

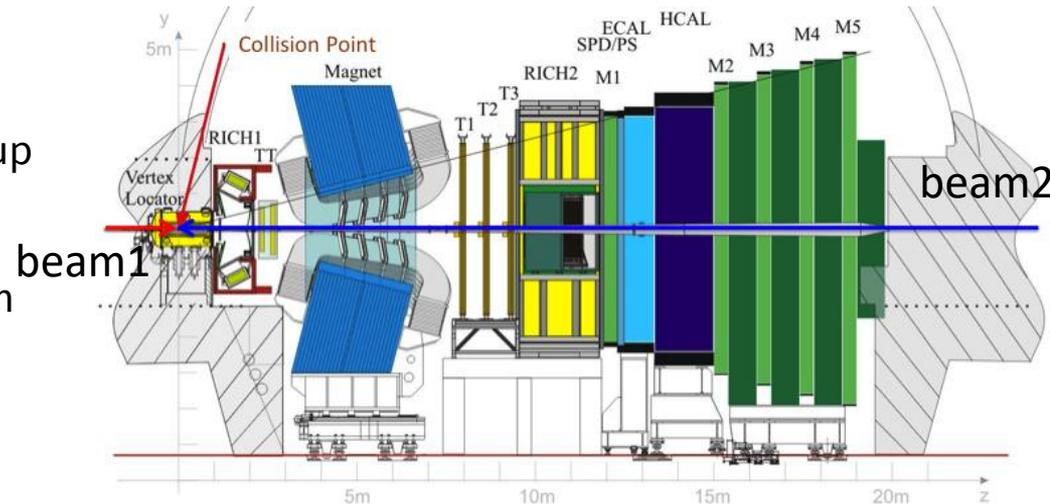
Fixed-target physics with LHCb

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LHCb up to 2018

- Physics core program: search for New Physics through heavy flavor decays
 - Study CP violation
 - Rare B decays
- Optimized acceptance: $1.6 < \eta < 4.9$
- Good particle ID: $e, \mu, p, K, \pi, \gamma$ identification up to $p=100$ GeV
- Good vertex and proper-time resolution: Interaction point resolution better than $80 \mu\text{m}$
- Good mass and low momentum resolution
- Efficient trigger for lepton and hadron channels: 1 MHz readout rate up to 2018 – main improvement point for first upgrade.
- LHCb became a more general detector in the forward region

[JINST 3 \(2008\) S08005](#)

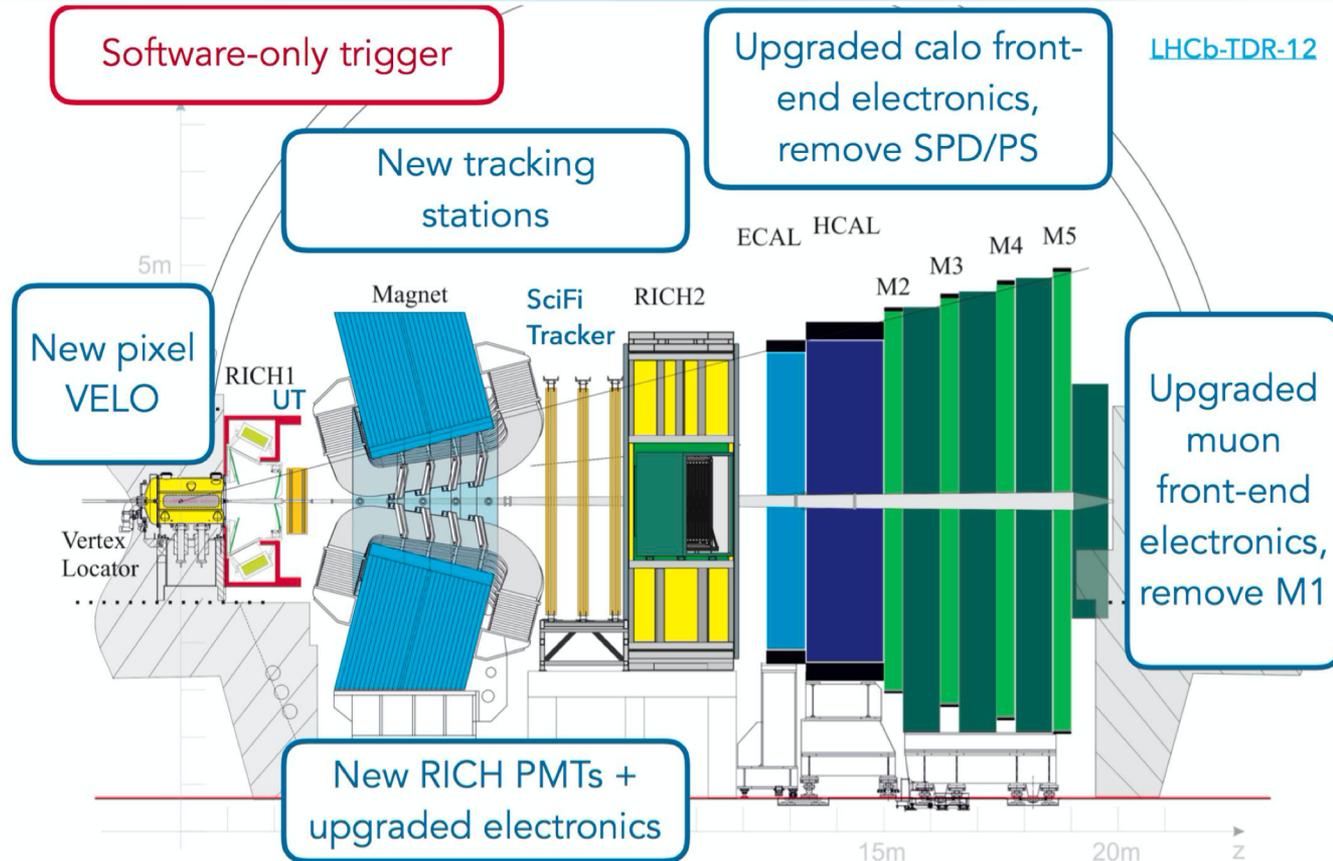


LHCb upgrades

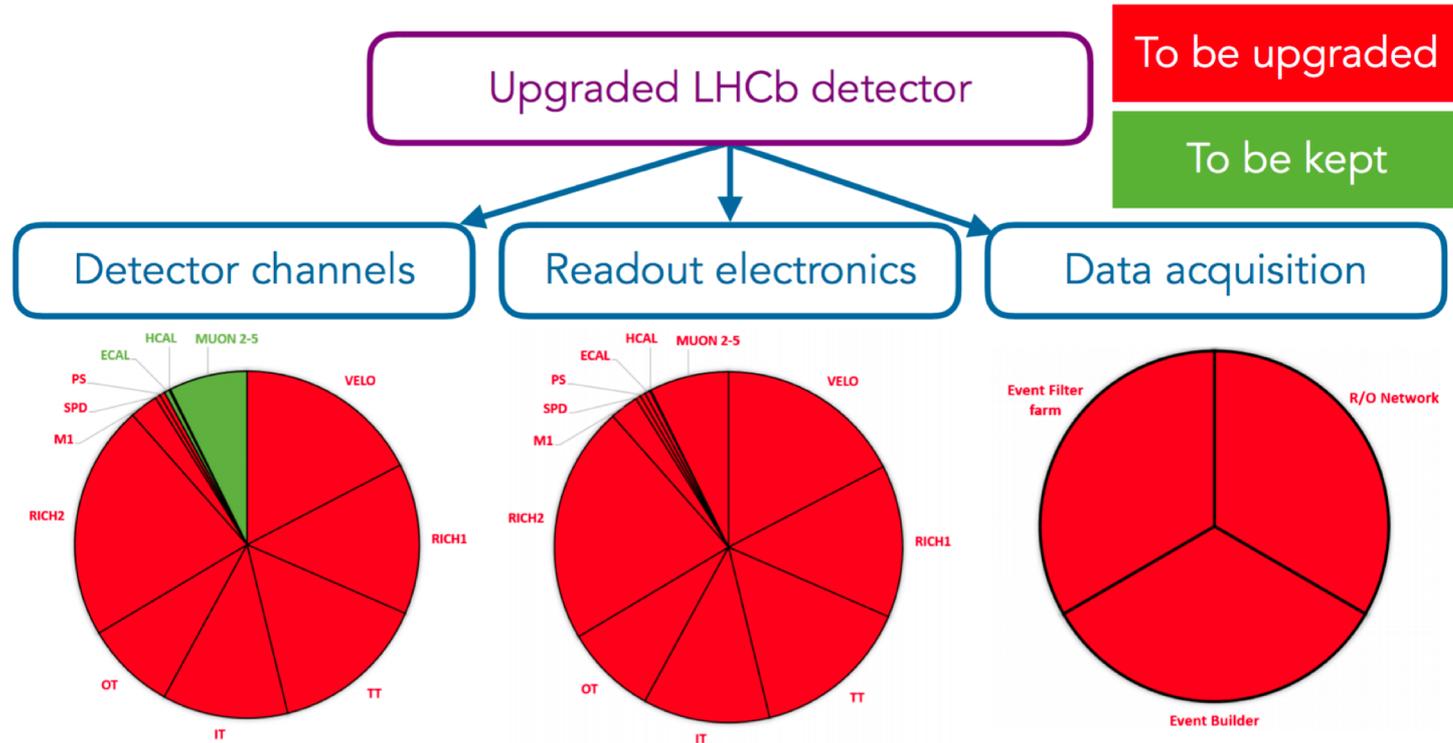


NB: Run 3 and following steps shifted by 1 year due to COVID19

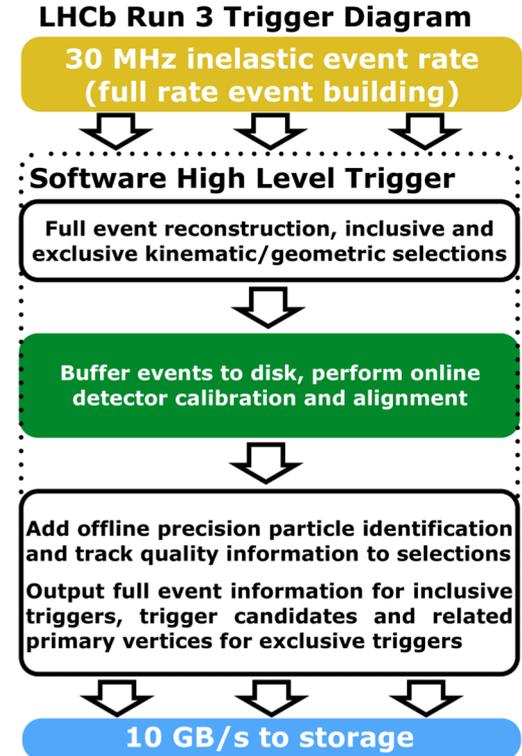
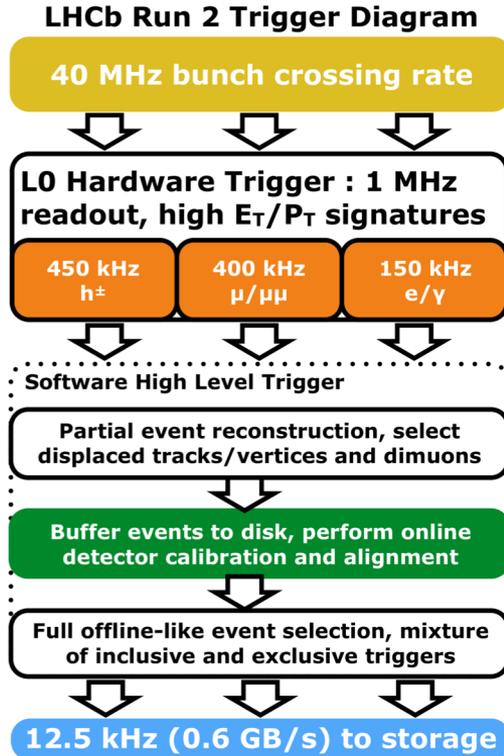
LHCb Upgrade Phase I



