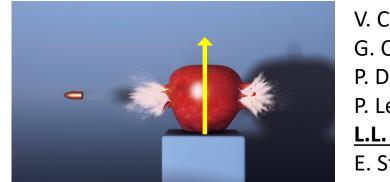




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Hadron Physics with a fixed target at LHC



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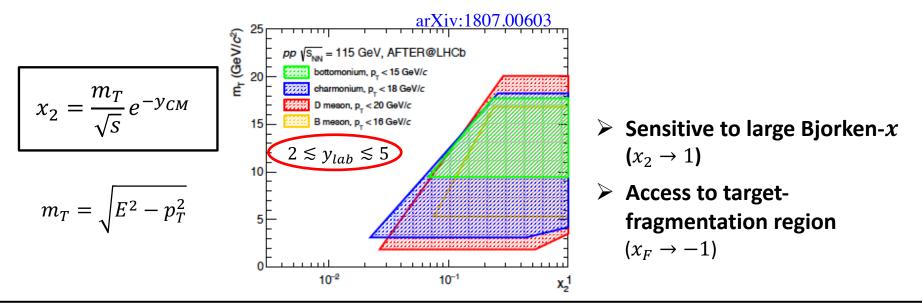
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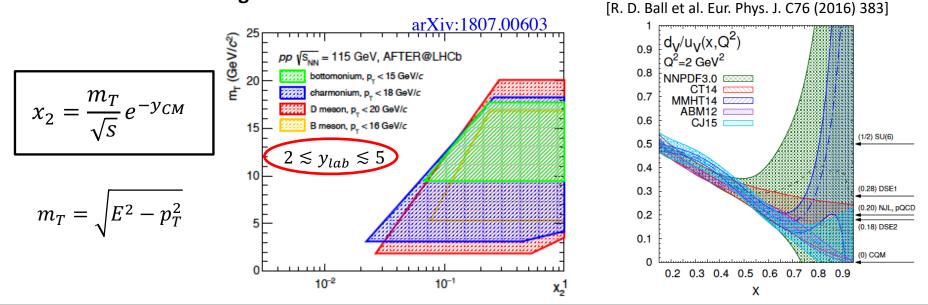
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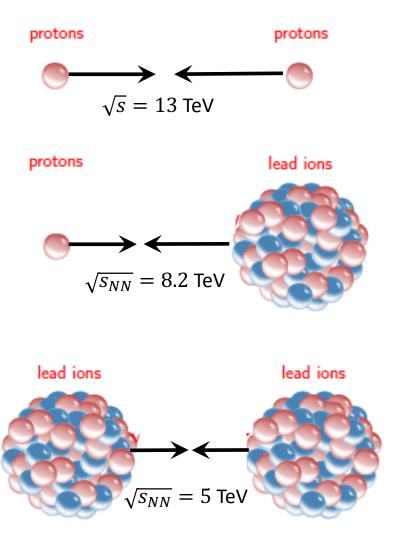
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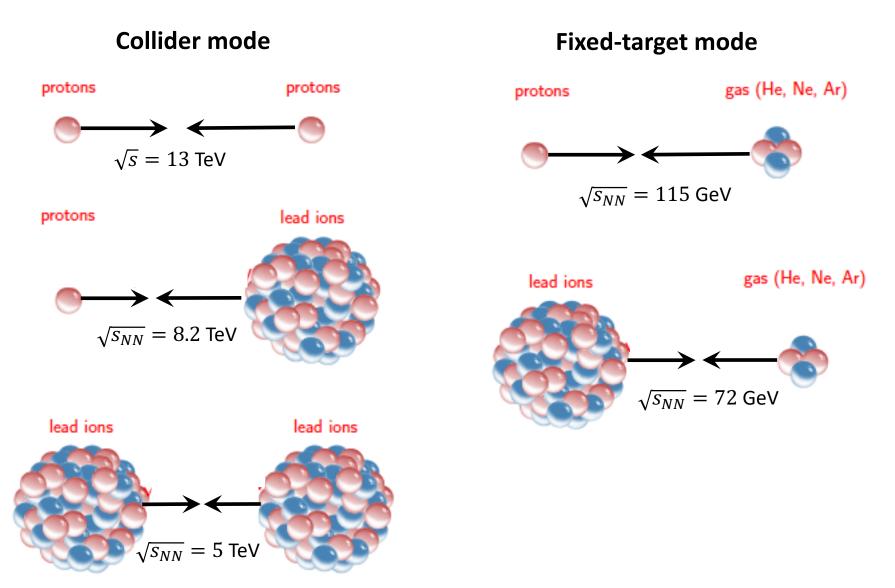
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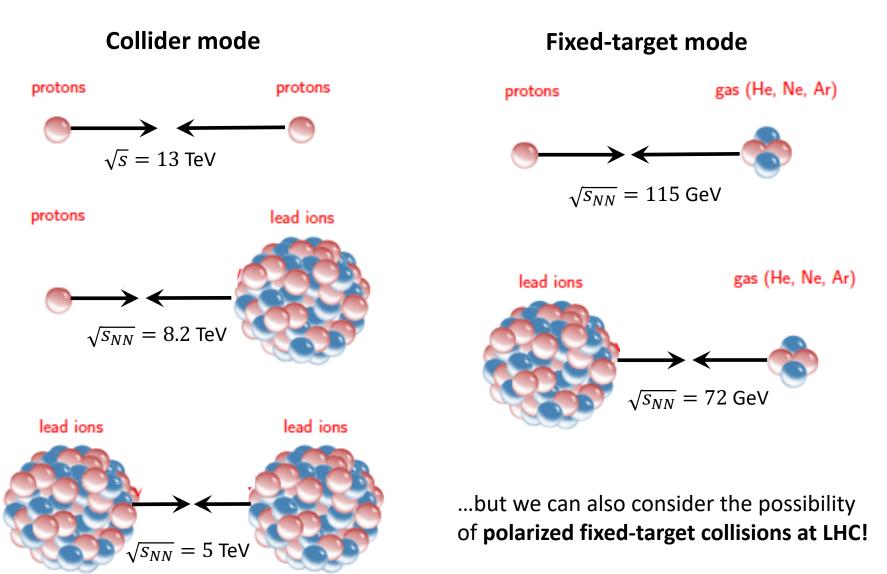
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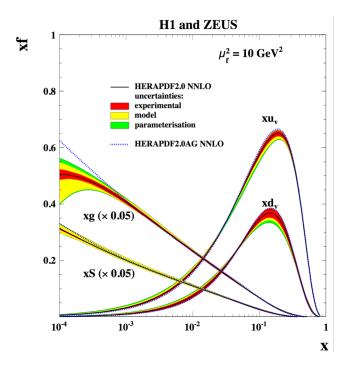
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Broad and ambitious physics program

- 3D mapping of the nucleon structure (quark and gluon PDFs)
- fundamental tests of QCD (universality, factorization, etc)
- study of cold nuclear matter effects
- search for intrinsic heavy quarks
- study of QGP formation
- ... and much more!

