

# Probing Hidden Valley at the LHCb

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Abelian/Non-abelian dark sector

Hidden Valley searches at the ATLAS/CMS

LHCb 101

Showering & Hadronization in the Dark Sector

Hidden Valley leptonic channel: Muon pair

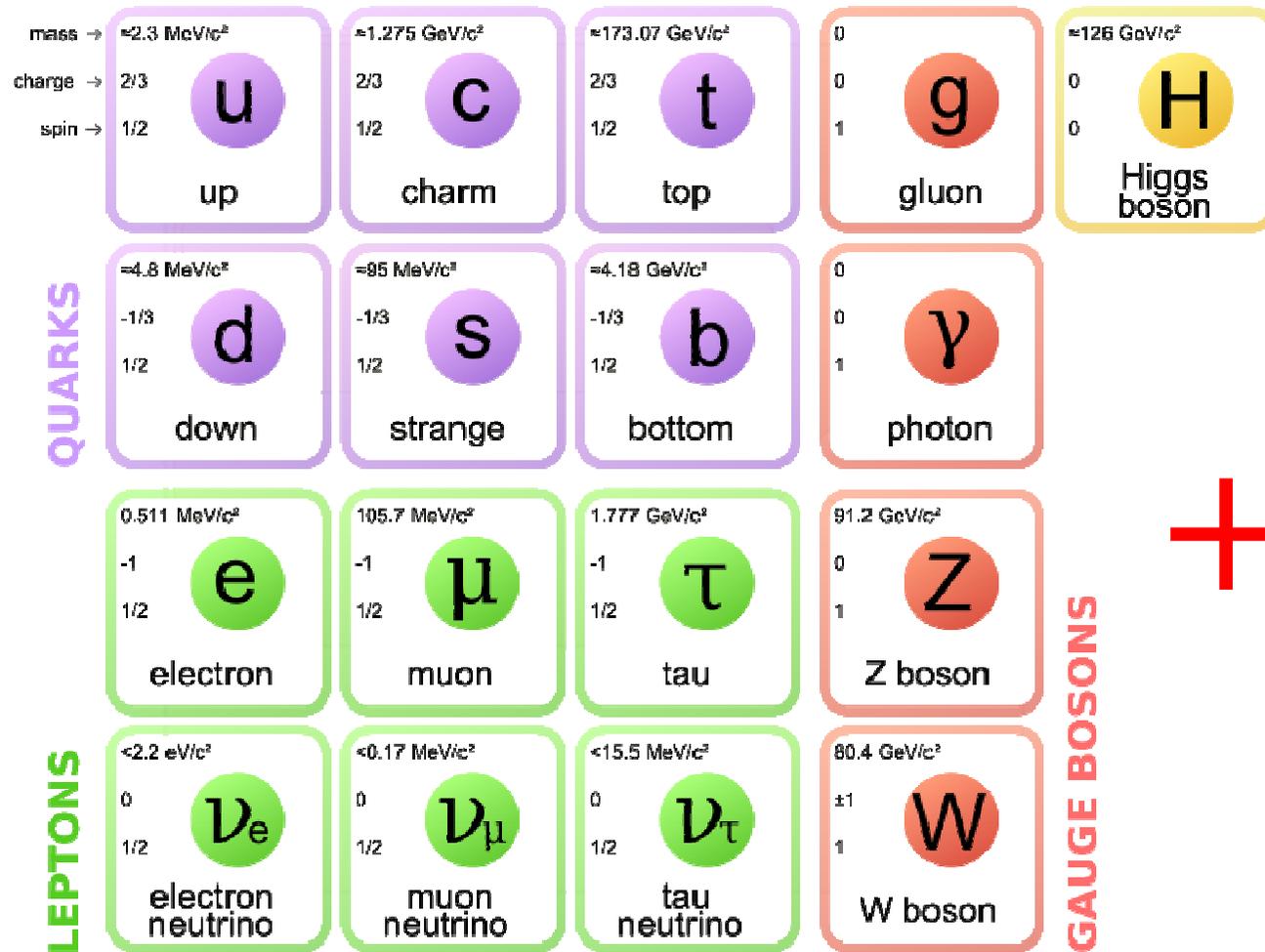
LHCb reach

LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS

Hidden Valley hadronic channel: D-meson/B-meson pair

Conclusion

# Current Status of Particle Physics



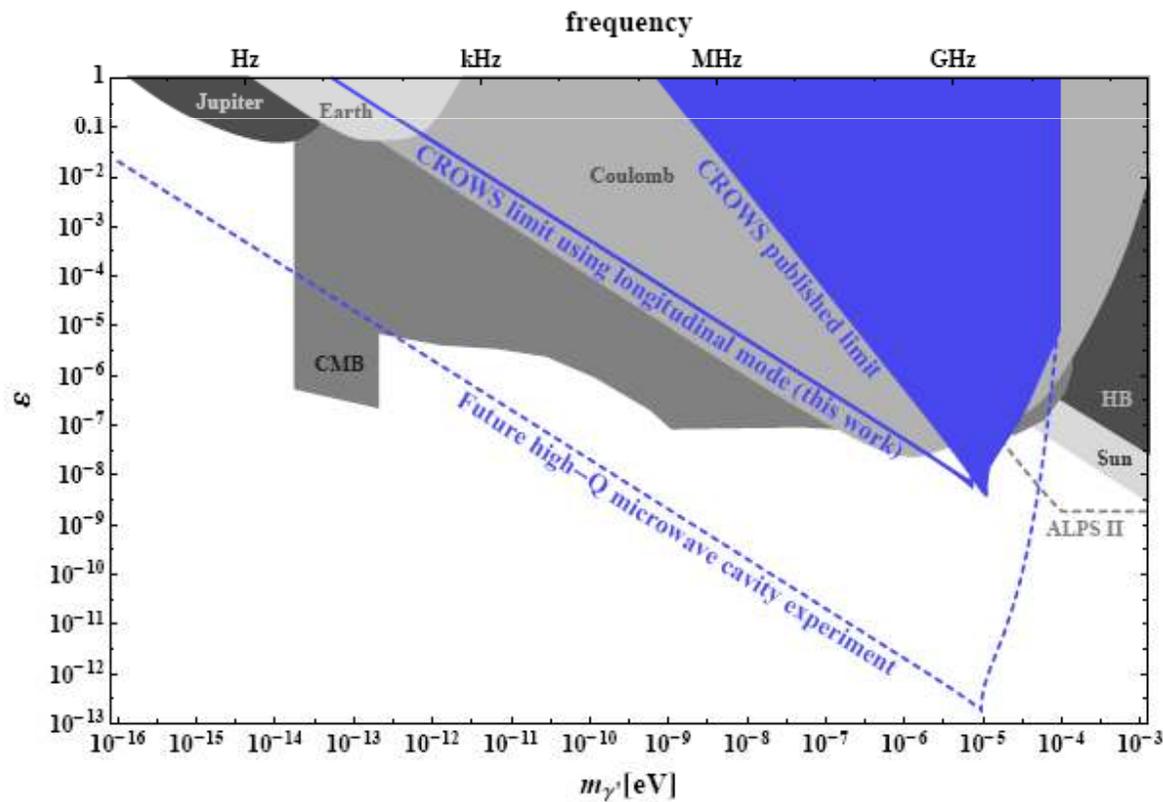
+ Dark Sector

# Abelian Dark Sector

Dark Sector remains largely unknown.

Simplest extension with additional U(1) has been intensively studied!

- Ultra-light dark photon:



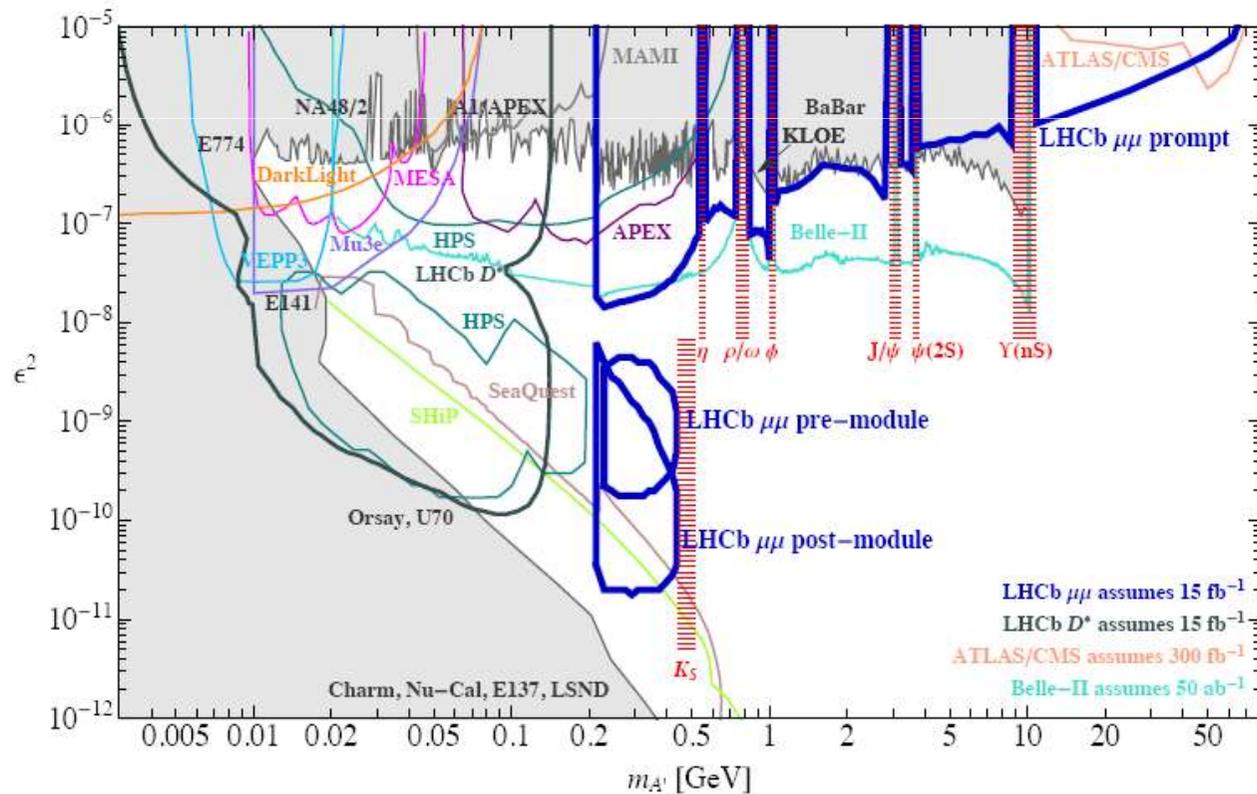
P. W. Graham, J. Mardon,  
S. Rajendran, Y. Z.  
Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) no.7, 075017

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- MeV ~ GeV:



P. Ilten, Y. Soreq, J. Thaler,  
M. Williams, W. Xue  
Phys. Rev. Lett.  
116, 251803 (2016)

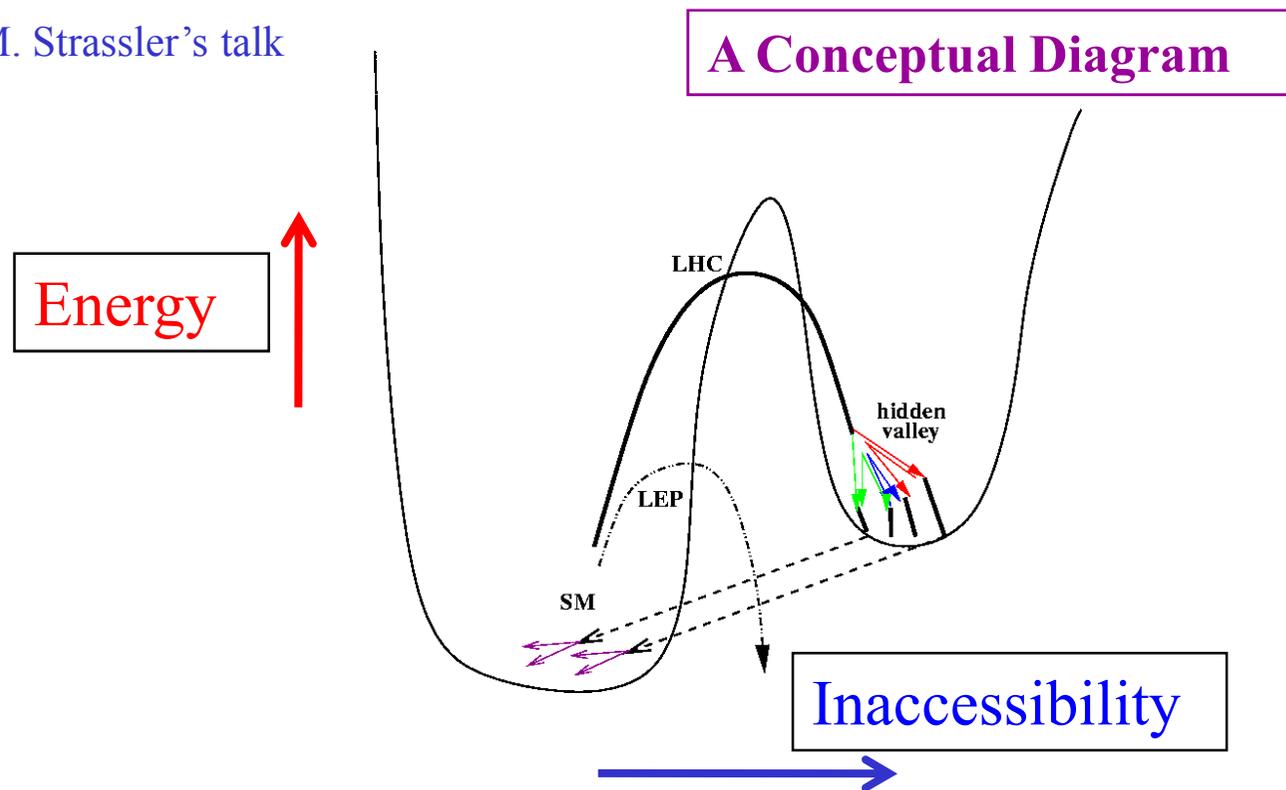
# Non-Abelian Dark Sector

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Non-abelian choice on Dark Sector remains to be further studies!

