

# Soft QCD and onia production at LHCb

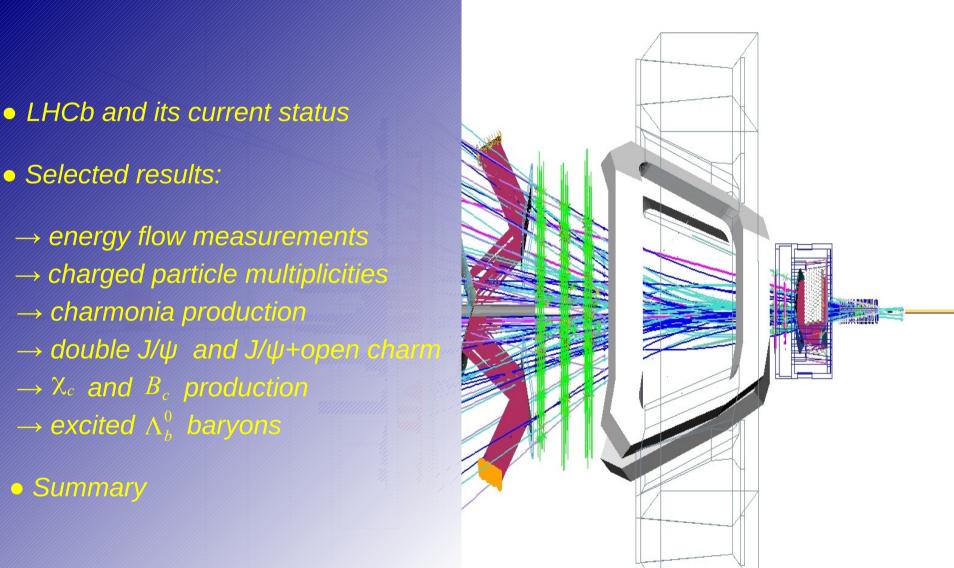
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# **Outline**

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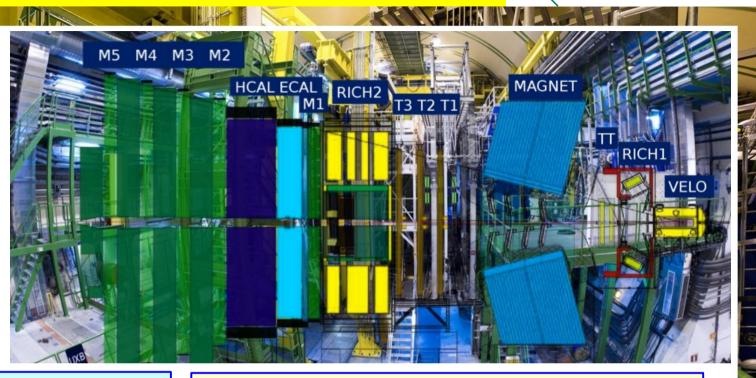




### LHCb experiment

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- One of the 4 main detectors at the LHC:
- → CP violation, rare decays, New Physics searches
- Forward spectrometer with planar detectors:
- → B hadrons at the LHC are produced at low polar angles
- $\rightarrow$  angular coverage: 2 <  $\eta$  < 5
- → combination of PID and tracking detectors covering the full acceptance: unique@LHC
- Excellent tracking performance:
- $\rightarrow$  momentum resolution of long tracks traversing the full tracking setup  $\delta p/p \sim 0.35-0.55\%$
- $\rightarrow$  invariant mass resolution of ~10–20 MeV/c² depending on the B decay channel
- → precise vertex reconstruction: proper time resolution for B hadrons < 50 fs
- <u>Selective and flexible trigger system</u>



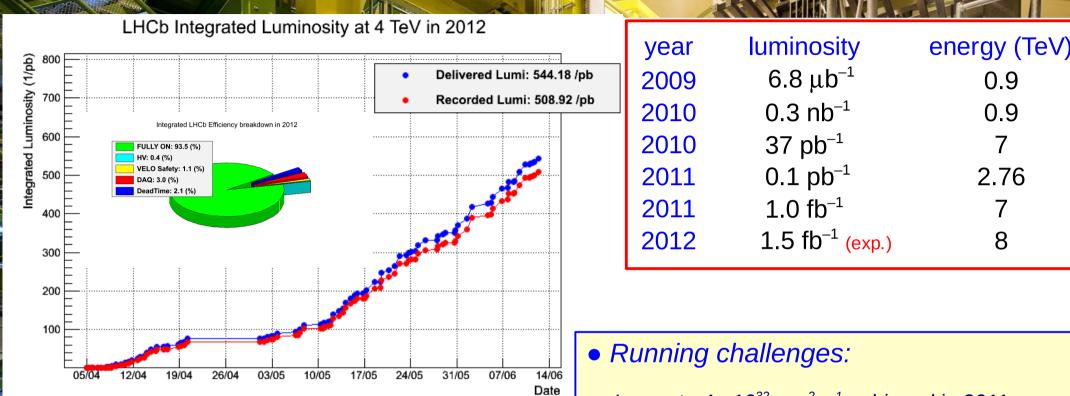
- High quality particle identification:
- → RICH system: efficient hadron ID over the wide momentum range unique@LHC
- $\rightarrow$  SPD/PS: robust *e*/ $\gamma$  and *e*/hadrons separation
- $\rightarrow$  ECAL: *e*,  $\gamma$  energy measurements + trigger
- $\rightarrow$  HCAL: hadron energies + trigger
- $\rightarrow$  MUON:  $\mu$  identification + trigger

more info in Antonio Pellegrino's talk tomorrow

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# Data taking: 2009-2012



- Good quality of recorded data:
   → >95% of r/o channels are operational
- Data taking efficiency > 90%