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Full Software Trigger

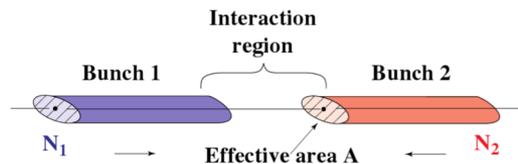


Luminosity measurement at LHCb

- Fixed-target physics started with luminosity measurements for LHCb: precise luminosity measurement is an important ingredient for many LHCb publications: cross-sections of J/ψ , $Y(1S)$, charm, beauty, ...
- Need to calibrate the luminosity measurements:
 - Using well-know processes, like $pp \rightarrow Z^0(\rightarrow \mu\mu) X$ but this has not good enough precision
 - Using dedicated LHC fills to measure directly the luminosity, L (per bunch):

$$L = \frac{N_1 N_2 f}{A_{eff}} = N_1 N_2 f \iint \rho_1(x, y) \rho_2(x, y) dx dy$$

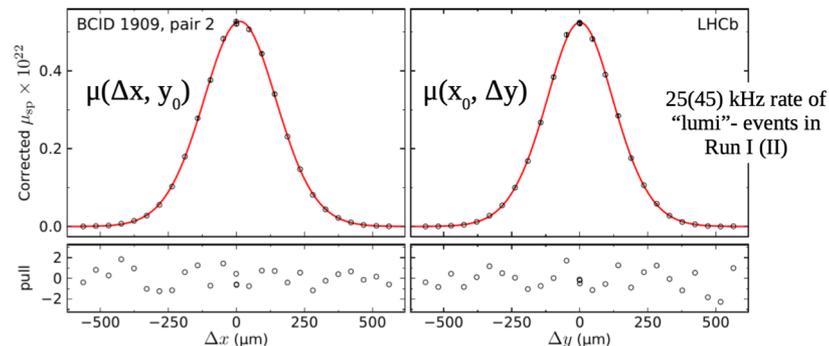
- Where f is the collision frequency, N_1, N_2 are the bunch populations, ρ_1 and ρ_2 the beam profiles



Luminosity measurement at LHCb

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- N_1 and N_2 are measured by LHC beam monitors (DCCT and FBCT): more on background subtraction later
- Two methods to measure $\iint \rho_1(x, y) \rho_2(x, y) dx dy$
 - Traditional van der Meer scan
 - Beam gas imaging method with SMOG

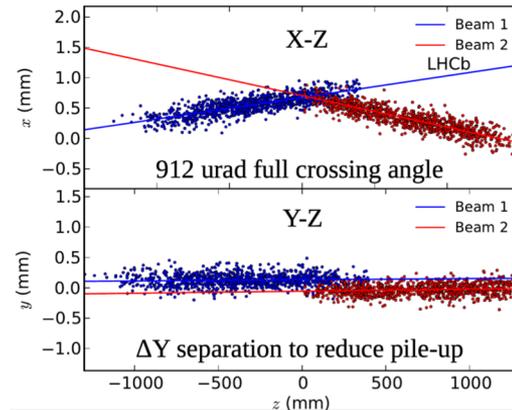
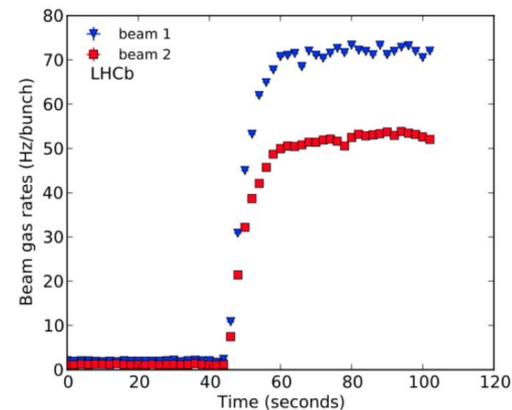
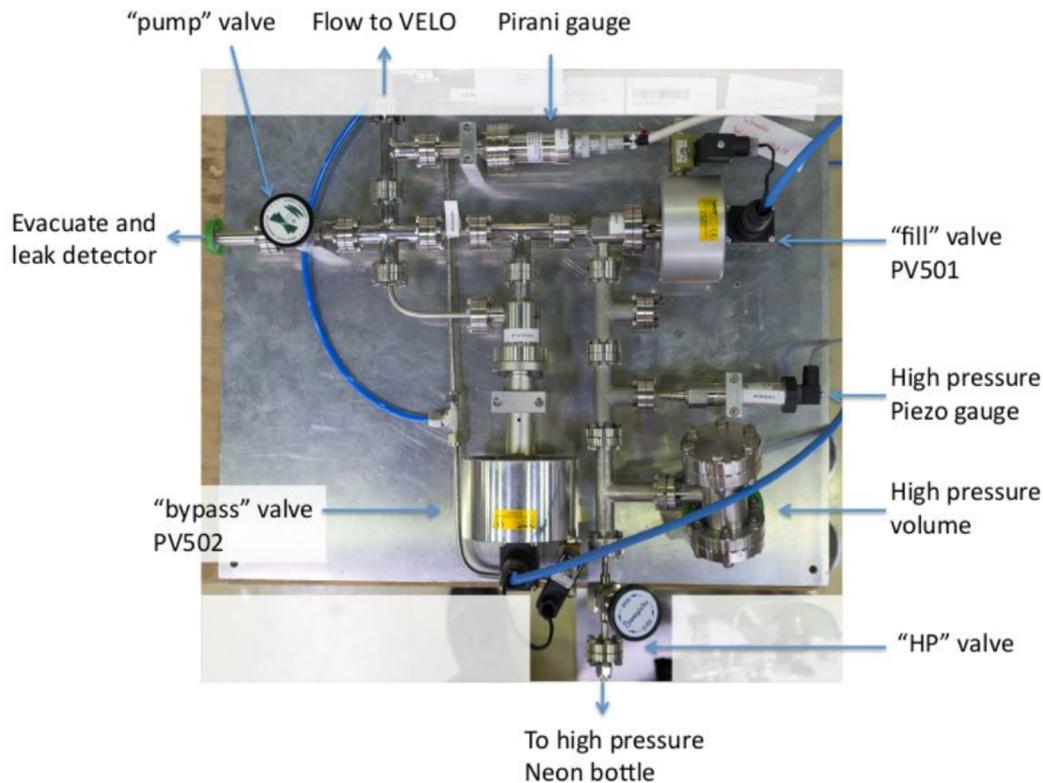


Beam Gas Imaging

$$\iint \rho_1(x, y) \rho_2(x, y) dx dy$$

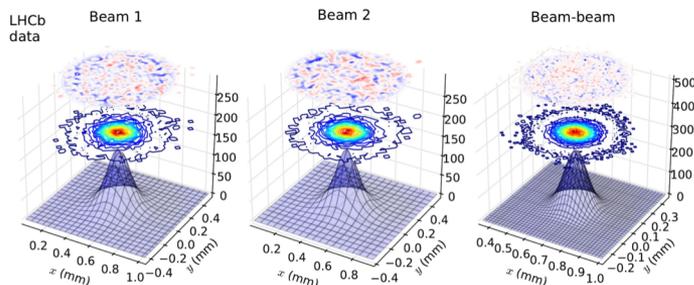
- Only done at LHCb: measure ρ_1 and ρ_2 from beam images reconstructed with beam-gas interactions
- First try in 2009, switch off vacuum pumps of the VELO to increase residual gas pressure at the interaction point
- From Nov 2011: inject in addition tiny amount of gas to increase statistics using a dedicated injection *System to Measure Overlap with Gas* (SMOG): x100 more interactions

SMOG



Beam Gas Imaging

- Beam profiles are folded with VELO spatial resolution, determined precisely from beam-beam collisions

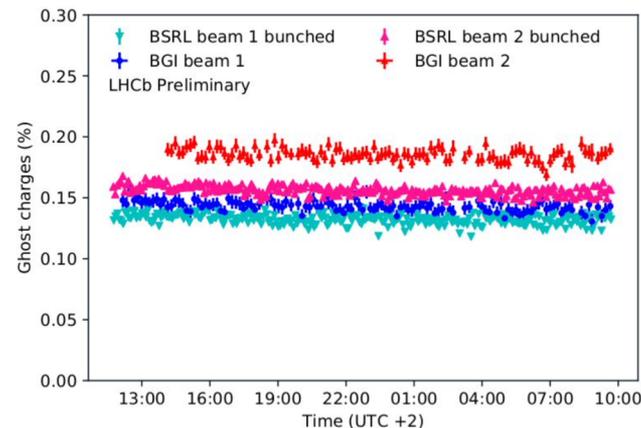
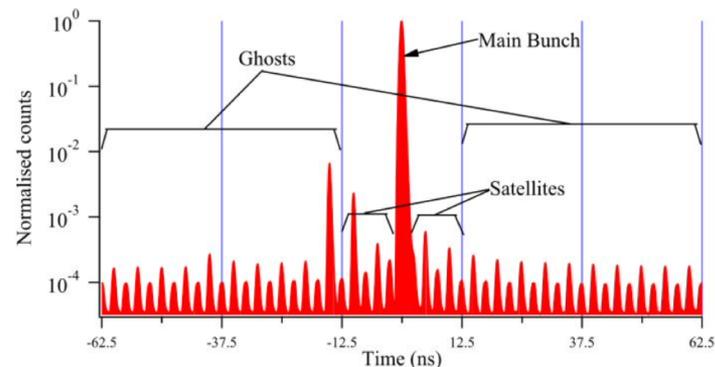


- With 8 TeV pp collisions, reached 1.4% precision on luminosity calibration (J. Instrum. 9 (2014) P12005)

Method	σ_{vis} (mb)	Absolute calibration		Relative calibration uncertainty	Total uncertainty
		Weight	Uncertainty (correlated)		
pp at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV					
BGI	60.62 ± 0.87	0.50	1.43% (0.59%)		
VDM	60.63 ± 0.89	0.50	1.47% (0.65%)		
Average	60.62 ± 0.68		1.12%	0.31%	1.16%

