

# Fixed-Target Opportunities at the (HL)LHC

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## Reviews, special issues

- S.J. Brodsky *et al.*: [Phys.Rept. 522 \(2013\) 239](#)
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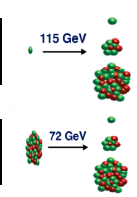
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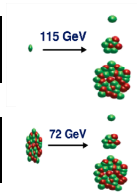
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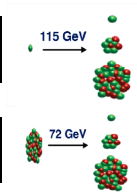
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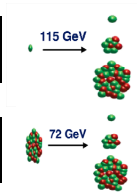
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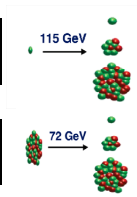
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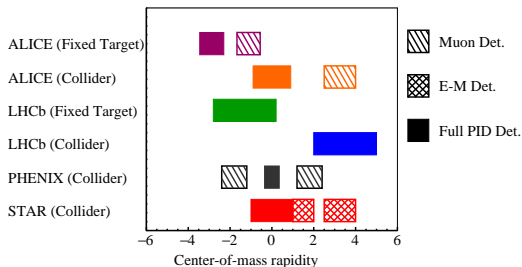


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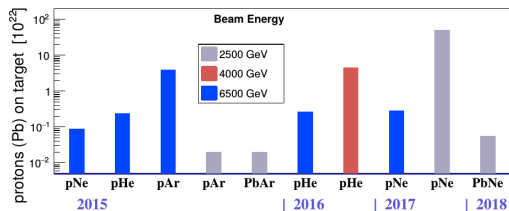
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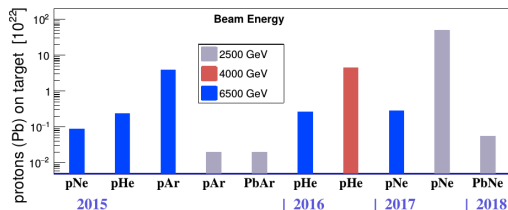
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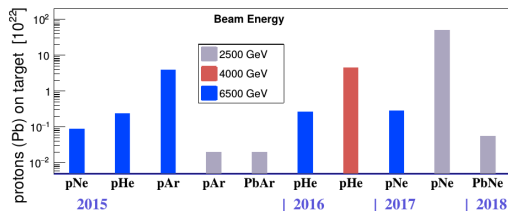
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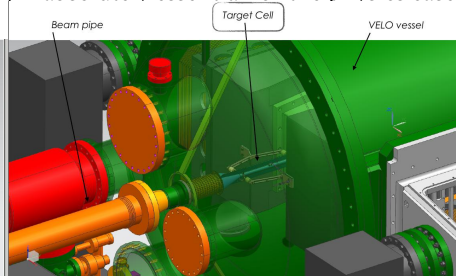
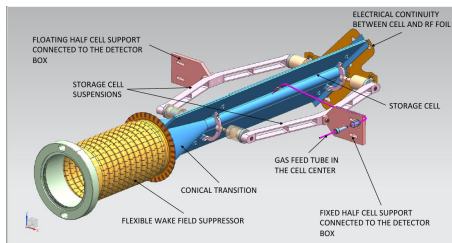
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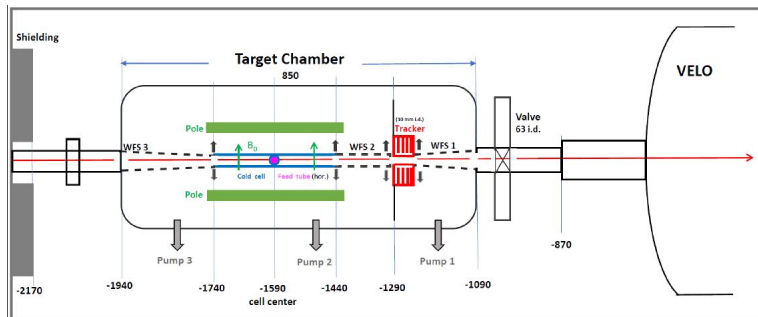


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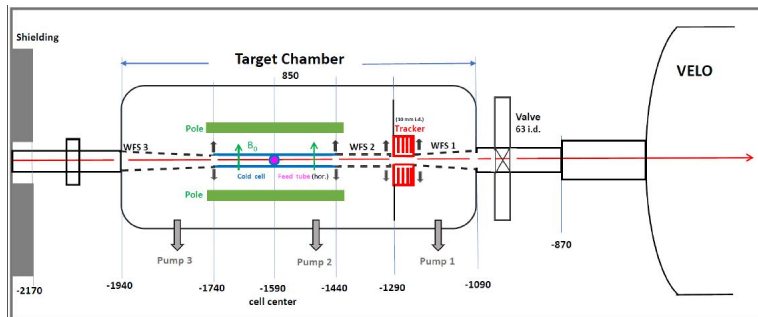


