

# Experimental prospects with polarised fixed targets at LHC

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# Merging 3 worlds ... for the first time











The physics motivations have been already discussed in other talks, so here only technical issues will be considered, basically

# Acceptance in center-of-mass rapidity



In a fixed-target mode:

-ALICE Central Barrel covers very backward rapidity and Muon

Spectrometer covers rapidity interval towards mid-rapidity

–LHCb: wide rapidity range starting from  $y_{cms} \sim 0$ 



Great credit for heaving shorter first time the potentialities of the fixed to provide 223 the LHC les deux infinis

Long list of papers:

A <u>selection</u> of <u>physics</u> projections for a high-<u>luminosity</u> fixed-target programme at the LHC

Most of the material from the AFTER review : https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.00603, and ESPP document ID47 : See also these dedicated papers on simulations from the AFTER@LHC study group: Adv.High Energy Phys. 2015 (2015) 986348 Few Body Syst. 58 (2017) no.4, 139 Few Body Syst. 58 (2017) no.5, 148 Phys.Lett. B793 (2019) 33-40



#### Motivation: beam collimation



- $\rightarrow\,$  Deflecting the beam halo at  $7\sigma$  distance to the beam
- $\rightarrow$  Reduces the LHC beam loss
- $\rightarrow\,$  Beam extraction: civil engineering required, new facility with 7 TeV proton beam

 $\rightarrow$  Beam splitting: intermediate option, might be used with existing experiment

- Dedicated and modern forward geometry spectrometer
- Channeling solution has still open points to be finalized
- Needed: civil engineering, new facility from scratch

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#### Exploring possible target locations in ALICE

4 locations of target explored so far in simulations to evaluate the physics reach Position 1 is now favored from integration studies

Space available outside L3 magnet but far from ALICE IP Probably only possible location for a **polarised solid target** New additional detectors mandatory



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#### ALICE detector acceptance vs $z_{target}$



If target at Z << 0, new vertex detector (and probably other detectors) needed The tracking performances of the TPC and the effect of material budget for large negative Z have still to be studied At large Z << 0, no acceptance shared anymore between MFT and muon spectrometer

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- Complementary to LHCb
- The possible location is unclear



optimised for studying particles containing c- and b-quarks

Forward acceptance:  $2 < \eta < 5$ Tracking system momentum resolution  $\Delta p/p = 0.5\% - 1.0\% (5 \text{ GeV/c} - 100 \text{ GeV/c})$ 

#### The technique proposed is well consolidated

Design follows the successful HERMES Polarised Gas Target which ran at HERA 1996 – 2005, and the follow-up PAX target operational at COSY (FZ Jülich)



tubular storage cell



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-First measurement of charm production in fixed-target configuration at the LHC - PRL122,132002(2019) (arXiv:1810.07907)



**LHCb** CERN/LHCC 2019-005 LHCb TDR 20 08 May 2019

# upgrade SM0Q2

Installation scheduled in the second half of November 2019

SMOG2 and LHCspin references: https://cds.cern.ch/record/2673690/files/LHCB-TDR-020.pdf LHCb-PUB-2018-015

CERN-PBC-Notes-2018-007, <u>https://cds.cern.ch/record/2651269</u> PoS(SPIN2018)011, <u>https://pos.sissa.it/346/011/pdf</u> PoS(SPIN2018)098, <u>https://pos.sissa.it/346/098/pdf</u> CERN-ESPP-Note-2018-111, arXiv:1901.08002

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The approval from LHC is particularly important because many of the technical solutions found here can be applied to the polarised case

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At HL-LHC-25ns, LHCspin can reach  $L=8.3 \cdot 10^{32}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

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- $I_{\text{H}}$  (100 % HERMES ABS flow) = 6.5 · 10<sup>16</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- Cell 30 cm long, R=0.5 cm, at 100K, with standard feed tube 10 cm long, 1.0 cm i.d.

target density  $\theta = 1.2 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  (comparable with HERMES)

Small impact on the LHC beam life-time: reduction ~7%

# Electron clouds

in accelerators with positive particles, slow electrons produced by various ionization processes are trapped near the beam. They are accelerated by the bunches, producing Secondary Electrons which may lead to an avalanche multiplication effect, forming dense Electron Clouds (EC) ... as a result, transverse instabilities may occur!



#### As for SMOG2, for LHCspin

amorphous Carbon (a-C) is a very efficient solution! Amorphous graphite is already applied in accelerators, incl. the SPS and the LHC.

The recombination issue is under study and we have already possible solutions

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Blue light: from Argon discharge for sputtering Carbon.

Image: Vacuum Surfaces and Coatings group of the Technology department (TE-VSC)

#### picture taken during a coating process



#### A R Y A

SurfAce and mateRial studies for Accelerator TechnologY And related topics

2.1.3 WP3. LHCspin: surface properties validation (Responsible: Pasquale Di Nezza & Roberto Cimino. INFN-LNF and CERN) INFN dedicated program for coating studies

## Impedance

When a beam of particles traverses a device which

- is not smooth or
- not a perfect conductor

will produce e.m. wakefields (in time domain) or impedance (in frequency domain):

- energy is lost by the beam dissipated in surrounding chambers  $\rightarrow$  beam induced heating!
- resonant kicks to following particles → instabilities → beam loss and blow up!

