





Fixed target experiments at LHC - strong2020 workshop

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...and many more to come with SMOG2! (\rightarrow Edoardo)

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- ✓ polarized gas target technology well established (HERMES @ DESY, ANKE @ COSY with high performance)
- \checkmark Target experts from HERMES and COSY involved in first person in the design of the apparatus
- ✓ marginal impact on LHC beam lifetime and LHCb mainstream physics program and performances
- ✓ can run in parallel with collider mode (interaction regions well displaced)
- $\checkmark\,$ can benefit from both protons and heavy-ion beams
- ✓ allows also injection of unpolarized gases (H_2 , D_2 , He, N_2 , O_2 , Ne, Ar, ...)
- ✓ broad physics program (next slides)









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- Significant experimental progress in the last 15 years!
- main results from SIDIS (HERMES, COMPASS, JLAB, \rightarrow EIC)
- **Drell-Yan** in h-h collisions offers a complementary approach (COMPASS, RHIC)
- Several extractions already available from global analyses
- Now entering the precision era





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- Lattice QCD: $\bar{s}(x) \neq s(x)$ [arXiv:1809.04975]
- proton sea more complex than originally thought!
- H & D targets allow to study the antiquark content of the nucleon
- SeaQuest (E906): $\bar{d}(x) > \bar{u}(x) \implies$ sea is not flavour symmetric!



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- Extraction of qTMDs does not require knowledge of FF
- Verify sign change of Sivers function wrt SIDIS

 $\left.f_{1T}^{\perp}\right|_{DY}=-f_{1T}^{\perp}\big|_{SIDIS}$

• Test flavour sensitivity using both H and D targets



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Predictions for pol. FT meas. at LHC (LHCspin-like) [Phys. Rev. D 102, 094011 (2020)]



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 $c\overline{c}$ states: J/ψ , χ_c , ψ' ,... Different binding energies, different dissociation temperatures \rightarrow **medium thermometer**

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- Coating studies for the cell walls are ongoing. Crucial for target polarization (back-up slides)

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Jet Target + SMOG2



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Expected yields for Run4 (Run4+Run5):

Channel	Events / week	Total events
$J/\psi ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	194k (434k)	23M (75M)
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	3.5k~(7.7k)	414k (1.3M)
$D^0 \to K^- \pi^+$	976k~(2.2M)	117M (380M)
$J/\psi J/\psi ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$77 \ (170)$	930~(3000)
Drell Yan (5 < $M_{\mu\mu} < 9 \text{ GeV}$)	$110 \ (250)$	13k (43k)
$\Upsilon o \mu^+ \mu^-$	$83\ (187)$	10k (32k)
$\Lambda_c^+ \to p K^- \pi^+$	19k (43k)	2.3M~(7.5M)

assumptions:

- 120 weeks/RUN
- 84h/week
- $Stat(Run5) \sim \sqrt{5} Stat(Run4)$

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Similar approach used at HERMES (Appendix C of [JHEP, 12:010, 2020]):

- Use official LHCb MC data for inclusive production of $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ in fixed-target configuration (PYTHIA8 + EPOS)
- Assign to each simulated event a target polarization state (↑ or ↓) using a random extraction modulated with a model for the cross section (in this way we introduce a spin-dependence in the simulation)
- The model assumes a dominant sin φ modulation (e.g. sensitive to the gluon Sivers) plus a suppressed sin 2φ modulation (to account e.g. for possible higher-twist contributions). Both terms depend mildly on the kinematics (x, p_T):

$$p = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \left(a_1 + a_2 \frac{x - \overline{x}}{x_{max}} + a_3 \frac{p_T - \overline{p_T}}{p_{T \ max}} \right) \sin \phi + \left(b_1 + b_2 \frac{x - \overline{x}}{x_{max}} + b_3 \frac{p_T - \overline{p_T}}{p_{T \ max}} \right) \sin 2\phi \right]$$

• Using these pseudo-data the TSSA is computed in the usual way:

$$A_N = \frac{1}{P} \frac{N^{\uparrow} - N^{\downarrow}}{N^{\uparrow} + N^{\downarrow}}$$

and the uncertainties on $N^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}$ (Poisson) and P (systematic) propagated accordingly.

