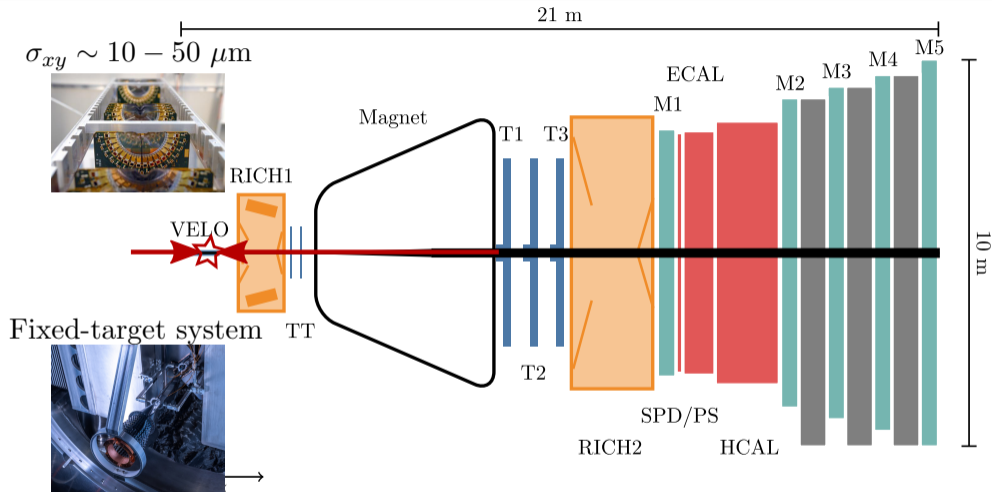


Recent results from LHCb

Tom Boettcher
on behalf of the LHCb collaboration



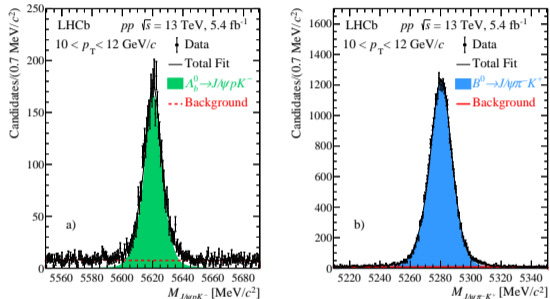
LHCb is a unique tool for heavy-ion physics *Int J Mod Phys A 30, 1530022 (2015)*



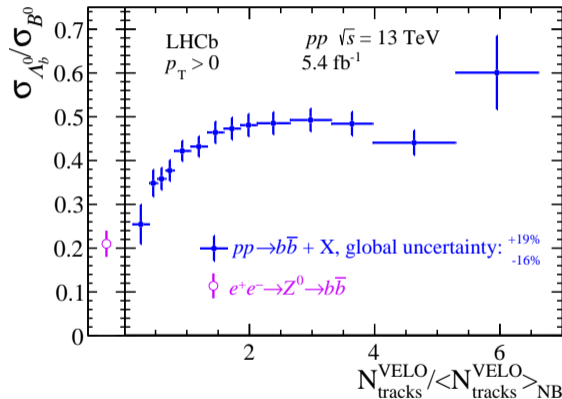
tracking, calorimetry, RICH, muon systems

Can reconstruct and identify: γ , e^\pm , μ^\pm , π^\pm , K^\pm , p , d , ^3He

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Particle ID and precise vertexing provide clean heavy-flavor signals down to 0 p_T .

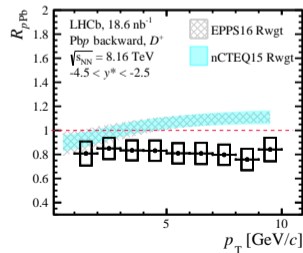
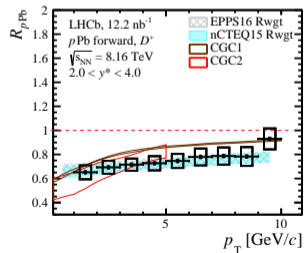
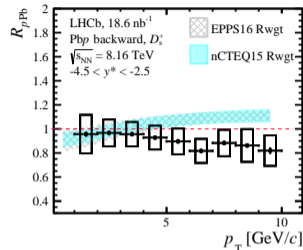
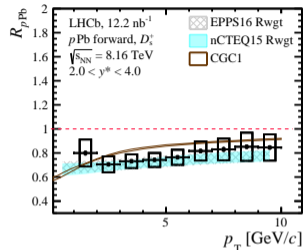


Probes interactions between b quarks and bulk particles.

