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A fixed-target configuration at the LHC -theoretical aspects-



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Outline

1. **Describing hadron structure**
2. **The role of experimental data**
3. **Opportunities with a fixed target at the LHC (very short selection)**

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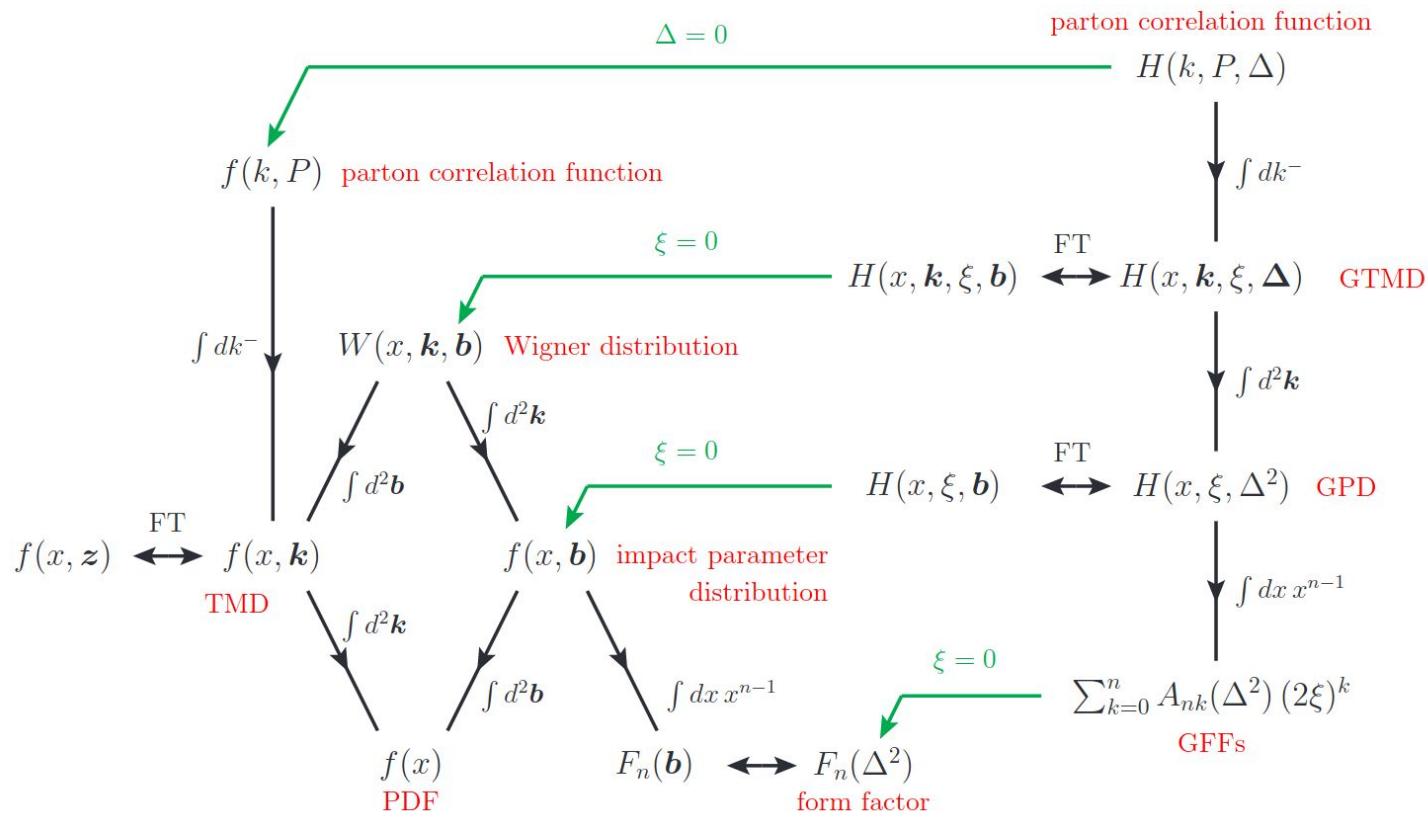
A fixed-target programme at the LHC: Physics case and projected performances for heavy-ion, hadron, spin and astroparticle studies



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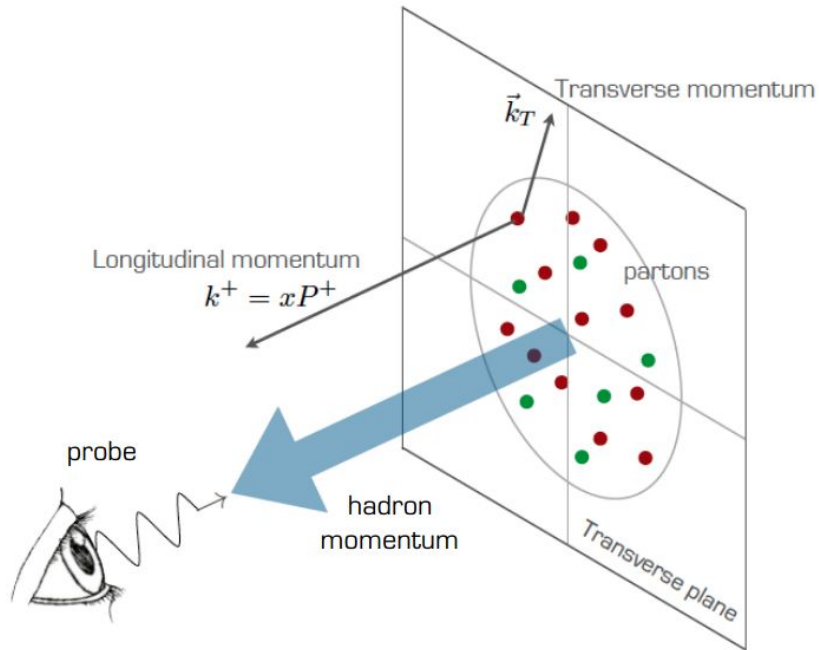
Hadjidakis et al.: <https://inspirehep.net/literature/1680452>

PDFs, TMDs, GPDs, etc.



PDFs, TMDs

“Maps” of hadron structure in momentum space



Credit picture: A. Bacchetta

$$f_1(x)$$

1D structure
in momentum space
("collinear")

$$f_1(x, k_T^2)$$

3D structure
in momentum space
("transverse momentum
dependent" - **TMD PDFs**)

PDFs, TMDs - quarks in nucleon

		quark pol.		
		U	L	T
nucleon pol.	U	f_1		h_1^\perp
	L		g_{1L}	h_{1L}^\perp
	T	f_{1T}^\perp	g_{1T}	h_1, h_{1T}^\perp

$$\Phi_{ij}(k, P) = \text{F.T.} \langle P | \bar{\psi}_j(0) U \psi_i(\xi) | P \rangle$$

At leading twist: 8 TMD PDFs

(similar classification for gluons and for fragmentation functions)

- **Black:** time-reversal even AND collinear
- **Blue:** time-reversal even
- **Red:** time-reversal odd (*process dependence*)

The **symmetries of QCD** play a crucial role in this classification

Why studying these maps?

f_1

- Test **factorization** and **universality**
- *Precise* knowledge: impact on **HEP**, e.g. **mW** determination

h_1

- Tensor charge of the nucleon: **CP** violation and access to **BSM** physics

f_{1T}^\perp, h_1^\perp

- Test the **symmetries** of QCD

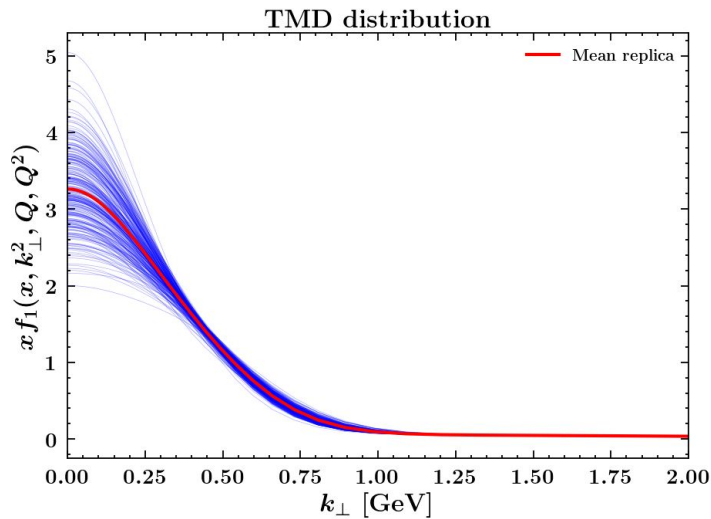
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- Quark-gluon correlations and quark contribution to hadron **mass**

