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A new QCD facility at the  
CERN SPS M2 beam line



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AMBER Collaboration



# AMBER

## 10 years-long effort

### Apparatus for Meson and Baryon Experimental Research

January 2019: Letter of Intent handed over to SPSC

April 2019: formation of Proto-Collaboration Board

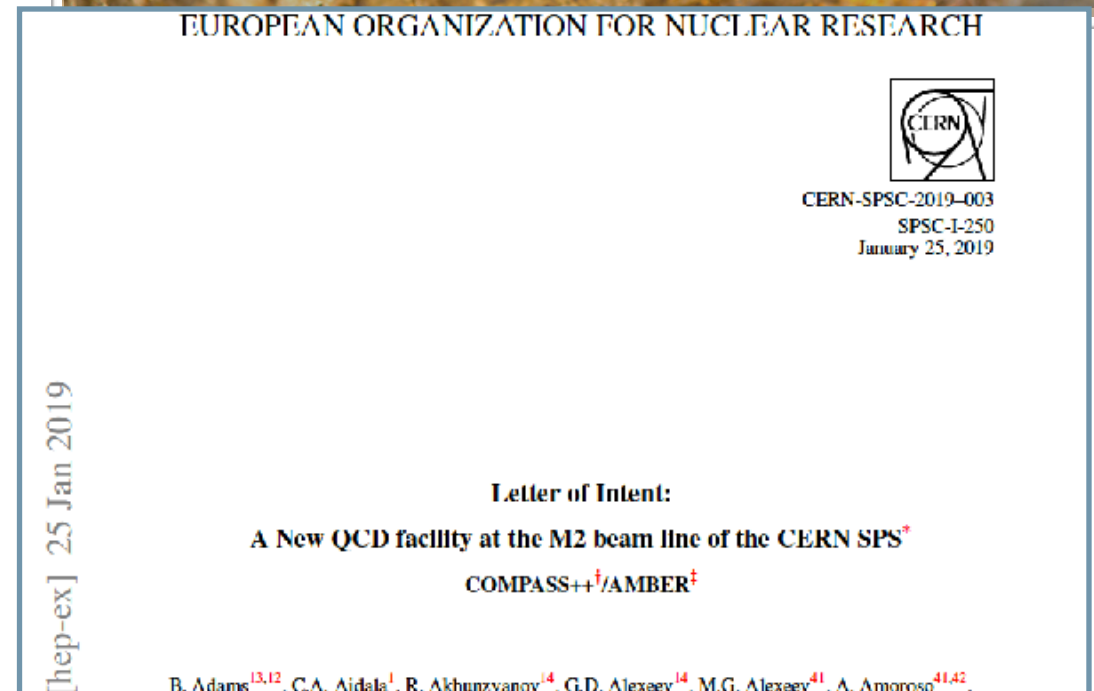
May 2019: AMBER Phase-1 Proposal (update September)

AMBER recommendation by the SPSC on Oct. 12th 2020

AMBER\* approval by RB on Dec. 2nd 2020

Phase-2 Proposal drafting to be started soon

> 250 authors,  
51 institutions,  
16 new institutions with respect to COMPASS  
(majority from USA, also Germany, Italy, Russia etc.)



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### Proposal for Measurements at the M2 beam line of the CERN SPS

Phase-1: 2022-2024

COMPASS++\*/AMBER†

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# A new QCD facility at the SPS M2-beam line

## A unique opportunity:

In the COMPASS experimental hall:

Availability of both hadron and muon (unique!) beams (M2 beam line)

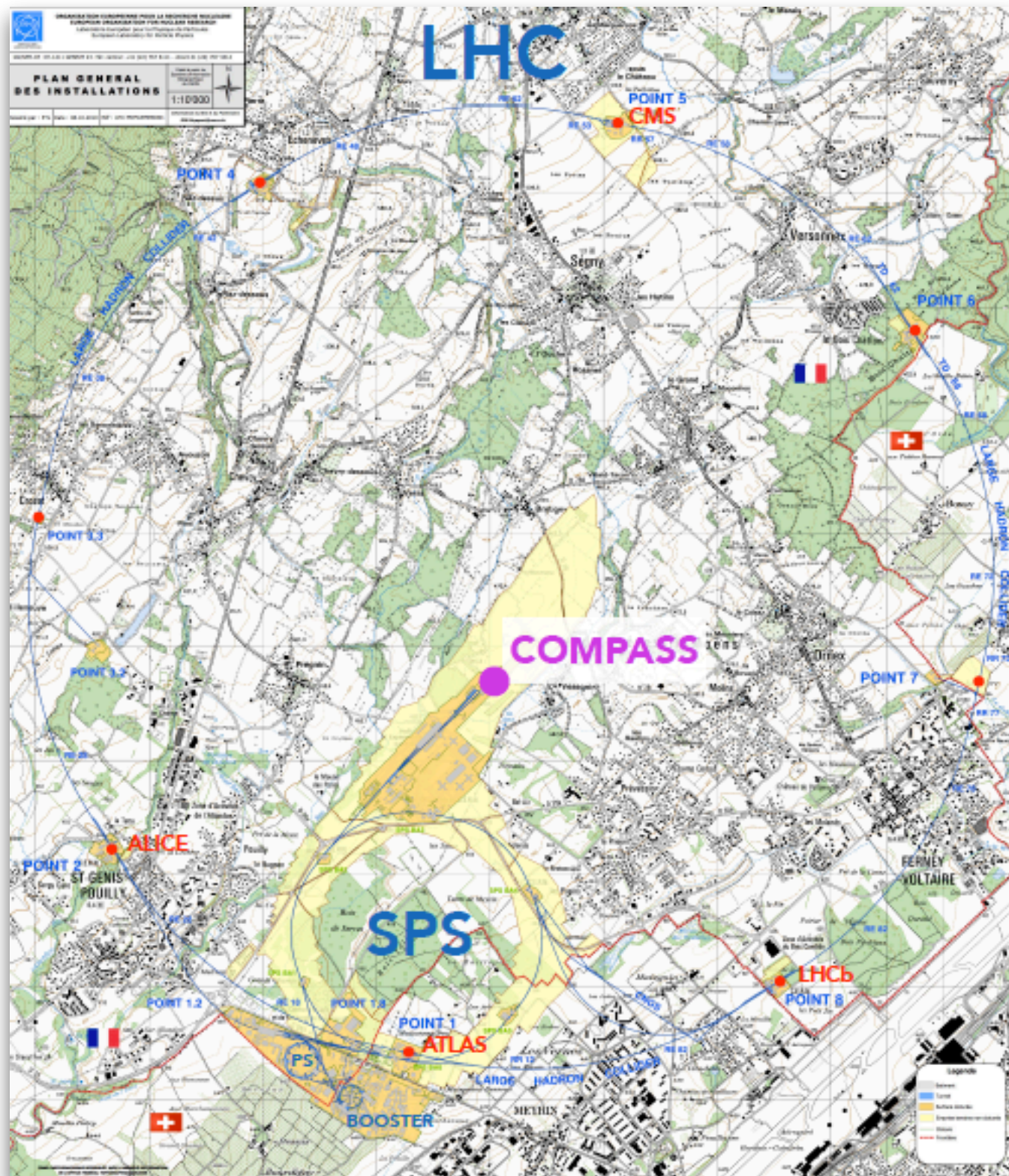
Both beam charges available, and in wide range of energies (20-280 GeV/c)

Re-use of large aperture dipole magnets from COMPASS

Re-use of some of the most recent COMPASS detectors

### Possible upgrade of the M2 beam line:

Using radio-frequency separation method, obtain kaon-enriched and antiproton-enriched beams





# Approval of future experiments at CERN



CERN created in 2016 the Physics Beyond Colliders - PBC study group, with a mandate to prepare the next European HEP strategy update (2019-20) on projects for future CERN non-collider experiments.

## **Extract from the PBC mandate:**

explore the opportunities offered by the CERN accelerator complex to address some of today's outstanding questions in particle physics through experiments complementary to high-energy colliders and other initiatives in the world.

<http://pbc.web.cern.ch>



# AMBER\* approval by RB on Dec. 2nd 2020



[...]

I am happy to inform you that the **AMBER proposal** was discussed at the Research Board yesterday, and was approved. This means that it will be assigned a new experiment reference number, likely to be NA66.

The actual beam time allocation will depend on arbitration with the other requests that are received, so will be subject to separate approval as part of the annual exercise of scheduling beam time.

This should be confirmed in the minutes of the Research Board, and I will let you know when they are available in the next month or so.

Best regards, Roger

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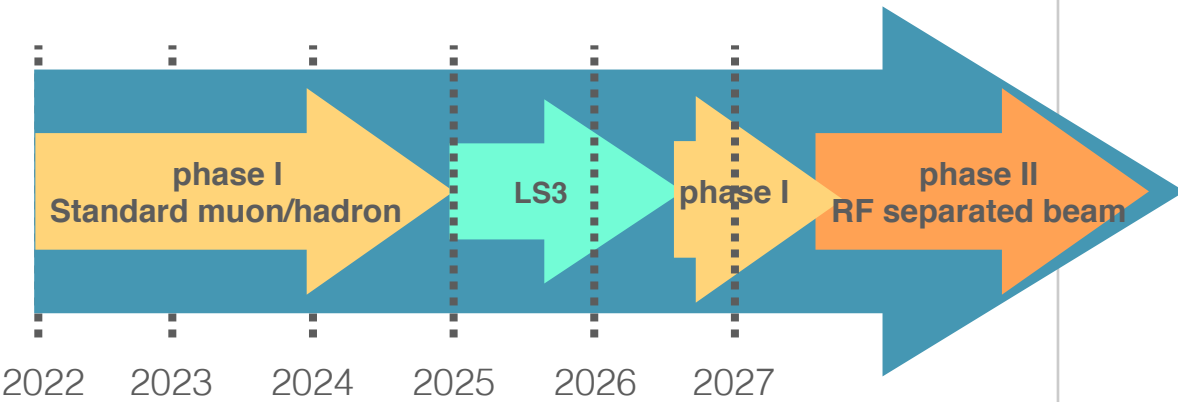
# AMBER physics program