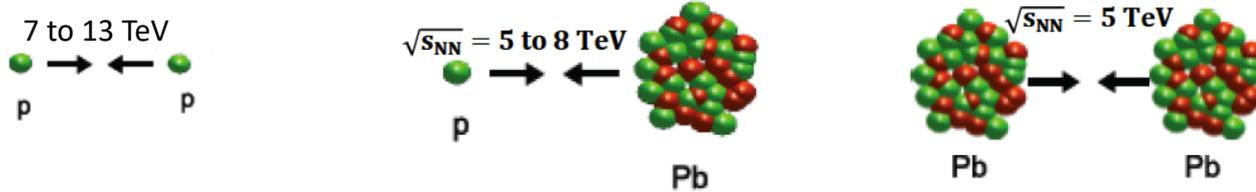
Ghost-charge measurement

- Beam Gas Imaging is also used to measure ghost-charges during van der Meer scan sessions:
 - the results are used to subtract this background from the LHC beam monitors and used by the other LHC experiments to determine their luminosity precisely (this is one of the largest correction for them)
- Ghosts = protons in empty bunches
- Satellites: protons in filled bunches but in 2.5ns buckets outside the main bunch (25 ns bucket)



LHCb operation modes

– Collider mode



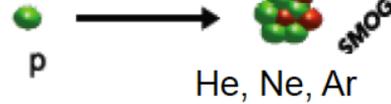
– Fixed-target mode

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}^{SPS}} \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$$

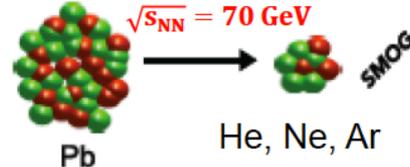
$$\sqrt{s_{NN}^{RHIC}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}^{LHC}} = 5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 90 \text{ to } 110 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 70 \text{ GeV}$$



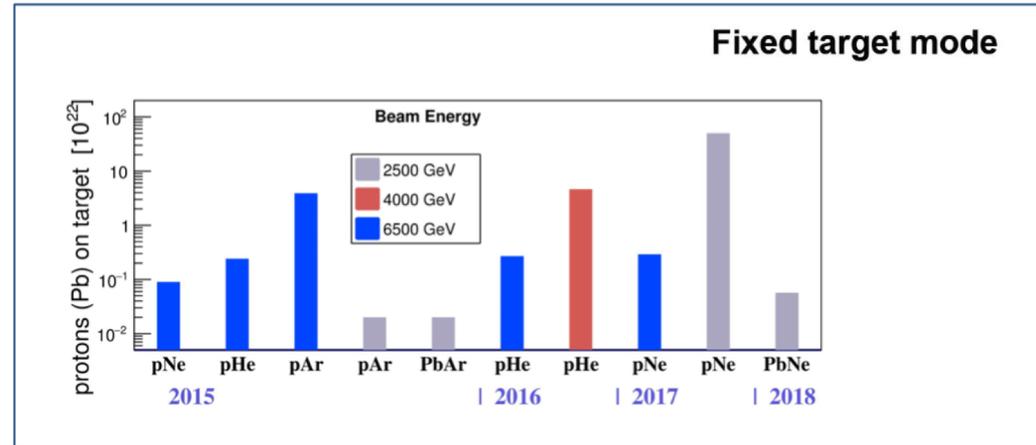
Nobel gases

$$\text{LHCb rapidity } 2.5 < y_{\text{LHCb}} < 4.5 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 7 \text{ TeV beam:} & -2.3 < y_{\text{LHCb}}^* < -0.3 \\ 2.75 \text{ TeV beam:} & -1.8 < y_{\text{LHCb}}^* < 0.2 \end{cases}$$

Unique to LHCb
Unique energies

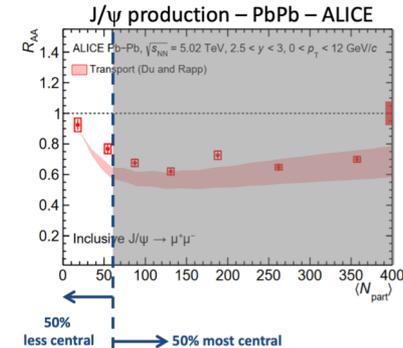
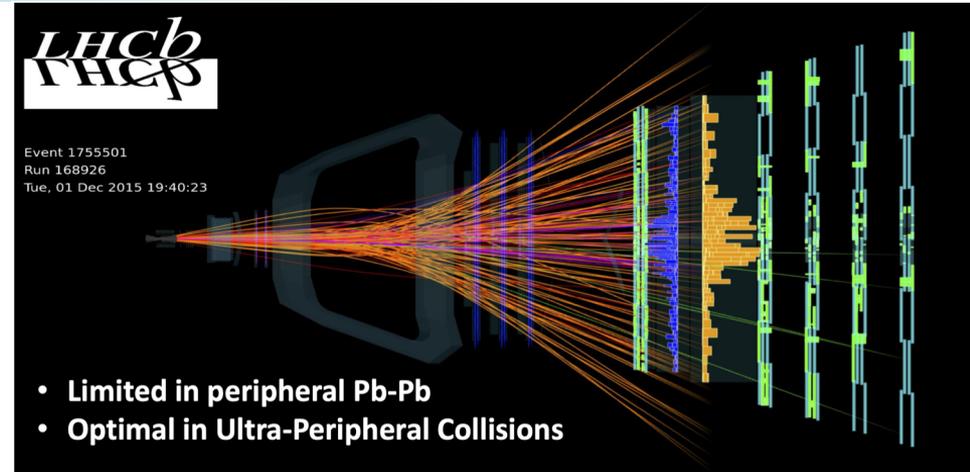
Fixed Target Physics With LHCb

- Inject gas between 1 day and 2 weeks.
- The pressure is so low that it does not interfere with the running of the LHC and data can be collected also in parallel with pp collisions by LHCb.
- Operation in 2015 demonstrated that running with SMOG in completely transparent for the LHC: it is considered now as routine operation.
- During Heavy Ion runs, we also took data in parallel collisions/beam-gas.

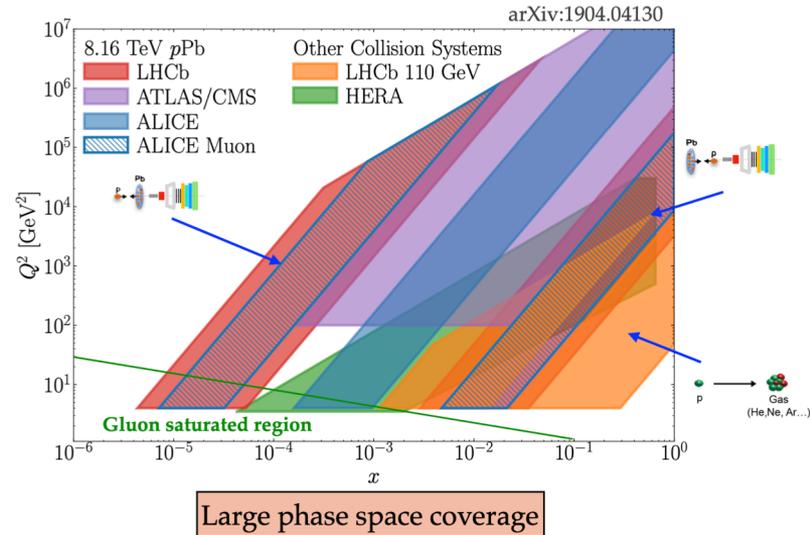
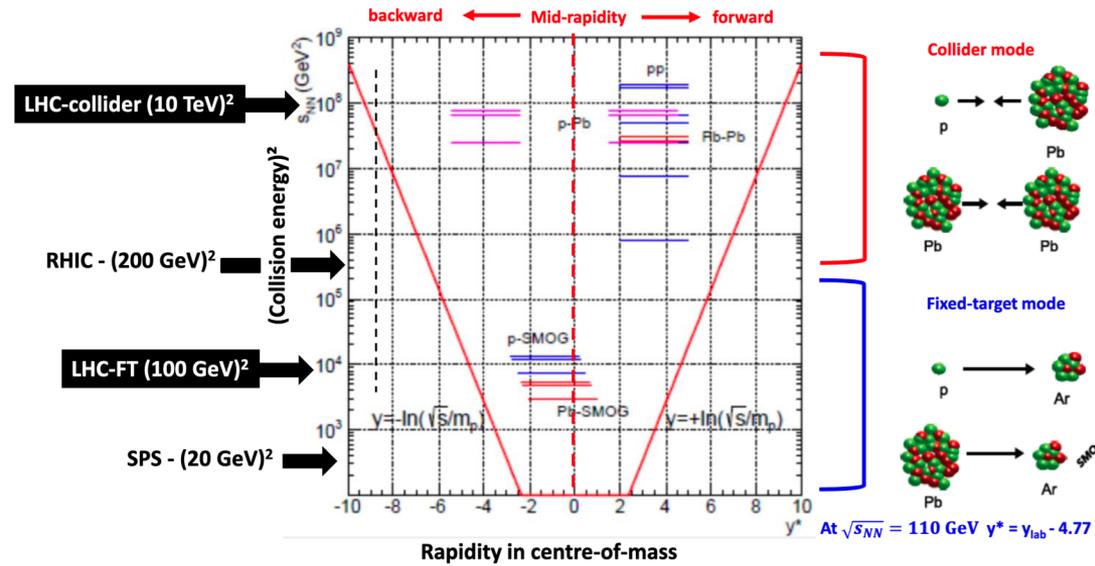


LHCb Heavy Ion Physics Program

- The fixed-target is mainly connected to the LHCb QCD/Heavy Ion Physics Program.
- So far mostly concentrated on study of heavy-flavor production in p Pb collisions: well established performances and large statistics
- New areas emerging, that will be consolidated with the future upgrades of the detector:
 - Fixed target program (SMOG)
 - Limited for the moment by the small statistics available: fixed target data taking required dedicated time limited slots
 - PbPb collisions
 - Limited by the reach in centrality of the detector



LHCb Heavy Ion Physics Program



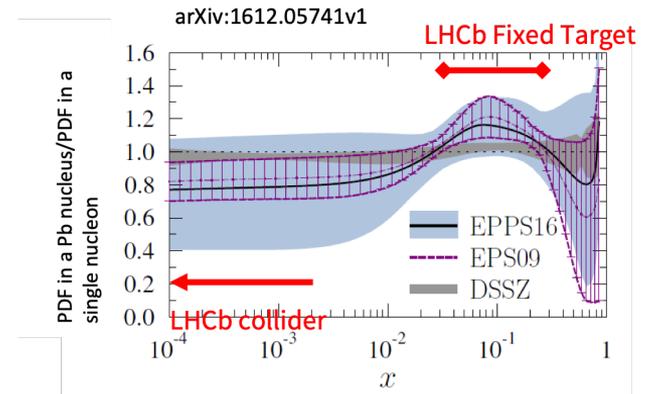
Heavy Ion Physics with LHCb

• Proton-nucleus collisions

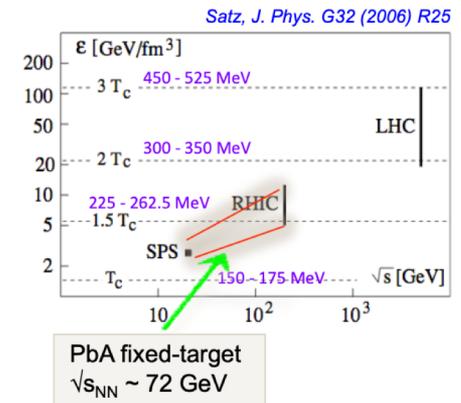
- Serve as a baseline for nucleus-nucleus collisions
- Nuclear parton distribution function (nPDF), nuclear absorption, saturation, energy loss...
- Unique capabilities with LHCb in the heavy flavor sector to constraint nPDF at very small (p Pb collisions – charm and beauty) and large (fixed target - charm) Bjorken- x