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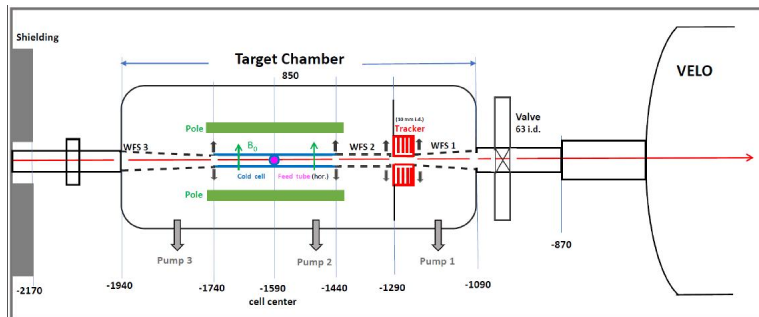
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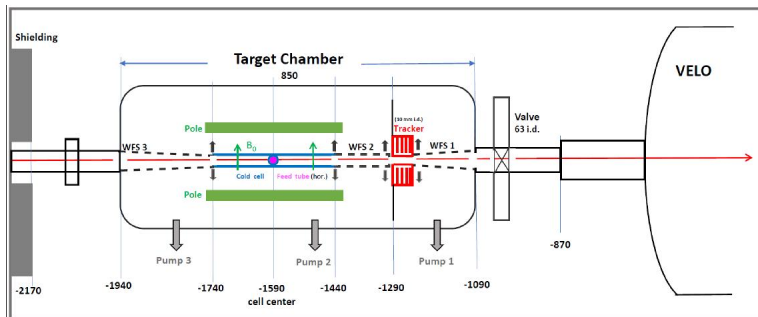
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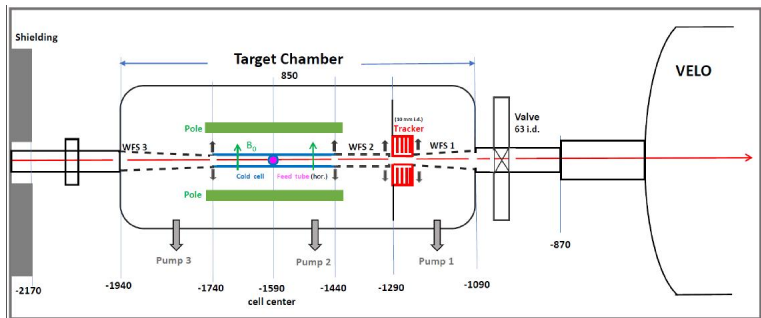
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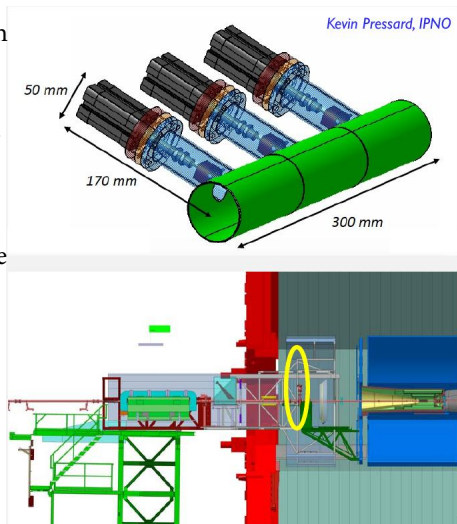


