

Fixed Target opportunities at the (HL-)LHC (v0.2)

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Using the LHC beams in the fixed-target mode

Contributions to the ESPP update and other scientific sources

3 Contributions to submitted in December [overall signed by 200+ physicists]

- *Physics opportunities for a fixed-target programme in the ALICE experiment* by F. Galluccio *et al.*: ID 47
- *Community Support for A Fixed-Target Programme for the LHC* by J.D. Bjorken *et al.*: ID 67
- *The LHCSpin Project* by C. Aidala *et al.*: ID 111

Physics Beyond Colliders documents

- *Physics Beyond Colliders: QCD Working Group Report*
by the PBC QCD Working Group (A. Dainese *et al.*) : [arXiv:1901.04482](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.04482)
- *Summary Report of Physics Beyond Colliders at CERN*
by R. Alemany *et al.*: [arXiv:1902.00260](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00260)
- CERN-PBC-Notes: e.g. 2019-003,2019-002,2019-001,2018-008,2018-007,2018-003,2018-001
- Summary by the PBC LHC FT Working Group: yet to appear

Reviews

- Phys. Rept 2012
- AFTER@LHC Review 2019

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Heavy-ion collisions towards large rapidities

- A **complete** set of **heavy-flavour** studies **between SPS and RHIC** energies
- Test the formation of **azimuthal asymmetries** thanks to a broad rapidity reach
- Test the **factorisation** of cold nuclear effects **from $p + A$ to $A + B$** collisions with Drell-Yan

Part I

Possible Implementations and Luminosities

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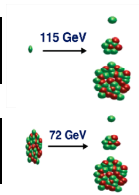
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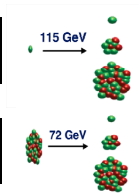
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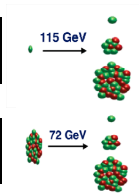
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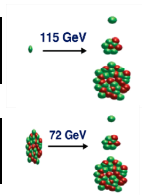
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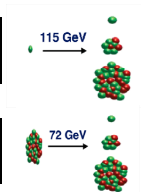
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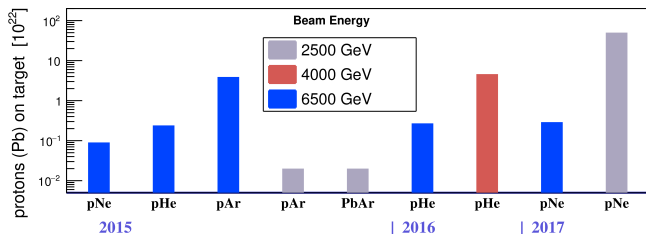
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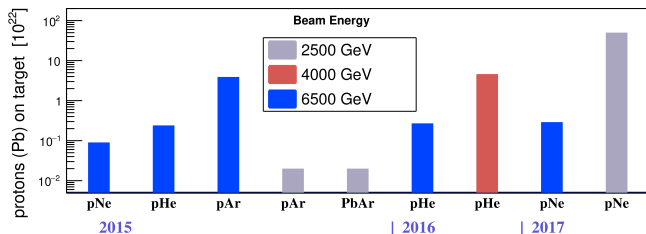
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- **Different options discussed** for future **LHCb upgrades**: No decision taken yet
- However **decision** for the installation of a **vacuum valve** during LS2.