- Generically classified as Hidden Valley models.

M. Strassler's talk



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- May have interesting astrophysical implications.

Non-Abelian dark matter and dark radiation

M. A. Buen-Abad, G. Marques-Tavares, M. Schmaltz  
Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) no.2, 023531

Signatures of Large Composite Dark Matter States

E. Hardy, R. Lasenby, J. March-Russell, S. M. West  
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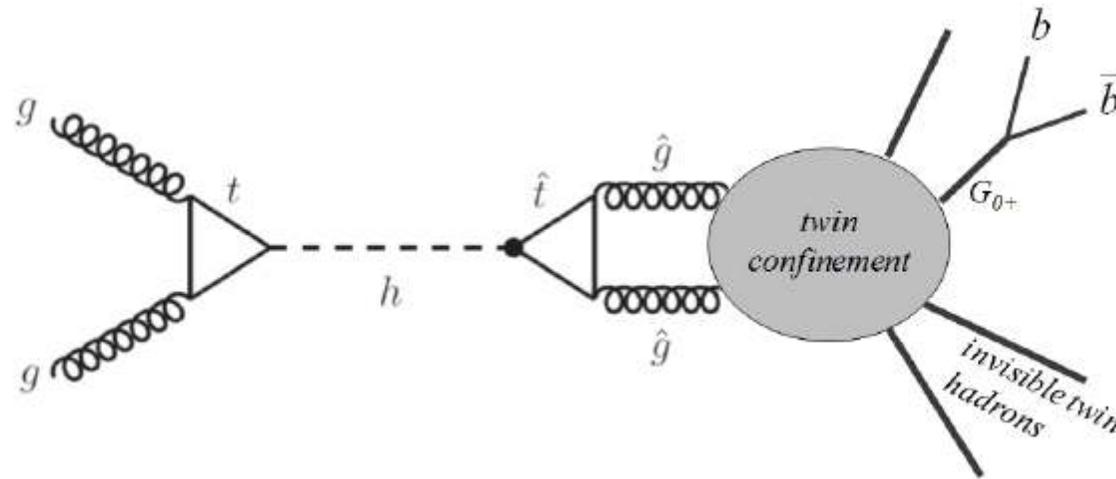
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- May have close connections to Naturalness solutions (Twin Higgs models)

Naturalness in the Dark at the LHC

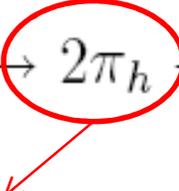
N. Craig, A. Katz, M. Strassler, R. Sundrum  
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# Hidden Valley searches at the ATLAS/CMS

Many existing searches at the ATLAS/CMS:

Due to non-trivial trigger requirements,  
mainly focus on very special hadronization scheme,

$$pp \rightarrow \text{resonance} \rightarrow q_h \bar{q}_h^* \rightarrow 2\pi_h \rightarrow \text{SM}$$


Generically expect many soft hidden pions are produced.

However, SM final states cannot be too soft to be triggered at ATLAS/CMS.

or requiring hidden pions to be very massive.

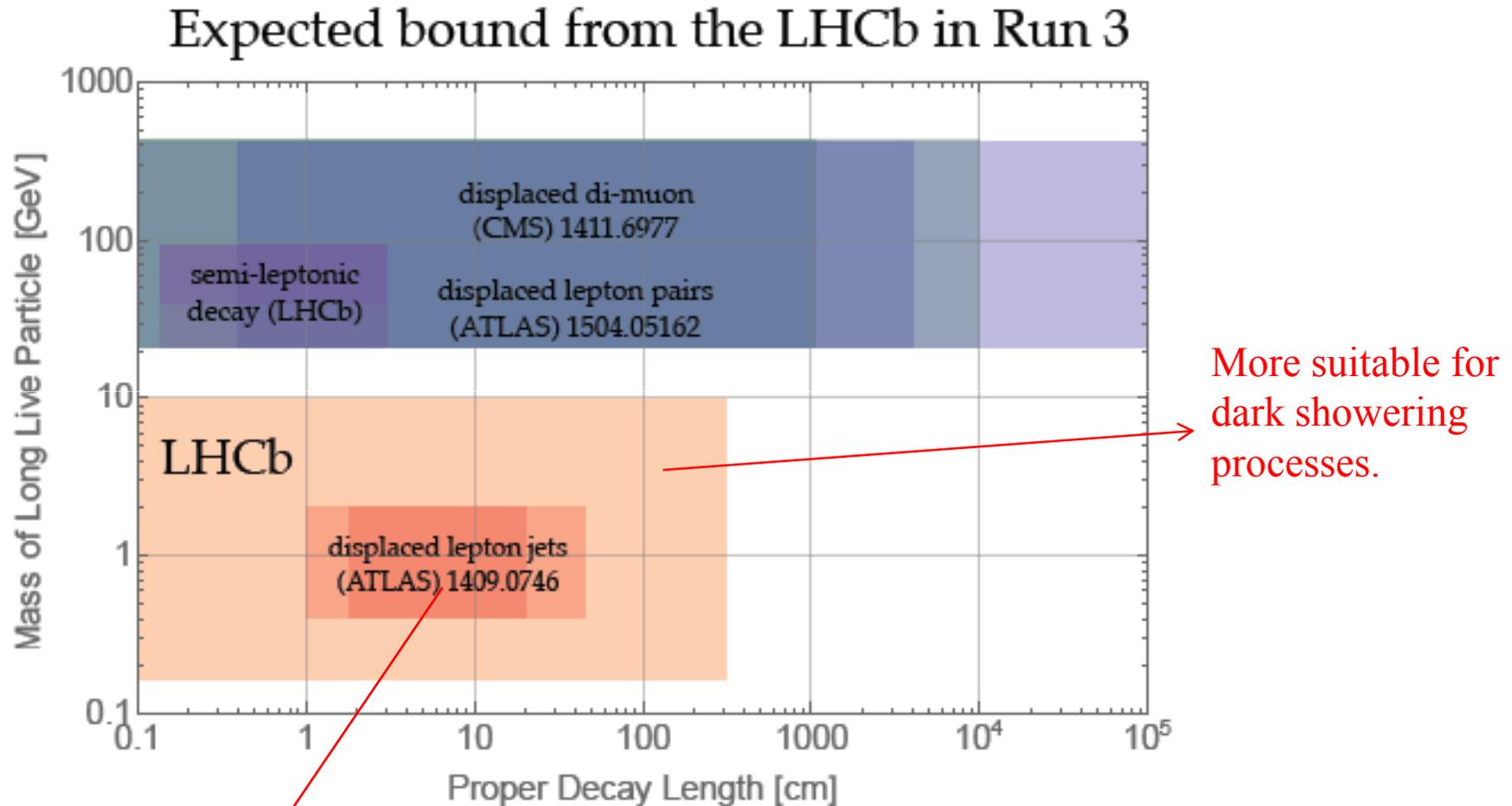
LHCb: Similar searches are also carried out:

Search for long-lived particles decaying to jet pairs

[Eur. Phys. J. C75 \(2015\) 152](#)

but also with two hidden pions in the final states.

# Hidden Valley searches at the ATLAS/CMS



Usually require  $m_{LLP} > 15 \text{ GeV}$  & sizable muon  $p_T$  cut ( $\sim 20 \text{ GeV}$ )  
and assume 1 > few particles decay when presenting the results

LHCb 101

# LHCb 101

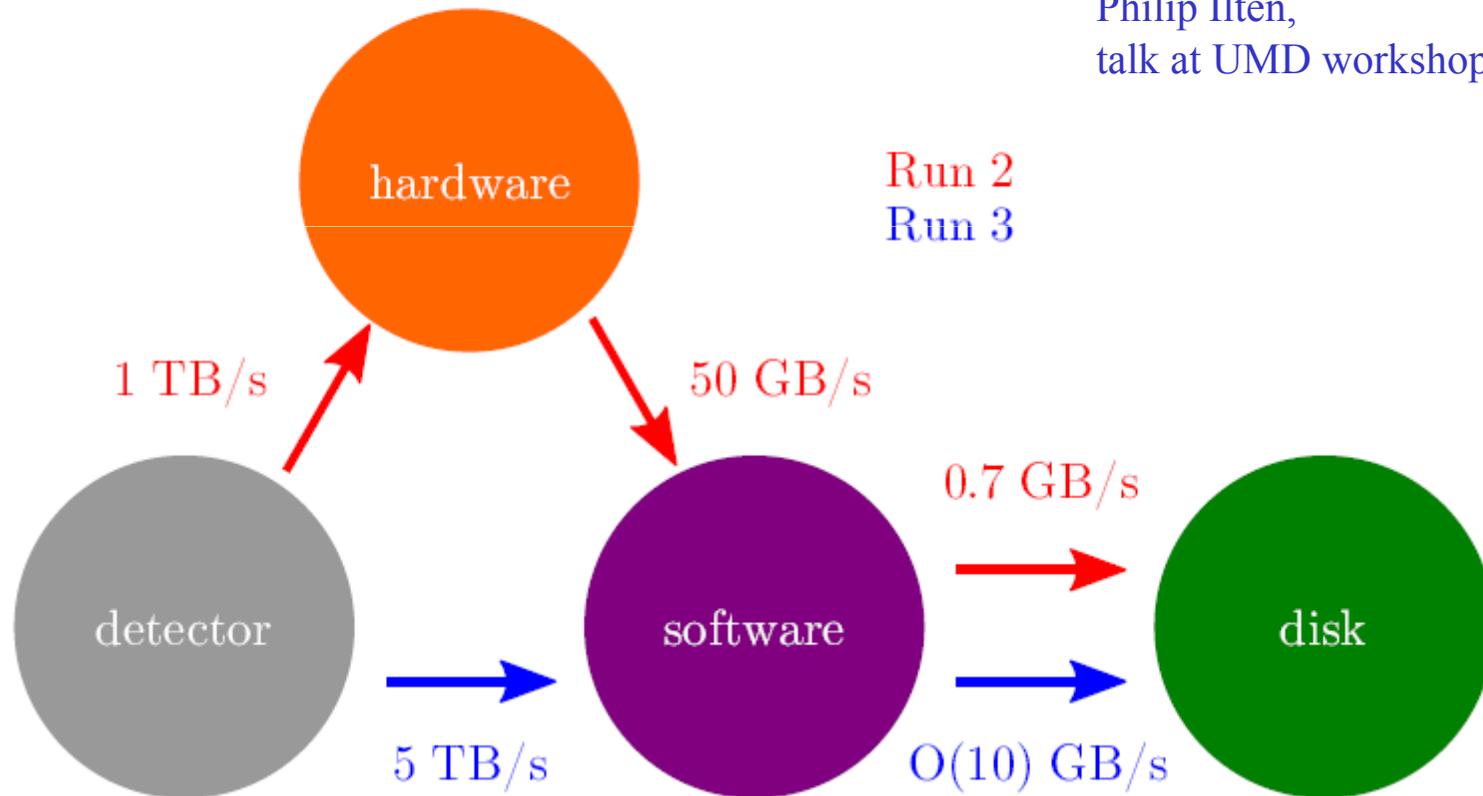
It exists in reality!