- $\rightarrow$  Lins up to 4× 10<sup>32</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> achieved in 2011 and 2012
- $\rightarrow$  LHCb design luminosity: Lins=2.0 × 10<sup>32</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- → Strong challenge for the trigger, offline reconstruction and data processing
- → <u>LHCb successfully copes with these extreme</u> <u>running conditions</u>

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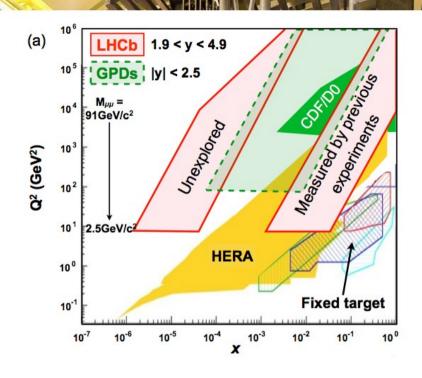
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#### LHCb THCp

### **LHCb** Potential

• LHCb, due to its rapidity coverage, explores particle production in an unique kinematic range:

- $\rightarrow$  probes of PDFs at very low and at high values of x and low-Q<sup>2</sup>
- Ability to study low-p<sub>τ</sub> region (<0.5 GeV/c) at large η(>4)
  - → <u>the only one LHC experiment that can</u> <u>investigate this region of the phase space</u>
  - $\rightarrow$  great potential to study soft QCD physics
- Minimum Bias (MB) data dominated by soft QCD processes:
  - → LHCb MB trigger: at least 1 track-segment in the detector – 100% efficient for the majority of physics processes of interest



- Onia production: Motivation
- → robust test of pQCD, Color Octet & Color Singlet production mechanisms and MC generators
- → combination of Color Octet and Color Singlet describes p<sub>T</sub> and cross sections measured at Tevatron, but the polarization remains an issue
- → Double-charm and high mass onia production studies should help

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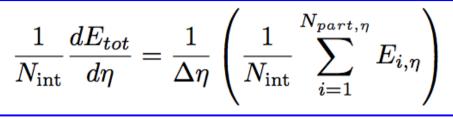


### **Forward Energy Flow: outline**



Energy Flow (EF) :

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average energy created in a particular  $\eta$  interval per inelastic pp interaction and normalized to the  $\eta$  bin size

- EF directly sensitive to the amount of parton radiation and multi-parton interactions (MPI) at large  $\eta$
- → MPI features are still not well known: strongly needed for a precise description of the UE
- → possibility to discriminate between MPI models and determine important parameters
- $\rightarrow$  great input for MC tuning
- *improve the existing constraints on ultra high energy cosmic-ray interaction models:* 
  - → LHC provides first possibility to compare cosmic-ray showering models at Elab of up to ~10<sup>17</sup>eV
- *it has never been measured at a hadron collider in the pre-LHC era*

- EF is measured in 1.9<η<4.9 with low pile-up pp MB data at 7 TeV for the following event classes:
  - → inclusive MB: at least 1 long track in  $1.9 < \eta < 4.9$  with p > 2 GeV/c
  - $\rightarrow$  hard scattering: at least 1 long track in 1.9< $\eta$ <4.9 with  $p_T$  > 3 GeV/c
  - $\rightarrow$  diffractive enriched: inclusive MB with no backward tracks in -3.5< $\eta$ <-1.5
  - $\rightarrow$  non-diffractive enriched: inclusive MB with at least 1 backward track in -3.5< $\eta$ <-1.5
- Data corrected for detector effects & compared to the generator level predictions (PYTHIA-based and cosmic-ray models)
- Systematic effects: tracking related factors, model dependency, pile-up contamination

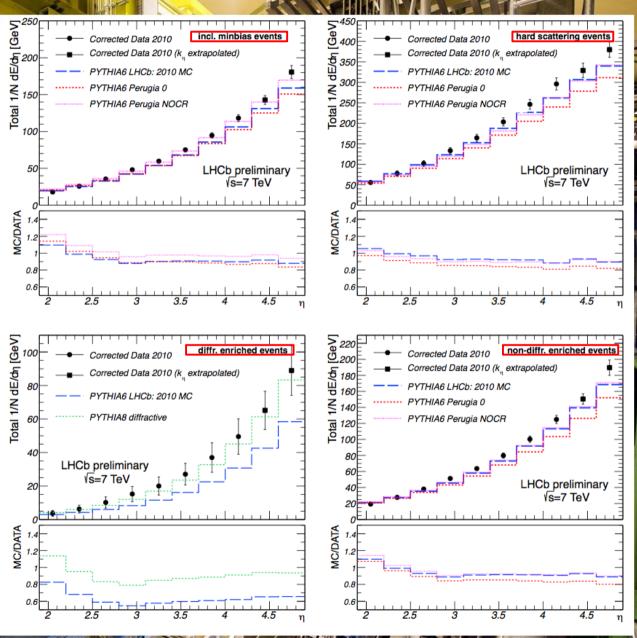


### **Total EF vs PYTHIA tunes**

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- EF increases with the momentum transfer in an underlying pp process: EFhard > EFnon-diffr > EFincl > EFdiffr
- PYTHIA tunes reproduce the EF evolution as a function of  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$
- PYTHIA-based models underestimate EF at large η and overestimate it at low η in case of all event classes:
- PYTHIA LHCb tune and Perugia NOCR predictions for the selected inclusive and non-diffractive enriched events are similar
- Perugia 0 significantly underestimates EF at large η in case of all event classes
- PYTHIA8 describes the diffractive enriched EF much better than PYTHIA6