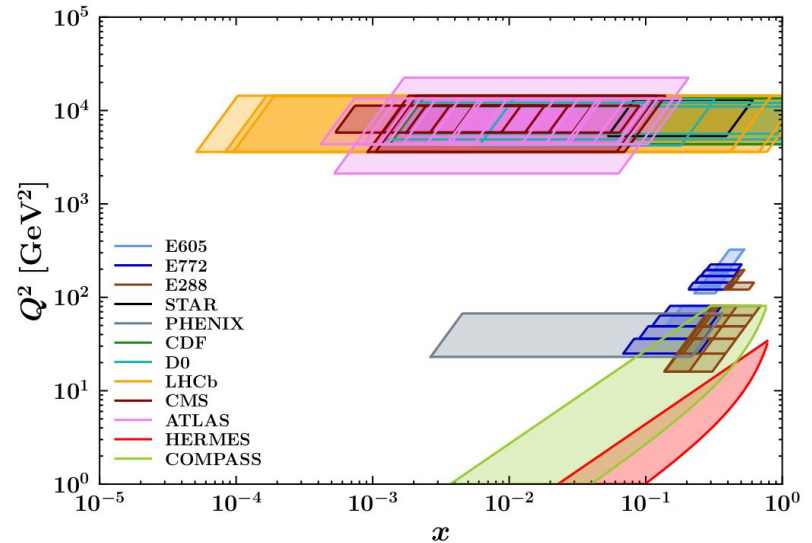
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- Quark-gluon correlations and **dynamical** generation of quark mass

Structure of TMDs & interplay with data



TMD PDF of the u at $Q = 2$ GeV and $x = 0.001$

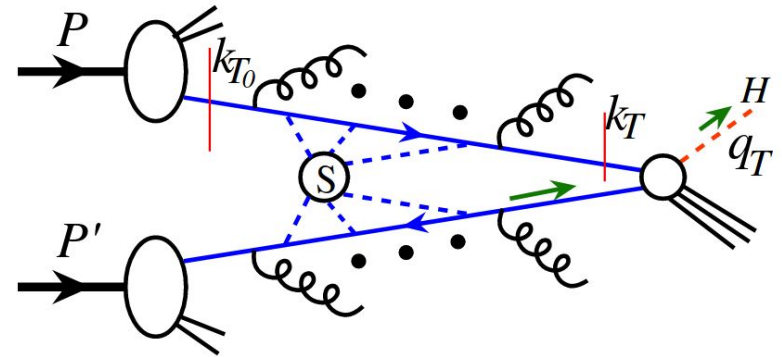


TMD factorization

$$pp \longrightarrow \gamma / Z \longrightarrow l \bar{l} + X$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T} \sim \mathcal{H} f_1(x_a, k_{T_a}, Q, Q^2) f_1(x_b, k_{T_b}, Q, Q^2) \delta^{(2)}(q_T - k_{T_a} - k_{T_b}) + \mathcal{O}(q_T/Q) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda/Q)$$

- TMDs & partonic cross section:
same **IR poles** = same non-perturbative physics
- **observed transverse momentum** :
handle on transverse momenta of **quarks**
- quark transverse momentum :
radiative (perturbative) and **intrinsic**
(non-perturbative) components
- Renormalization = **evolution** equations tell us
how to distinguish between the two



“Structure” of TMD PDFs

$$F_a(x, b_T^2; \mu, \zeta) = F_a(x, b_T^2; \mu_0, \zeta_0) \quad \rightarrow \text{TMD distribution at initial scales}$$

$$\times \exp \left[\int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_F \left(\alpha_s(\mu'), \frac{\zeta}{\mu'^2} \right) \right] \quad \rightarrow \text{evolution in } \mu$$

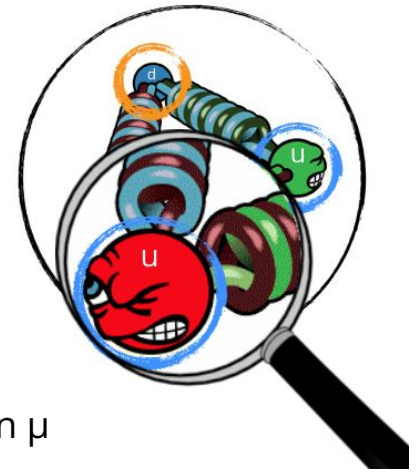
Calculable in pQCD

$$\times \left(\frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0} \right)^{-D(b_T \mu_0, \alpha_s(\mu_0)) + g_K(b_T; \lambda)} \quad \rightarrow \text{evolution in } \zeta$$

Non-pert. corrections (large b_T)

$$F_a(x, b_T^2; \mu_0, \zeta_0) = \sum_b C_{a/b}(x, b_T^2, \mu_0, \zeta_0) \otimes \underline{f_b(x, \mu_0)} F_{NP}(b_T; \lambda)$$

Prior knowledge assumed (?)



See J.C. Collins' book and many other references, e.g. <https://inspirehep.net/literature/1393670>

TMD PDFs: non-perturbative content

$$F_a(x, b_T^2; \mu, \zeta) = F_a(x, b_T^2; \mu_0, \zeta_0)$$

$$\exp \left[\int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_F \left(\alpha_s(\mu'), \frac{\zeta}{\mu'^2} \right) \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0} \right)^{-D(b_T \mu_0, \alpha_s(\mu_0))} + g_K(b_T; \lambda)$$

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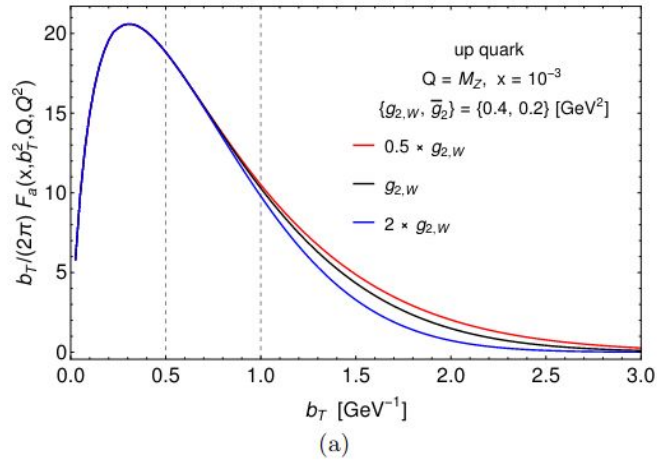
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**Intrinsic transverse
momentum,
potentially flavor
dependent!**



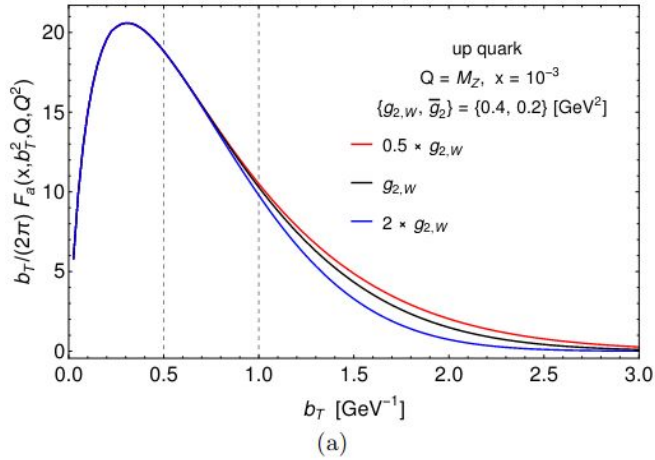
Dominance of non-perturbative effects

Large Q
Small x

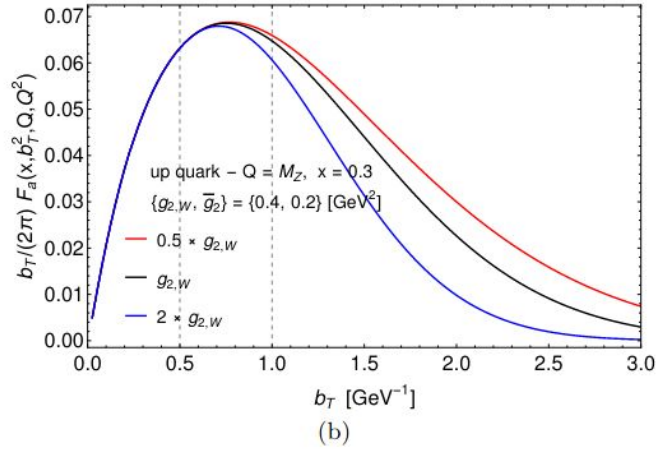


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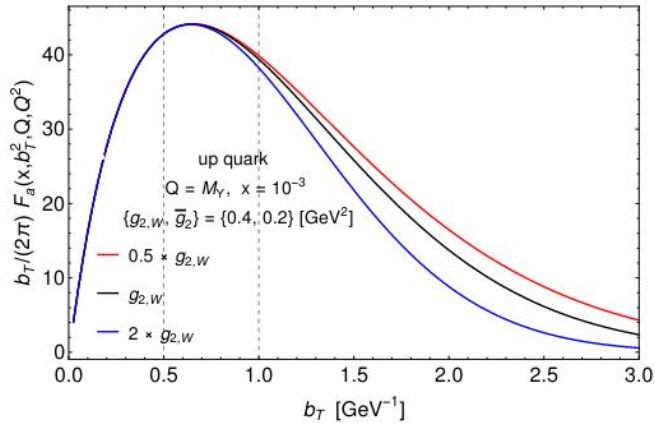
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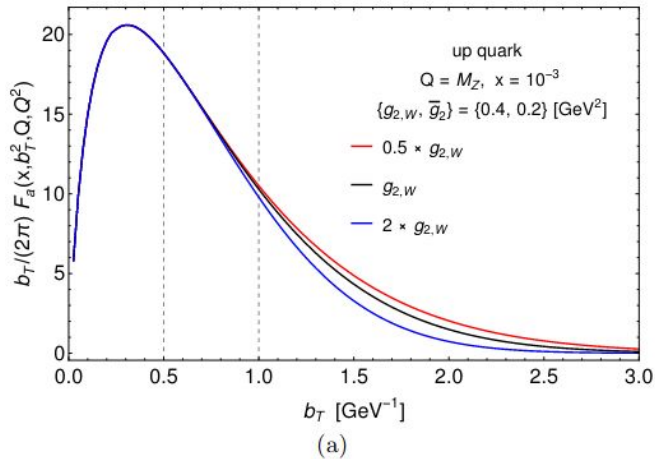