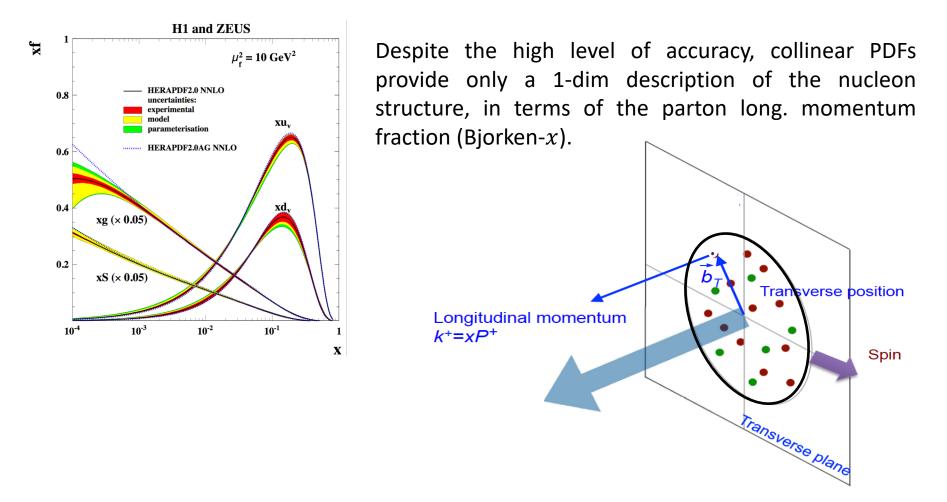
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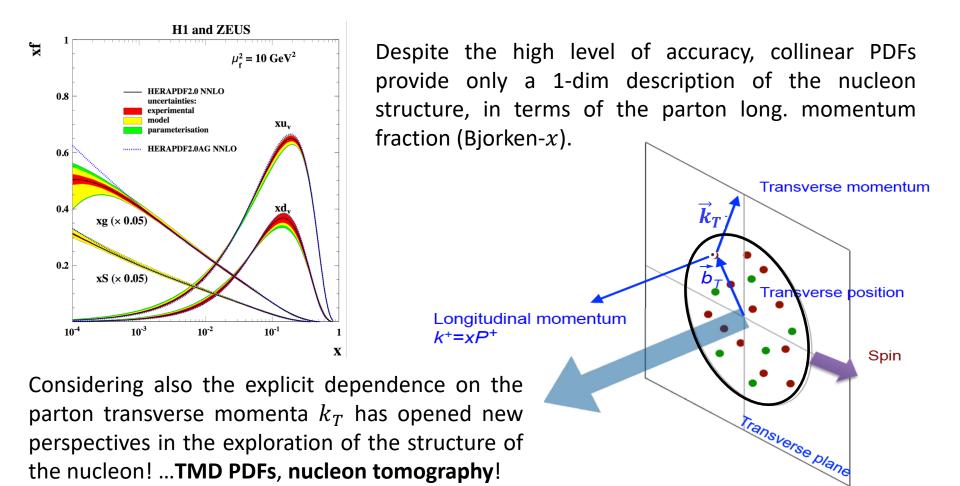
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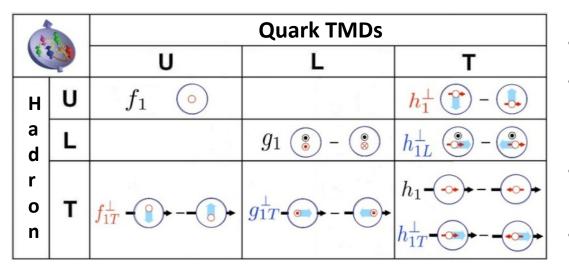


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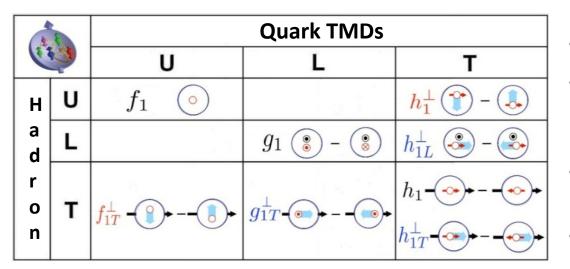


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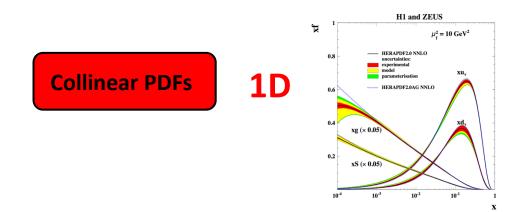
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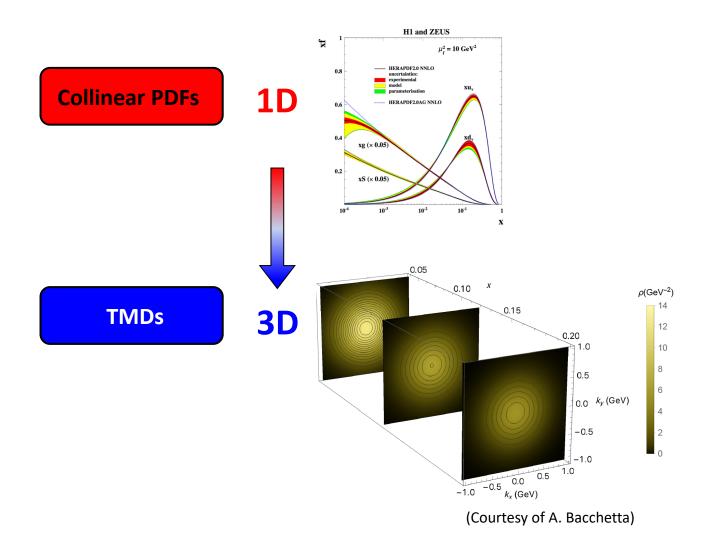


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- Unique kinematic region with fixed-target collisions at LHC
- Comparison of results from SIDIS and DY will allow to set stringent tests on QCD: factorization, evolution, universality

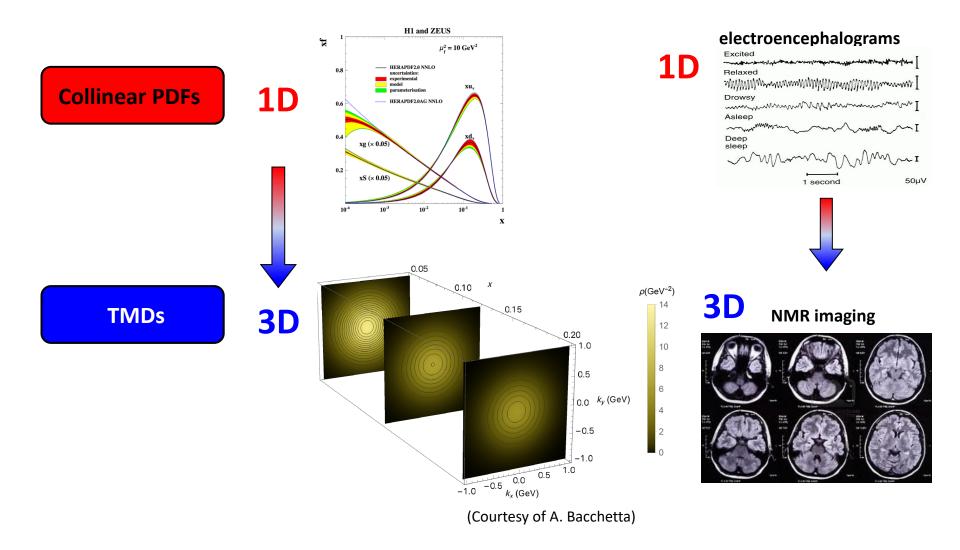
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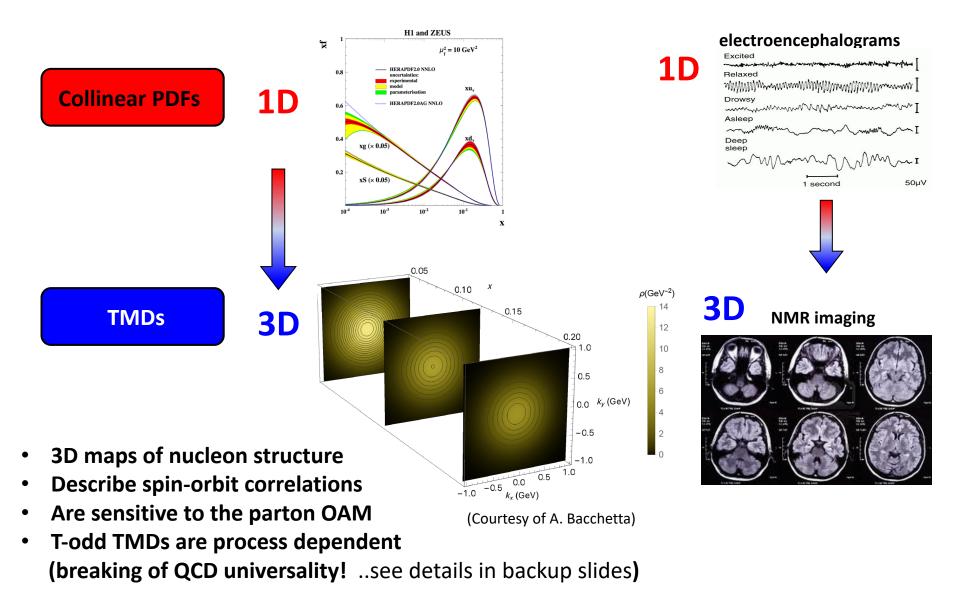
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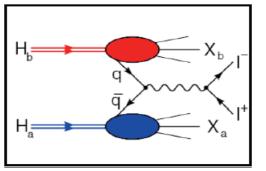