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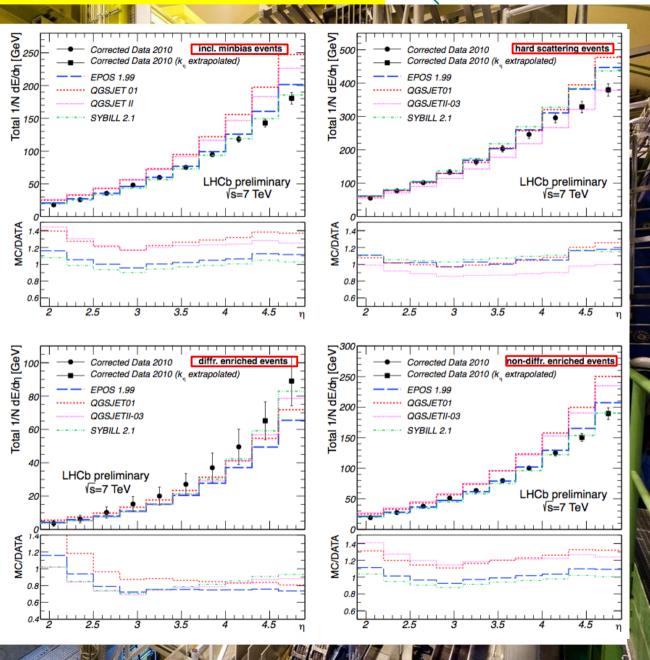


### Total EF vs cosmic-ray models

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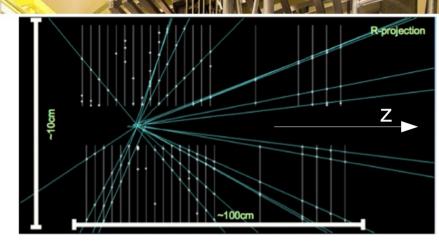
- EPOS 1.99, SYBILL 2.1, QGSJET01, QGSJETII cosmic ray interaction models
  - → soft processes via Pomeron exchanges (Gribov's Reggeon Field Theory)
  - → hard processes: pQCD or exchanges of semi-hard Pomerons
  - $\rightarrow$  models are not tuned to LHC data
- Good agreement between the data and QGSJETII prediction for the hard scattering EF at large η
- SYBILL 2.1 gives the best description of the inclusive and non-diffractive EF
- None of the models are able to describe the EF measurements for all event classes:
- → valuable input for MC tuning and MPI/UE models

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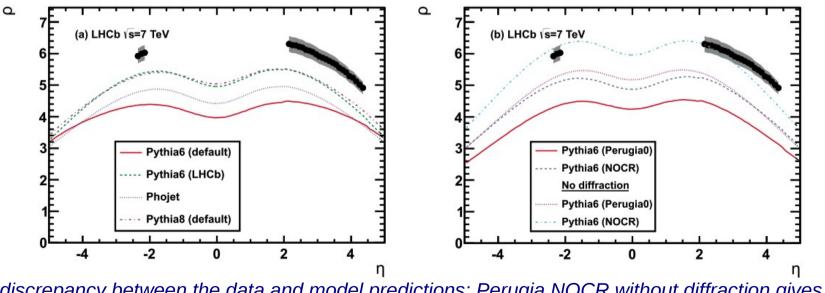
# Charged Particle Multiplicities (1)



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- Measurement of the charged particle multiplicities :
  - $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to the underlying QCD dynamics
  - → charged particles counted using reconstructed tracks in the LHCb VELO:
    - high detection efficiency for 2.0< $\eta$ <4.5 and –2.5< $\eta$ <–2.0
    - tracks are straight lines in the VELO as no magnetic field there – no momentum measurements
  - $\rightarrow$  measurements with inclusive MB and hard QCD (at least 1 long track with pT>1 GeV/c) events
- Charged particle density per event vs  $\eta$  for the data and models:

 $\rightarrow$  normalized to events with at least 1 charged particle in the forward acceptance



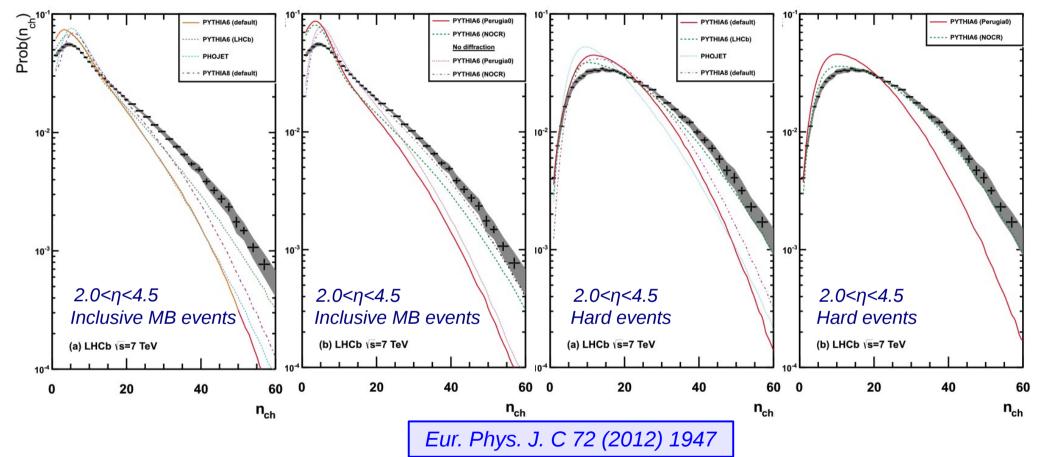
→ large discrepancy between the data and model predictions: Perugia NOCR without diffraction gives the best description of the measurements

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# Charged Particle Multiplicities (2)

• multiplicity distributions for inclusive MB and hard events vs generator level predictions:



• none of the generators are fully able to describe the multiplicity distributions or the charged density distribution as a function of  $\eta$  in the LHCb acceptance

• models underestimate the charged particle production in the forward region

 $\rightarrow$  valuable input for MC tuning and UE models

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# **LHCS** Other results on soft QCD: Highlights

