

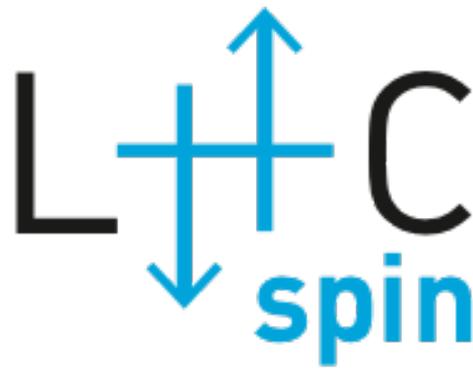
A polarised fix target @LHC

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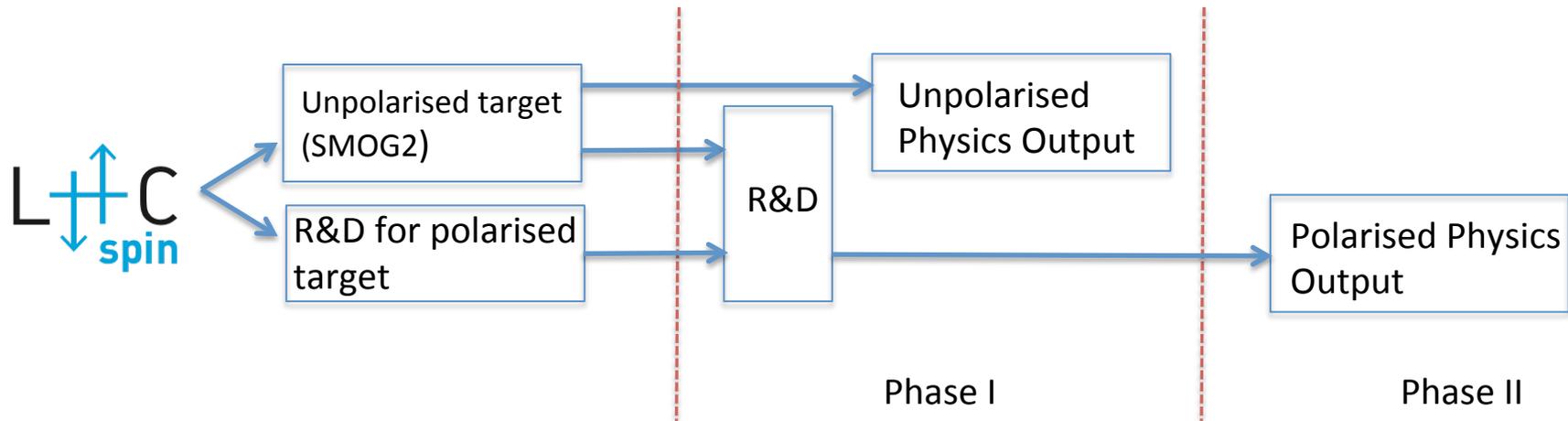
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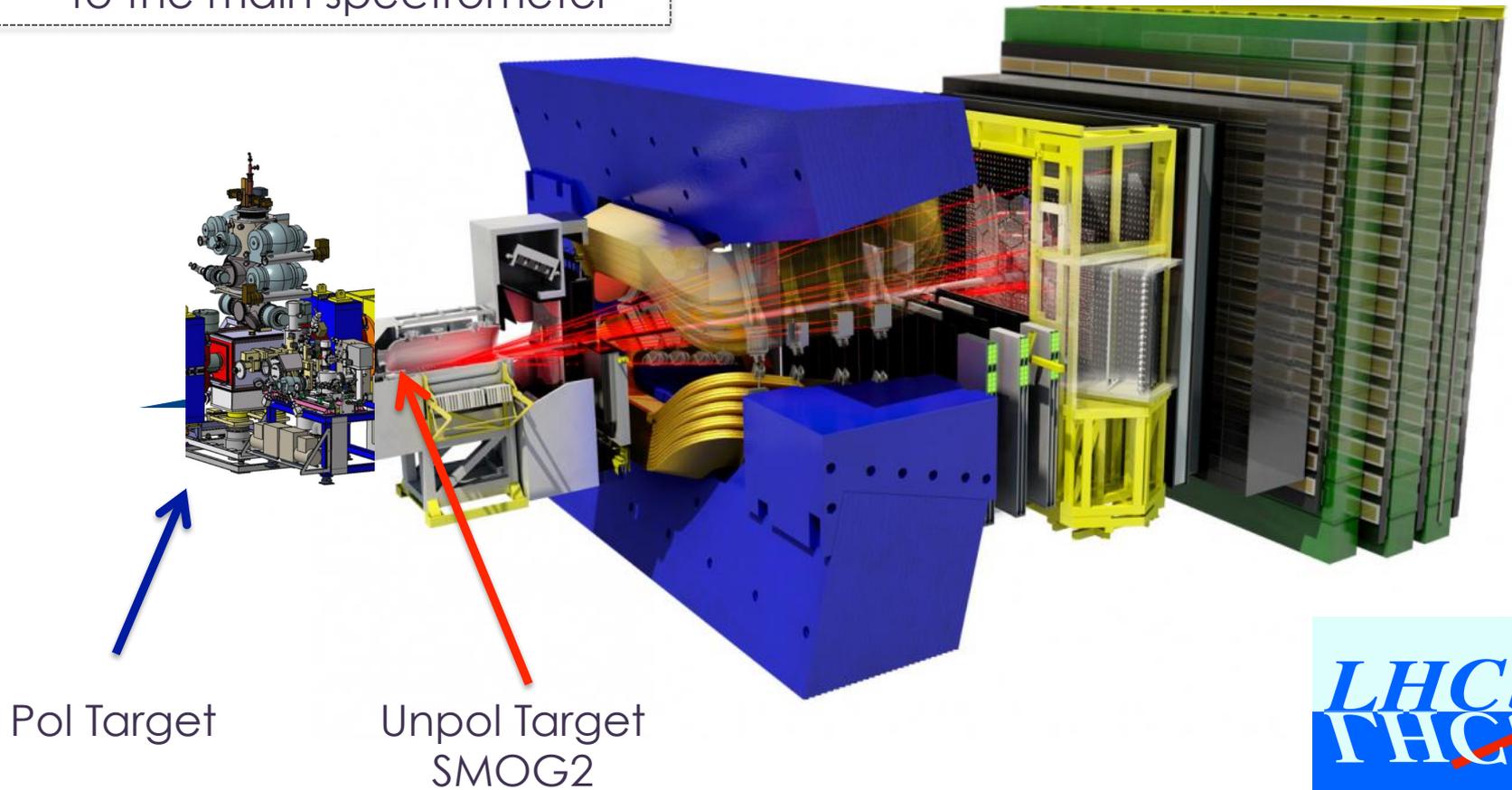
LHCSpin aims to bring un/polarized physics at the LHC as a new tool, using the existing, advanced and upgraded **LHCb** detector in parallel fixed-target and collider data taking