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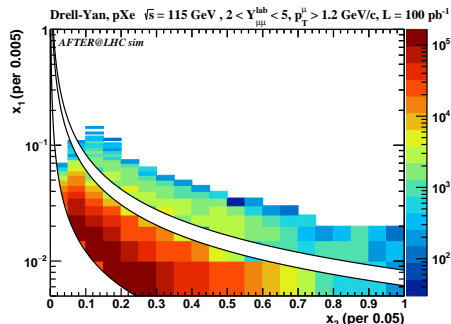
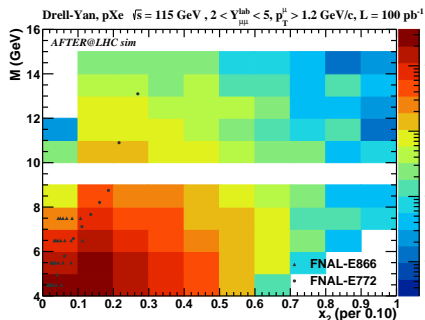
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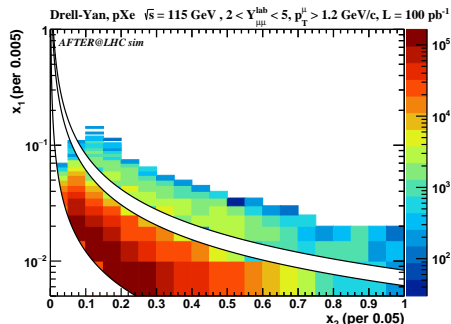
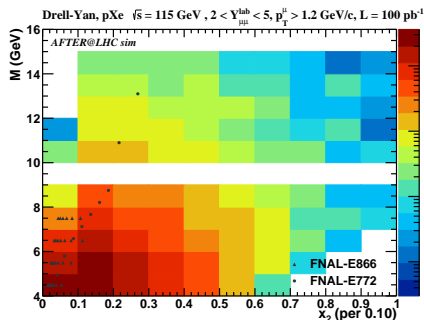
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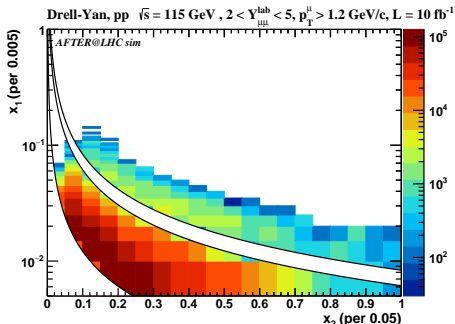
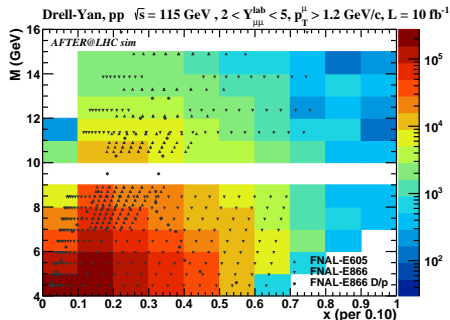
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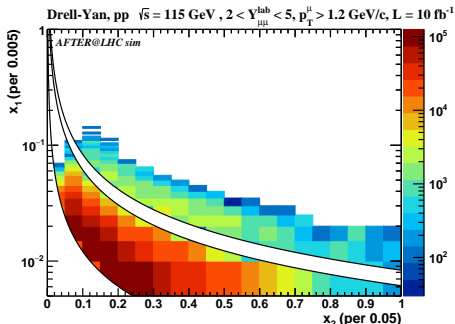
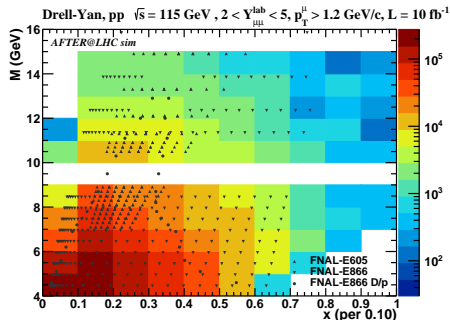
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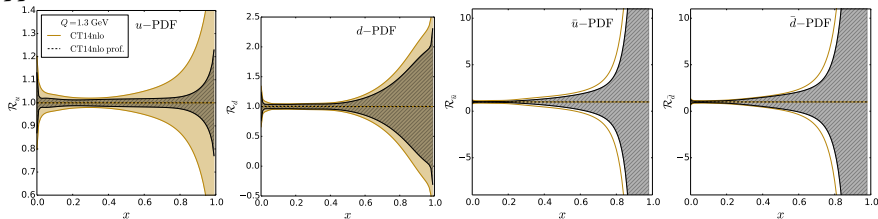
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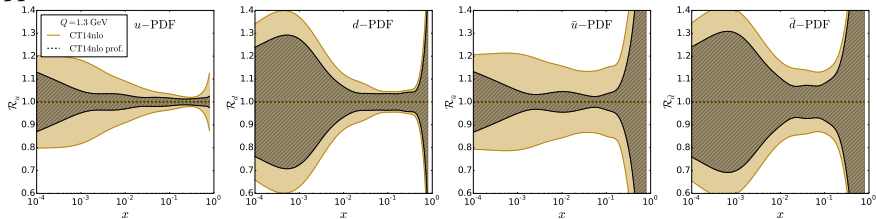
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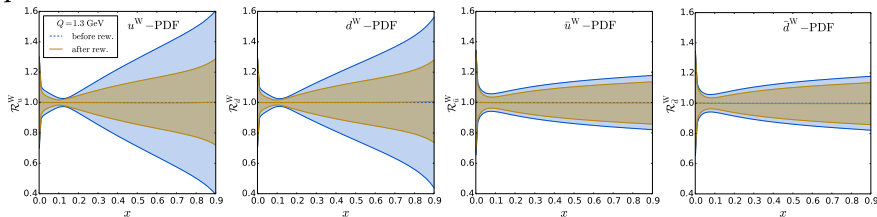
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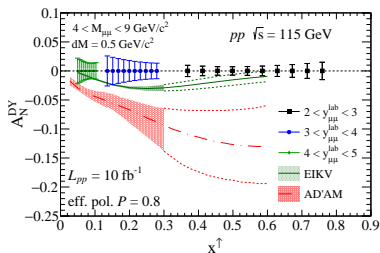
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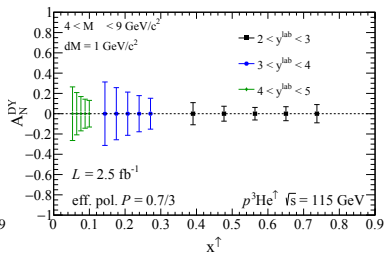
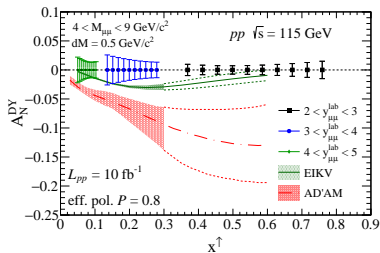
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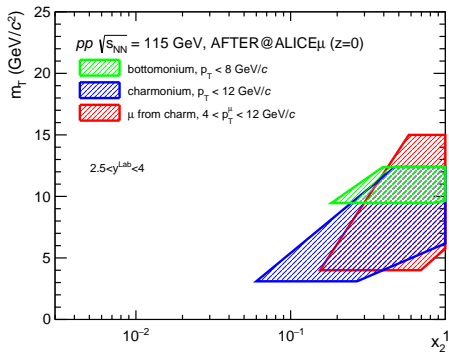
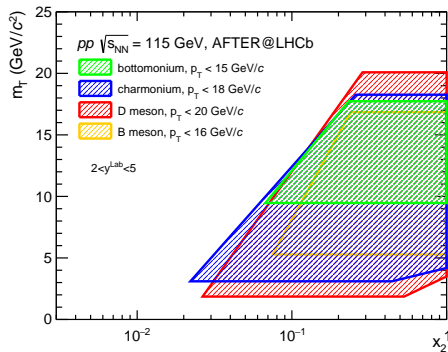
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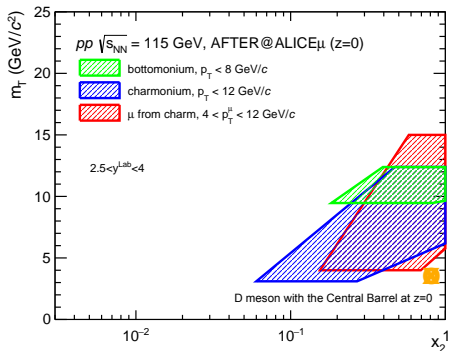
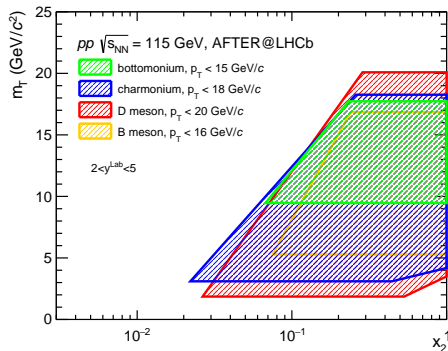
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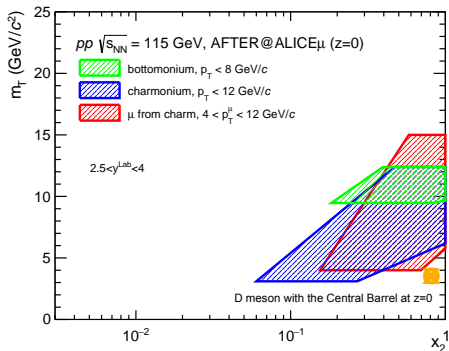
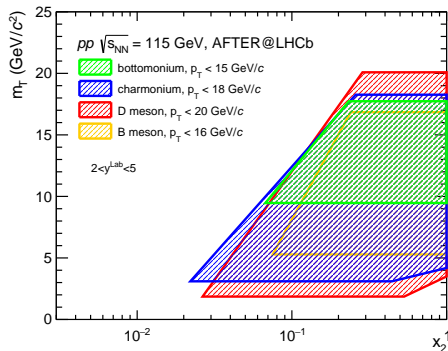
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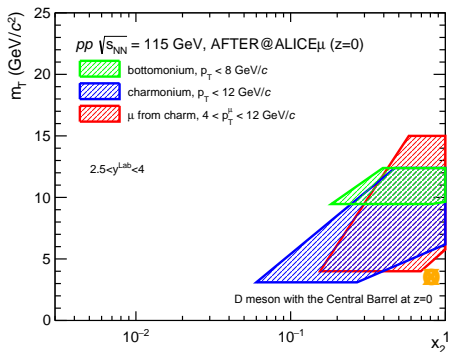
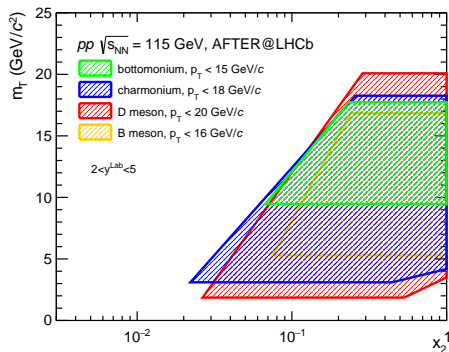


