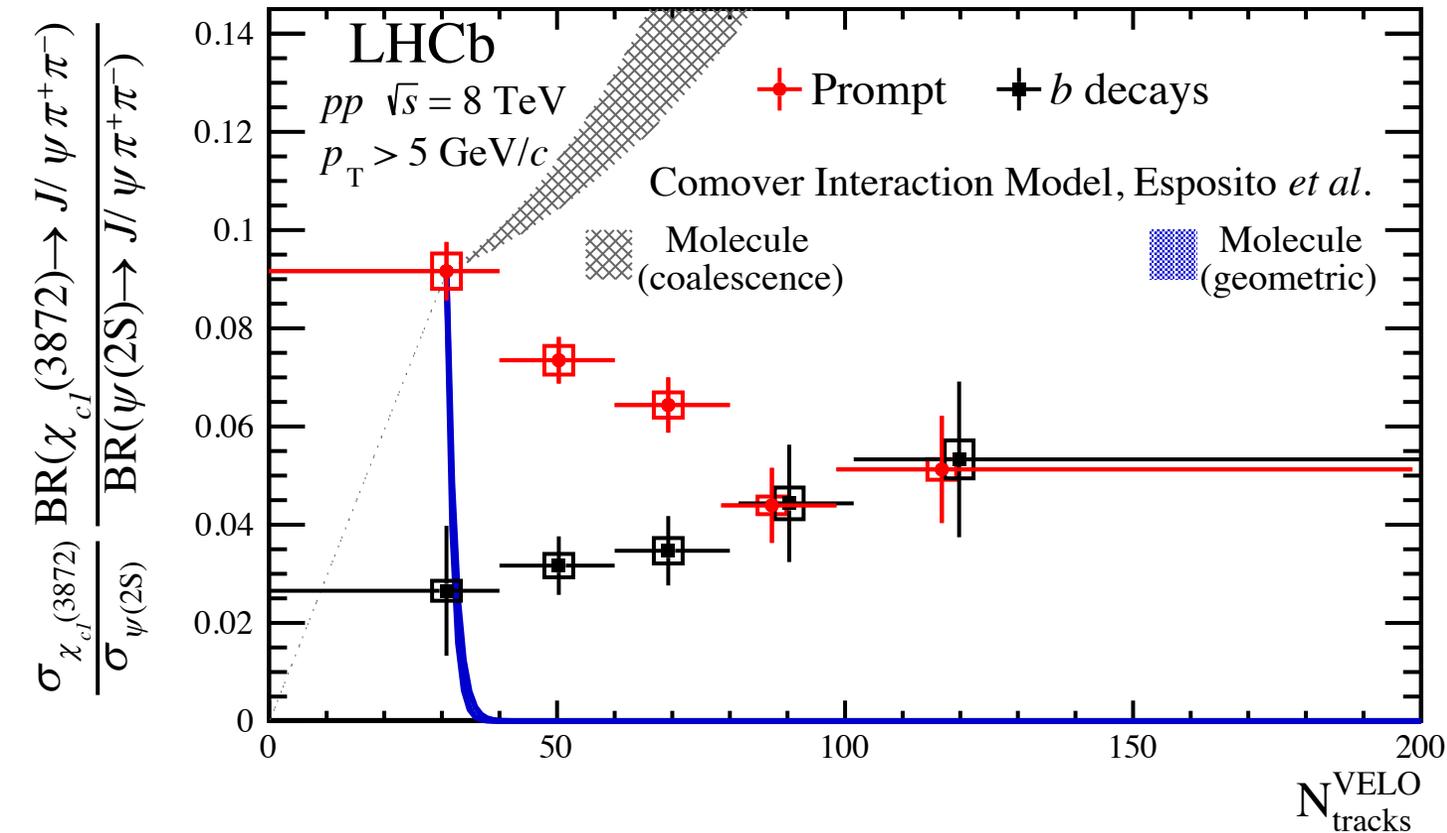
Calculations from arXiv:2006.15044

Break-up cross section:

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_Q = \sigma_Q^{\text{geo}} \left\langle \left( 1 - \frac{E_Q^{\text{thr}}}{E_c} \right)^n \right\rangle$$

**Molecular X(3872) with large radius and large comover breakup cross section is immediately dissociated**





**Prompt component:**

Increasing suppression of **X(3872)** production relative to  **$\psi(2S)$**  as multiplicity increases

**$b$ -decay component:**

Totally different behavior: no significant change in relative production, as expected for decays in vacuum. Ratio is set by  $b$  decay branching ratios.