The project will follow two paths:



Unpolarised+ Polarised Gas Target

N.B. No changes are requested to the main spectrometer



Proton as a laboratory for QCD



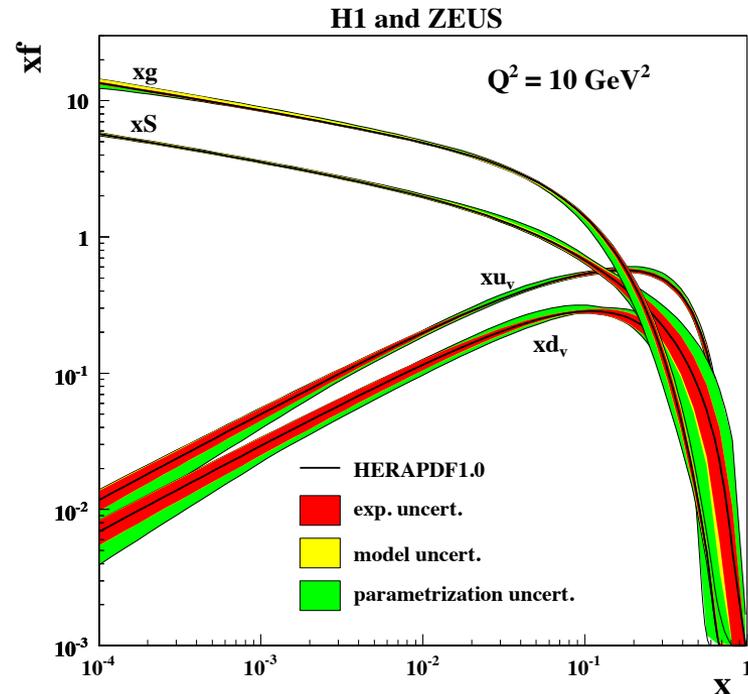
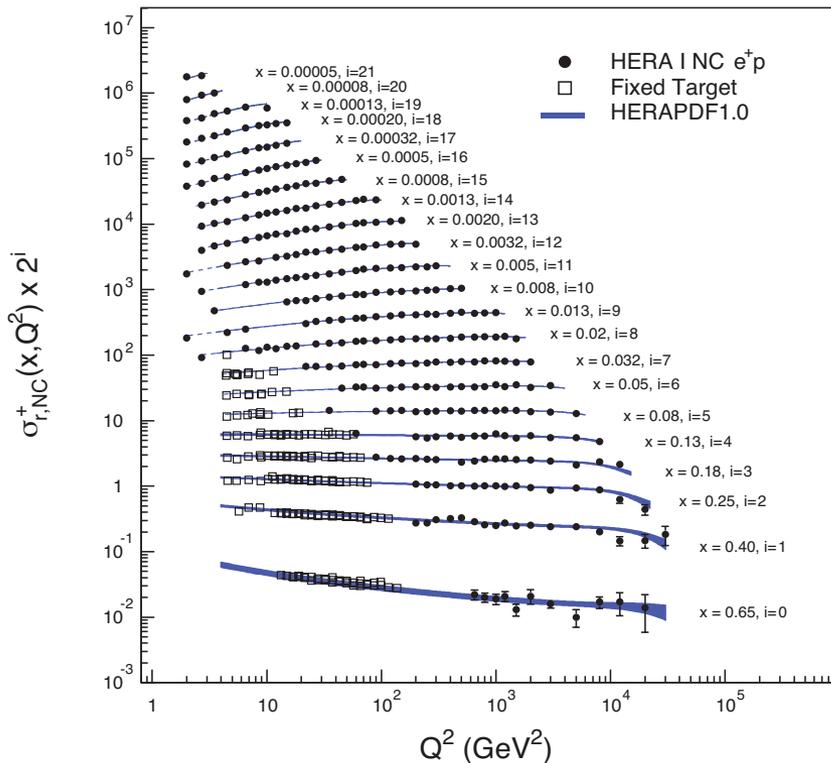
The knowledge on confinement and, more in general, on the dynamics of quarks and gluons in the non-perturbative regime of QCD is quite limited

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Unfortunately:

-FFs contain no dynamical information on the constituents (linear and angular momenta)

-PDFs provide no knowledge of spatial locations and transverse motion of the constituents

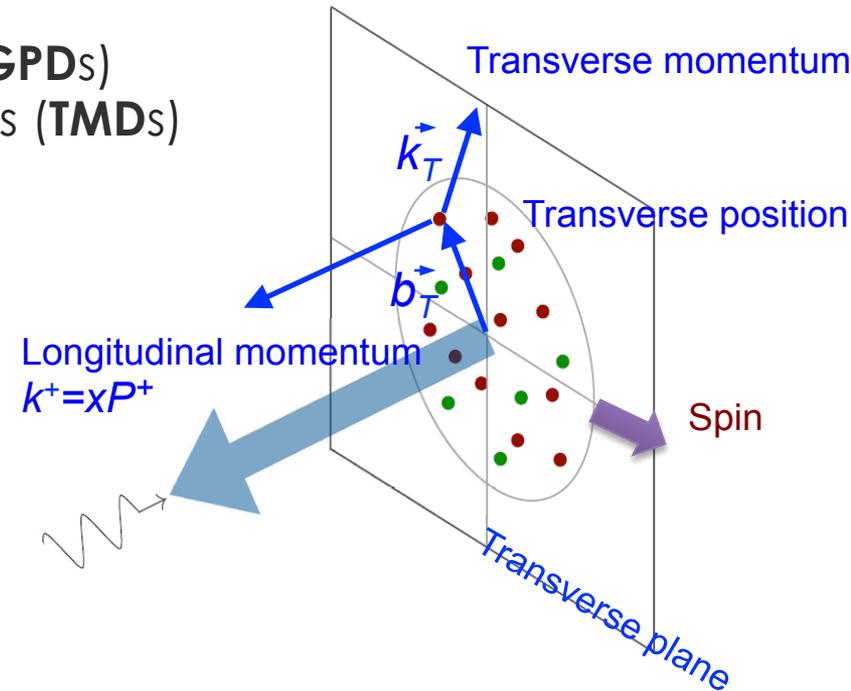
Wigner Distributions

(quantum-mechanical version of the classical phase space distributions)