• Nucleus-nucleus collisions in FT mode

- 2.75 TeV Pb beam on fixed target: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 71$ GeV (close to the 17 GeV regime reached at SPS)
 - Investigate the color screening
 - Thanks to unique capabilities, LHCb offers new opportunities in the charm sector: J/ψ , ψ' , χ_c , D^0 , $D^{+/-}$, D^* , Λ_c ... (in the 90's the NA50/SPS experiment measured only J/ψ and ψ' in PbPb @ 17 GeV)
- Accessing similar energy density regime than SPS: operate PbAr@71 GeV, lower multiplicity than PbPb collisions, central events should be accessible

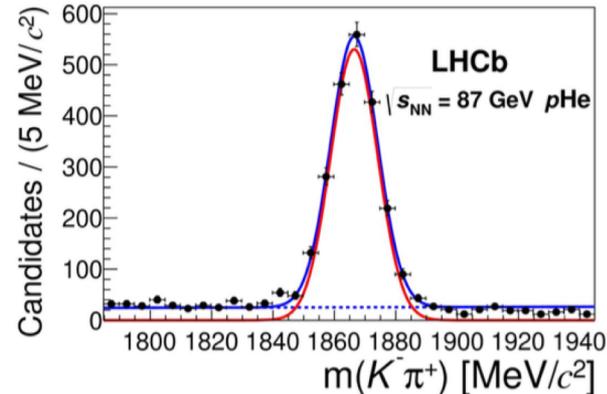
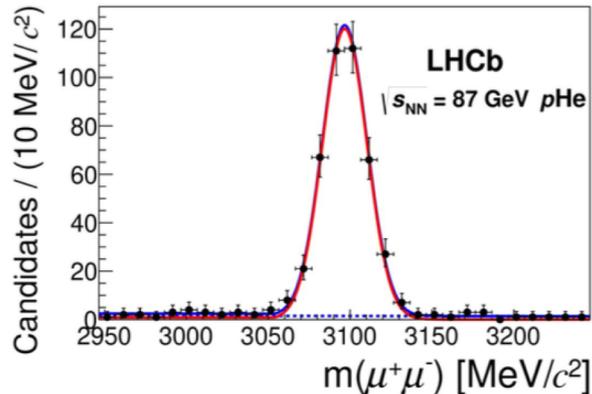


Bjorken- x = fraction of the nucleon momentum carried by a parton



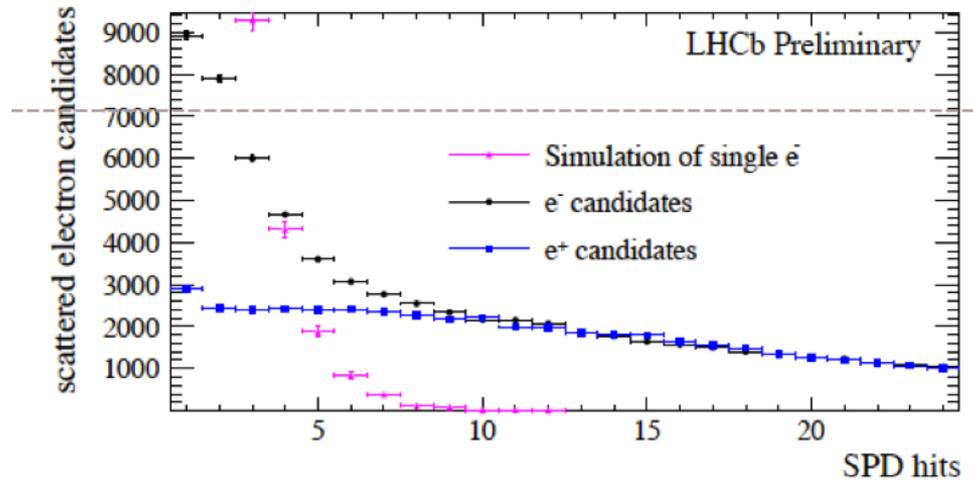
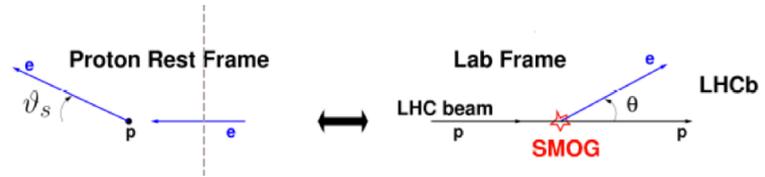
Production of charm in fixed target

- Use two of the data samples: $p\text{He}$ (4 TeV beam, 86 GeV) and $p\text{Ar}$ (6.5 TeV beam, 110 GeV)
- Largest sample is $p\text{He}$, 7.6 ± 0.5 nb
- Measurement of prompt production of J/ψ ($\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$) and D^0 ($\rightarrow K\pi$)



Fixed-target luminosity

- Use p-e elastic scattering (Mott)
- Pro:
 - Only elastic regime in LHCb acceptance:
 - $\theta > 10 \text{ mrad} \rightarrow \theta_s < 29 \text{ mrad}$, $Q^2 < 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - Cross-section very well-known
 - Clear event signature: single low p_T electron track and nothing else
 - Background comes mainly from conversions: it is charge-symmetric and can be estimated precisely from single positron events
- Cons:
 - Small cross-section (1000 less than hadronic cross-section)
 - Low momentum electrons = low acceptance and reconstruction efficiency

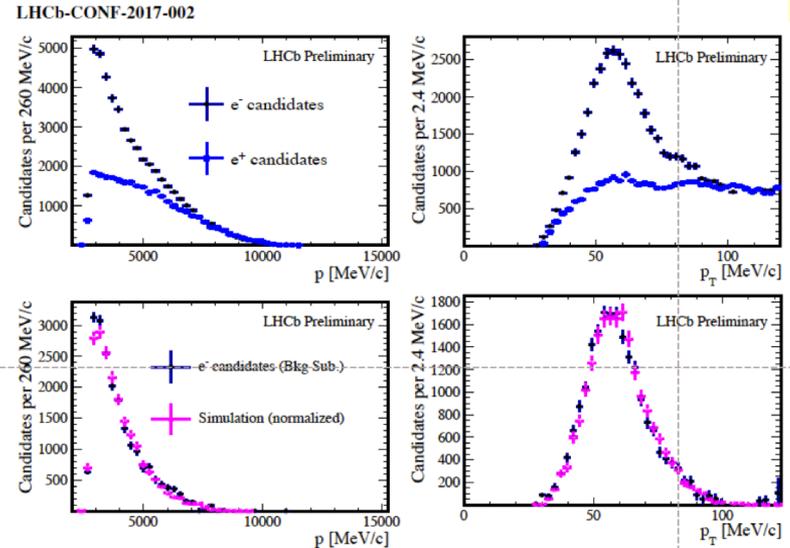


Fixed-target luminosity

- Electron spectra in very good agreement with simulation
- Data confirm charge symmetry of background
- Systematic from variations of selection cuts: largest dependency is on azimuthal angle

$$\mathcal{L} = 0.443 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.027 \text{ nb}^{-1} \quad (\text{pHe at 110 GeV})$$

- Equivalent to gas pressure of 2.4×10^{-7} mbar, as expected

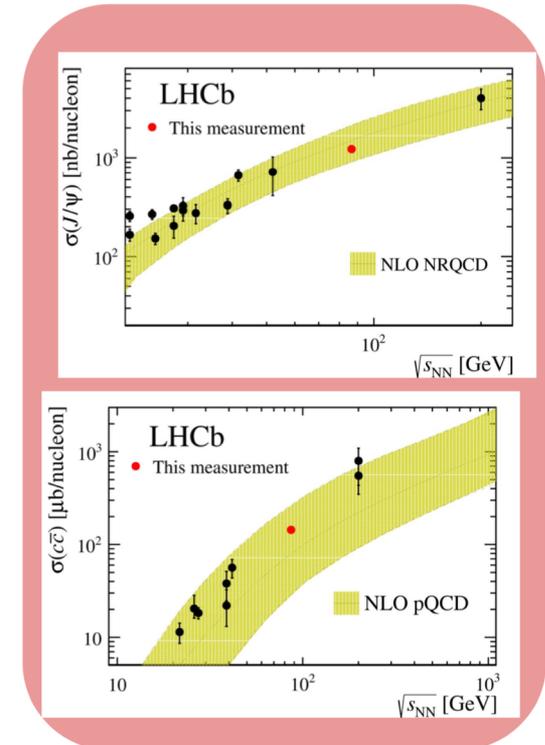


Production of charm in fixed target

- Measured cross-sections are extrapolated to the full phase space (4π) and in the case of the D^0 , to the full $c\bar{c}$ spectrum (using $f(c \rightarrow D^0)$ from external measurements)
- Compared to
 - Previous measurements at lower and higher energies
 - Predictions from NLO NRQCD for J/ψ [PLB 638 (2006) 202] and NLO pQCD for $c\bar{c}$ [NPB 373 (1992) 295]

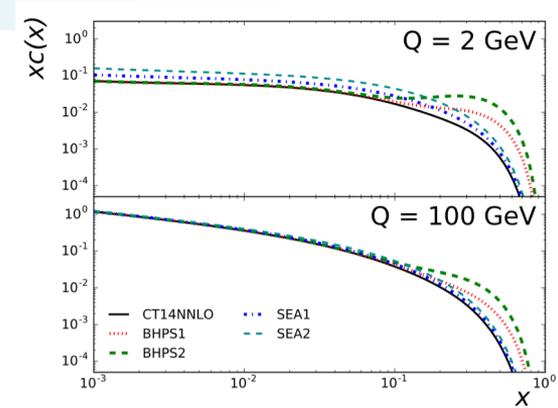
$$\sigma_{J/\psi} = 652 \pm 33(\text{stat}) \pm 42(\text{syst}) \text{ nb/nucleon,}$$

$$\sigma_{D^0} = 80.8 \pm 2.4(\text{stat}) \pm 6.3(\text{syst}) \text{ } \mu\text{b/nucleon.}$$

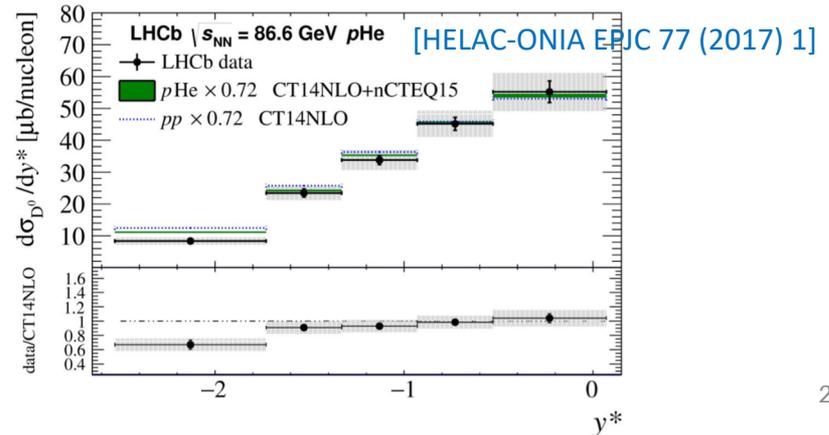
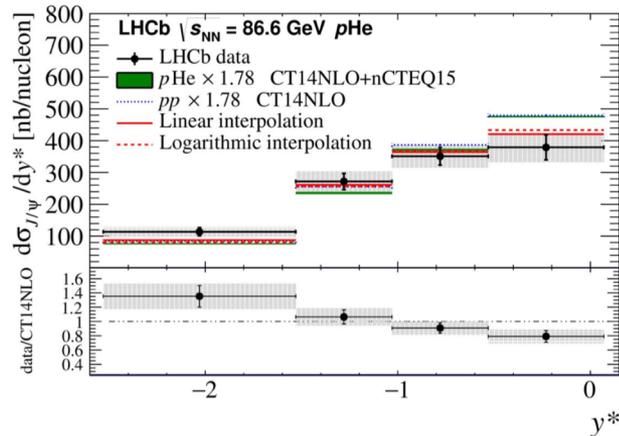