Calculations from arXiv:2006.15044

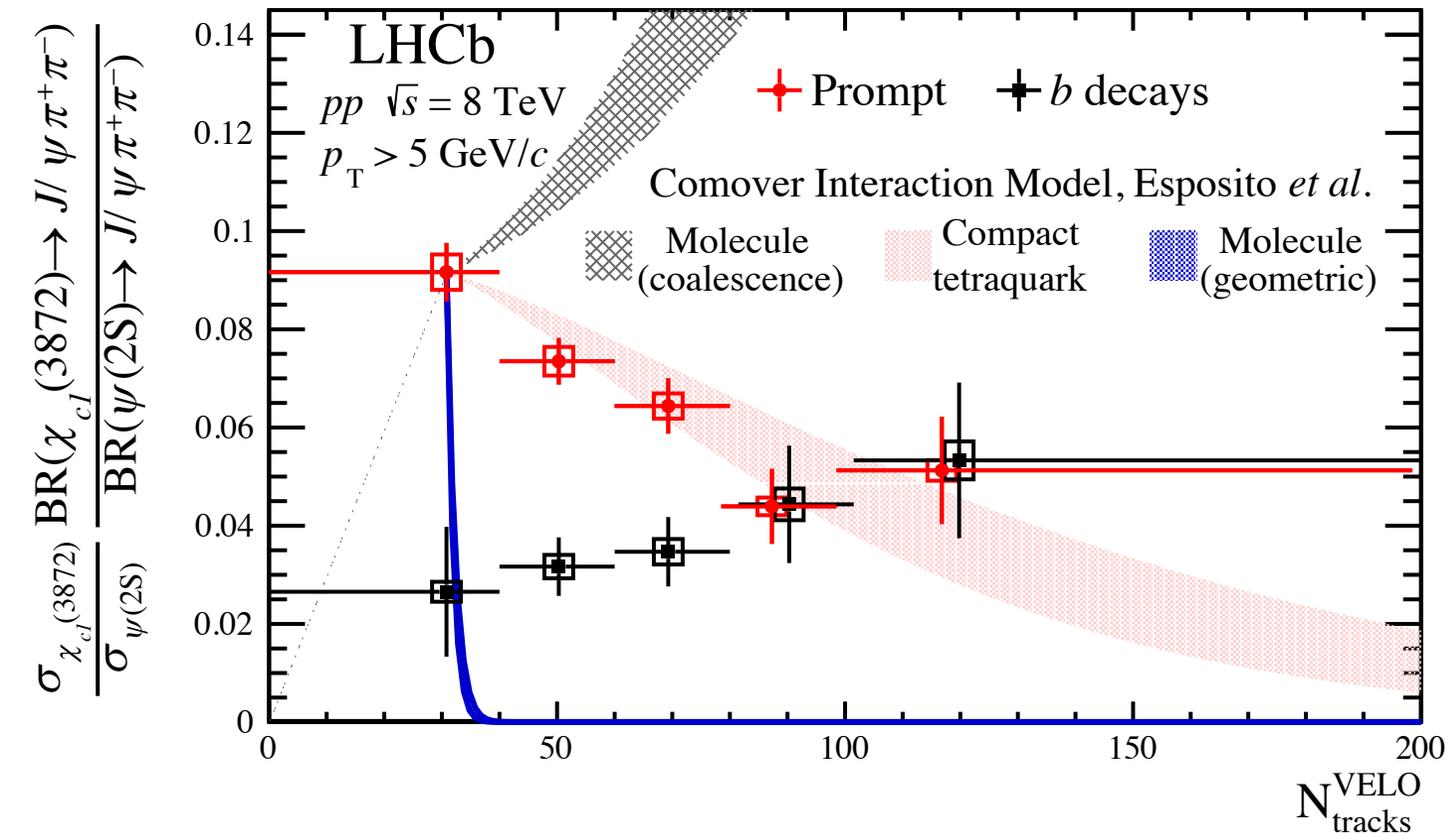
Break-up cross section:

$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_Q = \sigma_Q^{\text{geo}} \left\langle \left( 1 - \frac{E_Q^{\text{thr}}}{E_c} \right)^n \right\rangle$$

**Molecular X(3872) with large radius and large comover breakup cross section is immediately dissociated**

**Coalescence of D mesons into molecular X(3872) increases ratio**





**Prompt component:**  
 Increasing suppression of X(3872) production relative to  $\psi(2S)$  as multiplicity increases

**$b$ -decay component:**  
 Totally different behavior: no significant change in relative production, as expected for decays in vacuum. Ratio is set by  $b$  decay branching ratios.