## Two phases program:

Phase 1 (shorter term) – current muon/hadron beam

Phase 2 (longer term) – RF-separated beam, after LS3



## LOI complete program: phase 1 + phase 2



| Program                             | Physics Goals                         | Beam Energy [GeV] | Beam Intensity [s <sup>-1</sup> ] | Trigger Rate [kHz] | Beam Type        | Target                             | Earliest start time, duration      | Hardware additions                               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| muon-proton elastic scattering      | Precision proton-radius measurement   | 100               | 4 · 10 <sup>6</sup>               | 100                | $\mu^\pm$        | high-pressure H2                   | 2022<br>2 years                    | active TPC, SciFi trigger, silicon veto,         |
| Hard exclusive reactions            | GPD <i>E</i>                          | 160               | 2 · 10 <sup>7</sup>               | 10                 | $\mu^\pm$        | NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>       | 2022<br>2 years                    | recoil silicon, modified polarised target magnet |
| Input for Dark Matter Search        | $\bar{p}$ production cross section    | 20-280            | 5 · 10 <sup>5</sup>               | 25                 | $p$              | LH2, LHe                           | 2022<br>1 month                    | liquid helium target                             |
| $\bar{p}$ -induced spectroscopy     | Heavy quark exotics                   | 12, 20            | 5 · 10 <sup>7</sup>               | 25                 | $\bar{p}$        | LH2                                | 2022<br>2 years                    | target spectrometer: tracking, calorimetry       |
| Drell-Yan                           | Pion PDFs                             | 190               | 7 · 10 <sup>7</sup>               | 25                 | $\pi^\pm$        | C/W                                | 2022<br>1-2 years                  |  |
| Drell-Yan (RF)                      | Kaon PDFs & Nucleon TMDs              | ~100              | 10 <sup>8</sup>                   | 25-50              | $K^\pm, \bar{p}$ | NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> , C/W | 2026<br>2-3 years                  | "active absorber", vertex detector               |
| Primakoff (RF)                      | Kaon polarisability & pion life time  | ~100              | 5 · 10 <sup>6</sup>               | > 10               | $K^-$            | Ni                                 | non-exclusive<br>2026<br>1 year    |  |
| Prompt Photons (RF)                 | Meson gluon PDFs                      | ≥ 100             | 5 · 10 <sup>6</sup>               | 10-100             | $K^\pm, \pi^\pm$ | LH2, Ni                            | non-exclusive<br>2026<br>1-2 years | hodoscope  |
| <i>K</i> -induced Spectroscopy (RF) | High-precision strange-meson spectrum | 50-100            | 5 · 10 <sup>6</sup>               | 25                 | $K^-$            | LH2                                | 2026<br>1 year                     | recoil TOF, forward PID                          |
| Vector mesons (RF)                  | Spin Density Matrix Elements          | 50-100            | 5 · 10 <sup>6</sup>               | 10-100             | $K^\pm, \pi^\pm$ | from H to Pb                       | 2026<br>1 year                     |  |

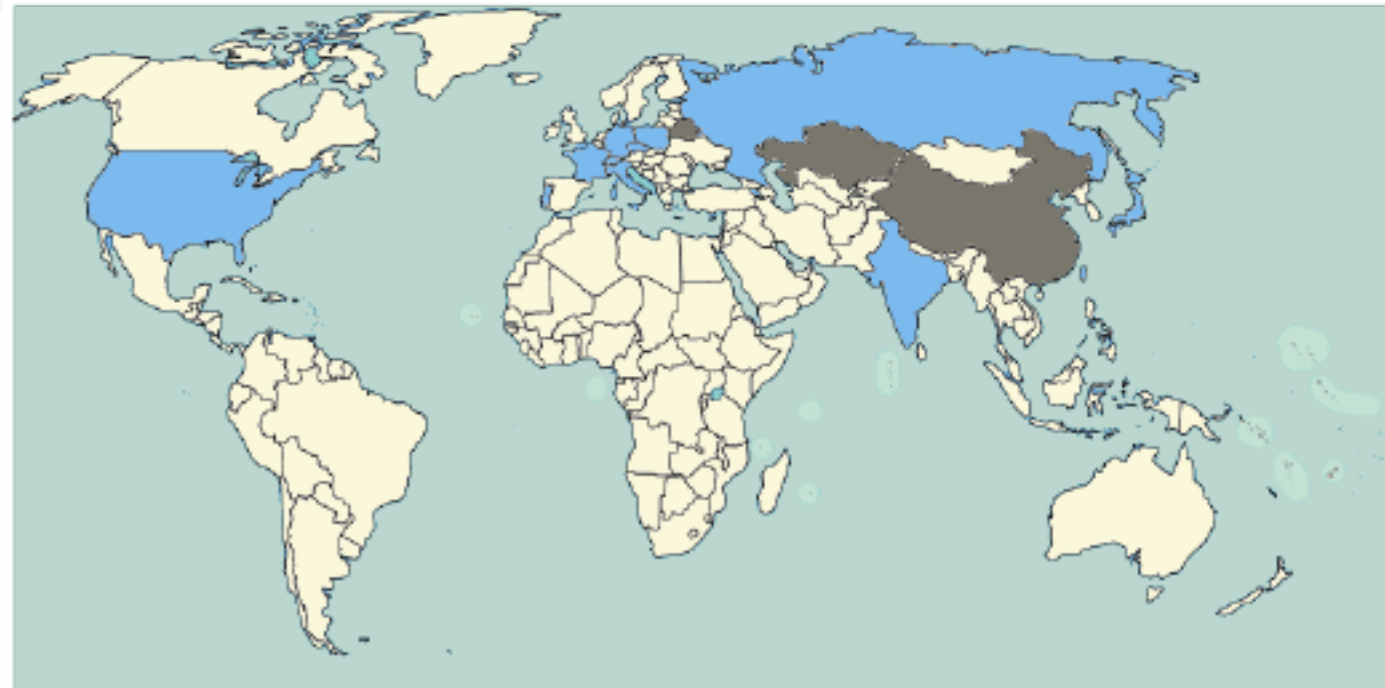
## Proposal program: phase 1

| Year          | Activity  | Beam                                 |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2021          | Proton radius test measurement                                      | $\mu$                                |
| 2022          | Proton radius measurement<br>Antiproton production test measurement | $\mu$<br>$p$                         |
| 2023          | Antiproton production measurement<br>Proton radius measurement      | $p$<br>$\mu$                         |
| 2024<br>2024+ | Drell-Yan: pion PDFs and charmonium production mechanism            | $p, K^+, \pi^+, \bar{p}, K^-, \pi^-$ |

a great variety of measurements to address fundamental issues of strong interactions in the medium and long-term future



# A Collaboration ongoing



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- CERN
- Saclay, France
- Torino, Italy
- Trieste, Italy
- Lisbon, Portugal
- Aveiro, Portugal
- Bonn, Germany
- Munich, Germany
- Mainz, Germany
- Freiburg, Germany
- Bochum, Germany

- Prague, Czech Rep
- Kolkata, India
- Dubna, Russia
- Protvino, Russia
- Moscow, Russia
- Tel-Aviv, Israel
- Warsaw, Poland
- Yamagata, Japan
- Illinois, USA
- Taipei, Taiwan
- Tomsk, Russia

- Michigan, USA
- Chicago, USA
- Los Alamos, USA
- Tsinghua-Beijing, China
- Lanzhou, China
- Astana, Kazakhstan
- Bologna, Italy
- Trento, Italy
- Gatchina, Russia
- ...



# A Collaboration ongoing



Proto-Collaboration board has been established:  
nominations for 40 institutions completed  
first collaboration board meeting took place on Nov. 24th 2020

Physics Program Coordinators have been appointed (Drell-Yan, Proton Radius,  $p\bar{p}$  xsec)

Technical Board established: in close collaboration with COMPASS TB to allow a smooth transition

MoU drafting group has been established, the goal is to have a Draft MoU in the summer 2021 and to finalise MoU by the end of 2021

First Collaboration Meeting will take place on May 6-7 2021



# AMBER physics program



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## Hadron physics with conventional hadron beams

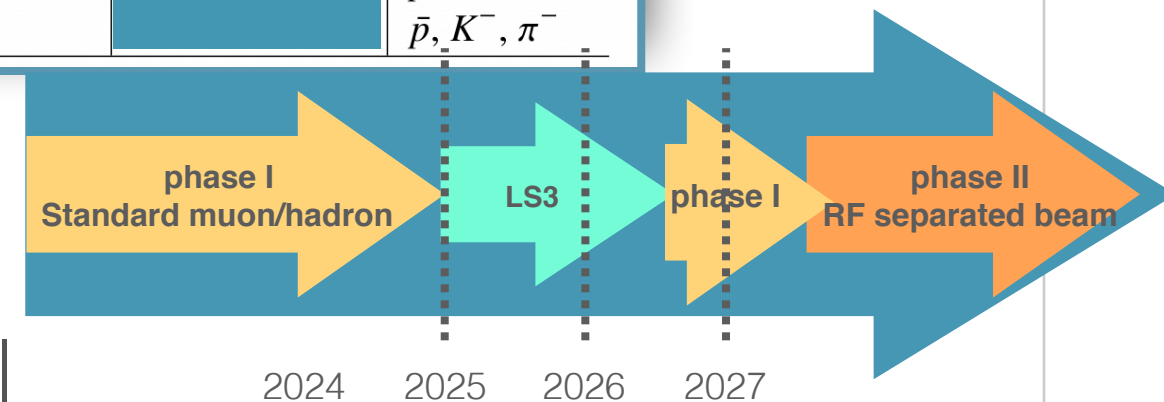
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- \* Pion structure from Drell-Yan and charmonium production

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- \* Kaon structure from Drell-Yan and direct photon production
- \* Spectroscopy of kaons
- \* Kaon polarizability from Primakoff reaction
- \* ...