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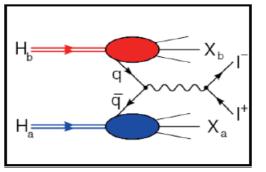
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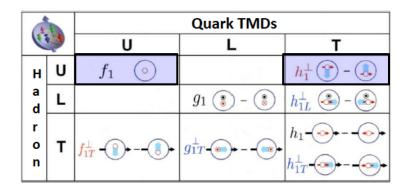


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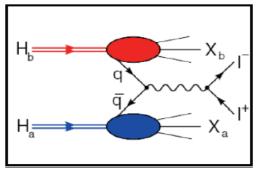
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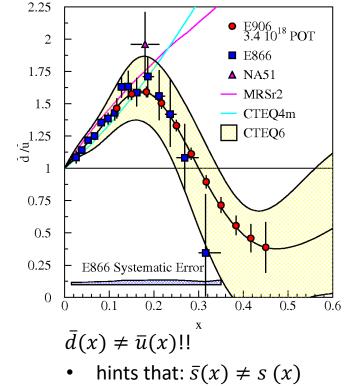
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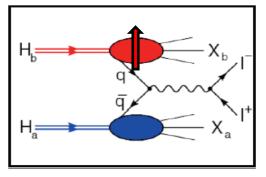
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Using fixed H and D targets
 allows to study the antiquark
 content of the nucleon!



- sea is not flavour symmetric!
- intrinsic sea quarks?

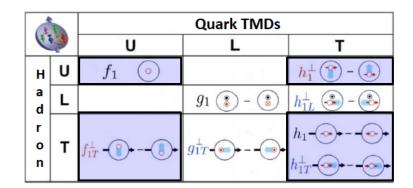
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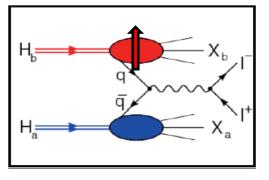
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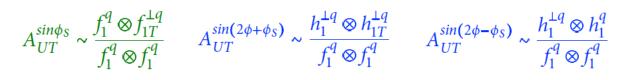
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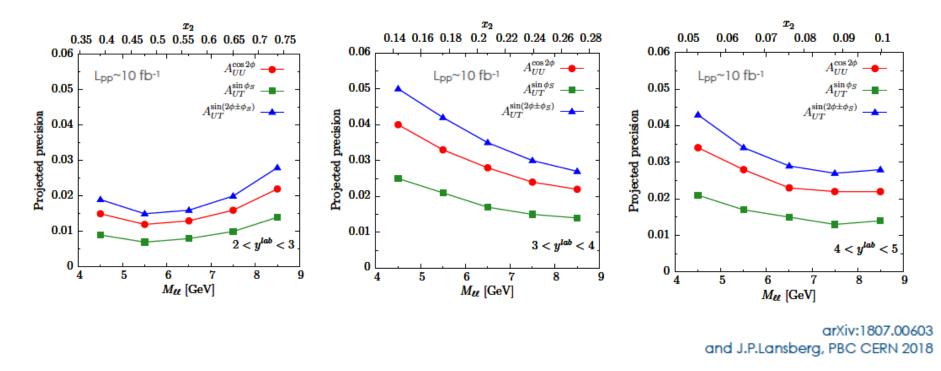
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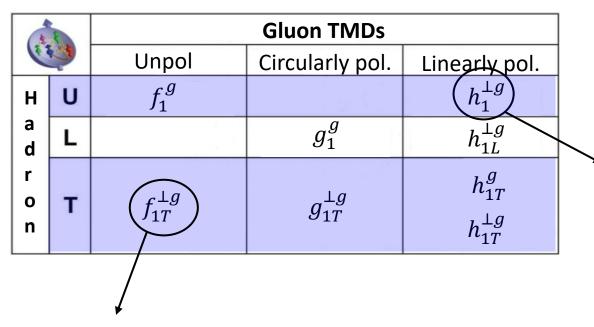


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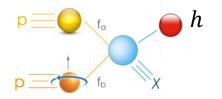
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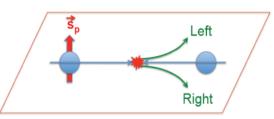
Gluon Sivers function:

- first hints by RHIC and COMPASS, but still basically unknown!
- shed light on spin-orbit correlations of gluons inside the proton
- sensitive to gluon orbital angular momentum!

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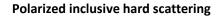
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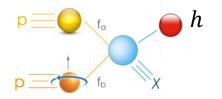


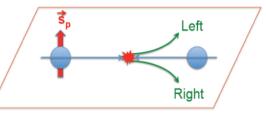


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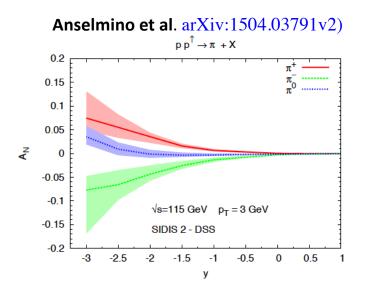
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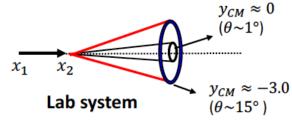




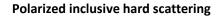
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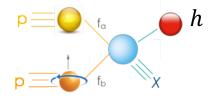


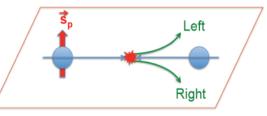
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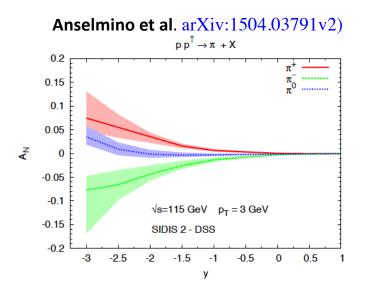
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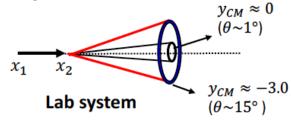




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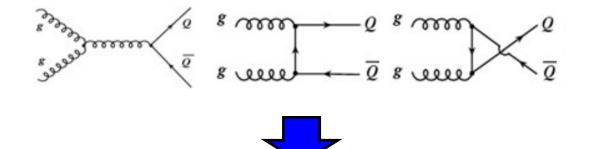
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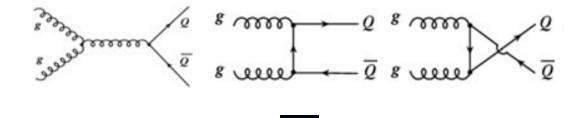
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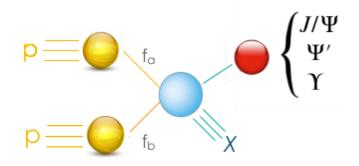
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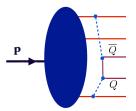
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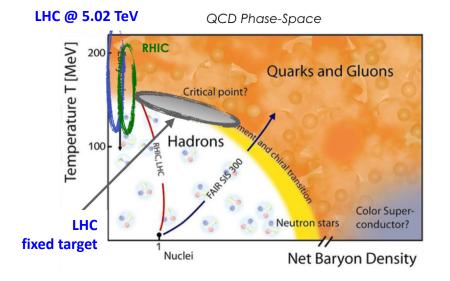


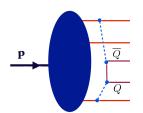
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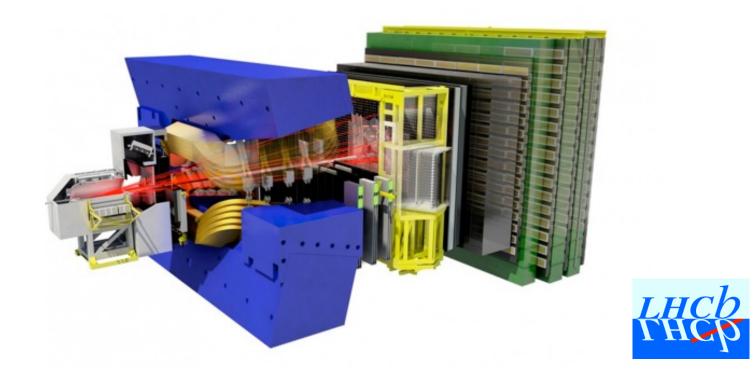