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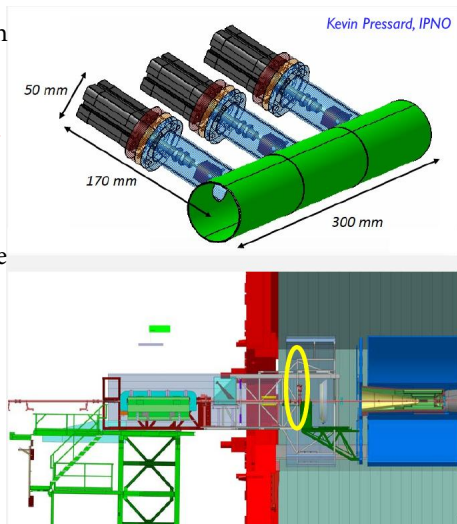
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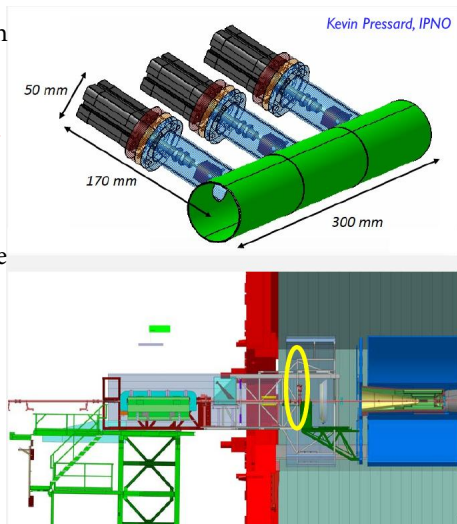
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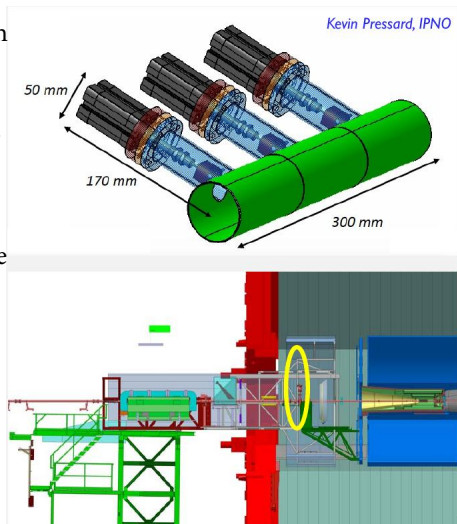
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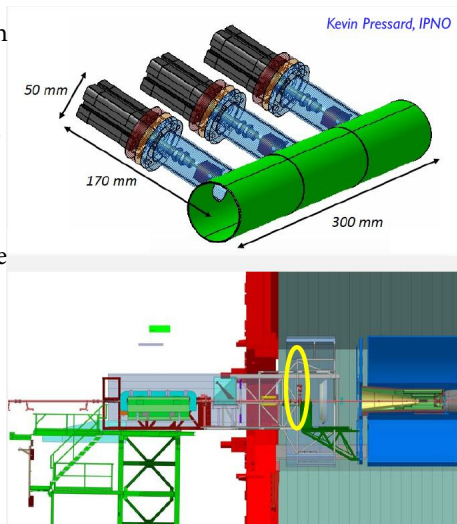
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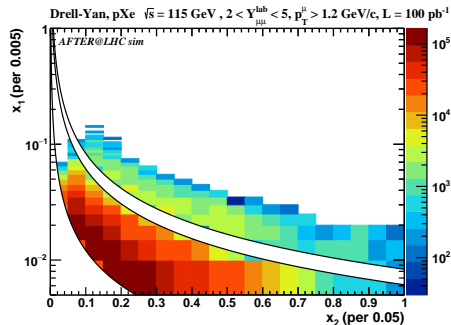
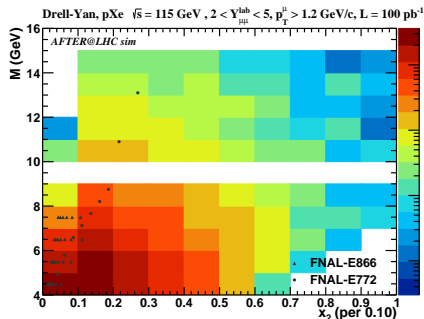
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# Part III