Open charm production (arXiv:2311.08490)

- Charm production in p Pb collisions probes the structure of nucleons

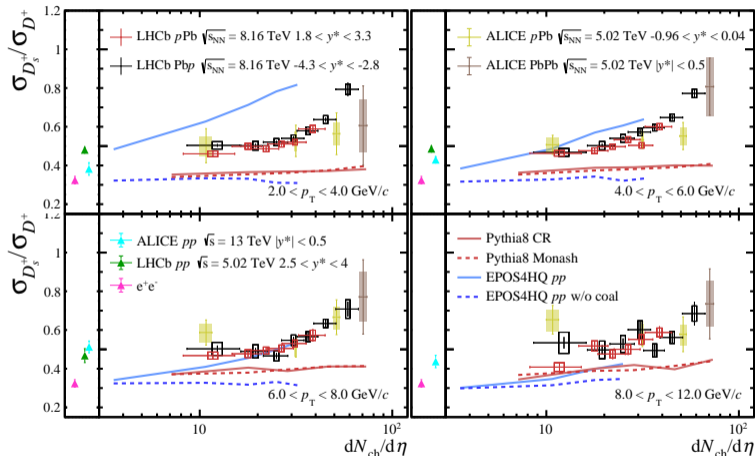
- Jianqiao Wang: Tuesday, 11:20AM



Open charm production (arXiv:2311.08490)

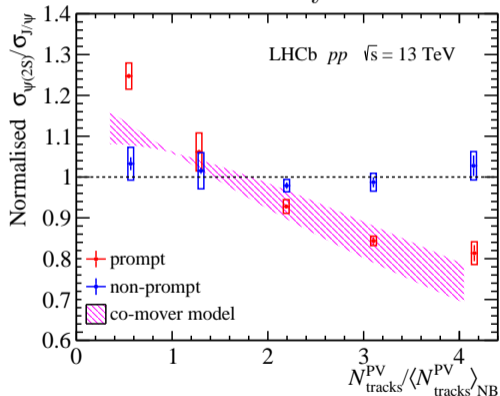
- D_s^\pm production in p Pb collisions probes the hadronization of c and s quarks.

- Clara Landesa Gomez:
Tuesday, 11:40AM



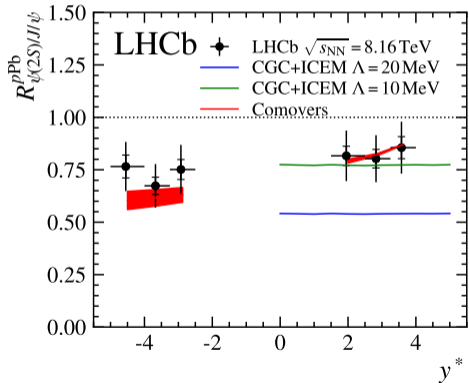
Charmonium production (Youen Kang: Tuesday, 3:40PM)

Probes the interplay of hot and cold nuclear effects in small systems.



arXiv:2312.15201 (accepted by JHEP)

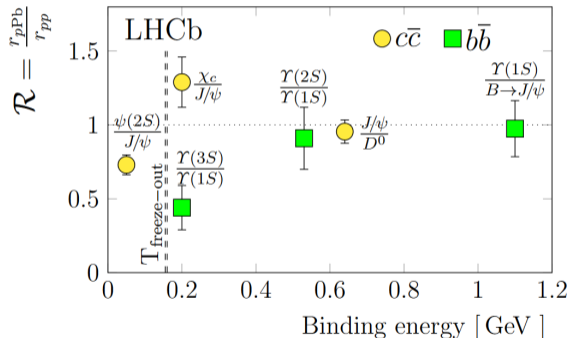
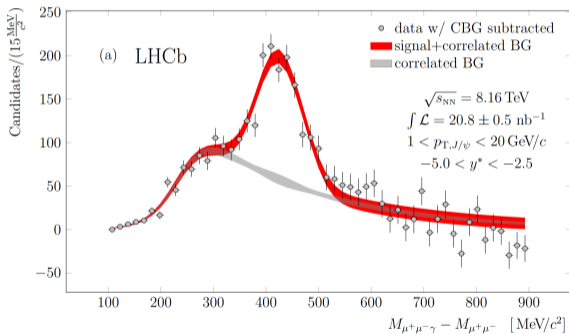
$$R_{\psi(2S)/J/\psi}^{p\text{Pb}} = R_{p\text{Pb}}^{\psi(2S)} / R_{p\text{Pb}}^{J/\psi}$$