Calculations from arXiv:2006.15044

Break-up cross section:

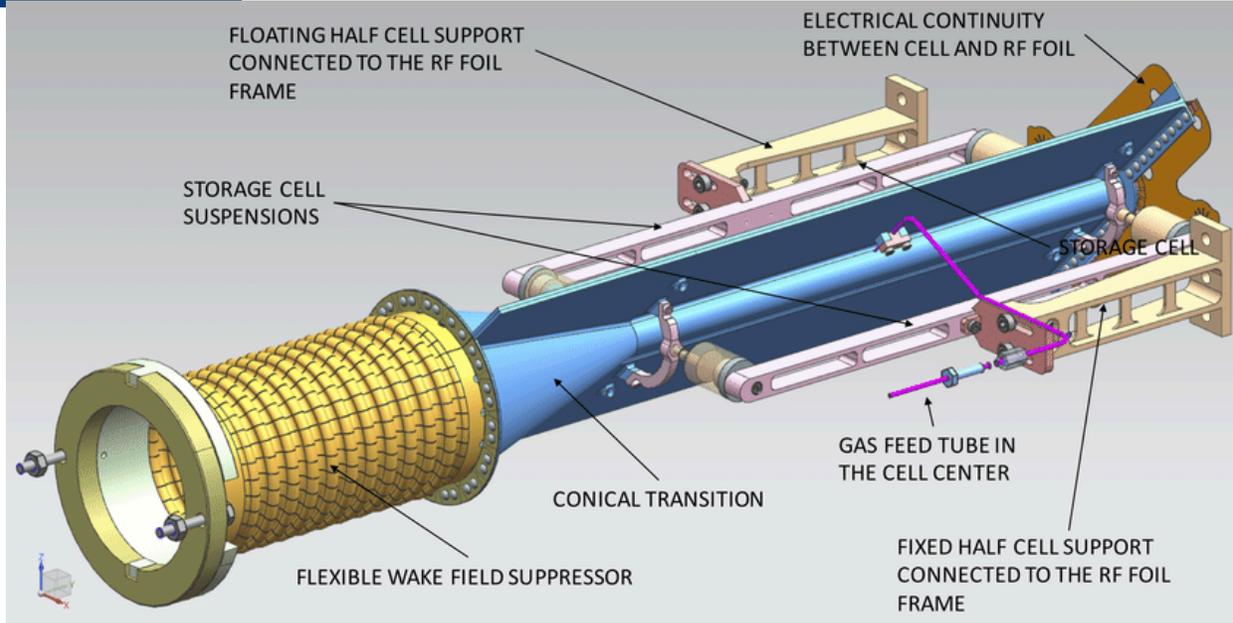
$$\langle v\sigma \rangle_Q = \sigma_Q^{\text{geo}} \left\langle \left( 1 - \frac{E_Q^{\text{thr}}}{E_c} \right)^n \right\rangle$$

**Molecular X(3872) with large radius and large comover breakup cross section is immediately dissociated**

**Coalescence of D mesons into molecular X(3872) increases ratio**

**Compact tetraquark of size 1.3 fm gradually dissociated as multiplicity increases**





Installed last month!

Example SMOG2 pAr at 115 GeV for one year

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2673690/files/LHCb-TDR-020.pdf>

Upgraded SMOG system at LHCb allows greatly increased rates of beam+injected gas collisions

No centrality limitations in p+gas or Pb+gas at LHCb

Int. Lumi.		80 pb <sup>-1</sup>
Sys.error of $J/\Psi$ xsection		~3%
$J/\Psi$ yield		28 M
$D^0$ yield		280 M
$\Lambda_c$ yield		2.8 M
$\Psi'$ yield		280 k
$\Upsilon(1S)$ yield		24 k
$DY \mu^+\mu^-$ yield		24 k

Large heavy flavor samples  
Access to exotic states near RHIC energies

- Heavy quark production at hadron colliders probes a range of phenomena:
  - Precision tests of pQCD
  - Constraints on nPDFs
  - Heavy quark production mechanisms
- LHCb is exploring new observables to constrain models of exotics
- Major upgrades to fixed target system, detector, and DAQ promise a rich heavy quark program at LHCb in the near future