• The data points are binned of x_F and p_T (2D binning), represented vs. ϕ and fitted with $f = a_1 \sin \phi + a_2 \sin 2\phi$ where the free parameters a_1 and a_2 represent the amplitude of the corresponding azimuthal modulation



- The extracted parameters a_1 and a_2 are consistent with those used to generate the model (no bias is observed)
- With the available MC statistics (corresponding to 2 weeks of data-taking) there is no sensitivity for the $\sin 2\phi$ term

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- A 5% systematic uncertainty on P has no impact on the total uncertainty on a_1
- For $\Delta P = 20\%$ the systematic uncertainty amounts to 30-40% of the statistical uncertainty
- For $\Delta P = 50\%$ the systematic uncertainty approximately equals the statistical uncertainty
- We expect $\Delta P \approx 10-15\%$ for the storage cell hypothesis (and close to 0 for the jet target hypothesis)

The time schedule of the project



Conclusions

- > The FT program at LHCb is active since Run 2, now greatly enriched with SMOG2
- LHCspin is the natural evolution: a polarized fixed target at LHCb will bring spin-physics for the first time at the LHC and will open the way to a broad and ambitious physics program
- > Novel approaches and reactions will be exploited for studies of the 3D nucleon structure
- First insights into the yet unknown gluon TMDs (such as the GSF) will be possible thanks to the excellent capabilities of LHCb in reconstructing quarkonia states and heavy mesons.
- Cutting-edge unpolarized physics will also be at reach (cold nuclear matter effects, intrinsic charm, QGP studies, etc.)
- > The R&D calls for a new generation of polarized gas targets. A very challenging but worth the effort!

If approved, LHCspin will make LHCb the first experiment simultaneously running in collider and fixed-target mode with polarized targets, opening a whole new range of explorations.





A synergic attack to gTMDs

[D. Boer: Few-body Systems 58, 32 (2017)]

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

Can be measured at the EIC



Can be measured at RHIC & LHC (including LHCb+SMOG2/LHCspin)

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Can be measured at RHIC and LHCb+LHCspin

UPC and gGPDs



3D maps of parton densities in coordinate space



Can be accessed at LHC in Ultra-Peripheral collisions (UPC)

- Impact parameter larger than sum of radii
 - Process dominated by EM interaction
 - Gluon distributions probed by pomeron exchange
 - Exclusive quarkonia prod. sensitive to gluon GPDs [PRD 85 (2012), 051502]



LHCspin could allow to access the GPD E^g (a key ingredient of the Ji sum rule)

$$J^{g} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} dx \Big(H^{g}(x,\xi,0) + E^{g}(x,\xi,0) \Big)$$

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GPDs

photon $flux \propto Z^2$

no fluct. +GLC

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Cell coating R&D

The inner coating of the storage cell is a crucial aspect of the R&D. It is needed to:

- \checkmark minimize e-cloud related beam instabilities \rightarrow ensure low Secondary Elecron Yield (SEY)
- \checkmark minimize H depolarization due to wall collisions \rightarrow can be monitored through measurement of H recombination

Teflon and Drifilm (HERMES) not compatible with LHC requirements. **Amorfous Carbon** (a-C) is allowed but may induce depolarization. Possible solution (a-la HERMES): generate a **thin layer of ice on top of a-C coating**

- reduces the depolarization
- ensures a renewable surface
- requires to cool down the cell to $\sim 100 K$
- could cause a larger SEY
- Need to be investigated → dedicated R&D



The ARYA project at INFN-LNF:

- existing surface-coating laboratory has been equipped with UHV ultrapure water dosing system
- SEY measurement through electron gun on target vs H_2O dose



Cell coating R&D



Next steps:

- Measurement on the actual a-C sample from CERN
- Measurement of H recombination

H recombination studies: with the same setup inject H by means of an atomic source and measure H/H_2 fraction vs H_2O dose with a mass spectrometer

- SEY measurements on grafite vs incident electron energy with 1, 4, 10, 20, 40, 80 monolayers of H₂O at 90K
- Max SEY = 2.6: impact on LHC is under evaluation



HABS 40 on DN40CF (0.D. 2.75") flange

Independent depolarization studies on a-C ongoing in Juelich (dedicated laboratory)

L. L. Pappalardo
Main reactions or interest (...an incomplete wishlist)

$$pp \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X \quad (pp \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-} + X)$$

$$pd \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X \quad (pd \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-} + X)$$

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$$pp^{(\uparrow)} \rightarrow J/\psi + J/\psi + X$$

$$pp^{(\uparrow)} \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma + X$$

$$pp^{(\uparrow)} \rightarrow Y + \gamma + X$$

- unpolarized TMDs of valence and sea quarks and momentum distrib. of sea quarks
- TMDs of valence and sea quarks

Pol and unpol gluon PDFs

Nuclear matter effects, QGP, etc

A preliminary analysis tool for pseudo-data

• A simpler approach is also developed which consists in evaluating the TSSA directly from the yields in each 2D bin



• A linear fit is also shown to quantify the mild kinematic dependence of the asymmetry