

# Experimental Charm Physics

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# Scope

- Experimental charm physics
  - ➡ Mostly CP violation, other symmetries, and rare decays
  - ➡ I'm on LHCb, so some bias is likely
  - ➡ Experiments are based on theory, so we'll also cover the basics there
    - ▶ Leaving the specifics to the dedicated lectures

# Further reading

- Books
  - ➡ \*Sozzi: Discrete Symmetries and CP violation
  - ➡ Kleinknecht: Uncovering CP violation
  - ➡ Giorgi et al.: CP violation: from Quark to Leptons
  - ➡ Bigi and Sanda: CP violation
  - ➡ Branco Lavoura: CP violation
- Publication
  - ➡ \*Gersabeck: Introduction to charm physics

\*Main sources for this course

# Outcomes

- By the end you should expect
  - To be able to connect charm mixing and CP violation observables to the corresponding theory parameters
  - To have an up-to-date overview of the relevant measurements, including selected analysis methods and systematic uncertainties
  - To have an overview of current and future experiments

# Outline

- I. Introduction and charm mixing theory
2. Experiments, indirect CP violation, and time-dependent two-body measurements
3. Time-dependent multi-body measurements and super-weak constraint
4. Direct CP violation theory and two-body measurements
5. CP violation in multi-body decays, techniques and results, and other decays
6. Rare decays, other symmetries, and future directions

# Lecture I

- Charm introduction
- Neutral mesons — Mixing

# Charm's first time

# The very beginning

Prog. Theor. Phys. Vol. 46 (1971), No. 5

## A Possible Decay in Flight of a New Type Particle

Kiyoshi NIU, Eiko MIKUMO  
and Yasuko MAEDA\*

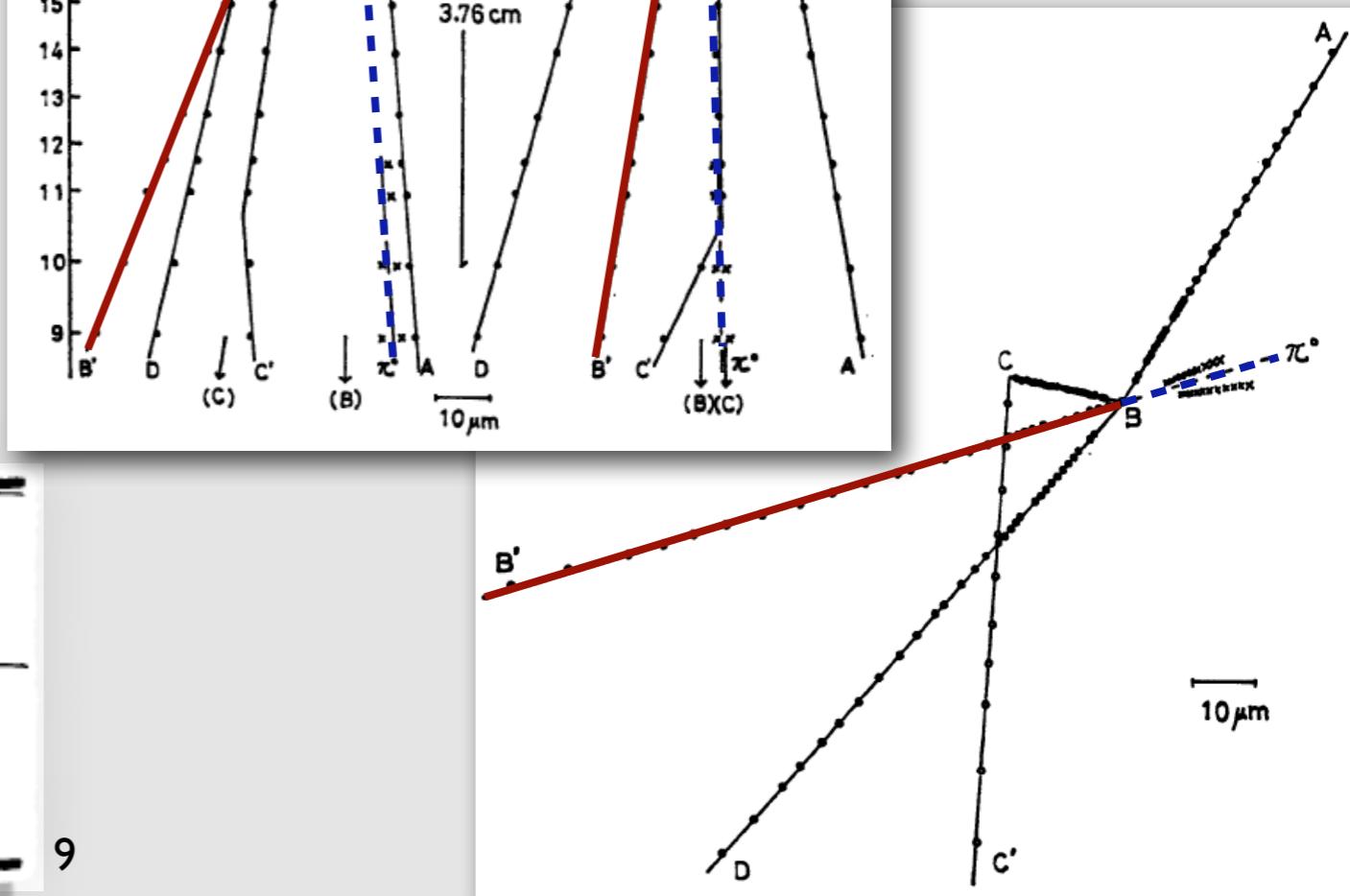
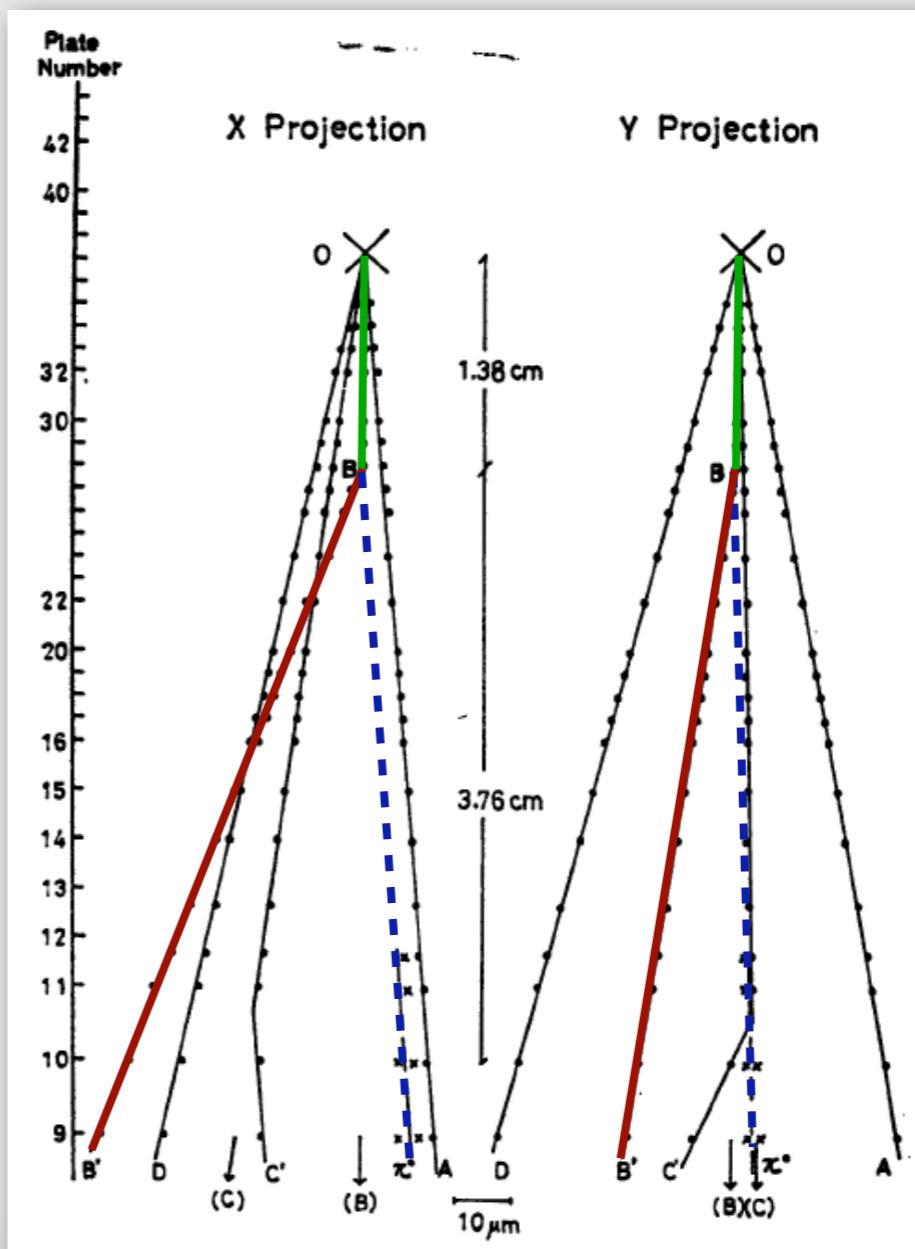
*Institute for Nuclear Study  
University of Tokyo*

