

LHC-Fixed-Target Quarkonium Physics Case

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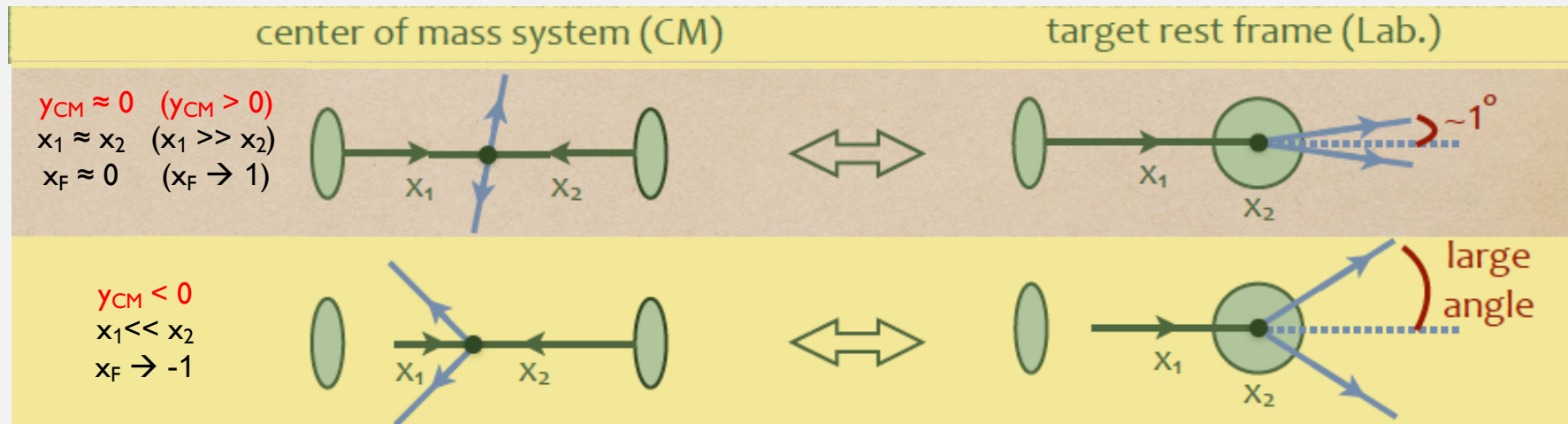
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Advantages of the fixed-target mode versus the collider mode

□ Several unique assets of the fixed-target mode w.r.t to the collider mode:

➤ **Accessing the high Feynman- x_F domain** ($x_F = p_z/p_{zmax} = x_1 - x_2$)



→ Entire CM forward hemisphere ($y_{CM} > 0$) within $0^\circ < \theta_{lab} < 1^\circ$ (high multiplicities → large detector occupancy)

→ **Backward physics** ($y_{CM} < 0$): larger angle in the laboratory frame (lower detector occupancy): **access to parton with momentum fraction $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ in the target (ie. $x_F \rightarrow -1$)**

Advantages of the fixed-target mode versus the collider mode

➤ **Target-species versatility :**

- Change the target type in a reduced amount of time
- Study the atomic-number dependence of nuclear effects
- Isospin studies with deuteron and ^3He targets

➤ **Target polarisation (depending on the technology used) :**

- The only way to make spin physics at the LHC complex
- Access to single-spin asymmetries for several probes at large-x, where they are the largest
- Polarised neutron studies with D^\uparrow , $^3\text{He}^\uparrow$

➤ **Outstanding luminosities :**

- Thanks to high target density and large LHC beam luminosity
- Without affecting the LHC performances (parasitic mode with respect to the collider mode)

Advantages of the fixed-target mode versus the collider mode

➤ **Probe a different energy range with the same accelerator :**

- Same $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ for pH, pd, pA systems (115 GeV) → interesting for R_{pA} measurements
- Same $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ for PbH, Pbd, PbA systems (72 GeV) → in between top SPS and RHIC energies

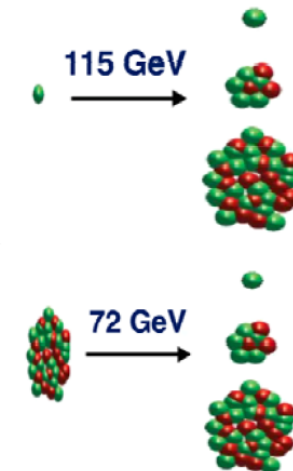
Energy range

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

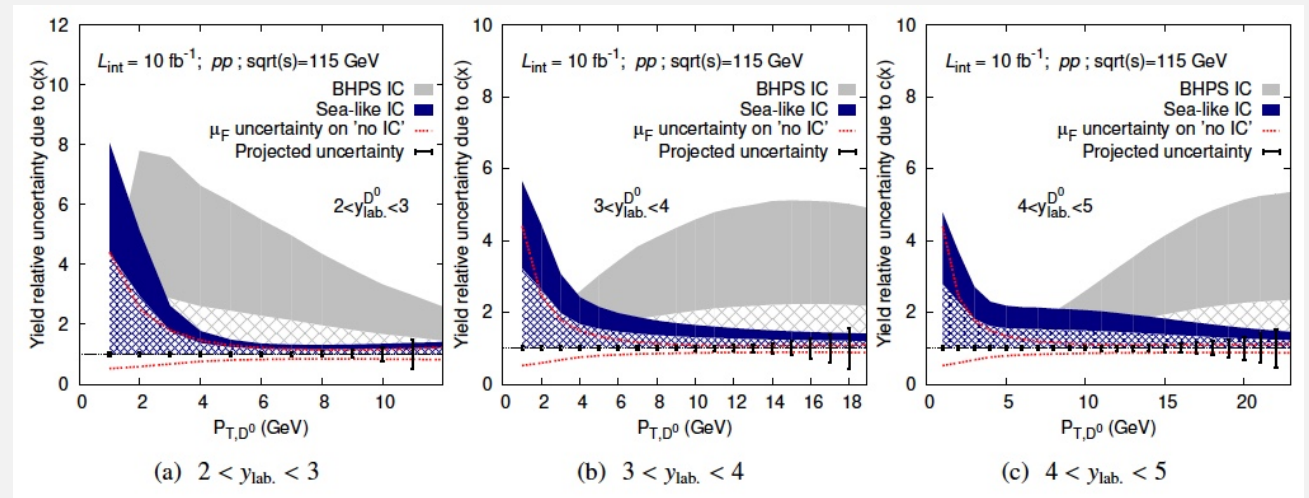
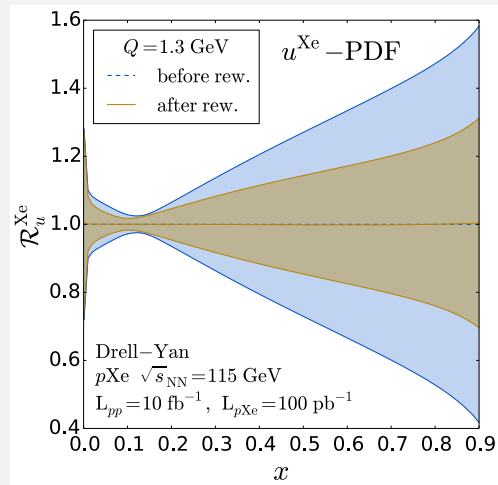
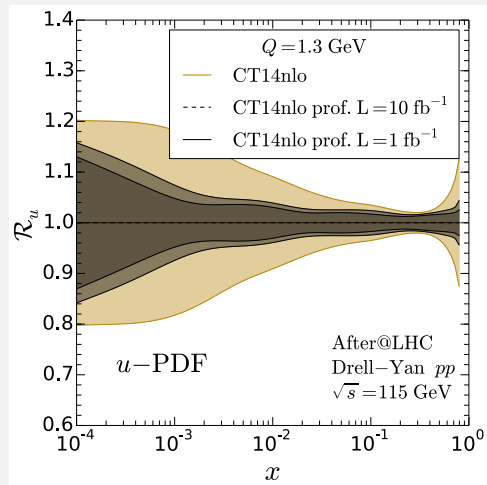
c.m.s. energy: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = \sqrt{2m_N E_{Pb}} \approx 72 \text{ GeV}$	Rapidity shift: $y_{c.m.s.} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.3$
Boost: $\gamma \approx 40$	



Physics motivations for a fixed-target programme at the LHC (focus on quarkonium, Open HF and Drell-Yan observables)

□ Advance our understanding of the large-x gluon, antiquark and heavy-quark content in the nucleon & nucleus

- DY to probe the nucleon and nuclear structure → important impact on (anti)quarks PDFs and nPDFs at large-x
- Open Heavy flavour to search for intrinsic charm in the proton at large-x → useful for HE neutrino and CR physics
- Open HF, Quarkonia and associated production to probe the gluon distribution at large-x



□ Study Heavy-ion collisions between SPS and RHIC energies toward large rapidities (see B. Audurier talk)

□ Advance our understanding of the dynamics and spin of gluons inside (un)polarised nucleons

Physics motivations : Spin and 3D nucleon structure

□ Unraveling the nucleon spin

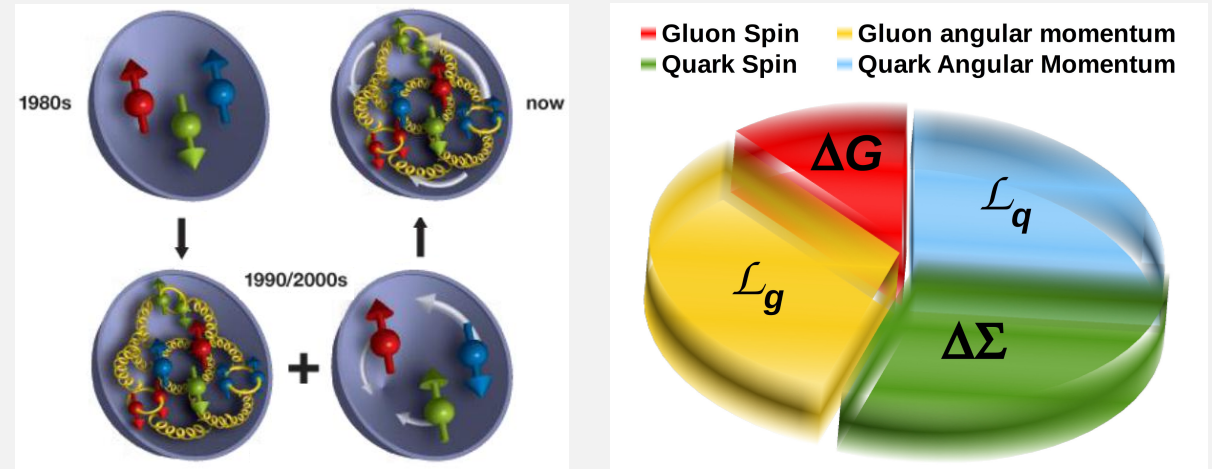
- From the spin crisis to the spin puzzle
- For longitudinally polarised nucleon, with helicity +1/2:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + \underbrace{l_g + l_q}_{\text{OAM}}$$

Spin of quarks and antiquarks

Spin of gluons

Orbital angular momentum (OAM) of quarks and gluons



- OAM of quark and gluon still largely unknown → need observable sensitive to parton position and momentum
 - Indirect info on OAM via Single Transverse Spin Asymmetry measurements in hard-scattering processes with transv. polarised hadrons
 - Two formalisms to treat STSA : Collinear Twist-3 formalism (CT3) and Transverse-Momentum-Dependent factorization (TMD)
 - FT@LHC : high luminosity, highly polarized target, access to large-x → best suited for inclusive set of A_N measurements (including Open-HF and Quarkonia whose STSA are poorly known)
- Access to linearly polarised gluons in unpolarized nucleons: « Boer-Mulders » effect for gluons (using pseudo-scalar quarkonium production, associated quarkonium production)
- Importance of complementary measurements in pH (w.r.t lepto-induced reaction) since TMD are not universal

Implementations and luminosities (relevant for the spin physics case)

LHCb-like detector (with gas-jet or storage cell options)

Target			proton beam ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 115$ GeV)			
			\mathcal{L} [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	$\sigma_{inel.}$ [mb]	Inel. rate [kHz]	$\int \mathcal{L}$ [pb ⁻¹]
Internal gas target	Gas-Jet	H [↑]	4.3×10^{30}	39	168	43
		H ₂	1.0×10^{33}	39	40000	1×10^4
		D [↑]	4.3×10^{30}	72	309	43
		³ He [↑]	3.4×10^{32}	117	40000	3.4×10^3
		Xe	3.1×10^{31}	1300	40000	310
	Storage Cell	H [↑]	0.92×10^{33}	39	35880	9.2×10^3
		H ₂	1.0×10^{33}	39	40000	1×10^4
		D [↑]	5.6×10^{32}	72	40000	5.6×10^3
		³ He [↑]	1.3×10^{33}	117	40000	13×10^3
		Xe	3.1×10^{31}	1300	40000	310

Assuming LHCb runs the full year in fixed target mode

The storage cell is considered to be 1m long.