Mid Q
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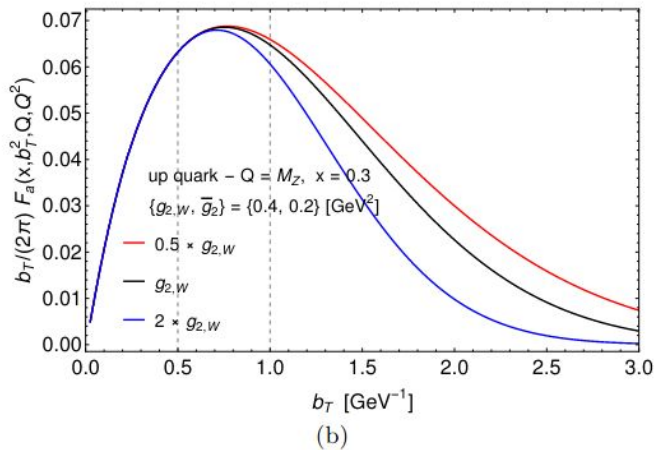


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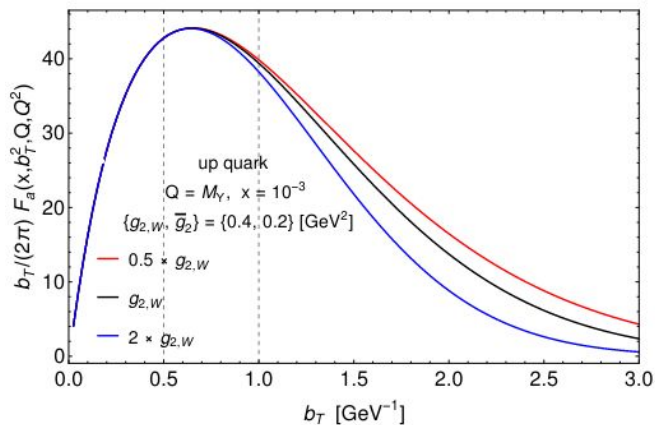
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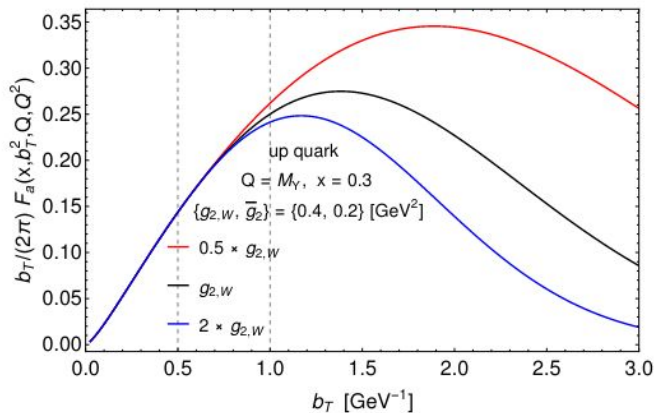
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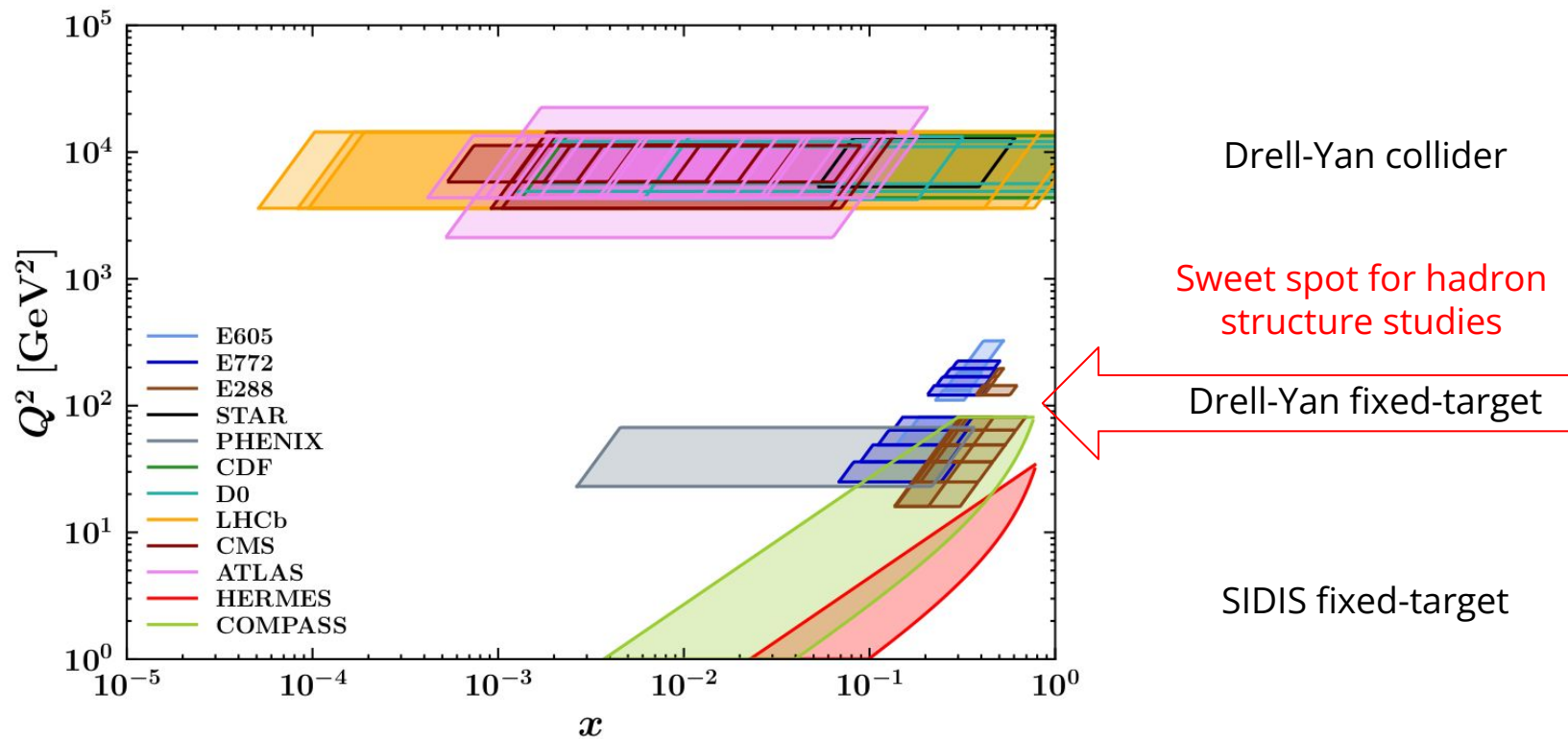


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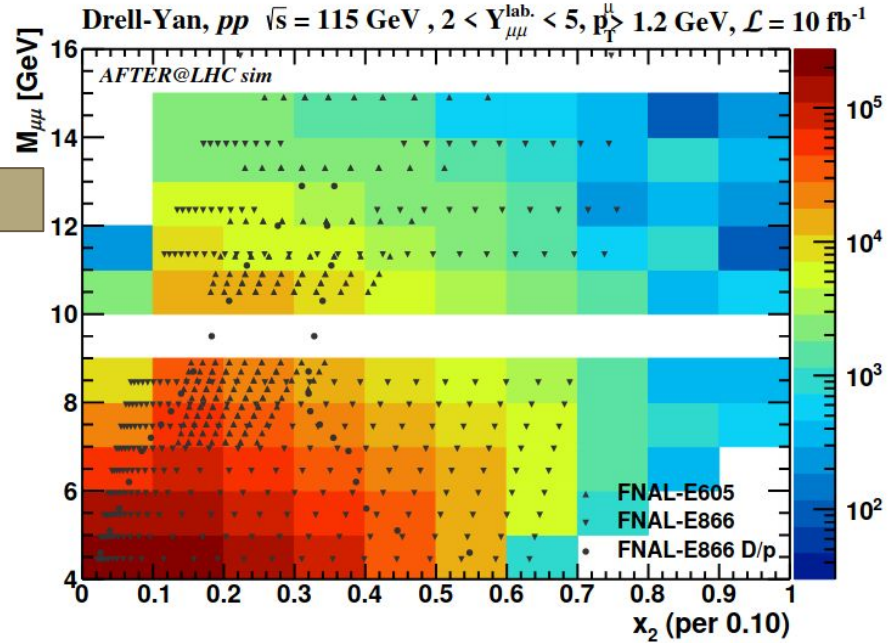
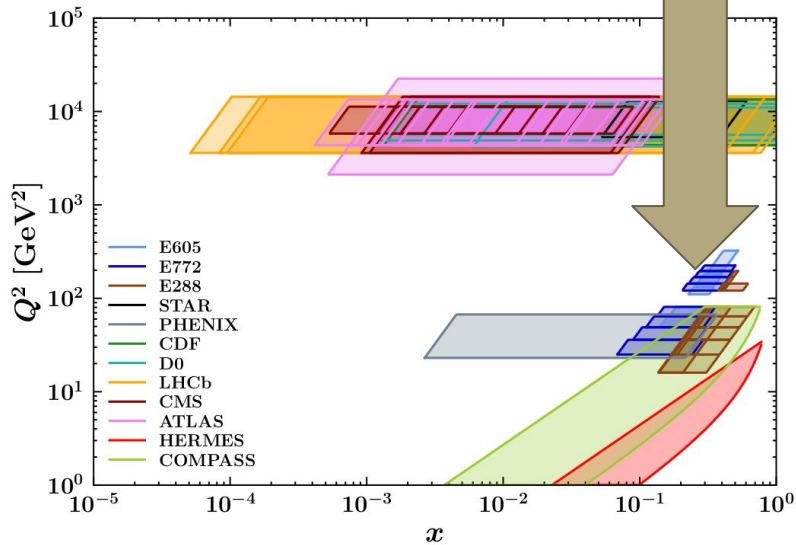
Data for unpolarized TMDs