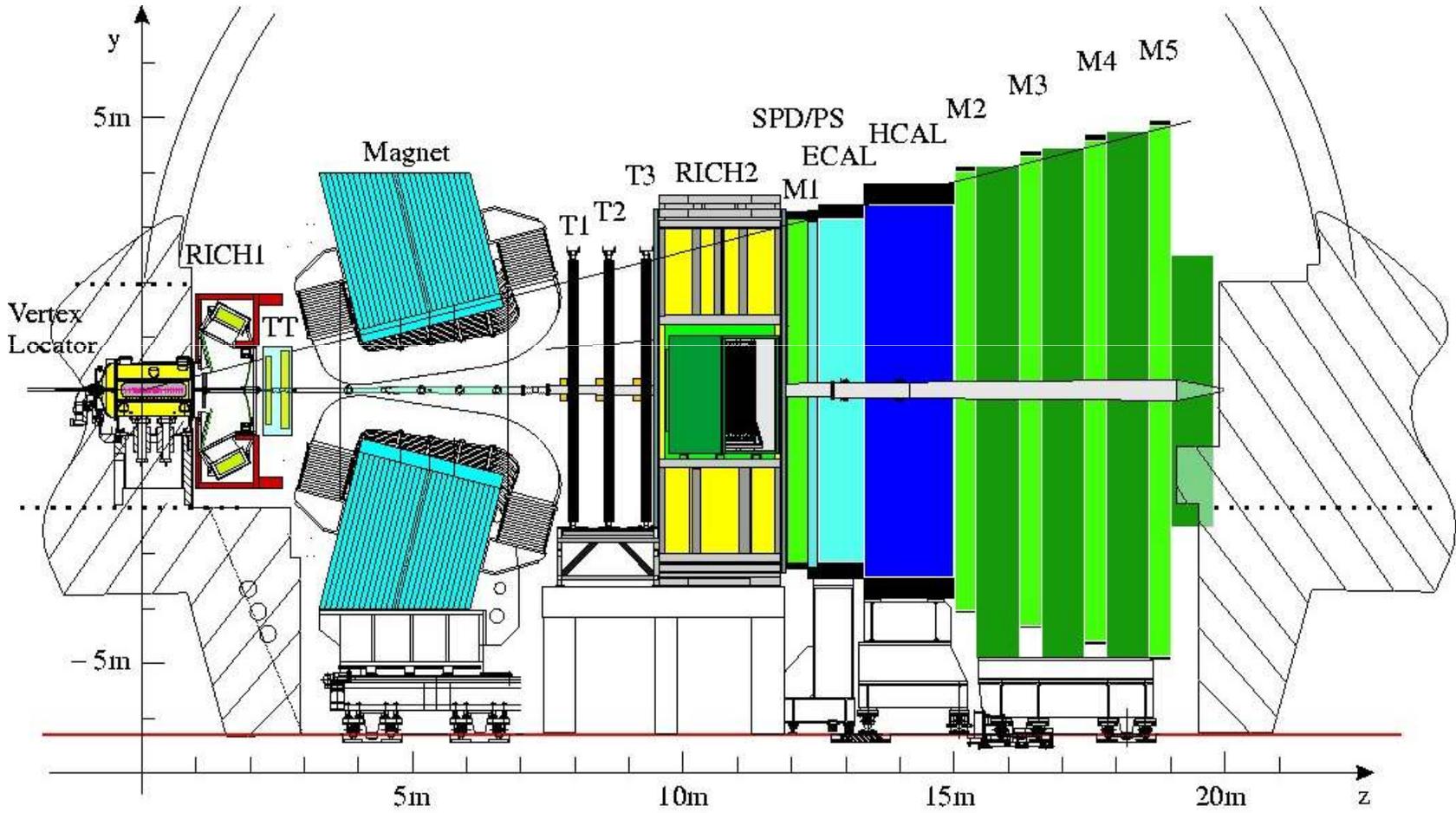
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LHCb provides an ideal environment to study soft exotic objects!

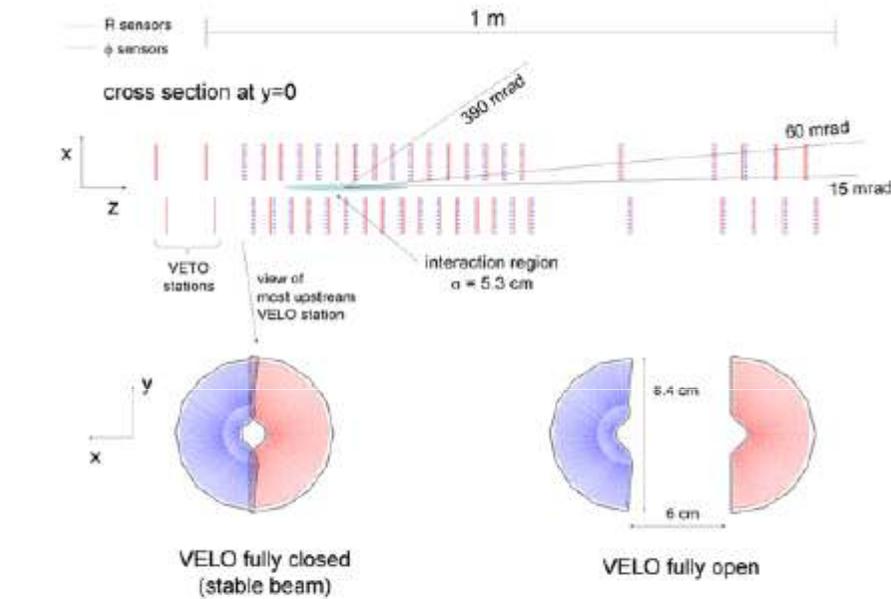
Philip Ilten,  
talk at UMD workshop



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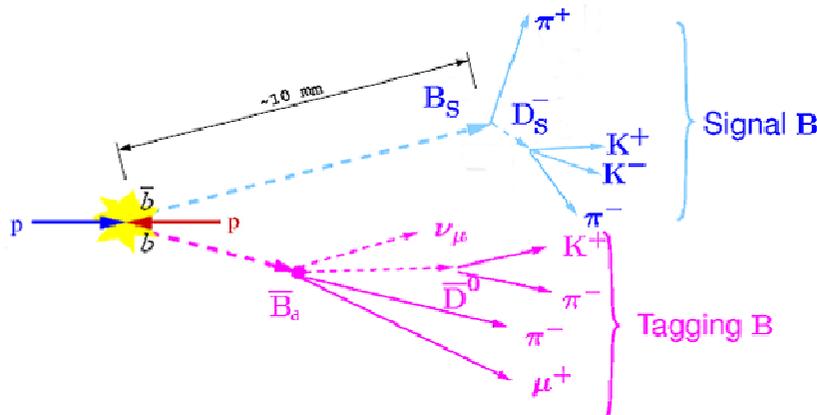
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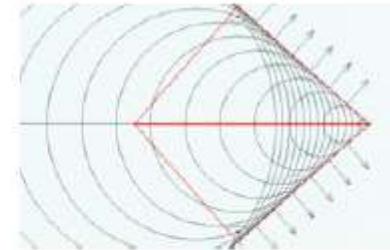
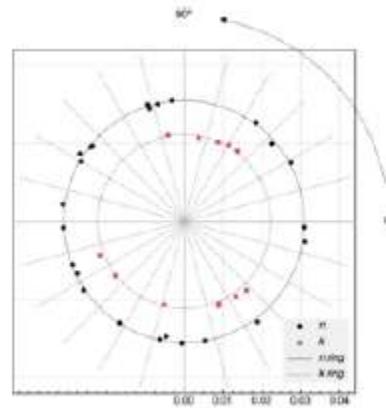
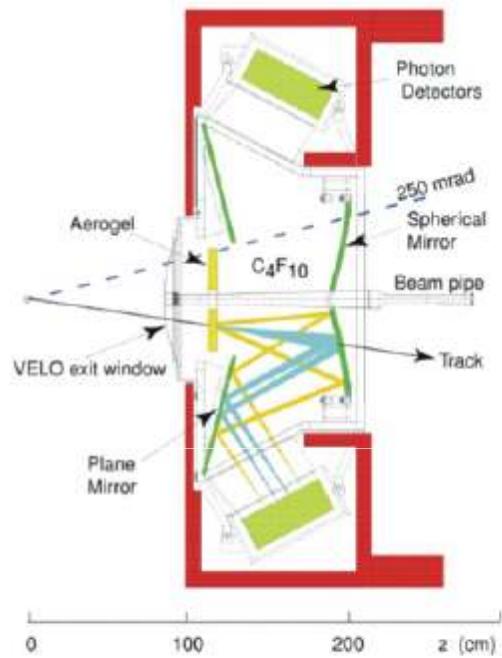
Timing Resolution

$$\approx 50 \text{ fs } (15 \mu\text{m})$$

Gives a good measurement of displaced vertex

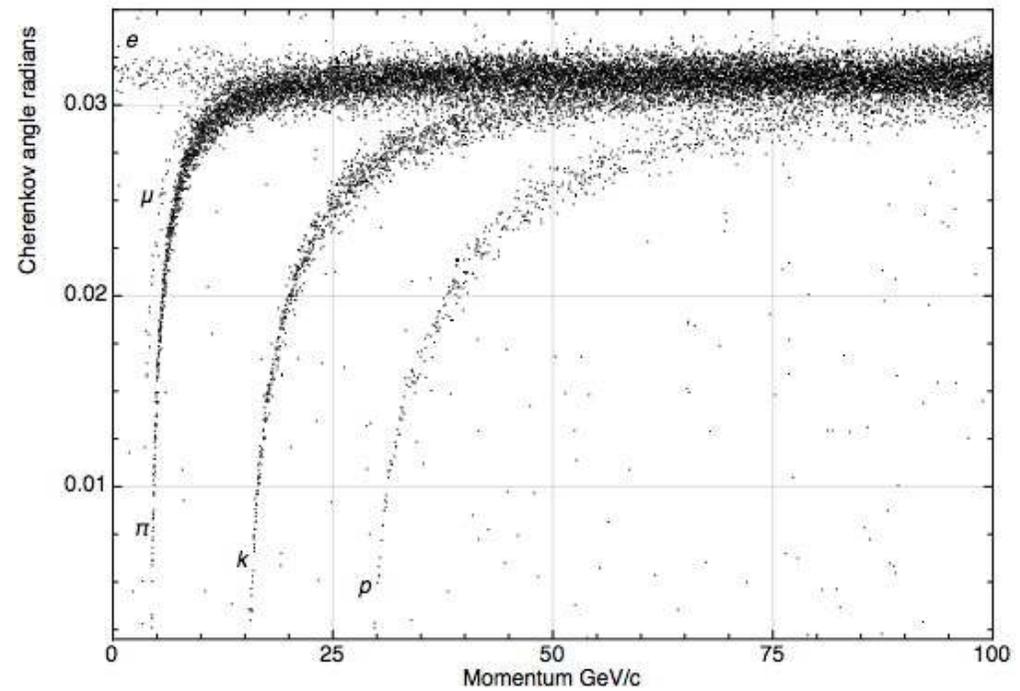


# LHCb 101



$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{c}{nv}$$

Cherenkov angle vs Momentum for  $n = 1.0005$



# LHCb 101

VELO: excellent track reconstruction/vertex location reconstruction

RICH1: excellent particle ID

Ideal place to look for soft long-lived particles produced in high energy processes.

# Showering & Hadronization in the Dark Sector

Showering with out RG running + Lund String Model:

⇒ Pythia 8

Showering with RG running + Lund String Model:

⇒ Pythia 8 with patch from Schwaller, Stolarski, and Weiler (15')

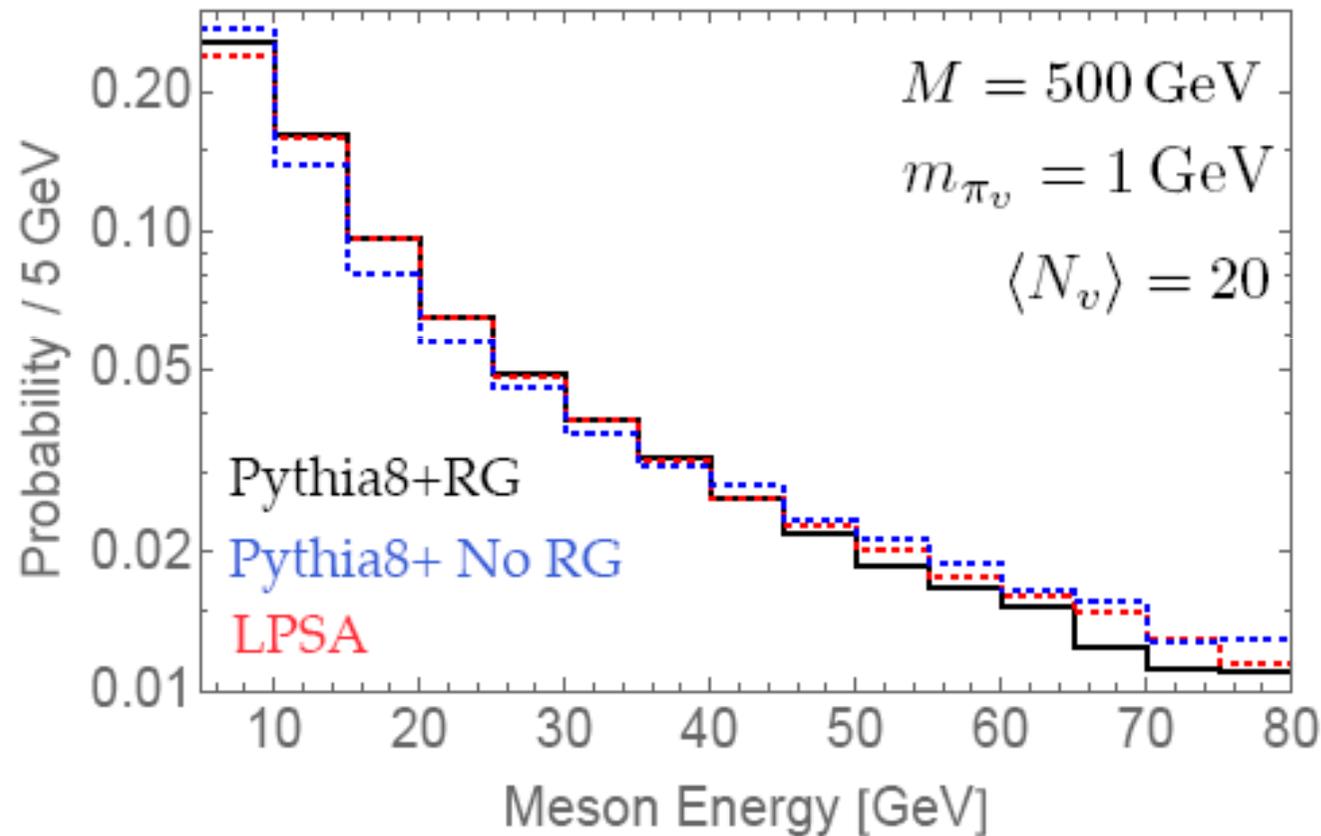
Longitudinal Phase Space Approximation:

Han, Si, Zurek, and Strassler (08')

⇒ Poisson distributed meson multiplicity  
Uniformly distributed meson rapidity (rest frame of heavy resonance)  
Gaussian distributed transverse momenta

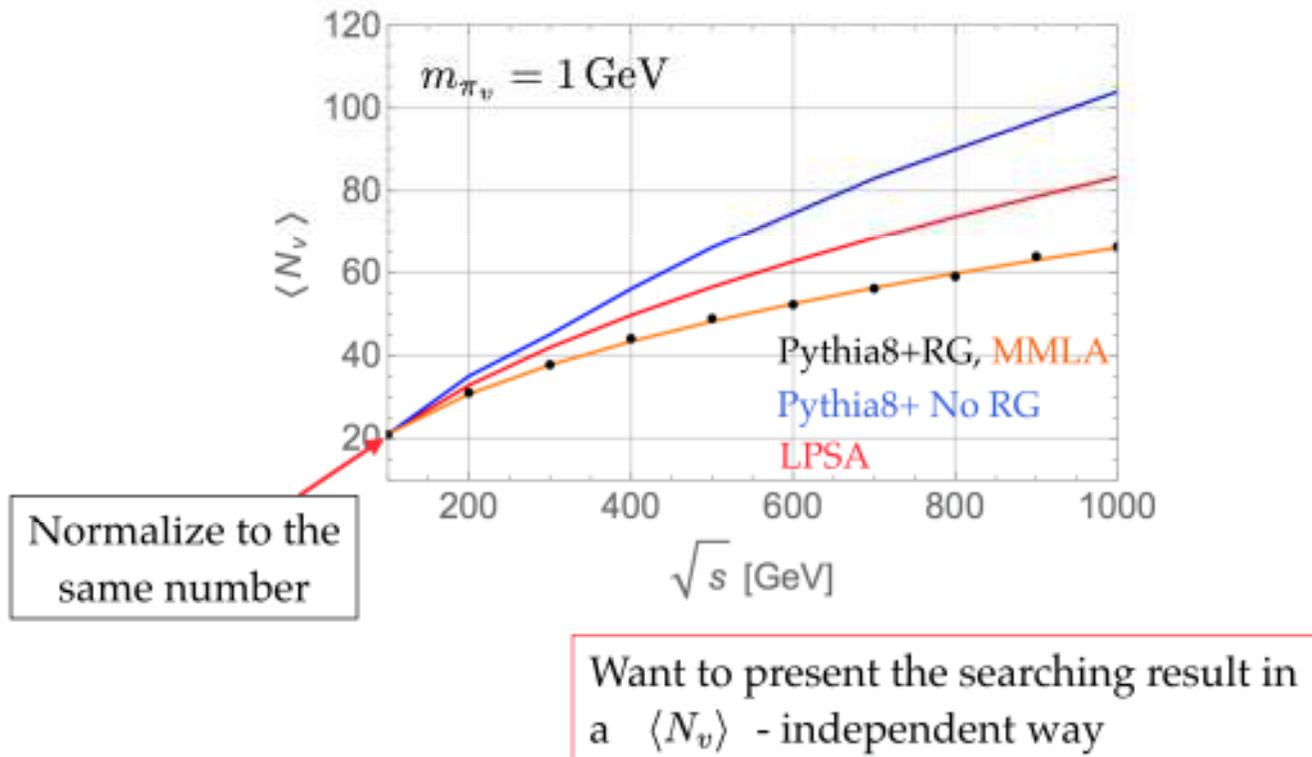
# Showering & Hadronization in the Dark Sector

Energy Spectrum



# Showering & Hadronization in the Dark Sector

## Multiplicity



# Di-muon channel

## Displaced muon search at LHCb

We adopt cuts from the displaced  $A'$  analysis in

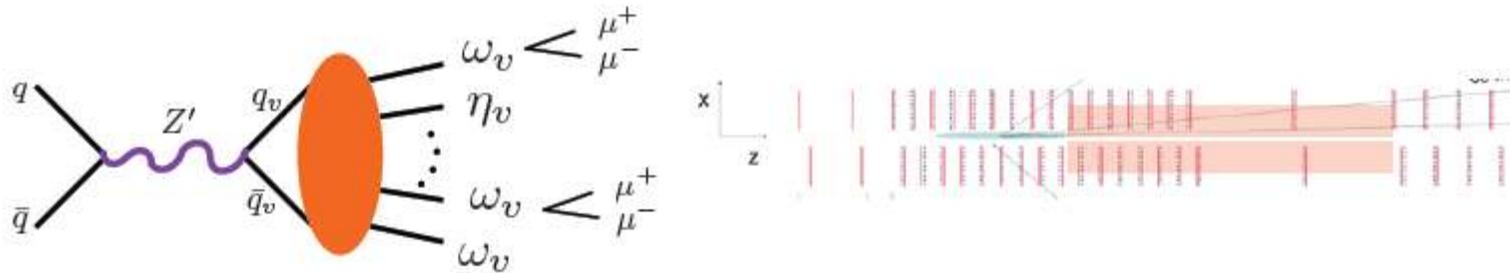
P. Ilten, Y. Soreq, J. Thaler, M. Williams, W. Xue, 1603.08926

$$\eta(\mu^\pm) \in [2, 5], p(\mu^\pm) > 10 \text{ GeV}, p_T(\mu^\pm) > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{Muon id efficiency } \epsilon_\mu^2 \approx 0.50$$

$$\eta(\omega_\nu) \in [2, 5], p_T(\omega_\nu) > 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\ell_T \in [6 \text{ mm}, 22 \text{ mm}] \quad \ell_z \in [2.6 \text{ cm}, 50 \text{ cm}] \quad (\text{we include this second cuts})$$



# Di-muon channel

Possible sources of background:

- Combinatorial background:

Rescaling the background from  $K_S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  process.

- Fake muon from charged pion:

Very low muon fake rate at the LHCb.

$$\epsilon_{\pi}^2 \approx 10^{-6}$$

- Interacting with material:

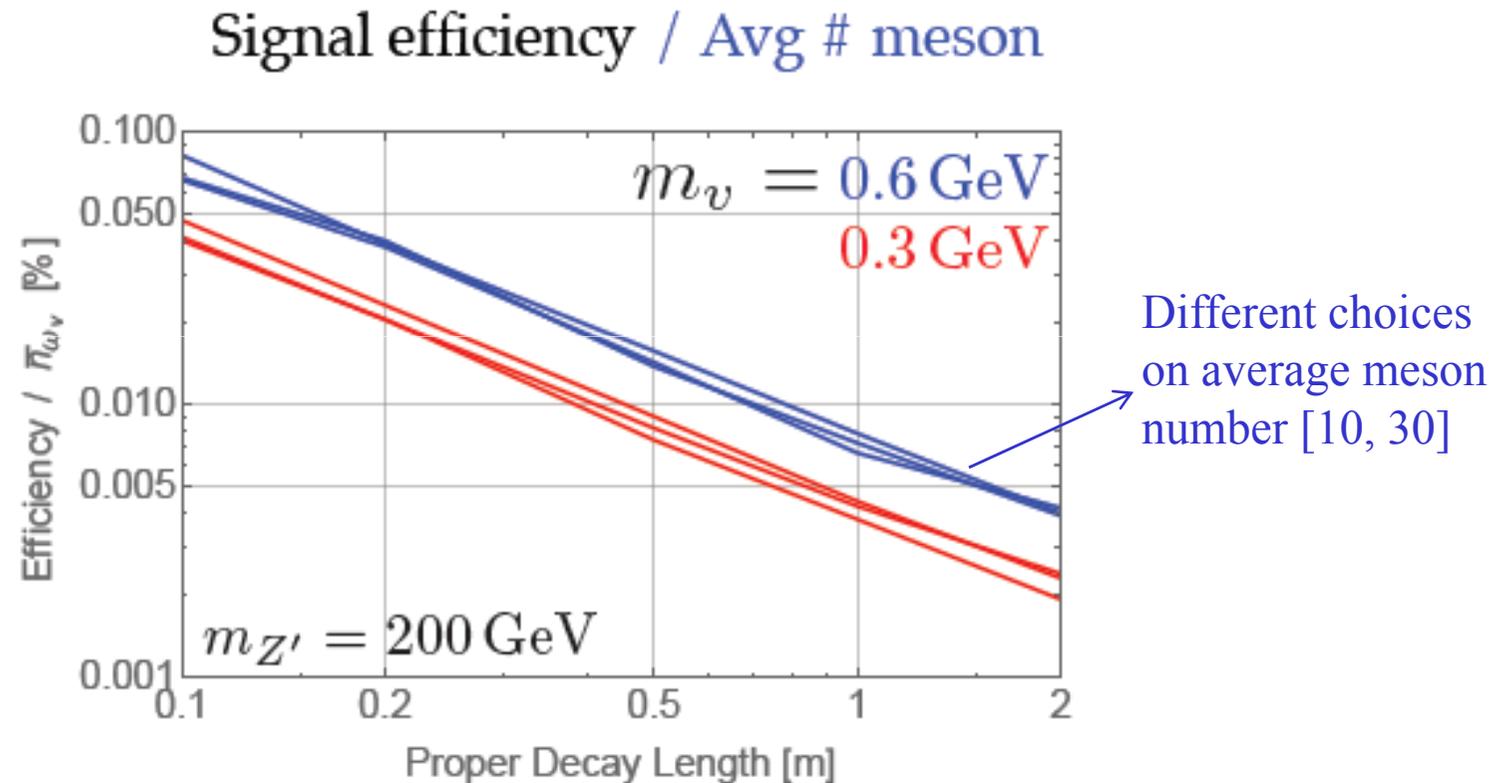
A careful detector simulation is needed,  
may be eliminated by vertex location.

  $\sim 25$  events / mass bin at 15 / fb at 13 TeV (Run III)

# Signal efficiency vs Multiplicity

Long decay lifetime :

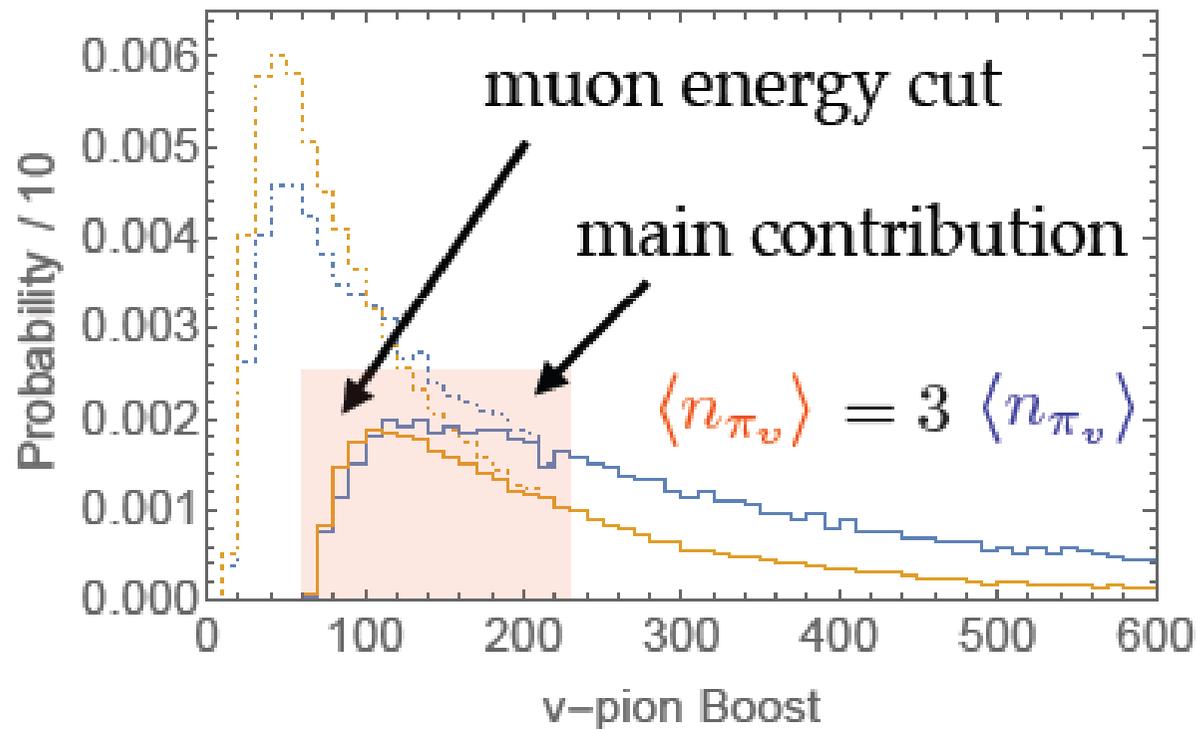
PYTHIA + RG Running



Acceptance for each meson is approximately a constant!  
(A little bit counter-intuitive, more meson implies less boosting.)