} Phase I

} Phase 2



# AMBER physics program



| Year          | Activity   | Duration           | Beam                                 |
|---------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2021          | Proton radius test measurement                           | 20 days            | $\mu$                                |
| 2022          | Proton radius measurement                                | 120 (+40) days     | $\mu$                                |
|               | Antiproton production test measurement                   | 10 days            | $p$                                  |
| 2023          | Antiproton production measurement                        | 20(+10) days       | $p$                                  |
|               | Proton radius measurement                                | 140 (+10) days     | $\mu$                                |
| 2024<br>2024+ | Drell-Yan: pion PDFs and charmonium production mechanism | $\lesssim 2$ years | $p, K^+, \pi^+, \bar{p}, K^-, \pi^-$ |

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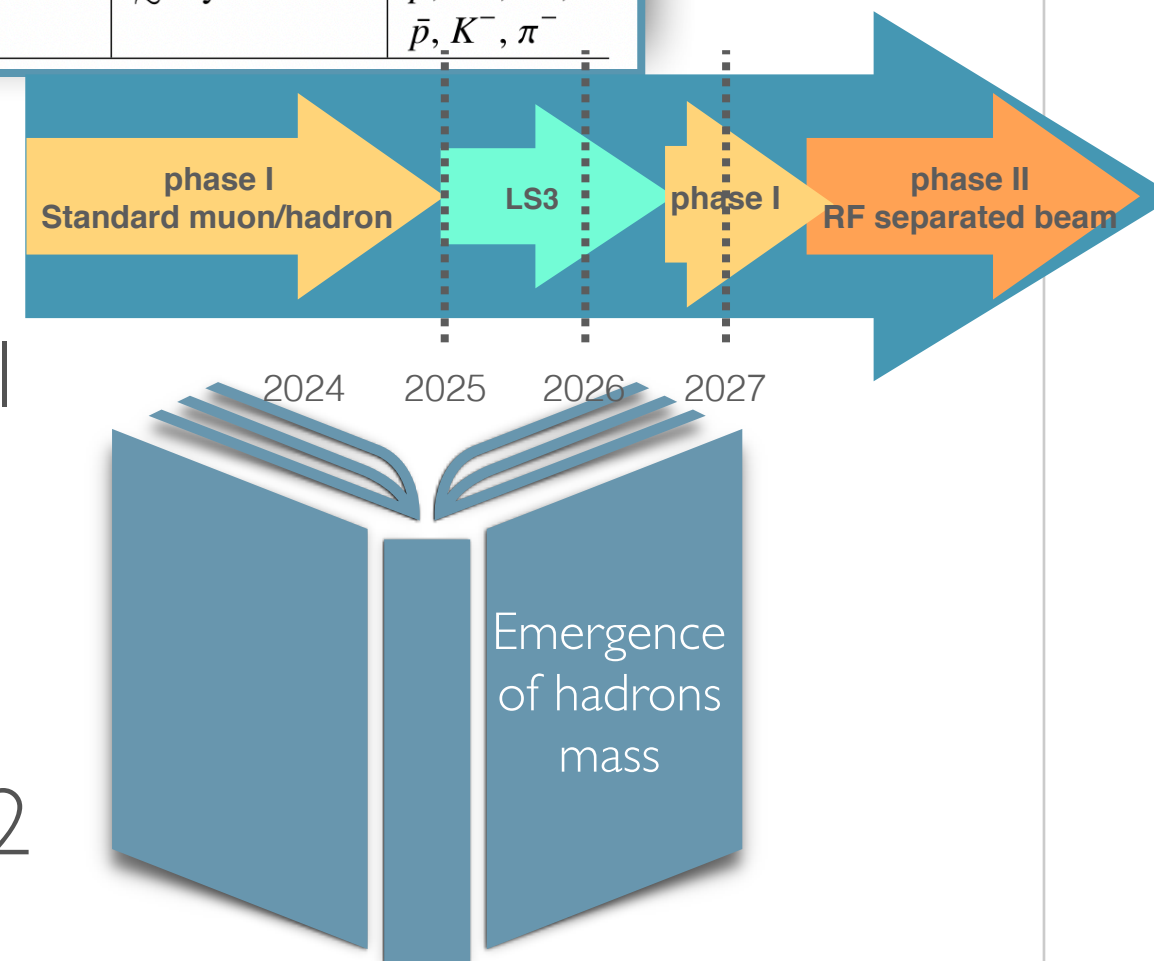
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Phase I

Phase 2





# The proton radius puzzle



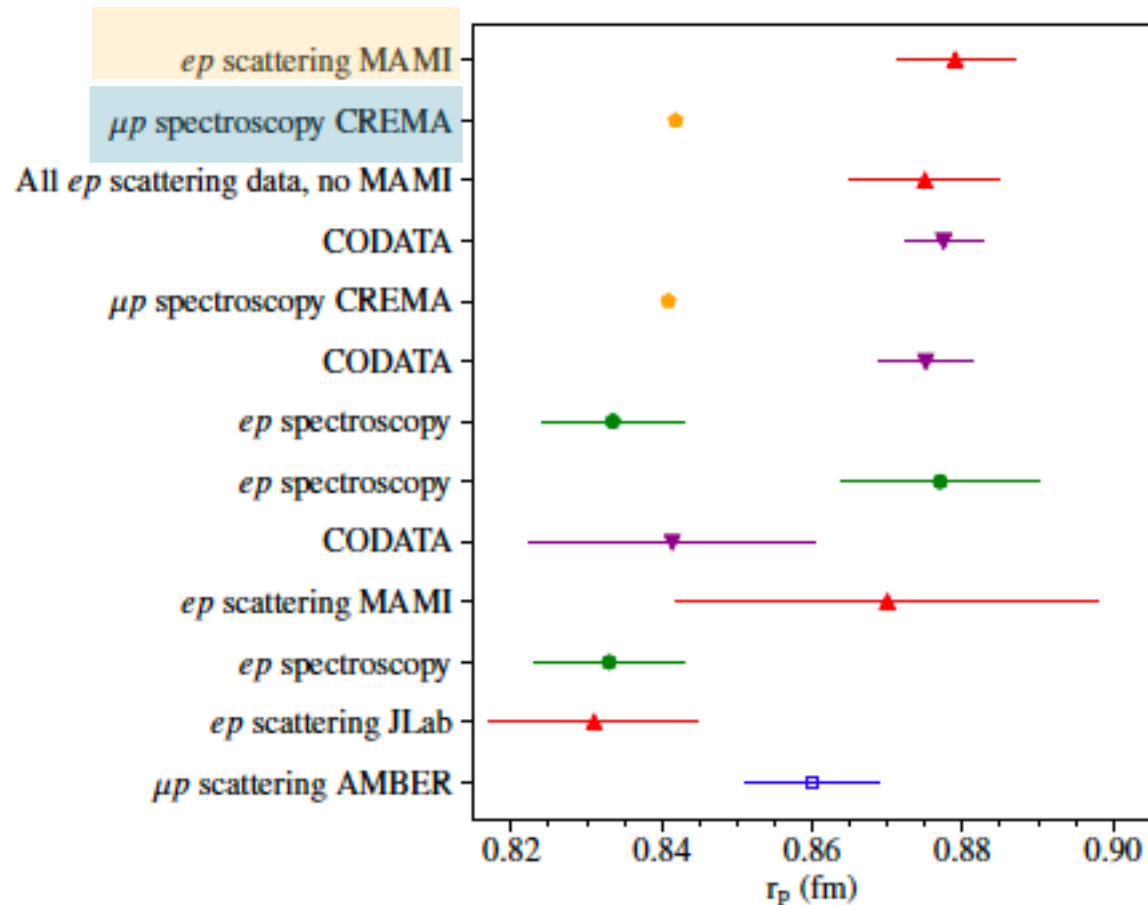
Data from atomic spectroscopy and lepton-proton scattering:

several experiments with different approaches measured the proton radius with contradicting results

Two significantly different values obtained → the proton-radius puzzle



# The proton radius puzzle



- Hydrogen spectroscopy:
  - muonic or ordinary hydrogen
  - highest precision using laser spectroscopy
  - favoured value of  $(0.841 \pm 0.001)$  fm
- Electron-hydrogen scattering:
  - measurement using momentum transfer
  - recent data: MAMI A1 (2010) or JLab (2011)
  - favoured value of  $(0.879 \pm 0.008)$  fm
  - new in 2019: PRad value of  $(0.831 \pm 0.014)$  fm

|              | ep   | $\mu p$                                     |
|--------------|--|---|
| Spectroscopy | New measurements with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower systematics</li> <li>• new transitions</li> </ul>   | ✓   |
| Scattering   | New measurements with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower systematics</li> <li>• reaching lower <math>Q^2</math></li> </ul> ProRAD, ULQ2,<br>ISR @ MESA, PRad | No data yet.<br><br>MUSE at PSI coming soon |



# The proton radius puzzle



## Proposal of a new measurement

Measurement of the cross section of high-energy elastic muon-proton scattering:

- Measure as close as possible to  $Q^2 = 0$
- Sufficient range to determine radius:

→ Aimed precision of below 1 %

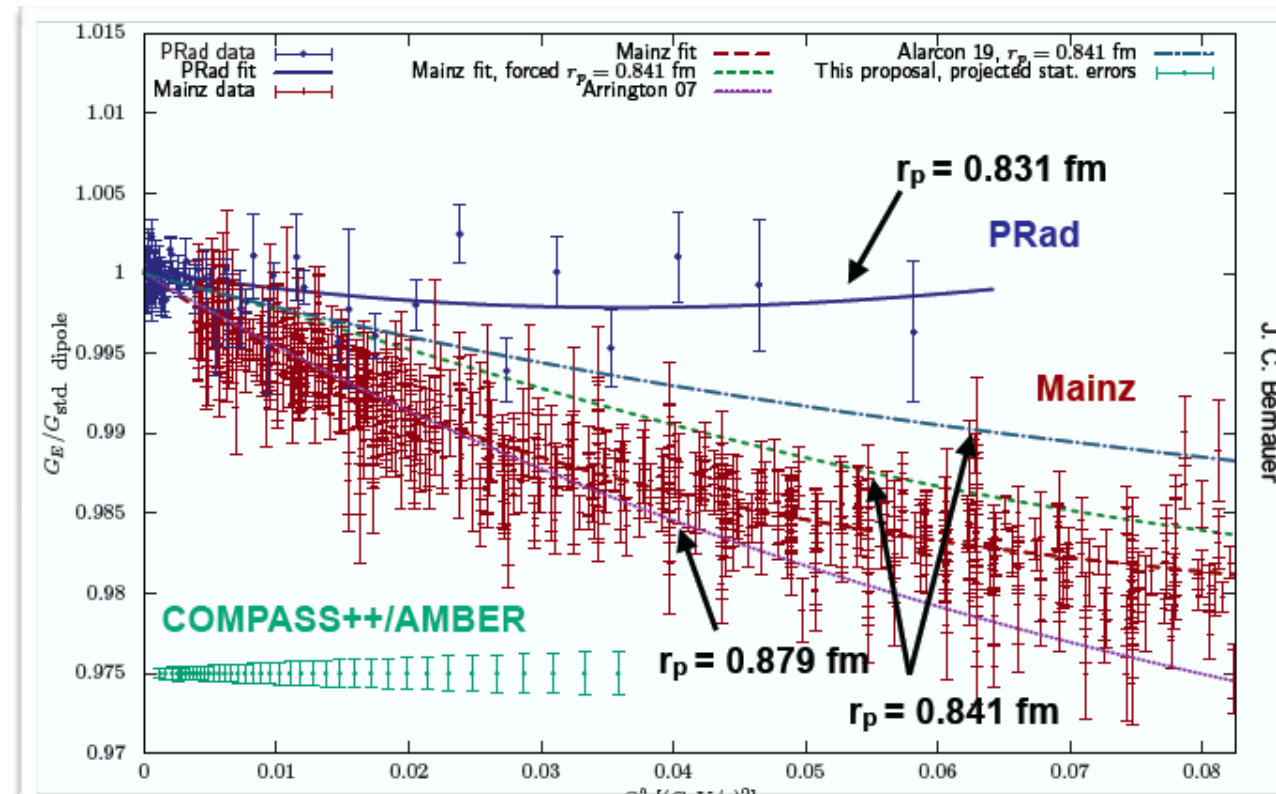
→ Aimed  $Q^2$ -range: 0.001 - 0.04  $\text{GeV}^2/c^2$

- Deviation between previous data-sets:
  - Mainz and PRad:  $Q^2 > 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$
  - Inconsistency with other radii extractions
- Goal: Understanding of this situation

$$\langle r_p^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \cdot \left. \frac{dG_E(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\mu p \rightarrow \mu p}}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} R(\epsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2) \quad \epsilon = \frac{E_\mu^2 - \tau(s - m_\mu^2)}{\vec{p}_\mu^2 - \tau(s - 2m_p^2(1 + \tau))} \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{(4m_p^2)}$$

- Suppress magnetic form factor  $G_M^2$ 
  - Requires  $\tau \rightarrow 0$
  - Measurement at low- $Q^2$  values of  $\mathcal{O}(<10^{-2})$
- Measurement at high-energy  $\mathcal{O}(10 - 100 \text{ GeV})$ 
  - Results in  $\epsilon \rightarrow 1$
  - Cross-section directly proportional to  $G_E^2$

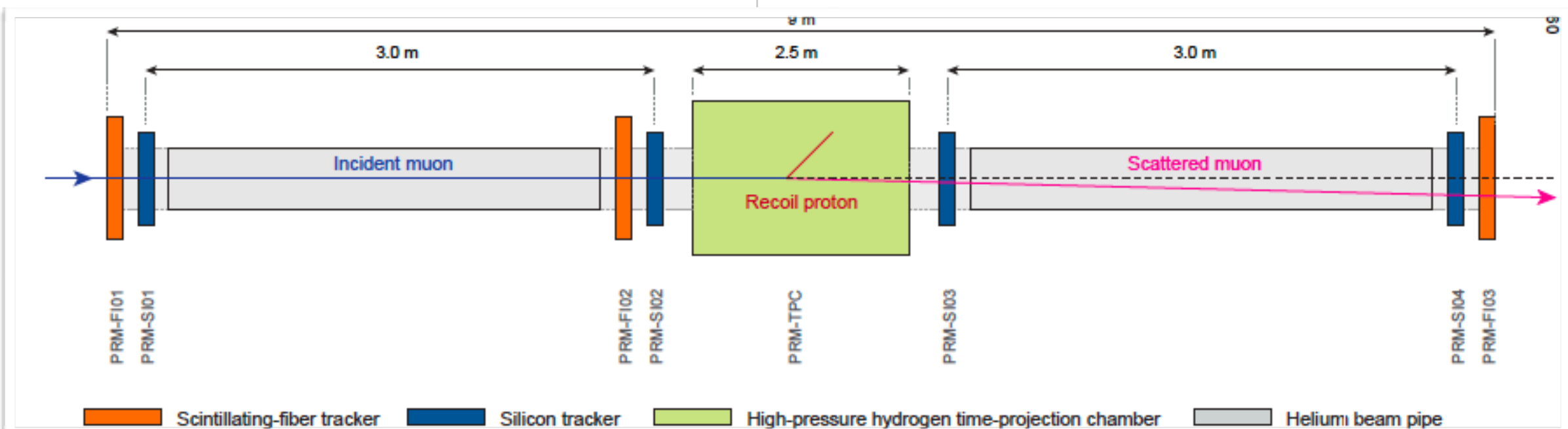
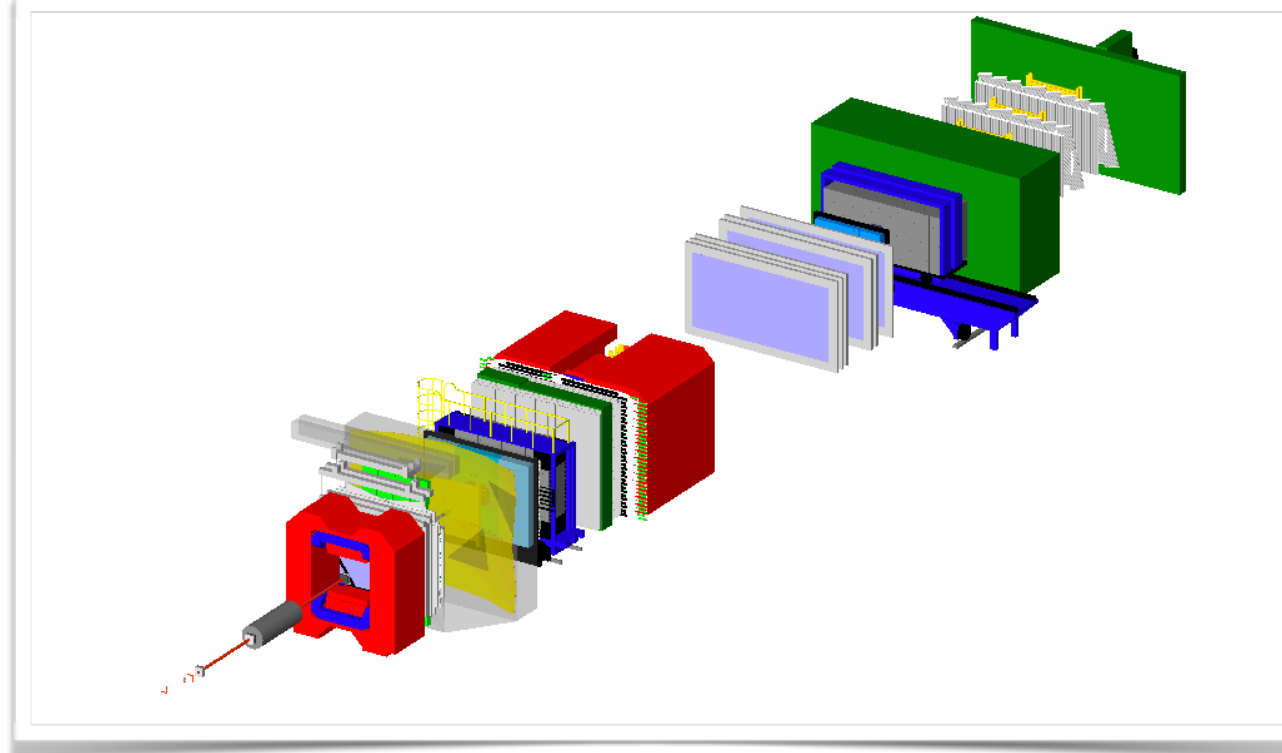