MAPTMD22 extraction: <https://inspirehep.net/literature/2096333>



Drell-Yan coverage - FT configuration at LHC

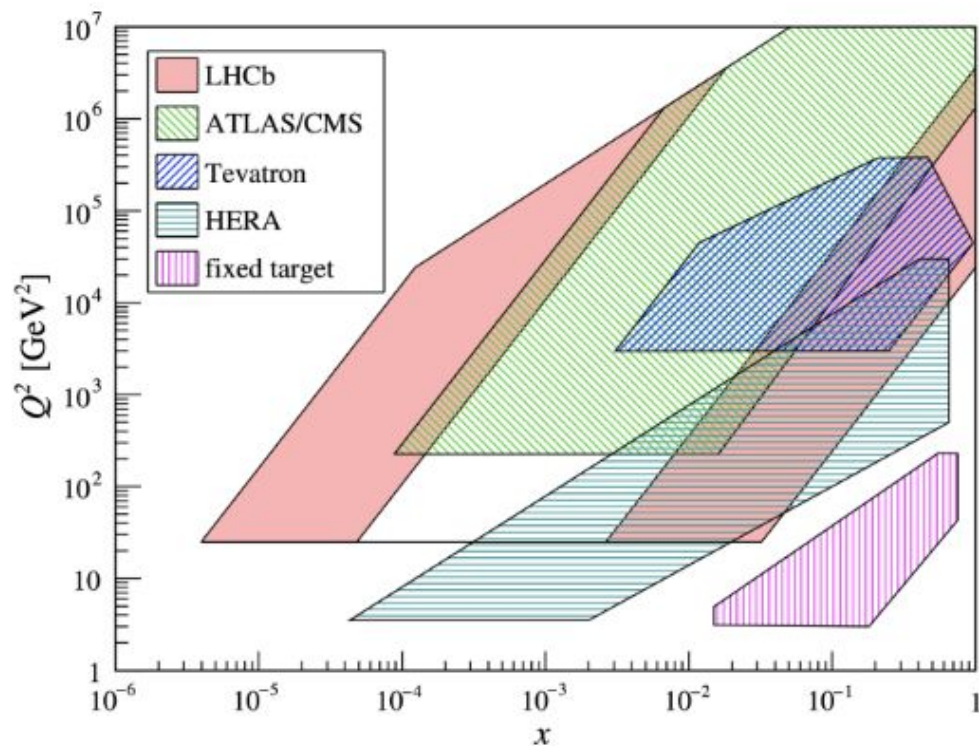
Provides **precise** data in a **very interesting region**, where the **current data is not precise** (old data from Fermilab)



Hadjidakis et al.:
<https://inspirehep.net/literature/1680452>
(Physics Reports, 2022)

Drell-Yan coverage - FT configuration at LHCb

Slide from opening talk by
M. Pepe-Altarelli



See also **next talk** by **K. Mattioli**

Drell-Yan kinematics - FT configuration at LHC

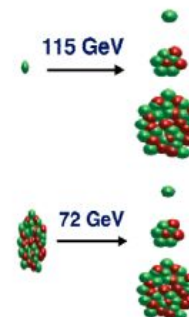
Energy range similar to RHIC

7 TeV proton beam on a fixed target

c.m.s. energy: $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2m_N E_p} \approx 115 \text{ GeV}$	Rapidity shift: $y_{c.m.s.} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.8$
Boost: $\gamma = \sqrt{s} / (2m_N) \approx 60$	

2.76 TeV Pb beam on a fixed target

c.m.s. energy: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = \sqrt{2m_N E_{Pb}} \approx 72 \text{ GeV}$	Rapidity shift: $y_{c.m.s.} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.3$
Boost: $\gamma \approx 40$	



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See **next talk** by **K. Mattioli** for more up-to-date numbers (LHCb)

Advantages - FT configuration @ LHC

Accessing **high-x** frontier (→ **nonperturbative** effects)

Achieving **high luminosity** (→ **precise** information)

Varying **atomic mass number** of the target (→ explore **nuclear** effects
See talks by **I. Schienbein** and **S. Sellam**)

Polarizing the target (→ explore **spin-momentum** correlations)

This can be realised at LHC in a **parasitic** mode

Opportunities for hadron structure studies

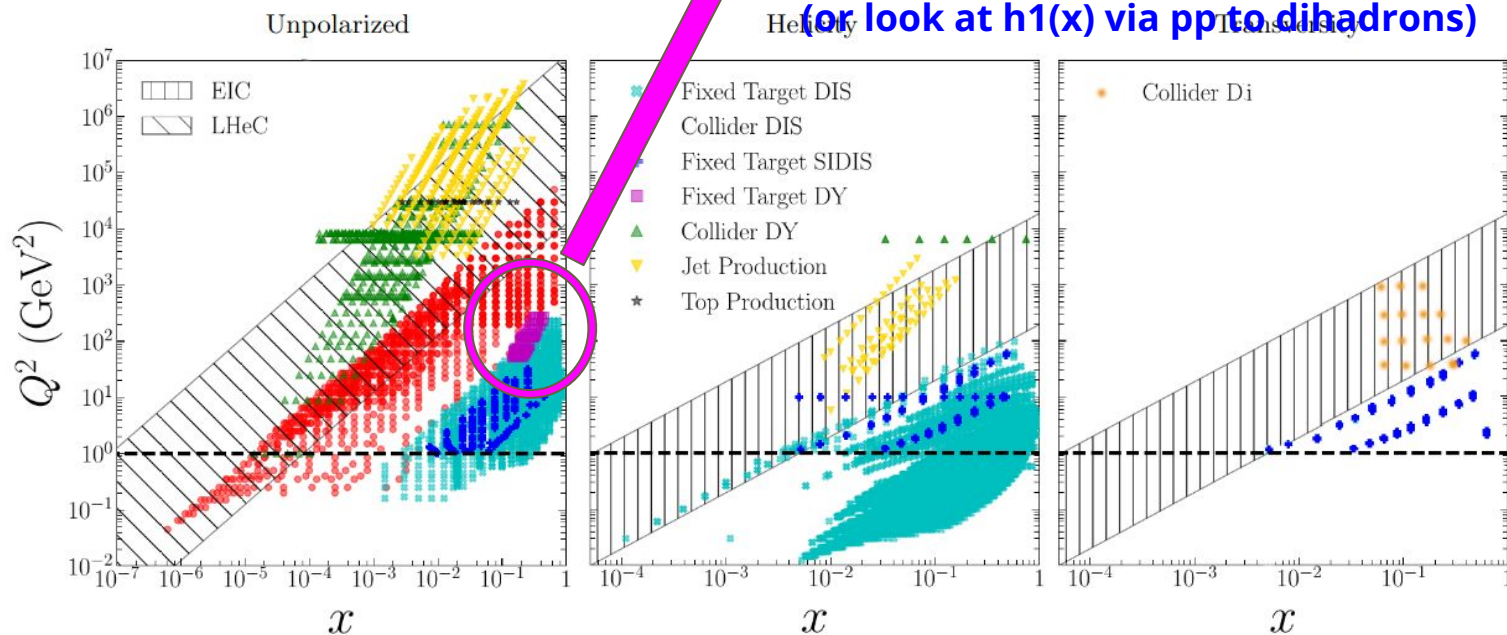
(a very short selection)

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Collinear PDFs

See <https://inspirehep.net/literature/1801417>

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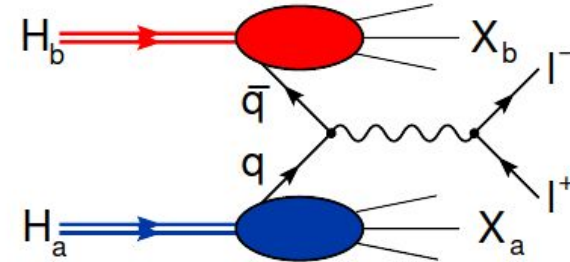
The only DY FT data. Polarization of both hadrons needed to access polarized PDFs

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(or look at $h_1(x)$ via $pp \rightarrow$ dihadrons)

FIG. 1 The kinematic coverage in the (x, Q^2) plane of the hadronic cross-section data for the processes commonly included in global QCD analyses of collinear unpolarized, helicity, and transversity PDFs. The extended kinematic ranges attained by the LHeC and the EIC are also displayed. See Fig. 1 of Ref. (Ethier and Nocera, 2020) for unpolarized nuclear PDFs.