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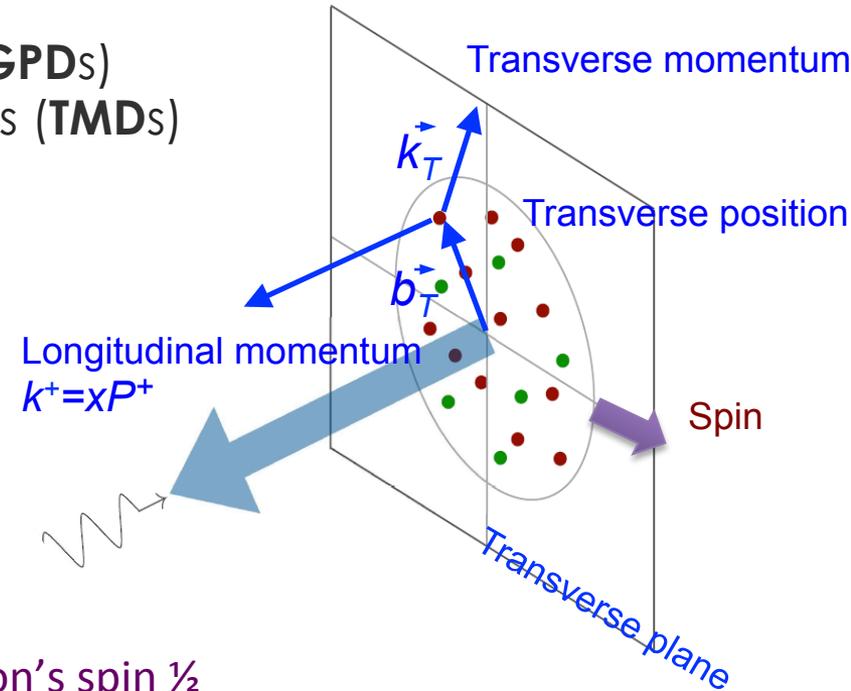
Wigner Distributions and the nucleon Spin puzzle

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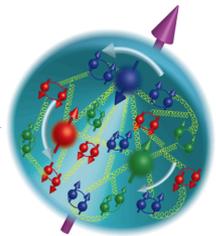
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How quarks and gluons conspire to provide the proton's spin $\frac{1}{2}$



$$\frac{1}{2}\hbar = \underbrace{\sum_q \frac{1}{2} S_q^z}_{\text{Total quark spin}} + \underbrace{S_g^z}_{\text{gluon spin}} + \underbrace{\sum_q L_q^z + L_g^z}_{\text{angular momentum}}$$

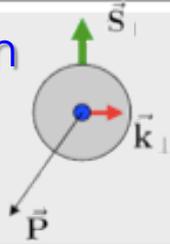
An interesting and fundamental physics case itself and a tool to study (TMDs, GPDs) the inner structure of composite systems

Visualize Color interactions in QCD

Chiral-odd function

Sivers function

$\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)$
modulation

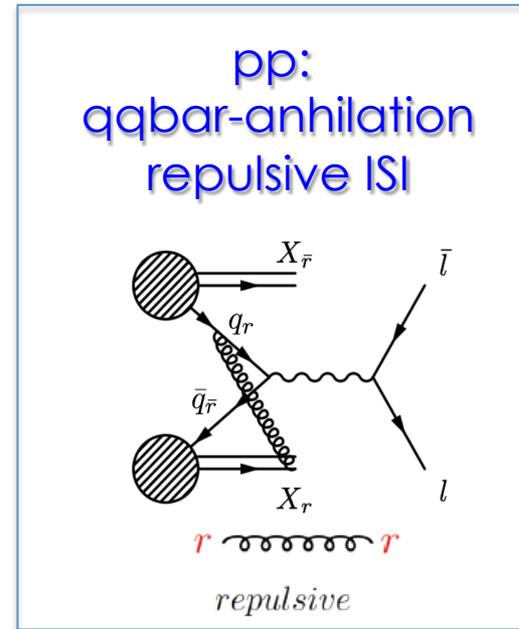
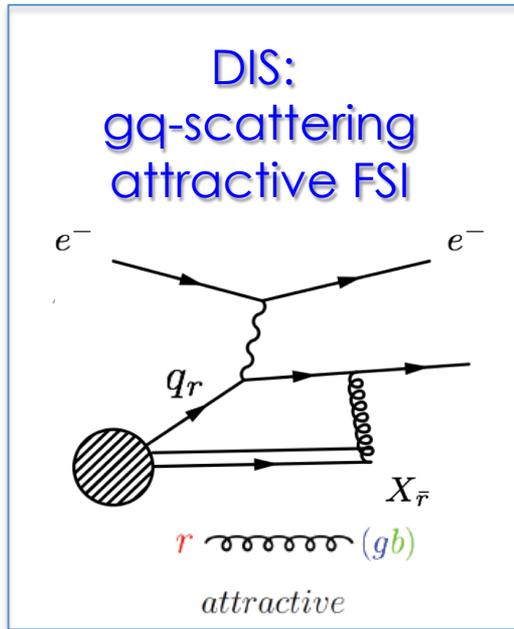


correlation of nucleon's transverse spin with the k_T of an unpolarized quark

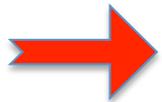
- measures spin-orbit correlations
- link to parton orbital motion (through models)
- reveals non-trivial aspects of QCD color gauge invariance

T-odd function

Measure non-universality of the Sivers-function



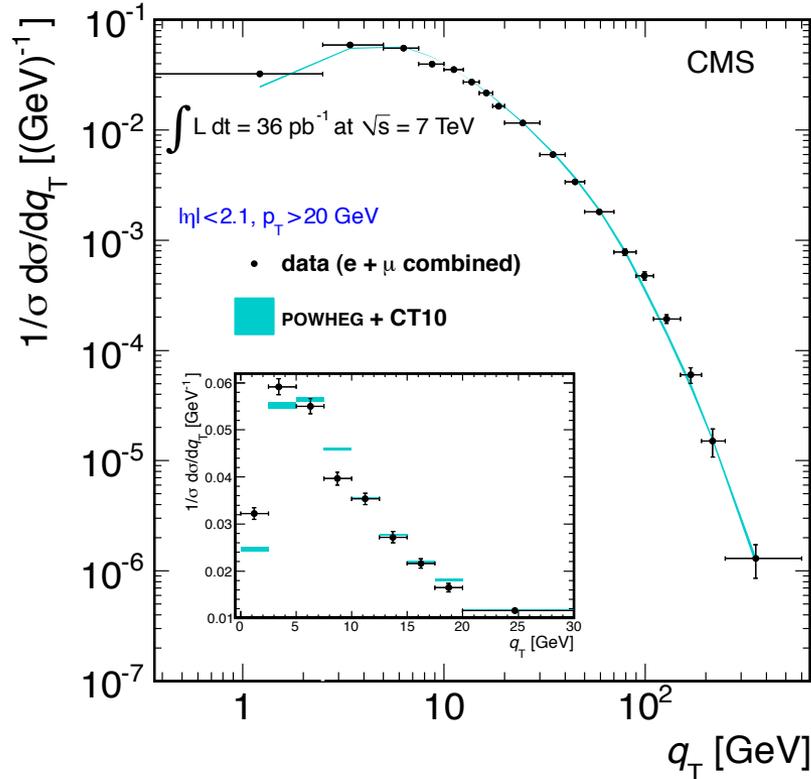
$$f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2) \Big|_{\text{SIDIS}} = -f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2) \Big|_{\text{DY}}$$