Experimental realizations



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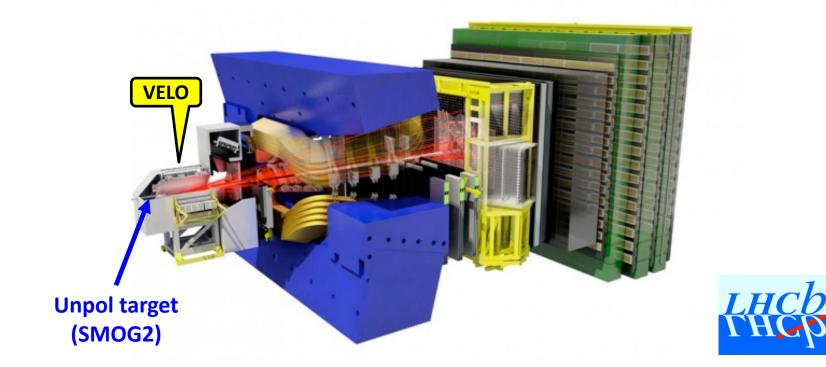


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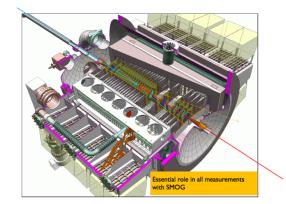


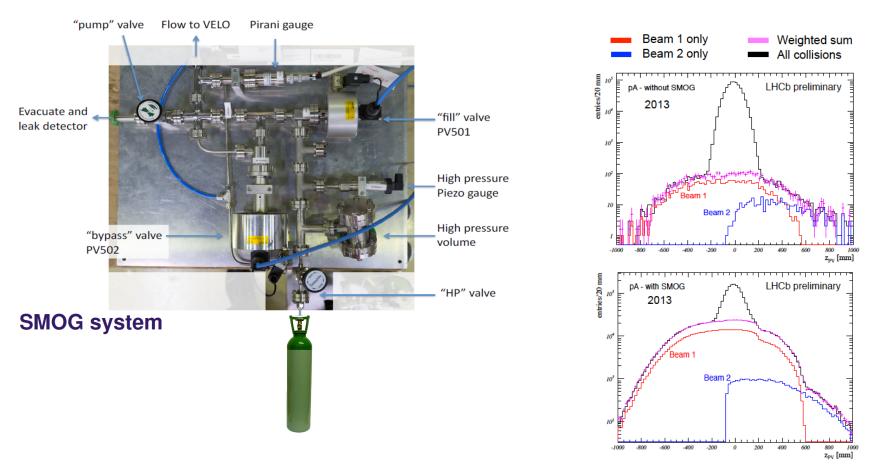


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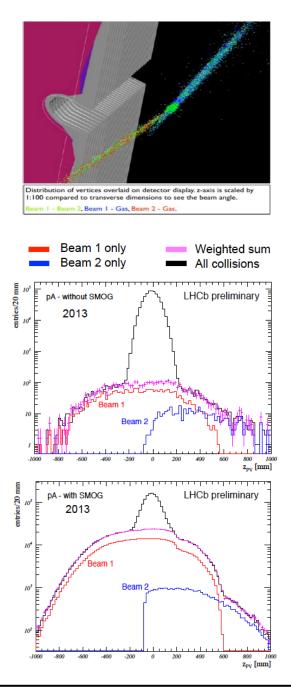


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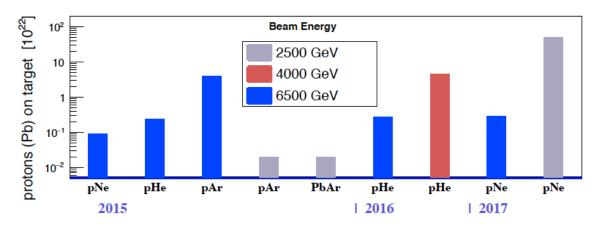


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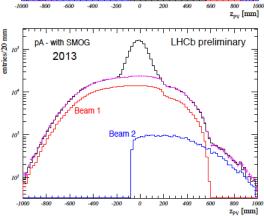
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- Low density noble gas injected in the VELO vessel (${\sim}10^{-7}{
 m mbar}$)
- Gas pressure 2 orders of magnitude higher than LHC vacuum
- Beam-gas collision rate increased by 2 orders of magnitude
- Conceived for precise luminosity determination (beam-gas imaging)

...but SMOG gives also the unique opportunity to operate an **LHC experiment in a fixed target mode** and to study pA and AA collisions on various targets!



Distribution of vertices overlaid on detector display z-axis is scaled by npared to transverse dimensions to see the beam angle 2, Beam I - Gas, Beam 2 - Ga Beam 1 only Weighted sum Beam 2 only All collisions LHCb preliminary without SMOG 2013



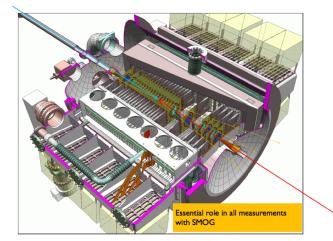
- First measurements of charm production in fixed-target configuration at the LHC, arXiv:1810.07907
- ✓ Measurement of antiproton production in pHe collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 110$ GeV, arXiv:1808.06127

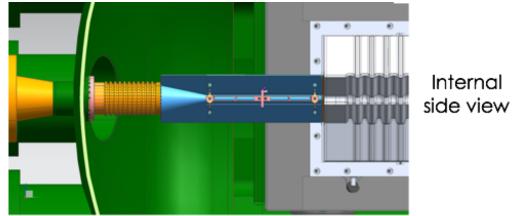


Phase I: the SMOG2 setup

The proposed SMOG2 setup

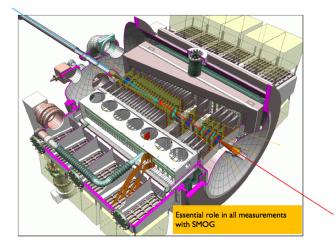


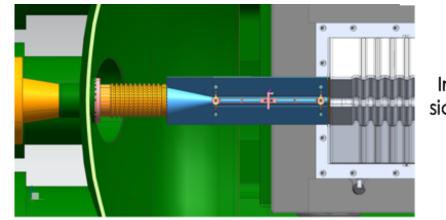




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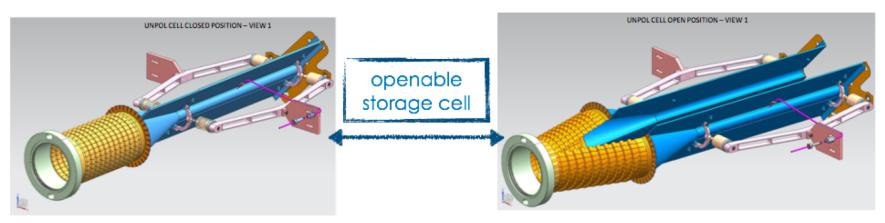




Internal side view



@ 7000 GeV @ 450 GeV



SMOG2 vs. SMOG



- ✓ Increase of target density (luminosity) by up to 2 orders of magnitude using the same gas load of SMOG ($\sim 10^{-7}$ mbar)
- ✓ Possibility to inject more gas species: H, D, He, N, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe (SMOG: He, Ne, Ar)
- ✓ More sophisticated Gas Feed System: will allow to measure the target density with much higher precision (presently 50% uncertainty!)
- ✓ Well **defined interaction region** upstream of the IP@13 TeV (limited to cell length: 20 cm)
- ✓ SMOG2 can (in principle) **run in parallel with collider mode** (well displaced IP)