# Signal efficiency vs Multiplicity

Long decay lifetime :



Mesons from hadronization still peak at low energy regime.

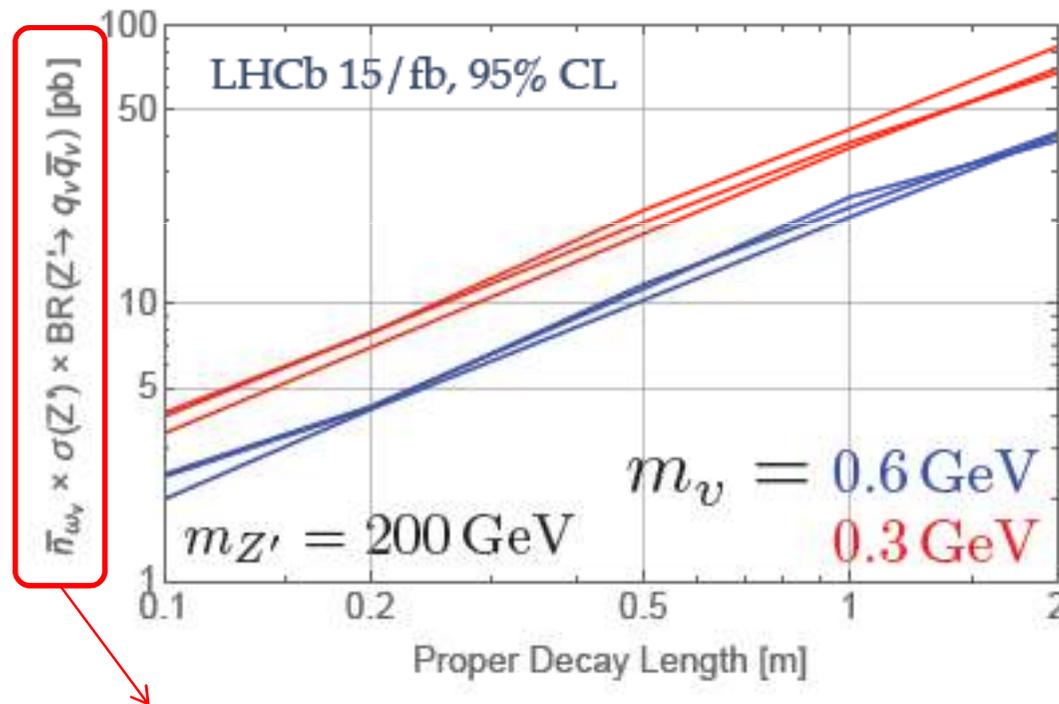
⇒ Acceptance for each meson is not sensitive to  $\langle N_{\pi_v} \rangle$

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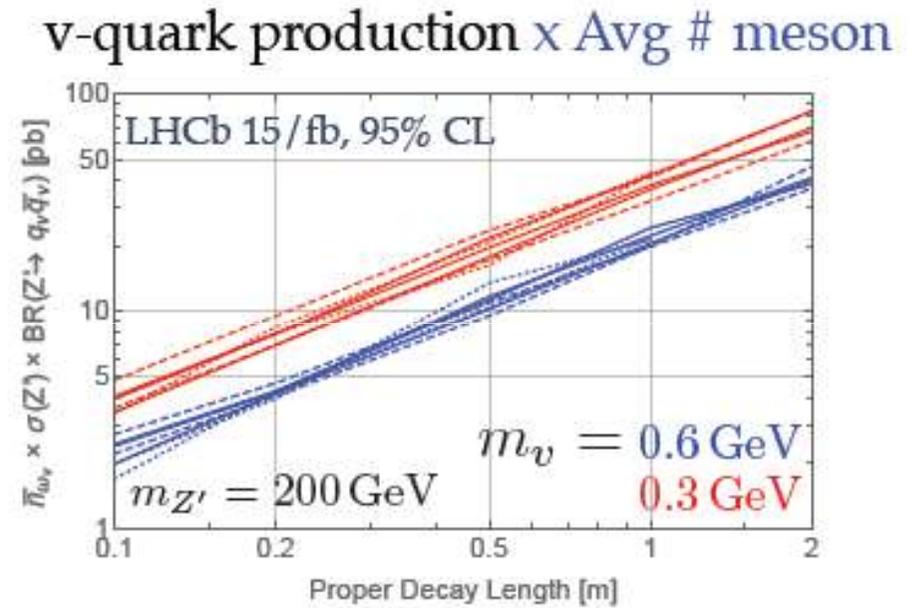
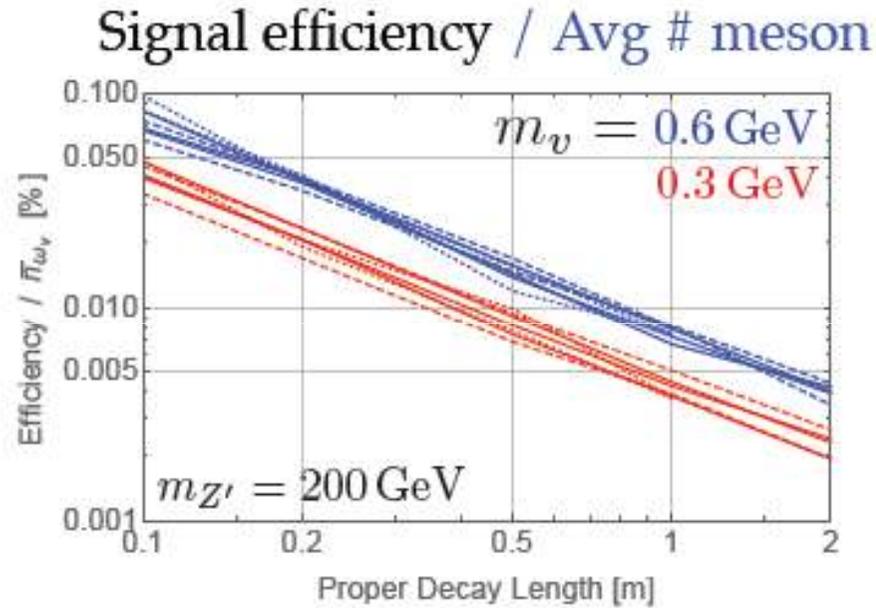
v-quark production x Avg # meson



Showering/Hadronization sensitivities are removed.  
A good quantity to set limits on!

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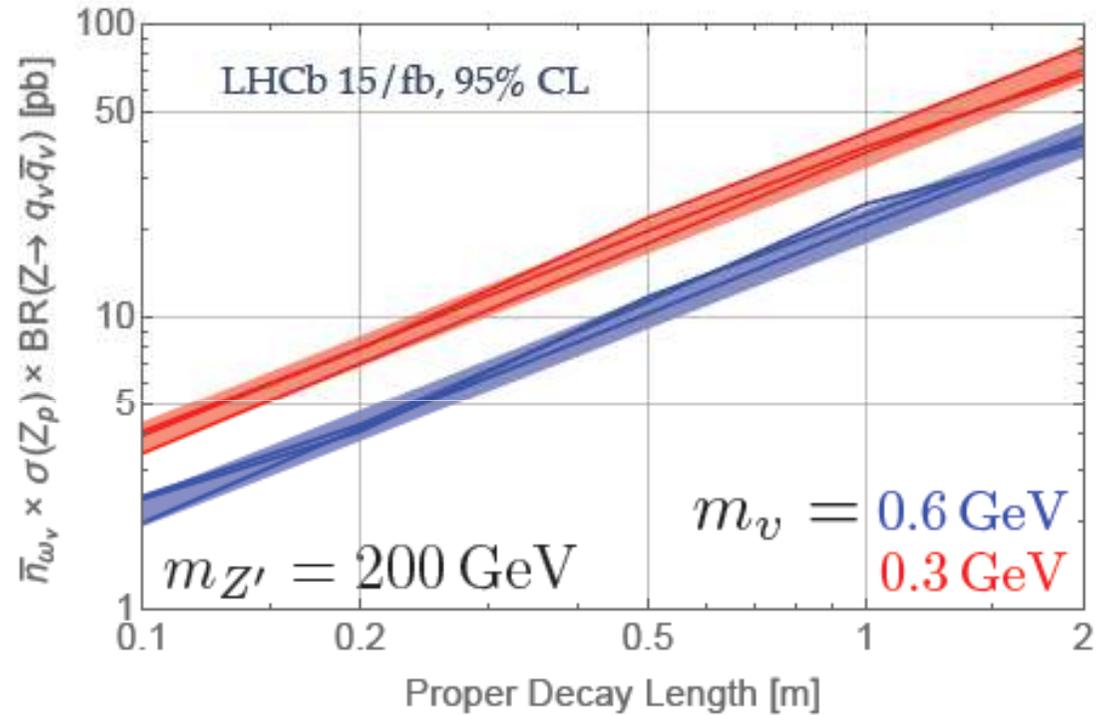
Long decay lifetime :



Solid: PYTHIA + RG Running  
Dashed: PYTHIA without RG Running  
Dotted: LPSA

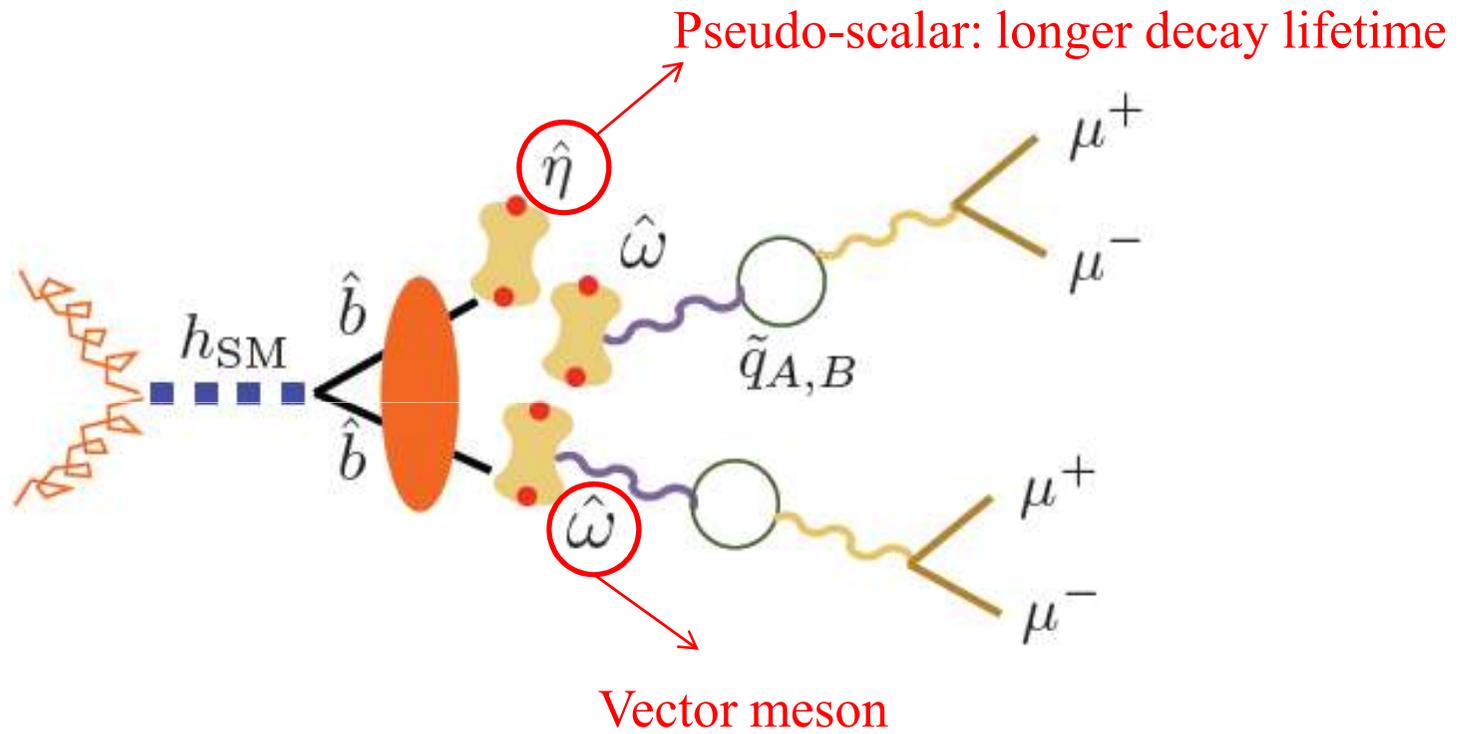
# LHCb Di-muon limit

Long decay lifetime :