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Higher charmonium states (Youen Kang: Tuesday, 3:40PM)

We look for suppression of quarkonium states with different binding energies to take the temperature of the medium produced in p Pb collisions.

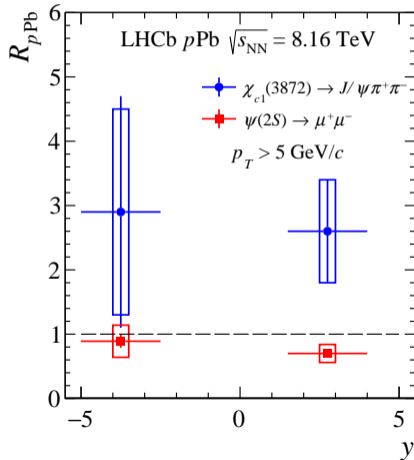
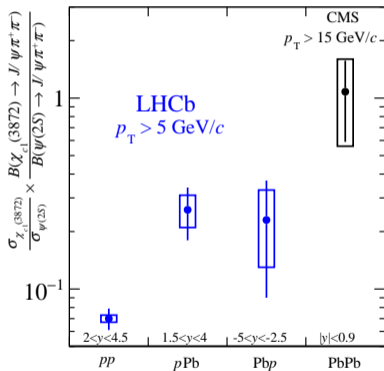


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Exotic hadron production (Youen Kang: Tuesday, 3:40PM)

We can also use nuclear effects to study the hadronic physics of exotic charmonium states.

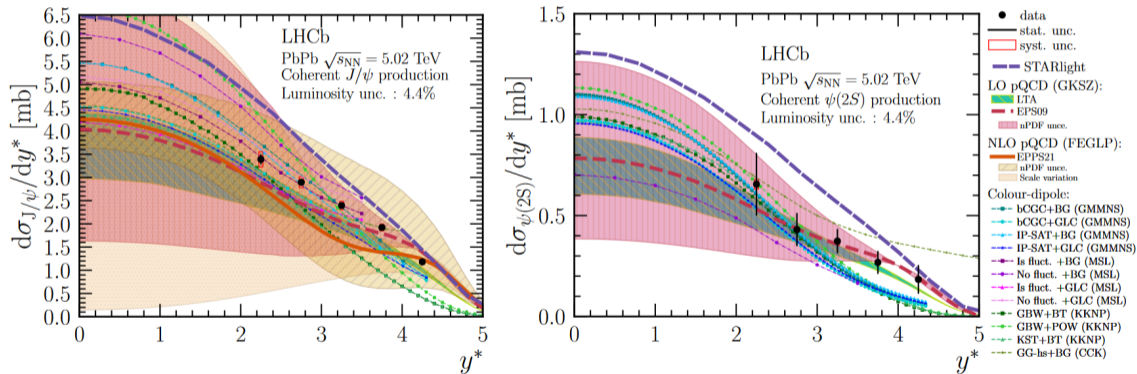
The $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ experiences different nuclear effects than conventional charmonia!



arXiv:2402.14975 (accepted by PRL)

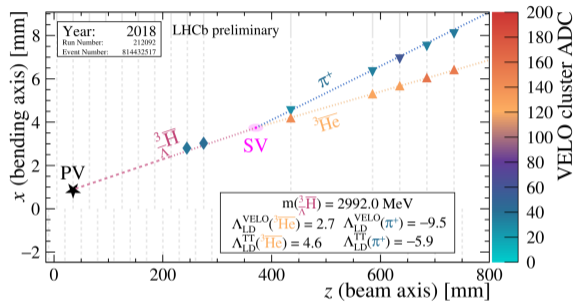
Charmonium in Ultra-Peripheral Collisions (Hengne Li: Tuesday, 5:10PM)

Vector meson production in UPCs is sensitive to the low- x gluon distribution in the nucleus and constrains saturation models.