\**Yokohama National University*

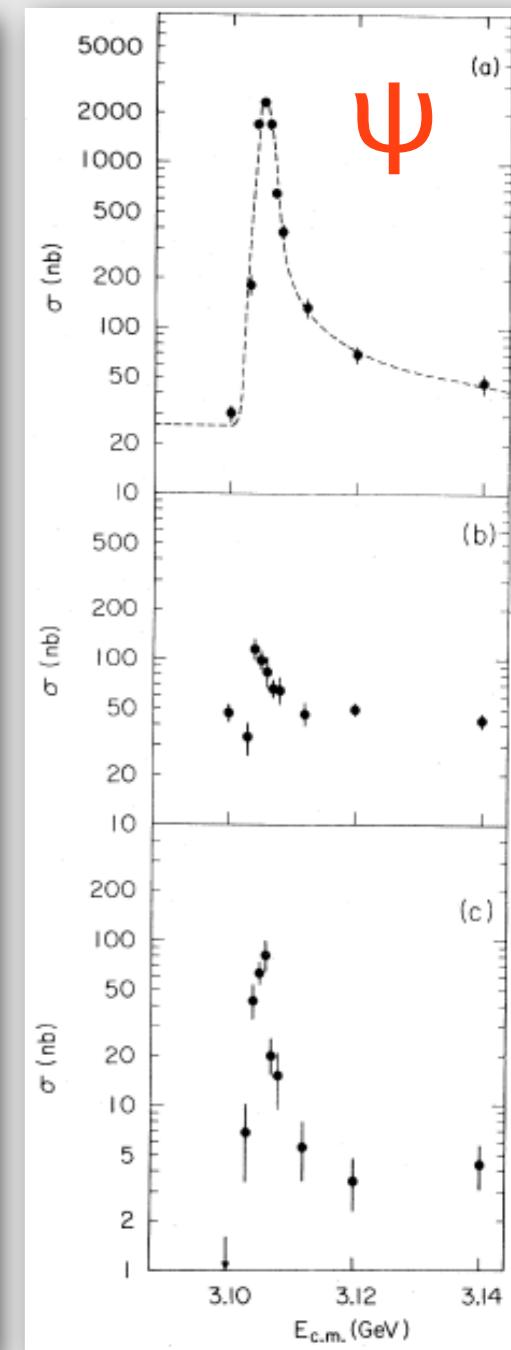
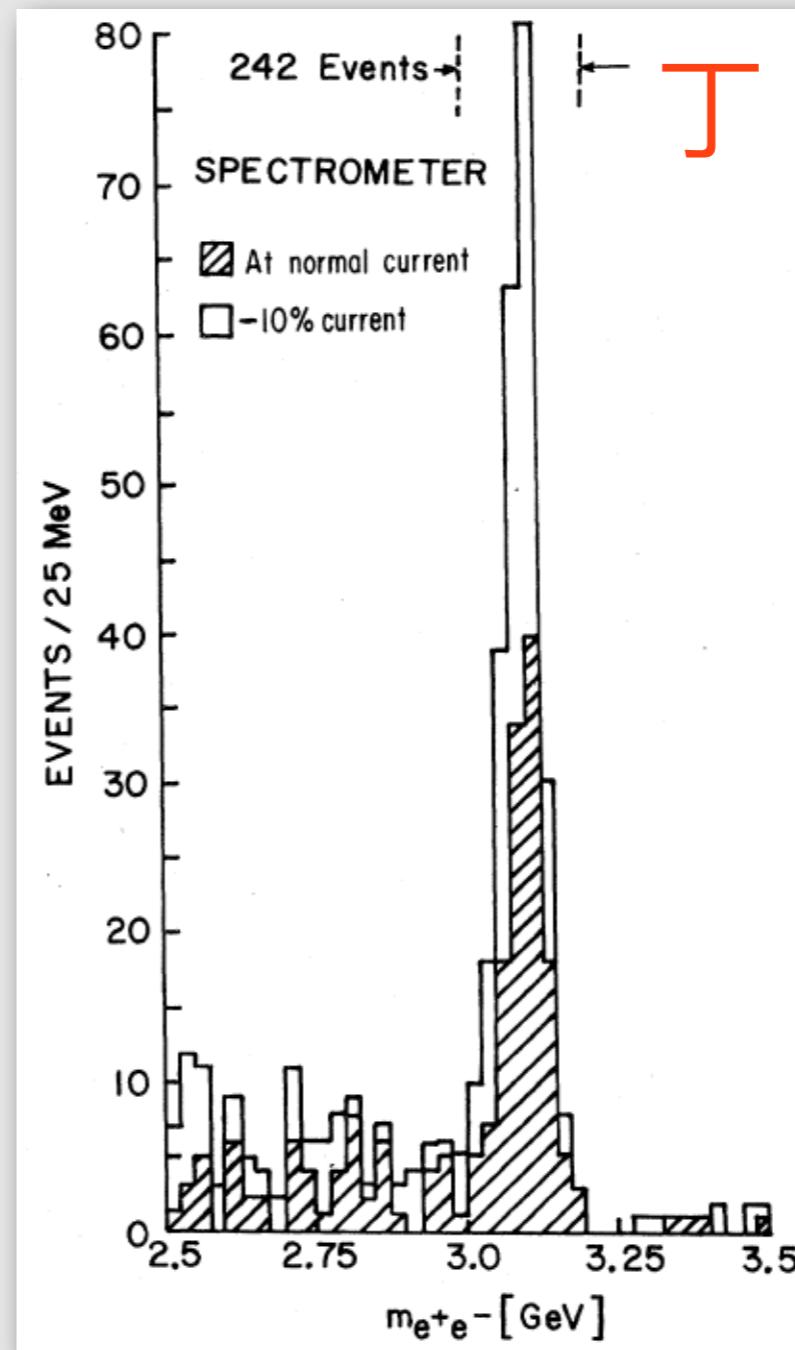
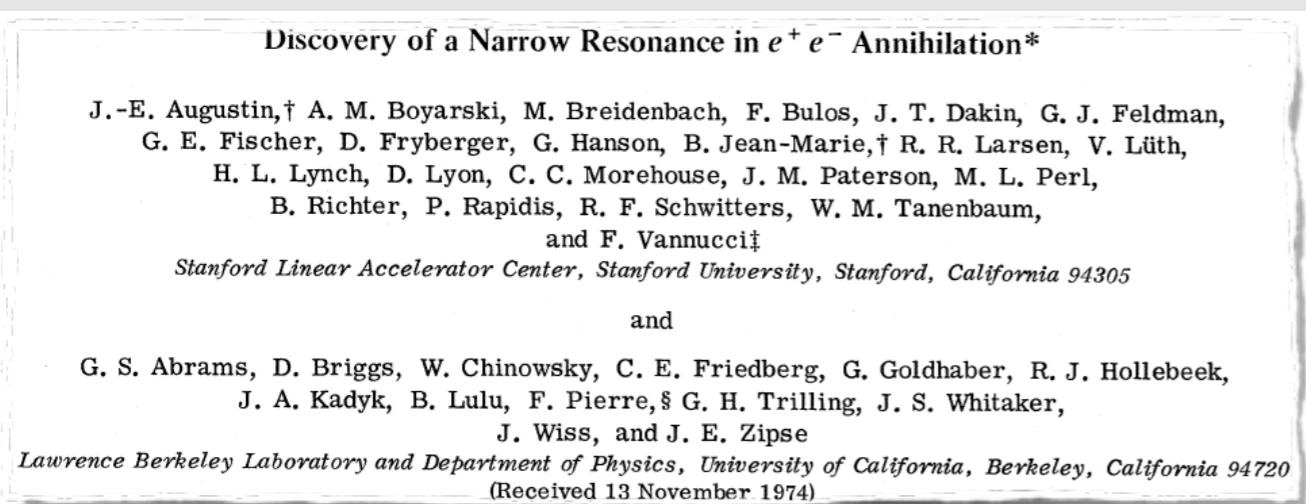
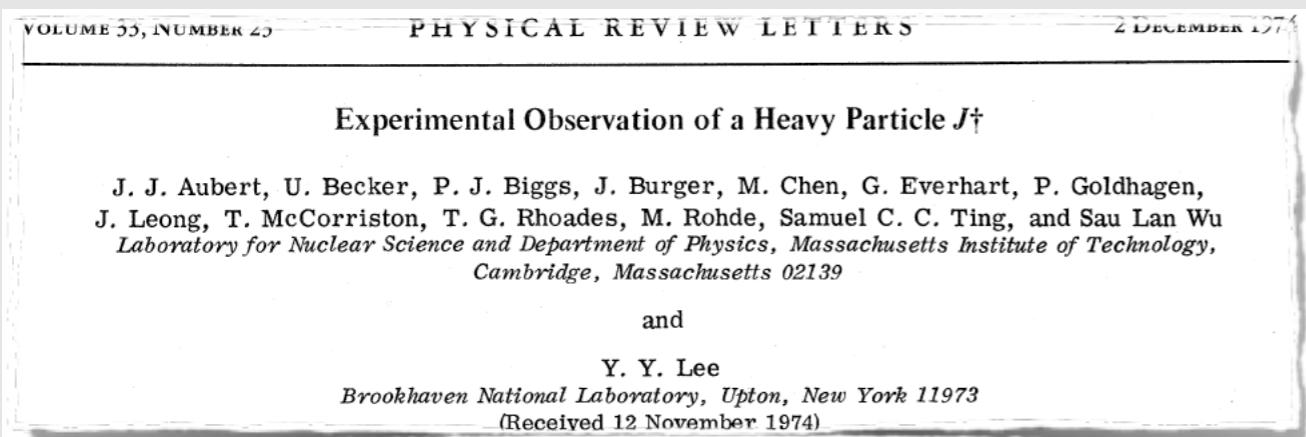
August 9, 1971

- Cosmic showers
- Observed in emulsion chambers
- 500 hours aboard a cargo plane

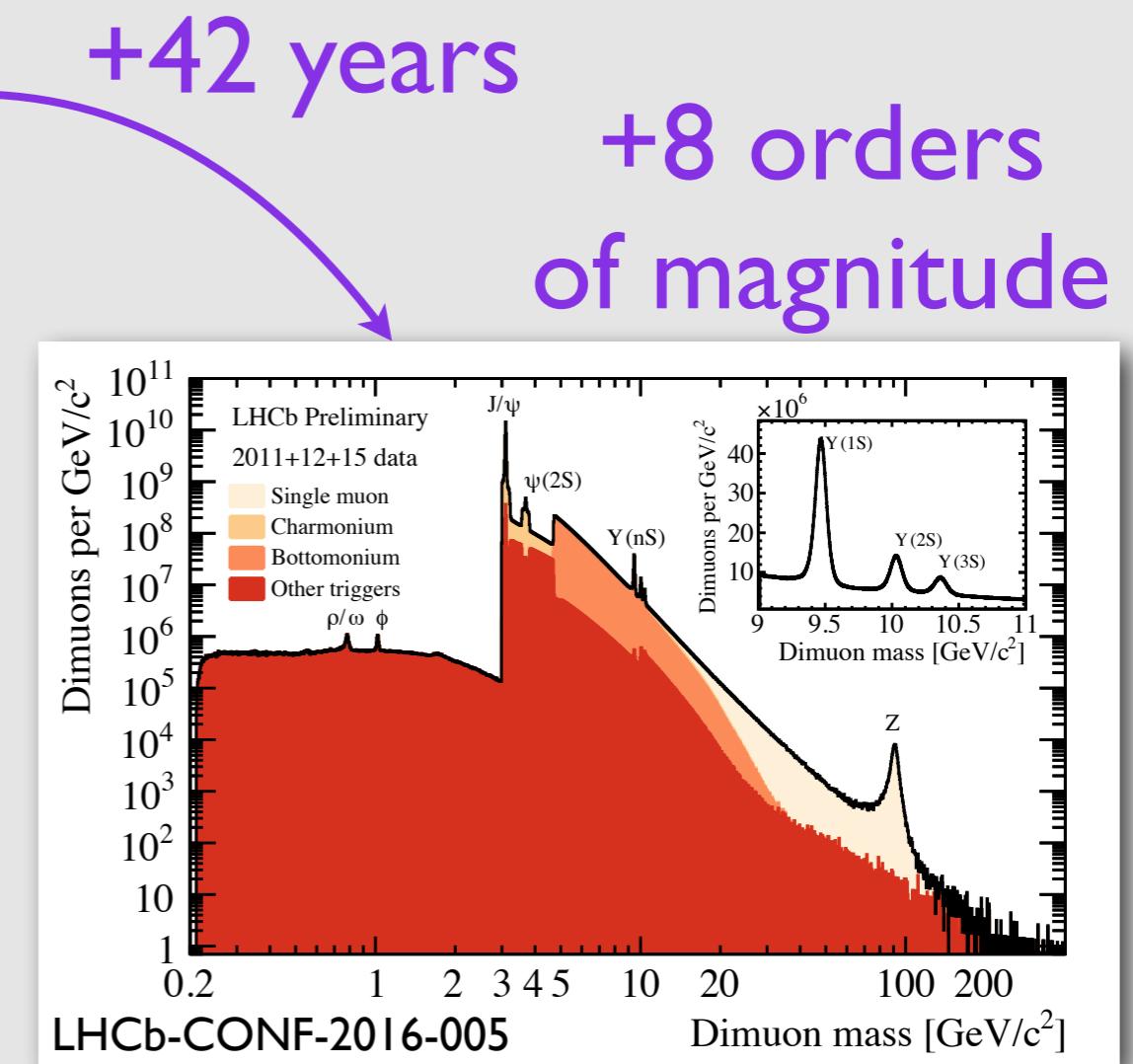
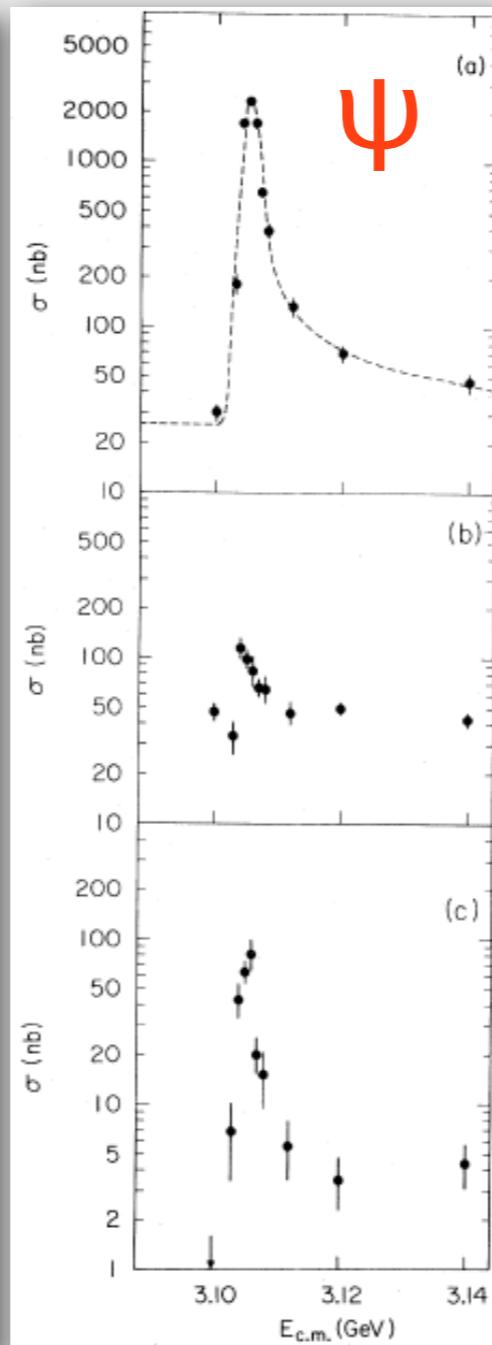
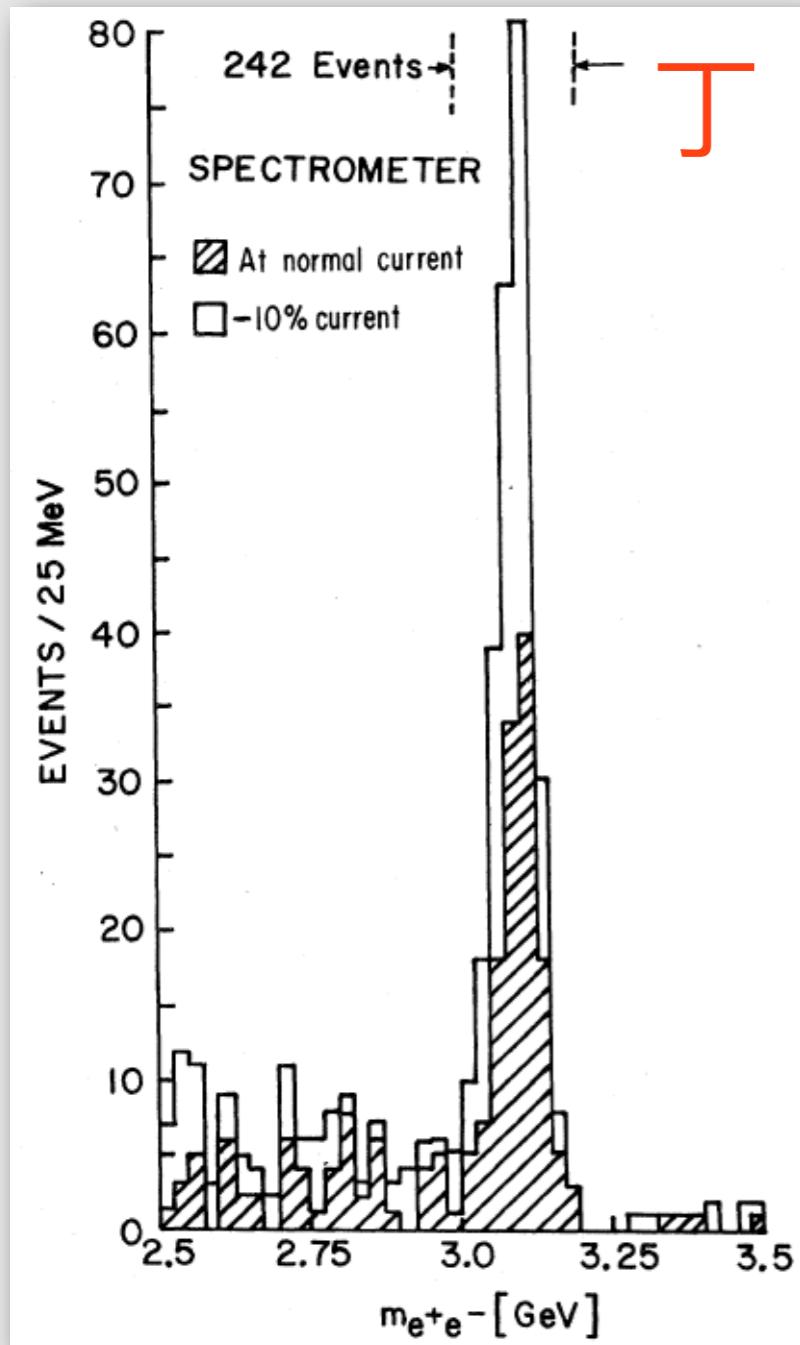
Assumed decay mode	$M_x$ GeV	$T_x$ sec
$X \rightarrow \pi^0 + \pi^\pm$	1.78	$2.2 \times 10^{-14}$
$X \rightarrow \pi^0 + p$	2.95	$3.6 \times 10^{-14}$