Critical test of factorization in QCD
no sign change means rethink of QCD factorization

hep-ph/0604226
arXiv:1109.2521

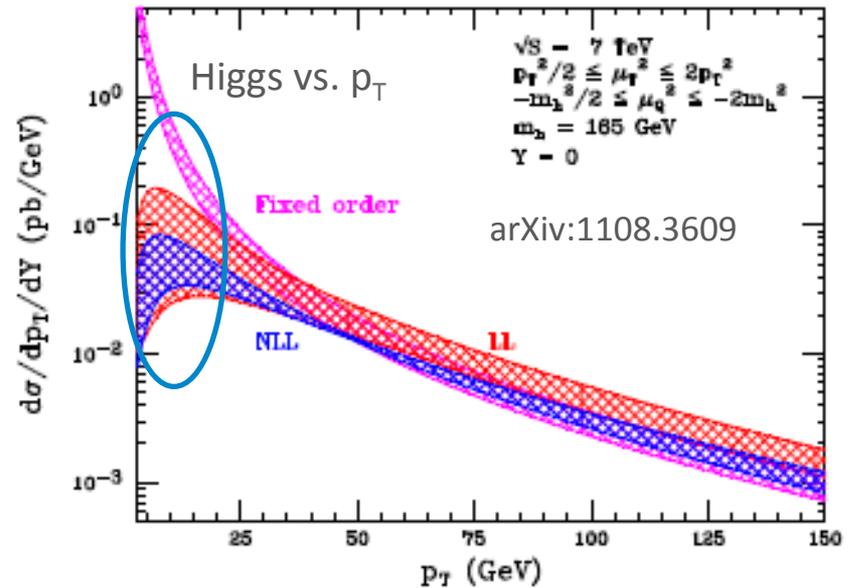
Z-boson transverse momentum q_T spectrum in pp by CMS



The small q_T region cannot be explained by usual collinear PDF factorization: needs TMD-PDFs (Phys. Rev. D85 (2012) 032002)

Effective field theories

Soft Collinear Effective Theory – p_T distribution for $gg \rightarrow \text{Higgs}$



TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTIONS FROM EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

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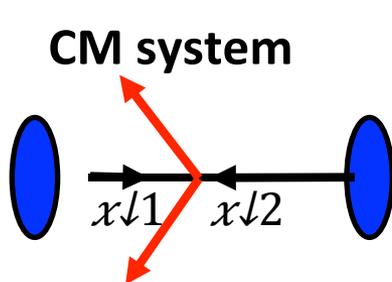
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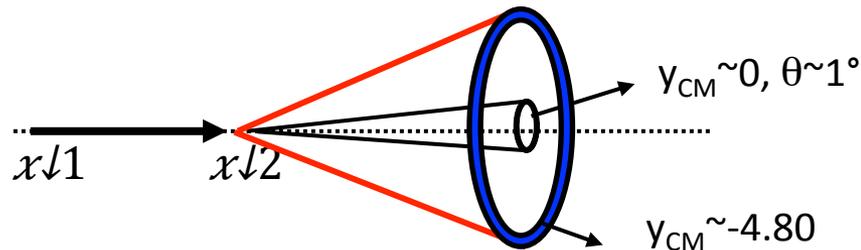
Kinematic conditions for a fixed target at the LHC

7 TeV proton beam on a fixed target proton:
 $\sqrt{s} \sim 115 \text{ GeV}$ (between SPS & RHIC)

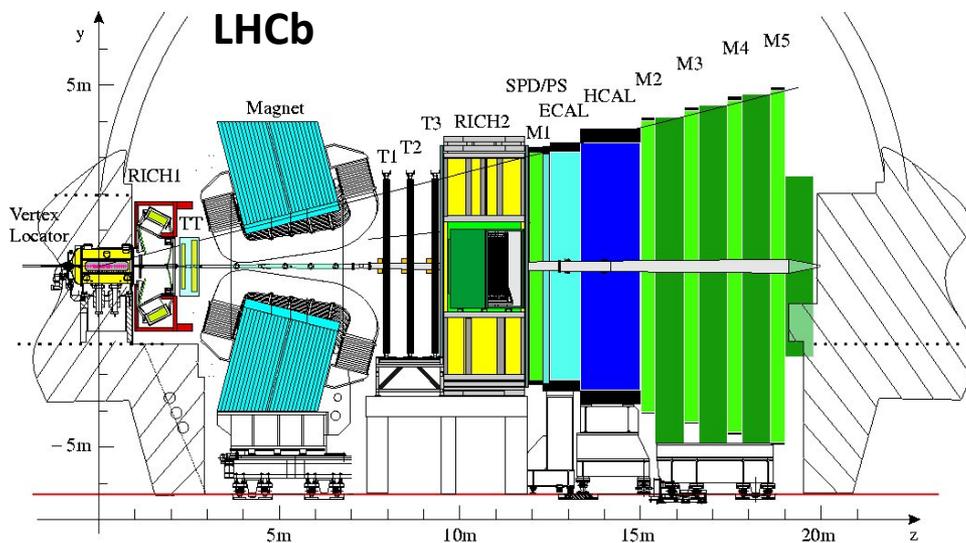
CM backward
Rapidity Region
 $-4.8 < y_{CM} < 0$



Target rest frame (Lab system)



- Experimentally accessible: reaction products at large angles!
- **LHCb** acceptance and detector performance perfectly suitable!

