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## The LHC beauty detector Runs 1 & 2



- $e, \mu, \pi, K, p, \gamma$ , particle identification in 1<p<100 GeV/c
- Unique forward instrumentation for heavy ion physics

### $5 < |\eta| < 9$ Hole radius Hole radius 47mm LHCb x $\frac{1}{20}$ 61mm 600mm Cut-out ~108x230mm 600mm Station B2 z = -114.0mStation B1 Station B0 z = -19.7mz = -7.5mStation F1 z = 20.0mK. Carvalho Akiba et al 2018 JINST 13 P04017 Station F2 $z = 114.0 m_{3}$

HeRSCheL detector: high-rapidity shower counters for LHCb

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### LHCb has detector coverage and particle identification for an entire UPC program

• Photoproduction of vector mesons



- scalar and tensor mesons from pomeron+pomeron and  $\gamma\gamma$  interactions
- Glueball and tetraquark searches





• Non-resonant spectrum

• BSM :  $\tau$  g-2 with hadron decays and lepton p<sub>T</sub><<1 GeV/c



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### **Rapidity coverage**



# **Brief History of CEP measurements in LHCb**

## $J/\psi,\psi$ (2S) Photo-production cross-section in CEP





Invariant mass of the photon-proton system  $W^2_{\pm}=2k_{\pm}\sqrt{s}$ 

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### **Bottomonia photo-production cross-section in CEP**





### **Can access oderon production.**

New measurement using HeRSCheL on target.

### **Double Charmonium production**

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \sigma^{J/\psi\,J/\psi} &= 58 \pm 10 ({\rm stat}) \pm 6 ({\rm syst}) \, {\rm pb}, \\ \sigma^{J/\psi\,\psi(2S)} &= 63^{+27}_{-18} ({\rm stat}) \pm 10 ({\rm syst}) \, {\rm pb}, \\ \sigma^{\psi(2S)\psi(2S)} &< 237 \, {\rm pb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0}} &< 69 \, {\rm nb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c1}\chi_{c1}} &< 45 \, {\rm pb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c2}\chi_{c2}} &< 141 \, {\rm pb}, \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(J\!/\!\psi\,\psi(2S))}{\sigma(J\!/\!\psi\,J\!/\!\psi\,)} = 1.1^{+0.5}_{-0.4},$$

# **Photo-production in PbPb UPC**







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### **Comparison with theoretical models**



Ratio sensitive to the color-dipole size in Color-Gass Condensate model.



## **Exotic search in exclusive events**

### **Exotics in Inelastic pp collisions.**







- pp $\sqrt{s}$ =13 TeV
- Only two muons + two kaons detected in the event
- $2 < \eta < 5$  p<sub>T</sub>>200 MeV/c
- 69% of  $J/\psi\phi$  candidates from events where at least one proton is wounded
- LHCb detects  $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$  decays in CEP and UPC PbPb
- 20% detection efficiency for  $J/\psi\phi$  pairs

### **Exotic search in CEP events**

#### LHCb-PAPER-2023-043 in preparation



- Peaks described by relativistic Breit-Wigner function convoluted with Gaussian
- Mass and widths fixed to values in PRL127 (2021) 082001

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First exotic measurement in events with no other activity.

Golden measurement to understand exotic production.

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# **Results coming up**

### • Near future

- Mass spectrum of  $K^+K^-$  pairs in UPC
  - Vector, scaler and tensor mesons from  $\gamma$  +pomeron,  $\gamma + \gamma$  and double pomeron interaction
- Further future
  - UPC in pPb collisions
    - Resolves photon direction ambiguities
  - Incoherent  $J/\psi$ 
    - probes gluon densities in individual nucleons
    - Control of fluctuations
  - $\phi$  photoproduction in UPC
    - Covers gluon density at lower  $Q^2$  and x than  $J/\psi$
  - Low-p<sub>T</sub>  $\tau$  g-2 from  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$

# The LHCb Upgrade I



### Detector performance in 2023 PbPb run



### **Future Upgrades : New HeRSCheL**



Replace radiation damaged scintillators.  $\phi$  segmentation for reaction plane determination.

### **Future Upgrades : Magnet Station**

#### Upgrade 2 talk in WG6: Mr Xuhao Yuan



- Instrument the internal magnet walls with a scintillator-based soft particle tracker
- tracking  $p_T > 50 \text{ MeV/c}$ 
  - Essential to complete the UPC program
  - high-statistics low-mass vector, scalar and tensor mesons
  - Exotic hadrons with multiple decay products
  - Low-mass dielectrons and photon conversions
- Looking for US institutions to join a DOE proposal, installation starting during LS3
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# Take away

- LHCb is an ideal experiment for CEP,UPC studies. The sky is the limit, thanks to
  - Software-based trigger
  - Excellent particle identification
  - Low- $p_T$  tracking
- First measurement of tetraquark states in exclusive events !
- LHCb is a new detector now and ready for Run3
- Future upgrades dedicated to CEP, UPC
- LHCb is a good example of a high data/people ratio in CEP and UPC physics
  - Heartbreaking opportunities missing because of the lack of people to do analysis
  - Upgrade 1b and II are very good opportunities to be part of the LHCb QCD programs

# BACKUP

# **Trigger Conditions for UPC events**

- long track (tracks with hits in all tracking detectors) [1,20]
- SPD hits (ECAL raw hits) < 2000
- Event selected by software
- NO pre-scale

## Data sets

2015 PbPb 5 TeV	4 μb <sup>-1</sup>	۲
2018 PbPb 5 TeV	214 μb <sup>-1</sup>	-
2023 PbPb 5 TeV	~210 µb <sup>-1</sup>	



### **Herschel Detector Discrimination**



- The Figure of Merit (left) is a  $\chi^2$  quantity that includes hits from all twenty counters and accounts for correlations among counters based on activity above the noise
  - By subtracting the background, an exclusive sample of signal events is obtained
- The  $p_T^2$  distribution of dimuons (right) with and without the requirement on the  $\log(\chi^2)$

## $J/\psi,\psi$ (2S) Photo-production cross-section in CEP



- $\sigma_{pp \to p\psi p}(W)$  has contributions from photon coming from both forward and backward going proton in CMS
- Goal: Extract  $\psi$  photoproduction cross section  $\sigma_{\gamma p \to \psi p}(W)$  from measured  $\sigma_{pp \to p\psi p}(W)$  $W^2 \equiv 2k\sqrt{s}$  30

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