Unpolarized Drell-Yan (TMDs)



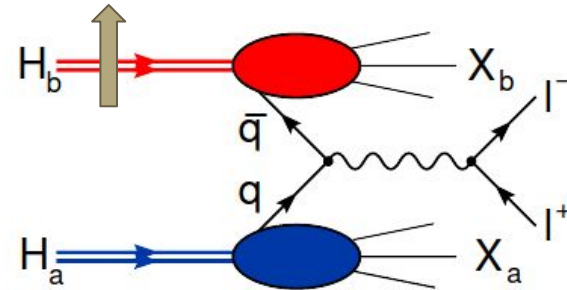
Unpolarized (TMD) PDF

$$F_{UU}^1 = \mathcal{C}[\underline{f_1 \bar{f}_1}],$$

Boer-Mulders TMD PDF

$$F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi} = \mathcal{C}\left[\frac{2(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{aT})(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}) - \vec{k}_{aT} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}}{M_a M_b} \underline{h_1^\perp \bar{h}_1^\perp}\right],$$

Polarized Drell-Yan (TMDs)



Longitudinally polarized

$$F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi} = -C \left[\frac{2(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{aT})(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}) - \vec{k}_{aT} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}}{M_a M_b} \underline{h_1^\perp \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp} \right],$$

Transversally polarized

Sivers TMD PDF: **sign change**
measurement! **Extremely**
important

$$F_{UT}^1 = C \left[\frac{\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}}{M_b} \underline{f_1 \bar{f}_{1T}^\perp} \right], \quad F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi - \phi_b)} = -C \left[\frac{\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{aT}}{M_a} \underline{h_1^\perp \bar{h}_1} \right],$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi + \phi_b)} = -C \left[\frac{2(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT})[2(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{aT})(\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}) - \vec{k}_{aT} \cdot \vec{k}_{bT}] - \vec{k}_{bT}^2 (\vec{h} \cdot \vec{k}_{aT})}{2M_a M_b^2} \underline{h_1^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp} \right],$$

eta b,c production : access to gluon TMD PDFs

unpolarized

$$\frac{d\sigma_{UU}(\eta_Q)}{dy d^2\mathbf{q}_T} = \frac{2 \pi^3 \alpha_s^2}{9 M_h^3 s} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_1^{\eta_Q} ({}^1S_0) | 0 \rangle \left\{ \mathcal{C} [\underline{f_1^g f_1^g}] - \mathcal{C} [w_{UU} \underline{h_1^{\perp g} h_1^{\perp g}}] \right\}$$

Transversally polarized

$$\frac{d\sigma_{UT}(\eta_b)}{dy d^2\mathbf{q}_T} = \frac{2 \pi^3 \alpha_s^2}{9 M_h^3 s} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_1^{\eta_b} ({}^1S_0) | 0 \rangle |\mathbf{S}_{TB}| \sin\phi_S \times$$

$$\left\{ \mathcal{C} \left[\underline{w_{UT}^{(A)} f_1^g f_{1T}^{\perp g}} \right] - \mathcal{C} \left[\underline{w_{UT}^{(B)} h_1^{\perp g} h_1^g} \right] - \mathcal{C} \left[\underline{w_{UT}^{(C)} h_1^{\perp g} h_{1T}^{\perp g}} \right] \right\}$$

Unpolarized gluons

Longitudinally polarized gluons

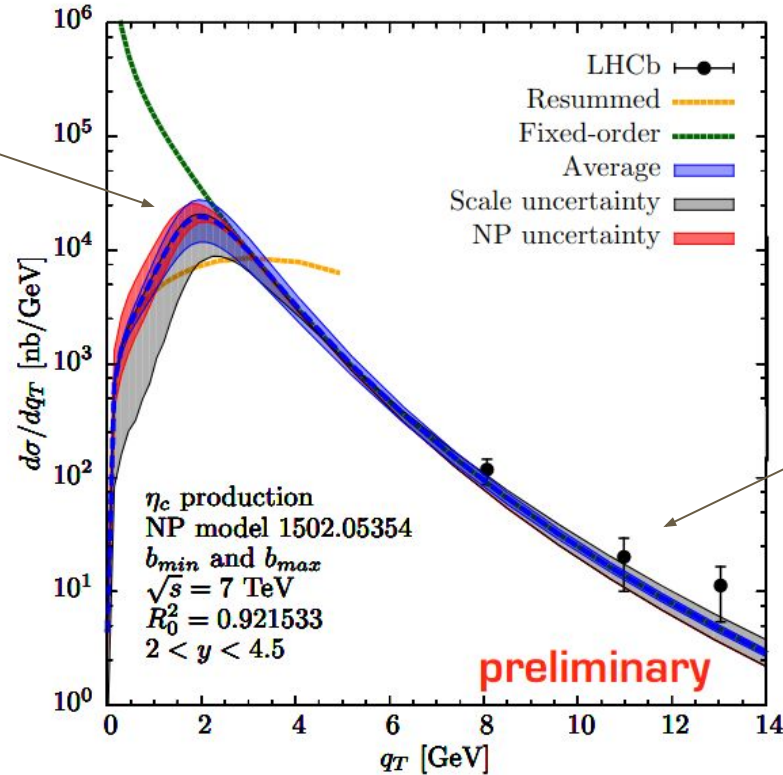
Longitudinally polarized

$$\frac{d\sigma_{UL}}{dy d^2\mathbf{q}_T} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{non-zero signal..? } \underline{\text{Twist 3 gluon TMDs}}$$

Sivers gluon TMD PDF

eta b,c production : access to gluon TMD PDFs

The **low transverse momentum** region gives access to gluon TMD PDFs



LHCb measurement at **large transverse momentum**: collinear gluon PDFs

Lansberg et al. - ongoing work

Conclusions and outlook

Spin and transverse dynamics

High x frontier

Astroparticle physics

Heavy Ion collisions

In particular, a fixed-target configuration at the LHC will open new windows on:

- the **non-perturbative structure** of unpolarized collinear and TMD PDFs
- also **gluon** TMD PDFs
- **spin-dependent** observables (e.g. sign change for the **Sivers** function)
- **nuclear** effects
- nuclear dependence of spin-momentum correlations
- ...

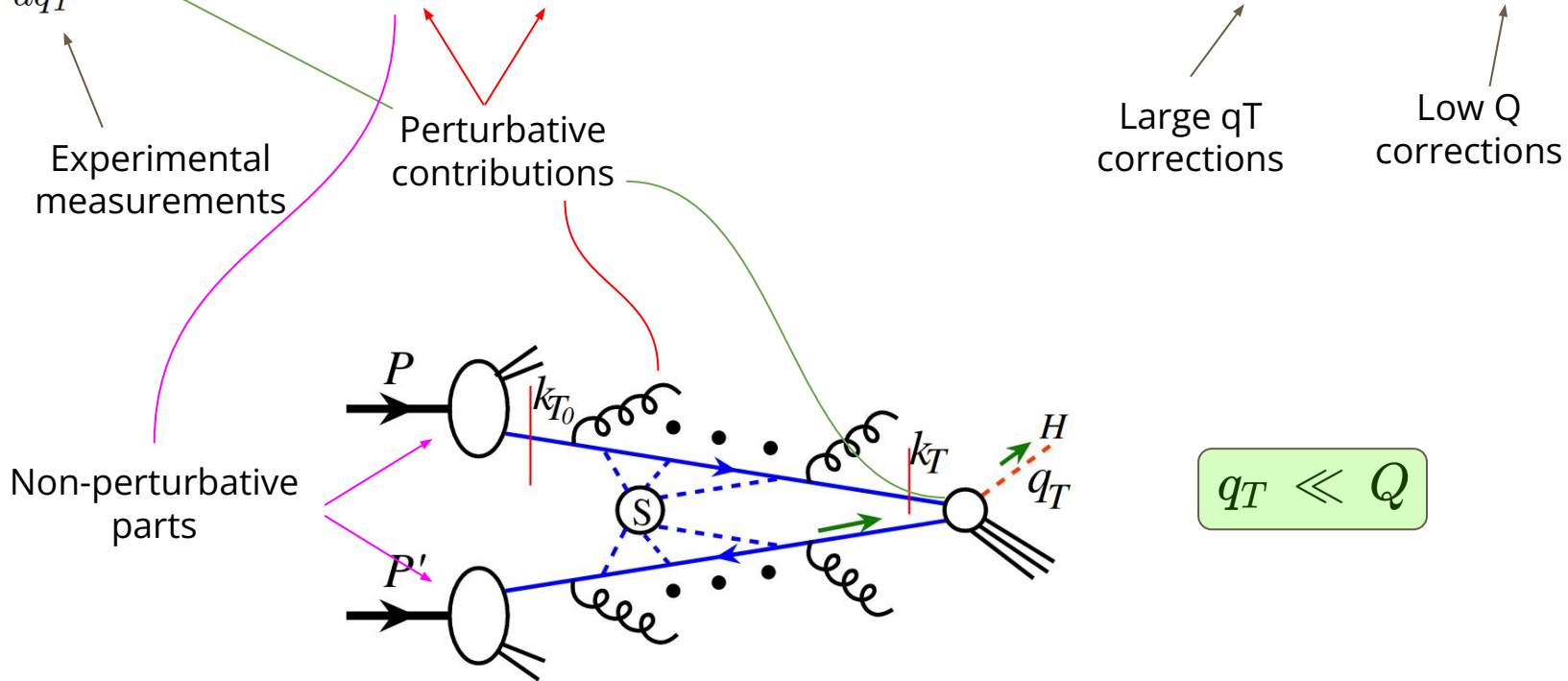
Fixed-target **implementation in LHCb**: see next talk(s)