Production of charm in fixed target

- Cross-section as a function of rapidity (y^*) and p_T to test intrinsic charm content of proton (would be seen as increase of cross-section at negative rapidities compared to predictions)

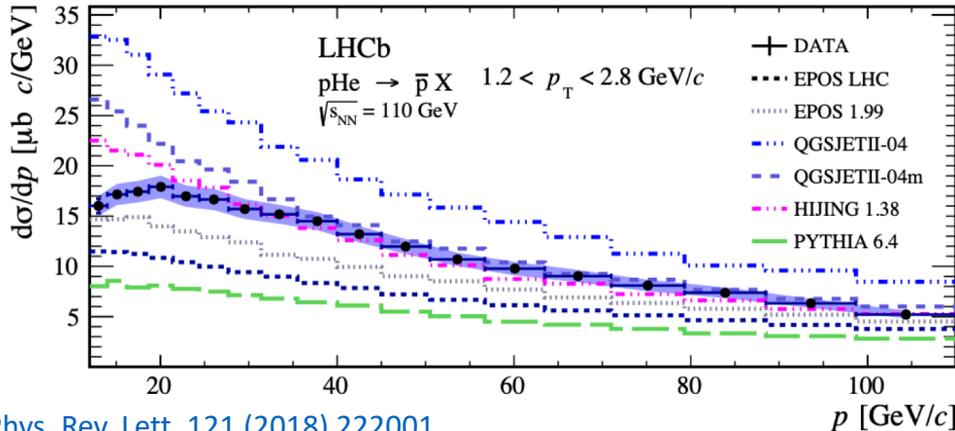


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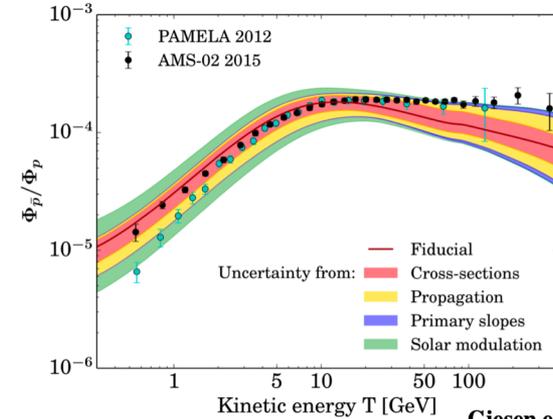


SMOG: anti-protons in $p\text{He}$ collisions at 110 GeV

- Interesting to reduce uncertainties on anti-proton production in inter-stellar medium: $p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{p}X$ is $\sim 40\%$ of secondary cosmic anti-proton



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SMOG2

- SMOG proved that a fixed target physics program at LHCb works, but has limitations:
 - Fixed target data taking was mostly done during dedicated short runs, at maximum during 1 continuous week: low statistics
 - The pressure of the injected gas is limited because the gas flow is not contained and goes into the LHC beam pipe
 - Changing types of gases is a long operation: requires an access close to the VELO, i.e. stopping the LHC operation
 - The position of the interactions is distributed along a large area: strong variations of the detector efficiency as a function of that position
- To address all these difficulties: upgrade of SMOG system = SMOG2

European Strategy Briefing Document

- "The LHCb Upgrade II... will enable a wide range of flavour observables to be determined at HL-LHC with unprecedented precision"
- Including ion and fixed target program at LHCb
- "For heavy-ion studies, the proposed fixed-target experiments with LHCb and ALICE enable the exploration of new energy regimes...and the use of new physics probes...to test the factorisation of nuclear effects."

LHC Heavy Ion Schedule

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LHC
HL-LHC

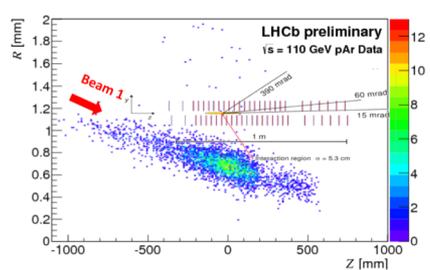
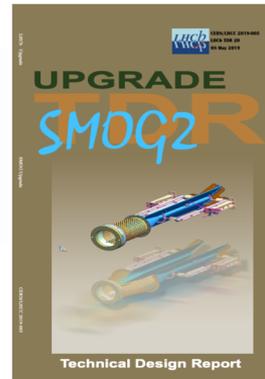
Year	Systems, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Time	L_{int}
2021	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	3 weeks	2.3 nb ⁻¹
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE), 300 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb ⁻¹ (LHCb)
	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.9 nb ⁻¹
2022	O–O, p–O	1 week	500 μb ⁻¹ and 200 μb ⁻¹
	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE, LHCb)
2023	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE), 100 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.8 nb ⁻¹
2027	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE), 300 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb ⁻¹ (LHCb)
	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE, LHCb)
2028	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb ⁻¹ (ALICE), 100 pb ⁻¹ (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	4 weeks	3 nb ⁻¹
Run-5	Intermediate AA pp reference	11 weeks 1 week	e.g. Ar–Ar 3–9 pb ⁻¹ (optimal species to be defined)

LHCb is very well placed to have a **decisive contribution** to Heavy Ion Physics in **LHC run 3 and HL-LHC**

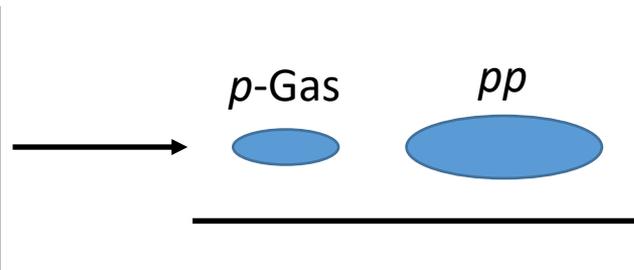
- **Best placed in pp and pPb** at forward rapidity
 - In pPb/PbPb: $\mathcal{L} \sim 30 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ in run 2 ($\sim 1\text{M J}/\psi$, $\sim 8\text{M D}^0$) $\rightarrow \mathcal{L} \sim 300 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ in run 3 + 300 nb⁻¹ in run 4
- **Well placed** (less limited) in **PbPb** at forward rapidity
 - Will benefit from **detector upgrade**
- Start **full physics** program in **fixed-target** mode
 - Will benefit from target and detector upgrade

SMOG2

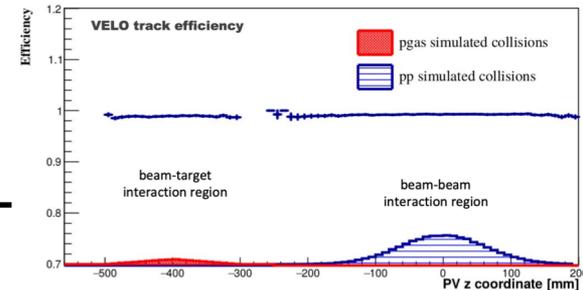
- New storage cell installed at LHCb to boost significantly the fixed target program
- Increase of the luminosity by up to 2 orders of magnitude using the same gas load as SMOG
- Possibility to inject H_2 , D_2 , He , N_2 , O_2 , Ne , Ar , Kr , Xe with multiple gas lines
- New Gas Feed System. Gas density (luminosity) measured with greatly improved precision (few %)
- Well defined interaction region upstream the nominal IP: strong background reduction, no mirror charges effect, possibility to use all the bunches. pp and p -Gas simultaneous data taking may be possible thanks to software trigger.
- In beam-beam slots:



SMOG



SMOG2



SMOG2

Gas species	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe	H ₂	D ₂	N ₂	O ₂
SMOG2 areal density (10 ¹² atoms/cm ²)	10	10	10	5	5	10	10	10	10
Intensity (10 ¹⁵ particles/s)	5.80	2.58	1.82	1.36	1.01	4.08	2.89	1.09	1.03
Flow rate (10 ⁻⁵ mbar · l/s)	21.4	9.6	6.8	4.68	3.75	15.02	10.07	4.05	3.83
SMOG areal density (10 ¹² atoms/cm ²)	0.92	0.41	0.29	0.20	0.16	1.30	0.92	0.35	0.33
SMOG2/SMOG	10.9	24.4	34.5	25.0	31.3	7.7	10.9	28.6	30.3

- Noble gases He, Ne, Ar were already used with SMOG
- Need simulations to assess feasibility from LHC point of view to inject:
 - Kr, Xe: risk of accumulation at the warm-cold transitions, and outgasing at injection
 - H₂, D₂: degradation of NEG (non-evaporable getter) coating of LHC vacuum chambers

- Collision rates expected compared to pp :

$$\frac{R_{H_2}}{R_{pp}} = \frac{\sigma_{pH_2}(115 \text{ GeV}) \cdot L_{SMOG2}}{\sigma_{pp}(14 \text{ TeV}) \cdot L_{pp}} \simeq 1.3\%,$$

$$\frac{R_{Ar}}{R_{pp}} = \frac{\sigma_{pAr}(115 \text{ GeV}) \cdot L_{SMOG2}}{\sigma_{pp}(14 \text{ TeV}) \cdot L_{pp}} \simeq 10.6\%.$$

- Negligible impact on beam lifetime:

Beam	Target Gas	σ_{loss} (barn)	τ_{loss} (days)	Relative loss in 10 h
p	H	0.05	2060	0.02 %
p	Ar	1.04	97	0.4 %
Pb	Ar	4.63	22	1.9 %

SMOG2 statistics

- For 1 year of data taking during Run 3:
- Instantaneous luminosity measurement: precision of 2% expected on integrated luminosity

$$L_{ist} = \theta N_p f_{rev}$$

areal density

number of particles

$N_{p/b} \cdot N_b$

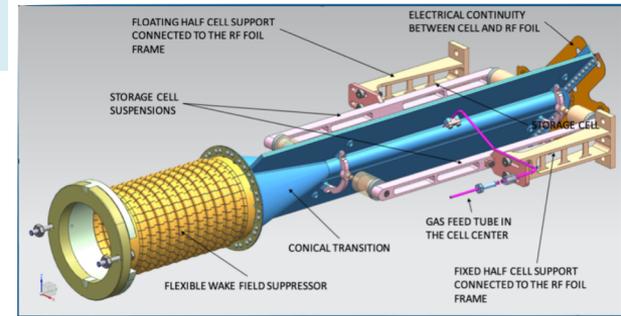
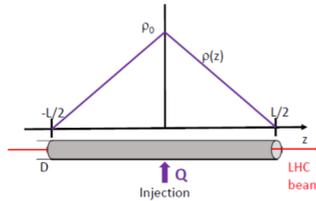
$$\rho_0 \frac{L}{2} = \frac{\Phi L}{C 2} \rightarrow C = 3.81 \sqrt{\frac{T}{M} \frac{D}{L + \frac{4}{3}D}}$$

f_{rev} : beam revolution frequency
 $N_{p/b}$: number of particles per bunch
 N_b : number of bunches
 ρ_0 : target density at the cell center
 Φ : gas flow
 θ : areal density
 C : total conductance
 D : cell diameter
 L : cell length
 T : temperature
 M : molecular mass