# Layout of Proton-Radius Measurement in 2022



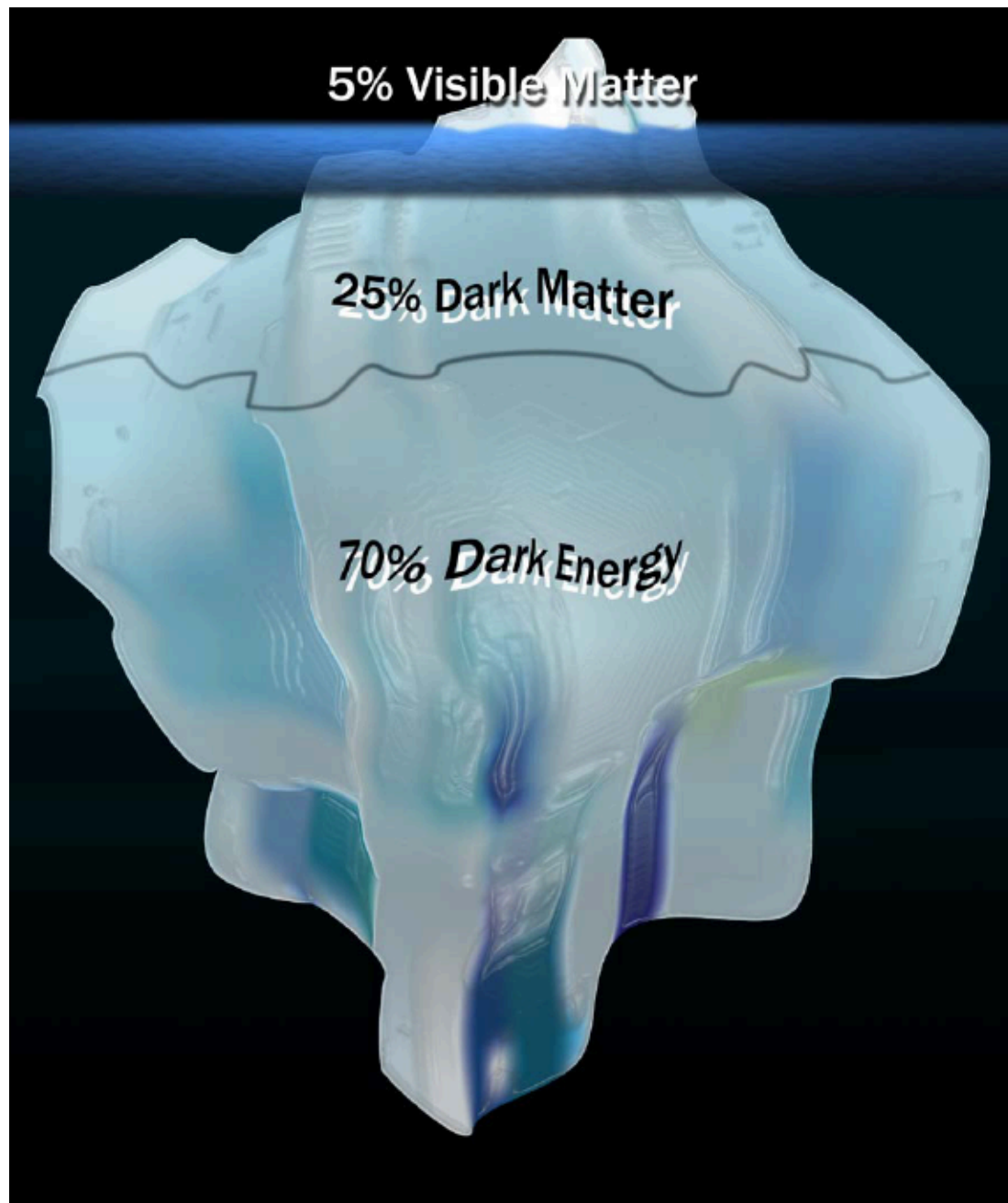
Measurement of low- $Q^2$  elastic-scattering Detection of low-energetic recoil-protons and scattered muons with small scattering-angle.

- Silicon trackers along large lever-arm to measure small scattering-angles
- Fiber tracker timing and trigger (fallback)
- TPC as an active target with the ability to measure the low-energetic recoil-proton
- New continuously-running DAQ





# Dark matter searches: where can we help?



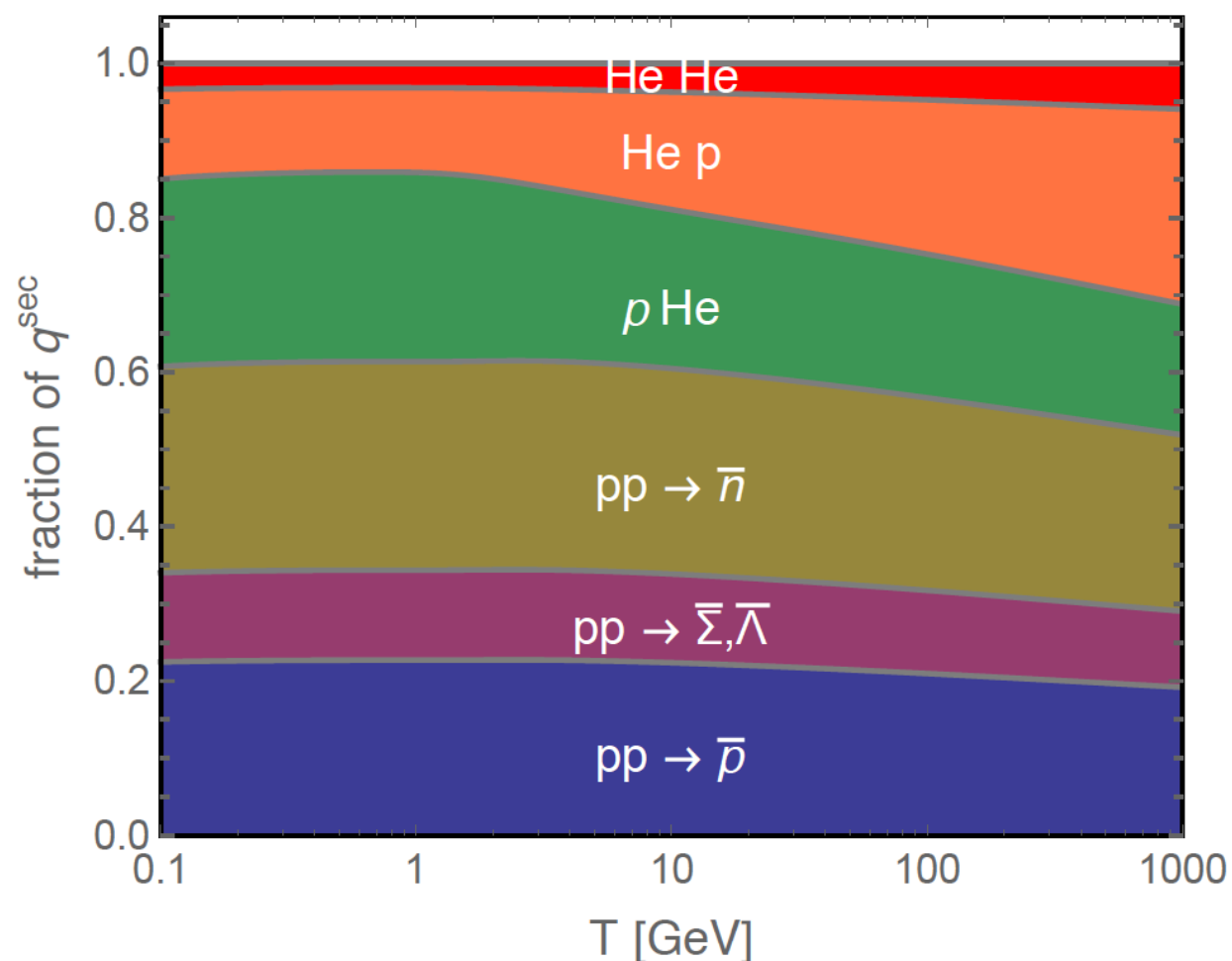
Empirical evidence indicates that Dark Matter constitutes the vast majority of all matter in the Universe; but its origin and nature are completely unknown.

Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) present the most appealing solution to these puzzles.

The indirect detection of DM is based on the search for the products of DM annihilation or decay.

In particular cosmic-ray antimatter components promise to provide sensitivity to DM annihilation products on top of the standard astrophysical production.

# Dark matter searches: where can we help?



- an accurate prediction of the expected anti-p flux in cosmic rays in the rigidity range from few GeV to several hundreds of GeV is interesting to understand cosmic ray and possibly search for signals of new physics
- anti-p production cross section from p-p and p-He interactions is poorly measured and cannot simply be constrained from available measurements
- we want to perform a measurement with the SPS protons between 50 and 280 GeV/c on fixed LH2 and LHe targets, and a magnetic spectrometer