Backup

TMD factorization

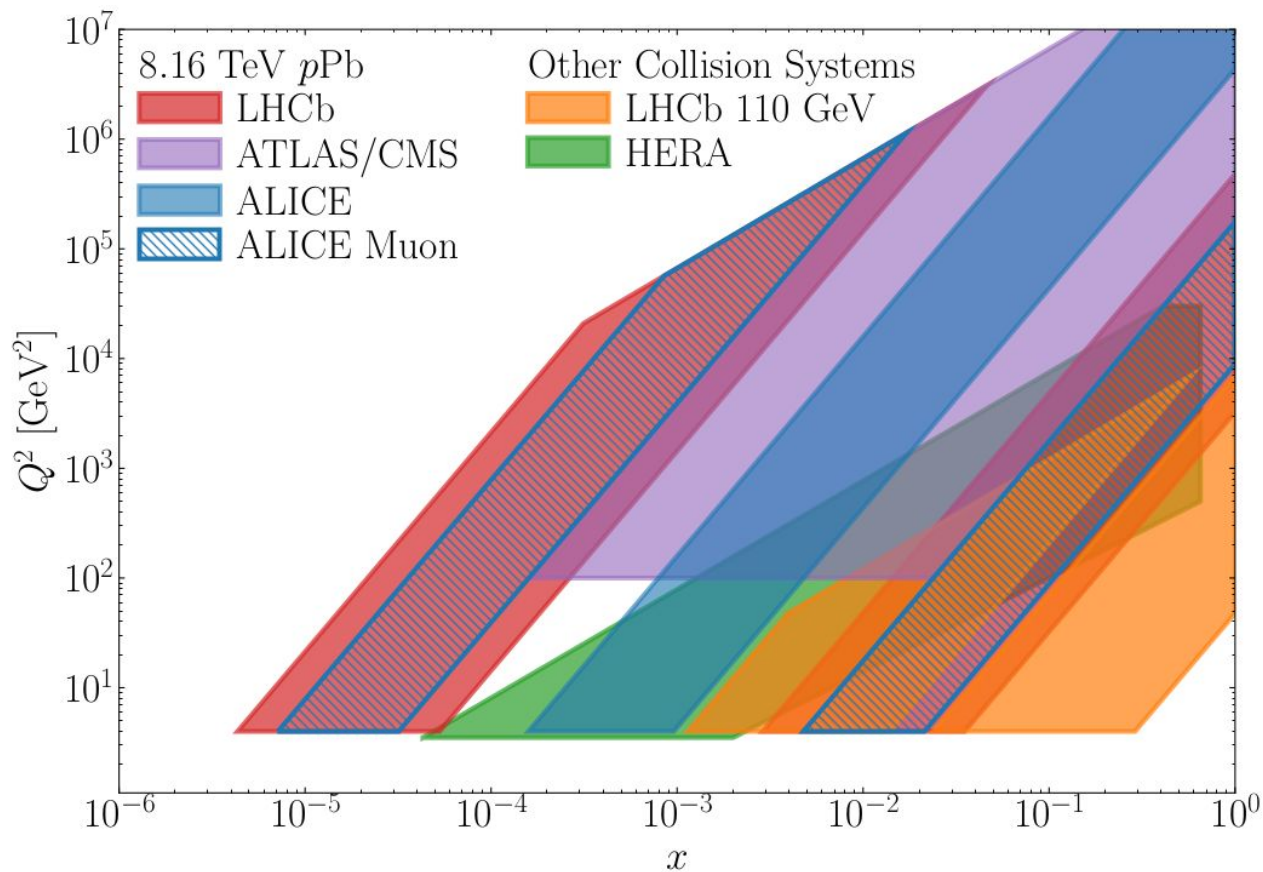
$$pp \longrightarrow \gamma / Z \longrightarrow l\bar{l} + X$$

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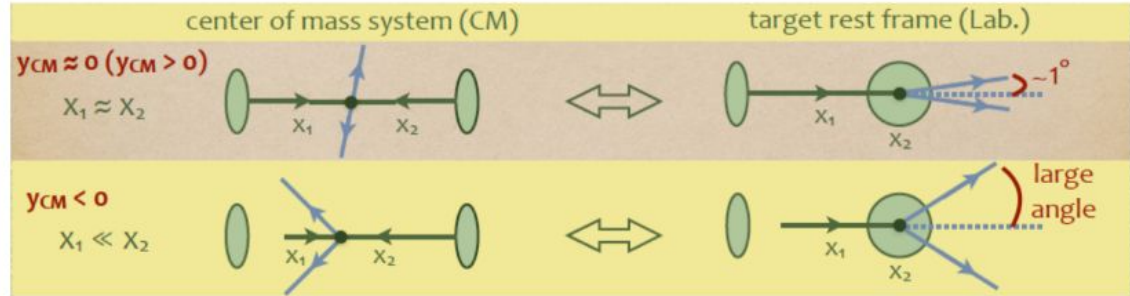
DY from FT@LHC

From Kara Mattioli's talk



Rapidity range

- Entire center-of-mass forward hemisphere ($y_{CM} > 0$) within 1 degree
- Easy access to (very) large backward rapidity range ($y_{CM} < 0$) and large parton momentum fraction in the target (x_2)



C. Hadjidakis at

“Synergies LHC/EIC workshop”

<https://indico.ph.tum.de/event/7014/>

ALICE and LHCb in fixed target mode with proton beam

STAR

PHENIX

ALICE

LHCb

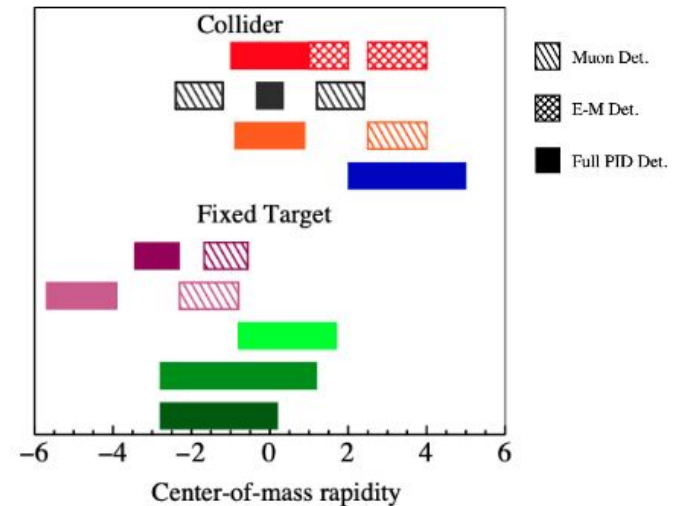
ALICE $z_{\text{target}} = -4.7\text{m}$