- Prompt Ks production in pp collisions at 0.9 TeV
  - $\rightarrow$  differential cross-section measured for 2.5<y<4 and 0<pt<1.6 GeV/c
  - $\rightarrow$  performed with 2009 data
  - $\rightarrow$  reasonable consistency with the predictions given by the PYTHIA-based models
- Inclusive  $\Phi$  cross-section in pp collisions at 7 TeV
- $\rightarrow$  differential cross-section measured for 2.44<y<4.06 and 0.6<pt<5.0 GeV/c
- $\rightarrow$  cross-section is significantly underestimated by the PYTHIA tunes across the entire phase space !
- V0 production ratios in pp collisions at 0.9 and 7 TeV
  - $\rightarrow\,$  ratios measured for 2.0<y<4.5 and 0.15<p\_{T}<2.5 GeV/c
    - Jarge discrepancy between the data and PYTHIA-based models
- Prompt hadron production ratios in pp collisions at 7 TeV
  - $\rightarrow$  ratios measured for 2.5<y<4.5 and p<sub>T</sub><1.2 GeV/c

LHCb-PAPER-2011-037 (in preparation)

J. High Energy Phys. 08 (2011) 034

 $\rightarrow$  none of the PYTHIA-based models are able to describe all the measurements

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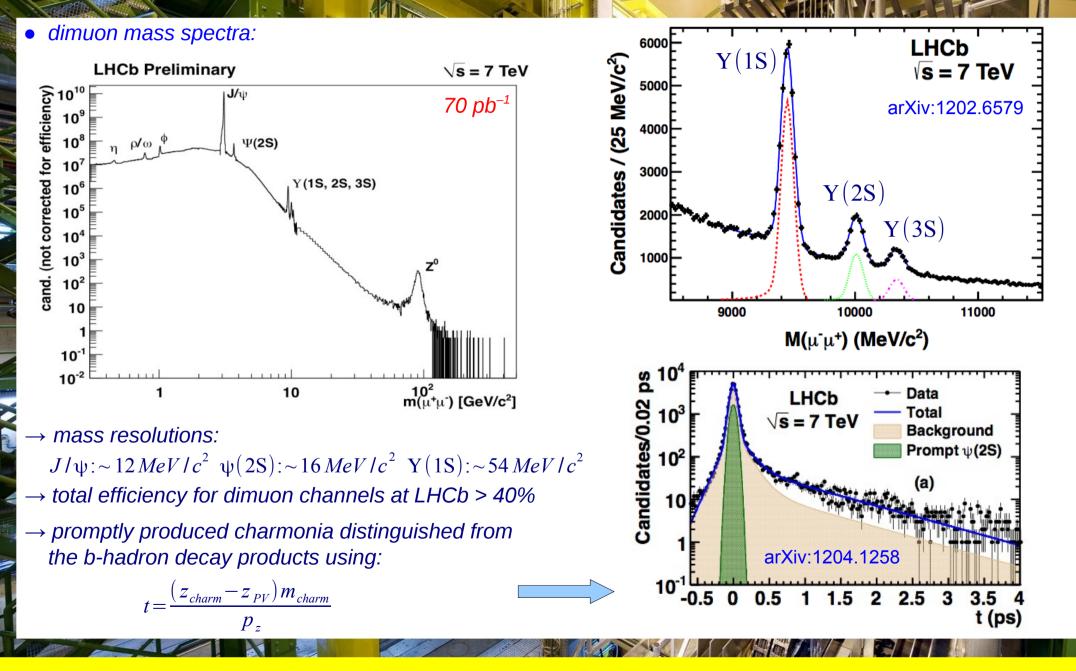
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### Charmonium to $\mu^+\mu^-$

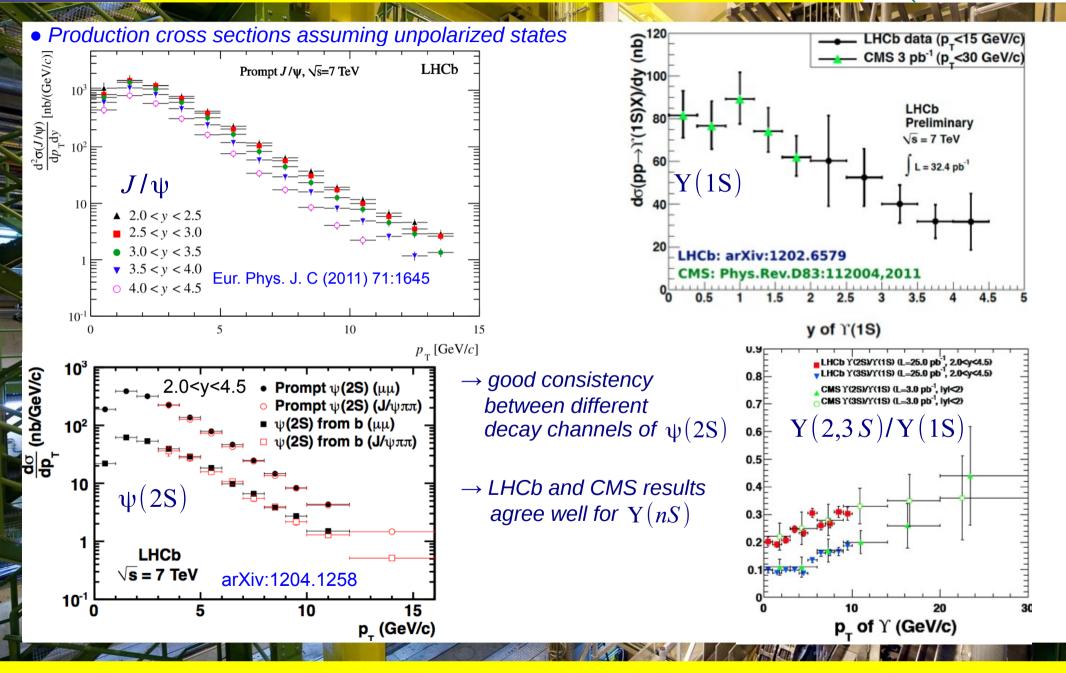
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### **Charmonia production**