# BACKUPS

# Probing X(3872) structure via interactions with the underlying event

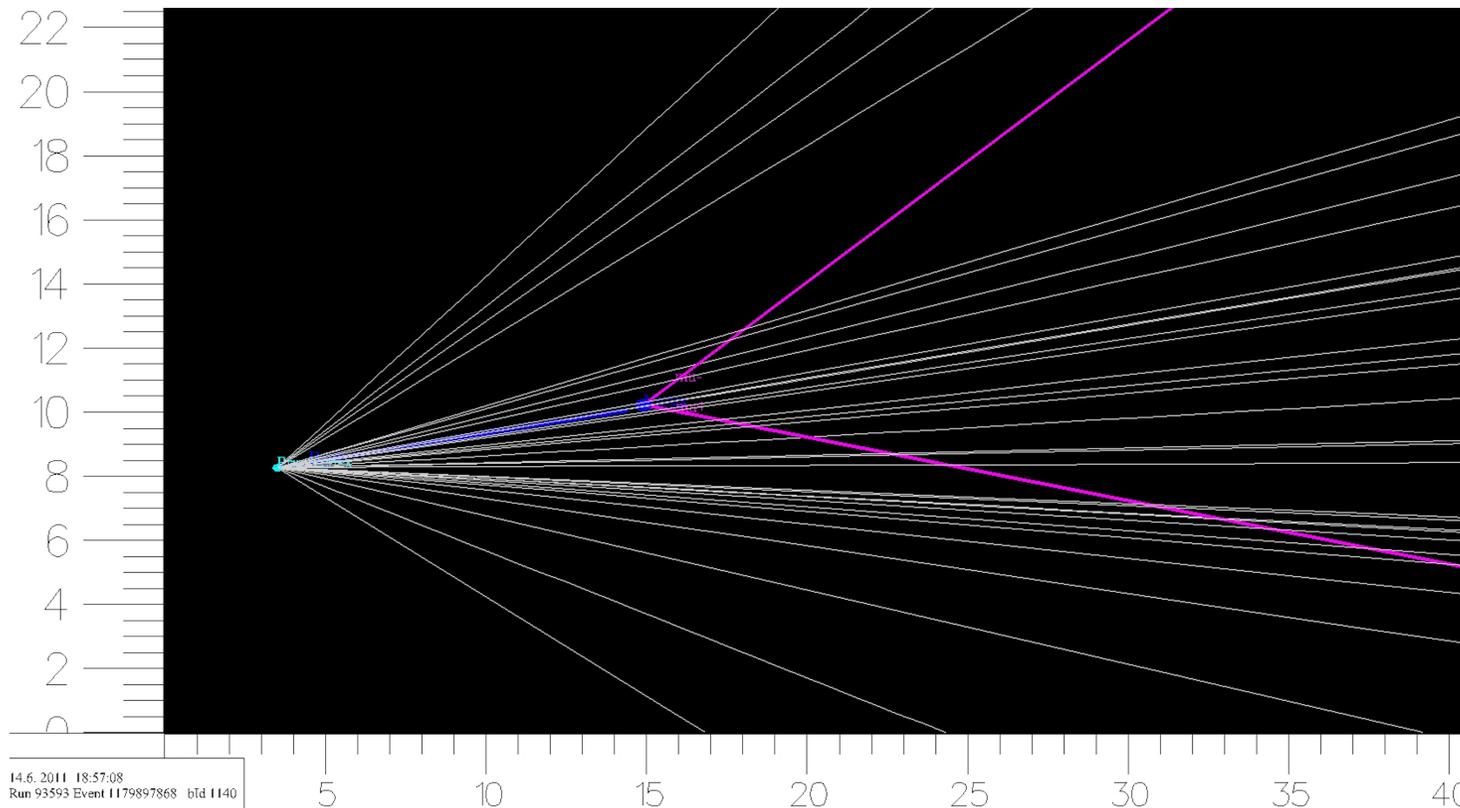
## Prompt production:

- X(3872) produced at collision vertex can be subject to further interactions with co-moving particles (medium?) produced in the event
- Potentially subject to breakup effects