ALICE $z_{\text{target}} = 0$

LHCb $z_{\text{target}} = -1.5\text{m}$

LHCb $z_{\text{target}} = -0.4\text{m}$

LHCb $z_{\text{target}} = 0$



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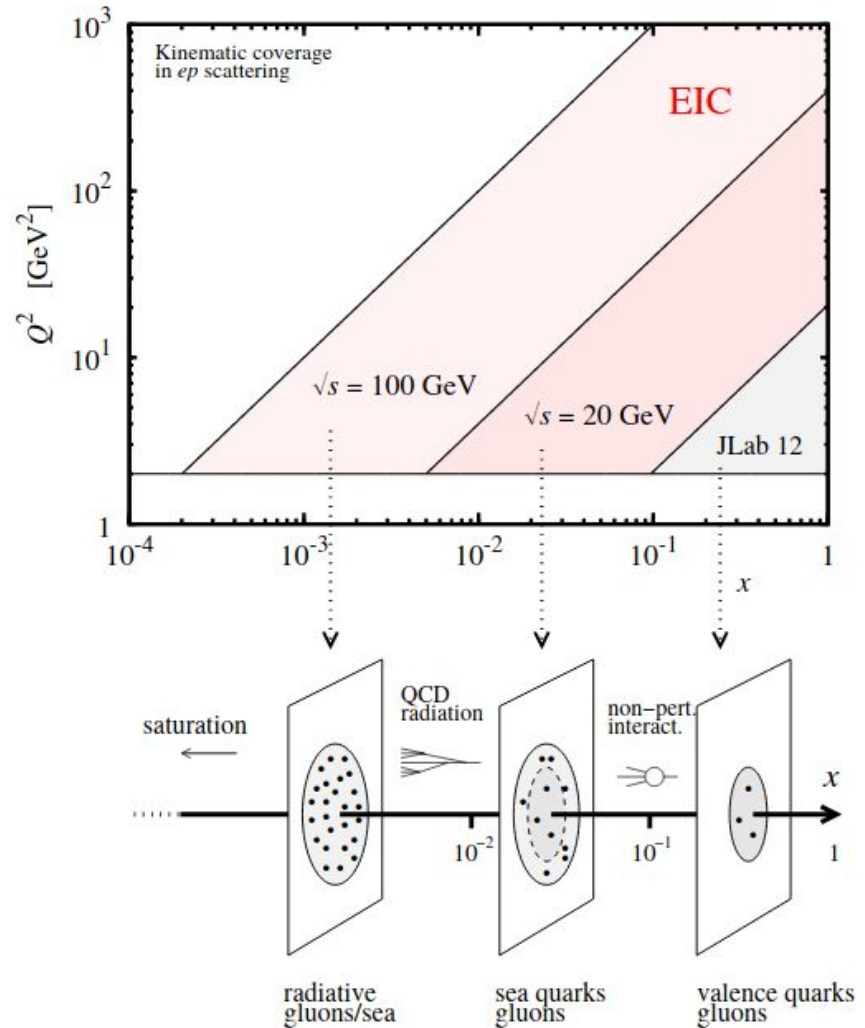
SIDIS coverage

Importance of
complementary experiments

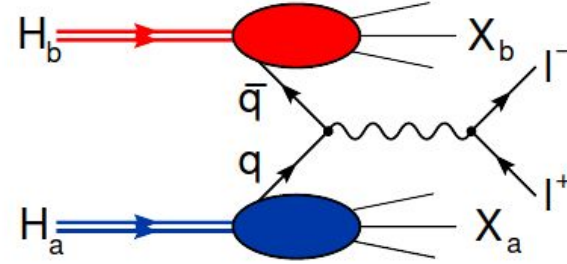
from JLab 12 GeV, Hermes, Compass
to the EIC

zooming into hadron structure

Credit picture: C. Weiss



Unpolarized Drell-Yan



Impact on extraction of unpolarized collinear PDF f1

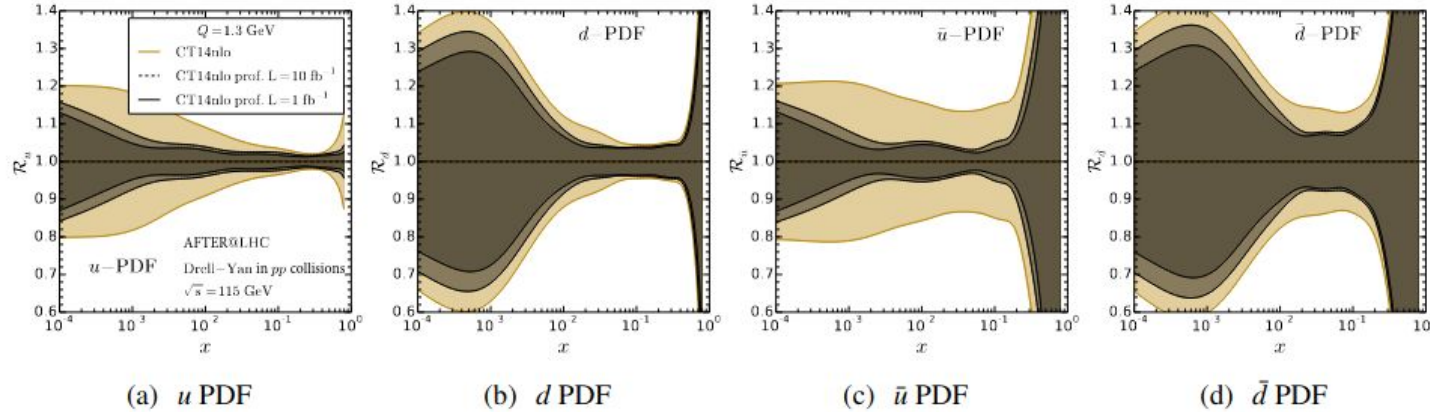
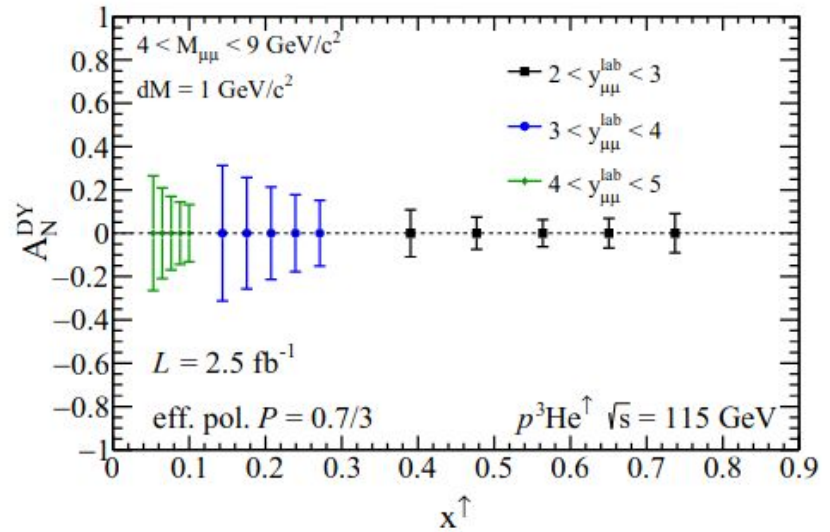
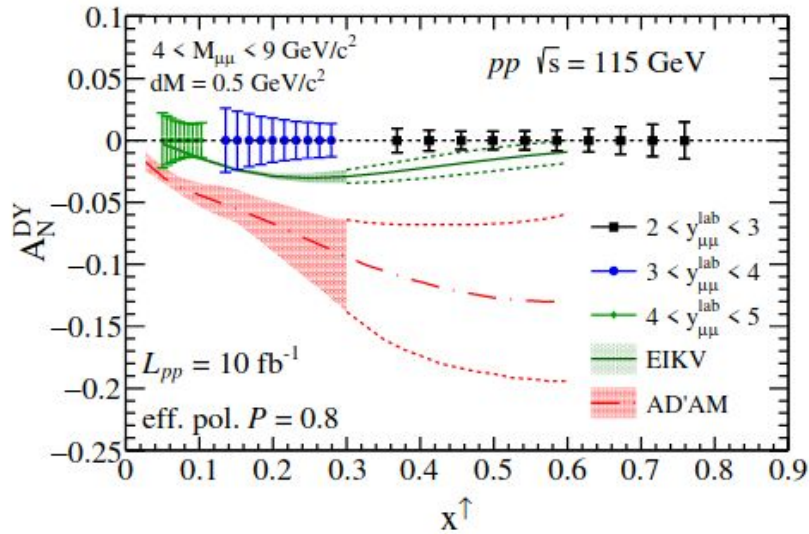
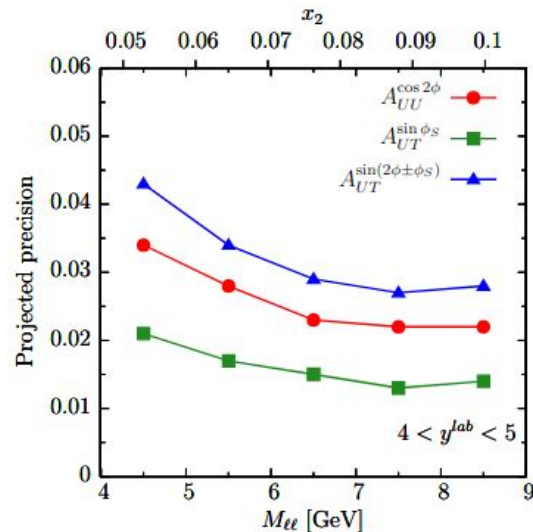
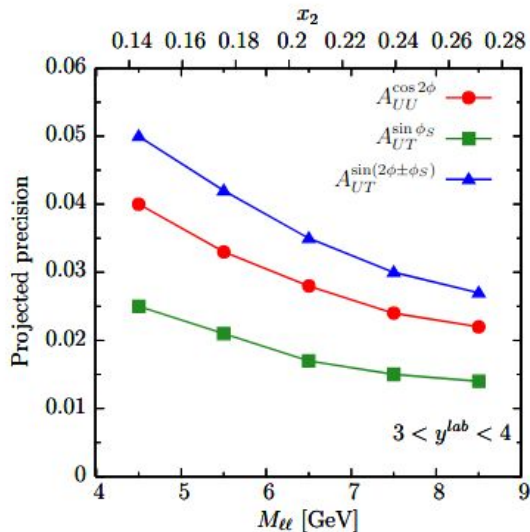
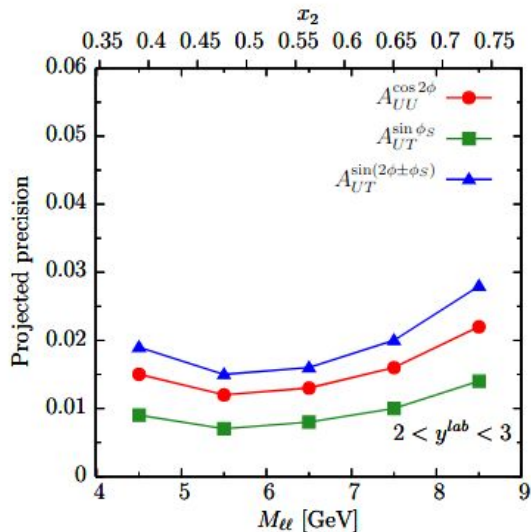


Figure 17: Impact of the DY lepton pair production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 115$ GeV on the PDF uncertainties. The u , d , \bar{u} and \bar{d} PDFs from CT14 [5] are plotted as a function of x at a scale $Q = 1.3$ GeV before and after including AFTER@LHCb pseudo-data in the global analysis using the profiling method [193, 194]. Two scenarios with different integrated luminosities were considered: inner band: $\mathcal{L}_{pp} = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, middle band: $\mathcal{L}_{pp} = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (the outer band represents current PDF uncertainties).