Maximum readout rate considered: 40MHz in pp

ALICE-like detector (with gas-jet or pol. solid target options)

Target			proton beam ($\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 115$ GeV)			
			\mathcal{L} [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	$\sigma_{inel.}$ [mb]	Inel. rate [kHz]	$\int \mathcal{L}$ [pb ⁻¹]
Internal gas target	Gas-Jet	H [↑]	4.3×10^{30}	39	168	43
		H ₂	2.6×10^{31}	39	1000	260
		D [↑]	4.3×10^{30}	72	309	43
		³ He [↑]	8.5×10^{30}	117	1000	85
		Xe	7.7×10^{29}	1300	1000	7.7
	Storage Cell	H [↑]	2.6×10^{31}	39	1000	260
		H ₂	2.6×10^{31}	39	1000	260
		D [↑]	1.4×10^{31}	72	1000	140
		³ He [↑]	8.5×10^{30}	117	1000	85
		Xe	7.7×10^{29}	1300	1000	7.7
Beam splitting	E1039	NH ₃ [↑]	2.4×10^{30}	420	1000	24
		ND ₃ [↑]	1.9×10^{30}	519	1000	19

Assuming ALICE runs the full year in fixed target mode

Proton flux considered for beam splitting option : $\sim 5 \times 10^8$ p/s

Maximum readout rate considered 1MHz in pp/pA collisions

A selection of projections for the FT@LHC spin physics case (Drell-Yan, Open Heavy Flavour and Quarkonia)

Most of the material from the AFTER review : <https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.00603>

See also papers dedicated to the simulations performed by the AFTER@LHC study group:

[Adv.High Energy Phys. 2015 \(2015\) 986348](#)

[Few Body Syst. 58 \(2017\) no.4, 139](#)

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Probing the quark Sivers effect with Drell-Yan

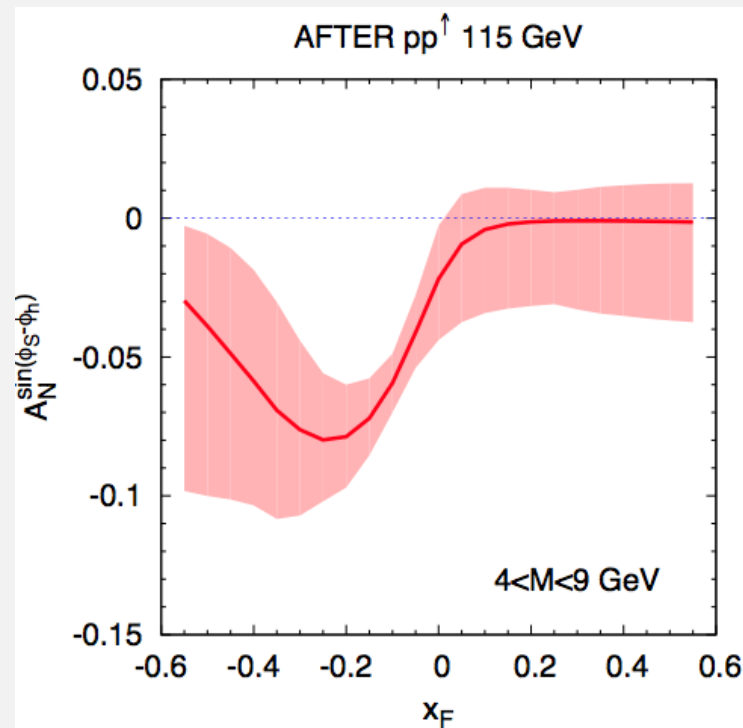
Quark Sivers effect: correlation between the quark transverse momentum k_T and the proton spin

- ❑ Can be probed with Drell-Yan process (unique tool theoretically well understood)
- ❑ Large STSA expected at high x_F for DY in polarised collisions at FT@LHC energies

$$A_N = \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{eff}}} \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow} - \sigma^{\downarrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow} + \sigma^{\downarrow}}$$

\mathcal{P}_{eff} : effective polarization

$\sigma^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}$: cross section of particle produced with the target spin polarised upward (downward)



- ❑ Important prediction shared by both CT3 and TMD formalisms : sign change of asymmetry between SIDIS and DY processes

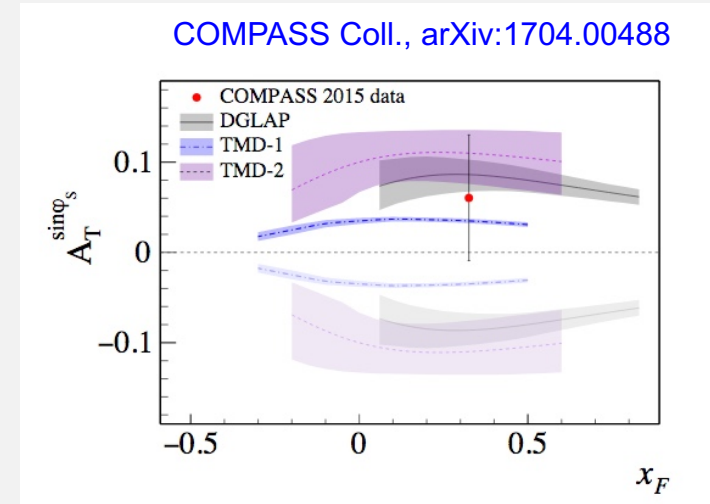
$$f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2)_{\text{DY}} = -f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_T^2)_{\text{SIDIS}}$$

M. Anselmo, ECT*, Feb. 2013 (Courtesy U. d'Alessio)

Probing the quark Sivers effect with Drell-Yan

Experiment	colliding systems	beam energy [GeV]	\sqrt{s} [GeV]	x^\uparrow	\mathcal{L} [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	\mathcal{P}_{eff}	\mathcal{F} [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]
AFTER@LHCb: $z = 0$	pH^\uparrow	7000	115	0.05 \div 0.95	0.92×10^{33}	80%	6.0×10^{32}
AFTER@LHCb: $z = -0.4$ m				0.02 \div 0.95			
AFTER@LHCb: $z = -1.5$ m				0.01 \div 0.15			
AFTER@LHCb: $z = 0$	$p^3\text{He}^\uparrow$	7000	115	0.05 \div 0.95	3.7×10^{33}	23%	5.9×10^{32}
AFTER@LHCb: $z = -0.4$ m				0.02 \div 0.95			
AFTER@LHCb: $z = -1.5$ m				0.01 \div 0.15			
AFTER@LHCb: $z = 0$	pD^\uparrow	7000	115	0.05 \div 0.95	1.1×10^{33}	78%	1.3×10^{33}
AFTER@LHCb: $z = -0.4$ m				0.02 \div 0.95			
AFTER@LHCb: $z = -1.5$ m				0.01 \div 0.15			
AFTER@ALICE $_\mu$: $z = 0$	pH^\uparrow	7000	115	0.1 \div 0.7	2.5×10^{31}	80%	1.6×10^{31}
AFTER@ALICE $_\mu$: $z = -4.7$ m				0.08 \div 0.35			
AFTER@ALICE $_{CB}$: $z = -4.7$ m				0.4 \div 0.95			
COMPASS (CERN)[295]	$\pi^- \text{NH}_3^\uparrow$	190	19	0.05 \div 0.55	2×10^{33}	16%	6.8×10^{32}
	$\pi^- \text{}^6\text{LiD}$				3.6×10^{33}	22%	1.2×10^{33}
PHENIX/STAR (RHIC) [296]	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	collider	510	0.05 \div 0.1	2×10^{32}	50%	5.0×10^{31}
E1039 (FNAL) [297]	$p\text{NH}_3^\uparrow$	120	15	0.1 \div 0.45	4×10^{35}	15%	1.5×10^{35}
E1027 (FNAL) [292]	$p^\uparrow\text{H}_2$	120	15	0.35 \div 0.9	2×10^{35}	60%	7.2×10^{34}
NICA (JINR) [298]	$p^\uparrow p$	collider	26	0.1 \div 0.8	1×10^{32}	70%	4.9×10^{31}
fsPHENIX (RHIC) [299]	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	collider	200	0.1 \div 0.5	8×10^{31}	60%	2.9×10^{31}
fsPHENIX (RHIC) [299]	$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$	collider	510	0.05 \div 0.6	6×10^{32}	50%	1.5×10^{32}
PANDA (GSI) [300]	$\bar{p}H^\uparrow$	15	5.5	0.2 \div 0.4	2×10^{32}	20%	8.0×10^{30}