Simulations show that, in the extremely pessimistic case of resonance shifts of  $\pm$  20 MHz, with the <u>open cell</u>, a power dissipation of 14 W into the whole cell have been estimated. This can increase up to a factor 4 in case the two beams create the same simultaneous dissipation.

No resonant heating into the <u>closed cell</u> is to be expected.

This dissipation power is affordable by the system



# Beam Induced Depolarization

BID is based on resonant transitions caused by the beam field acting on the polarized H-atoms in an external guide field

Some of these resonances change nuclear polarization. For longitudinal guide field, only the  $\pi$ resonances are present. For transverse field, like at LHCspin, both  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  types of resonances are present



Studies have been performed and by comparing the HERA data with LHC, we conclude that resonant depolarization at the LHC via the  $\sigma_{2-4}$  transition is negligible compared to HERA, despite the 25x higher beam current!

In order to resolve the  $\sigma_{24}$  resonances, a field homogeneity in the order of their spacing is required (0.37 mT in the high-field limit) —> extremely homogeneous magnet

... all this gives constraints to the T magnet

# The Transverse Magnet

A transverse magnetic field:

- >300 mm long for 10 mm diam cell
- Field 0.3 T
- Field homogeneity: <1%

#### Some of the possible solutions



by G. Kirby, CERN

# Atomic Beam Source and diagnostic



#### HERMES setup



#### Juelich setup (II generation)







#### Possible Solutions:

1) Develop and build compact ABS+diagnostic

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2) Move the shielding wall upstream

#### Space in front of LHCb (~1.5 m)

## Increasing interest from CERN and the community



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#### NEWS LHCb brings cosmic collisions down to Earth 13 April 2017



Collision and scattering events (expand for full image)

In an effort to improve our understanding of cosmic rays, the LHCb collaboration has generated high-energy collisions between protons and helium nuclei similar to



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knowledge of the antimatter cor

Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (/ Posted by Stefania Pandolfi on 27 Mar 2017, Last updated 27 Mar 2017, 16.00. Voir en français This content is archived on the

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#### **Cosmic collisions at the LHCb experiment**

by Stefania Pandolfi



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#### Opening talk of E.Elsen @ Hard Probes

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#### Welcome to Hard Probe 2018

Eckhard Elsen





agnetic Probes of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions, Ak-Lee-Baine, Oct 1, 2018

#### pHe scattering using gas target

#### PID from RICH detector response 3 templates built from simulated sample d binned extended ML fit and out-and-count atte 🚛 = 132.0



m) the LHCb collision region pressure ~ 2 × 10<sup>-7</sup> mbar In the meantime used for fixed

Further plans for PBC-study

pp-mode.

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target physics simultaneously with





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#### $\bar{p}$ production in pHe interactions at $\sqrt{s} = 110 \,\text{GeV}$

- Antiproton production cross section shown (integrated over different kinematic regions)
- · Uncertainty lower than 10% for most bins · Lower than spread between predictions
- from various theoretical models
- Improves the precision of secondary antiproton cosmic ray flux predictions



# Annual Report 2018



the ATLAS interaction point. An intense preparatory phase took place with a view to installing it during LS2, following approval. Studies for fixed-target experiments in the LHC continued. A gas-storage cell next to the LHCb Velo was approved for installation in LS2, and a number of options

#### A significant step ...

😹 ST0029321\_05 (ST0029321\_05.1) VVGST-Detail 0871-01.2) WARM MODULE TYPE VMACO002\_LHCVMACO000 3 01.1) ANGLE VALVE SERIE 54 DN63 CF-R 928 01.1) DN200 - UHV CF FIXED FLANGE STDVFUHV001 28 01 (ST0025928 01.2) DN200 - LIHV CE ETXED FLANGE STDVELIHV001 1 (ST1059057-01-1) VCDXB CHAMBER FOR LHCE Sections 58\_01 (ST1058880\_01.1) VELO EL.HEAD MK2

In order to isolate the upstream region of LHCb, a separation valve has been installed, by LHC, during the LS2. This will allow to install the PGT without venting the LHCb pipe section (+VELO)



# Conclusions

Undoubtably, fixed target physics at LHC is an exiting reality. In this panorama, the step towards a polarised target looks easier



performed a great job showing the physics opportunities in the LHC geometrical and kinematical regions



has great potentialities in the unpolarised case showing complementarity to LHCb. The polarised case seems extremely hard to reach



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#### Realistic scenario

If built and tested on a test bench during Run3 (2021-24), a PGT could be installed at LHCb during the LS3 (2024-2026) and operated using a gas feed system. Installation of the other components (ABS+diagnostic) during Technical Stops appears feasible