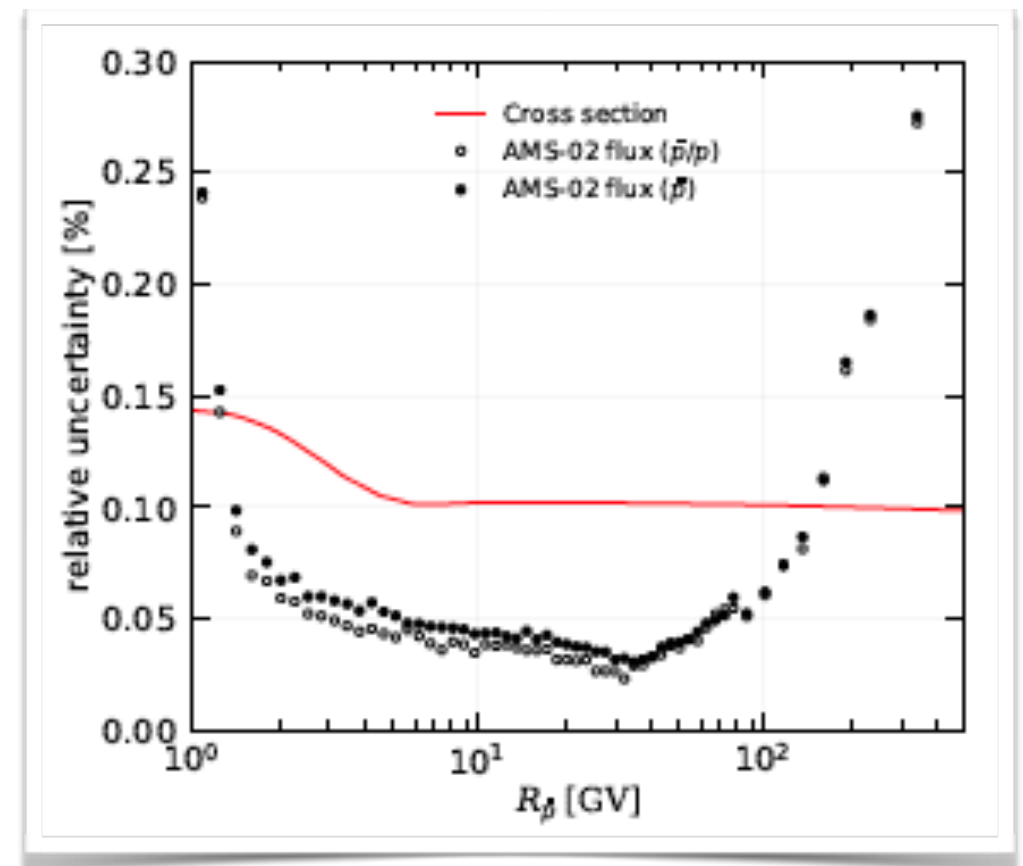
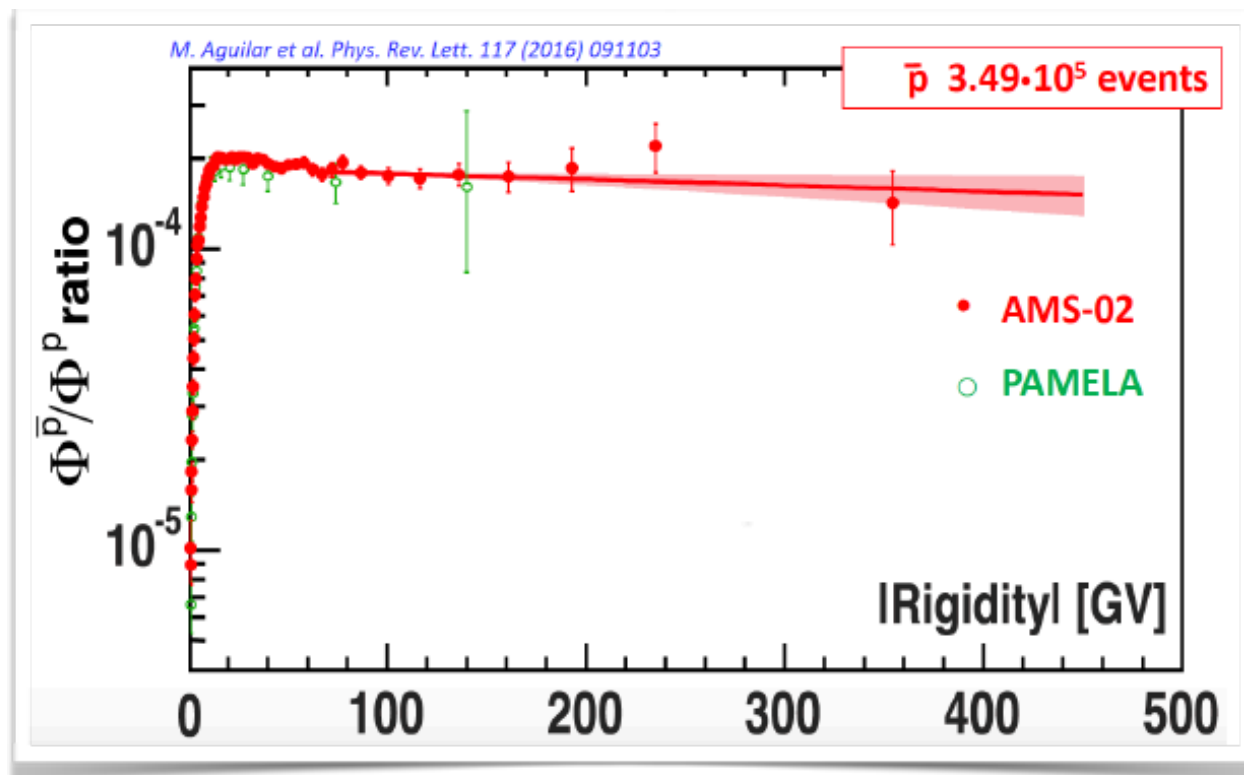


# Dark matter searches: where can we help?



Two major uncertainties limit the prediction of the anti-p flux from CR interaction with ISM

- production cross sections  $p\text{-}p \rightarrow p\bar{p} + X$   $p\text{-He} \rightarrow p\bar{p} + X$
- CR propagation in the galaxy



# pbar xsec measurement @AMBER

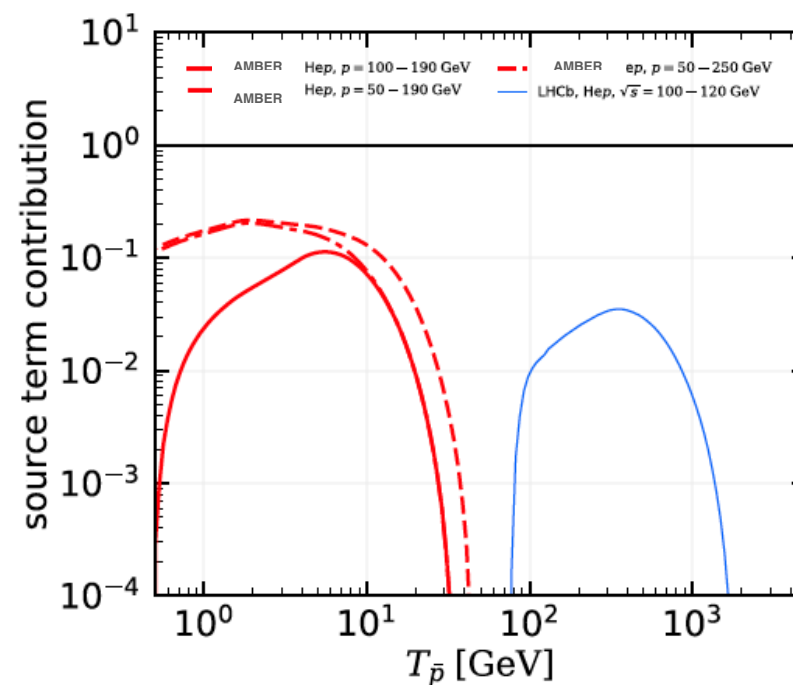
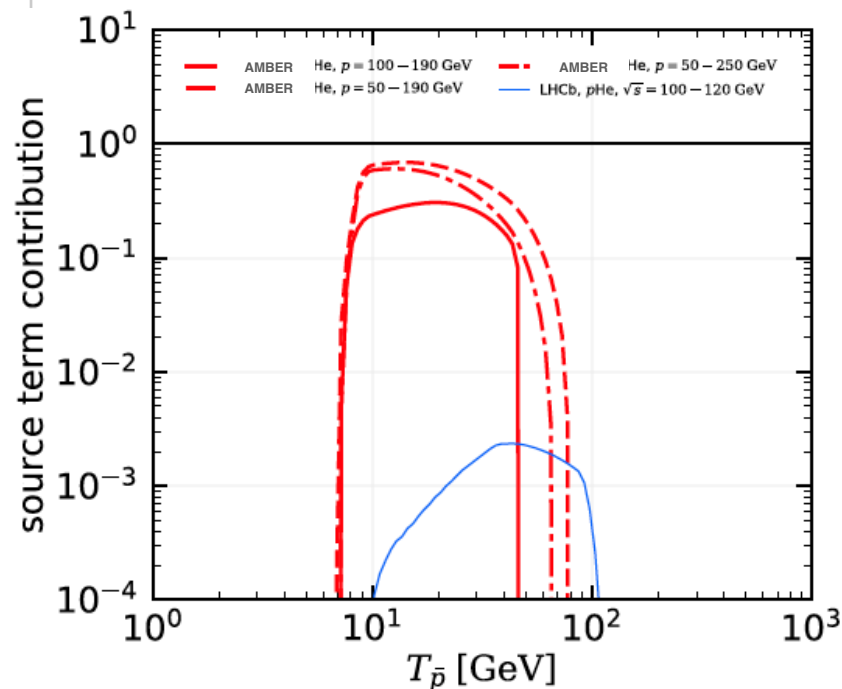


## Relevance of the measurement

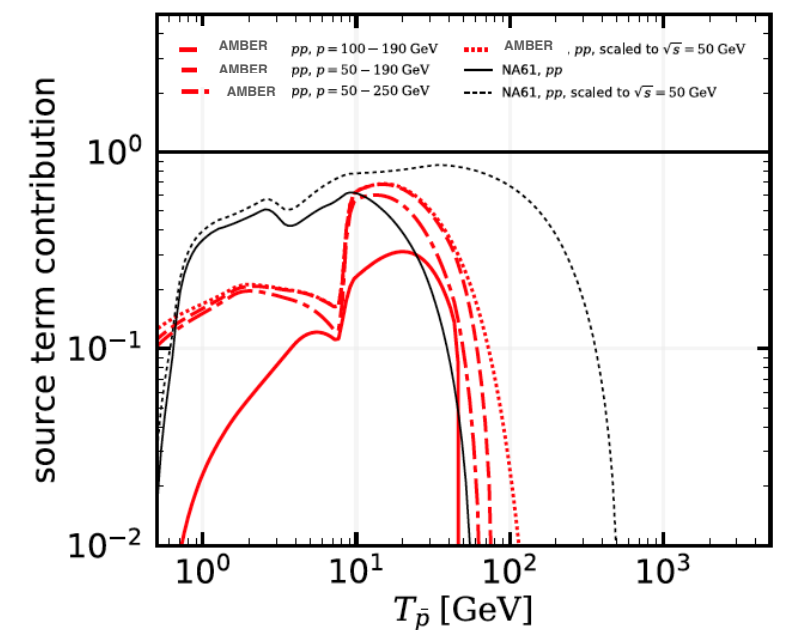
Measurement performed at 7 TeV p-He  $\rightarrow$  pbar + X (*LHCb-CONF-2017-002*)