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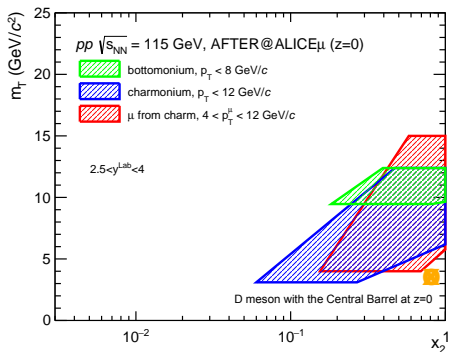
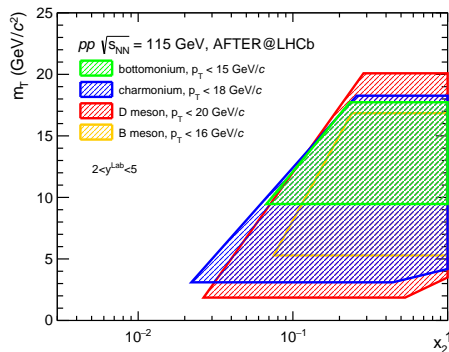
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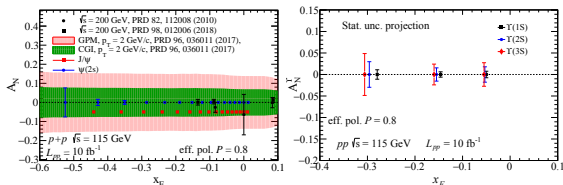
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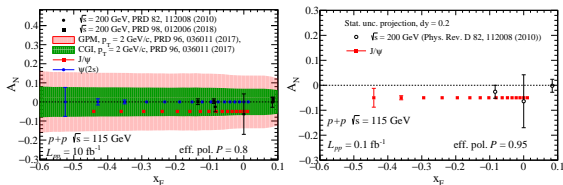
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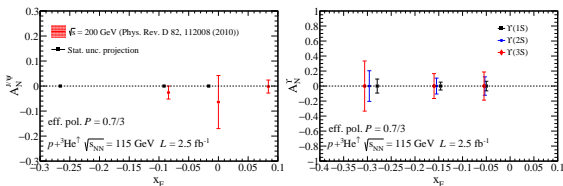
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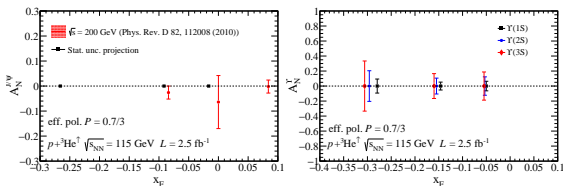
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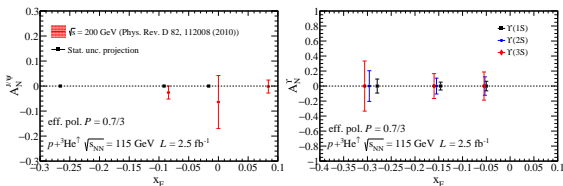
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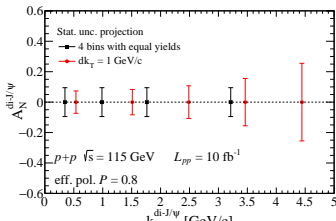
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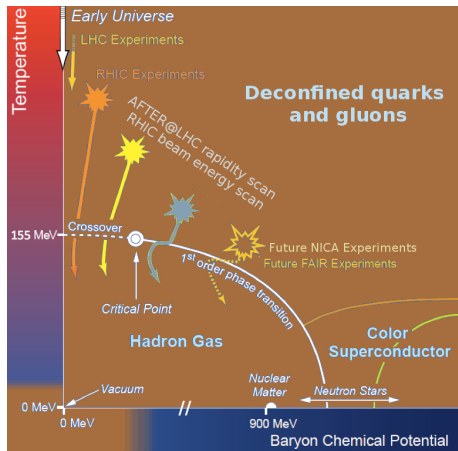
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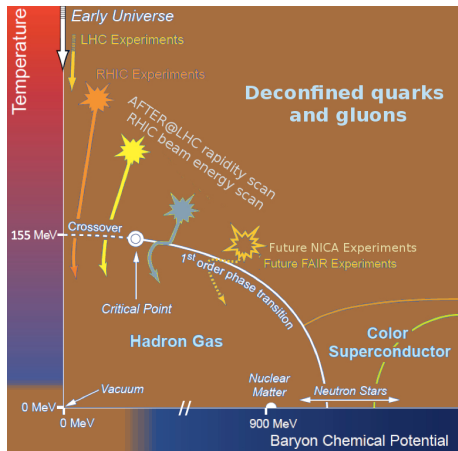