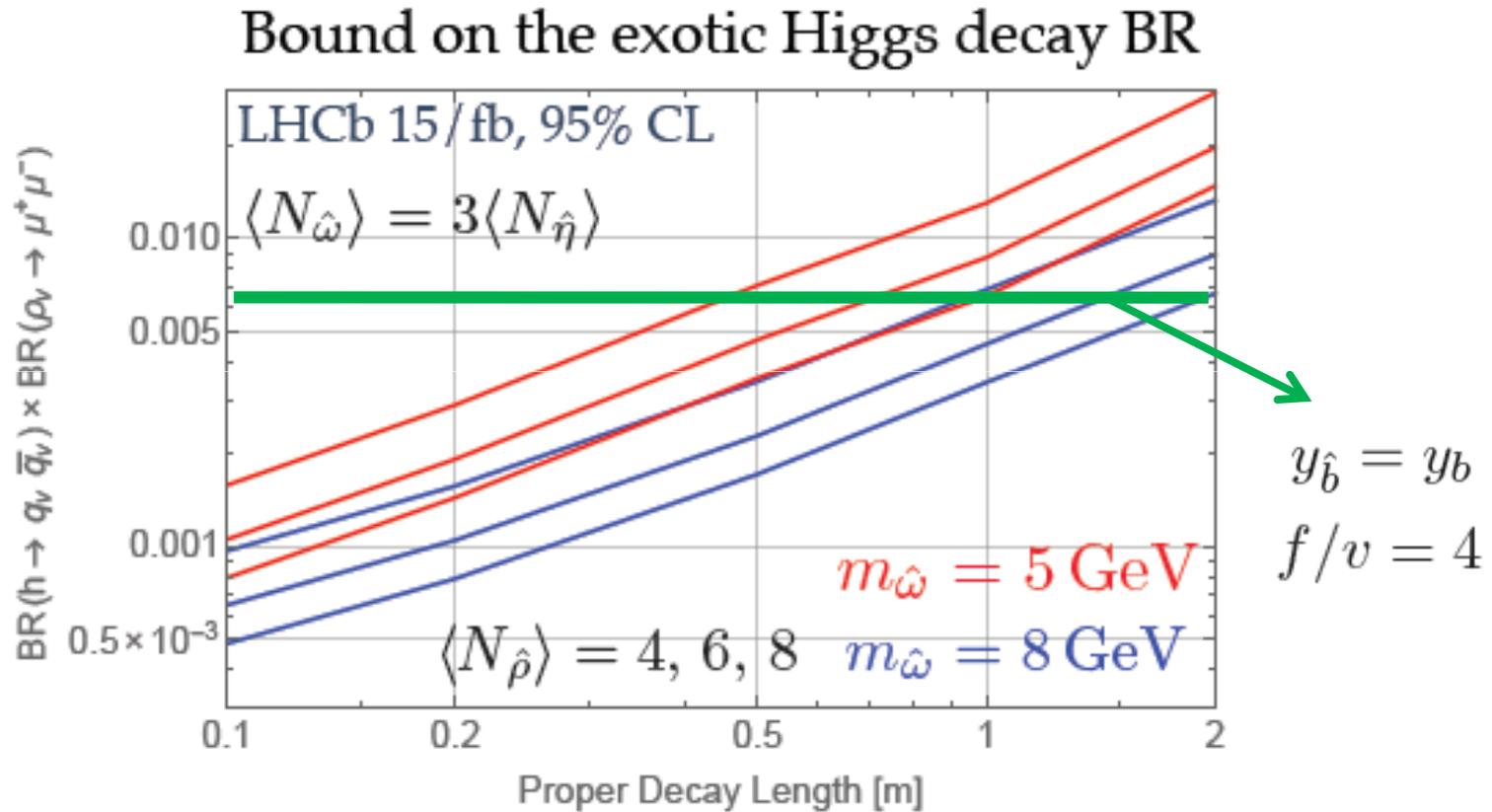


	$c\tau = 10 \text{ cm}$		$c\tau = 100 \text{ cm}$	
$\langle N_\nu \rangle$	600 MeV	300 MeV	600 MeV	300 MeV
10	250 (fb)	400	2 pb	4 pb
30	80	130	670	1.3 pb

# Applications in Twin Higgs Models



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# LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS

ATLAS/CMS has:

20 times higher luminosity.

10 times better angular coverage.

Can ATLAS/CMS beat LHCb if optimizing the search strategies?

- Most of hidden mesons escape from the detector.
  - ⇒ Large source of MET.
  - ⇒ First trigger on Mono-jet .  
Then look for soft displaced Di-muon pair.
- Large angular coverage at ATLAS/CMS makes it easier to capture DV.
  - ⇒ Lower MET cut with 2 DV.

# LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS

Di-muon + MET + jet :

**Search for massive, long-lived particles using multitrack displaced vertices or displaced lepton pairs in pp collisions at 8 TeV with the ATLAS detector ( $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )**

Phys. Rev. D 92, 072004 (2015)

muon  $P_T \sim O(0.1) M / \langle N \rangle$

DV + muon : muon  $P_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$

DV + electron: electron  $P_T > 120 \text{ GeV}$

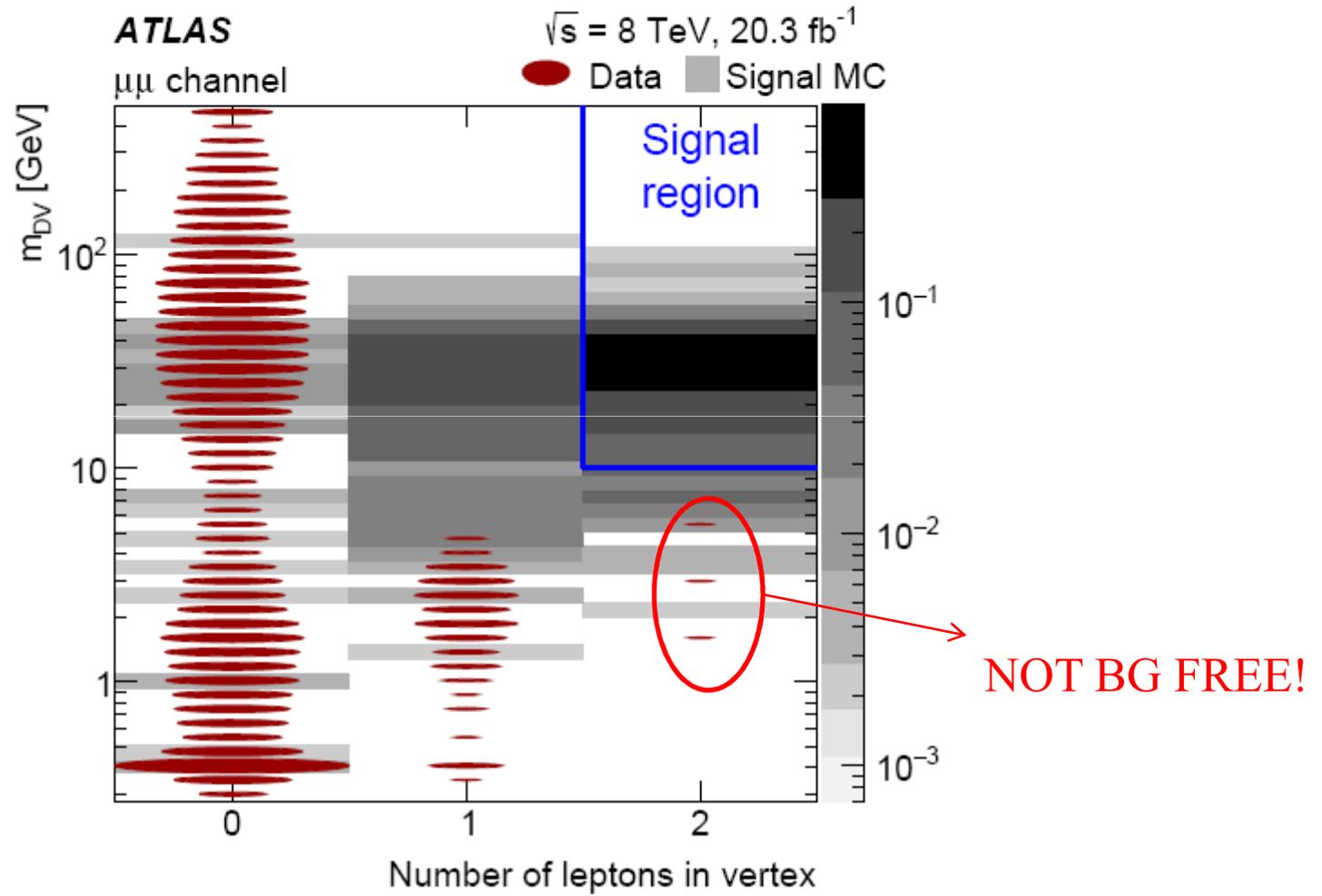
DV + jet: 4 j  $> 90 \text{ GeV}$ , 5 j  $> 65 \text{ GeV}$ , 6 j  $> 55 \text{ GeV}$

DV + MET: MET  $> 180 \text{ GeV}$

DV : muon  $P_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $d > 2.5 \text{ mm}$ , Inv Mass  $> 10 \text{ GeV}$

need to remove

# LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS



# LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS

Reasonable to propose the following analysis at ATLAS/CMS at 13 TeV:

- Leading jet  $P_T > 120$  GeV, MET  $> 200$  GeV

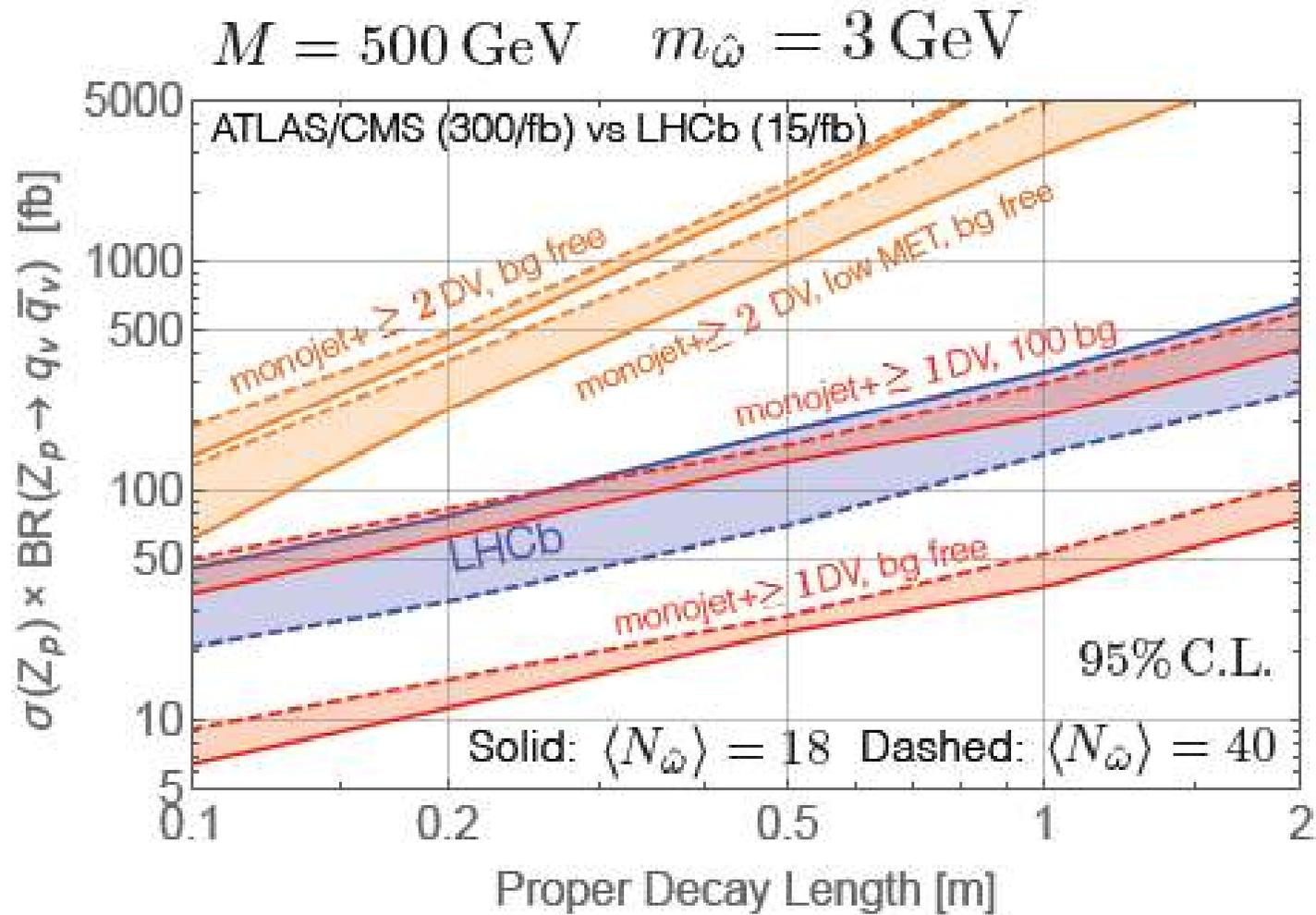
- muon  $P_T > 10$  GeV,  $|\eta(\text{jet}, \mu^\pm)| < 2.5$