# The Nobel beginning

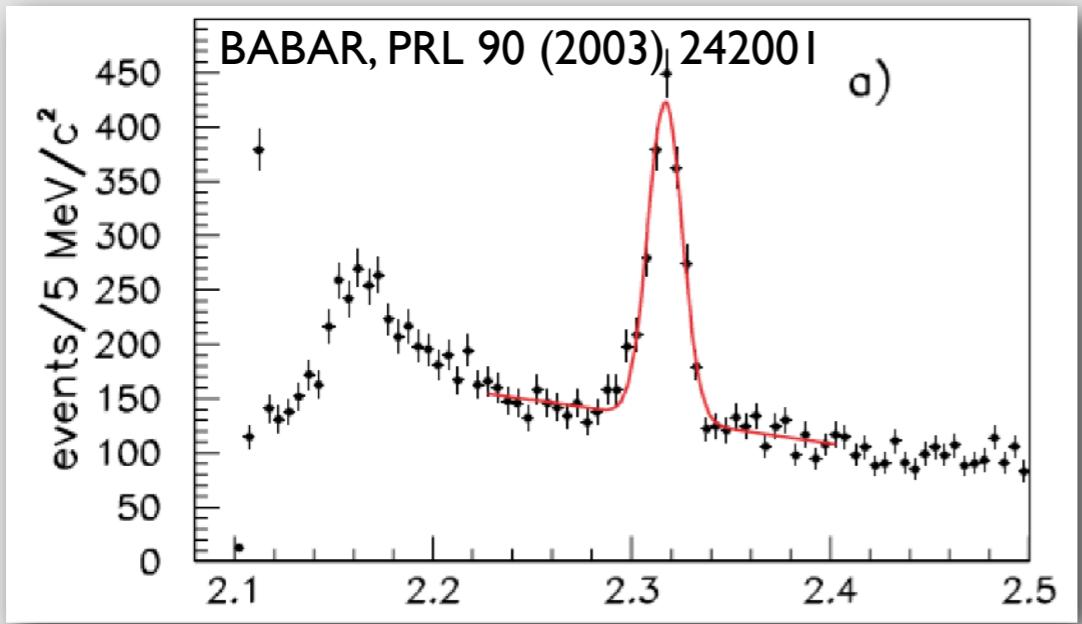


# Charmonium

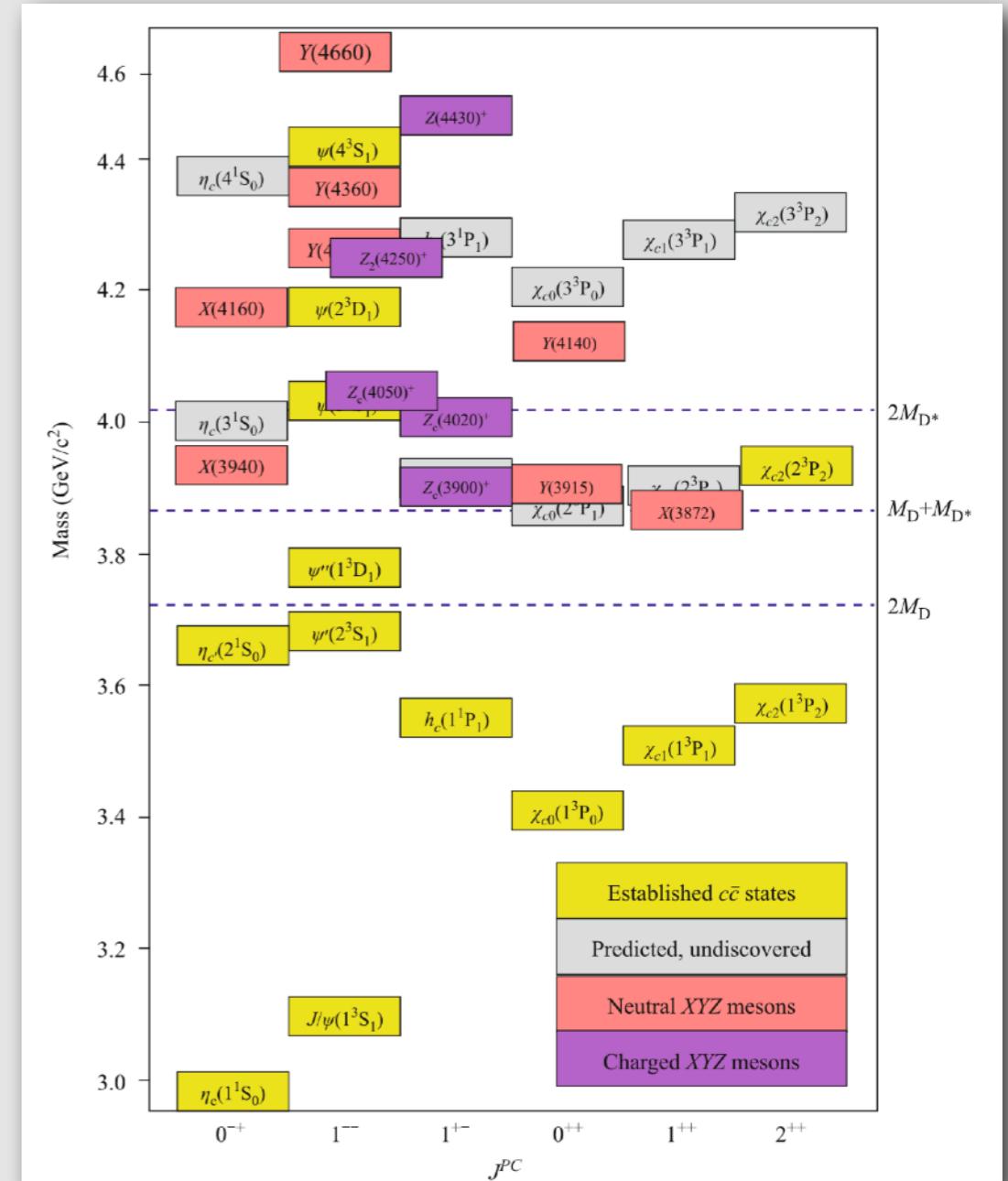


# Charm's second time

# Spectroscopy



- Strange peaks started appearing in 2003/04
- Matching with quark model predictions still difficult
  - Many gaps in possible states
  - Some observed states may be exotics
- Different production mechanisms
  - Prompt vs B decays



S. Olsen, Front. Phys. 10 (2015) 101401

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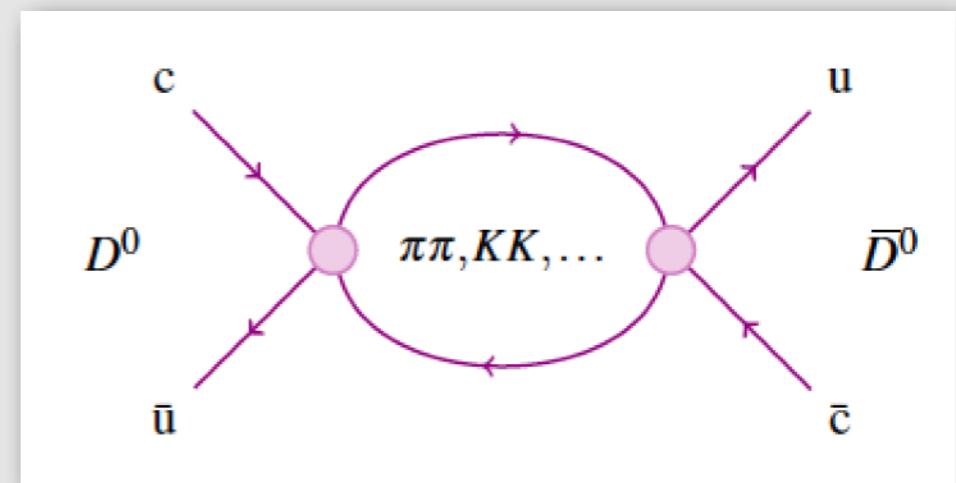
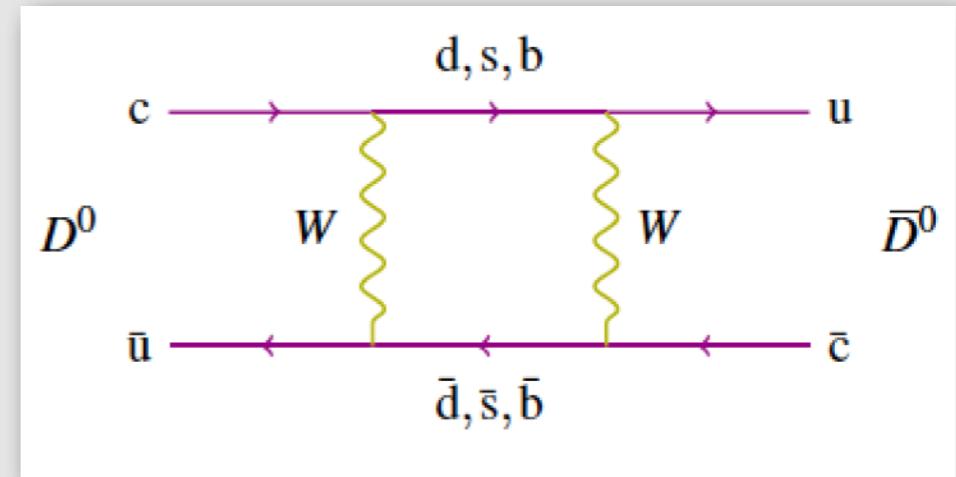
# Charm's third time

the real charm?

Ikaros Bigi, arXiv:0902.3048 [hep-ph]

# Charm: hardly a CKM triangle

- Mixing
  - Discovered 2007
  - Huge cancellations
  - Theoretically difficult
- CP violation
  - Predictions even smaller
- Only up-type quark to form mixing neutral mesons
  - Unique physics access
- Need highest precision
- Huge LHCb dataset
  - Blessing and a curse