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# **Charmonia production vs Theory**

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<u>/小</u> [nb/(GeV/c)] nb/GeV/c) √s=7 TeV √s=7 TeV 10<sup>3</sup> NLO CS+CO MWC LHCb (2.0 < v < 4.5)LHCb (2.0 < y < 4.5)NLO CS+CO 🕅 KB Direct NLO NRQCD (2.0 < y < 4.5)Direct NLO CSM (2.0 < y < 4.5) 10<sup>2</sup> Direct LO NRQCD (2.0 < y < 4.5) NNLO CS 🔲 AL Direct NNLO\* CSM (2.0 < y < 4.5)  $J/\psi$ I / ab  $\psi(2S)$ • Prompt ψ(2S) <mark>b</mark>d\_ Eur. Phys. J. C 61, 693 (2009) P103 hep-ph/1012.1030 PRL 106 (2011) 022003 PRL 101 (2008) 152001 LHCb 10<sup>-1</sup>  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ arXiv:1204.1258 Eur. Phys. J. C (2011) 71:1645 10<sup>-2</sup> 10 10 15 10 20 0 10 0 15 5 15 20 p<sub>\_</sub> (GeV/c)  $p_{_{T}}$  [GeV/c]  $p_{T}$  [GeV/c]  $\rightarrow$  Good agreement with NLO  $\rightarrow$  (N)LO NRQCD describe the  $J/\psi$  cross section rather well calculations with color-singlet and (not the case for the (N)NLO CSM) color-octet contributions at large  $p_{T}$ [nb/(GeV/c)] GeV/c) [nb/(GeV/c) Cb data (2.0<y<4.5) HCb data (2.0<v<4.5) LHCb data (2.0<y<4.5) direct NNLO\* CSM (2.0<y<4.5) direct NNLO\* CSM (2.0<v<4.5) direct NNLO\* CSM (2.0<y<4.5) direct NLO CSM (2.0<y<4.5) direct NLO CSM (2.0<y<4.5) direct NLO CSM (2.0<y<4.5) )/qu] arXiv:1202.6579 arXiv:1202.6579 arXiv:1202.6579  $\rightarrow$  Reasonable agreement do<sup>3S</sup>/dp  $\times do^{1S}/dp_T$  $\times do^{2S}/dp_T$ with NNLO CSM calculations for 10-2 10-2 Y(nS) states × LHCb LHCb B<sup>3S</sup> B<sup>1S</sup> B<sup>2S</sup> INCD YS = 7 TeV Y (2S  $\sqrt{S} = 7 \text{ TeV} Y(1S)$ IS = 7 TeV Y (3S 10-5 10-3 10-3

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p\_ of Y(1S) (GeV/c)

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p\_ of Y(3S) (GeV/c)

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p\_ of Y(2S) (GeV/c)

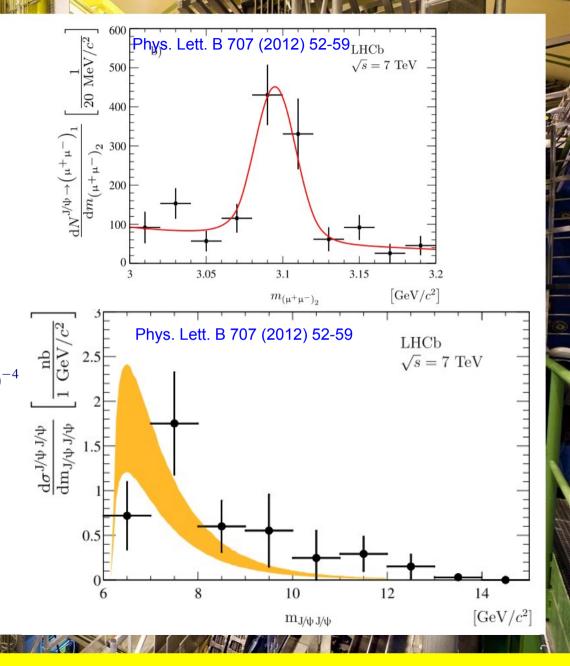
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# Double J/ $\psi$ production

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- σ(J/ψJ/ψ) measured with 37.5 pb<sup>-1</sup> for 2.0<y<4.5 and pτ< 10GeV/c</li>
- $\rightarrow$  2 J/ $\psi$  from a common vertex
- $\rightarrow$  141 ± 19 events observed
- ightarrow statistical significance >6 $\sigma$
- Potential enhancement of pp → J/ψJ/ψ+X from Double Parton Scattering (DPS) mechanism and intrinsic charm model (IC)
- Results at 7 TeV for 2.0<y<4.5 and pT< 10GeV/c  $\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi) = 5.1 \pm 1.0 (\text{stat}) \pm 1.1 (\text{syst}) \text{ nb}$  $\frac{\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi)}{\sigma(J/\psi)} = [5.1 \pm 1.0 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.6^{+1.2}_{-1.0} (\text{syst+polar})] \times 10^{-4}$
- → Theory predictions:  $L0 \ CS: \sigma(J/\psi J/\psi) = 4 \ nb \ (arXiv:1204.1058)$ DPS contribution: 2 nb (arXiv:1106.2184)
- σ(J/ψJ/ψ) vs invariant mass of both J/ψ: data vs theory:
  - $\rightarrow$  more statistics is needed