## Production in *b*-decays:

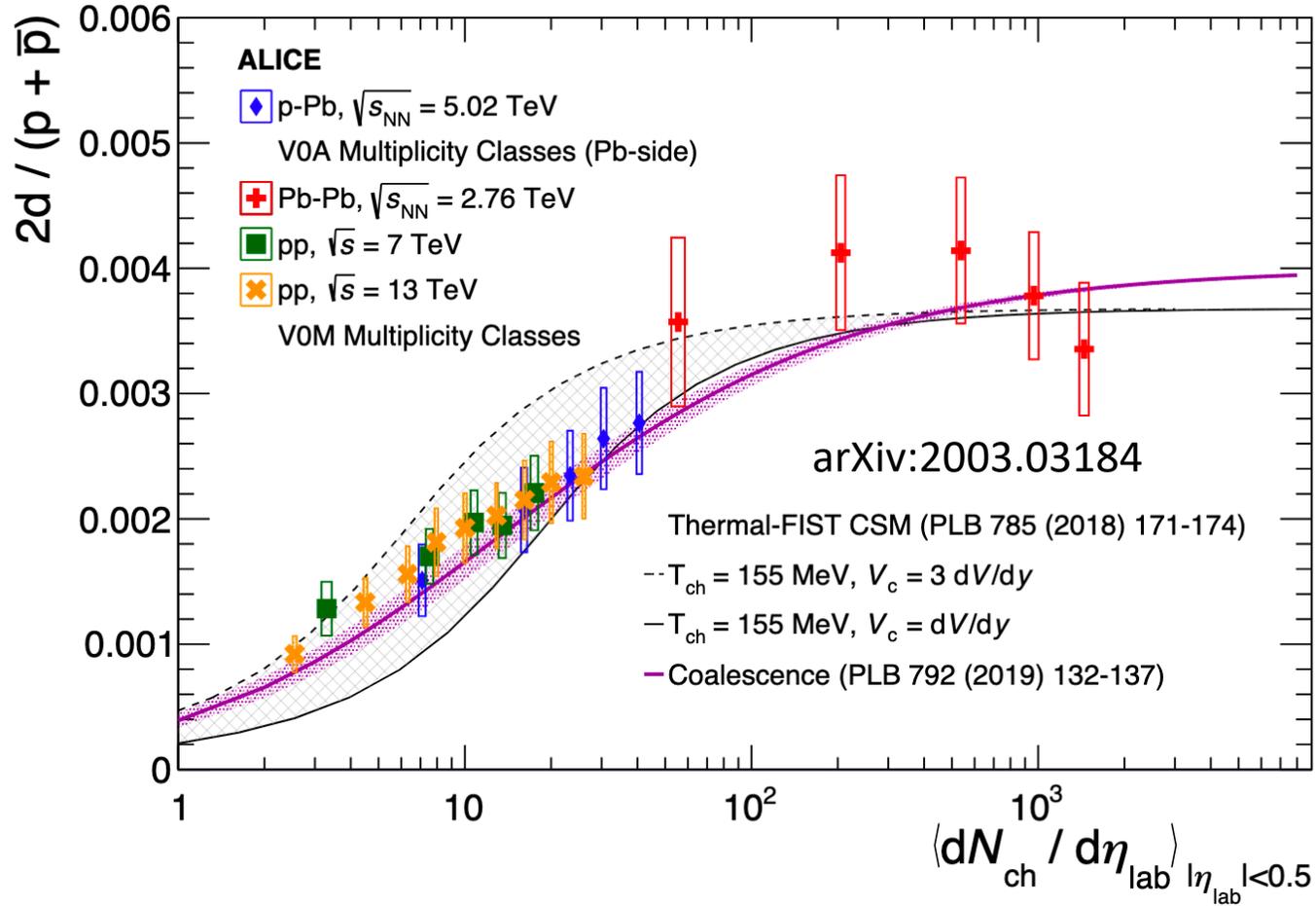
- Hadrons containing *b* travel down the beampipe and decay away from the primary vertex and decay in vacuum
- X(3872) from decays not subject to further interactions
- Control sample

Event display of  $B_S^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  candidate, PRL 118 191801 (2017)