D<sup>0</sup>- $\bar{D}^0$  mixing

Probing highest scales

→ Isidori, Nir, Perez, ARNPS 60 (2010) 355

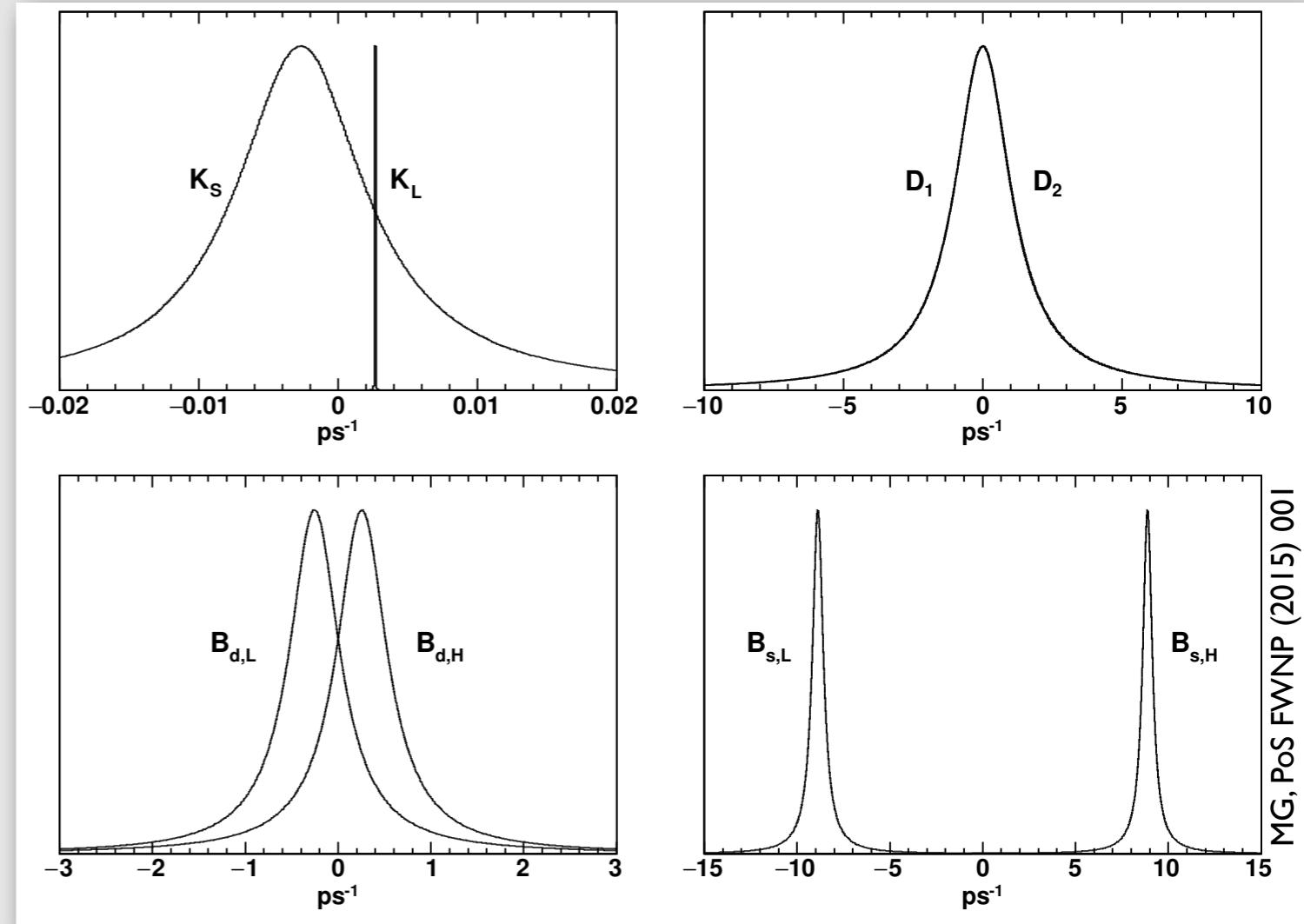
**Let's have a closer look**



# Mixing recap

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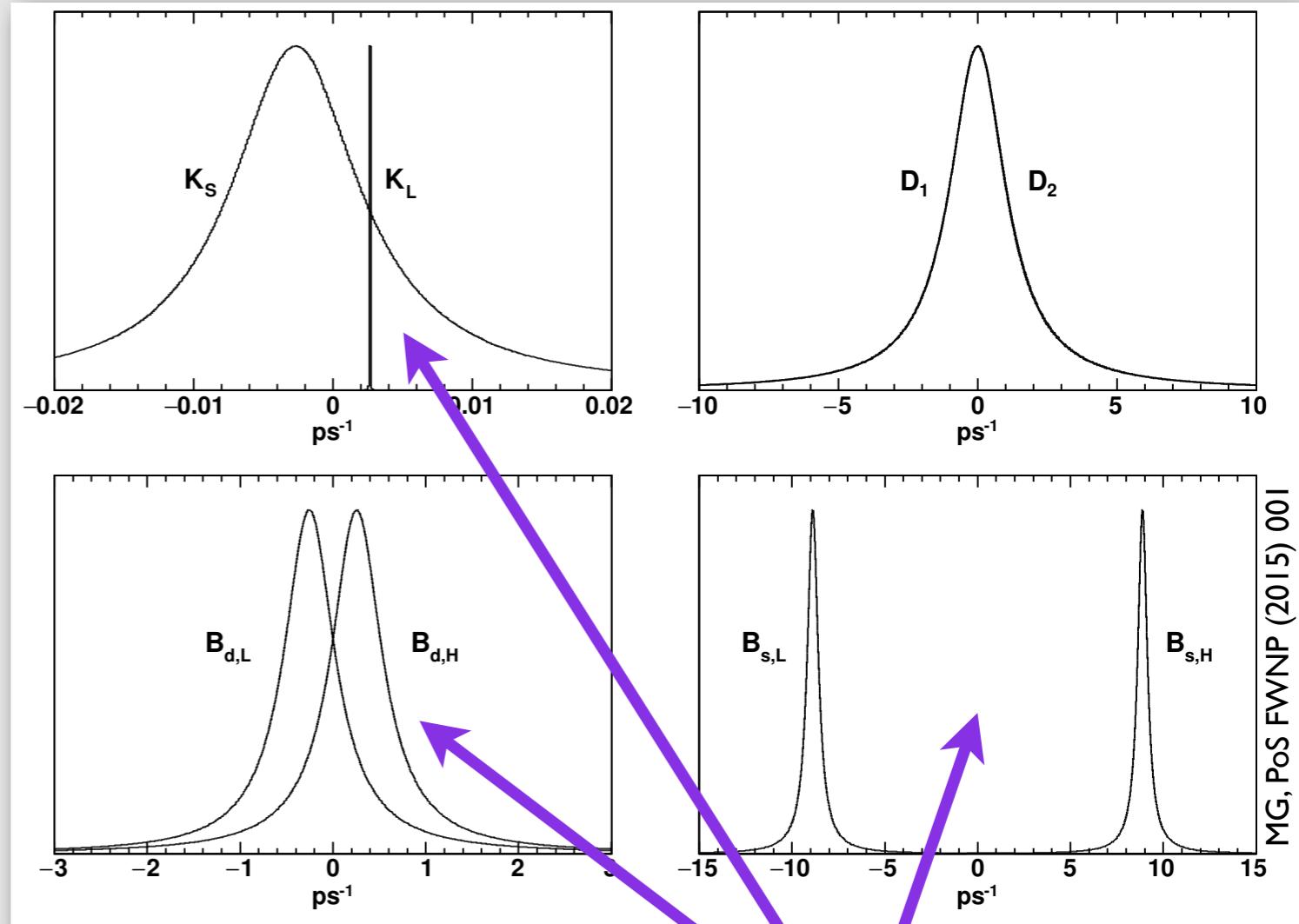
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Physical states      Flavour eigenstates



# Mixing recap

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Physical states      ↓  
Flavour eigenstates



$$P(M^0 \rightarrow \bar{M}^0, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{q}{p} \right|^2 e^{-\Gamma t} (\cosh(y\Gamma t) - \cos(x\Gamma t))$$

Mass difference  
→ Oscillation

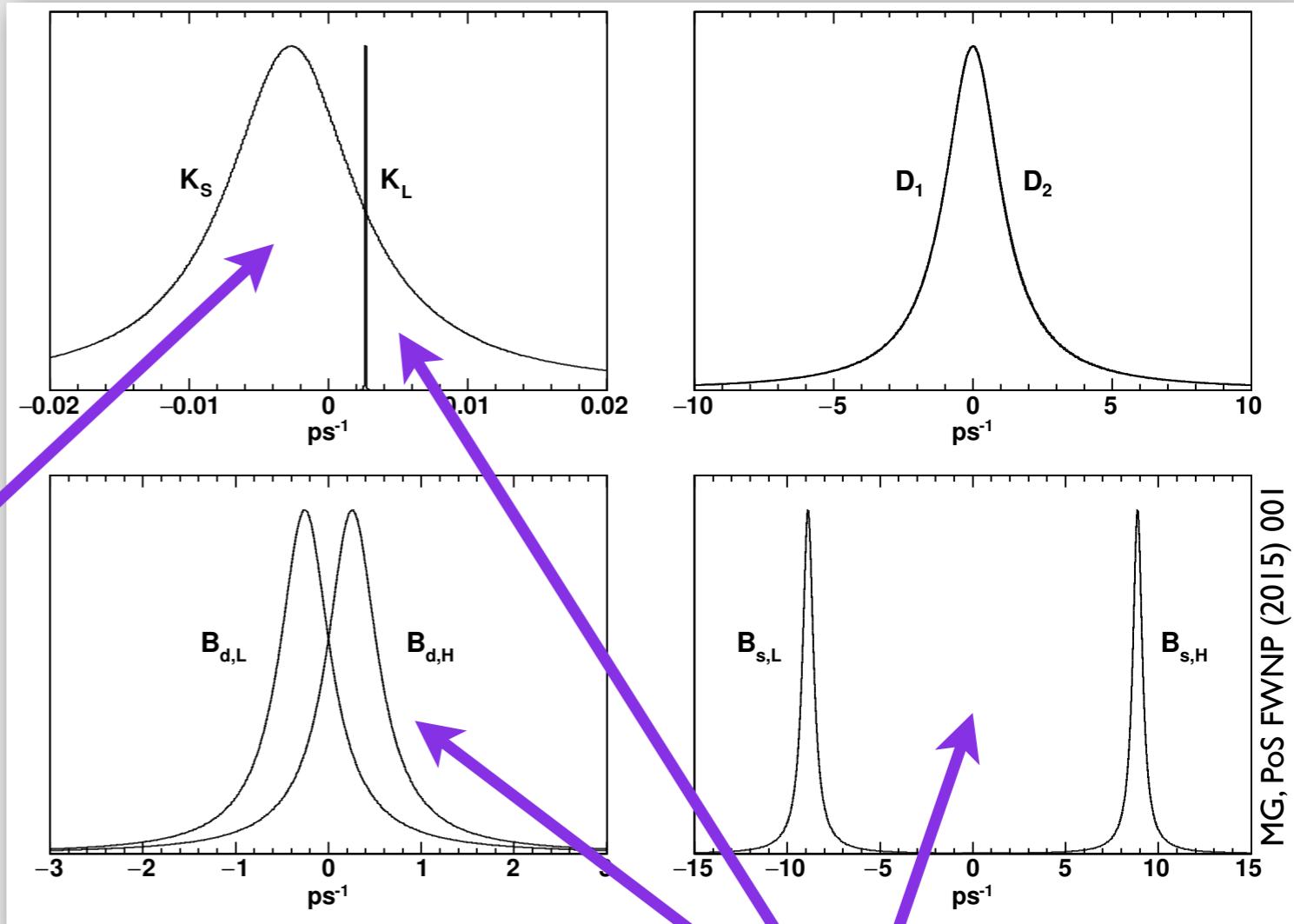
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→ Lifetime difference

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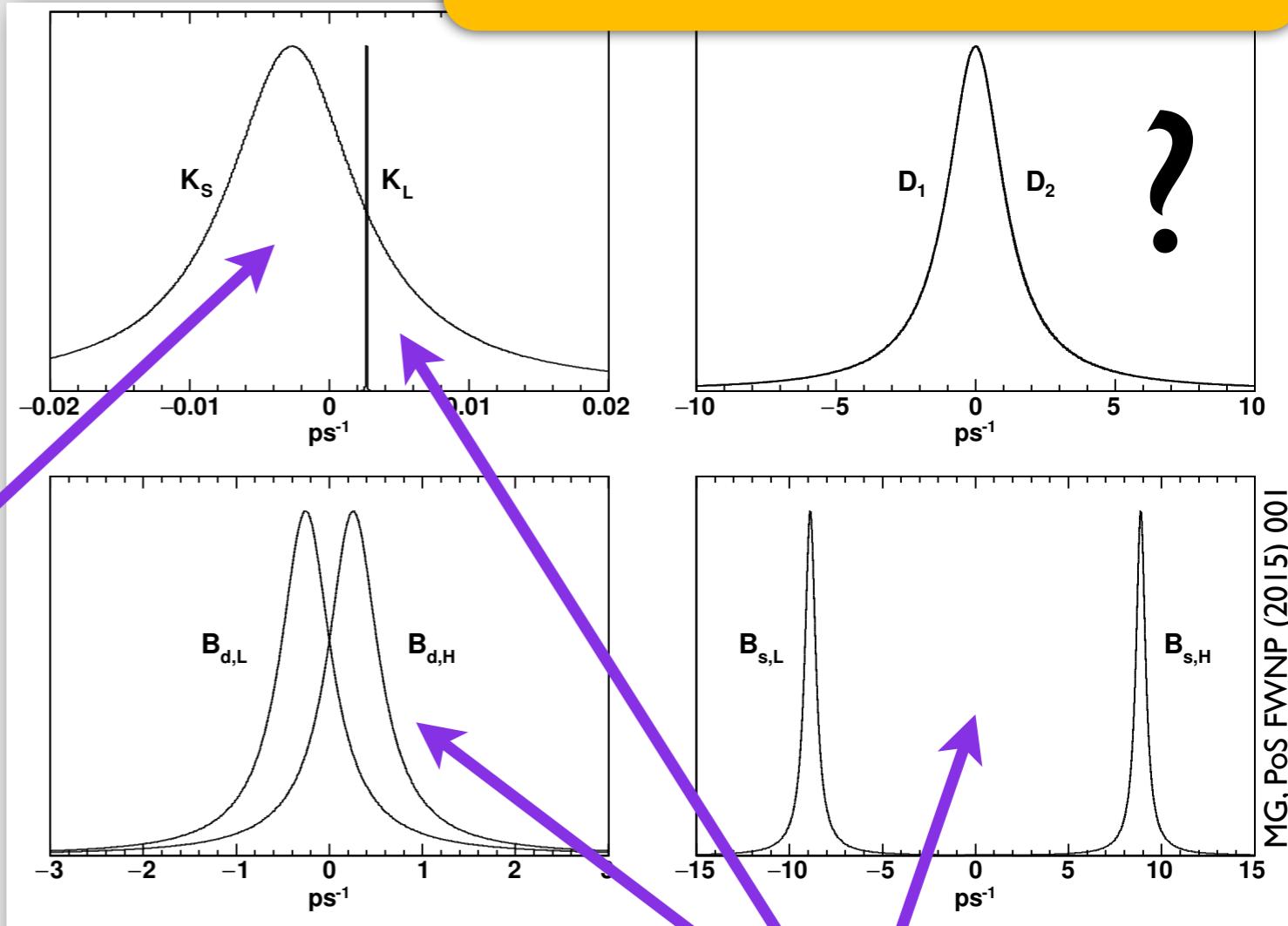
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# Mixing recap