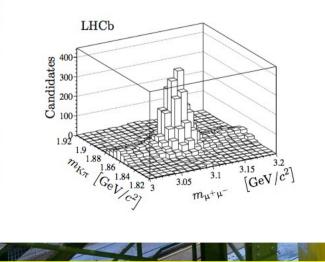


# $J/\psi$ +open charm production

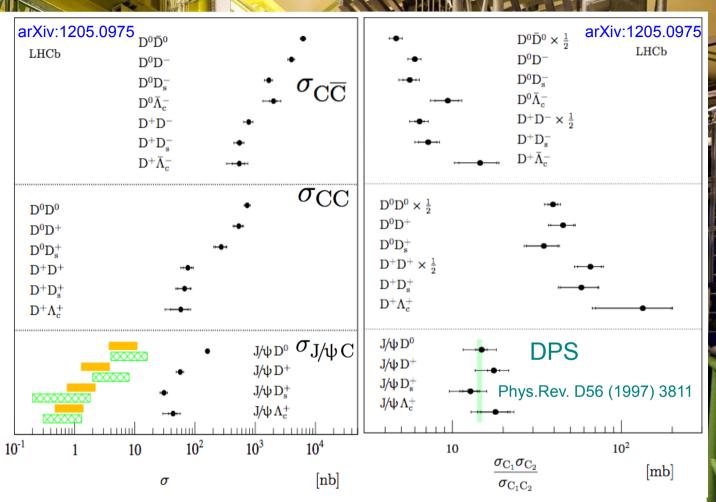
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- First observation of  $J/\psi C(\bar{C})$ and CC open charm states in hadronic collisions performed with 0.36 fb<sup>-1</sup>@7TeV
- predictions from DPS and IC larger by one order of magnitude than the LO CSM calculations
- In case DPS dominates

 $\frac{\sigma_{C_1}\sigma_{C_2}}{\sigma_{C_1C_2}} \sim 15 \, mb$ from the cross-sections measured at Tevatron for multi-jet events  $\rightarrow$  PDR 56 3811 (1997)



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- → LO predictions
   Phys.Rev. D57 (1998) 4385
   Eur. Phys. J C61 (2009) 693
   significantly underestimate the cross-sections
- → Good consistency between DPS prediction and the results for J/ψC modes, whereas 2-3 times lower for CC states

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#### $\chi_c$ production

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•  $\sigma(\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma)/\sigma(J/\psi)$  $\chi_c$  production studies provide (arXiv:1204.1462) important test of NRQCD and CS/CO  $\sigma(\chi_{c2})/\sigma(\chi_{c1})$ (arXiv:1202.1080) mechanisms: measured by LHCb using 36 pb<sup>-1</sup>@7TeV  $\rightarrow$  prompt  $\chi_c$  give substantial feed-down for  $2 < p_T < 15$  GeV/c to J/ψ production: crucial for polarization studies • Converted after the magnet and non-converted photons are detected in the ECAL 🔶 ChiGen LO+CSM: *ChiGen* assuming unpolarized production מ/ך)ס b) NLO NRQCO **VNLO NRQCD** LHCb ъ LHCb 36 pb<sup>-1</sup> LHCb 36 pb , / <sup>(</sup> የህር Results for  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  $\sigma[\chi_{c_2}]$ CDF 1.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>  $\sigma(\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma)/\sigma(J/\psi)$ in agreement with NLO NROCD 0.8 0.3 •  $\sigma(\chi_{c2})/\sigma(\chi_{c1})$ 0.6 is found to be larger 0.2 than any prediction 0.4 and CDF measurement LHCb 0.1 0.2 √s = 7 TeV 10 12 14 10  $p_{\tau}^{J/\psi}$  [GeV/c]  $p_{\tau}^{J/\psi}$  [GeV/c]

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## $B_c$ production

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- only the ground state of  $B_c$  is observed so far
  - $\rightarrow$  great spectroscopy potential
- LHCb has performed the world's best measurement of the B<sub>c</sub> mass with 2010 data @ 7TeV:
  - $M(B_c^+) = 6268.0 \pm 4.0 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

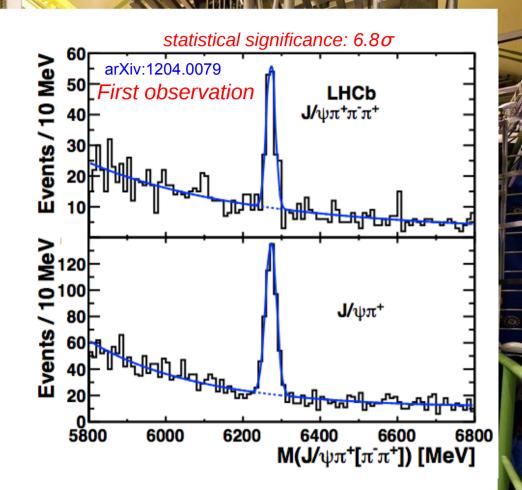
using  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+$ 

• Ratio measured for pT>4 GeV/c and 2.5<y<4.5 (CERN-LHCb-CONF-2011-017)