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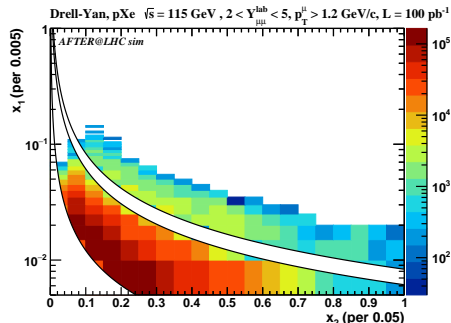
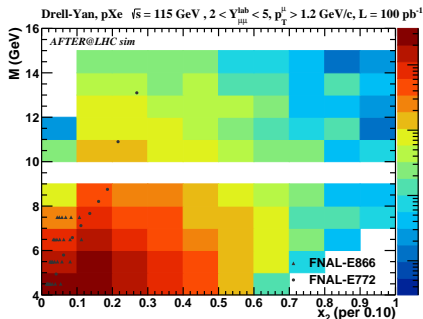
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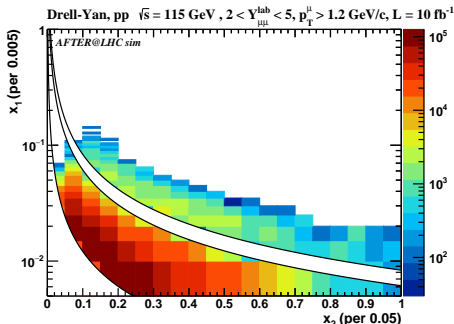
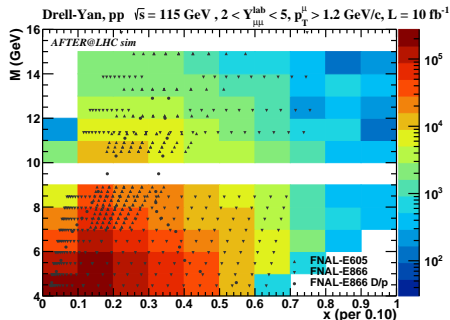
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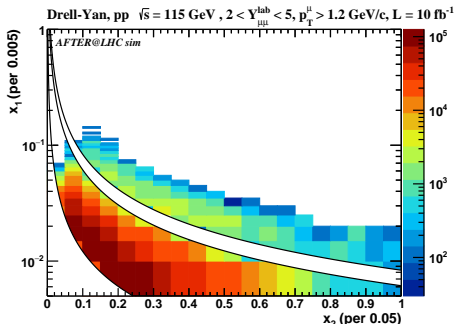
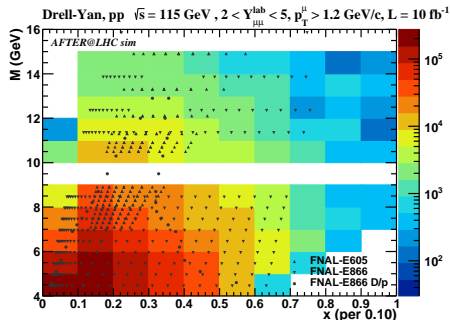
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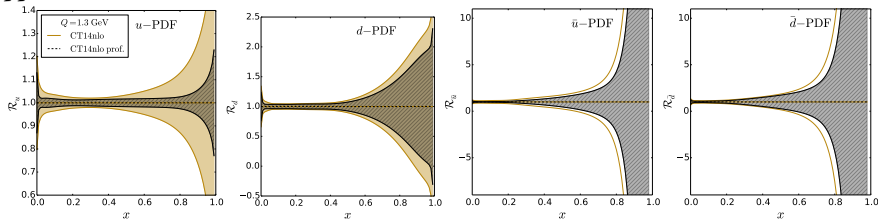
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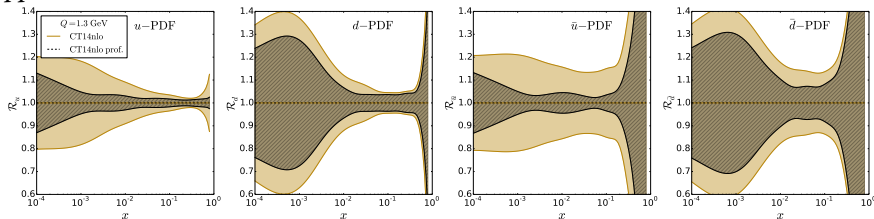
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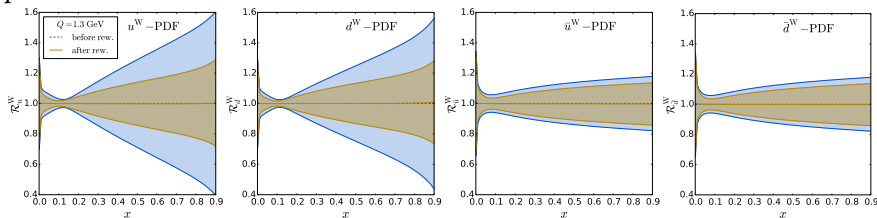
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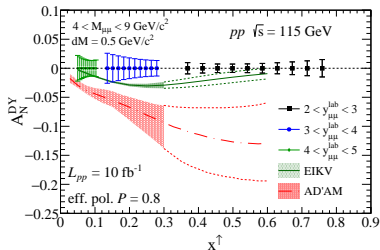
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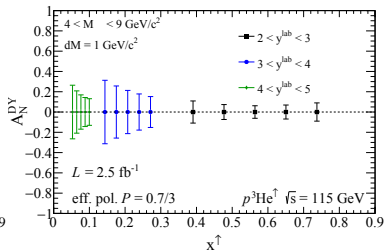
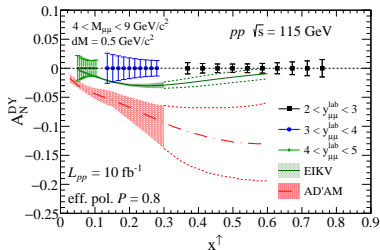