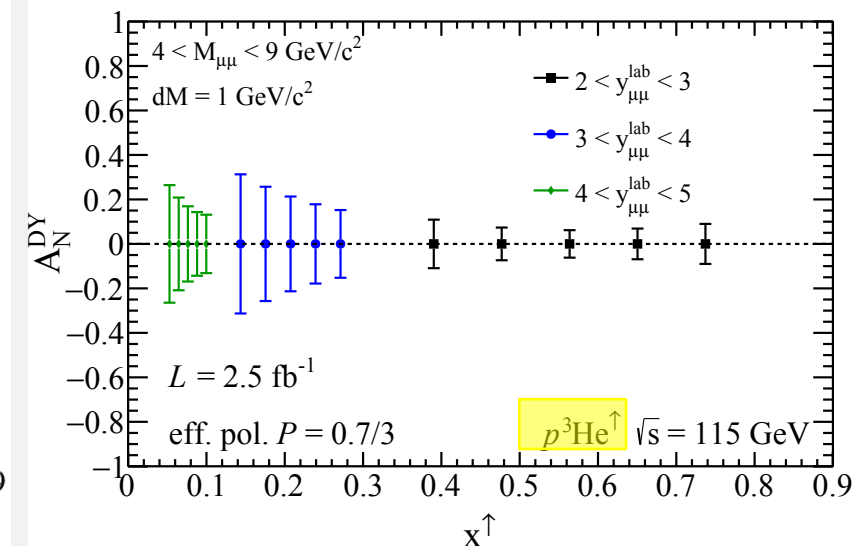
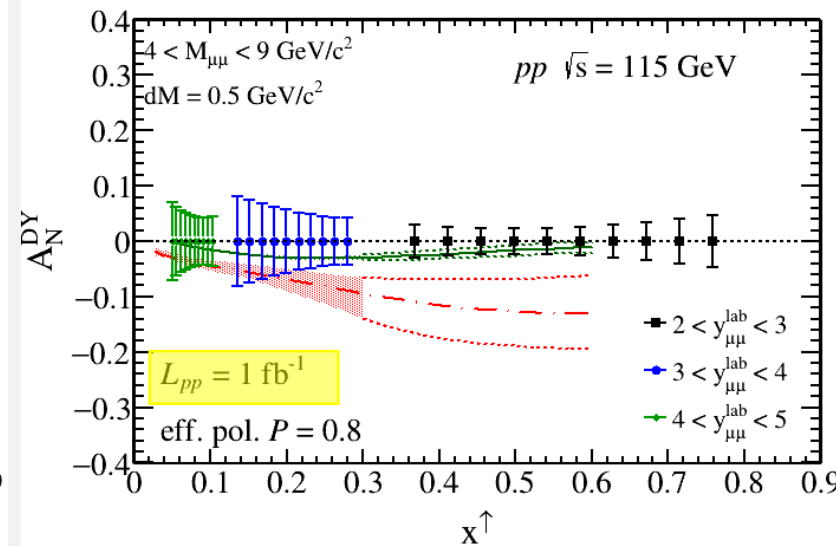
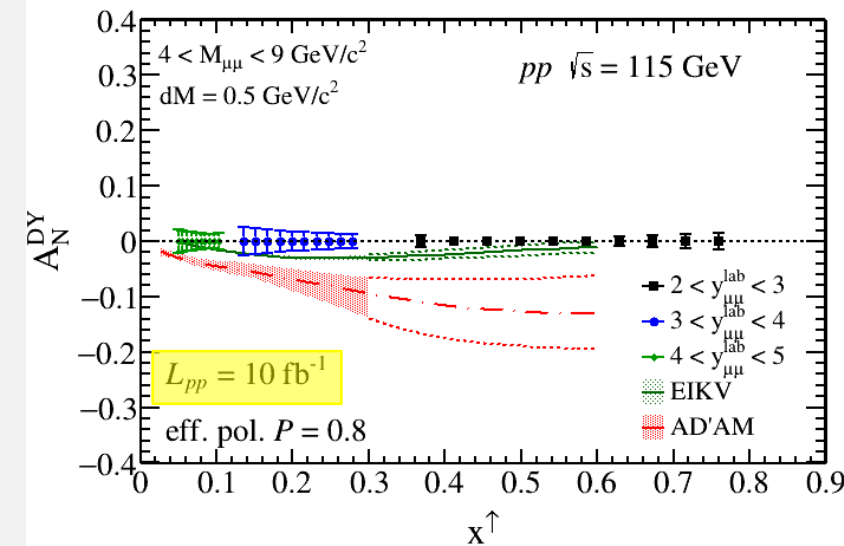
$$\mathcal{F} = P_{\text{eff}}^2 \times \mathcal{L} \times \sum_i A_i$$



- ❑ First measurement of DY A_N by COMPASS
- ❑ FT@LHC : reach higher precision and perform measurements over a wide range of x_2 and masses
 → towards accurate measurement of the Sivers function and confirmation/falsification of the sign change

Probing the quark Sivers effect with Drell-Yan

□ DY production with an «LHCb-like» detector



- Comparison with theoretical predictions from AD'AM ([Adv. High Energy Phys. 2015 \(2015\) 475040](#)) and EIKV ([Phys. Rev. D89 \(2014\) 074013](#)), both based on fits of SIDIS data for $x \leq 0.3$
- High statistics of FT@LHC mandatory to discriminate between the theoretical approaches especially at large rapidity
- Test of TMD factorization and constrain on 3-parton correlation functions
- Also access to Sivers functions in the neutron thanks to polarized He target \rightarrow isospin dependence of Sivers functions

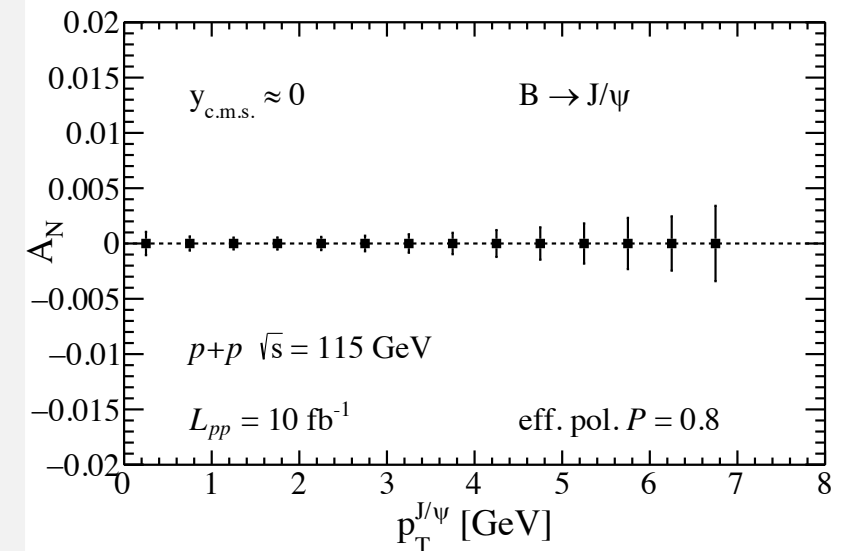
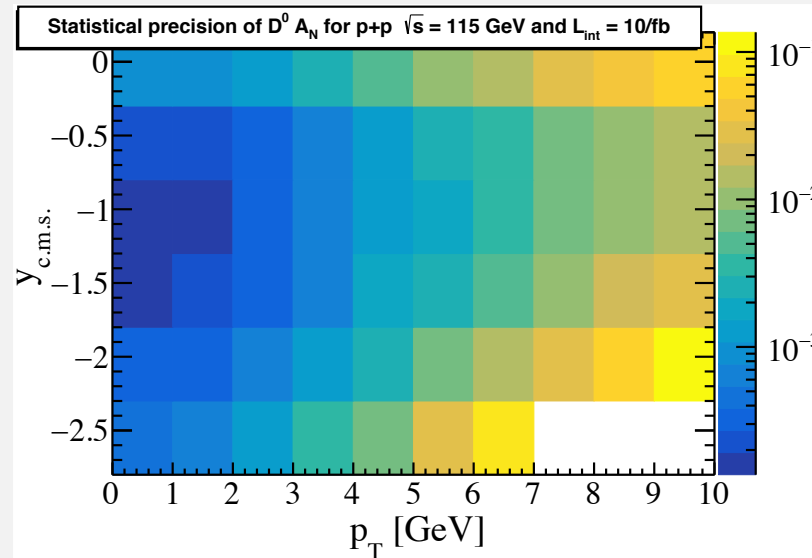
Probing the gluon Sivers effect

Gluon Sivers effect: correlation between the gluon transverse momentum k_T and the proton spin

- ❑ No analogous process to DY to probe the gluon content, being both experimentally clean and theoretically well-controlled
- ❑ Large yields in FT@LHC for several gluon sensitive probes (Open HF, quarkonia $\sim 10^6$ Υ and 10^9 J/Ψ per year)
- ❑ Gluon TMDs more « universal », gluon Sivers functions can be reduced to 2 independent ones

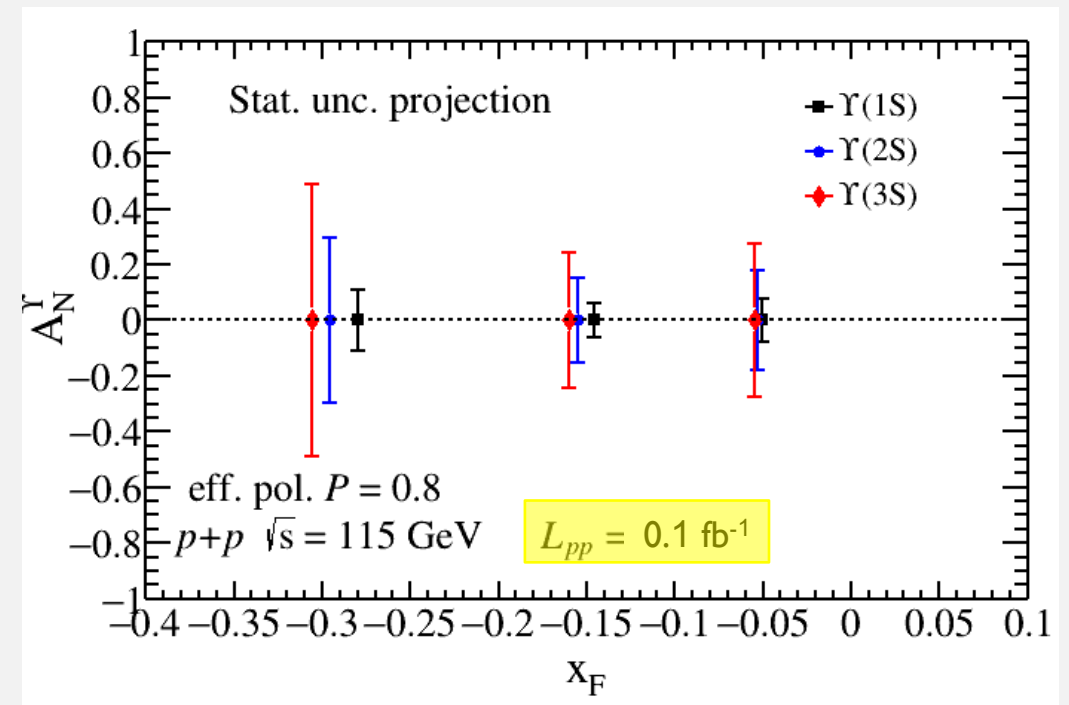
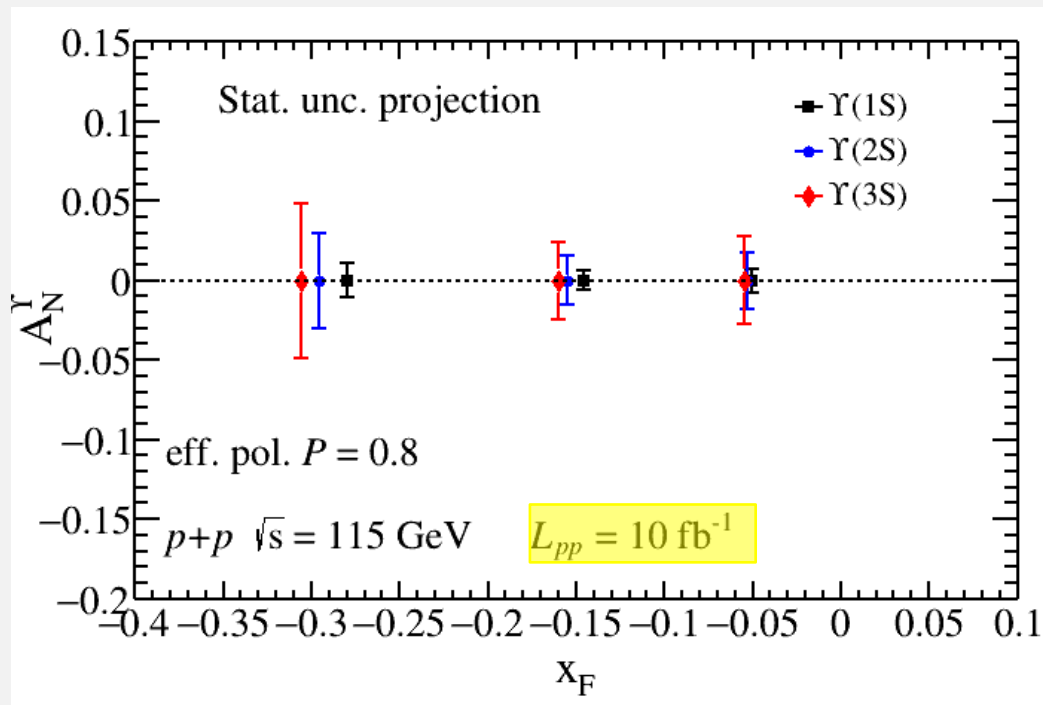
with Open Heavy Flavours