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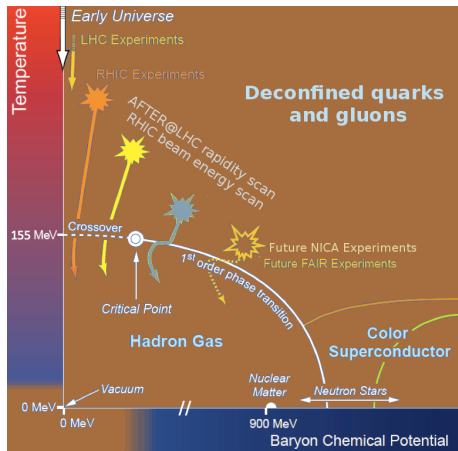
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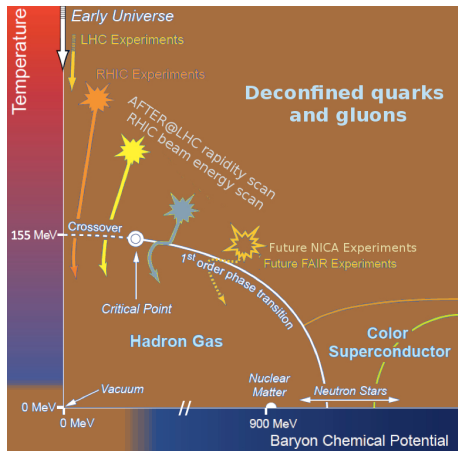
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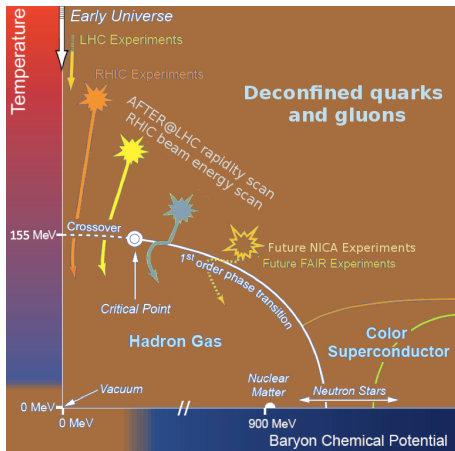
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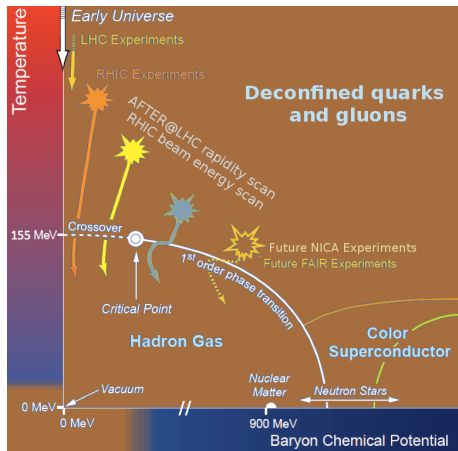
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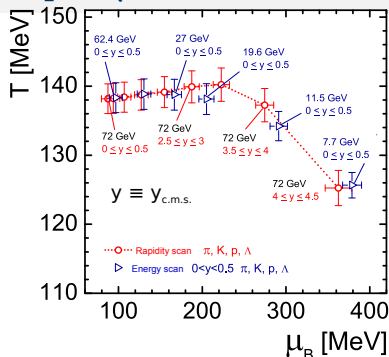