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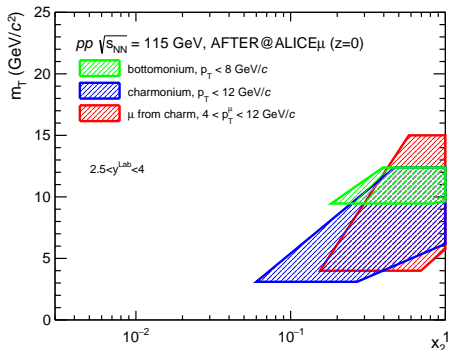
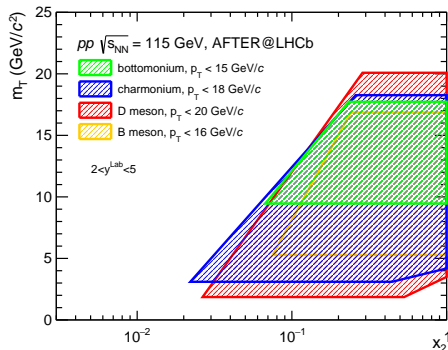
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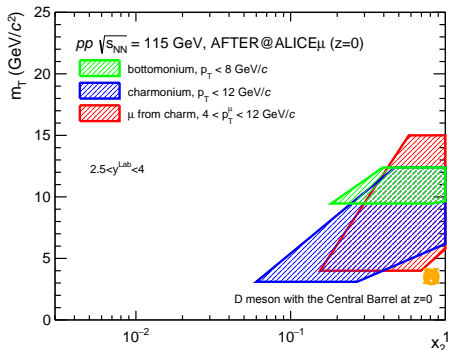
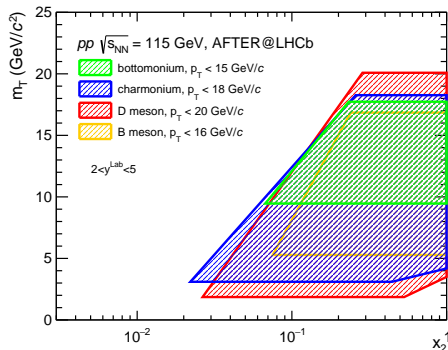
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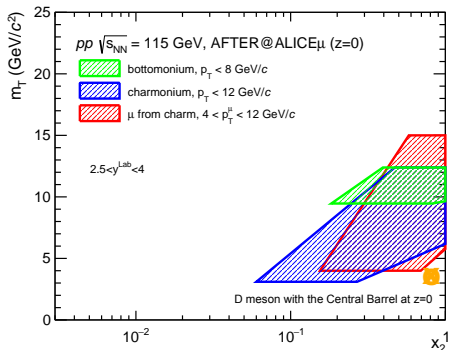
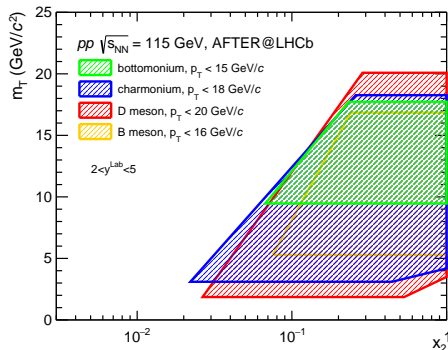
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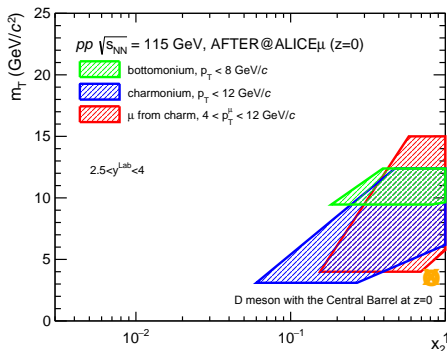
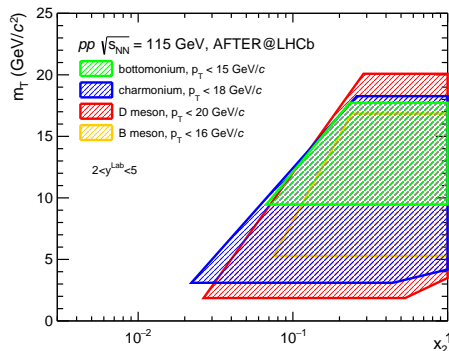


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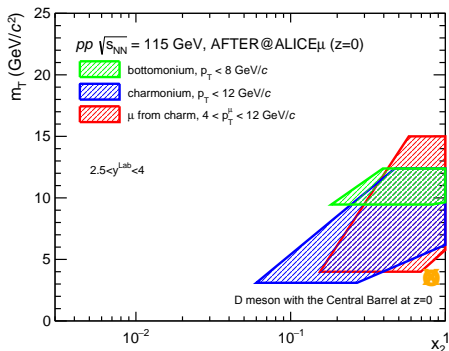
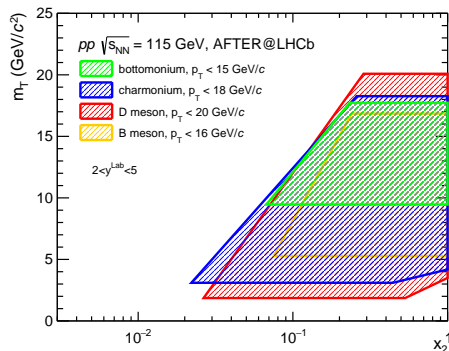
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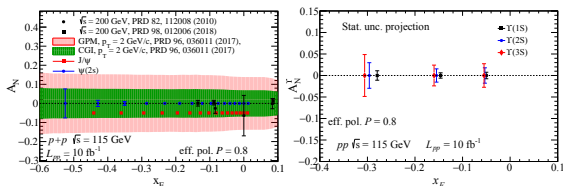
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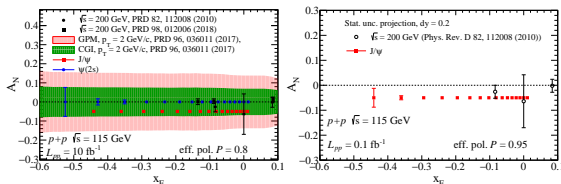