- ❑ Access to gluon Sivers effect and process dependence of A_N by measuring c & \bar{c} quarks separately (C-odd correlators)
- ❑ « LHCb-like detector », precision at percent level on $D^0 A_N$ for $p_T \leq 5$ GeV/c



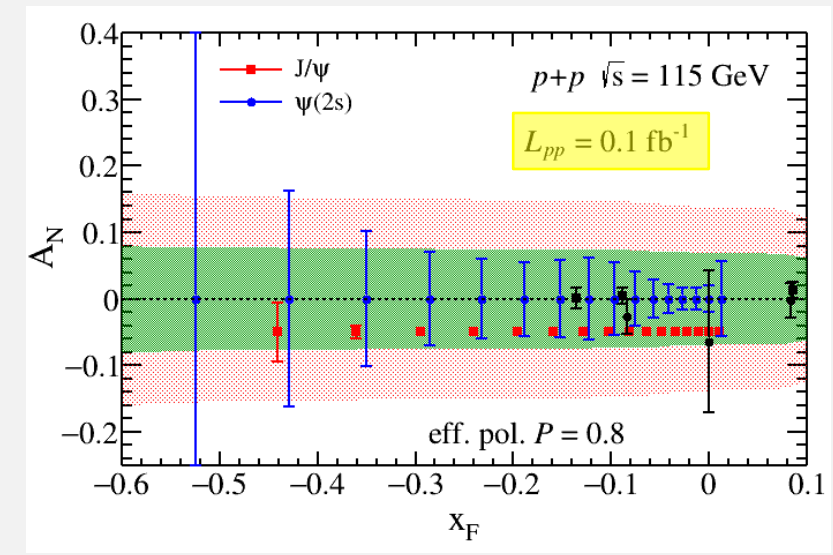
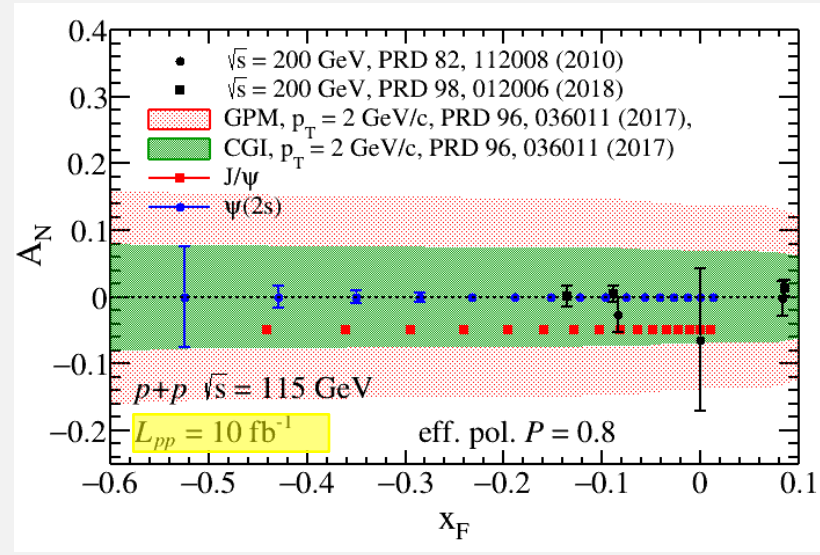
Probing the gluon Sivers effect with vector quarkonium production

- ❑ Measurement of bottomonium A_N statistically doable with FT@LHC
- ❑ Large charmonium yields \rightarrow precise access to gluon content of the proton over a much wider x-range than at RHIC
- ❑ Several possible explanations for current A_N measurements compatible with zero (gluon Sivers function might be zero, J/ψ production mechanism via colour-octet transitions...) \rightarrow new precise measurements needed
- ❑ $\Upsilon(nS)$ production with an « LHCb-like » detector

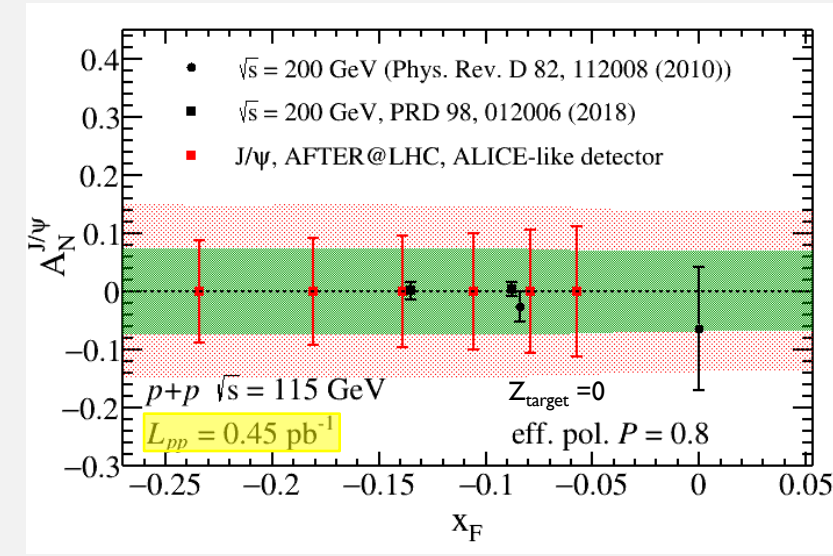
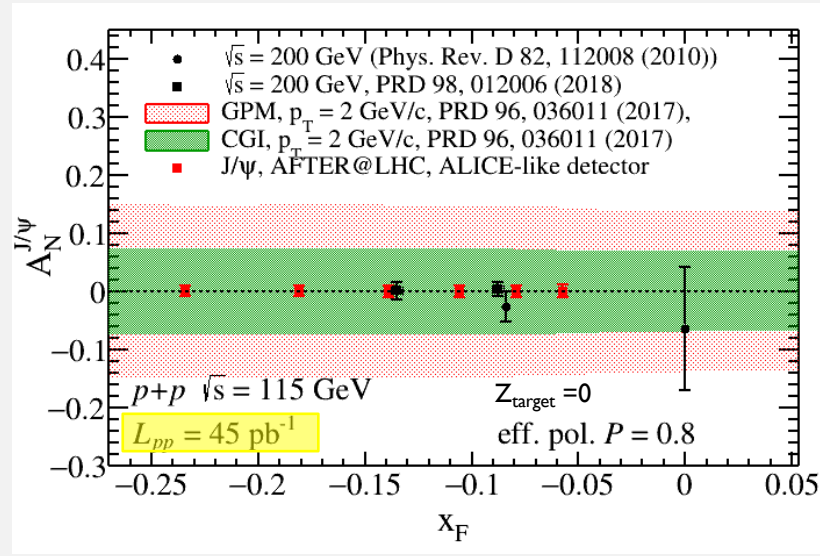


Probing the gluon Sivers effect with vector quarkonium production

- ❑ J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ production with an « LHCb-like » detector, compared to PHENIX data
- ❑ Large integrated luminosity needed for $\psi(2S)$ A_N
- ❑ Comparison with 2 models :
 - Generalised parton model (GPM)
 - Color Gauge invariant version of GPM model (CGI)



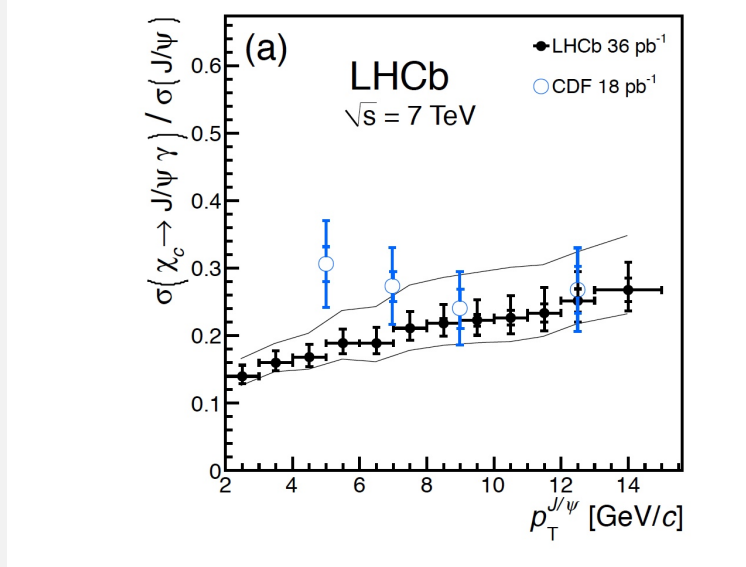
- ❑ J/ψ production with an « ALICE-like » detector
- ❑ Large integrated luminosity needed to perform J/ψ A_N measurement



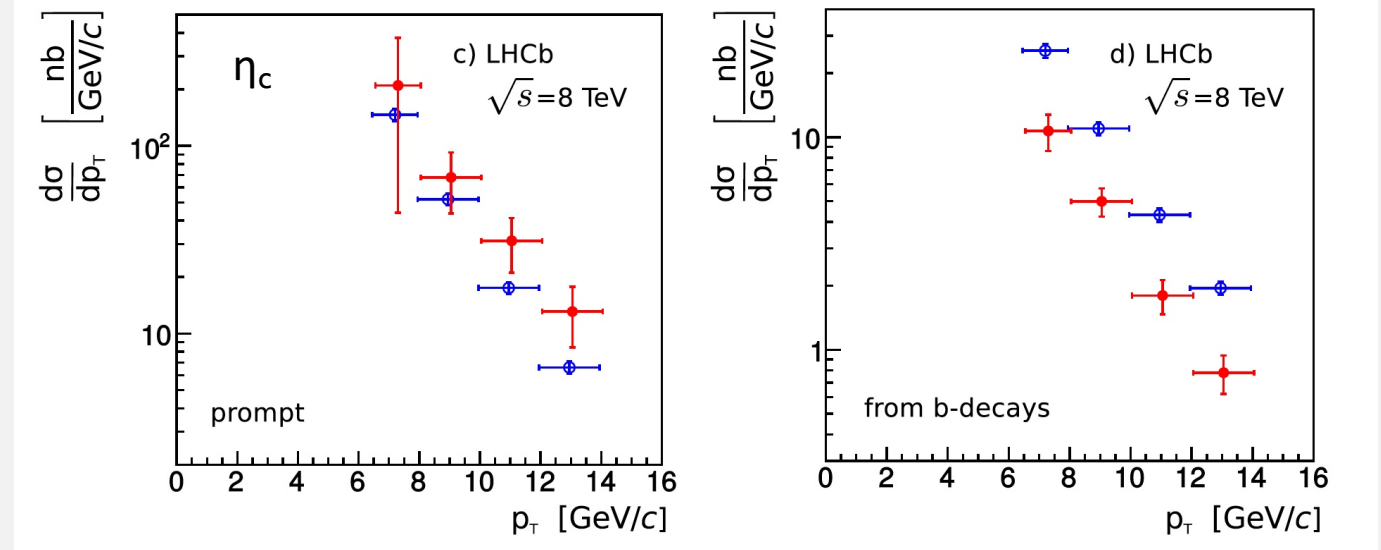
Probing the gluon Sivers effect with C-even quarkonium production

- ❑ Feasibility of the study of χ_c ($p_T \geq 2$ GeV/c) states and η_c ($p_T \geq 6$ GeV/c) already demonstrated by LHCb in busy collider environment
- ❑ Benefit at lower energy from the reduced combinatorial background \rightarrow help access to lower p_T
- ❑ Similar yields expected as for vector quarkonia (but smaller branching ratio and efficiencies)