- $\Delta R > 0.4$  between hidden pion and jet

- At least 1 DV with  $\ell_T \in [1, 30]$  cm

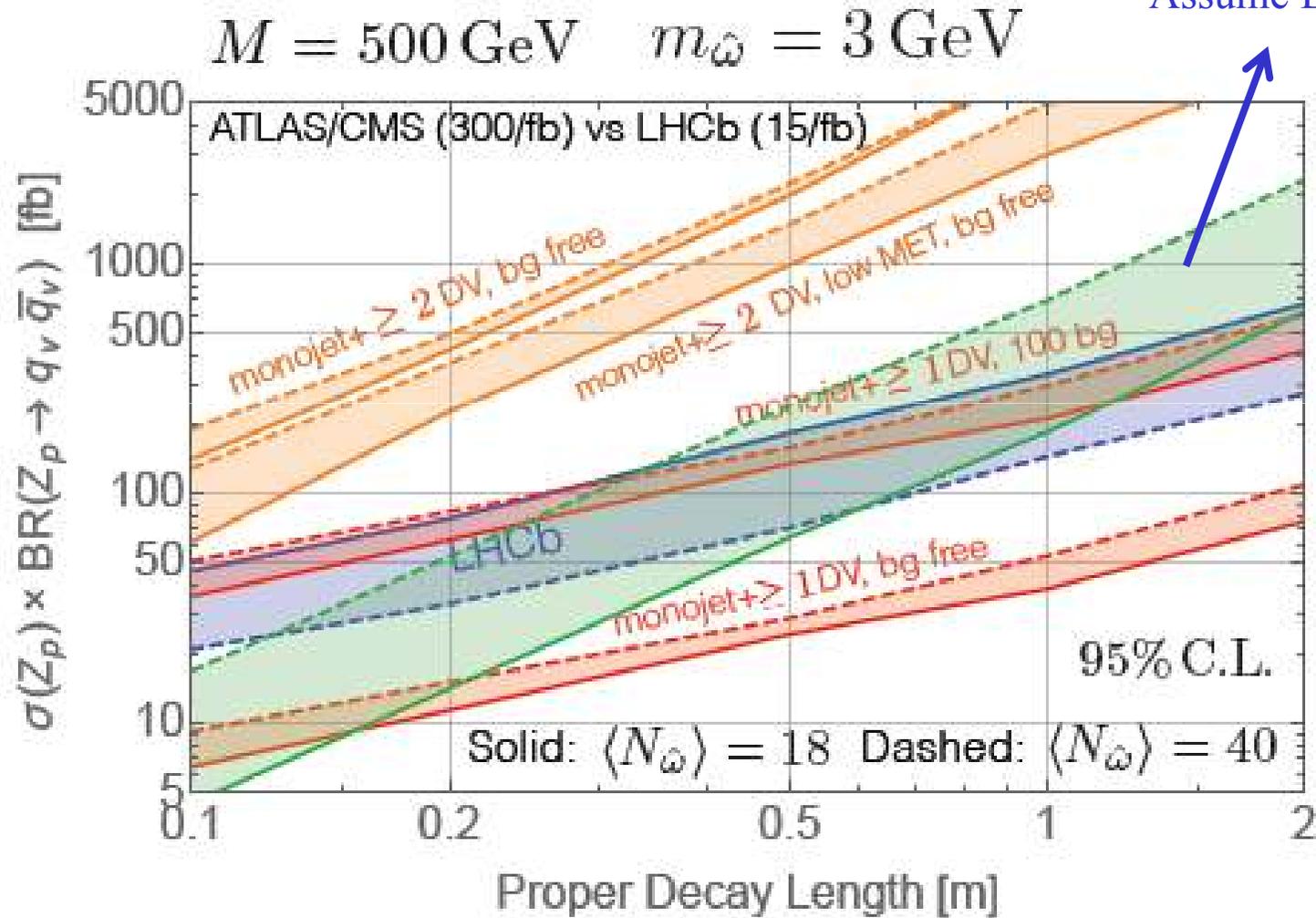
Can be lowered by  
requiring more DV

# LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS

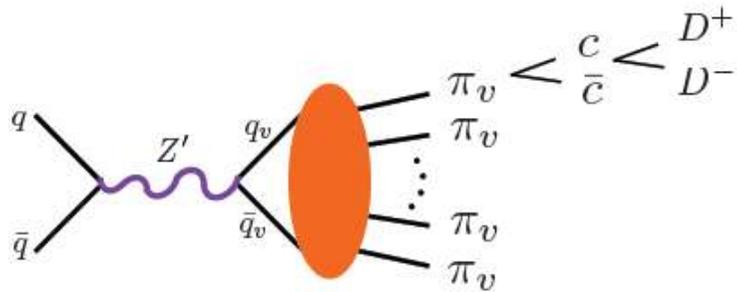
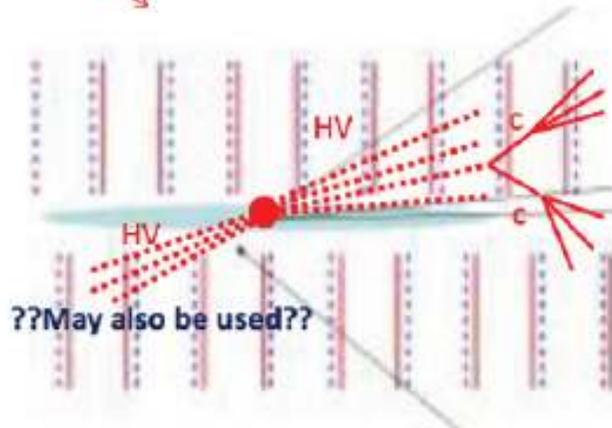
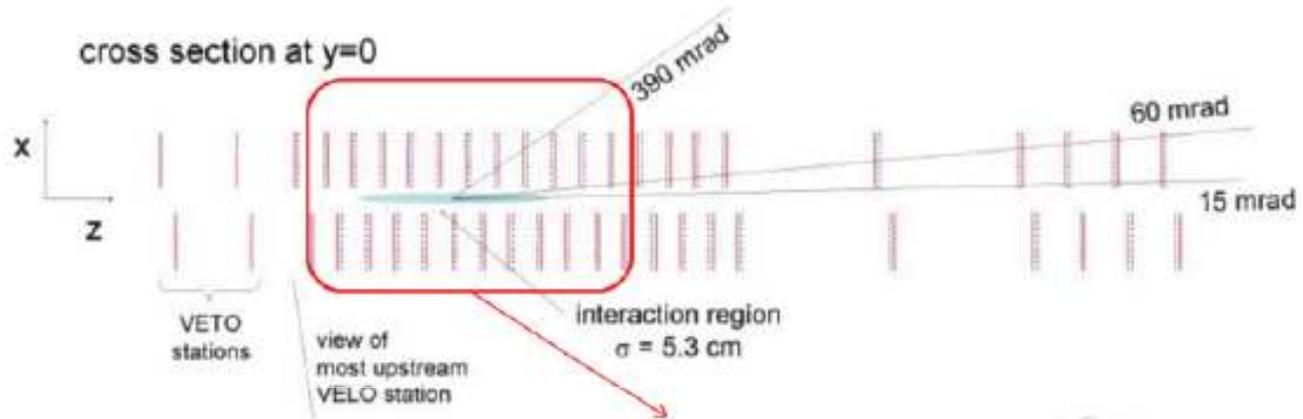


# LHCb vs ATLAS/CMS

Very optimistic:  
reconstruct 2 DV  
muon PT > 10 GeV  
Assume BG Free.



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This is similar to  $B^0 \rightarrow D^+ D^-$  search at the LHCb.

LHCb collaboration: Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 261801 (2016)

⇒ D-meson reconstruction criteria

$$\eta(D^\pm) \in [2, 5], p_T(D^\pm) > 1.8 \text{ GeV}, H_T(D^\pm) > 5 \text{ GeV}$$

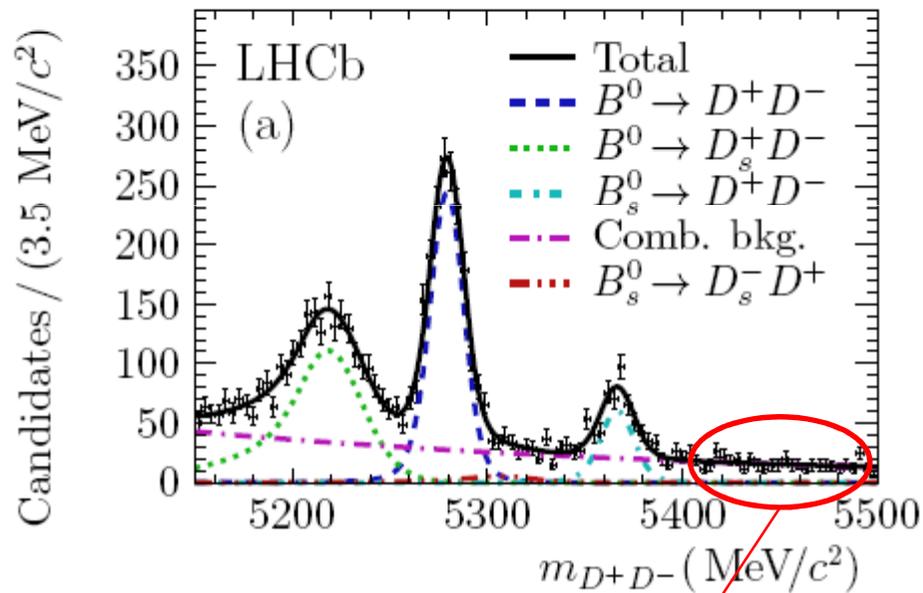
$$D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^-, D^+ \rightarrow K^- K^+ \pi^+$$

To properly include track reconstruction efficiency,  
require each charged track hitting at least 3 VELO PIXELs.

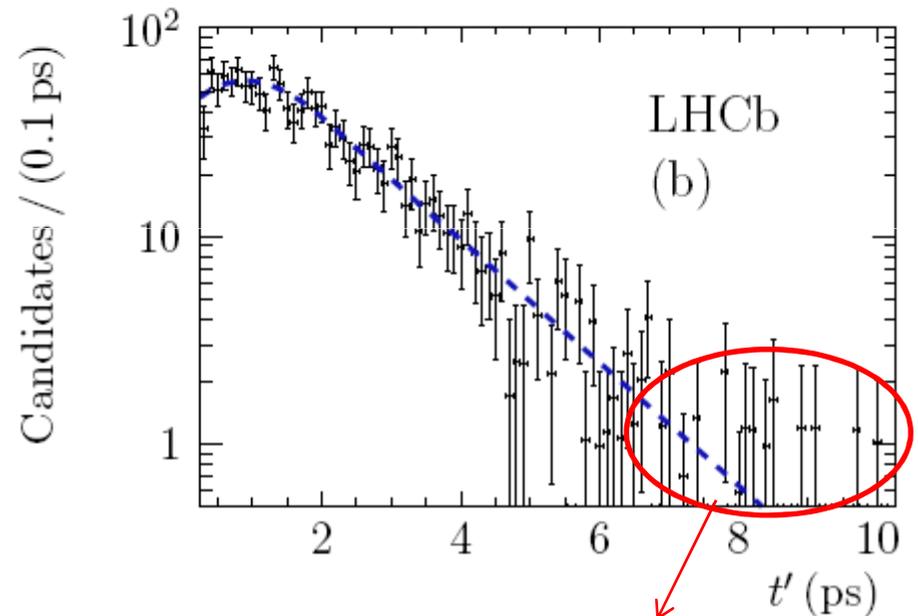
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BG is dominated by combinatorics.



BG is highly suppressed by requiring large displacement.

# Hadronic Decay Channels: D-meson

The most conservative search channel:

- Both D-mesons are well-reconstructed.