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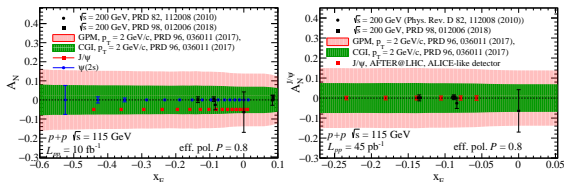


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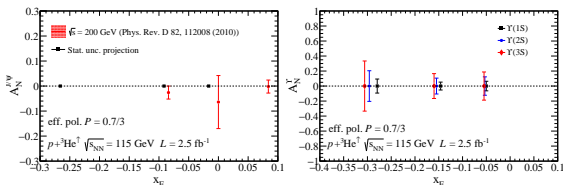
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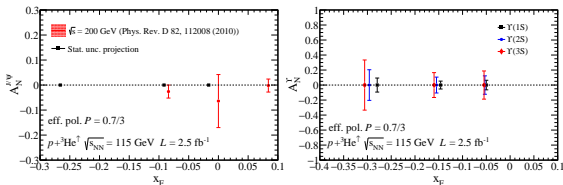
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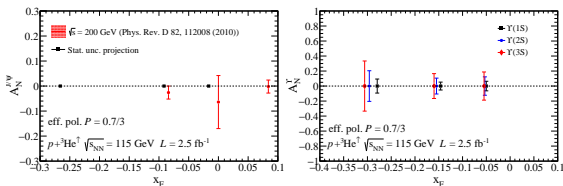
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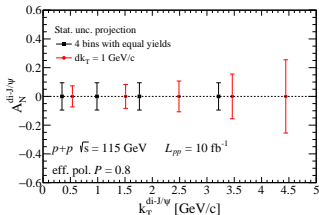
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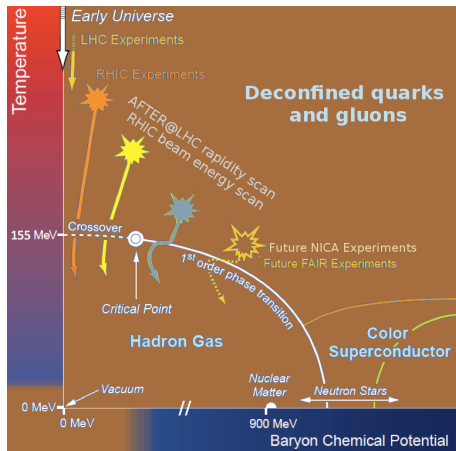
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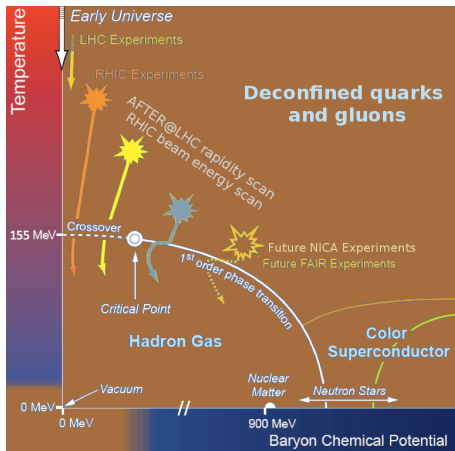