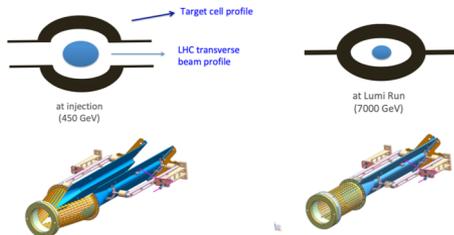
	ρAr
J/Ψ	28 M
D^0	280 M
Λ_c^+	3 M
$\Psi(2S)$	5 M
$\Upsilon(1S)$	24 k
$DY_{low\ mass}$	24 k

SMOG2 storage cell

- The storage cell is a tube (20 cm length, 1 cm diameter) where the gas is injected at the center from a gas-feed system

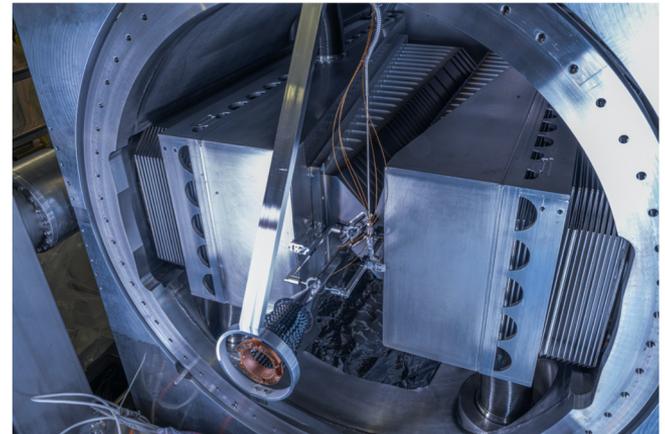


- Similarly to the VELO, the cell must be opened when the beam is not stable (at 3 cm)

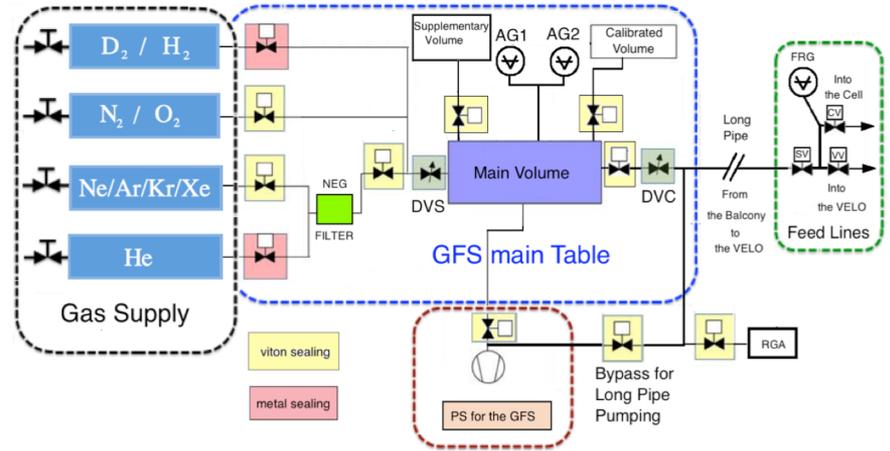


Solution adopted for SMOG2: $L = 20$ cm, $R = 0.5$ cm
for LHCspin: $L = 30$ cm, $R = 0.5$ cm

Installed in August 2020



Gas feed system for SMOG2



To be installed in 2022

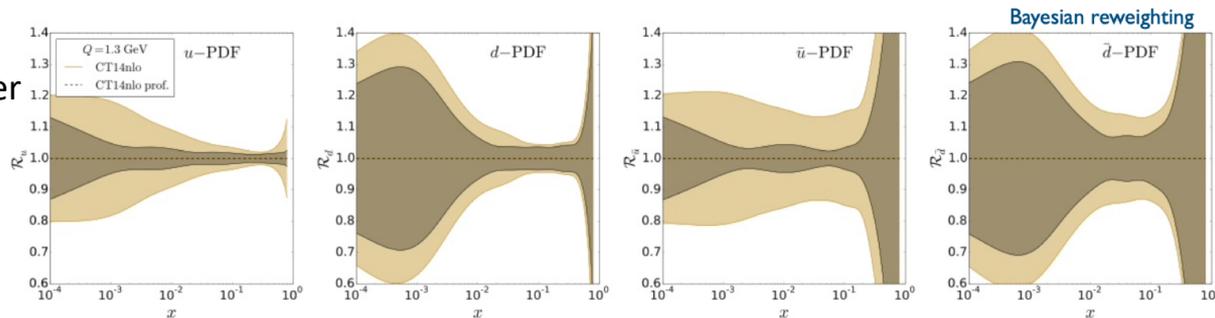
Will give the possibility to change types of gas dynamically, and to measure the purity

SMOG2: High x physics

Reduction of PDF uncertainties crucial for Beyond Standard Model searches

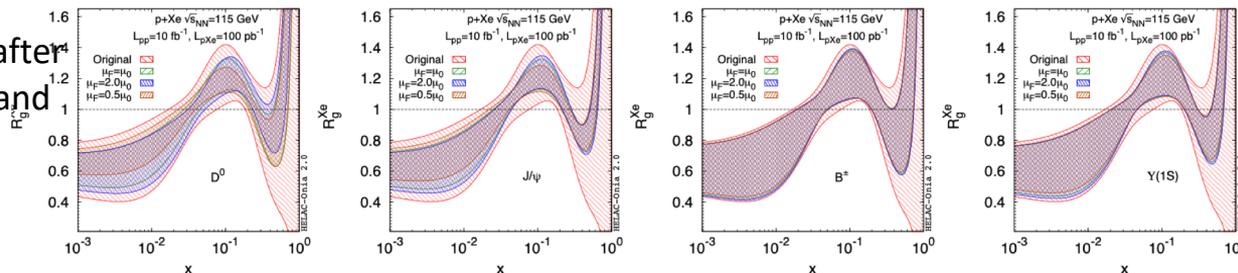
arXiv:1807.00603

PDF uncertainties before and after including estimated Drell-Yan production SMOG2 data ($Q=1.3$ GeV)



PDF

nPDF uncertainties before and after including estimated D^0 , J/ψ , B^+ and $Y(1S)$ production SMOG2 data



nPDF
(gluon)

Unique constraints on gluon nPDFs at high-x and low scales

SMOG2: Cosmic rays

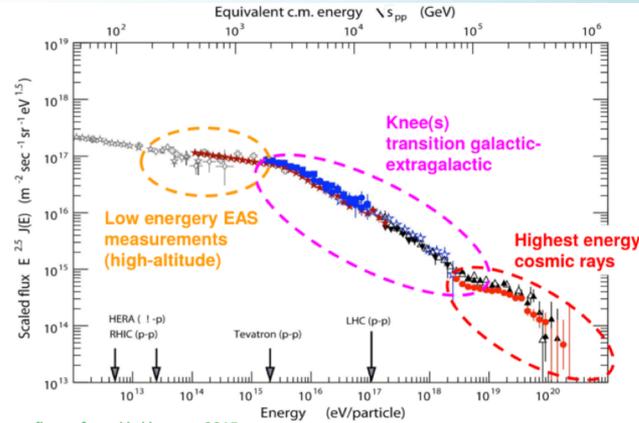


figure from H. Haungs, 2015

UHE CR composition (that unfortunately is inferred from comparison data/theory, instead of from just data) is still very uncertain!

Solving the **composition problem** would be important to understand the CR production mechanisms

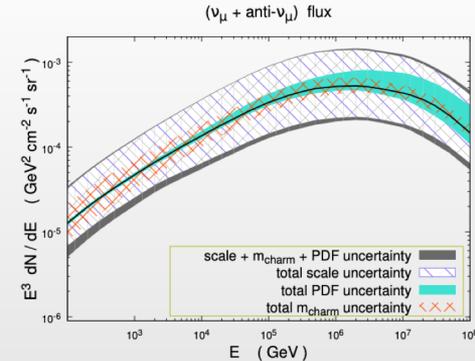
All these find **crucial inputs from LHC data (FT)**:

- proton PDF fits (from pp collisions)
- validation of the theory used to describe charm hadroproduction
- cold and hot nuclear matter effects (in pA and AA collisions)

Primary interaction creates pions, kaons, nucleons, Δ , ... which then propagate and interact with other nuclei of the atmosphere or decay

Heavier hadrons (D, ...) are also created, but do not propagate significantly decaying immediately instead

PROSA prompt ($\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$) flux:
QCD scale, mass and PDF uncertainties



from [arXiv:1611.03815]

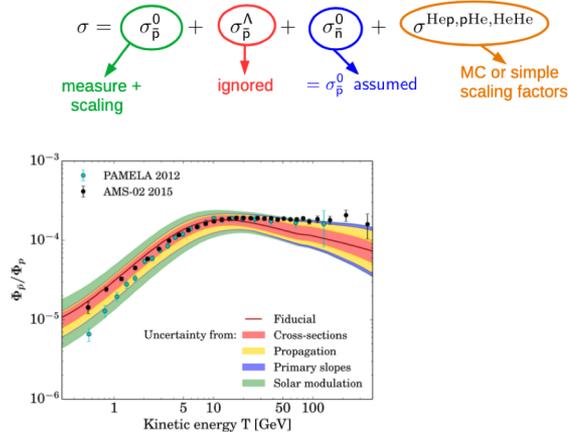
M.V. Garzelli's talk

LHCb for CR
 Antiproton production in p-He collisions @ 110 GeV, PRL121, 222001 (2018) (arXiv:1808.06127)

SMOG2: Cosmic rays

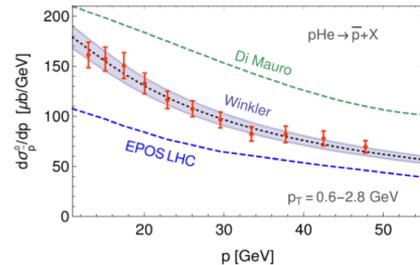
from Martin W. Winkler (Stockholm University) talk

Antiproton issue: Dark Matter annihilation (primary), scatter on interstellar matter (secondary)

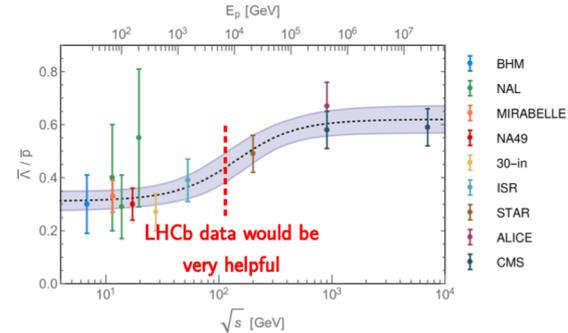


• first ever measurement by LHCb-SMOG

Phys.Rev.Lett. 121 (2018)