NA61 p+p data beam momenta of 20, 31, 40, 80, and 158 GeV/c (*Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 671 (2017)*)

p-He He-p source  
term coverage



p-p source term  
coverage





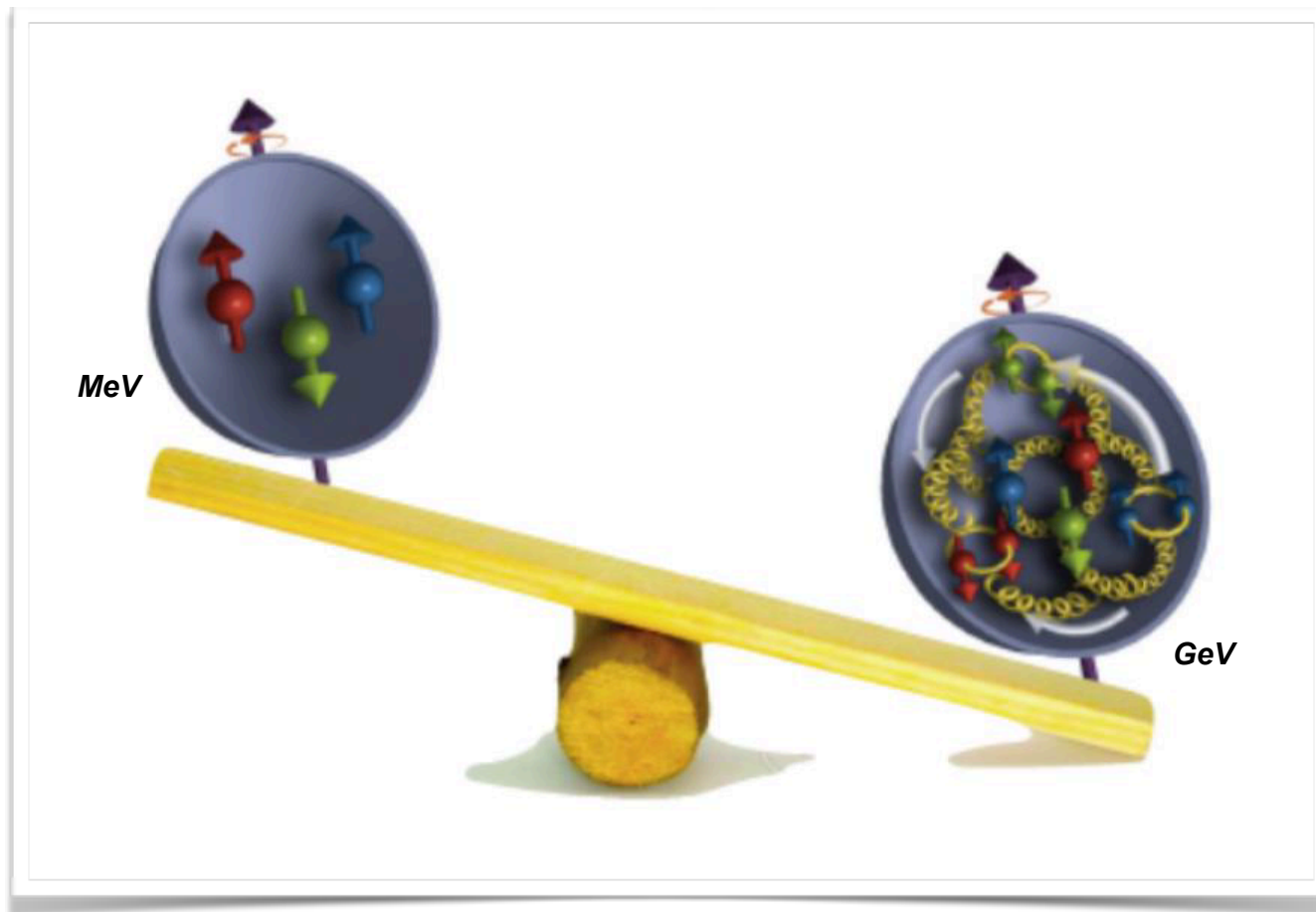
# Emergence of hadron mass



two mass generating mechanisms in the SM:

- One is related to the Higgs boson and fairly well understood
- The other is embedded in QCD:

although responsible for emergence of the roughly 1 GeV mass scale that characterises the proton and hence all observable matter, the source and impacts of this emergent hadronic mass (EHM) remain puzzling



# Emergence of hadron mass



Visible world: mainly made of light quarks – its mass emerges from quark-gluon interactions  
Higgs mechanism produces only a small fraction of all visible mass

Pion



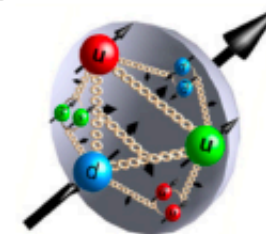
- $M_\pi \sim 140\text{MeV}$
- Spin 0
- 2 light valence quarks

Kaon



- $M_K \sim 490\text{MeV}$
- Spin 0
- 1 light and 1 “heavy” valence quarks

Proton



- $M_p \sim 940\text{MeV}$
- Spin 1/2
- 3 light valence quarks

Higgs generated masses of the valence quarks:

$M(u+d) \sim 7 \text{ MeV}$

$M(u+s) \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

$M(u+u+d) \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$

**Pion**

Quark structure:  $ud$   
Mass  $\sim 140 \text{ MeV}$   
Exists only if mass is dynamically generated.  
Empty or full of gluons?

**Kaon**

Quark structure:  $us$   
Mass  $\sim 490 \text{ MeV}$   
Boundary between emergent- and Higgs-mass mechanisms.  
More or less gluons than in pion?

**Proton**

Quark structure:  $uud$   
Mass  $\sim 940 \text{ MeV}$  ( $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ )  
Most of mass generated by dynamics.  
Gluon rise discovered by HERA e-p



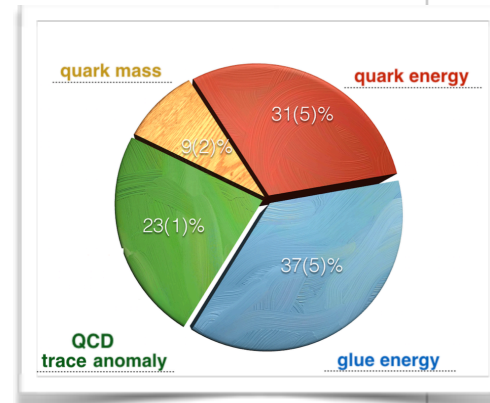
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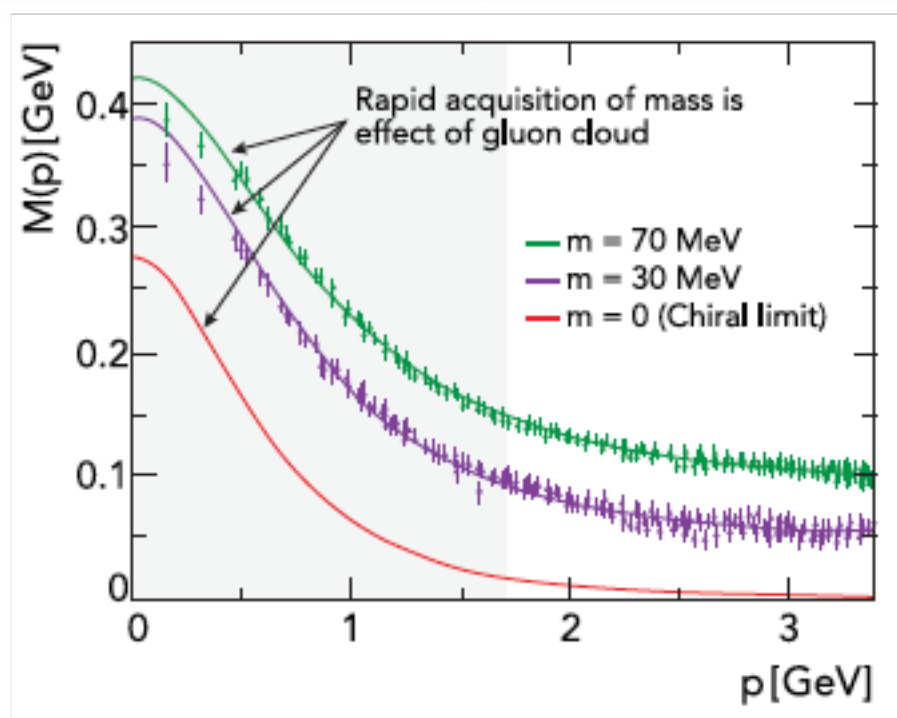
In the chiral limit proton mass is about 1/3 of its nominal mass; using a parton model basis: the entirety of the proton mass is produced by gluons and due to the trace anomaly

In the chiral limit pion is massless as Nambu-Goldstone boson

What does it mean?



Does the meson gluons disappear in the chiral limit and thus contribute nothing to the pion mass?



This is unlikely as quarks and gluons still dynamically acquire mass – this is a universal feature in hadrons – so more likely a cancellation of terms leads to “0”



Need to study pion and kaon PDFs

Pion –Kaon comparisons great place to study interference between the Standard Model's two mass-generating mechanisms

# Emergence of hadron mass

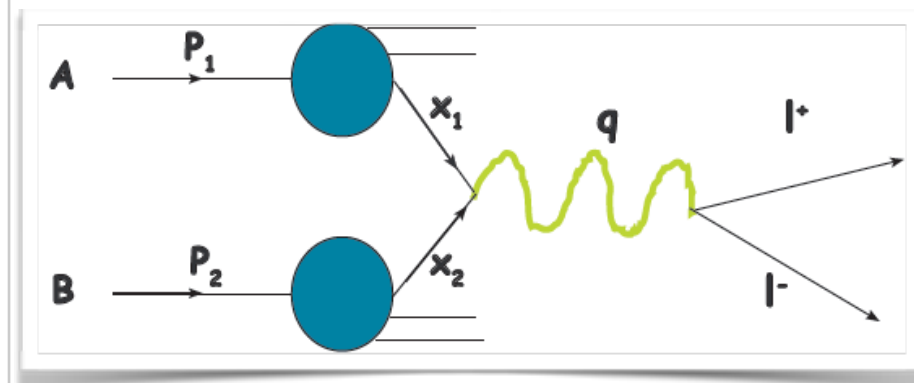


Questions to be answered:

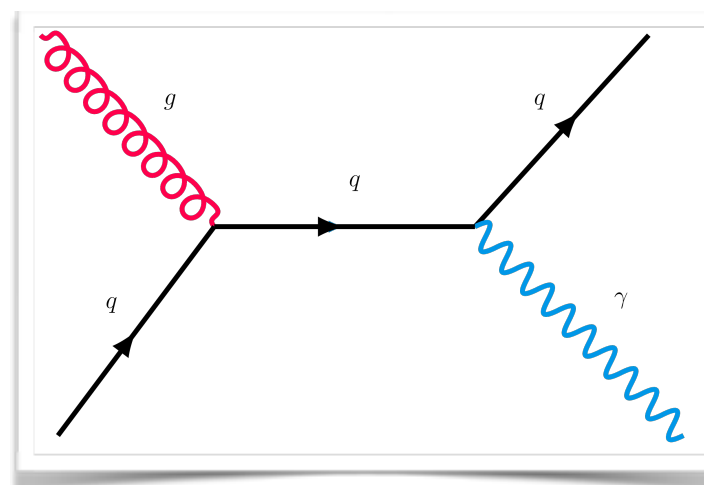
- Mass difference pion/proton/kaon
- Mass generation mechanism (emergent mass .vs. Higgs)
- Gluon content, especially important pion/kaon striking difference