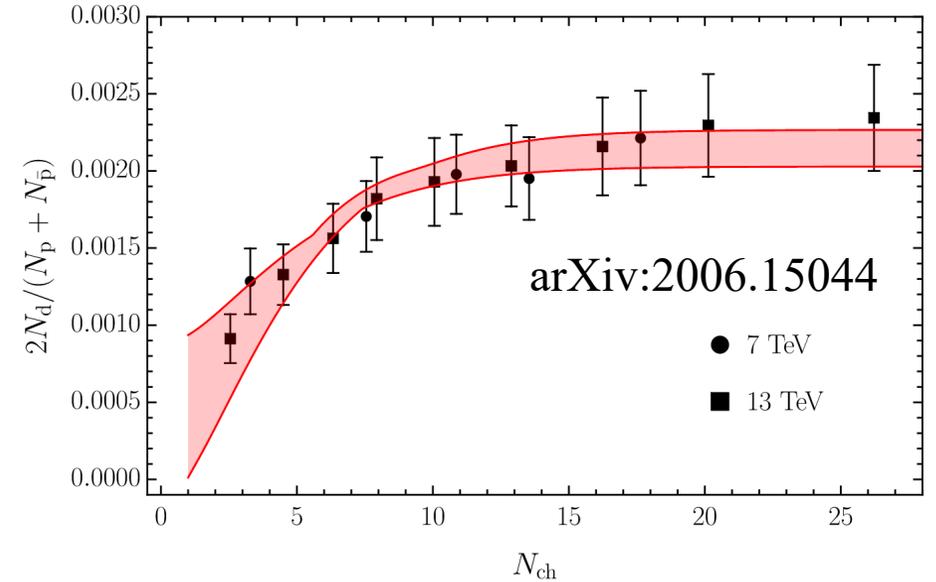


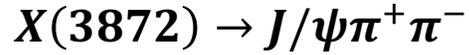
# Deuteron production vs multiplicity

Deuterons – often considered a neutron+proton hadronic molecule



In contrast to  $X(3872)/\psi(2S)$ , the d/p multiplicity dependence is well described by coalescence models





**Vertex detector (VELO):**

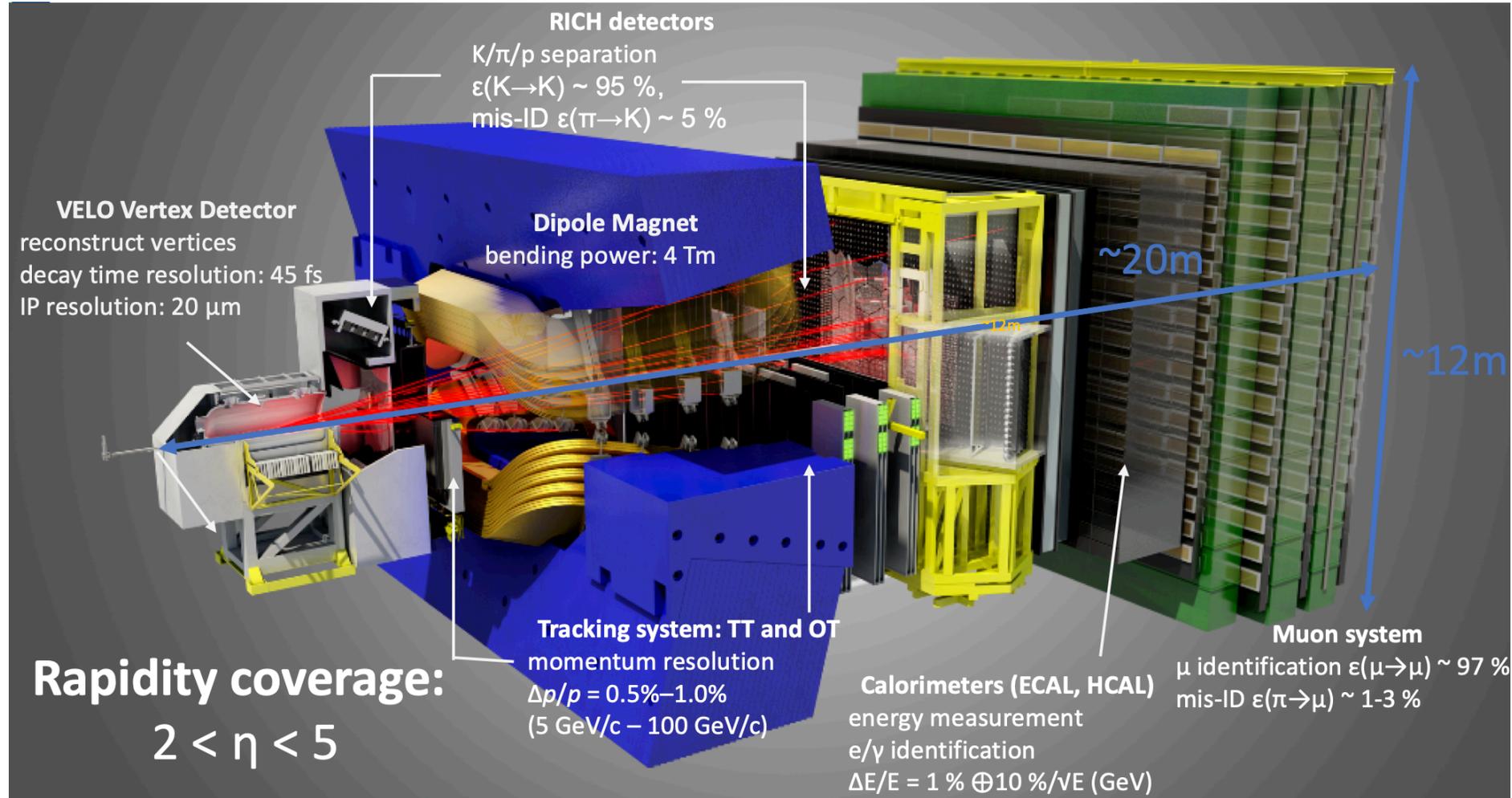
- Separation of prompt and  $b$ -decay production
- Number of VELO tracks gives measure of event activity