Charm mixing:  
Need  $\sim 1000$  lifetimes  
to see a full oscillation!

$$|M_{1,2}\rangle = p|M^0\rangle \pm q|\bar{M}^0\rangle$$

Physical states      Flavour eigenstates



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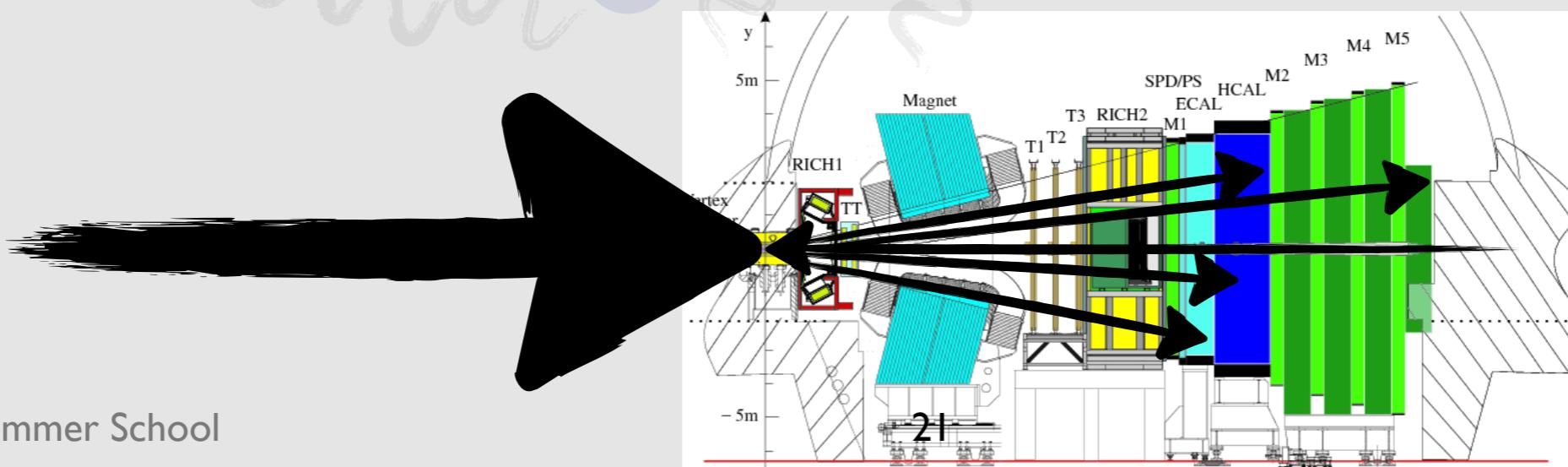
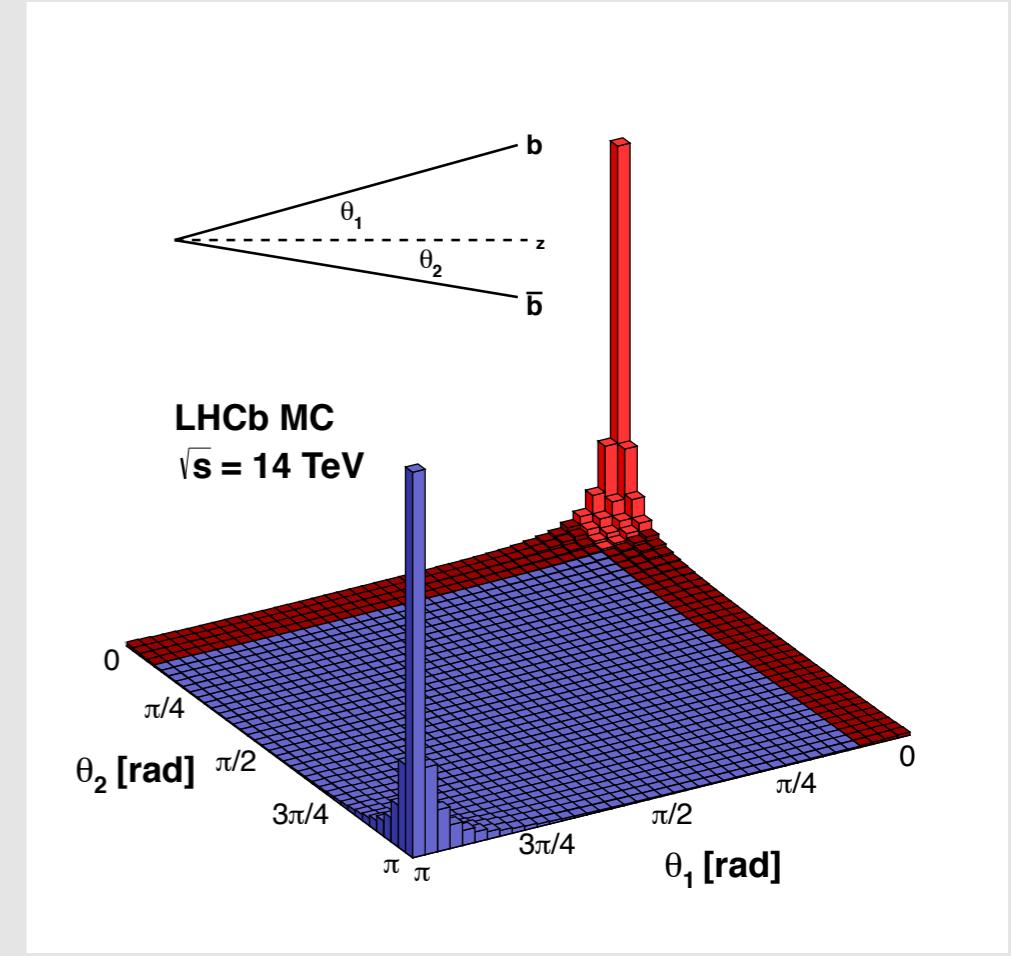
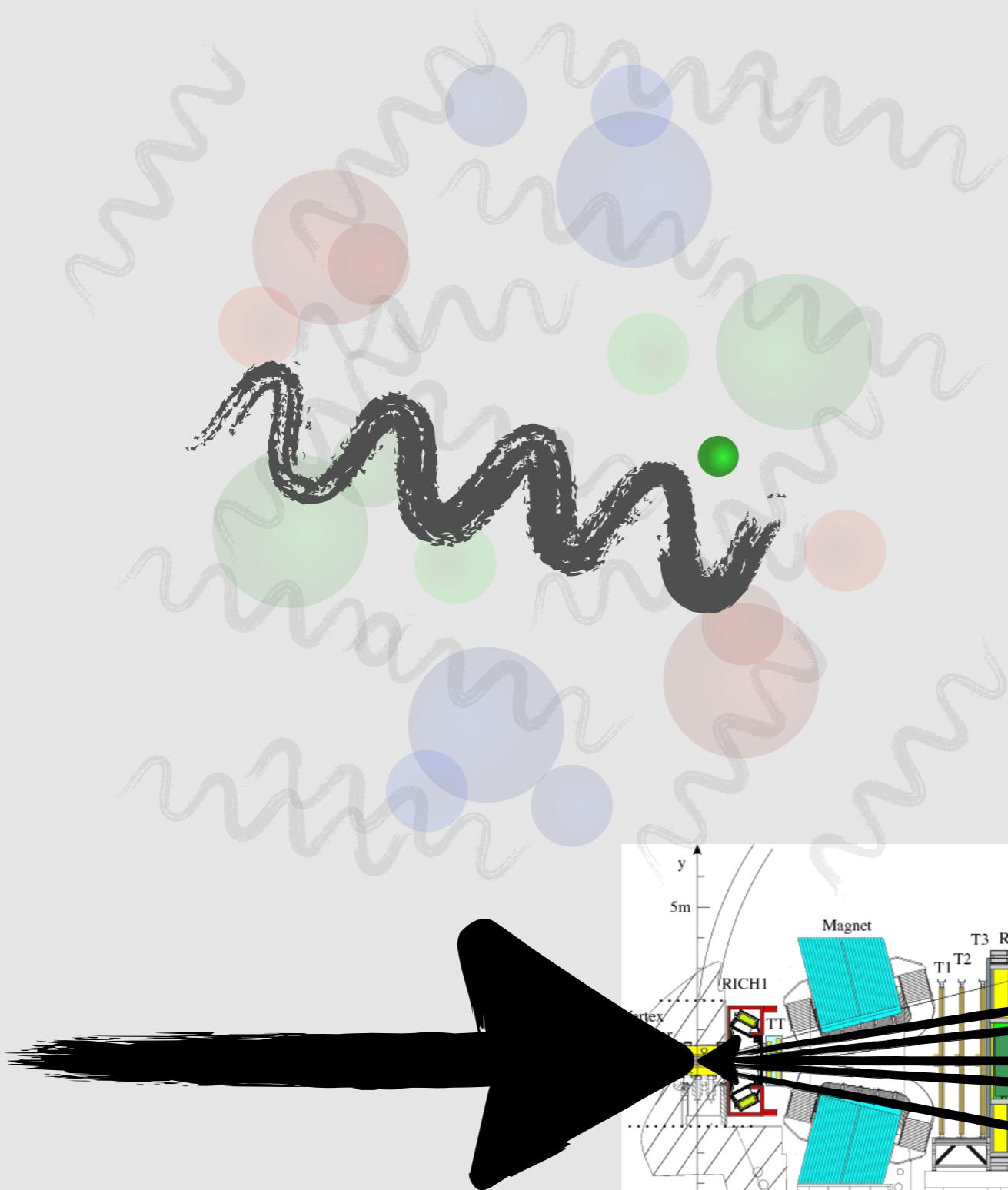
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# Lecture 2

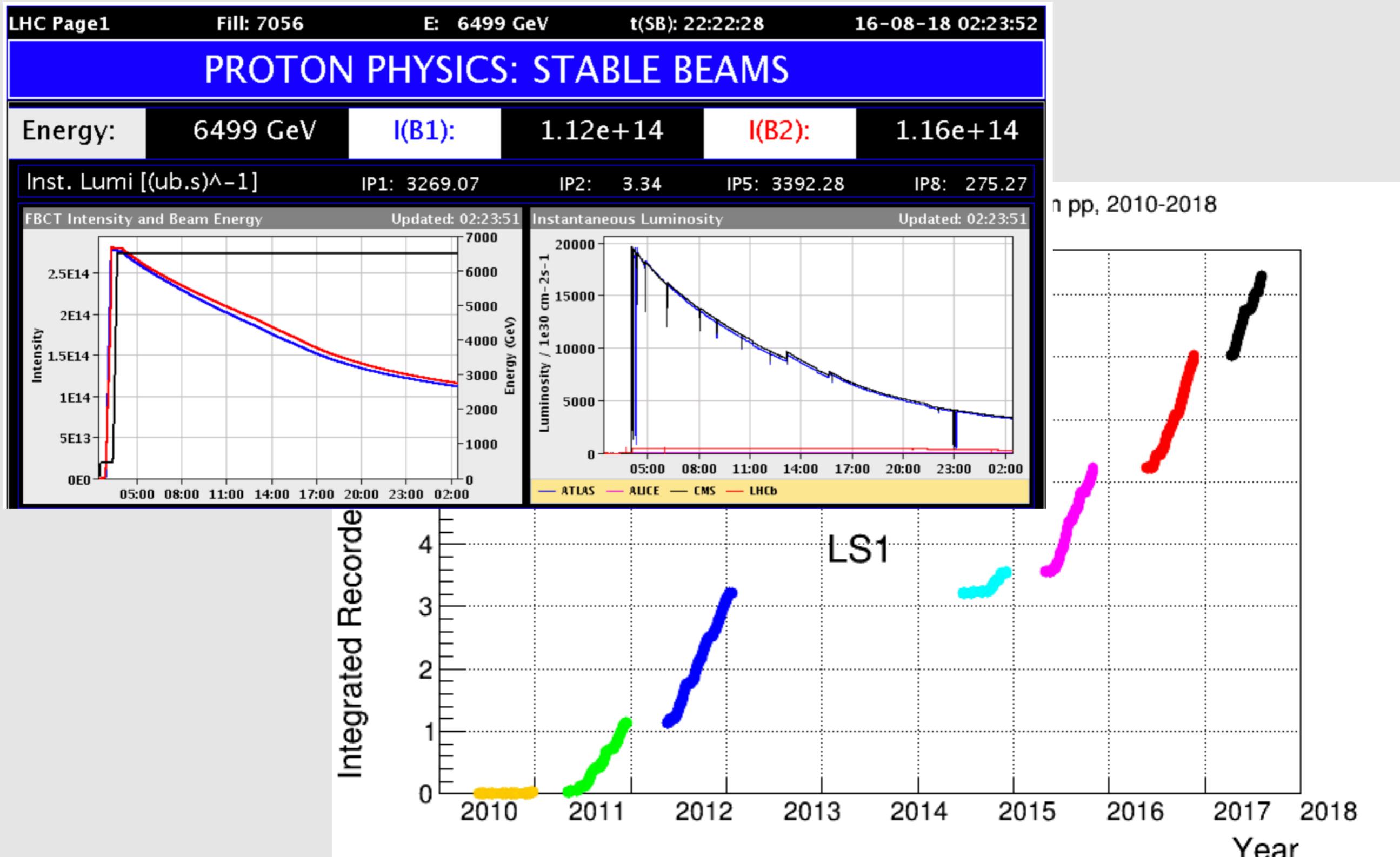
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- Experiments overview and charm production
  - Flavour-tagging in charm
  - Mixing and indirect CP violation measurements
- Two-body