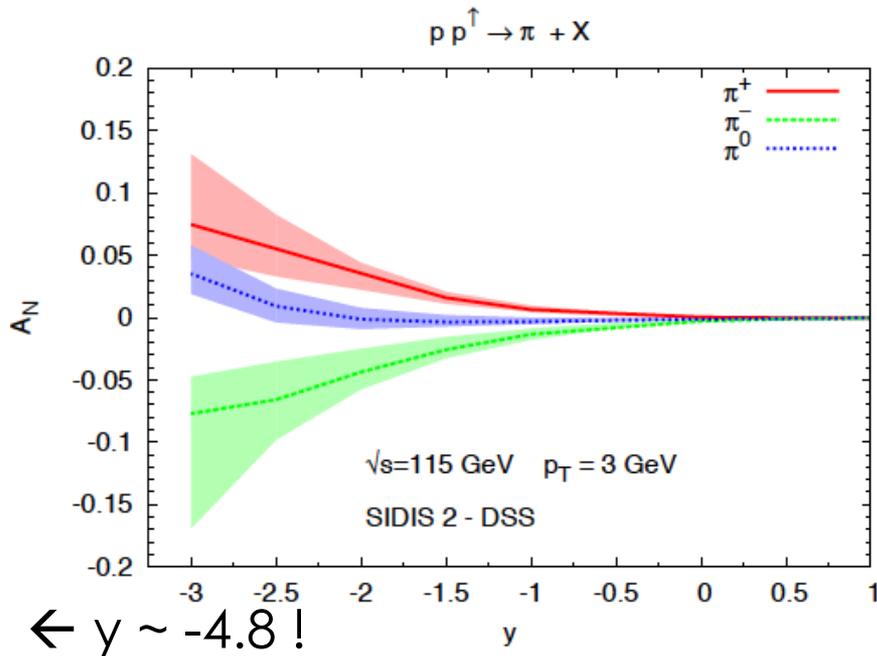


A couple of explicit examples

Single Spin Asymmetries: non-collinear (leading twist) approach

Anselmino et al. arXiv:1504.03791v2

- involves TMD PDFs and FFs
- works in the limit (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



- Asymmetries above 10%!
- The effect increases with more negative CM rapidity

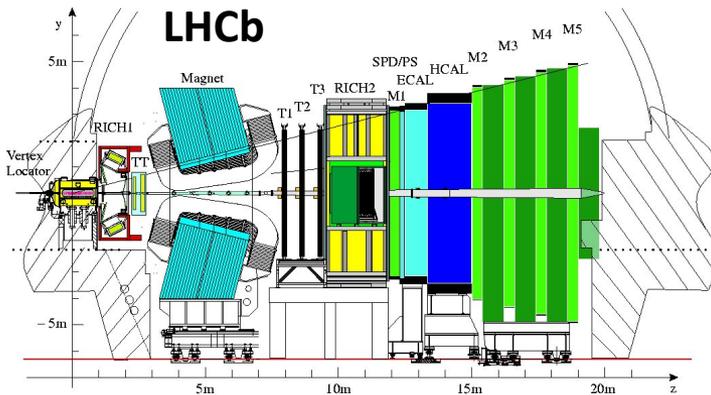
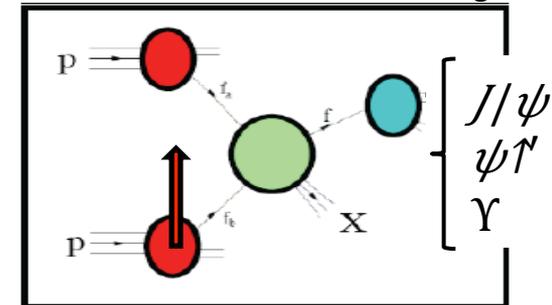
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Probing the gluon PDFs

Inclusive pion production provides sensitivity to the quark pdfs, but a fixed polarized target at LHC can also open the way to the extraction of gluon PDFs!

- being heavy quarks dominantly produced through gluon-gluon interactions, one can probe the gluon dynamics within the proton by measuring **heavy-flavor** observables
- At LHC **quarkonia** production dominated by gluon fusion
- Heavy quarks and quarkonium production turns out to be an ideal gluon-sensitive observable!

Polarized inclusive hard scattering

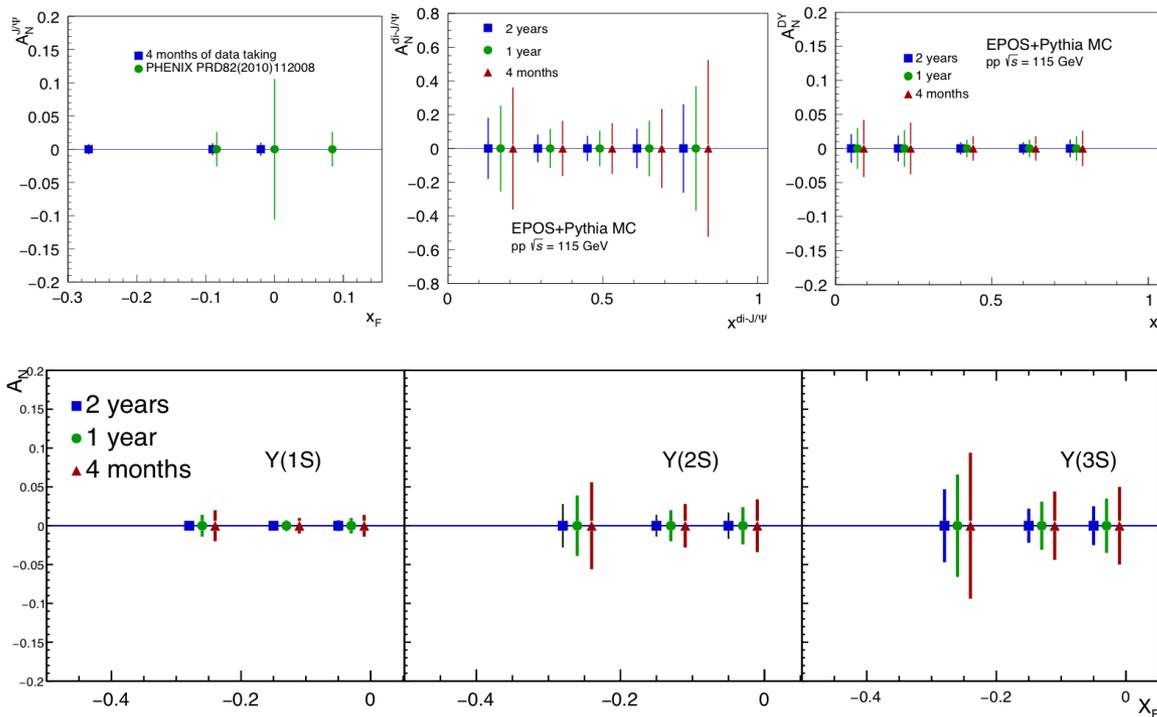


- LHCb can measure nearly all quarkonia states (including C-even) with high precision!
- Expected yields much larger than previous fixed-target experiments
- -mesons is a unique observable, poorly accessible from other hadron-hadron experiments

Statistical error projection for some of the possible channels (within the LHCb reconstruction framework)

Synergic pp / p-target data taking:

- 8 h per day
- 20 d per month
- 200 d per year



Disclaimer: these are not LHCb official MC results!