**Two RICH detectors:**

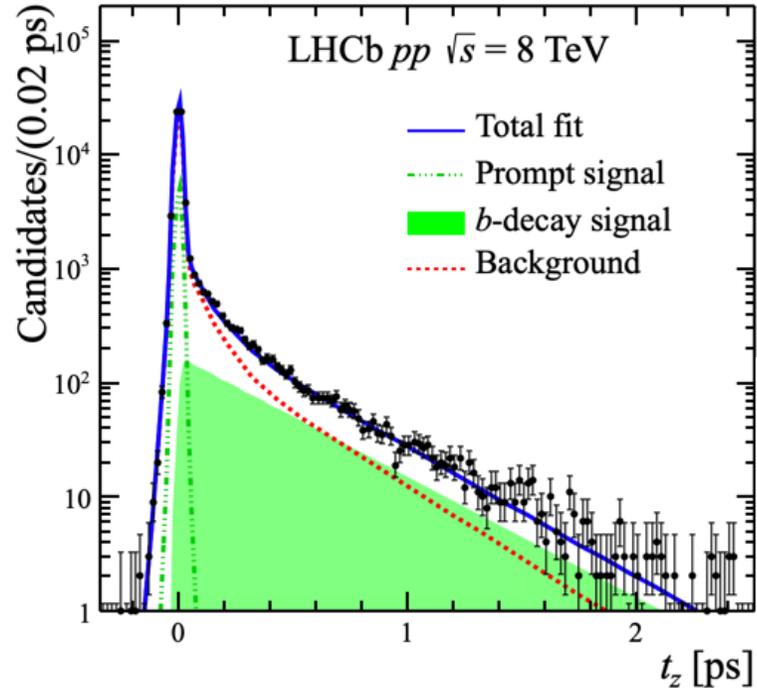
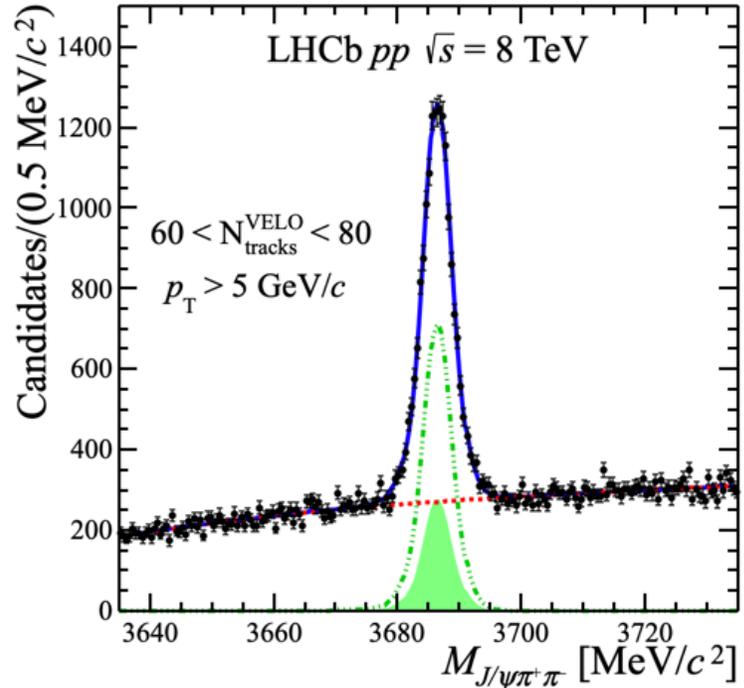
- Pion identification