• increase of strangeness with collision energy

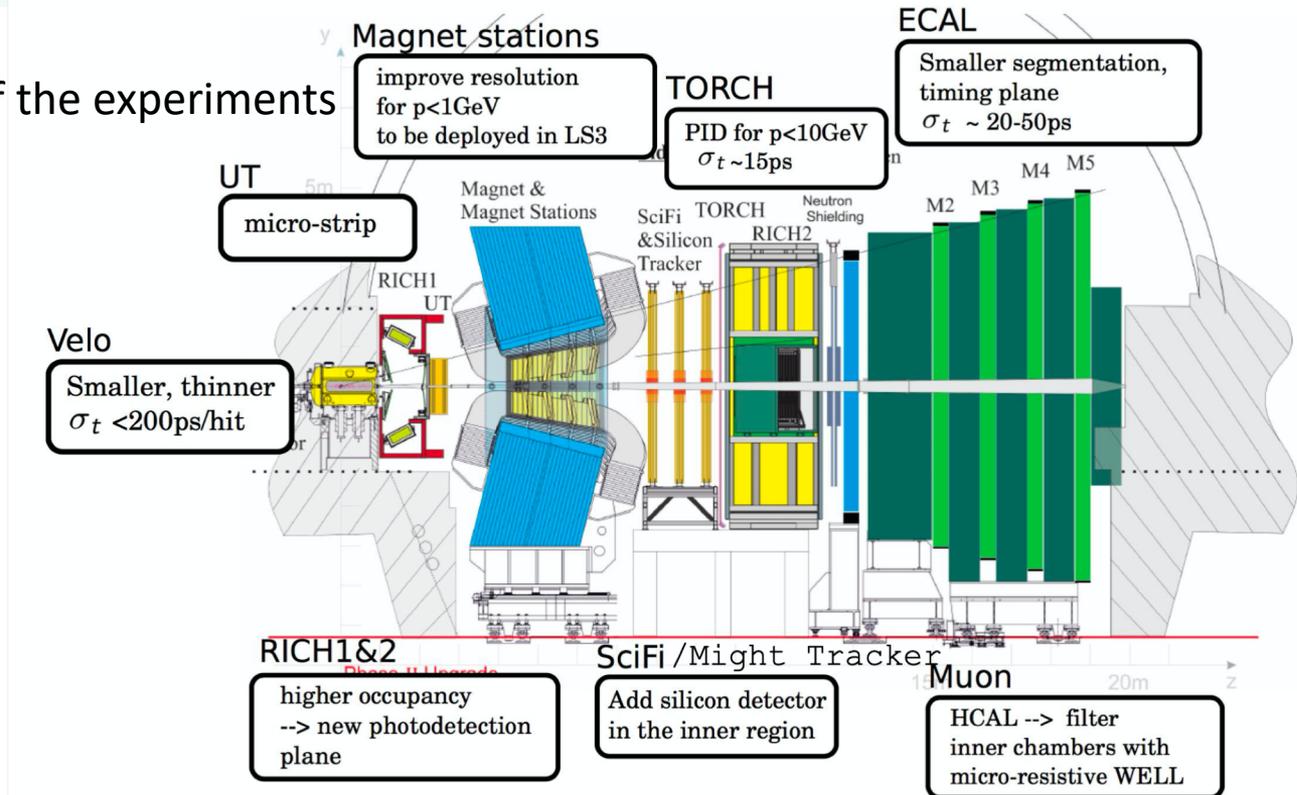


Wishlist for fixed target measurements at LHCb

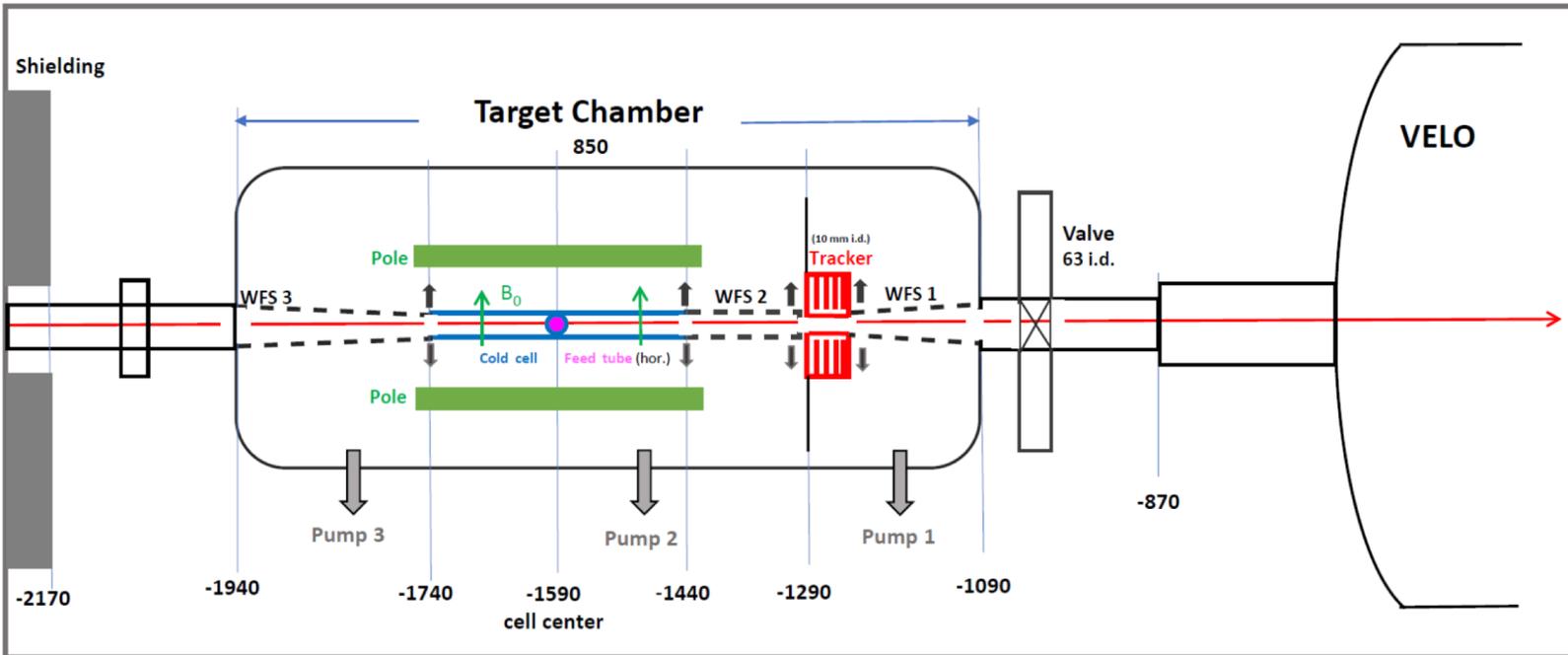
- 1) $p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}, \bar{\Sigma}$ from existing run
- 2) $p p (H_2) \rightarrow \bar{p}$ to test scaling violation in forward hemisphere
- 3) $p d \rightarrow \bar{p}$ to test isospin effects
- 4) $p p, p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{d}, \bar{H}$ to determine coalescence momentum
- 5) $p p, p\text{He} \rightarrow \pi, K$ to model positron source term

Upgrade Ib and II

Changes to all parts of the experiments



Polarized Gas Target Topology

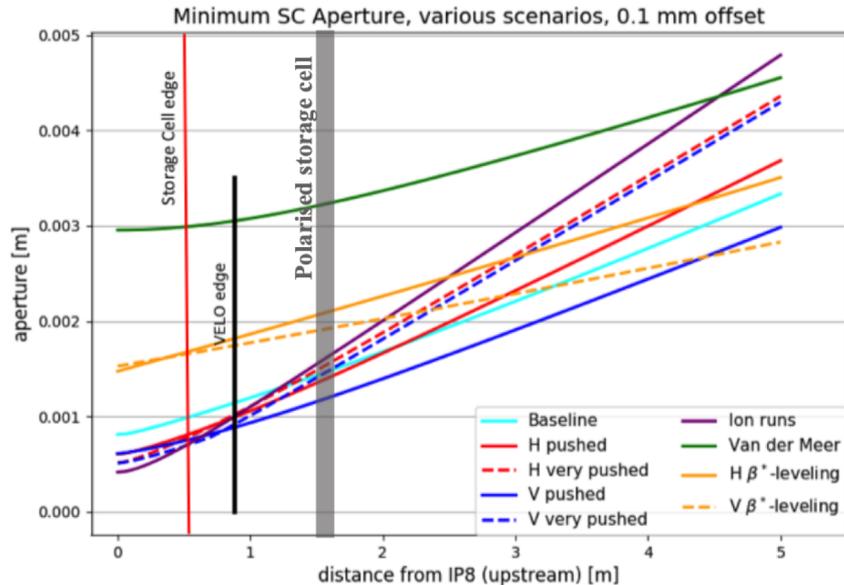


L + C
spin

Phase II
transversely
polarised H and
D target

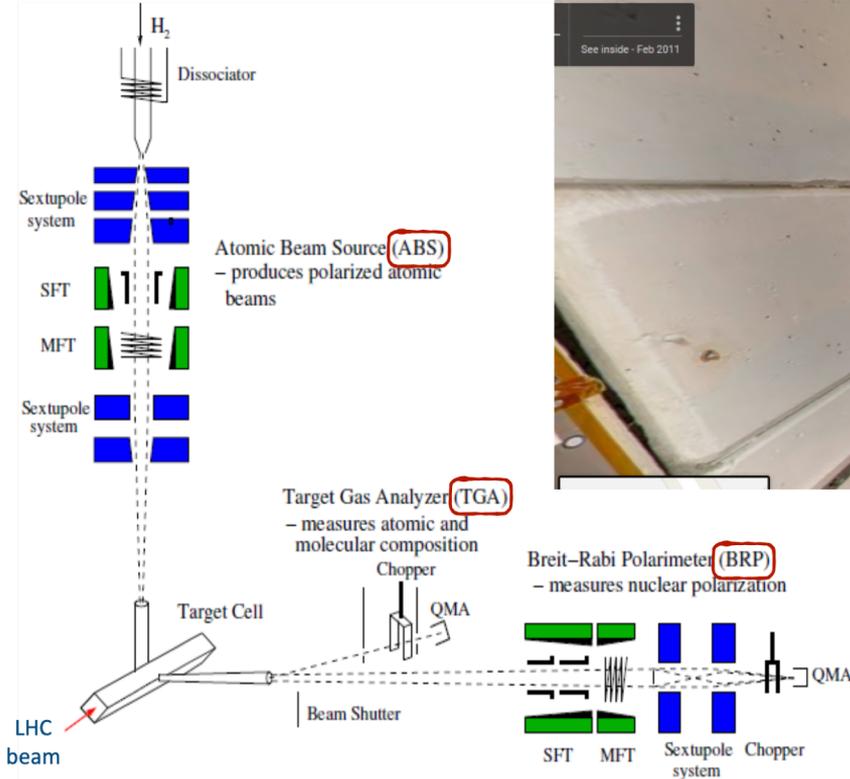
Polarized Gas Target: Luminosity

- Driven by aperture of the beam which limits the size of the target



- $R = 0.5$ cm, $L = 30$ cm means target density 1.2×10^{14} cm $^{-2}$
- At High Luminosity LHC, fixed target luminosity can reach $L = 8.3 \times 10^{32}$ cm $^{-2} \cdot s^{-1}$
- Impact on the LHC beam lifetime less than 1%