Unique channels:

- Pseudoscalar quarkonia ($\eta, \eta_c, \eta_c(2S), \chi_{c,b}$)
- Y
- $J/\psi, \psi', di-J/\psi, Y(1,2,3S)$
- D, B-mesons
- $DY (\mu^+\mu^-)$

arXiv:1504.03791

arXiv:1502.04021

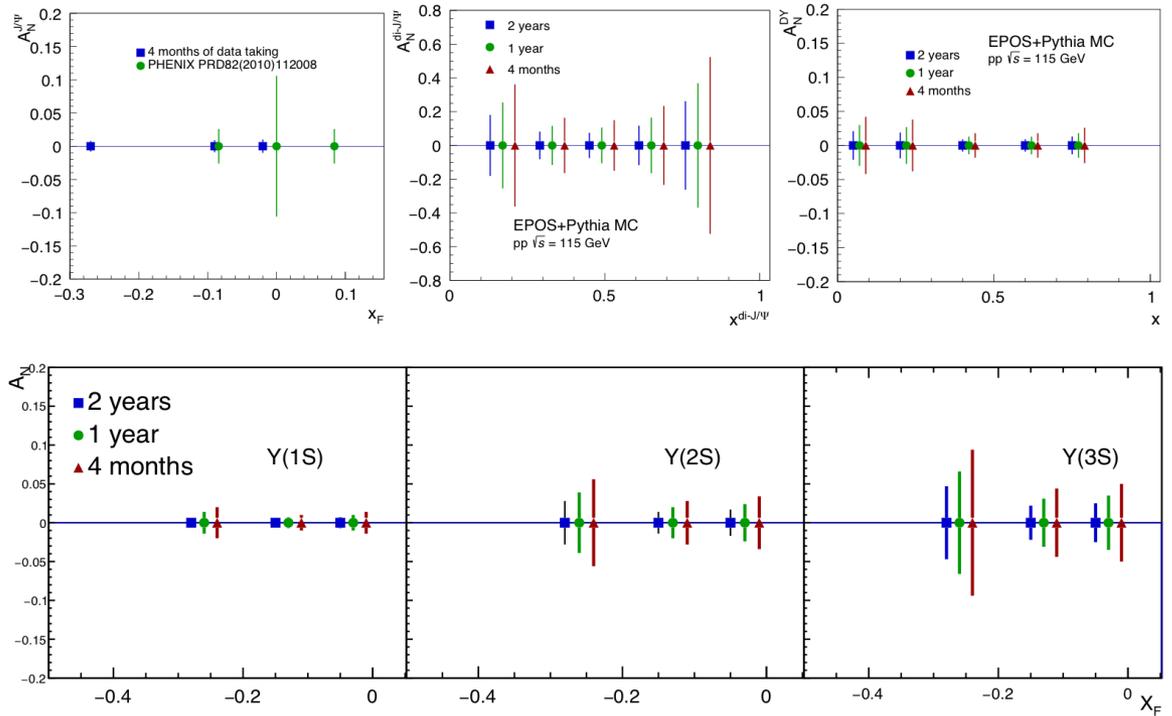
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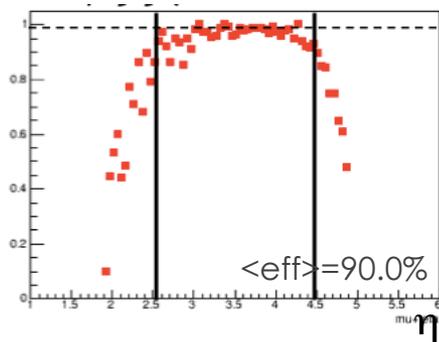
LHC beam life time and synergic data taking

The Polarised Gas Target, at maximum intensity, will give a relative proton loss rate of $N/N_p = 1.6 \times 10^{-7}/s$, reducing the **1/e beam lifetime**, the inverse of the relative loss rate, of $6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ s}$, corresponding to **74 days** → negligible reduction for parallel data taking

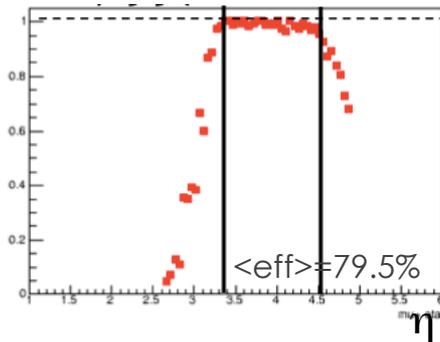
Simulations

MC by EPOS+Pythia at 7 TeV p-beam on fix target within the LHCb framework (GEANT4). In the following only the channel $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ is shown

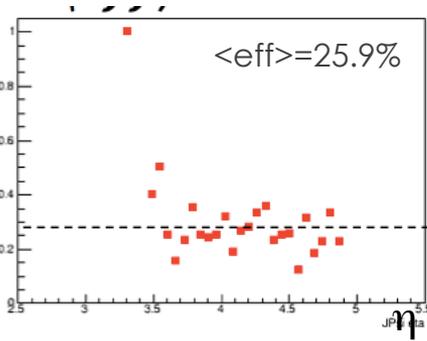
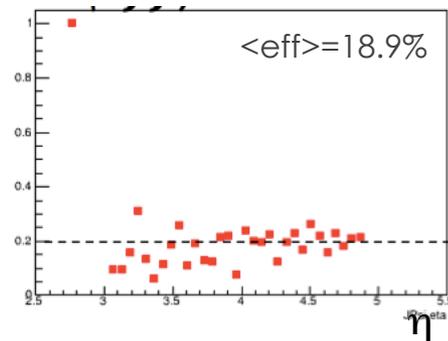
SMOG