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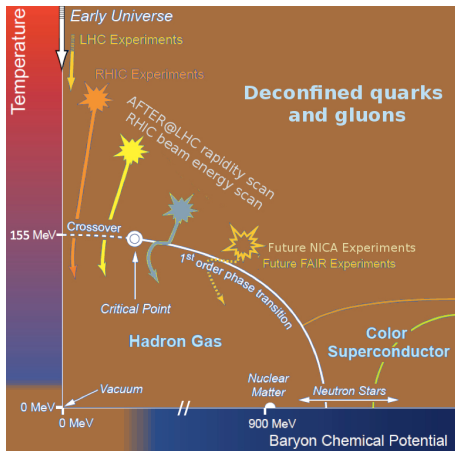
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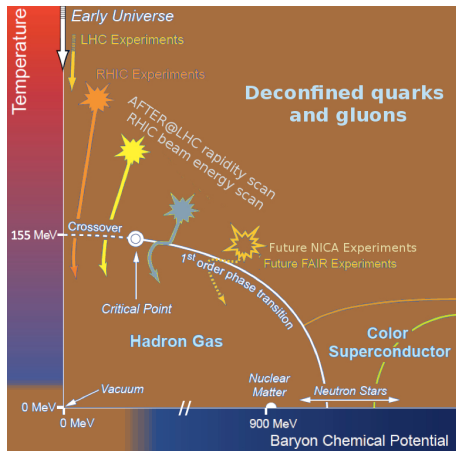
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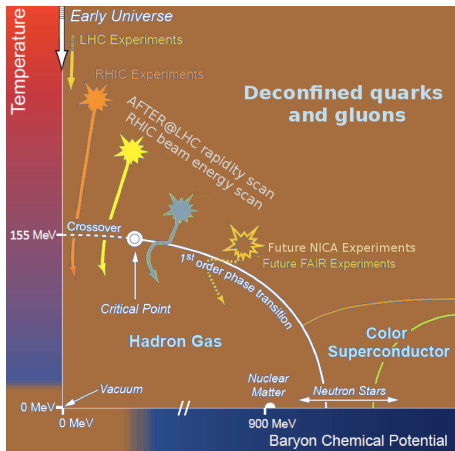
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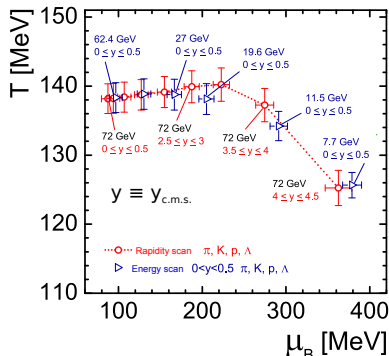
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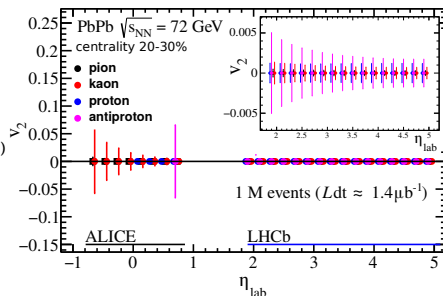
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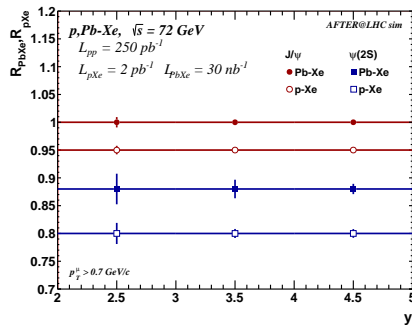
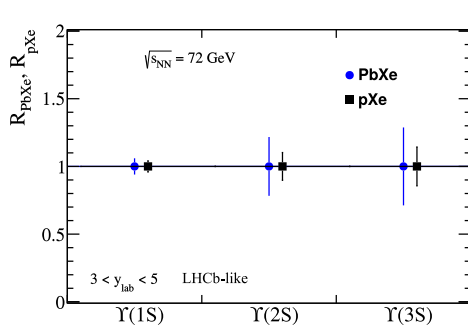
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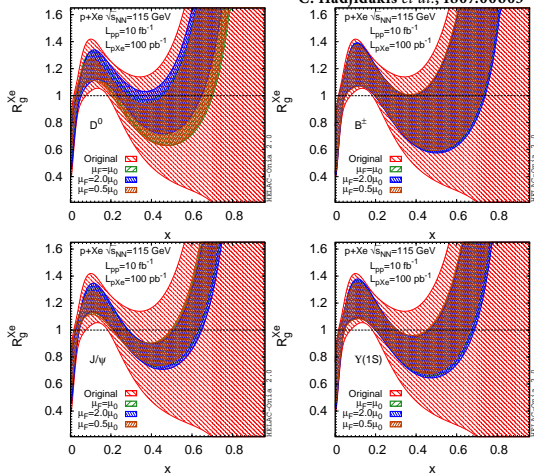
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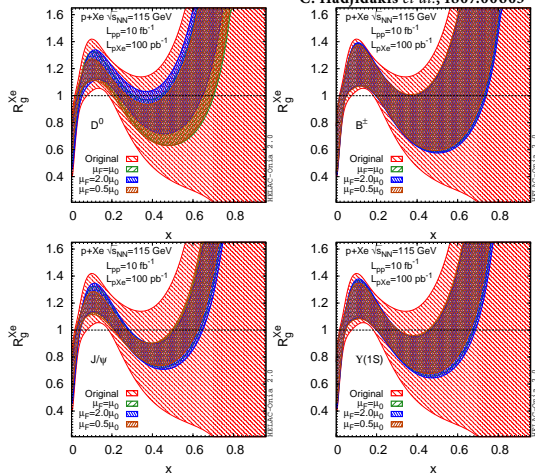
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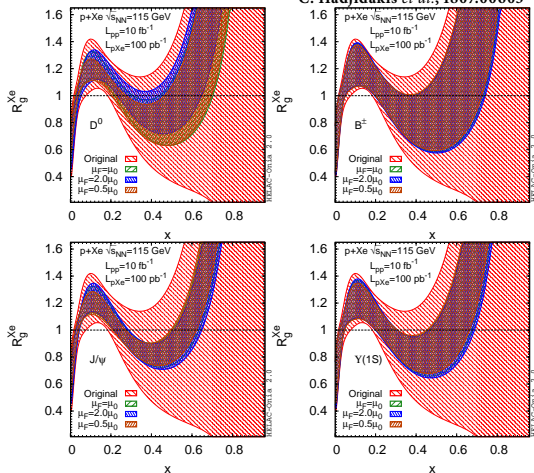