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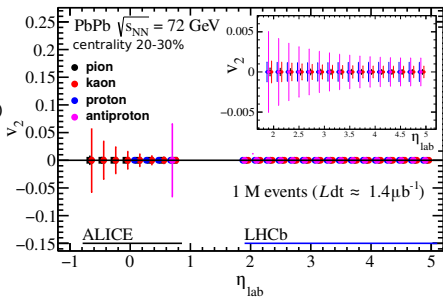
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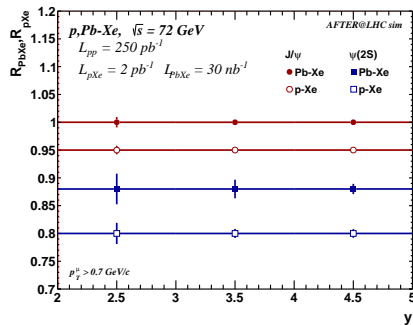
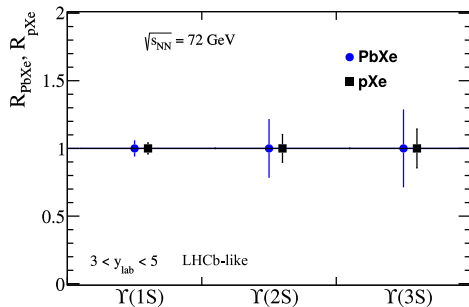
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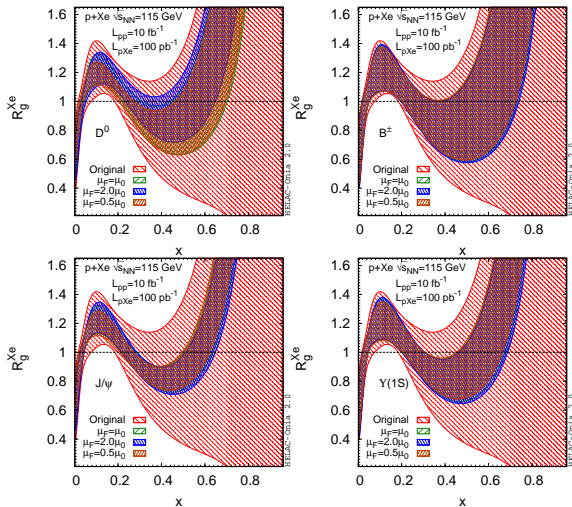