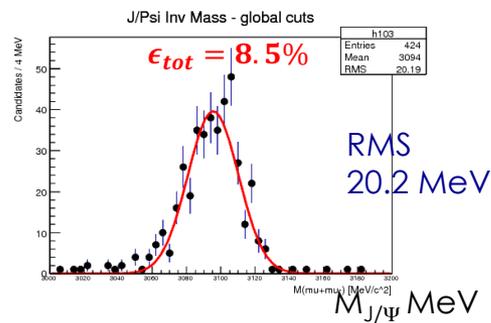
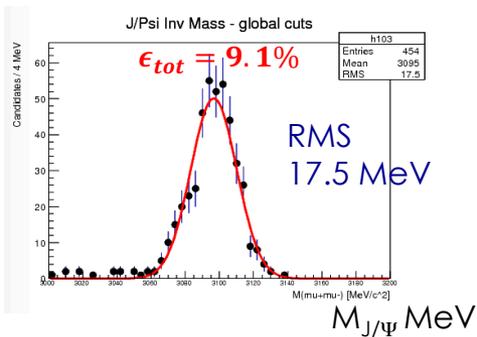
Upstream target



Single Track reconstruction



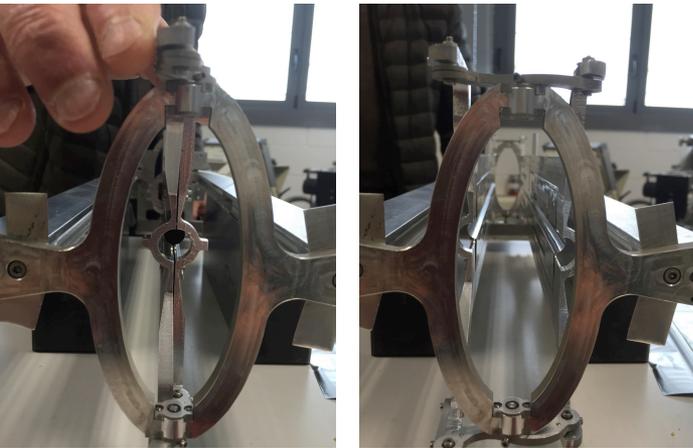
J/Ψ decay vertex reconstruction



J/Ψ invariant mass reconstruction

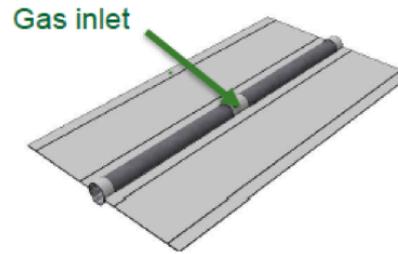
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Quite advanced R&D

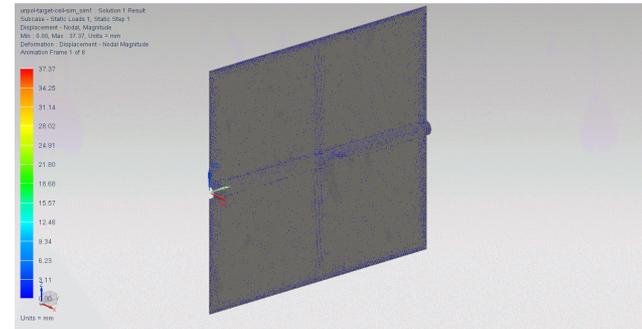


Openable storage cell

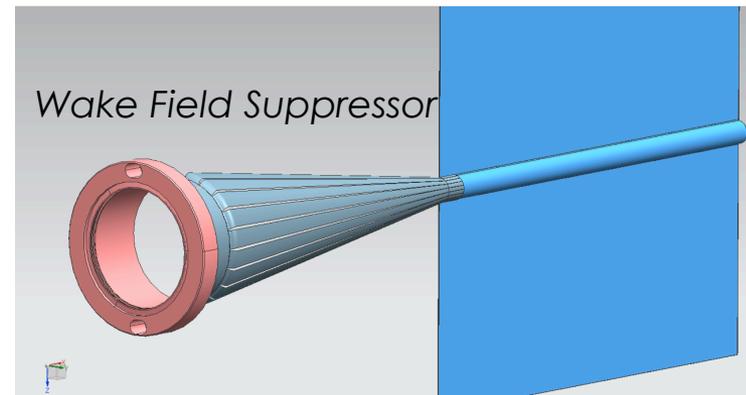
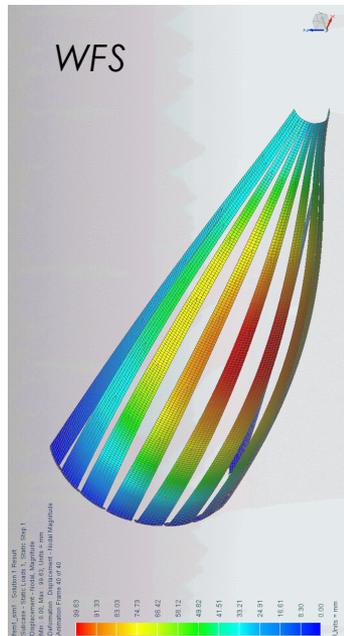
Storage cell (closed)



Storage cell (open)