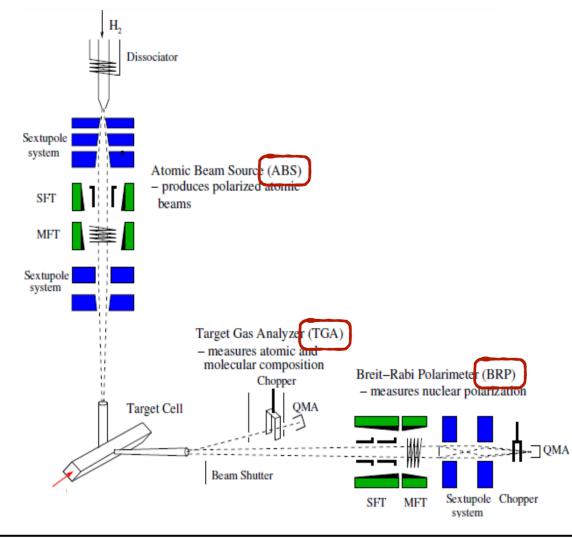


Phase II: the polarized target setup

A new design for a compact polarized gas target



Same principle of Hermes

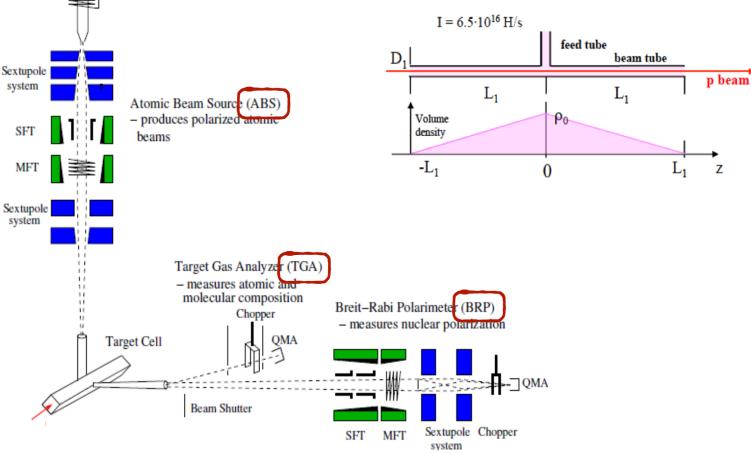


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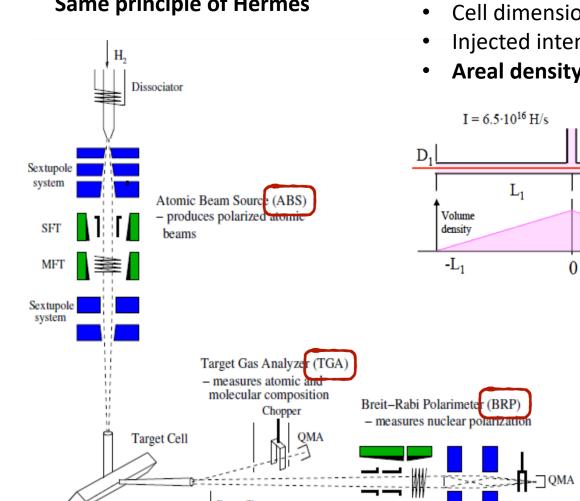
- Cell dimensions: 30 cm x 1 cm
- Injected intensity of H-atoms = $6.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Areal density $\sim 1.2 \cdot 10^{14} \ cm^{-2}$



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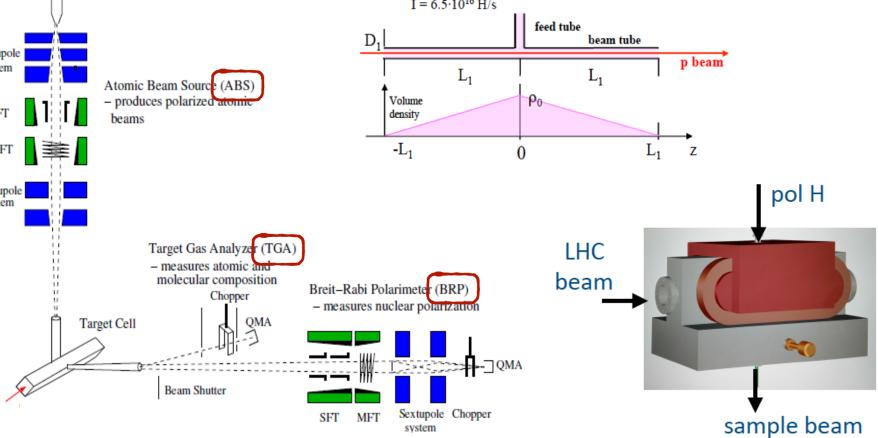
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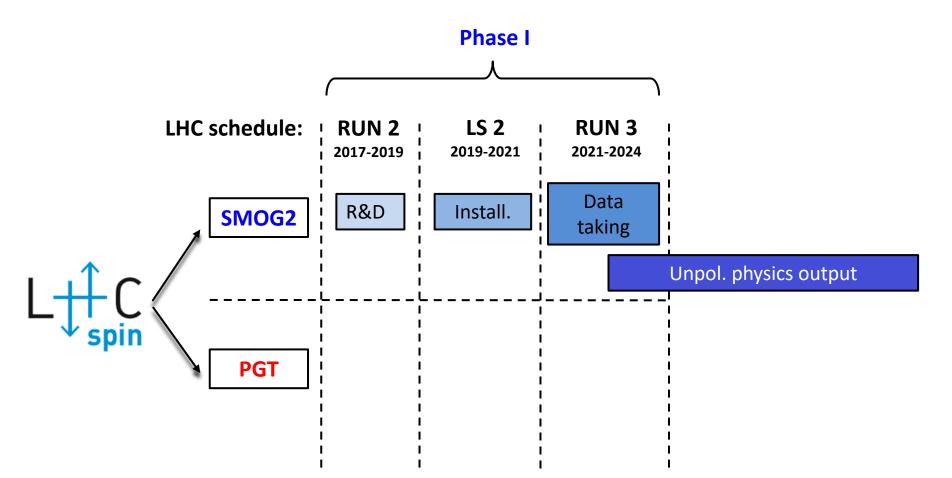
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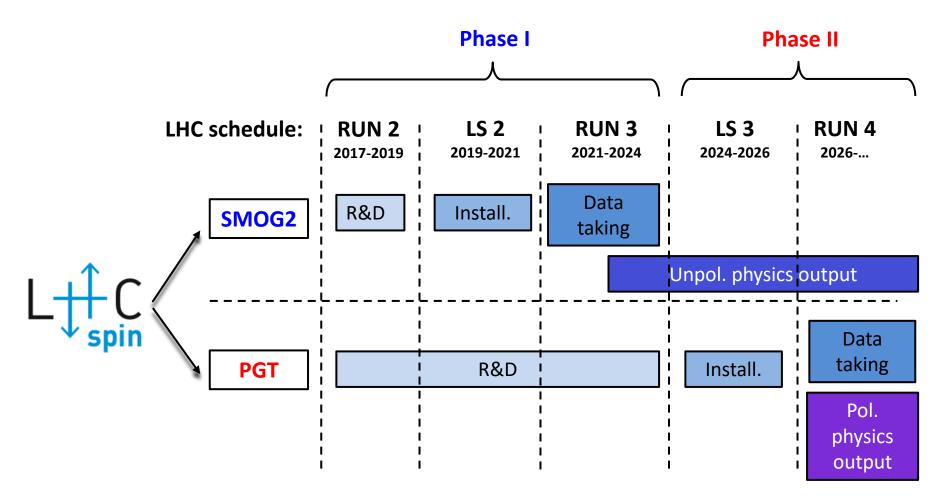
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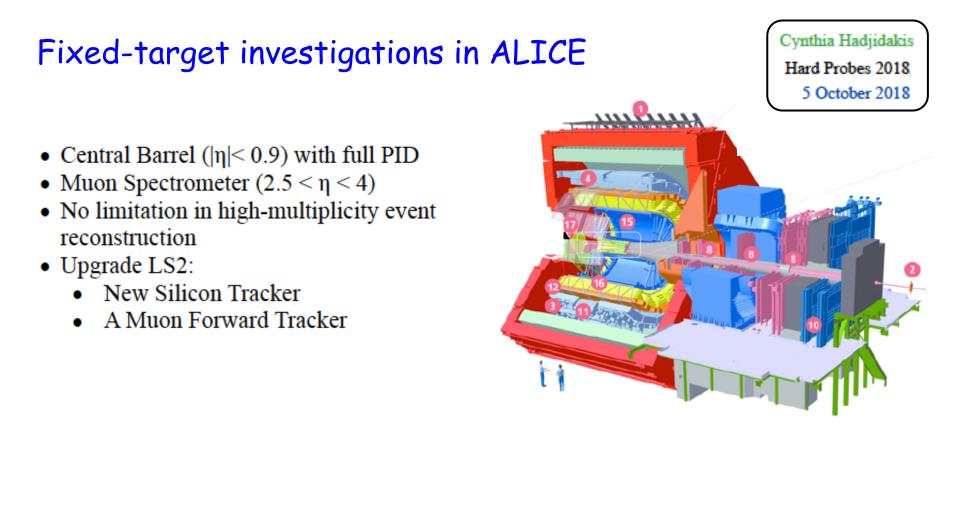