LHCb Collaboration, Phys.Lett. B718 (2012) 431-440



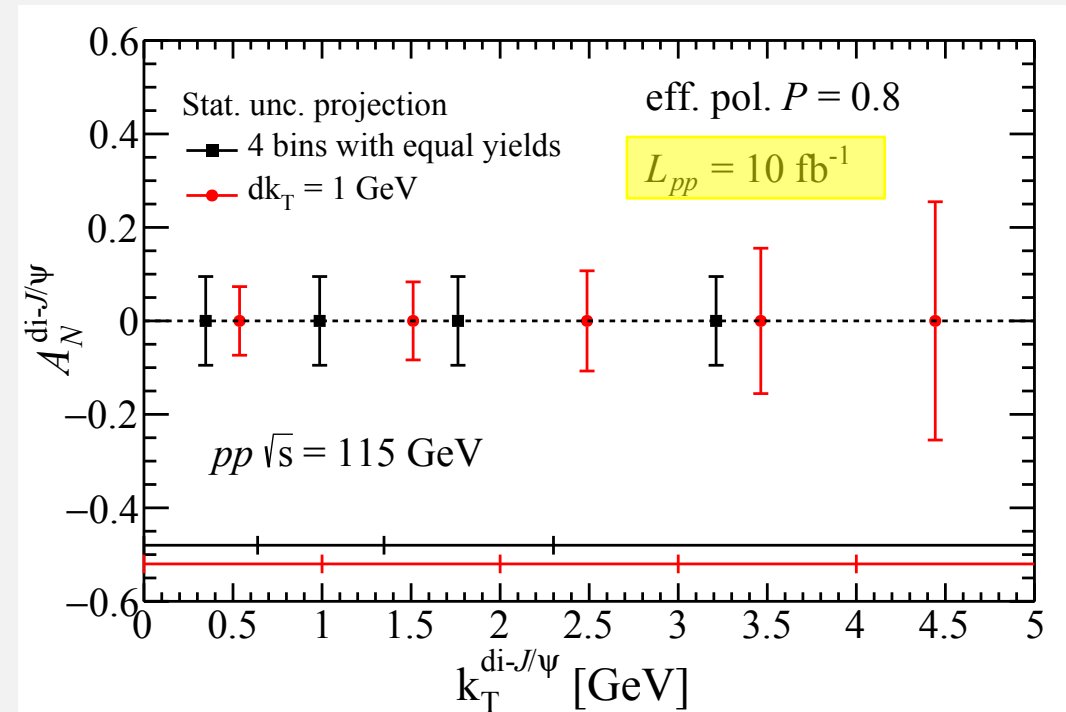
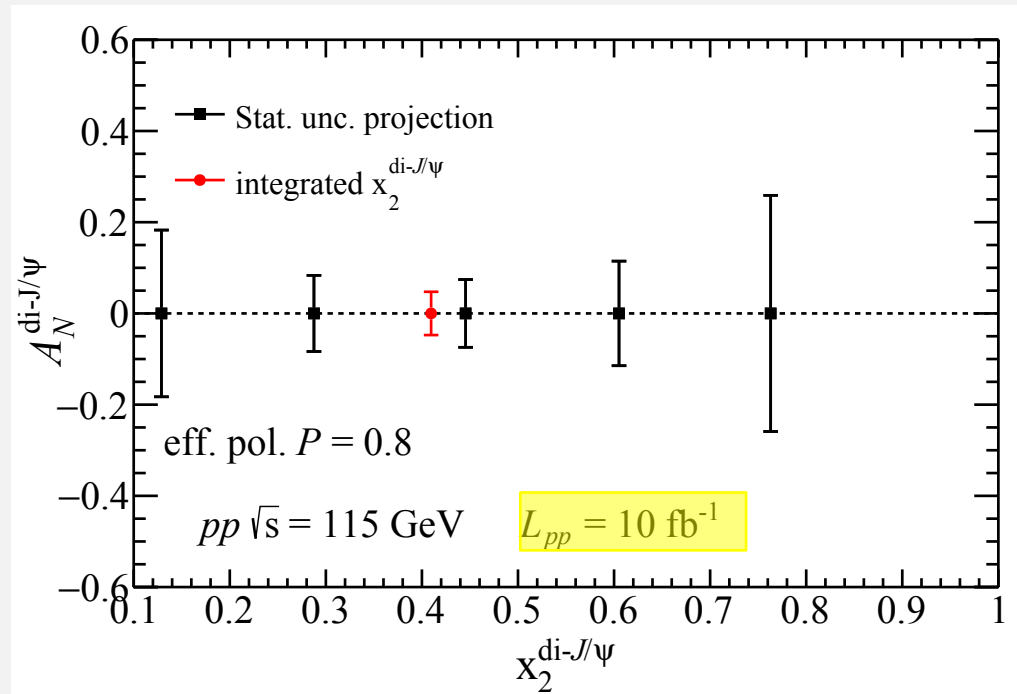
LHCb Collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C75 no. 7, (2015), 311



- ❑ STSA of η_c gives access to tri-gluon correlation functions
- ❑ Study as a function of $p_T \rightarrow$ transverse momentum dependence of the gluon Sivers function

Probing the gluon Sivers effect with associated quarkonium production

- ❑ Allow to probe TMD evolution mechanism by tuning the mass of the final state ($J/\psi + J/\psi$, $J/\psi + \gamma$, $\Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$)
- ❑ Thanks to large lumi in FT@LHC, large yearly double J/ψ yield (~ 300 to 1500)
- ❑ LHCb-like detector
 - Integrated di- J/ψ A_N of the order of few percent
 - $A_N(k_T)$: access for the first time to the k_T dependence of the gluon Sivers TMD up to $k_T \sim 4$ GeV



Access to the linearly polarised partons in unpolarised proton

« Boer-Mulders » effect: correlation between the parton transverse momentum k_T and its spin

- ❑ For quarks, encoded in $h_1^{\perp q}$, sign change expected in SIDIS and DY
- ❑ For gluons, encoded in the distribution of linearly polarised gluons $h_1^{\perp g}$ → no experimental extraction performed so far
- ❑ Can be investigated with, for instance:
 - (pseudo)scalar quarkonium production → low- p_T spectra affected differently by $h_1^{\perp g}$
 - FT@LHC: Better access to low- p_T thanks to boost, though challenging

Process	expected yield	x_2 range	M [GeV]	q_T modulation
η_c [69, 70]	$\mathcal{O}(10^6)$	0.02 ÷ 0.5	$\mathcal{O}(3)$	0 ÷ 80%
$\chi_{c0}(1P)$ [69]	$\mathcal{O}(10^4)$	0.02 ÷ 0.5	$\mathcal{O}(3)$	0 ÷ 80%
$\chi_{c2}(1P)$ [69]	$\mathcal{O}(10^6)$	0.02 ÷ 0.5	$\mathcal{O}(3)$	< 1%
$\chi_{b0}(nP)$ [69]	$\mathcal{O}(10^2)$	0.1 ÷ 1	$\mathcal{O}(10)$	0 ÷ 60%
$\chi_{b2}(nP)$ [69]	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$	0.1 ÷ 1	$\mathcal{O}(10)$	< 1%

Modulation of the transverse momentum spectrum induced by $h_1^{\perp g}$

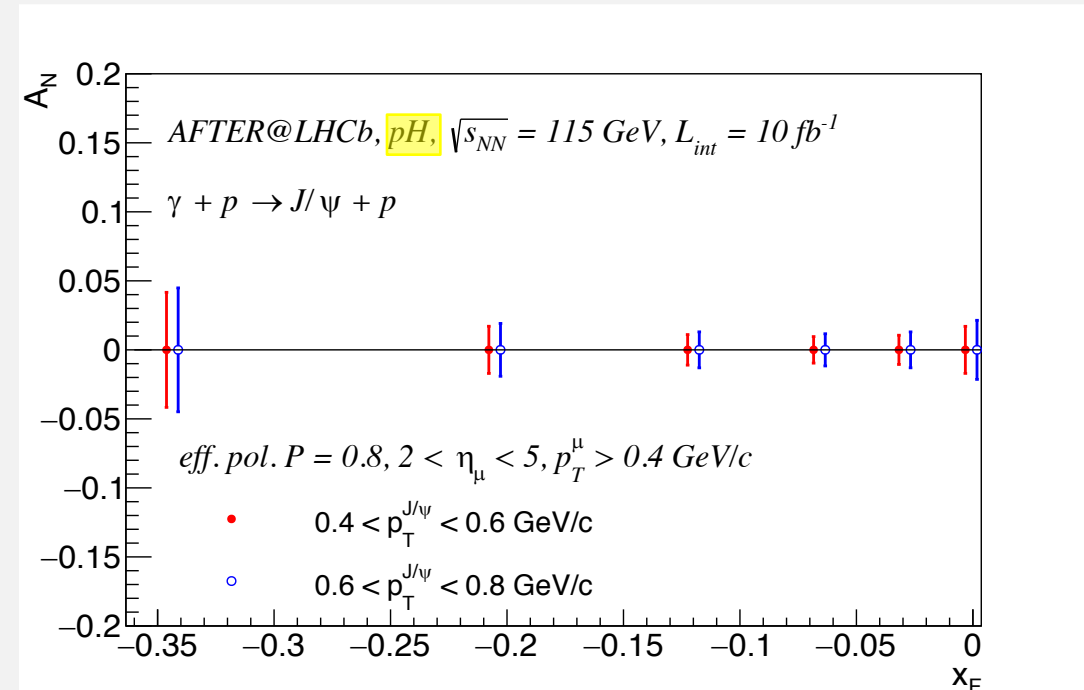
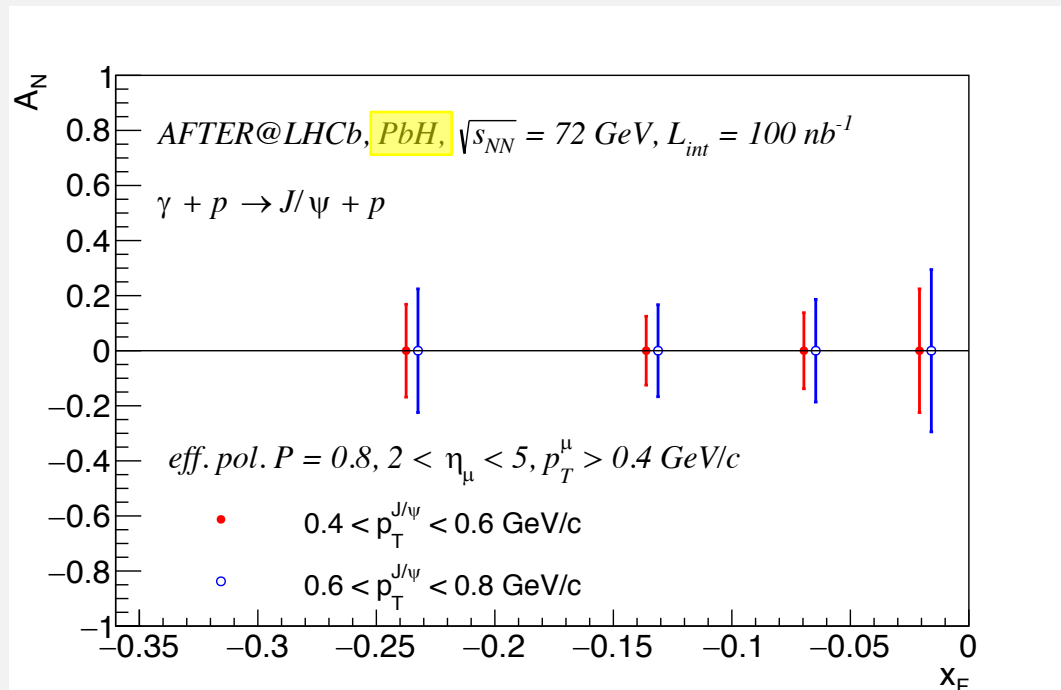
- $J/\psi + \gamma$, $J/\psi + J/\psi$ → final states with different inv. mass (test of TMD evolution)