A less conservative search channel:

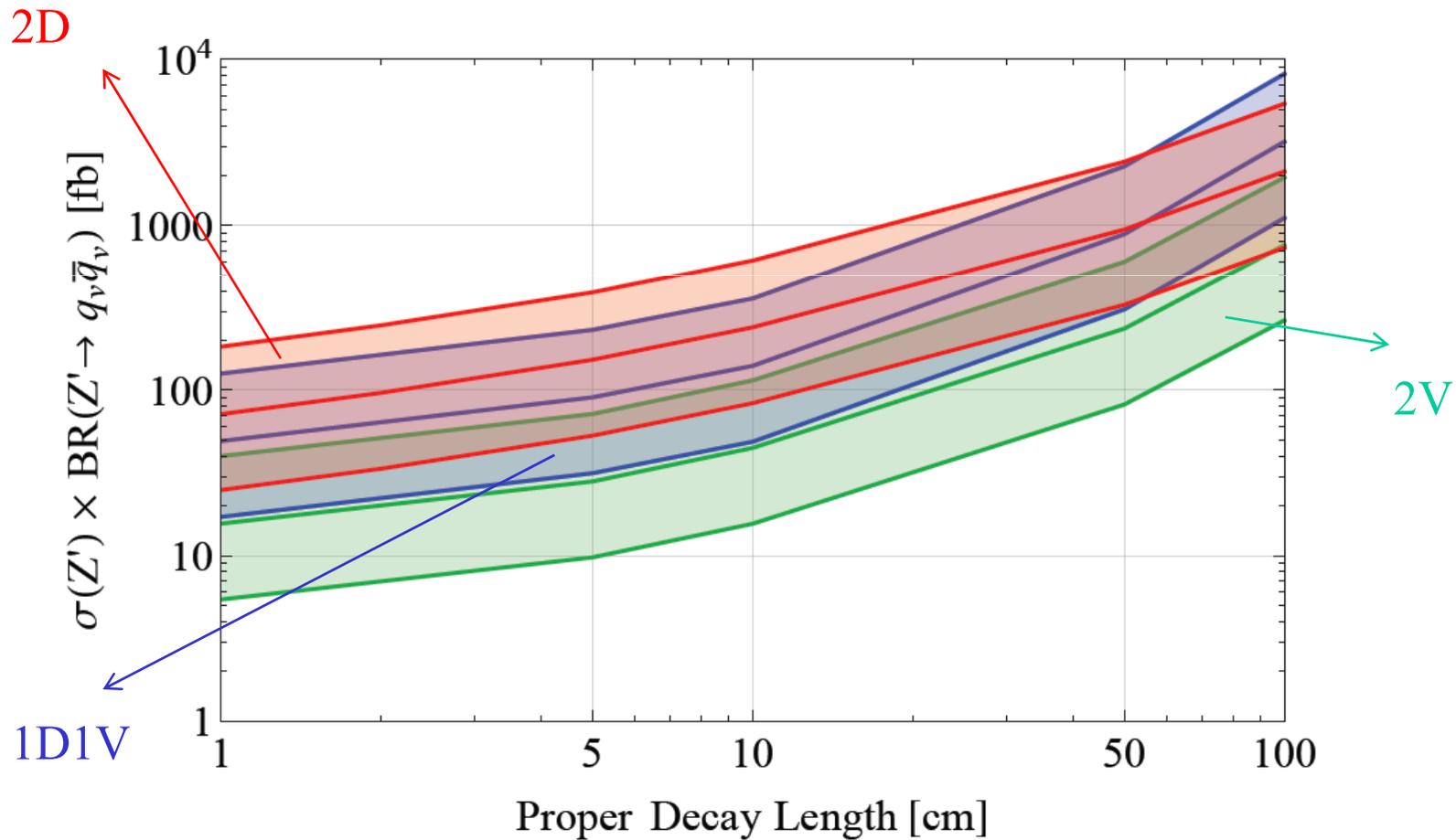
- One D-meson is well-reconstructed.
- A displaced 3-track vertex is nearby the reconstructed D-meson.

An aggressive search channel: (based on pure topology)

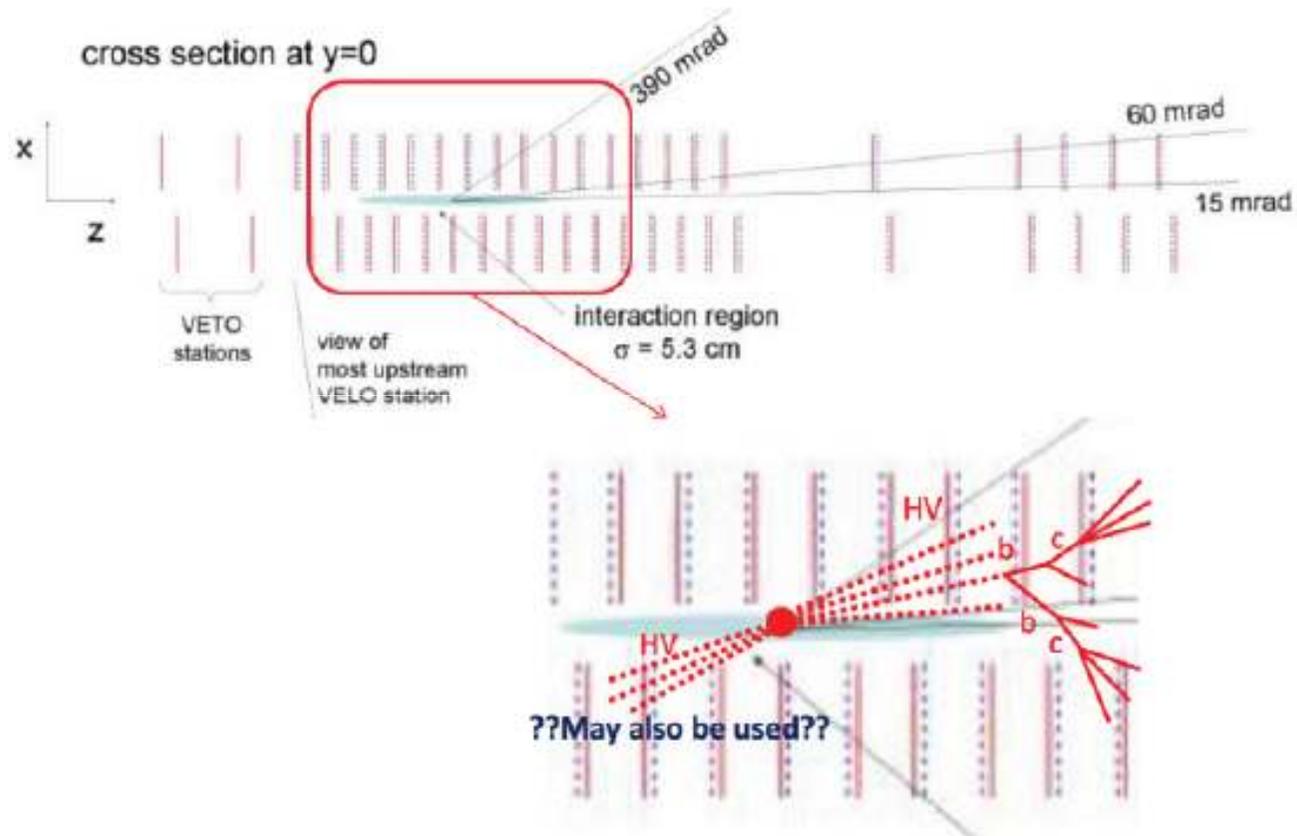
- Two 3-track vertices of displaced charged tracks are reconstructed.
- Both vertices are far away from the PV.
- The transverse separation between vertices  $\sim O(\text{D-meson lifetime})$ .

# Hadronic Decay Channels: D-meson

Assume  $\{0, 10, 100\}$  BG with  $15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at 13 TeV.



# Hadronic Decay Channels: B-meson



# Conclusion

The LHCb is very different from the ATLAS/CMS.

VELO and RICH provide excellent track reconstruction and particle ID.

An ideal environment to study soft long-lived particles!

Particularly good at study generic Hidden Valley models.

The LHCb provide promising reaches on Hidden Valley models.

Di-muon channel:

Better /comparable reaches than MET+jet+DV searches at ATLAS/CMS.

D-meson pair channel:

Two nearby well-reconstructed D-meson.

One well-reconstructed D-meson with a nearby DV.

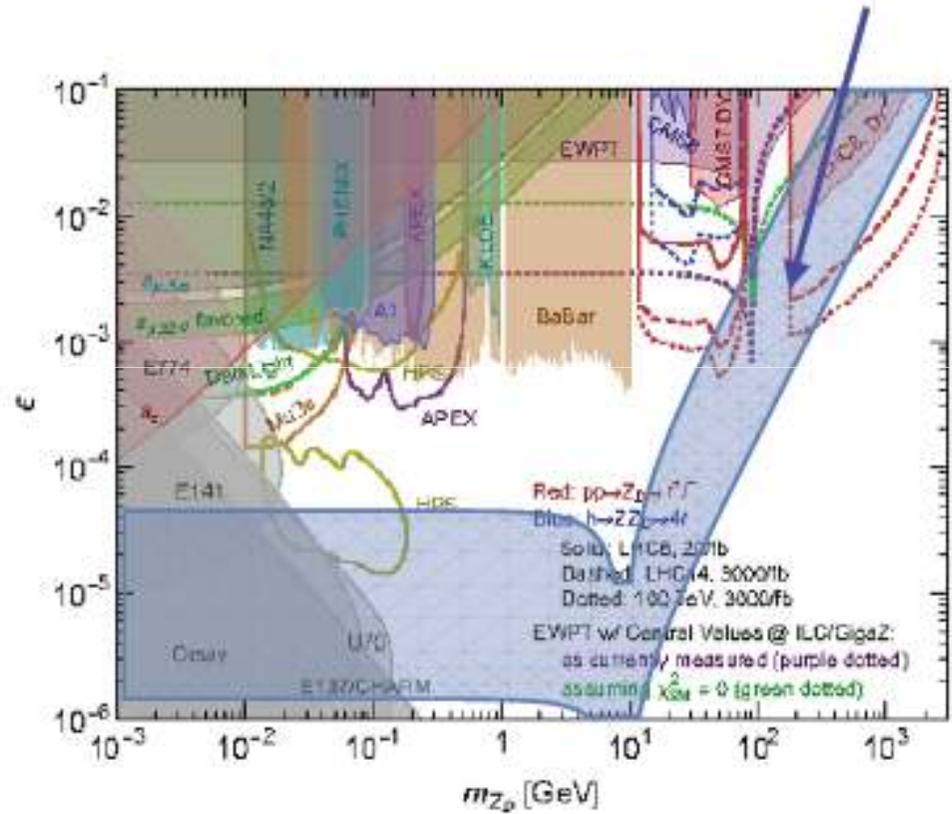
Two nearby DVs (pure topological)

B-meson pair channel:

Work in progress, but should be similar to D-meson pair channel.

# Applications in Twin Higgs Models

Assume  $m_{\hat{\omega}} = 2\hat{\Lambda} = 8 \text{ GeV}$      $0.1 < c\tau_{\hat{\omega}} < 100 \text{ cm}$

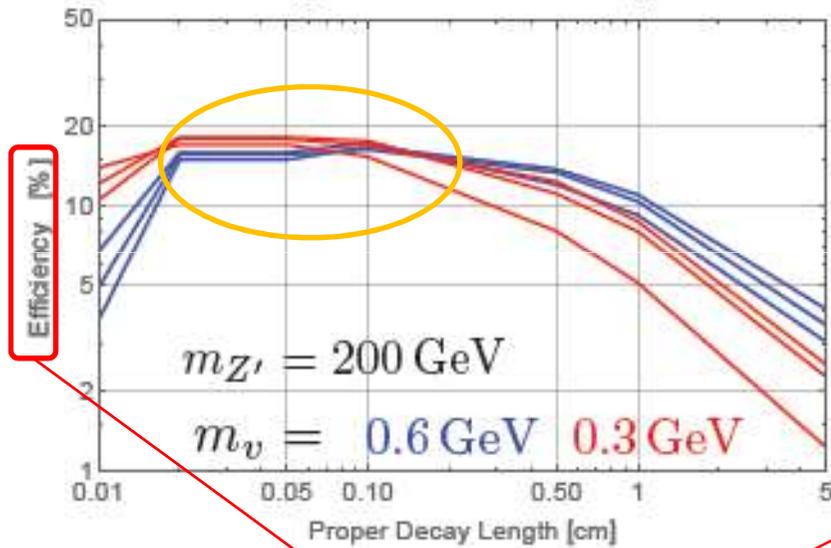


$$c\tau_{\hat{\omega}} \simeq 20 \text{ cm} \left( \frac{m_{A'}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{10^{-3}}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left( \frac{3 \text{ GeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^5$$

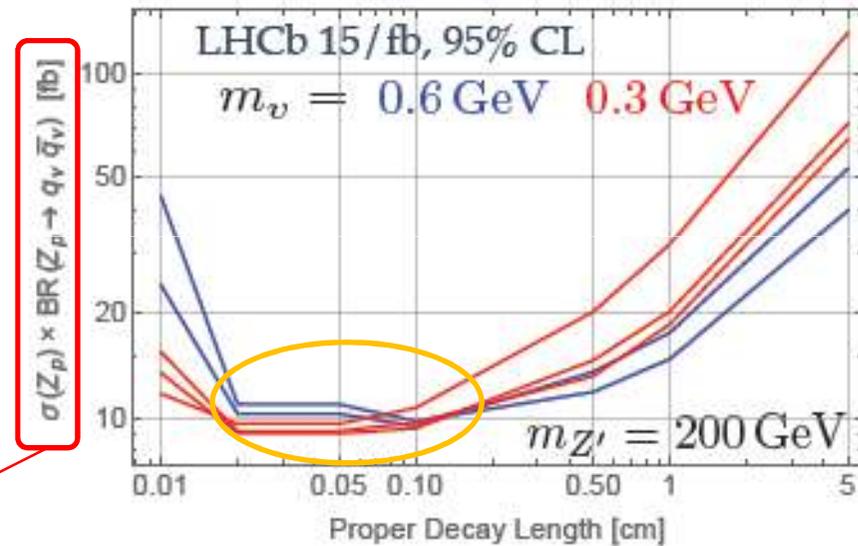
# LHCb Di-muon limit

Short decay lifetime :

Signal efficiency



Bound on  $\nu$ -quark production



Chance to have at least one decay in VELO is large.

⇒ Sensitivity has less dependence on  $\langle N_{\pi_{\nu}} \rangle$

Hard to beat ATLAS/CMS searches, thus do not consider this scenario.