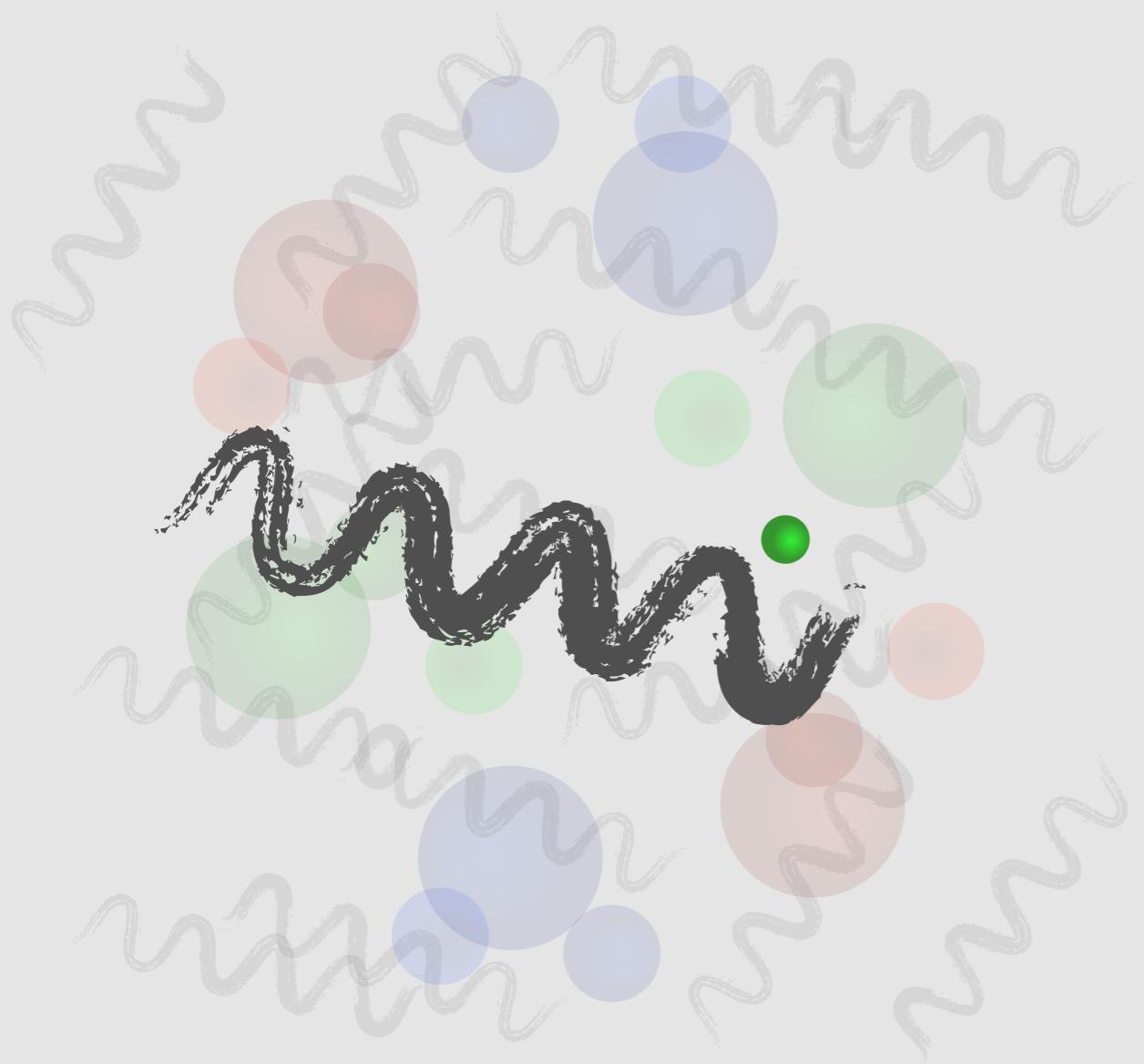
# Asymmetric collisions



# Constant luminosity

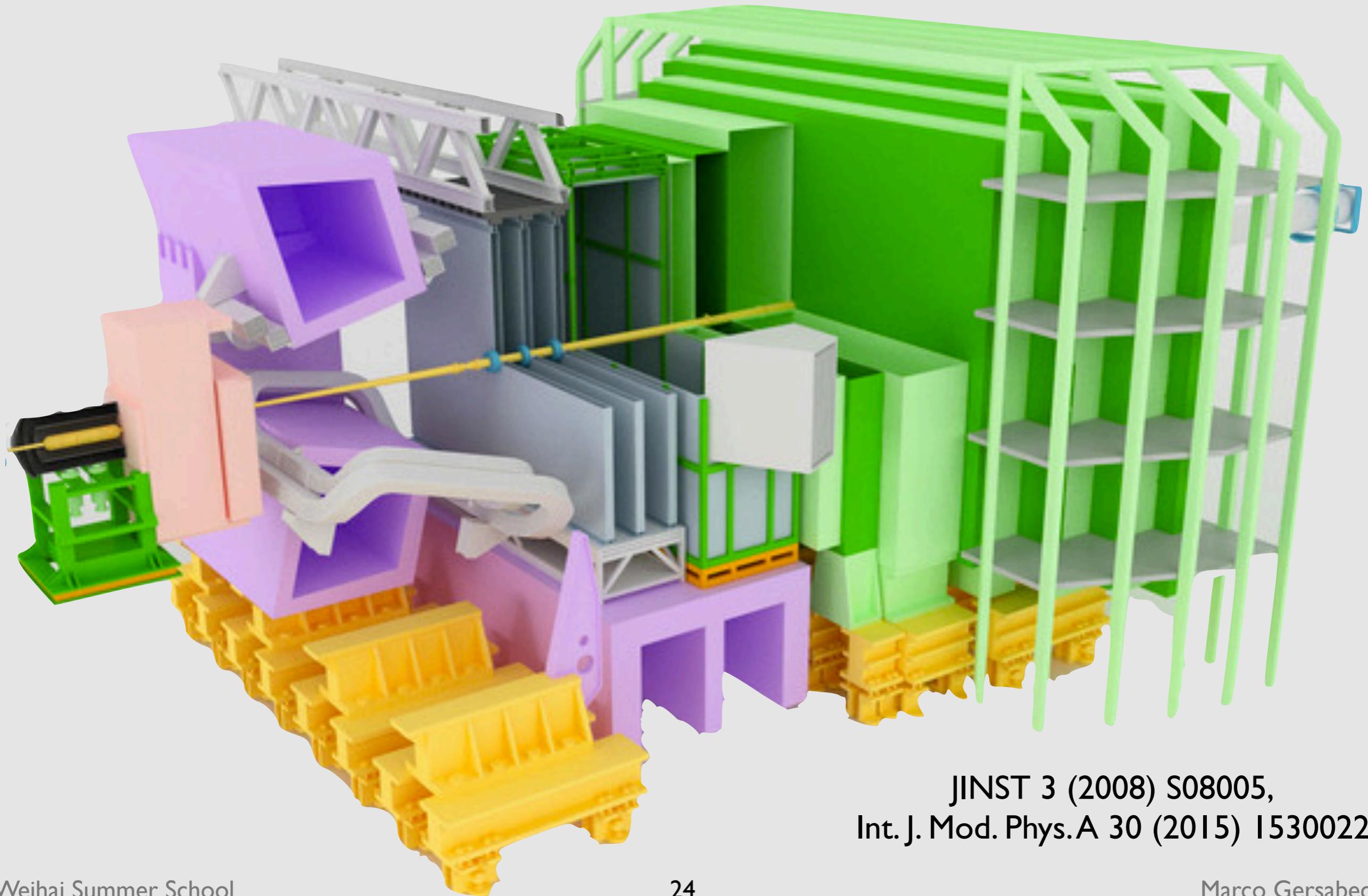


# Matter dominance



- pp collisions
  - Matter-antimatter asymmetric
  - Causes production asymmetries
- Not present at Tevatron or B-factories

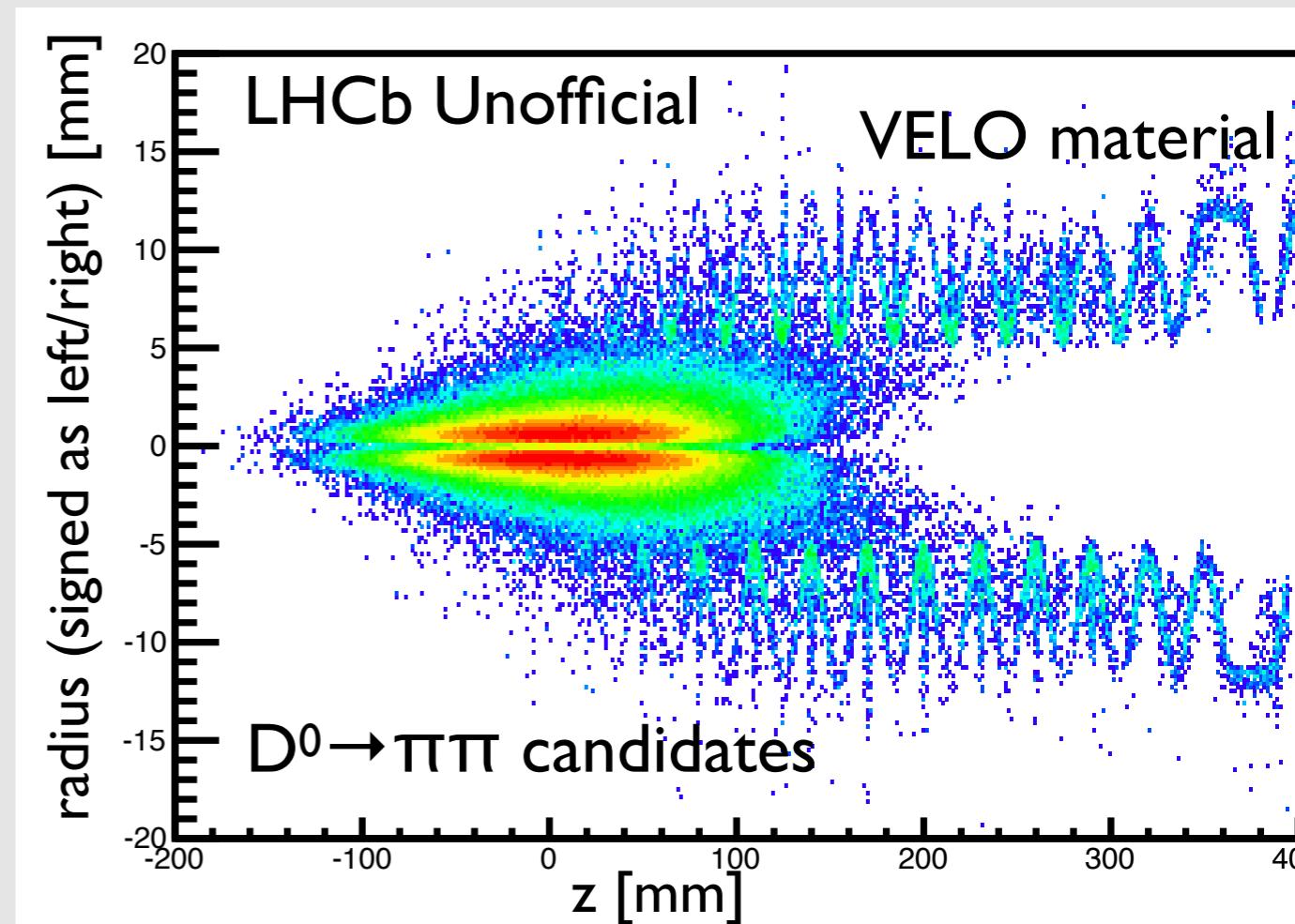
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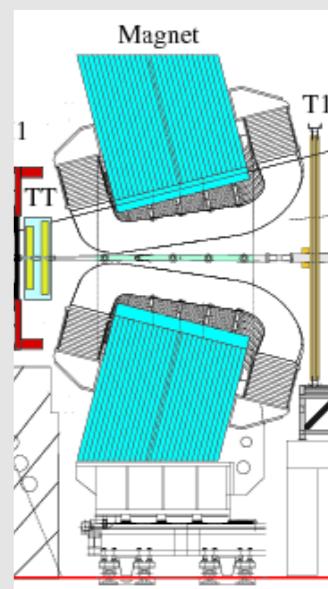
JINST 3 (2008) S08005,  
Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30 (2015) 1530022

# Boost

- Average  $\beta\gamma$ 
  - LHCb:  $O(10)$
  - BaBar/Belle:  $\sim 1$
- Heavy flavour particles fly few mm
- First material at 5mm radius
- Decay time resolution  $\sim 0.1\tau_D$



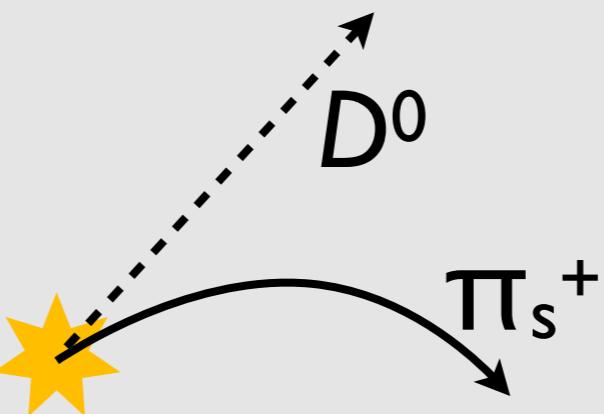
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- Can distinguish  $D^0$  from  $\bar{D}^0$  in two ways