Process	expected yield	x_2 range	M [GeV]	$\cos 2\phi$ modulation	$\cos 4\phi$ modulation
$J/\psi + \gamma$ [71]	1000 ÷ 2000	0.1 ÷ 0.6	$\mathcal{O}(10)$	0 ÷ 5%	0 ÷ 2%
$J/\psi + J/\psi$ [348]	300 ÷ 1500	0.1 ÷ 0.8	8 ÷ 12	0 ÷ 8%	0 ÷ 20%

Azimuthal modulations of the spectrum induced by $h_1^{\perp g}$

Exclusive quarkonium photoproduction to probe the GPDs

- ❑ Exclusive photoproduction studied in « UPC » probes the internal structure of hadrons in terms of GPDs → related to the OAM carried by quarks and gluons via Ji's sum rule
- ❑ Exclusive J/ψ production sensitive to gluon GPDs, STSA sensitive to yet unknown GPD E_g (importance piece of spin sum rule)
- ❑ Enough precision at FT@LHC to perform a first extraction of E_g



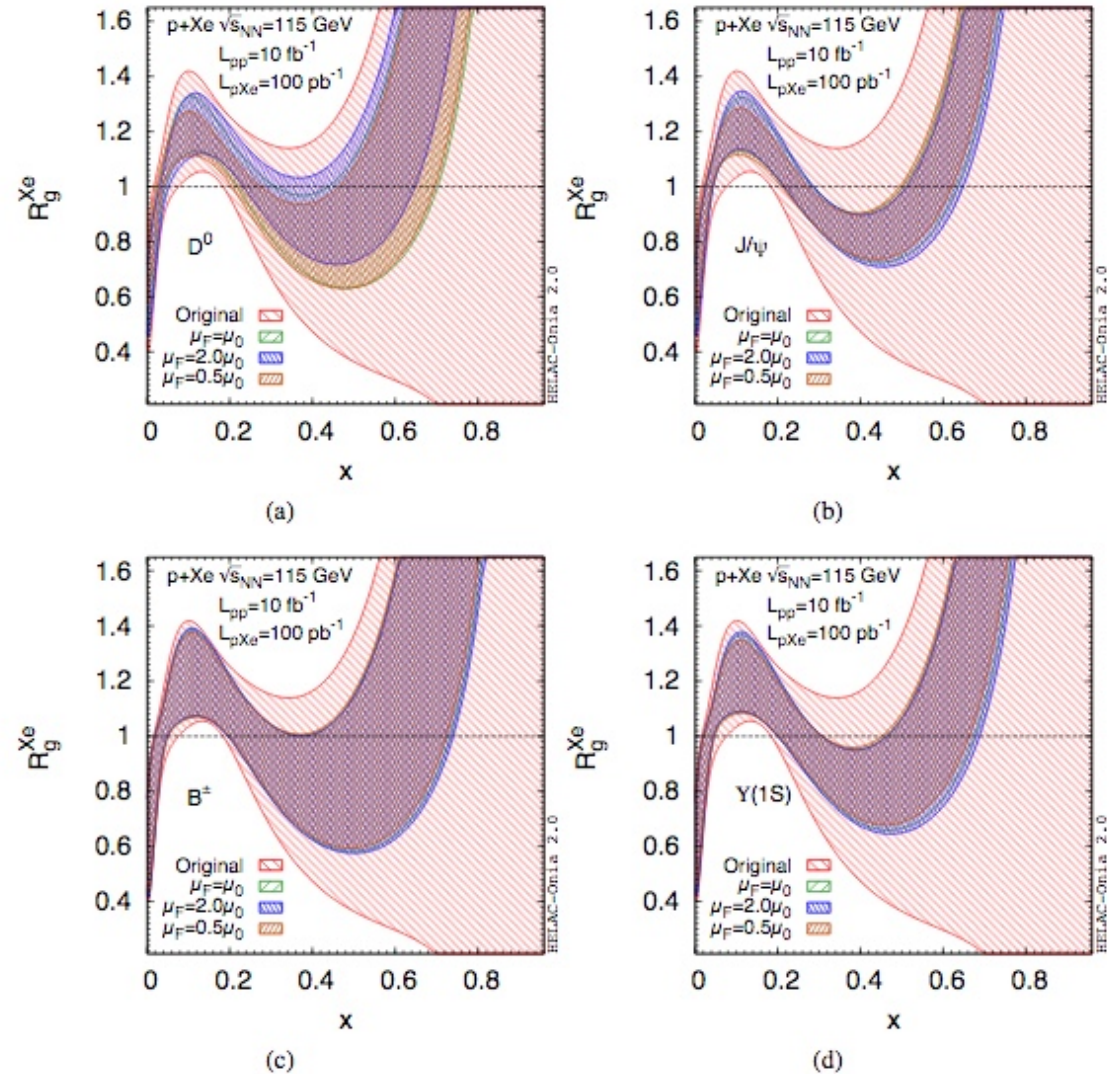
Conclusion

- ❑ A fixed-target programme at the LHC will provide a unique playground to explore the connection between the TMD and CT3 approaches, in particular in the gluon sector where the study of quarkonia can play an important role
- ❑ A fixed-target programme at the LHC will open the way for a full three dimensional mapping of the parton momentum, and in turn, for more insights on the orbital angular momentum of the quarks and gluons
- ❑ Since LHC beams are not polarised, it is a unique opportunity to perform a spin physics programme at the LHC!

BACKUP

Open-HF and quarkonia to constrain high-x nuclear gluon distributions

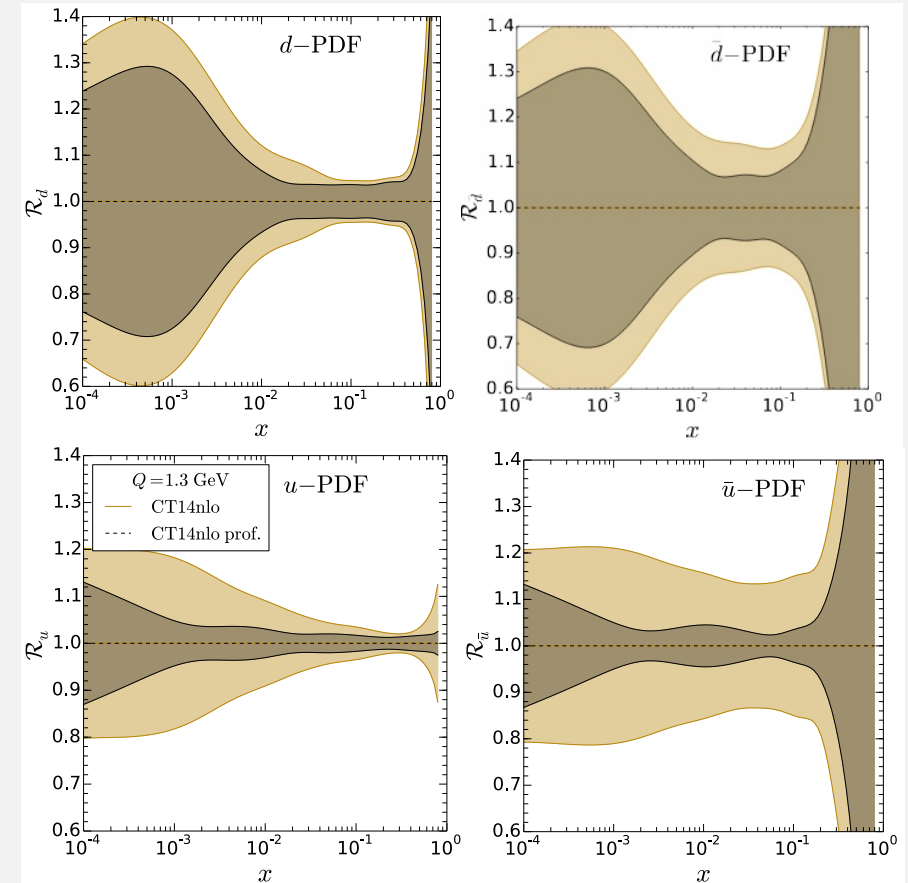
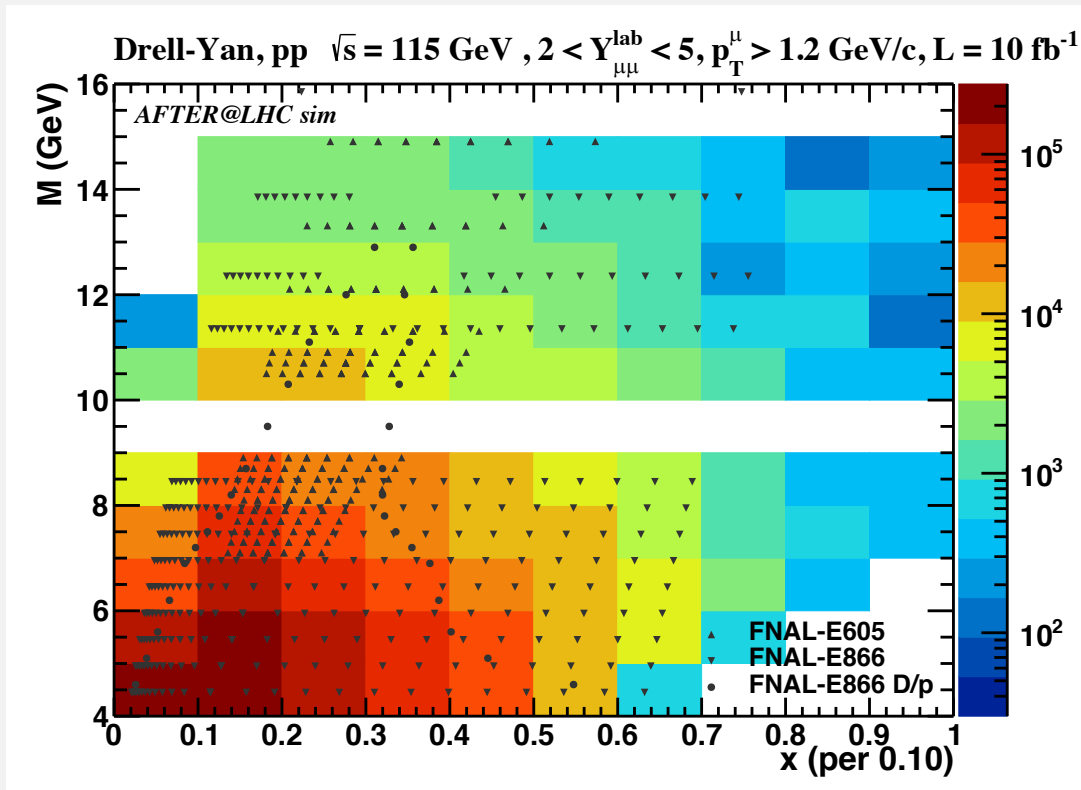
- ❑ LHCb-like detector, pXe collisions
- ❑ Extremely promising first projections using Bayesian reweighting
- ❑ Assume that other nuclear effects are under control : different observables are thus needed
- ❑ Unique constraints on gluon nPDFs at high-x and low scales