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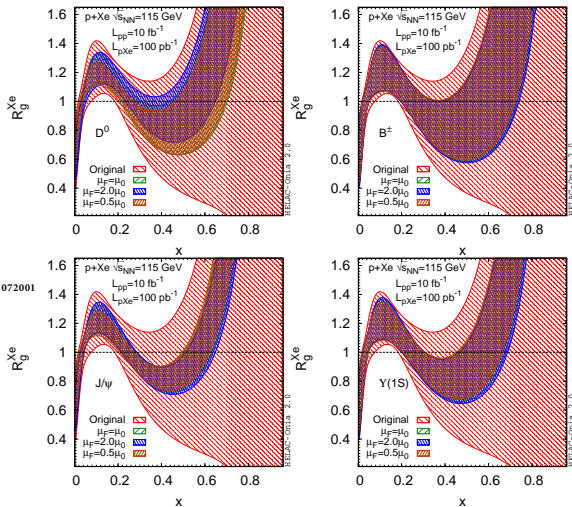
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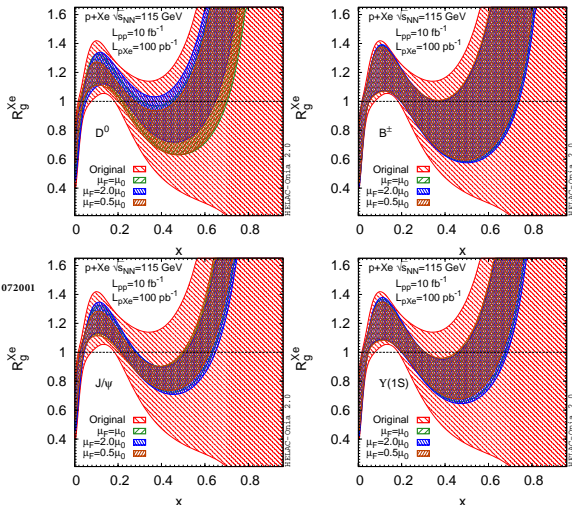