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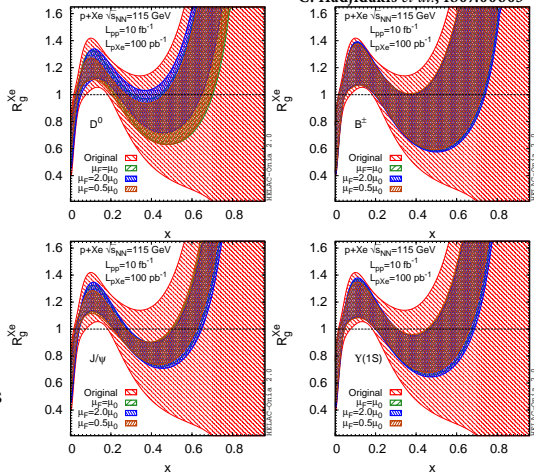
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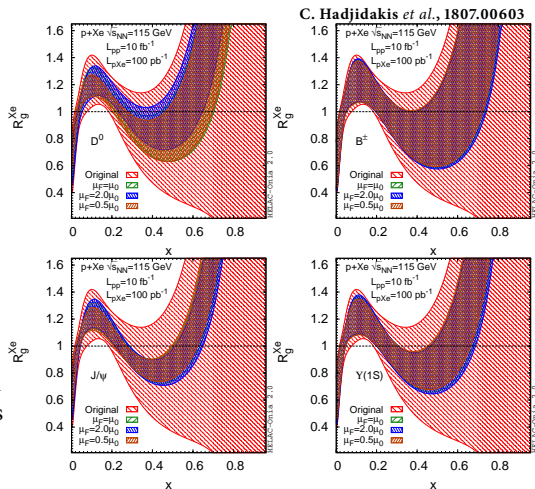
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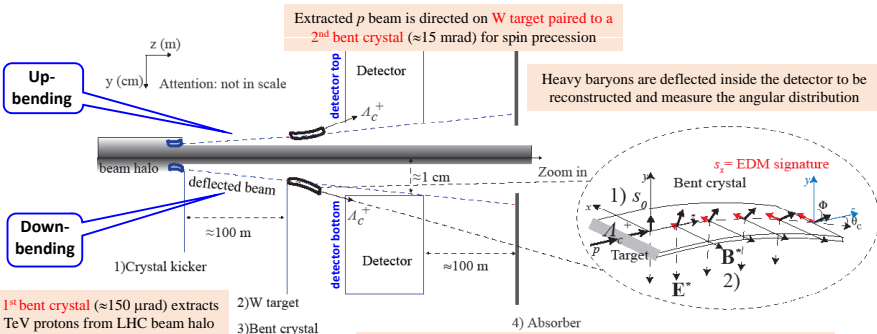
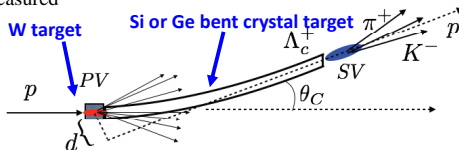
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## Bent crystals proposal

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  - A tool for SM and BSM physics
  - Exploit the high electric field between Si or Ge crystallographic planes to induce spin precession
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- The diagram illustrates a bent crystal target setup. A proton beam ( $p$ ) enters from the left and hits a PV (Polarized Vertex) target. The resulting particles pass through a bent crystal target made of Si or Ge. The bending angle of the crystal is labeled  $\theta_C$ . The particles emerge as  $\Lambda_c^+$  and  $\pi^-$  particles, which are then detected by a SV (Scintillator Vertex) detector.



Non-interacting protons, non-channeling particles and most secondary interactions outside acceptance, to be absorbed downstream the detector

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## Ongoing activities:



**LHC Collimation:** layout, simulations, beam extraction, collimators, absorbers



**SELDOM**  **erc** project & **LHCb** experiment: exp. techniques, physics program, preparatory measurements, R&D on long bent crystals



**UA9** experiment: bent crystals, channeling, layout, LHC beam extraction, double-crystal scheme studies at SPS, physics studies

## Aiming for:

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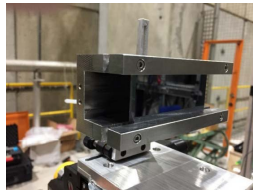
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Si crystal (8 cm, 16 mrad) tested on beam at SPS  
(October 2018, courtesy of A. Mazzolari, INFN-Ferrara)



LHC goniometer used for LHC beam extraction test (courtesy of UA9)



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