Stress test: <http://www.lnf.infn.it/~dinezza/stress-sim.gif>

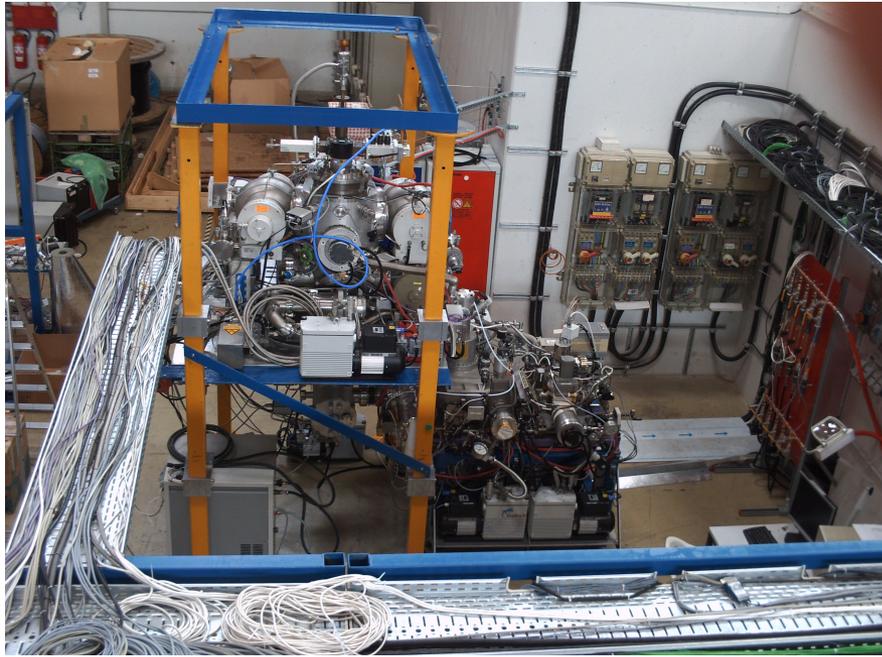


Stress test at: <http://www.lnf.infn.it/~dinezza/stress-sim-wfs.gif>

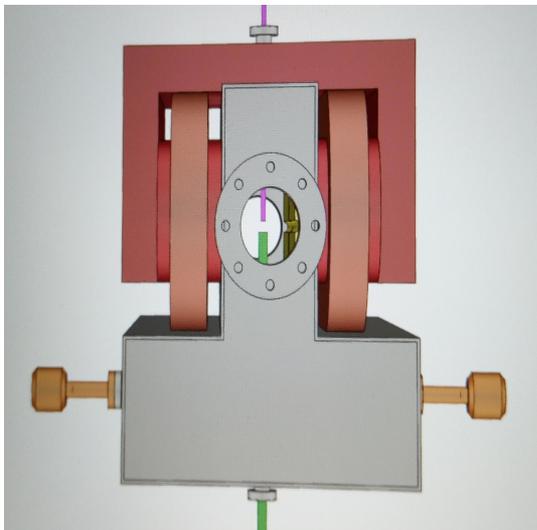
<http://www.fe.infn.it/~vito/LHCb-target-cell/>

R&D for the Polarised Gas Target

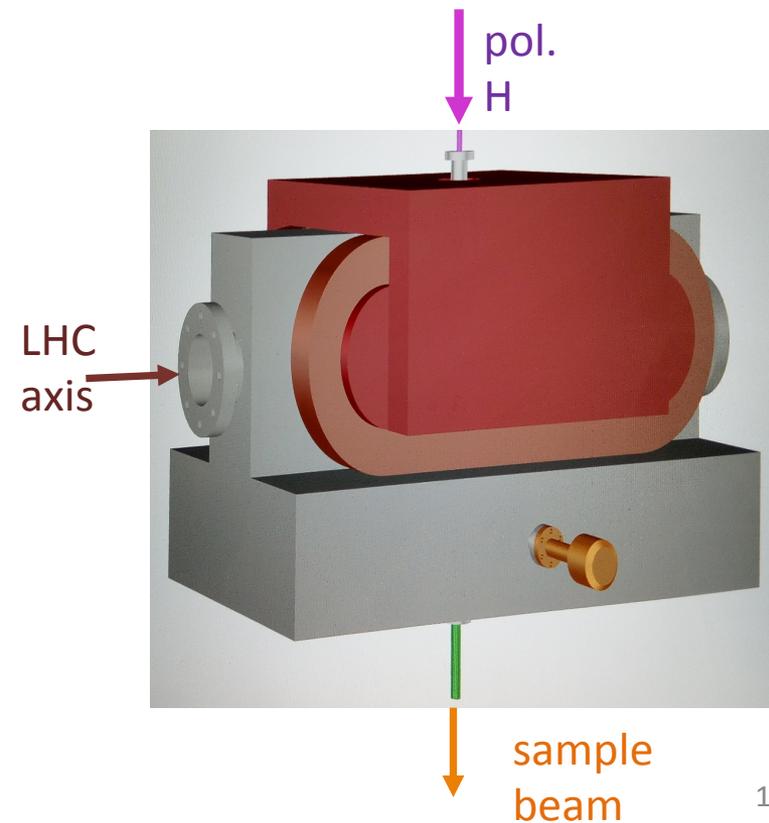
... a consolidated technology



Existing (Juelich lab) and available polarised target (Ferrara, Juelich resp.). Cell coating studies are ongoing



- Transverse magnet with C-shaped for providing a homogenous guide for the polarized gas of about 0.3 T, 0.5 m long
- Rectangular Target Chamber (TC)



R&D ... various

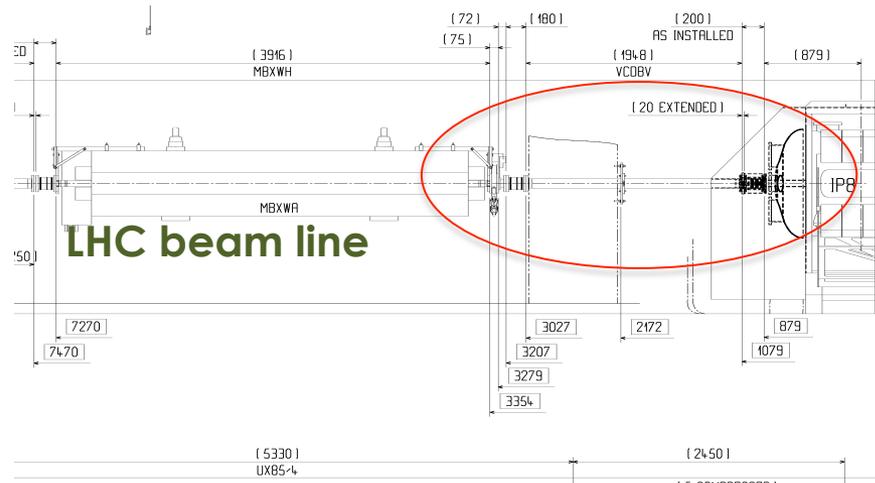
Simulations for the **Beam Induced Depolarization** are in progress.
Positive output.



Implementation studies at LHC P8 have been planned. Drawings are in progress



The installation of an LHC **vacuum valve** upstream LHCb will isolate a ~2 m long section allowing the target installation without venting any significant LHCb neither LHC component



**LHCb
spectrometer**

Figure of Merit

Considering the expected LHC beam intensity, the areal density of target nucleons, the polarization, the dilution factor and the beam intensity, this results in a Figure of Merit of:

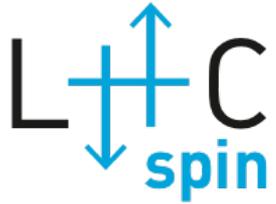
- $1.57 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ for the UVa target and bent-crystal extracted beam
- $1.58 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ for the LHCSpin target.

We conclude that the polarized gas target for the LHC gives a FoM which is two orders of magnitude higher than for the Bent-Crystal scenario with UVa solid polarized target.

FITPAN

- LHCb has a dedicated panel which is following the progress of the project
- There are continuous interactions with LHC experts and no show-stoppers have been identified so far

Conclusions

 will provide unique kinematic conditions for a broad and ambitious physics program!

The LHCb spectrometer is perfectly suitable to host the target and represents a unique opportunity:

high luminosity, excellent tracking and PID performances will allow to push, among other results, the STSAs for quarkonia to a precision era, opening the way to the extraction, among others, of the gluon PDFs

A group of experts for the various aspects of the project is already active.

A review process already started both inside the LHCb Collaboration and the LHC ... with very positive feedback