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## Minimum bias physics at LHCb

First pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$  and 7 TeV have been recorded by the LHCb detector using a minimum bias trigger. These data are very valuable to commission the detector and trigger algorithms, but will also be used to perform a number of interesting minimum bias physics measurements, in the forward region covered by the LHCb detector (polar angles between 15 and 300 mrad), amongst which measurements of the prompt Kshort, Lambda, anti-Lambda, proton, anti-proton production cross sections, as well as of the Lambda transverse polarization. The motivations, ingredients and status of such measurements will be discussed, and preliminary results shown where available.

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