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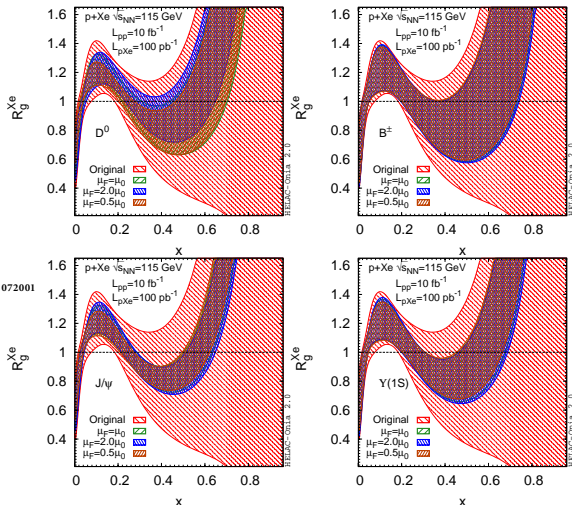


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Conclusions and recommendations

- **THREE MAIN THEMES PUSH FOR A FIXED-TARGET PROGRAM AT THE LHC**
- **The high x frontier:** new probes of the confinement and connections with astroparticles
- **The nucleon spin and the transverse dynamics of the partons**
- **Heavy-ion studies** new energy, new rapidity domain and new probes
- Beyond QCD, M/EDM of heavy baryons : double-crystal FT LHC experiments
- **2 WAYS TOWARDS FIXED-TARGET COLLISIONS WITH THE LHC BEAMS**
- A slow extraction with a **bent crystal**
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- R2
- R3, ...

Part IV

Backup slides

Qualitative comparison

Characteristics	Internal gas target			Internal solid target with beam halo	Beam splitting	Beam extraction
	SMOG	Gas Jet	Storage Cell			
Run duration	★	★★	★★	★	★★	★★★
Parasiticity	★★	★★	★★	★	★★	★★★
Integrated luminosity	★	★★★	★★★	★	★★	★★★
Absolute luminosity determination	★	★★	★★	★	★★	★★★
Target versatility	★	★★	★★	★	★★	★★★
(Effective) target polarisation	-	★★★	★★	-	- / ★	★
Use of existing experiment	★★★	★★	★	★★	★★	-
Civil engineering or R&D	★★★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★	★
Cost	★★★	★★	★★	★★★	★★	★
Implementation time	★★★	★★	★★	★★★	★★	★
High x	★	★★★	★★★★	★	★★	★★★★
Spin Physics	-	★★★	★★★	-	- / ★★	★★★
Heavy-ion	★	★★★	★★★	★★	★★	★★★★

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