Drell-Yan process to probe the nucleon structure at large- x

- ❑ LHCb-like detector, pp collisions
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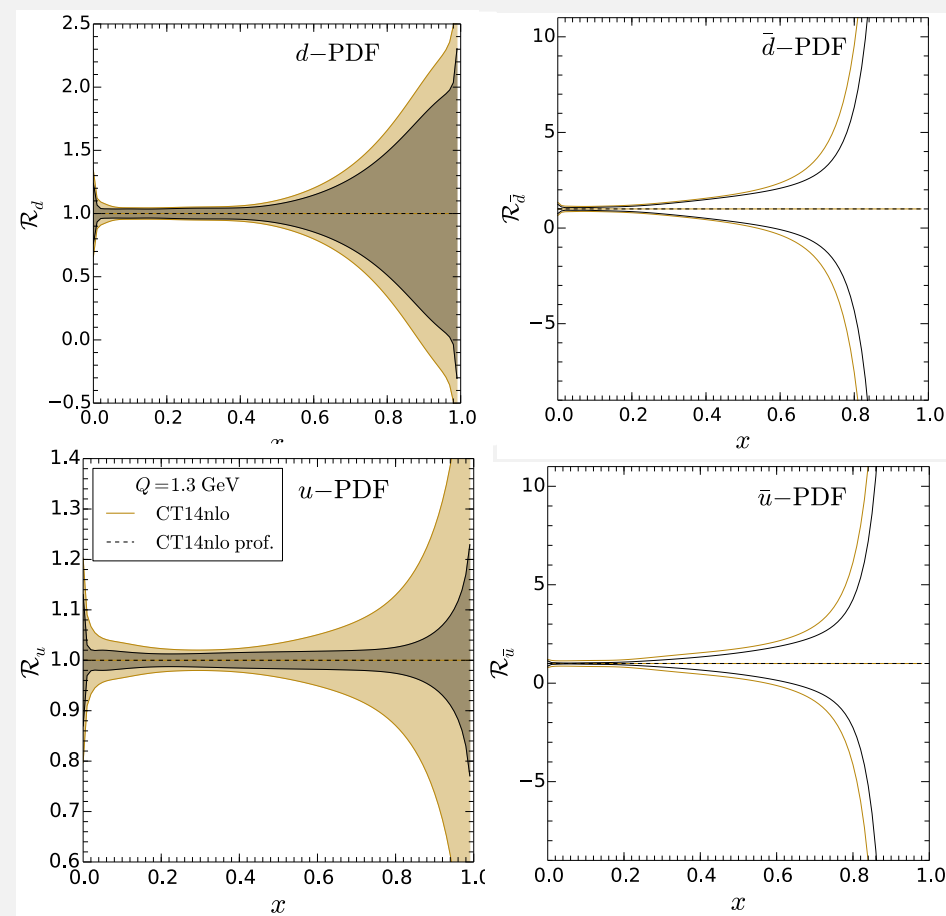
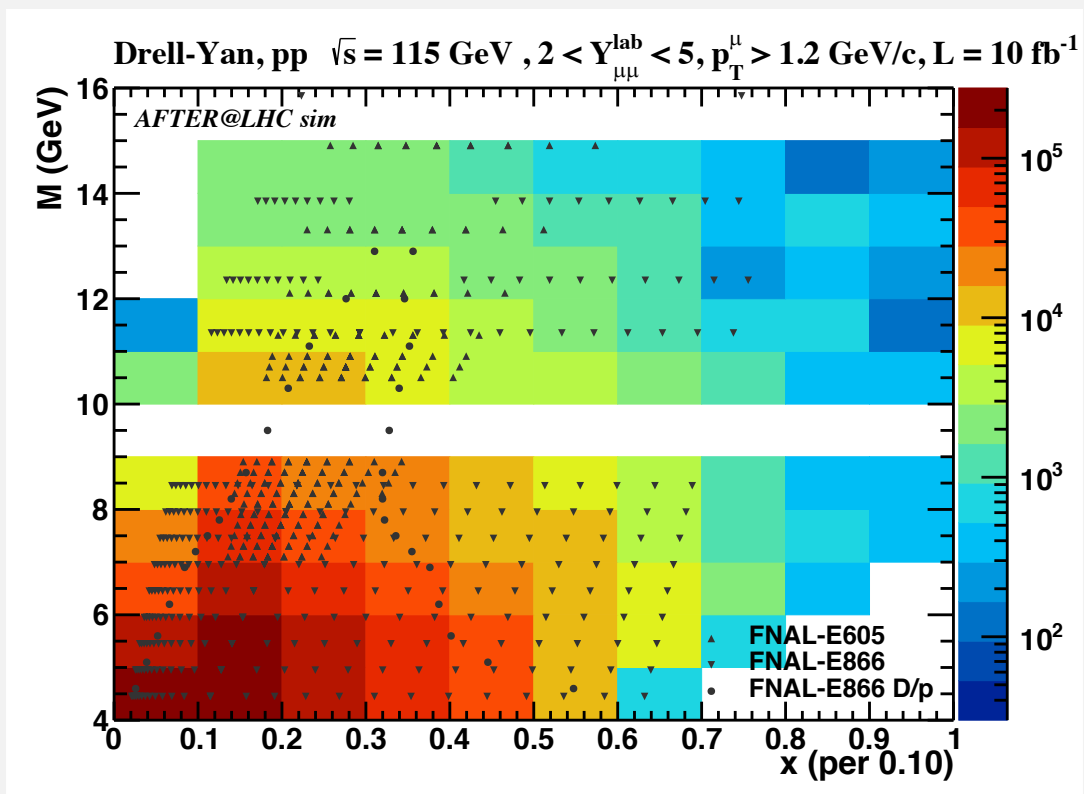
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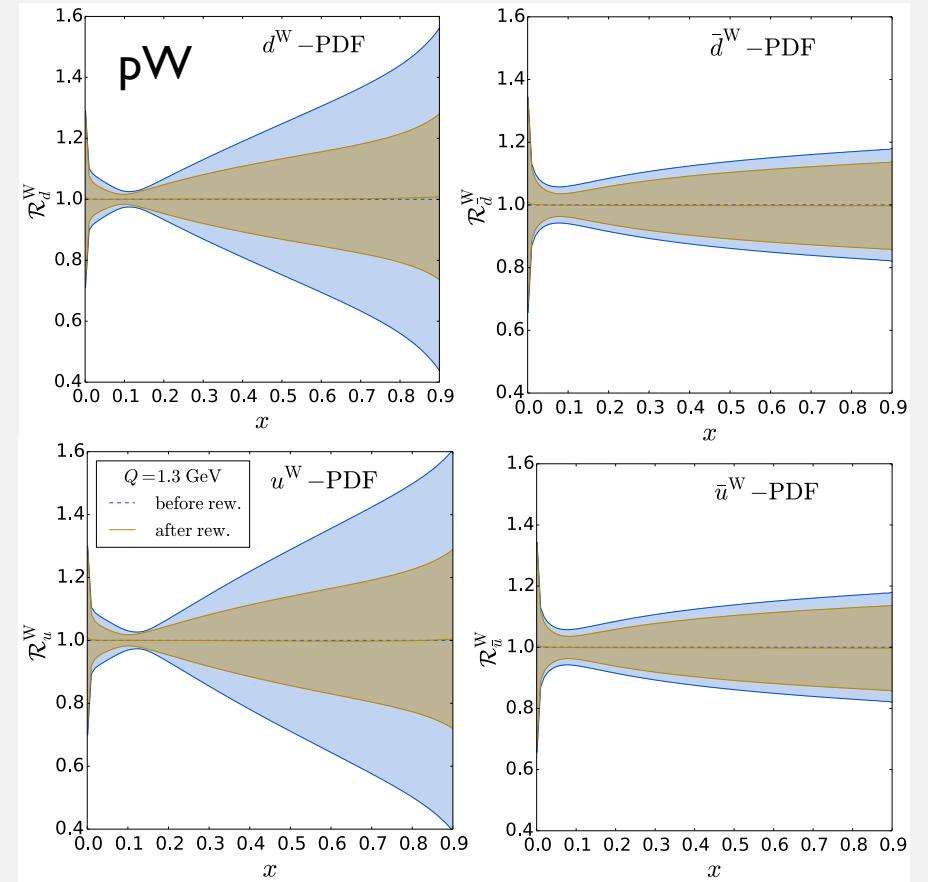
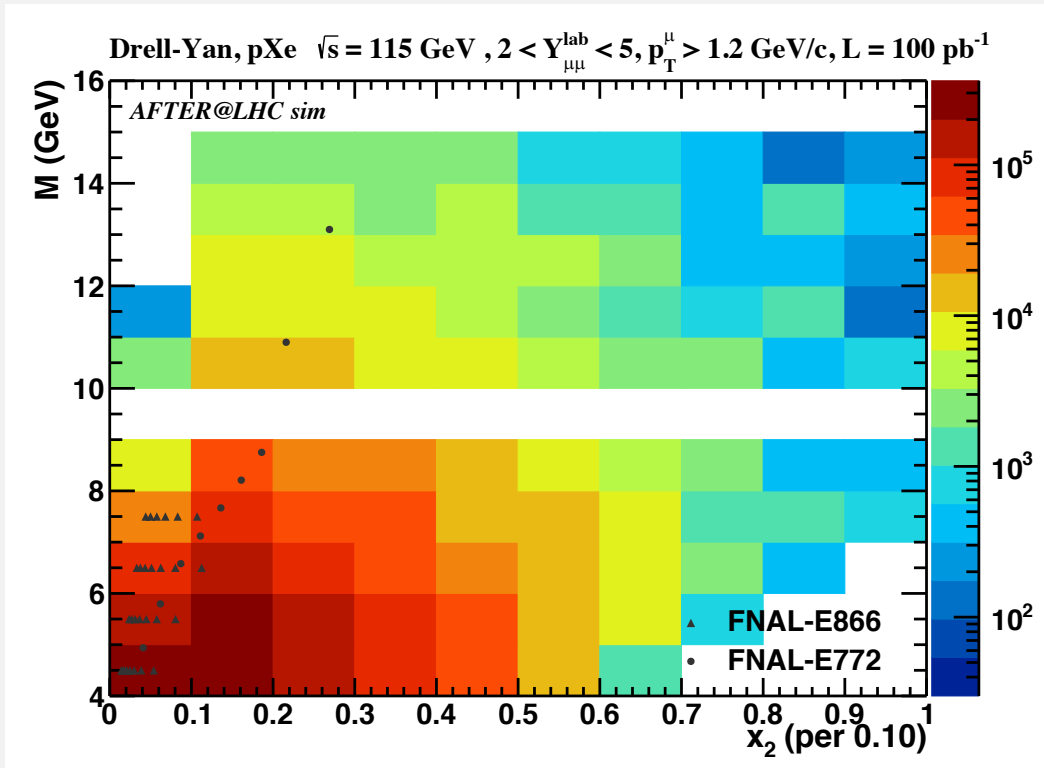
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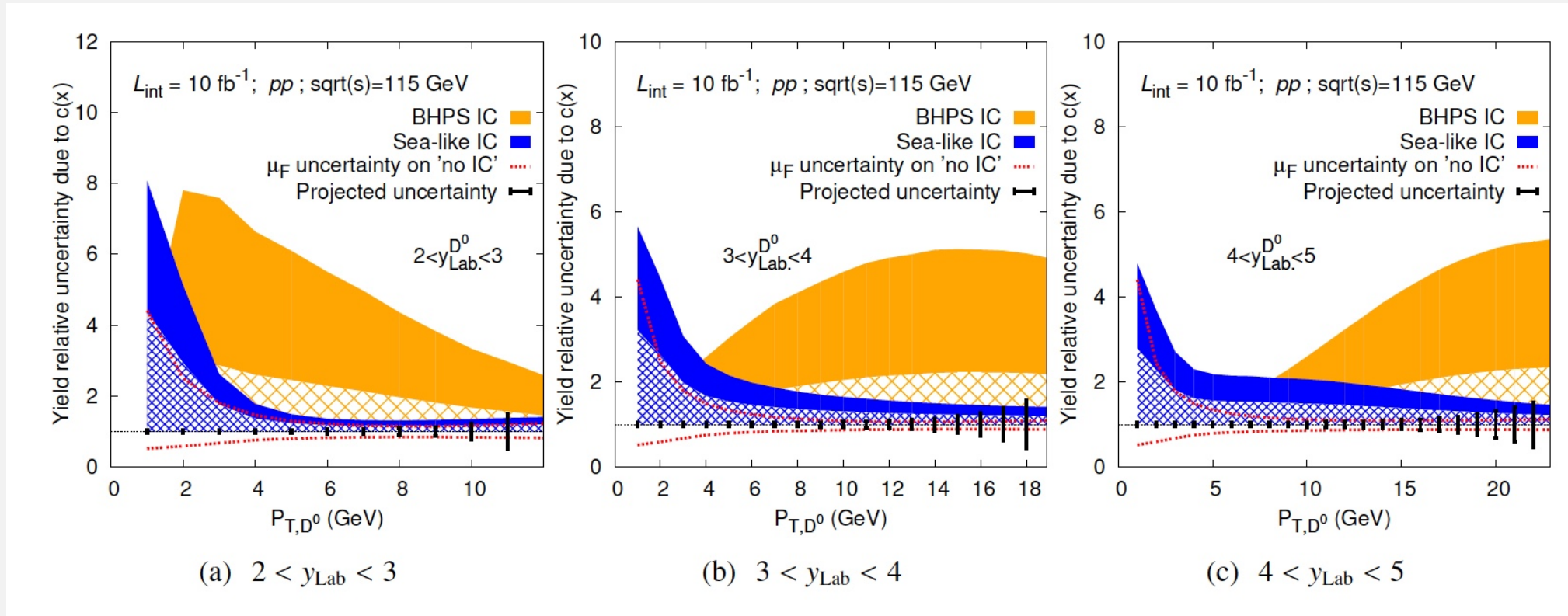
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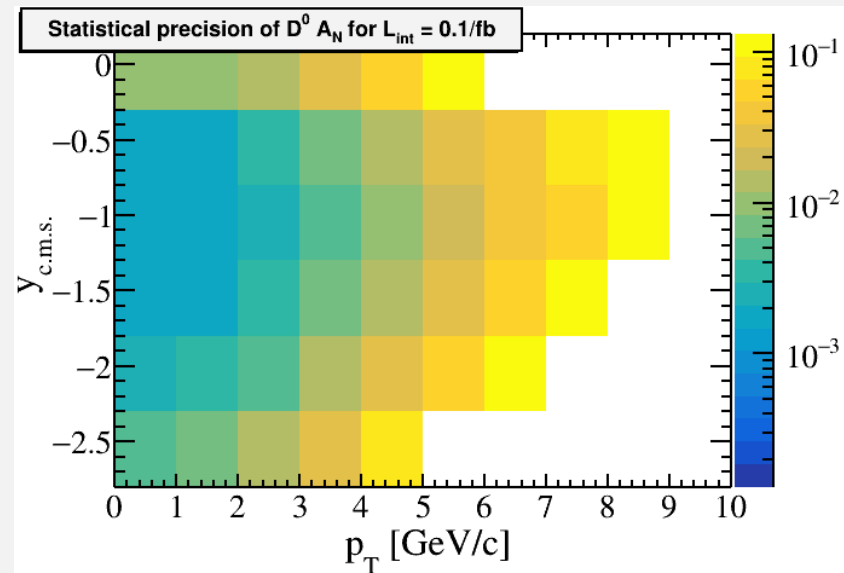
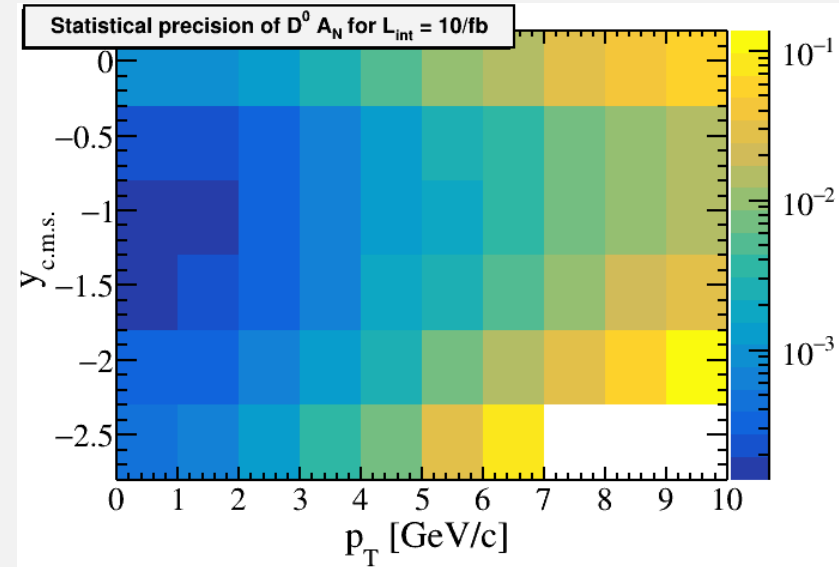
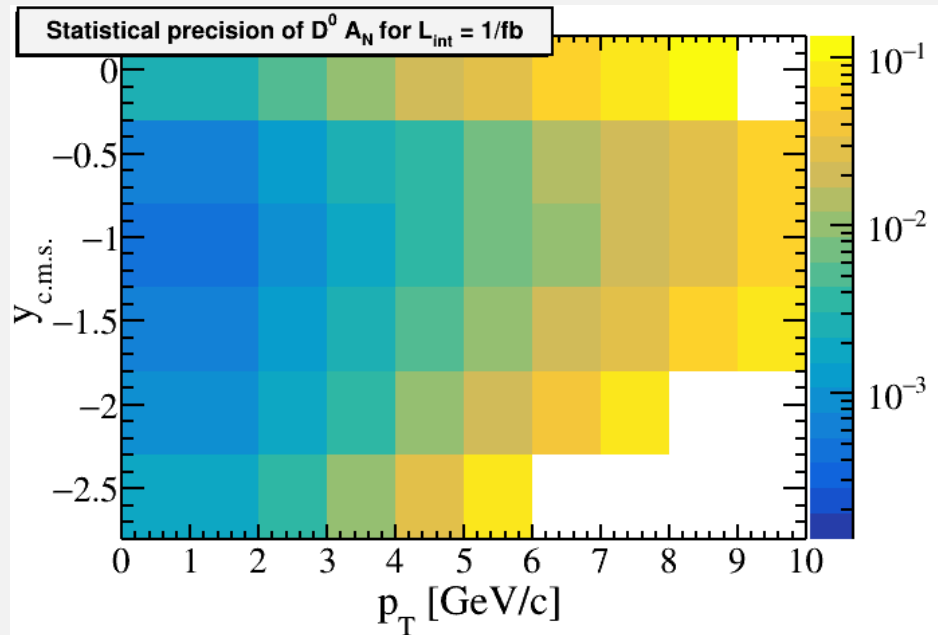
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➔ Experimental precision in this p_T/y range should provide strong constraints on intrinsic charm model