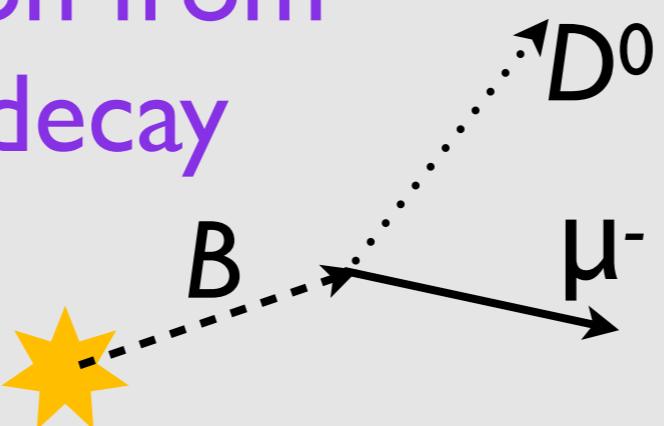
→ Charge of soft pion from strong decay

$$D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_s^+$$

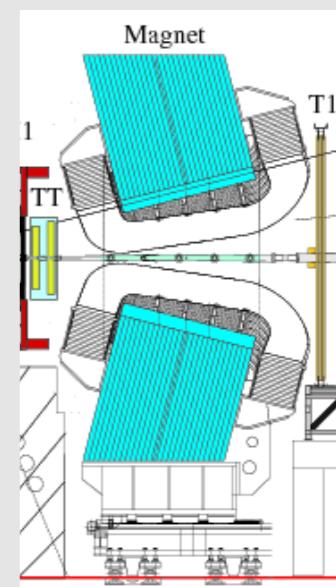


→ Charge of muon from semi-leptonic decay

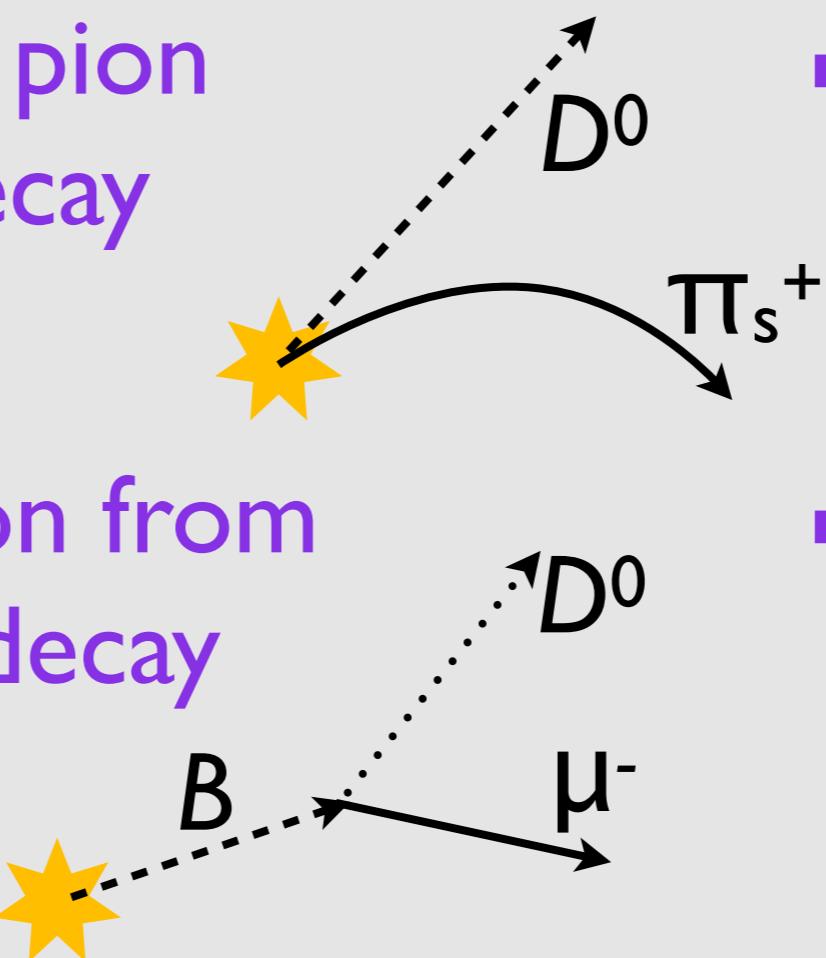
$$B \rightarrow D^0 \mu^- X$$



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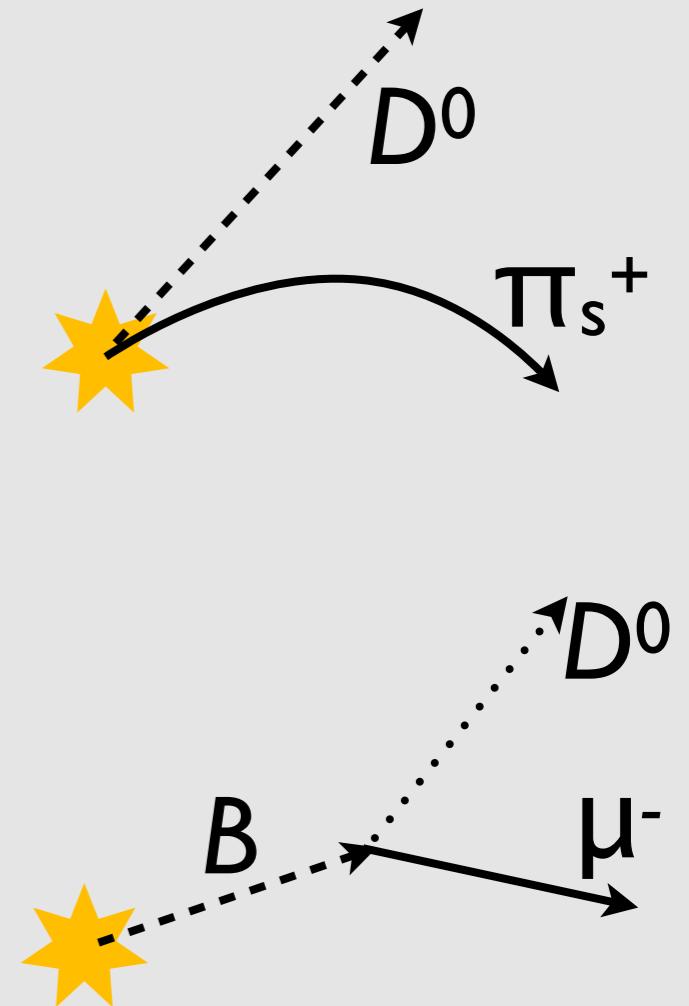


- Can distinguish  $D^0$  from  $\bar{D}^0$  in two ways
  - Charge of soft pion from strong decay  
 $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_s^+$
  - Charge of muon from semi-leptonic decay  
 $B \rightarrow D^0 \mu^- X$
- 4 Tm dipole magnet
  - Need ~2 GeV/c momentum
  - $\sigma(p)/p$   
0.4% - 0.6%  
@5-100 GeV/c momentum

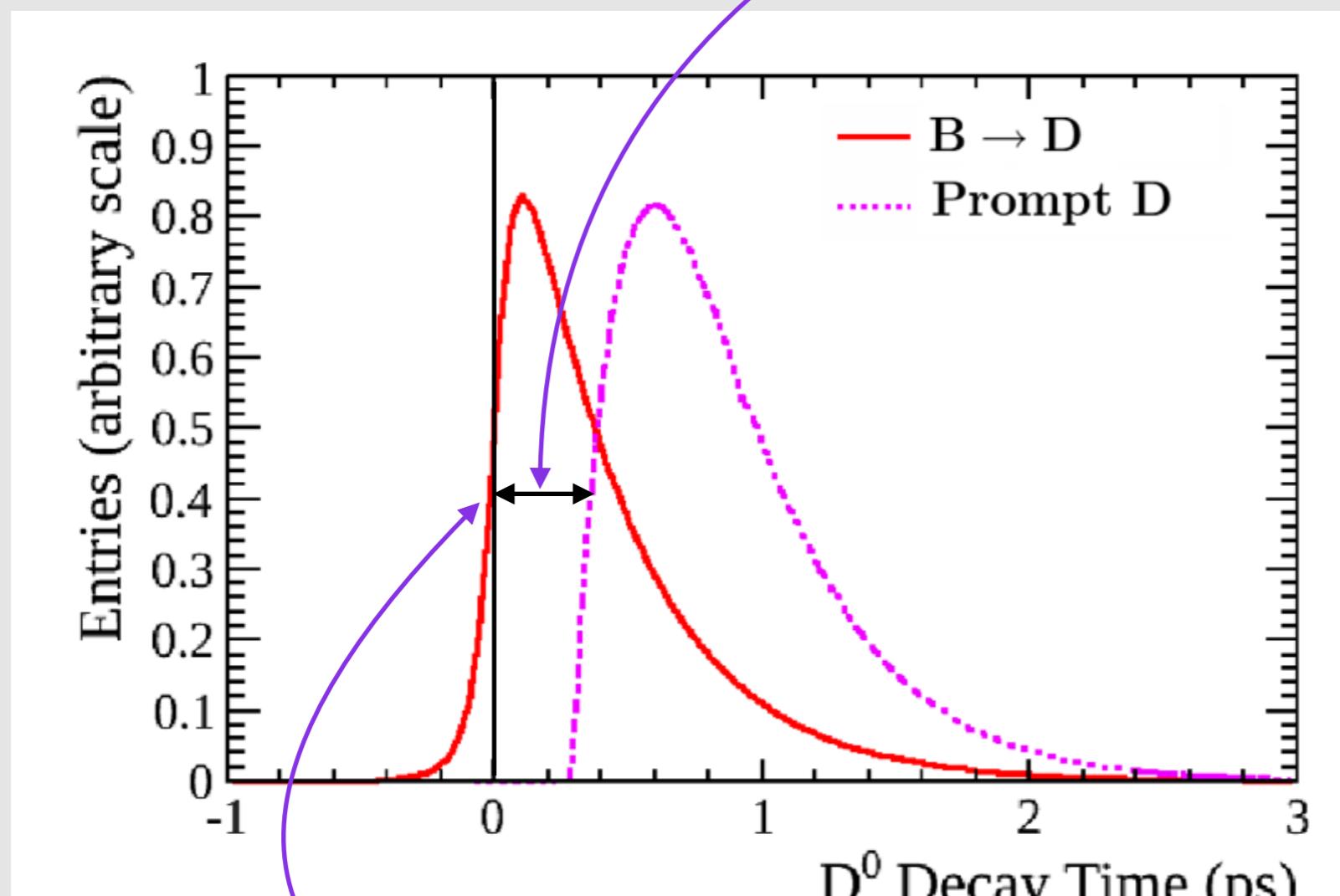


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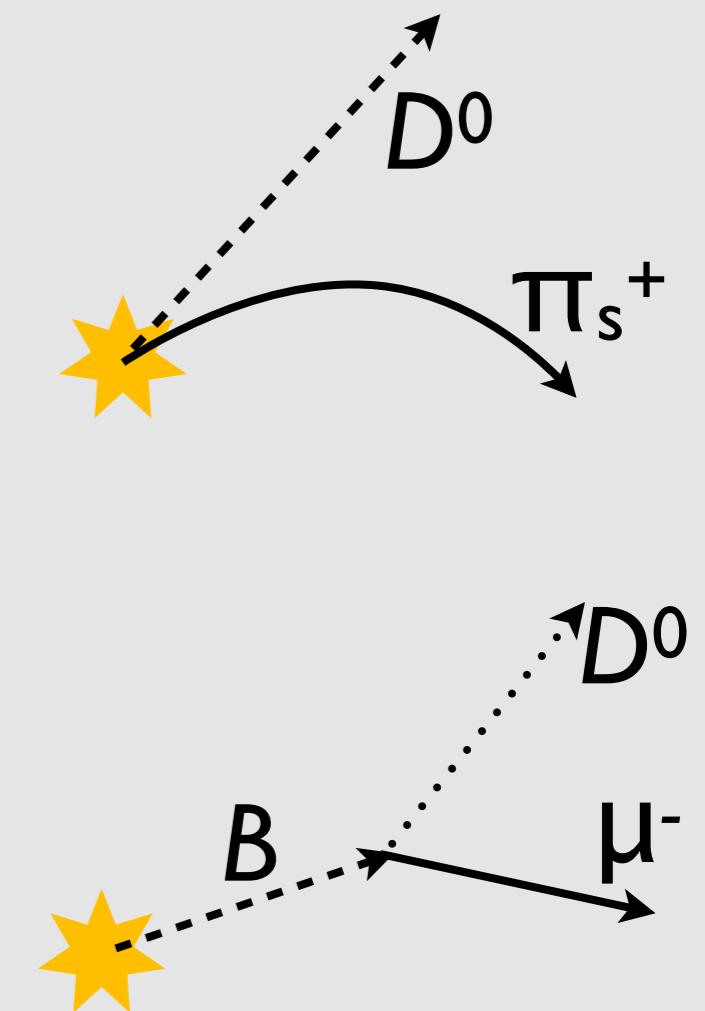
- Prompt D\*-tagged
  - Larger yields
  - Background from D-from-B
- Muon-tagged
  - Smaller yields (somewhat)
  - Larger level of combinatorial background
  - Independent systematic uncertainties
- Doubly-tagged
  - The best of both worlds
  - Smallest samples