Polarized Gas Target



Space in front of LHCb ~ 1.5 m

Polarized Gas Target

- R&D already started at INFN Frascati, Ferrara, Erlangen, Julich, PNPI
- Groups interested in Italy, France (IJCLab, LLR, Saclay), Michigan, Los Alamos, MIT, PSI
- Budget: 2 – 4 MEuros



SMOG2

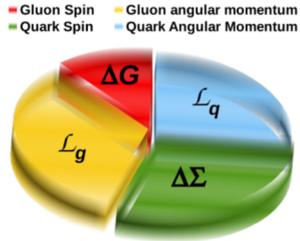
Polarized Gas Target

or

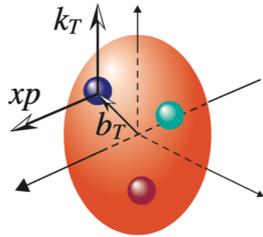
Vacuum chamber + ABS and diagnostic during YETS

Physics with polarized gas target

- Understand the spin of the proton and its content beyond PDFs



Composition



Tomography

(TMD: transverse momentum distribution)

[D. Boer: [arXiv:1611.06089](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.06089)]

Unpolarized gluon TMD

Weizsacker-Williams (WW) gluon distributions
dipole (DP) gluon distributions

	DIS	DY	SIDIS	$pA \rightarrow \gamma \text{jet } X$	$ep \rightarrow e' Q \bar{Q} X$ $ep \rightarrow e' j_1 j_2 X$	$pp \rightarrow \eta_{c,b} X$ $pp \rightarrow H X$	$pp \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma X$ $pp \rightarrow \Upsilon \gamma X$
$f_1^g^{[+,+]}$ (WW)	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
$f_1^g^{[+,-]}$ (DP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×

unpolarized gluon TMD

Polarized gluon TMD

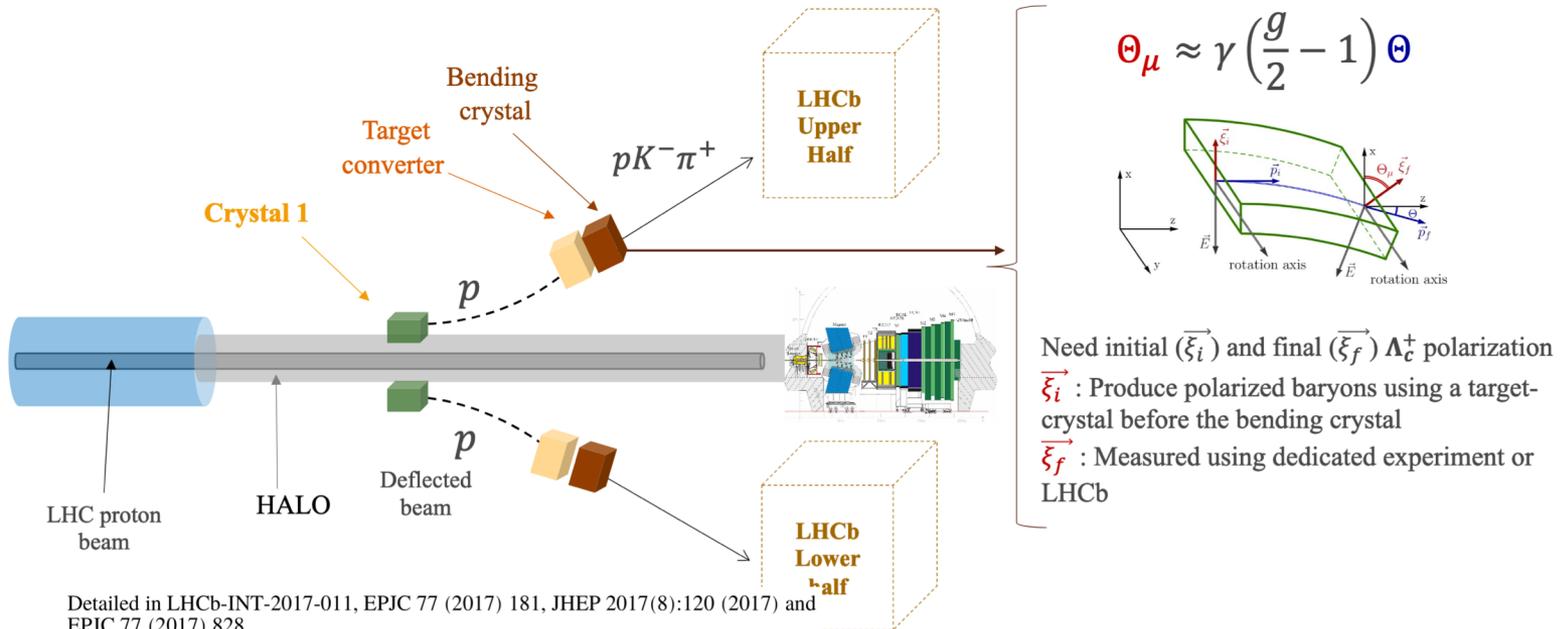
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$h_1^{\perp g [+,+]}$ (WW)	✓	×	✓	✓	✓
$h_1^{\perp g [+, -]}$ (DP)	×	✓	×	×	×

linearly polarized gluon TMD

- Can be measured at the Electron Ion-Collider (EIC)
- Can be measured at the LHC, in particular at LHCb

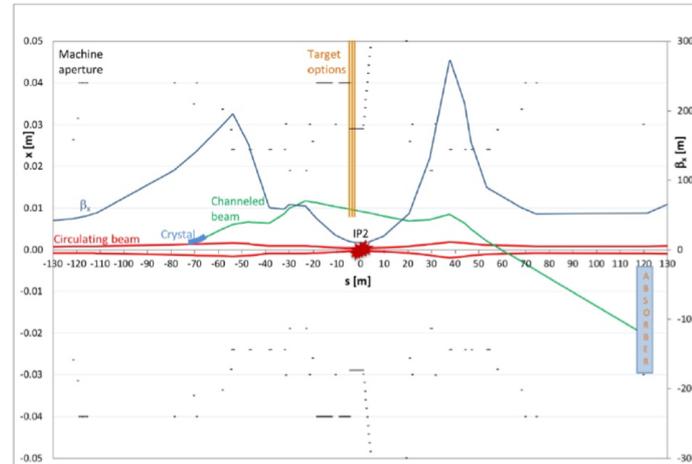
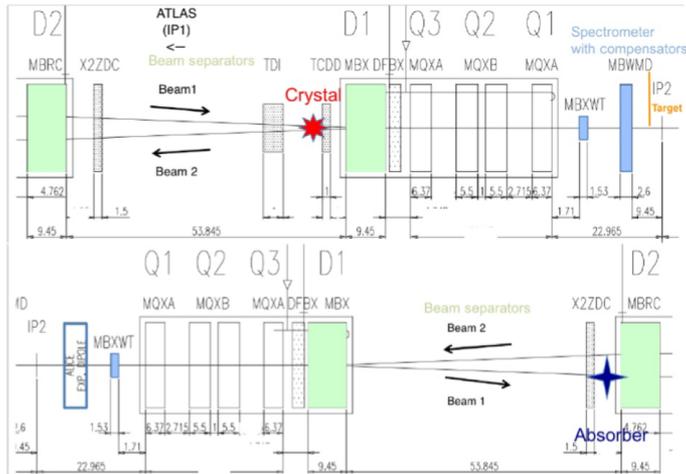
Target with crystals: SELDOM project

- Measurement of charm quark MDM and EDM via spin precession of Λ_c baryons produced in a fixed target, using crystals



Fixed target in ALICE

- Particles from beam halo + solid target inside ALICE:
 - Halo particles deflected by bent crystal (70m upstream of ALICE) sent on a solid target
 - Particles not interacting with the target need to be absorbed

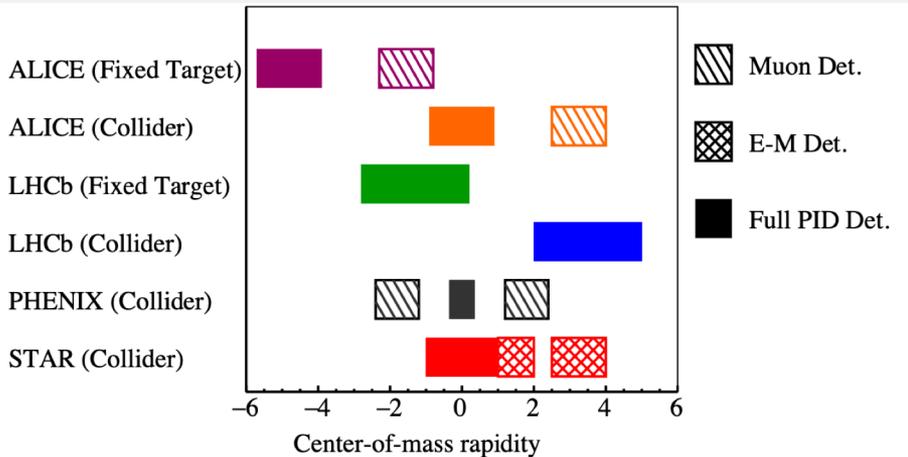


Simulation of the deflected beam at ALICE IP, F. Galluccio, W. Scandale UA9

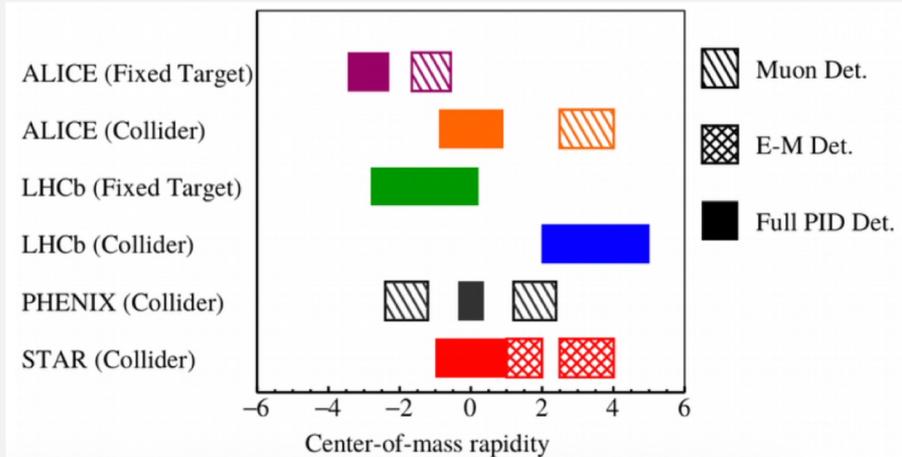
Fixed target in ALICE

- Physics program very similar to LHCb, with a different acceptance, with muon detector covering different acceptance than other parts of the detector

ALICE $Z_{\text{target}} = 0$ cm



ALICE $Z_{\text{target}} = -4.7$ m



Conclusions

- Fixed-target physics at LHCb/LHC feasibility established with SMOG during Run 2 of LHCb: limited by statistics
- Success of this first phase encouraged many new projects
- Installation of SMOG2 will boost significantly physics output
- New projects at LHCb and ALICE under design to explore new directions (polarized target, MDM-EDM, ...)