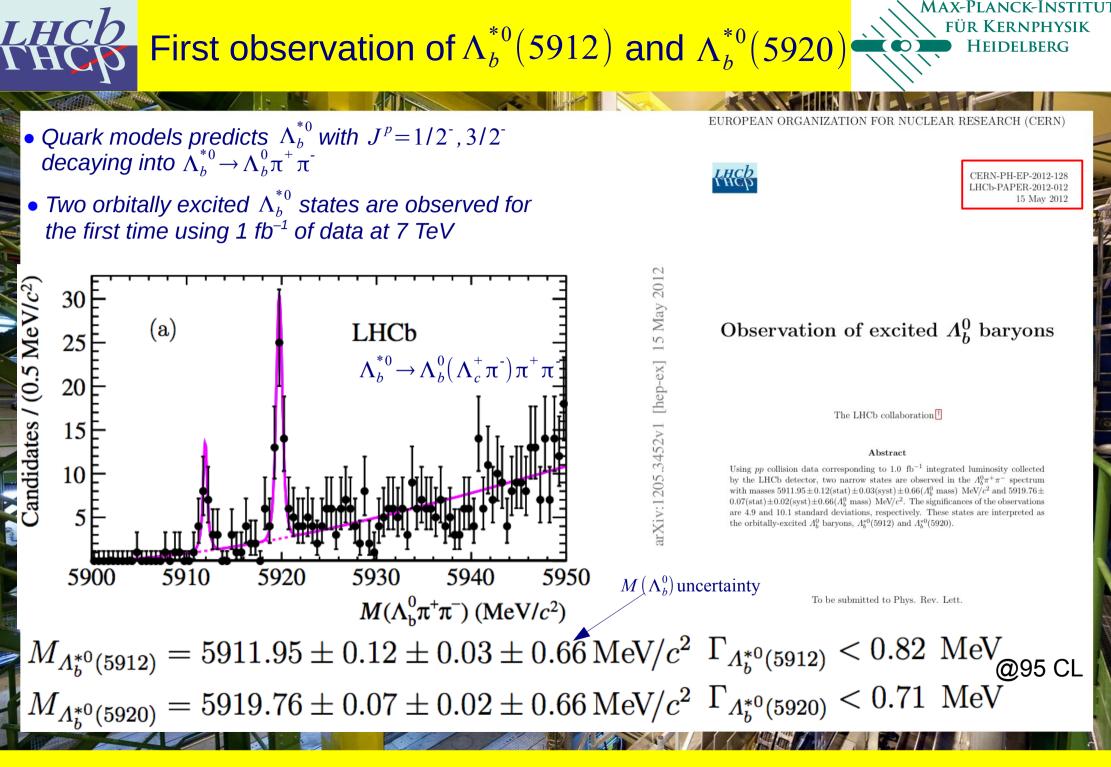
$$R_{c+} = \frac{\sigma\left(B_{c}^{+}\right) \times \mathcal{B}\left(B_{c}^{+} \to J/\psi\pi^{+}\right)}{\sigma\left(B^{+}\right) \times \mathcal{B}\left(B^{+} \to J/\psiK^{+}\right)} = (2.2 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.2)\%$$

• First observation of  $B_c^+ \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$ using 2011 data (arXiv:1204.0079)

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \to J/\psi \, \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+)}{\mathcal{B}(B_c^+ \to J/\psi \, \pi^+)} = 2.41 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.33$$



 $\rightarrow$  theory predictions: 1.5 – 2.3





# Summary

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- LHCb detector achievements:
  - Excellent vertex resolutions
  - Great tracking performance
  - Robust particle identification
  - Selective and flexible trigger system

Great conditions to deliver high-quality physics results

Just do it :-)

#### ...and LHCb does it indeed :

57 papers submitted to journals so far, a lot more in the pipeline

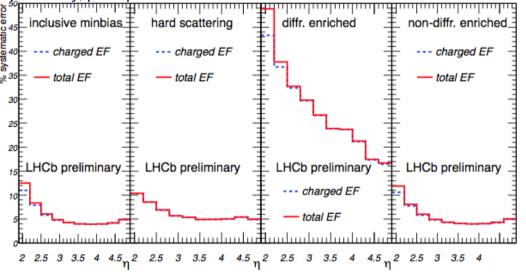
 world's best measurements of many important physics parameters and first observations of very rare processes !

- LHCb is much more than just a beauty experiment :-)
  - → a lot of measurements in the quarkonia and soft QCD sector were performed bringing much input for theoreticians
  - $\rightarrow$  stay tuned for further results in particular obtained at 8 TeV !



### **Backup: systematics**

#### • Energy Flow systematics: tracking related factors, model dependency, pile-up contamination



Relative systematic uncertainties (%) for the  $D^0C$  cross-sections. The uncertainties for CC and  $C\overline{C}$  are equal.

Source		$\mathrm{D}^0\mathrm{D}^0$	$\mathrm{D}^{0}\mathrm{D}^{+}$	$\mathrm{D}^{0}\mathrm{D}^{+}_{\mathrm{s}}$	${ m D}^0 \Lambda_{ m c}^+$	
D <sup>0</sup> C reconstruction	$\varepsilon_1^{\rm reco} \times \varepsilon_2^{\rm reco}$	1.4	1.4	2.3	3.6	
Hadron ID	$arepsilon_{ m had}^{ m ID}$	1.2	1.8	1.6	2.4	
Tracking	$\xi^{ m trk}$	8.5	10.7	10.6	10.6	
Trigger	$arepsilon_{ m CC,C\overline{C}}^{ m trg}$	1.8	2.5	3.9	5.2	
Global event cuts	$\varepsilon^{ m GEC}$	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Luminosity	$\mathcal{L}$	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	
${\cal B}({ m D}^{_0} ightarrow{ m K}^-\pi^+)$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	
C branching fractions	$\mathcal{B}_2$	1.3	4.3	6.0	26	
Total		10	12	14	30	

Relative systematic uncertainties (%) for the  $J\!/\!\psi\,\mathrm{C}$  cross-sections.

Relative systematic uncertai	inties (%) fo	or the $D^+C$	cross-sections.	The uncertainties
for the CC and $\overline{CC}$ are equal.				