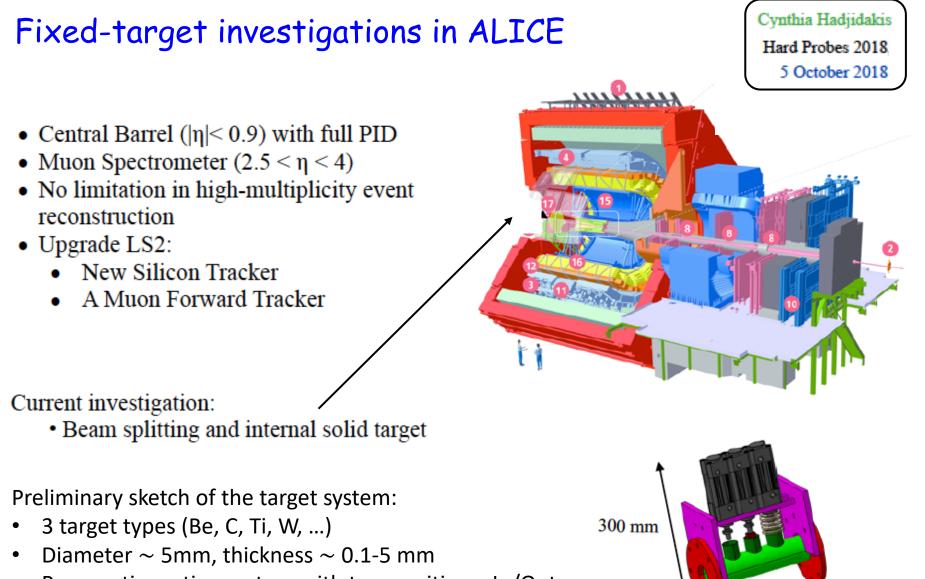


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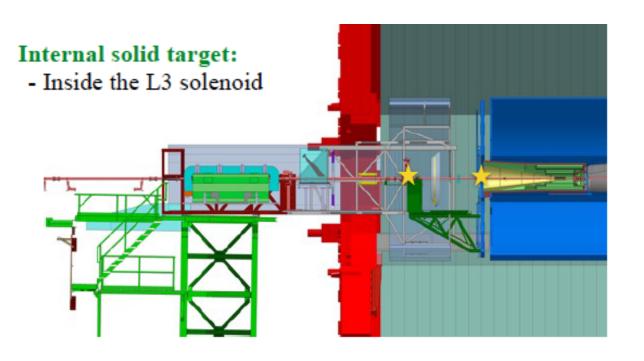


• Pneumatic motion system with two positions: In/Out

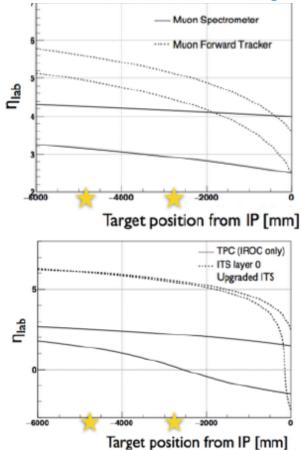
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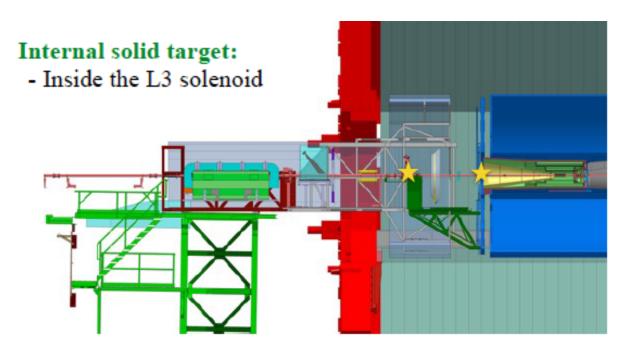
Fixed-target investigations in ALICE



Detector acceptance vs ztarget



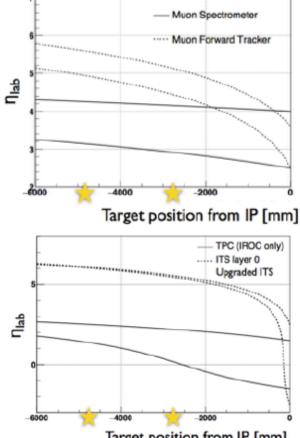
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Caveats:

- Disadvanteged by the cylindrical geometry of the main detector
- muon arm (+absorber) poorly instrumented and far from the IP
- there is no obvious place for the installation of an (un)polarised target
- Compatibility of proposed target types (Be, C, Ti, W, ...) with LHC conditions to be studied
- Compatibility of the target system with the operation of ALICE detectors to be verified

Detector acceptance vs ztarget



Target position from IP [mm]

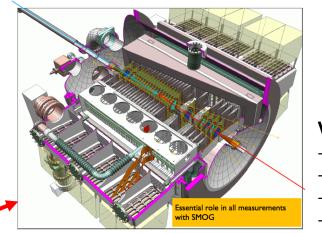
Conclusions

- A fixed-target experiment at the LHC will provide unique kinematic conditions for a broad and ambitious physics program!
- > A fixed-target physics program is already ongoing at LHCb with SMOG
- The LHCSpin proposal for an upgrade of SMOG is in advanced stage of R&D and well endorsed by the Collaboration. A formal approval by LHCb/LHC/CERN is expected by the beginning of next year and full installation by 2020.
- The polarized target option is also taken into serious consideration by the LHCb Collaboration and LHC machine experts! A review process has been initiated.
- Investigations for a solid target at ALICE are ongoing

Backup

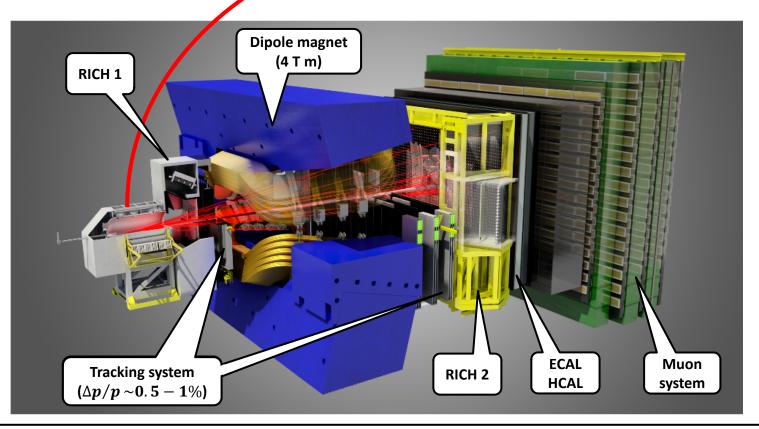
The LHCb detector

- A single-arm spectrometer designed for the study of particles containing c or b quarks
- Forward acceptance: $2 < \eta < 5$



VELO (Vertex Locator)

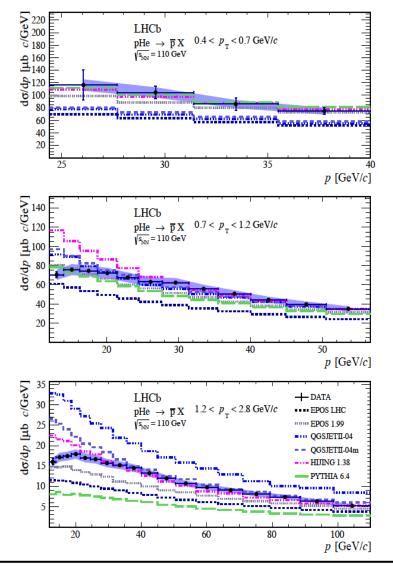
- Vertex reconstruction
- IP resolution of 20 μm
- 21 stations of Si strip det.
- 2048 strips per sensor.