# Flavour tagging and decay times



**Cannot** reconstruct  $D^0$  decays  
close to **primary** vertex



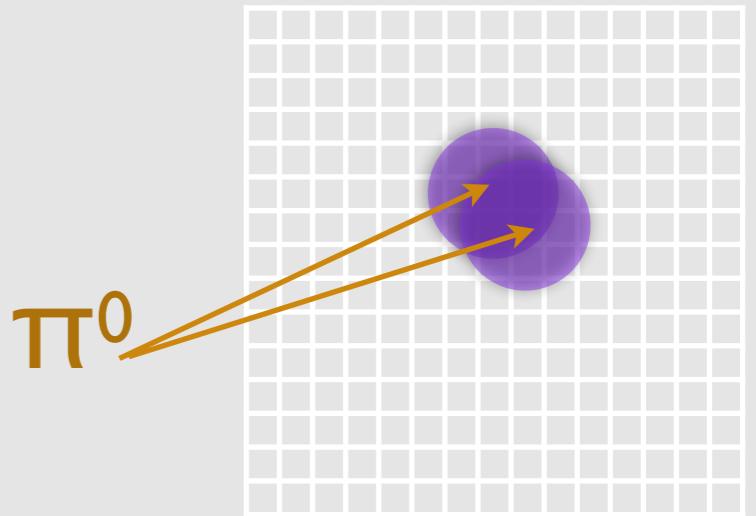
**Can** reconstruct  $D^0$  decays  
close to **displaced** **B** vertex

# Particle detection

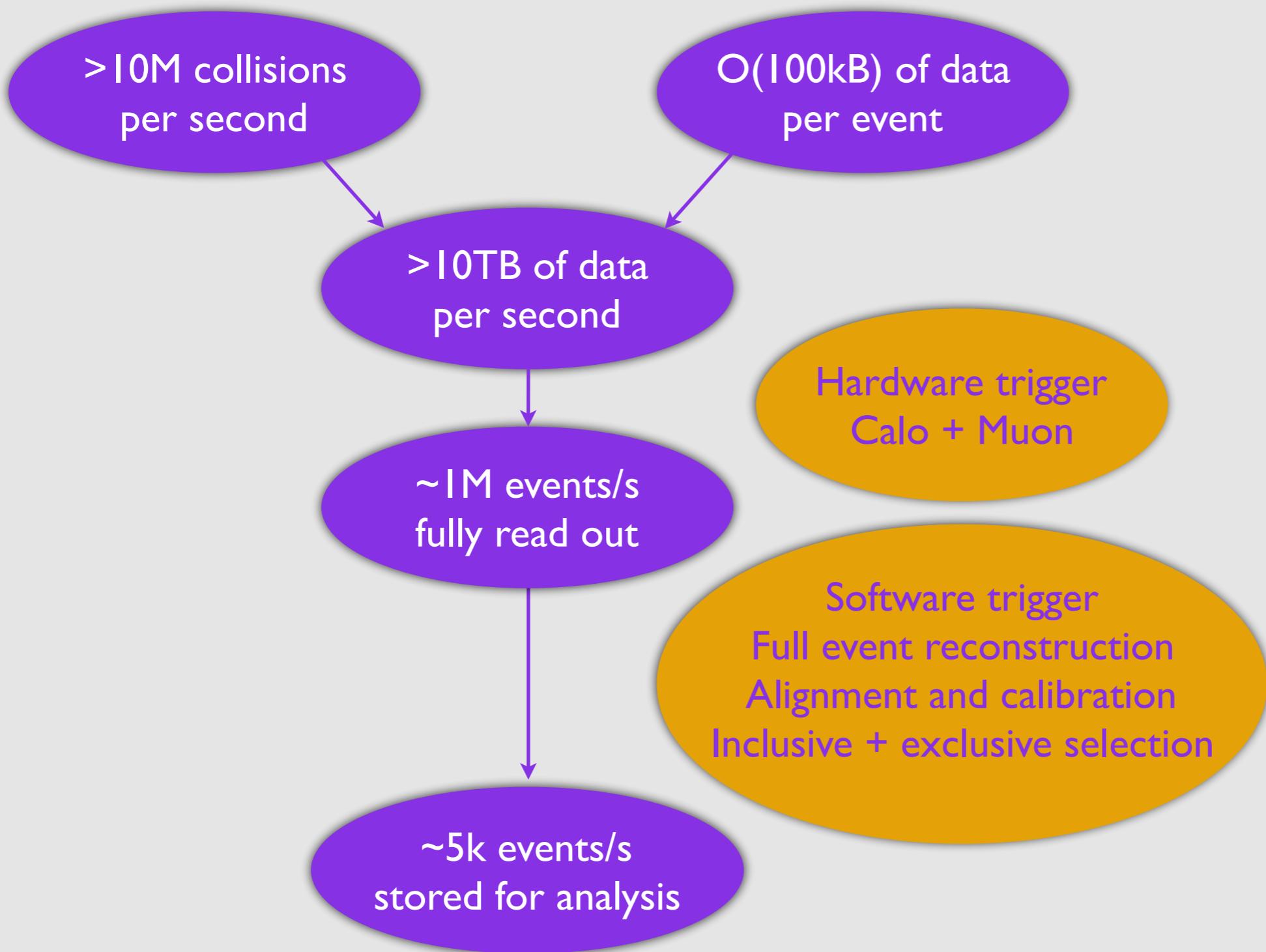
- Excellent charged particle ID
  - ➡ Two ring-imaging Cherenkov detectors
- But even the best detector can challenge you
  - ➡ Detector asymmetries
    - ▶ Cancel left-right asymmetries by swapping dipole field
  - ➡ Interaction asymmetries
    - ▶ Measure through control modes

# Neutral particles

- Need  $\geq 2$  charged particles to define decay vertex
- Additional challenges from neutrals
- $K_S$  and  $\Lambda$ 
  - Long flight distance:  
Most escape VELO acceptance
- $\pi^0$ 
  - Coarse granularity:  
Calorimeter clusters not always separated
- $\gamma$ 
  - Busy calorimeter:  
Probability of confusion with electrons or  $\pi^0$



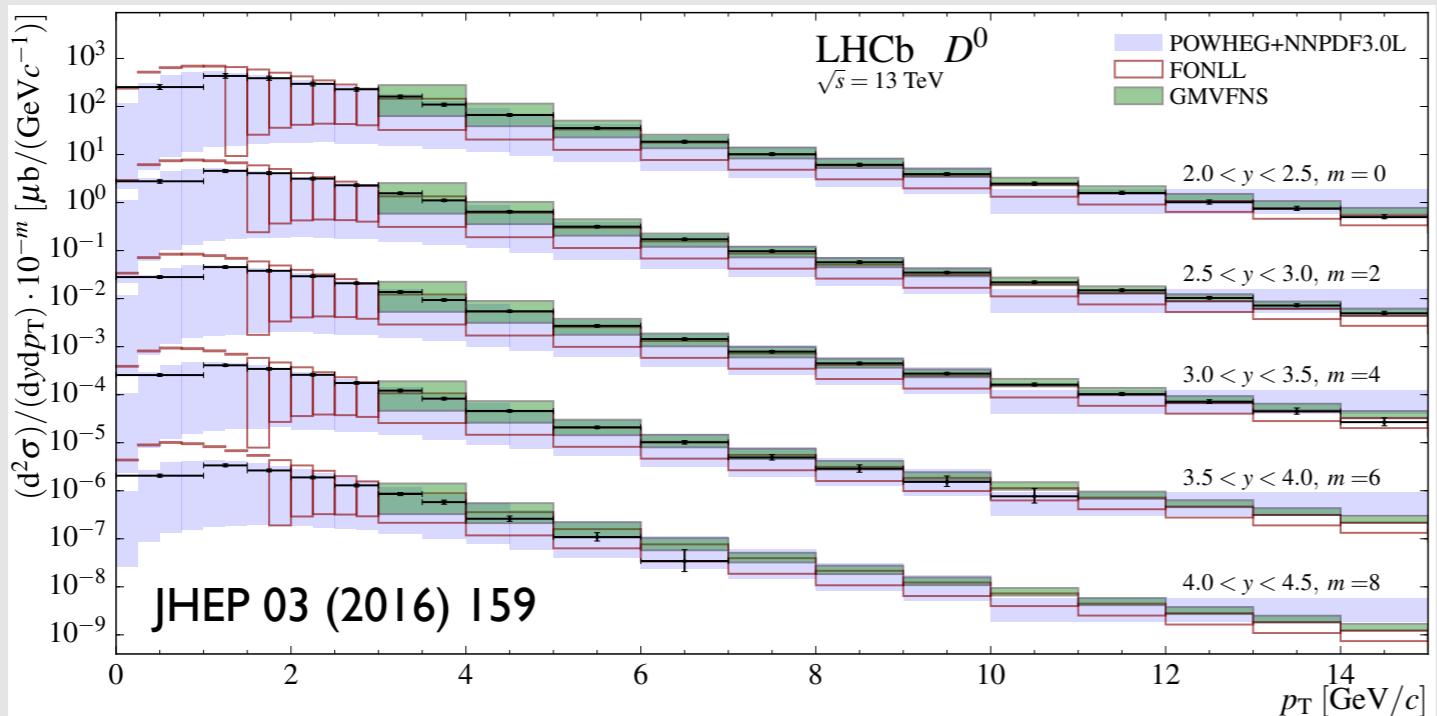
# Trigger



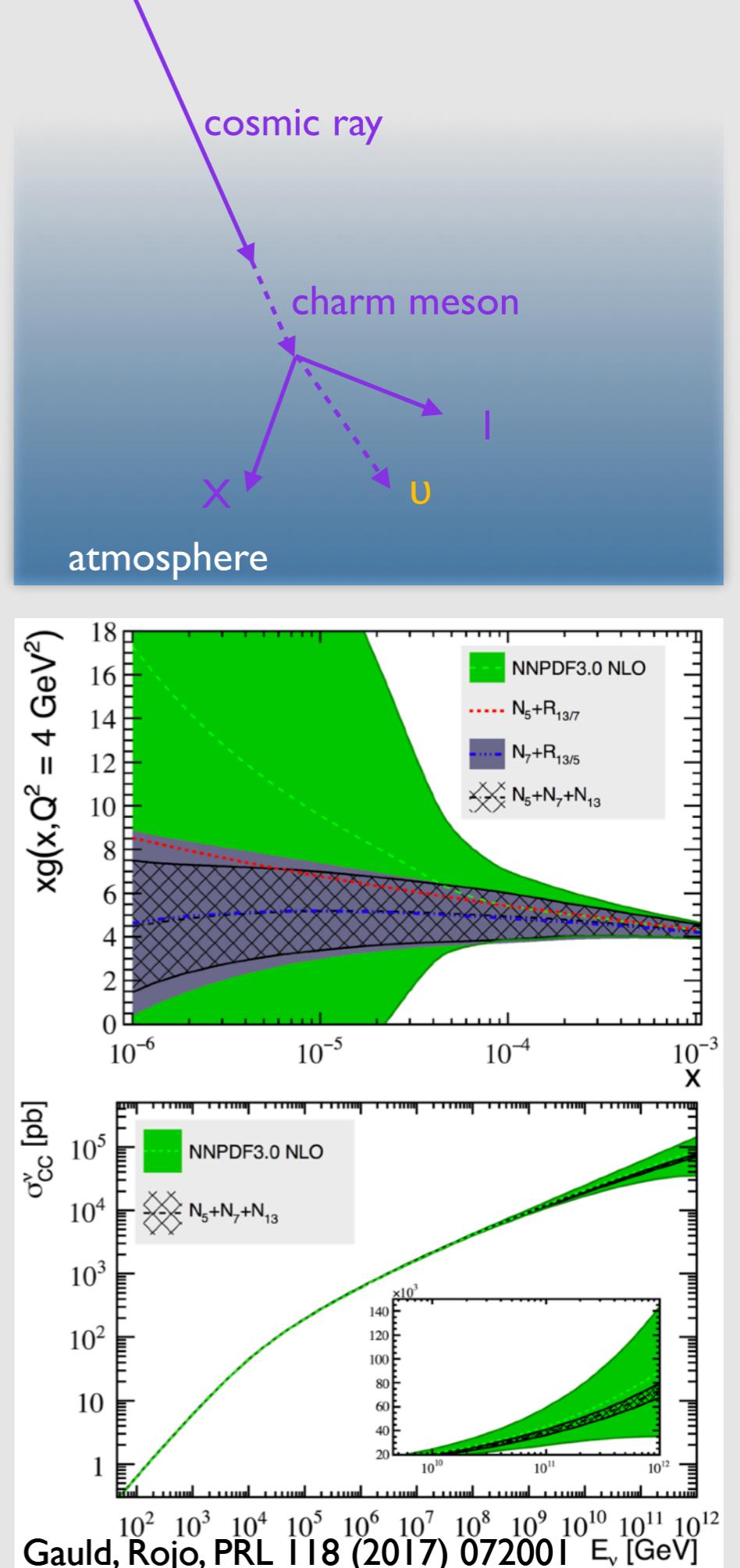
**Tough choices:**  
About 10% of all events before triggering contain charm particles

**Seemingly plenty:**  
About 2kHz of charm events written out  
 $\rightarrow 10^{10}$  per year

# Production



- Charm production as precision measurements
  - Constrain PDFs and QCD processes
  - Puts direct constraints on charm production in atmosphere
    - ▶ High-energy neutrino background, e.g. for IceCube
- Production in different collisions crucial in identifying exotica



# In numbers

Experiment	$\sqrt{s}$	$\sigma_{\text{acc}}(D^0)$	L	$N(D^0)$
BESIII	3.77 GeV	8 nb	3 $\text{fb}^{-1}$	$2.4 \times 10^7$
Belle II	10.6 GeV	1.45 nb	50 $\text{ab}^{-1}$	$7.5 \times 10^{10}$
LHCb Run 1	7-8 TeV	1.5 mb	3 $\text{fb}^{-1}$	$4.5 \times 10^{12}$
LHCb Run 2	13 TeV	3 mb	6 $\text{fb}^{-1}$	$1.8 \times 10^{13}$