**Muon System:**

- Layers of absorber/tracking
- Muon hardware trigger

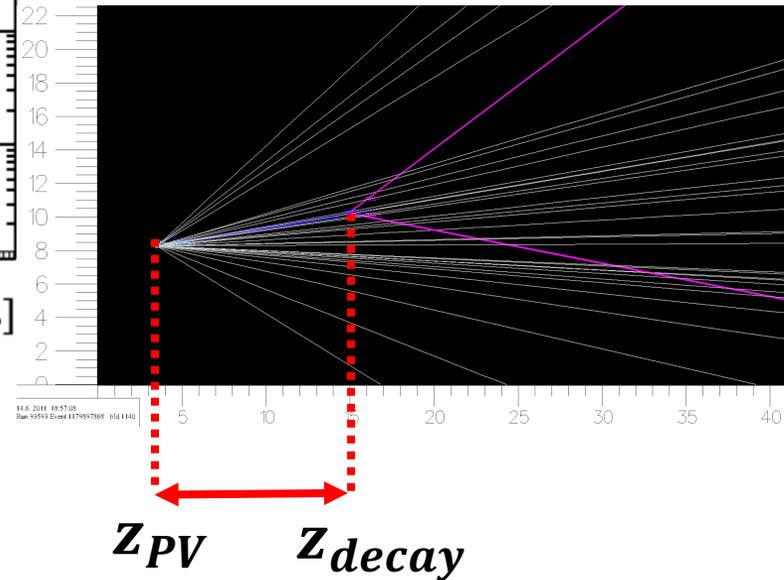


# Prompt / $b$ -decay separation



Simultaneous fit to invariant mass and pseudo proper time spectrum:

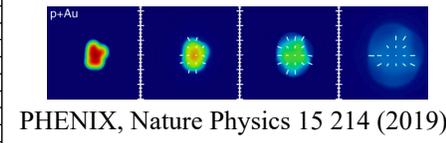
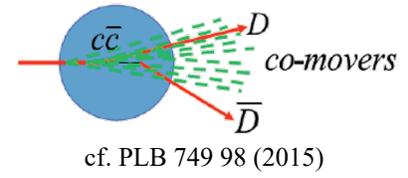
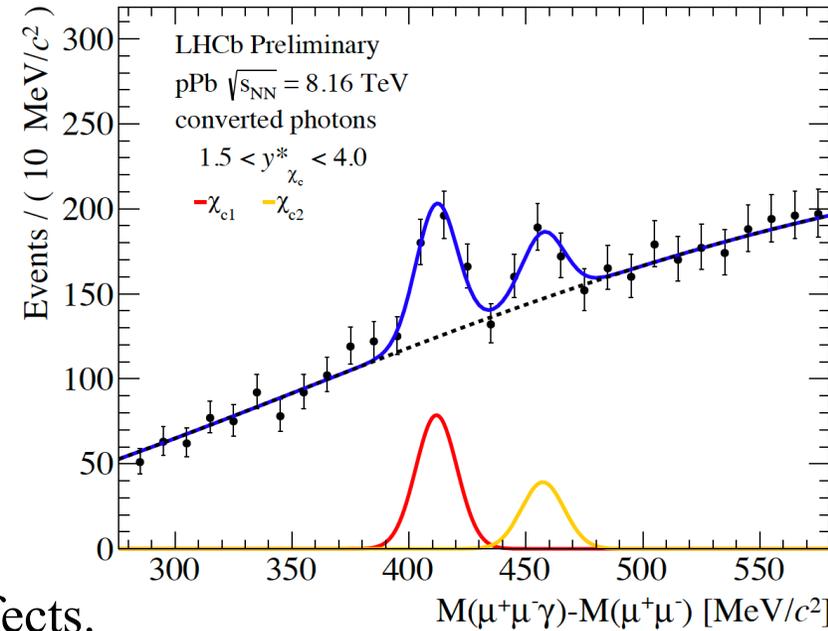
$$t_z = \frac{z_{decay} - z_{PV}}{p_z} M$$



Fit to mass constrains S/B while fit to  $t_z$  constrains prompt fraction



- Suppression of weakly-bound quarkonia states has been studied for decades in pA collisions
  - Ratios of  $\psi^{(2S)}/J/\psi$  and  $\Upsilon^{(2S,3S)}/\Upsilon(1S)$
- In general, final state effects are required to explain difference in suppression between states
- Prevalent in regions with high particle multiplicity
- Weakly bound hadronic molecules may show similar effects.



state	$\eta_c$	$J/\psi$	$\chi_{c0}$	$\chi_{c1}$	$\chi_{c2}$	$\psi'$	$D\bar{D}^*$ Molecule
mass [GeV]	2.98	3.10	3.42	3.51	3.56	3.69	X(3872)
$\Delta E$ [GeV]	0.75	0.64	0.32	0.22	0.18	0.05	$0.00001 \pm 0.00027$

Satz, J. Phys. G 32 (3) 2006