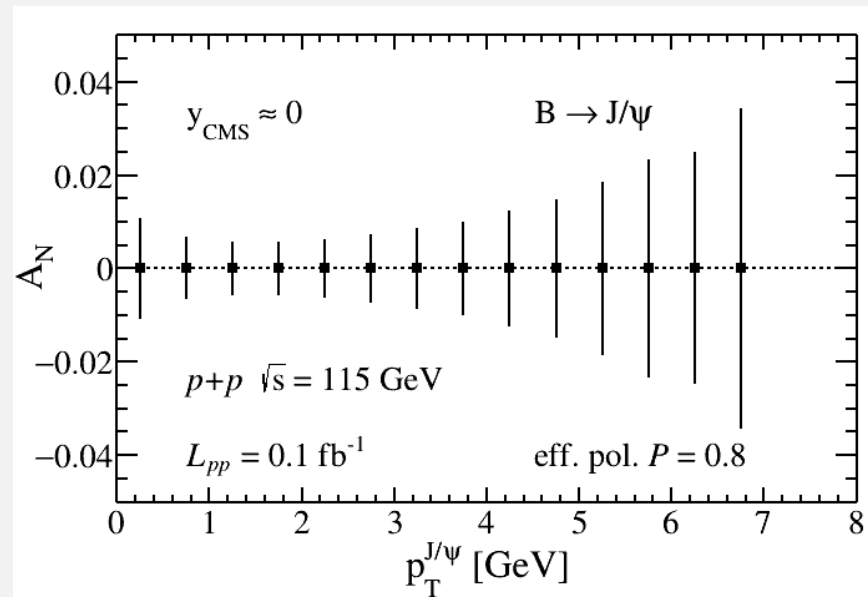
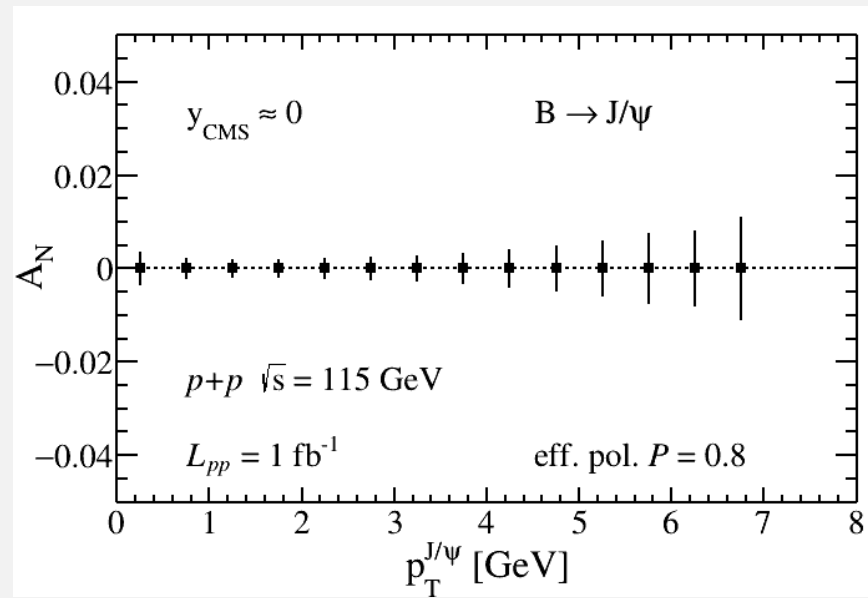
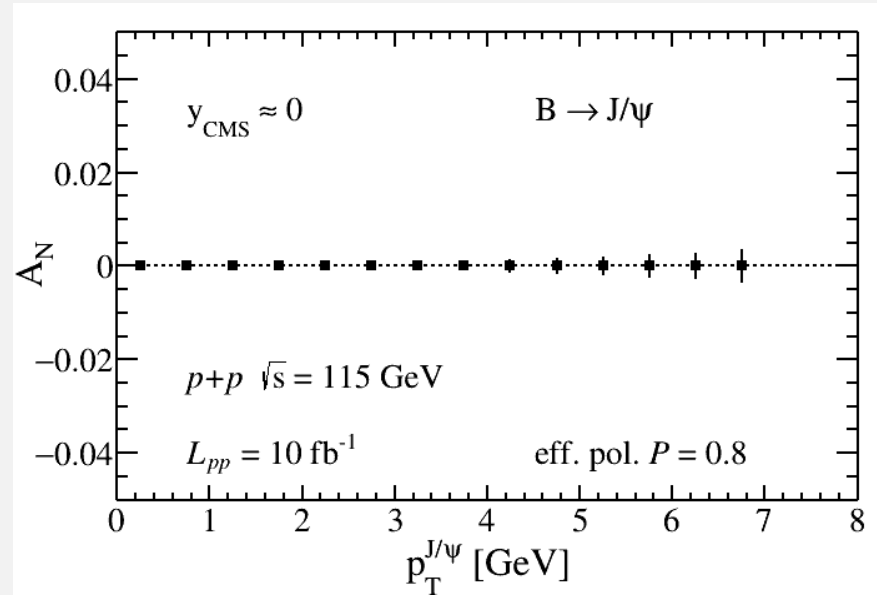
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