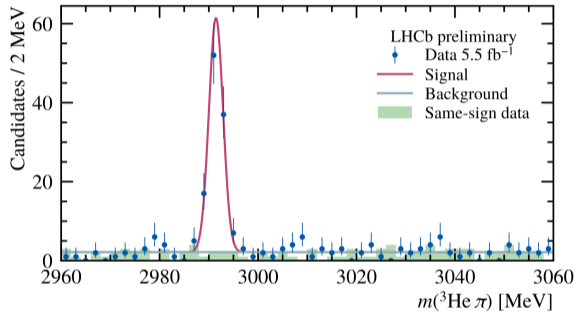
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Light (anti)nuclei (Gediminas Sarpis: Wednesday, 8:30AM)



Use energy loss in silicon sensors and TOF information from forward tracker to identify helium.

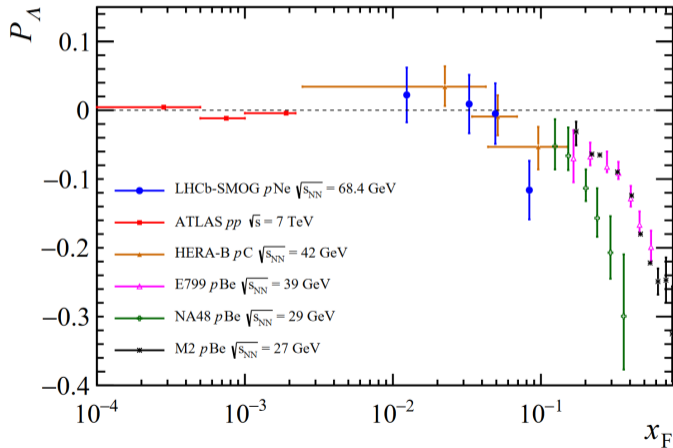
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PID and topology provide a clean antihypertriton signal.

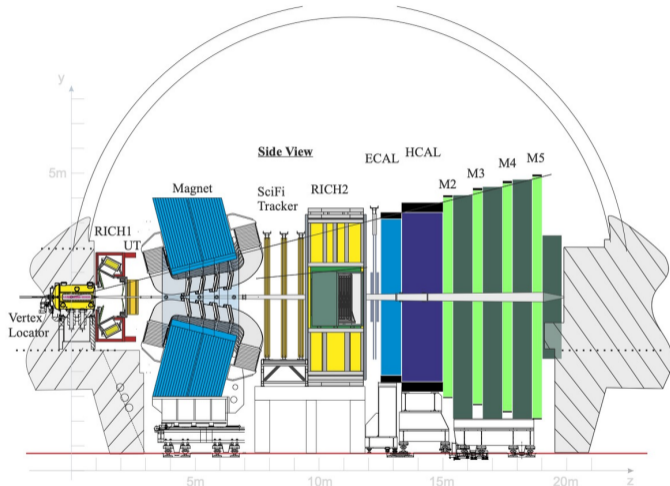
Hyperon polarization (Chiara Lucarelli: Wednesday, 11:00AM)

Λ polarization in fixed-target collisions is sensitive to transverse-momentum dependent fragmentation at relatively high x_F .



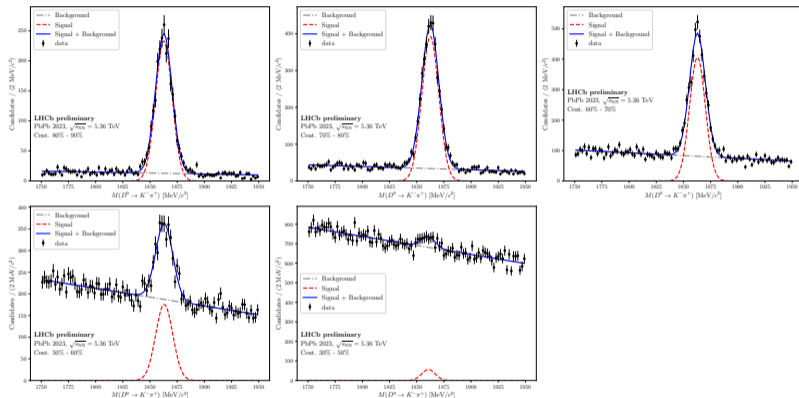
The upgraded LHCb detector (JINST 19 (2024) 05, P05065)