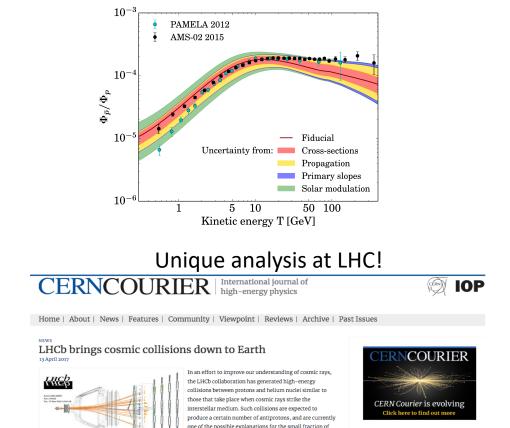
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First physics results with SMOG

> First measurement of \overline{p} production in pHe collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 110$ GeV arXiv:1808.06127



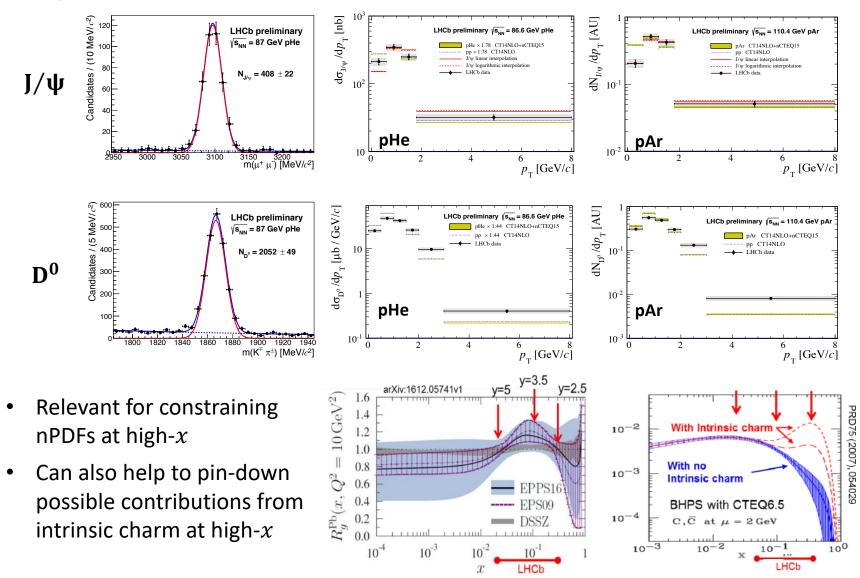
Relevant for cosmic-rays/DM physics: predictions for \bar{p}/p flux ratio from spallation of primary cosmic rays on interstellar medium (H and He) are presently limited by large uncertainties on \bar{p} production cross sections (especially from He)



antiprotons (about one per 10,000 protons) observed ir

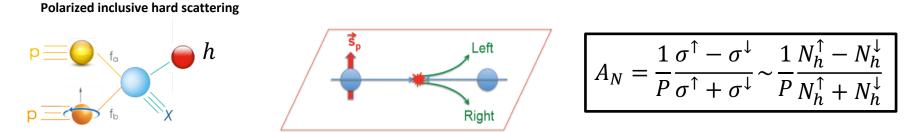
First physics results with SMOG

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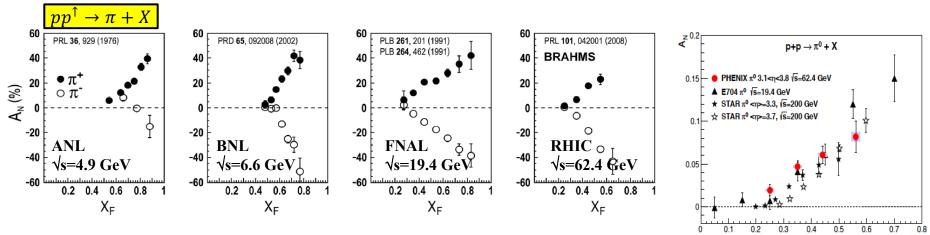


STSAs in pp collisions

Main observables in pol. hadron collisions: Single Transverse Spin Asymmetries (STSAs)



LO collinear pQCD predicts $A_N \sim O(10^{-4})$ but asymmetries as large as 40% have been measured!



Very large asymmetries persistent with energy !

- Reproduced by various experiments over 40 years!
- Large asymmetries up to $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$, where the applicability of pQCD issestablished.

STSAs in pp collisions

Collinear (twist-3) approach: (Efremov-Taryaev, Qiu-Sterman, Kanazawa-Koike)

- based on collinear QCD factorization (1 hard scale: works for p_T , $Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$)
- SSAs arise from interference between partonic amplitudes (3-parton correlators) generated by gluon exchange with IS or FS hadron

Non-collinear (leading-twist) approach: (Anselmino, Boglione et al.)

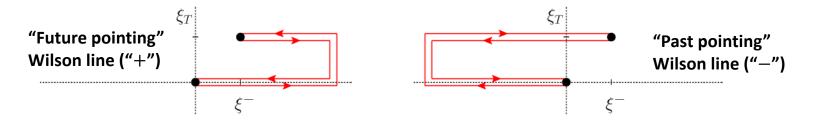
- involves TMD PDFs and FFs
- works in the limit $p_T \ll Q$ (2 energy scales), but is not supported by TMD factorization
- can be considered as an effective model description (Generalized Parton Model)
- SSAs arise mainly from Sivers effects
- > The two approaches correspond exactly in the overlap region $\Lambda_{QCD} \ll p_T \ll Q$ (proved for SSAs in Drell-Yan: Ji, Qiu, Vogelsang, Yuan, PRL, 2006)
- …very little is presently known about tri-gluon correlation functions and polarized gluon TMDs!

Process dependence

As for quark TMDs, also the gluon TMD phenomenology is enriched by the **process dependence** originating from ISI/FSI and encoded in the **gauge links**.

The gluon correlator depends on two path-dependent gauge links [D. Boer: arXiv:1611.06089]

$$\Gamma^{\mu\nu\left[\mathcal{U},\mathcal{U}'\right]}(x,\boldsymbol{k}_{T}) \equiv \int \frac{d(\xi\cdot P)\,d^{2}\xi_{T}}{(P\cdot n)^{2}(2\pi)^{3}}e^{i(xP+k_{T})\cdot\xi}\langle P|\mathrm{Tr}_{c}\left[F^{n\nu}(0)\mathcal{U}_{[0,\xi]}F^{n\mu}(\xi)\mathcal{U}_{[\xi,0]}'\right]|P\rangle$$



Both f_1^g and $h_1^{\perp g}$ are process dependent! Each of them can be of two types: [++] = [--] Weizsacker-Williams (WW) [+-] = [-+] DiPole (DP)

- can differ in magnitude and width (!)
- can be probed by different processes

Process dependence

Can be measured at the EIC

Can be measured at the LHC with FT

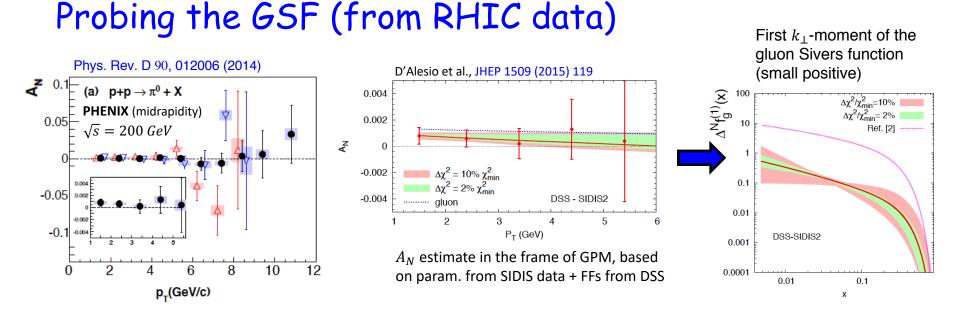
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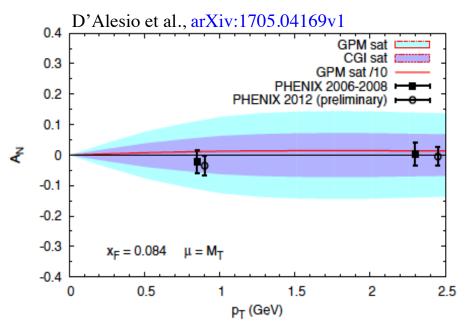
	DIS	DY	SIDIS	$pA \to \gamma \operatorname{jet} X$	$e p \to e' Q \overline{Q} X$ $e p \to e' j_1 j_2 X$		$\begin{array}{c} pp \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma X \\ pp \rightarrow \Upsilon \gamma X \end{array}$
$f_1^{g[+,+]}$ (WW)	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$f_1^{g[+,-]}$ (DP)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	×