Source		$D^+D^+$	$D^+D^+_s$	${ m D}^+\Lambda_{ m c}^+$
D <sup>+</sup> C reconstruction	$\varepsilon_1^{ m reco}  imes \varepsilon_2^{ m reco}$	1.4	2.2	4.0
Hadron ID	$arepsilon_{ m had}^{ m ID}$	2.3	2.4	3.0
Tracking	$\xi^{ m trk}$	12.8	12.8	12.8
Trigger	$\varepsilon^{ m trg}_{ m CC,C\overline{C}}$	3.7	5.8	5.0
Global event cuts	$\varepsilon^{ m GEC}$	1.0	1.0	1.0
Luminosity	$\mathcal{L}$	3.7	3.7	3.7
${\cal B}({ m D}^+ ightarrow{ m K}^-\pi^+\pi^+)$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	4.3	4.3	4.3
C branching fractions	$\mathcal{B}_2$	4.3	6.0	26
Total		17	17	31
Total		17	17	31

Source		$J/\psi D^0$	$J/\psi D^+$	$J/\psi D_s^+$	$J/\psi \Lambda_{c}^{+}$
$J/\psi$ reconstruction	$\varepsilon_1^{ m reco}$	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
C reconstruction	$\varepsilon_2^{ m reco}$	0.7	0.8	1.7	3.3
Muon ID	$arepsilon_{ m J/\psi}^{ m ID}$	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Hadron ID	$arepsilon_{ m had}^{ m ID}$	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.5
Tracking	$\xi^{ m trk}$	4.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
Trigger	$arepsilon^{ m trg}_{ m J\!/\!\psi C}$	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
$J/\psi$ polarization	$\varepsilon_{\mathrm{J/\psi}}^{\mathrm{reco}}$	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Global event cuts	$\varepsilon^{ m GEC}$	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Luminosity	$\mathcal{L}$	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
${\cal B}({ m J}\!/\!\psi  ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
C branching fractions	$\mathcal{B}_2$	1.3	4.3	6.0	26
Total		8	10	11	28

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### **Backup: systematics**

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#### $\rightarrow$ double J/ $\psi$ production

Relative systematic uncertainties on the cross-section measurement. The total uncertainty is calculated as the quadratic sum of the individual components.

Source	Systematic uncertainty [%]
Track-finding efficiency	4 × 4
Trigger efficiency	8
Per-event efficiency	3
J/ψ polarisation	2 × 5
Data/simulation difference for $\chi^2/ndf$	3
Global event cuts	2
Muon identification	2 × 1.1
Luminosity	3.5
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ branching ratio	<b>2</b> × 1
Total	21

Summary of the relative systematic uncertainties on the cross-section measurements. Ranges indicate variations depending on the  $(p_T, y)$  bin and the  $\Upsilon$  state. All uncertainties are fully correlated among the bins.

Source	Uncertainty (%)
Unknown $\Upsilon$ polarisation	0.3-41.0
Trigger	3.0
Track reconstruction	2.4
Track quality requirement	0.5
Vertexing requirement	1.0
Muon identification	1.1
Global event selection requirements	0.6
$p_{\rm T}$ binning effect	1.0
Fit function	1.1 - 2.1
Luminosity	3.5

(2S) Systematic uncertainties included in the measurement of the cross-section. Uncertainties labelled with *a* are correlated between the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$  mode, while *b* indicates a correlation between  $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  and the  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  uncertainties [8].

Uncertainty source	$\mid \mu^+\mu^-(\%)$	$J\!/\psi\pi^+\pi^-(\%)$
Luminosity <sup>a,b</sup>	3.5	3.5
Trigger efficiency <sup><math>a</math></sup>	1-8	1 - 7
Total efficiency	0.4 - 2.2	0.6 - 1.0
Global event $\operatorname{cuts}^{a,b}$	2.1	2.1
Muon identification $^{a,b}$	1.1	1.1
Tracking efficiency <sup><math>a</math></sup>	3.5	7.3
Track $\chi^{2a,b}$	1	2
Vertex $fit^b$	0.8	1.3
Hadron identification	_	0.5
Unknown polarization <sup>a</sup>	15-26	15 - 26
$\mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow e^+e^-)$	2.2	—
${\cal B}(\psi(2S)  o J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-)$	_	1.2
${\cal B}(J/\psi  ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$		1.0
Mass fit function	1.1	0.5
Pseudo-decay-time fits	2.7	2.7
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Source	systematic uncertainties. Systematic error (%)
$B_c^+$ lifetime	6.0
$J/\psi$ vertexing	1.6
Track $\chi^2$	3.0
Trigger	3.0
Tracking	1.0
Weighting procedure	2.3
Total	7.9

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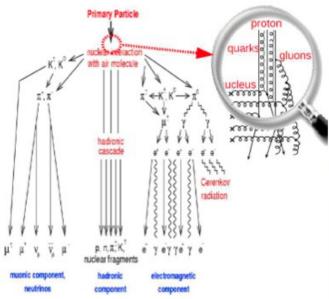


### Backup: cosmic-ray models

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#### **Requirements and Problems:**

- Interactions up to  $\sqrt{s} \sim 500 \,\mathrm{TeV}$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  Far beyond accelerator energies...
- Mainly soft physics + diffraction: forward region → Difficult to instrument...
  - $\rightarrow$  Only fixed target at lower energies...
- ► Target is air: p-air, π-air, K-air, A-air, ... → Typical target very different from air: Nuclear effects must be considered...

#### Ingredients:

- Theory: pQCD (hard) + Gribov-Regge (soft)
- A lot of phenomenology: Diffraction, String fragmentation, Saturation, Remnants, Nuclear effects, ...

#### Older models:

Glauber based, different mostly in remnants+diffraction, for example: QGSJet01 (Kalmykov, Ostapchenko) SIBYLL (Engel, Gaisser, Lipari, Stanev)

#### Recent models:

**QGSJetII** (Ostapchenko) Theory++, Optimized for cosmic rays

EPOS (Werner, Pierog) Phenomenology++ Optimized for LHC, RHIC (and cosmic rays)

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