- Brand new tracking detectors expand PbPb centrality reach from $\sim 60\%$ to 30% .
- Front-end electronics upgraded to read out the full detector at 40 MHz.
- Every collision is processed in software: CSBS 4 (2020) 1, 7



First look at 2023 PbPb data (LHCb-FIGURE-2024-004)

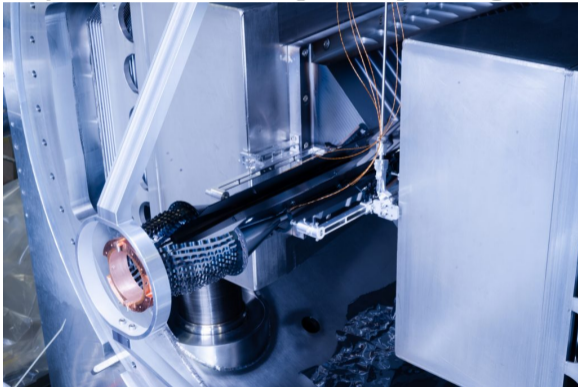
LHCb can reconstruct heavy flavor signals down to 30% centrality.



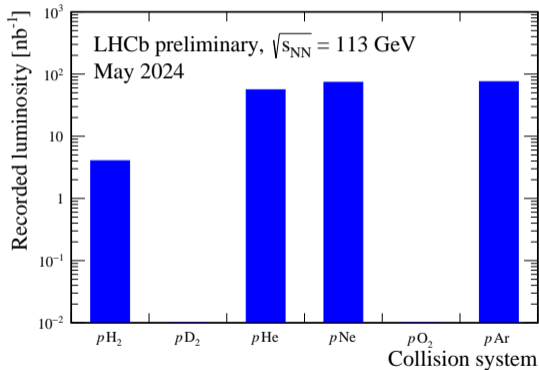
Data collected with VELO retracted. Efficiency and vertex resolution will improve in 2024, resulting in larger, cleaner signals.

The SMOG2 system

System for measuring overlap with gas 2

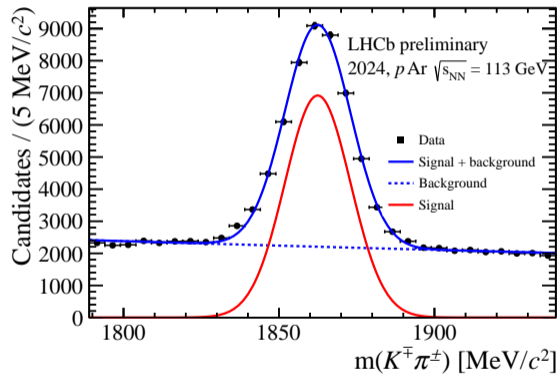
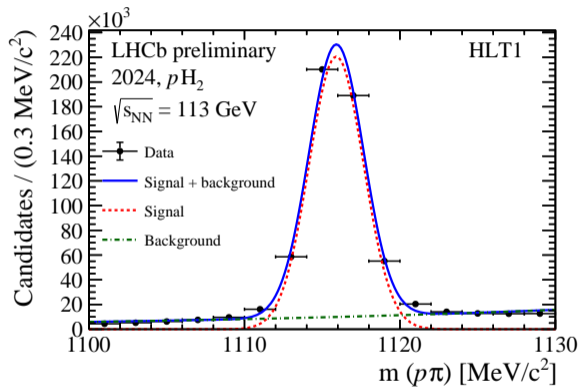


Concurrently collect collider and fixed-target data using a gas injection system



LHCb-FIGURE-2024-005

SMOG2 data from May 2024



LHCb-FIGURE-2024-005

Final thoughts...

- LHCb is a general-purpose detector at forward rapidity with a diverse heavy-ion physics program
- LHCb has many unique opportunities
 - Unique kinematic reach (low x and p_T)
 - Vertexing and PID
 - Fixed-target collisions
- The upgraded LHCb detector will have even more opportunities!

Thank you!