	$pp \to \gamma \gamma X$	$pA \to \gamma^* \text{ jet } X$	$e p \to e' Q \overline{Q} X$ $e p \to e' j_1 j_2 X$		
$h_1^{\perp g [+,+]} (WW)$	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
$h_1^{\perp g [+,-]} (\mathrm{DP})$	×	\checkmark	×	×	×

	DY	SIDIS	$p^{\uparrow}A \to hX$	$p^{\uparrow}A \to \gamma^{(*)} \operatorname{jet} X$	$p^{\uparrow}p \rightarrow \gamma \gamma X$	$e p^{\uparrow} \rightarrow e' Q \overline{Q} X$
					$p^{\uparrow}p \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma X$ $p^{\uparrow}p \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi X$	$e p^{\uparrow} \to e' j_1 j_2 X$
$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+,+]} (WW)$	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark
$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+,-]} (\mathrm{DP})$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	X
$[+,+] \longleftrightarrow f_{1T}^{\perp g\left[ep^{\uparrow} \to e^{\prime} Q\bar{Q}X\right]}\left(x,p_{T}^{2}\right) = -f_{1T}^{\perp g\left[p^{\uparrow}p \to \gamma\gammaX\right]}\left(x,p_{T}^{2}\right) \longleftrightarrow [-,-]$						

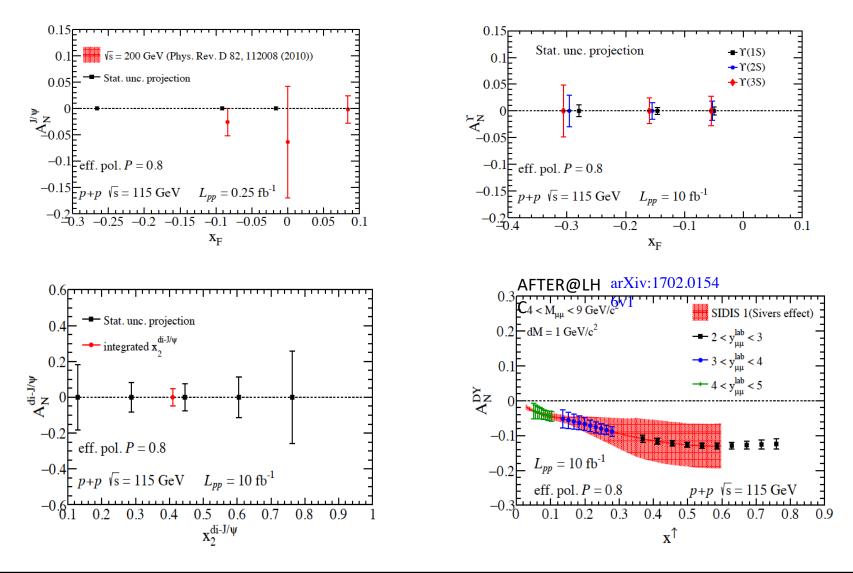
Same sign-change relation expected for the other T-odd gTMDs h_1^g and $h_{1T}^{\perp g}$!





- Existing quarkonia results only from PHENIX
- ▶ First measurement of A_N for $pp^{\uparrow} \rightarrow J/\psi X$
- Sensitive to f-type gluon Sivers funciton
- > A very recent prediction of A_N from Color-Gauge Invariant GPM (CGI-GPM): takes into account the process dependence of the GSF

(projected results from AFTER@LHC arXiv:1702.01546v1)



Main reactions of interest

$$\begin{array}{c} & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow \eta_{c} + X \quad (pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow \chi_{c,b} + X) \\ & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow J/\psi + X \\ & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow Y + X \\ & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow J/\psi + J/\psi + X \\ & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma + X \\ & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow Y + \gamma + X \\ & pp^{(\dagger)} \rightarrow Y + \gamma + X \\ & pp \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X \quad (pp \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-} + X) \\ & pd \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X \quad (pd \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-} + X) \\ & pp^{\dagger} \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X \quad (pp^{\dagger} \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-} + X) \\ & pd^{\dagger} \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X \quad (pd^{\dagger} \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-} + X) \\ & & pA, PbA \quad (A = He, Ne, Ar, Kr, ...) \end{array} \right\}$$
 IF Nuclear matter effects, QGP, etc

We warmly encourage our theory colleagues to propose new physics cases and new reactions of interest for LHCSpin!

SMOG2 vs. SMOG

Storage cell	gas	gas flow	peak density	areal density	time per year	int. lum.
assumptions	type	(s^{-1})	(cm^{-3})	(cm^{-2})	(s)	(pb^{-1})
	He	1.1×10^{16}	1012	10^{13}	3×10^3	0.1
	Ne	$3.4 imes10^{15}$	10^{12}	10^{13}	$3 imes 10^3$	0.1
	Ar	$2.4 imes 10^{15}$	10^{12}	10^{13}	$2.5 imes10^6$	80
	Kr	$8.5 imes10^{14}$	$5 imes 10^{11}$	$5 imes 10^{12}$	$1.7 imes10^6$	25
SMOG2 SC	Xe	$6.8 imes10^{14}$	$5 imes 10^{11}$	$5 imes 10^{12}$	$1.7 imes10^6$	25
	H_2	$1.1 imes10^{16}$	10^{12}	1013	$5 imes 10^6$	150
	D_2	$7.8 imes10^{15}$	10^{12}	1013	$3 imes 10^5$	10
	O_2	$2.7 imes10^{15}$	10^{12}	1013	$3 imes 10^3$	0.1
	N_2	$3.4 imes10^{15}$	10 ¹²	1013	$3 imes 10^3$	0.1

SMOG2 example pAr @115 GeV

Int. Lumi.	80/pb		
Sys.error of	of J/Ψ	xsection	~3%
J/Ψ	yield		28 M
D^0	yield		280 M
Λ_c	yield		2.8 M
Ψ'	yield		280 k
$\Upsilon(1S)$	yield		24 k
$DY \mu^+\mu^-$	yield		24 k

Expected performance for the PGT

- The LHC beam runs through the target cell and experiences an Areal density: $\theta = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 L$
- Volume density: $\rho_0 = I_0 / (2C_1 + C_2)$ where: $C = 3.81 \sqrt{\frac{T(K)}{M} \frac{D^3}{L + 1.33D}} \left(\frac{l}{s}\right)$

 $I_0 = 6.5 \cdot 10^{16} s^{-1}$ $C_{tot} = 13.90 \text{ l/s}$ $\rho_0 = 4.68 \cdot 10^{12} / \text{cm}^3 \implies \theta = 7.02 \cdot 10^{13} / \text{cm}^2$

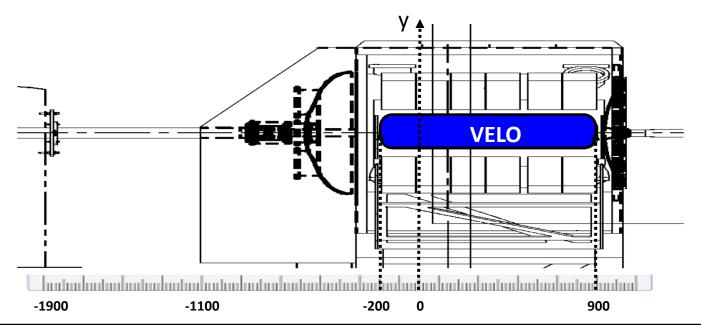
$$\begin{cases} N_{p/bunch} = 1.15 \cdot 10^{11} \\ N_{bunch} = 2800 \\ f_{rev} = 11245 \ Hz \end{cases} \implies I_{beam} = 3.6 \cdot 10^{18} \ s^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$$L(T_{cell} = 300 \text{ K}) = I_{beam} \cdot \theta = 2.5 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$
$$L(T_{cell} = 100 \text{ K}) = \sqrt{3} \times L(T_{cell} = 300 \text{ K}) = 4.4 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

- > The pressure in the LHC beam pipe outside the target region would be $\sim 10^{-7}$ mbar, one order of magnitude lower than the maximum pressure allowed by LHC
- Parallel operation will cause marginal reduction of beam half-life!

There is some room beyond the VELO ...





The LHCSpin project

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A growing motivated collaboration:

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Other groups from EU and US have informally expressed their interest in the project!