Sivers asymmetry



More asymmetries



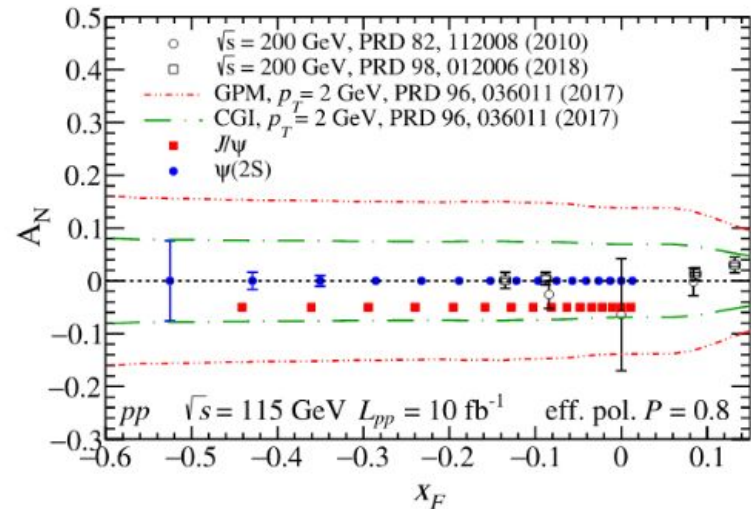
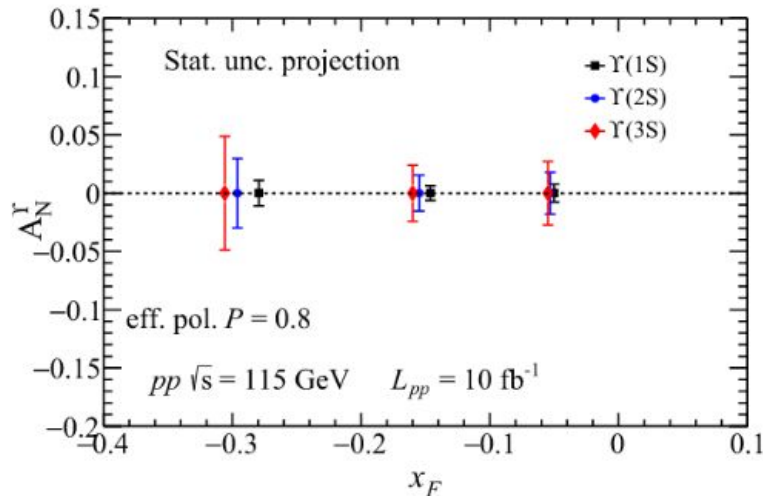
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$$A_{UT}^{\sin \phi_S} \sim \frac{f_1^q \otimes f_{1T}^{\perp q}}{f_1^q \otimes f_1^q}$$

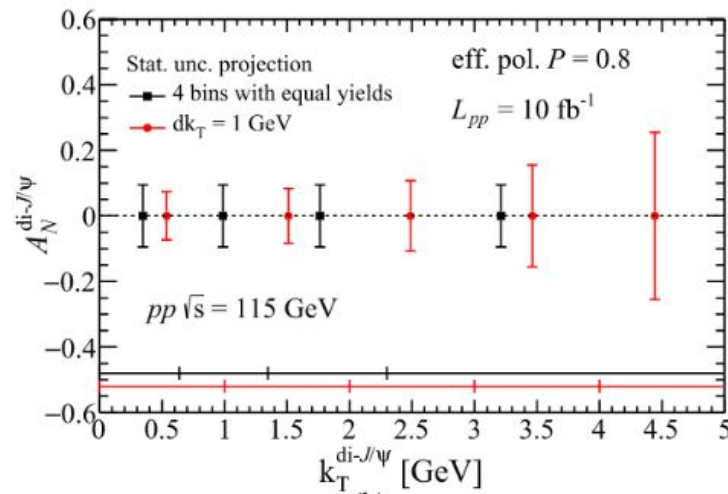
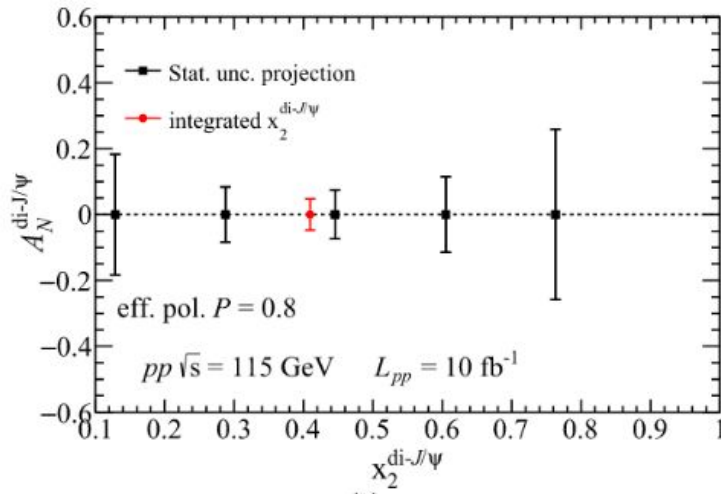
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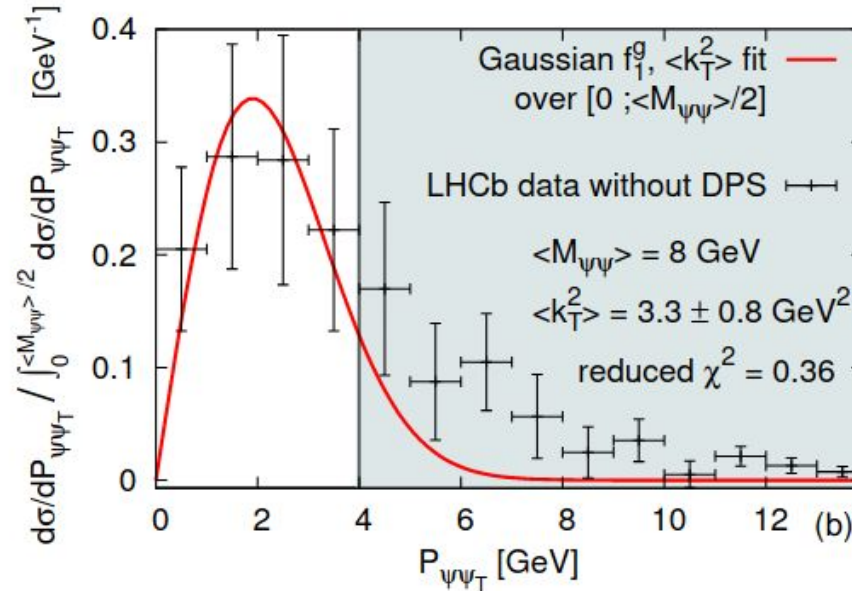
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di-J/Psi at LHCb



First “extraction” of unpolarized gluon TMD PDF

Lansberg et al. : <https://inspirehep.net/literature/1628653>

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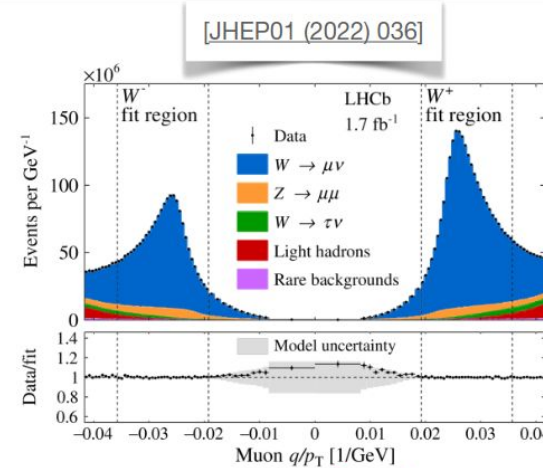
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$$m_W = 80354 \pm 23_{\text{stat}} \pm 10_{\text{exp}} \pm 17_{\text{theory}} \pm 9_{\text{PDF}} \text{ MeV}$$

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