Experimental access @AMBER (with pion and kaon beams):

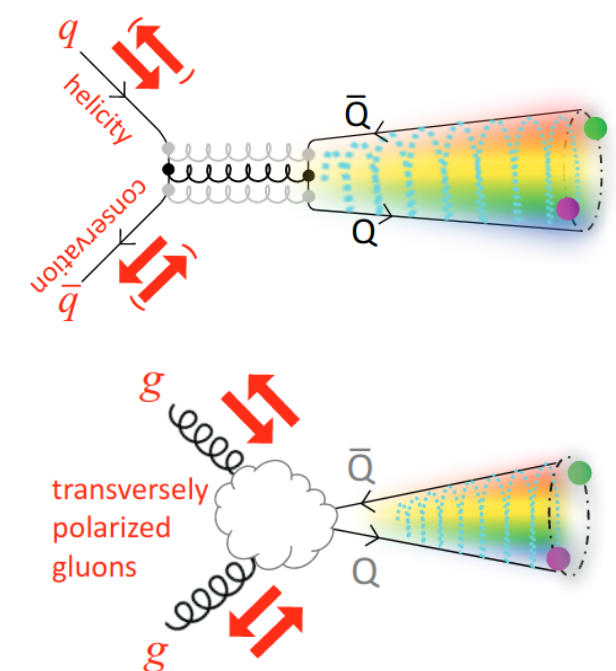
• Drell-Yan



• Prompt-photon production



• Charmonium production





# What do we know about pion structure?



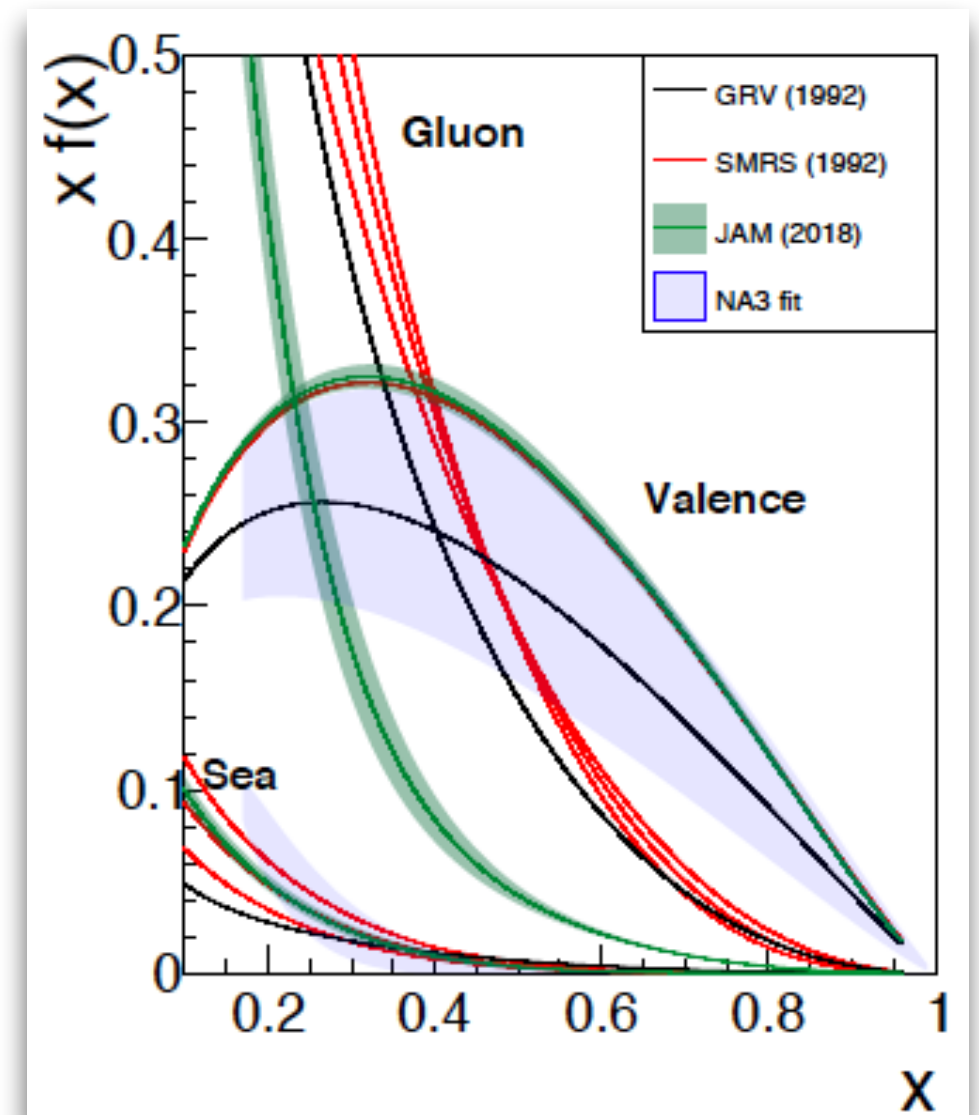
Pion-induced Drell-Yan data collected by NA3, NA10, WA39 (CERN) and E615 (Fermilab), more than 30 years ago  $\rightarrow$  access valence and sea (NA3 and WA39) distributions in the pion

Available data from direct-photon production also obtained at that time, by WA70 and NA24(CERN)

limited data sets  $\rightarrow$  sea quark distribution was derived from momentum-sum-rule conservation

GRV set of pion PDFs - Drell-Yan, charmonia and prompt photon production experiments (E615, NA10, WA70, NA24)

JAM set - production of leading neutrons in DIS at HERA (ZEUS, H1)



GRV/S Z. Phys. C53 (1992) 651–656. ; Eur. Phys. J. C10 (1999)  
SMRS Phys. Rev. D45 (1992) 2349–2359; Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 152001  
NA3 Z. Phys. C18 (1983) 281

# Pion-induced Drell-Yan: experimental access to pion structure



- Mostly heavy target  
—> nuclear effects
- Some did not publish cross-sections
- Limited data sets  
—> sea quark distribution was derived from momentum-sum-rule conservation
- Some did not measure with both beam charges  
—> no sea/valence separation

Isoscalar target

Both beam charges

High statistics

| Experiment   | Target type           | Beam energy (GeV) | Beam type | Beam intensity (part/sec) | DY mass (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) | DY events |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| E615         | 20cm W                | 252               | $\pi^+$   | $17.6 \times 10^7$        | 4.05 – 8.55                   | 5,000     |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   | $18.6 \times 10^7$        |                               | 30,000    |
| NA3          | 30cm H <sub>2</sub>   | 200               | $\pi^+$   | $2.0 \times 10^7$         | 4.1 – 8.5                     | 40        |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   | $3.0 \times 10^7$         |                               | 121       |
|              | 6cm Pt                | 200               | $\pi^+$   | $2.0 \times 10^7$         | 4.2 – 8.5                     | 1,767     |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   | $3.0 \times 10^7$         |                               | 4,961     |
| NA10         | 120cm D <sub>2</sub>  | 286               | $\pi^-$   | $65 \times 10^7$          | 4.2 – 8.5                     | 7,800     |
|              |                       | 140               |           |                           | 4.35 – 8.5                    | 3,200     |
|              | 12cm W                | 286               | $\pi^-$   | $65 \times 10^7$          | 4.2 – 8.5                     | 49,600    |
|              |                       | 140               |           |                           | 4.35 – 8.5                    | 29,300    |
| COMPASS 2015 | 110cm NH <sub>3</sub> | 190               | $\pi^-$   | $7.0 \times 10^7$         | 4.3 – 8.5                     | 35,000    |
| COMPASS 2018 |                       |                   |           |                           |                               | 52,000    |
| AMBER        | 100cm C               | 190               | $\pi^+$   | $1.7 \times 10^7$         | 4.3 – 8.5                     | 23,000    |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   |                           | 3.8 – 8.5                     | 37,000    |
|              |                       | 190               | $\pi^+$   | $6.8 \times 10^7$         | 4.3 – 8.5                     | 22,000    |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   |                           | 3.8 – 8.5                     | 34,000    |
|              | 24cm W                | 190               | $\pi^+$   | $0.2 \times 10^7$         | 4.3 – 8.5                     | 7,000     |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   |                           | 3.8 – 8.5                     | 11,000    |
|              |                       | 190               | $\pi^+$   | $1.0 \times 10^7$         | 4.3 – 8.5                     | 6,000     |
|              |                       |                   | $\pi^-$   |                           | 3.8 – 8.5                     | 9,000     |



# pion-induced Drell-Yan @AMBER



- High energy and intensity pion beams

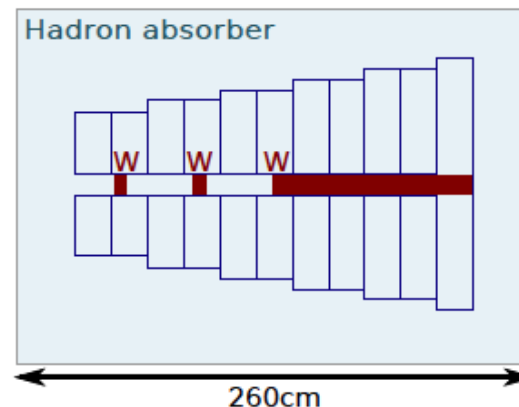
Example @ 190 GeV/c

$$I_{\pi^-} \sim I_{\text{beam}} = 7.0 \times 10^7/\text{s}$$

$$I_{\pi^+} \sim 25\% I_{\text{beam}} = 1.7 \times 10^7/\text{s}$$

- COMPASS-like apparatus

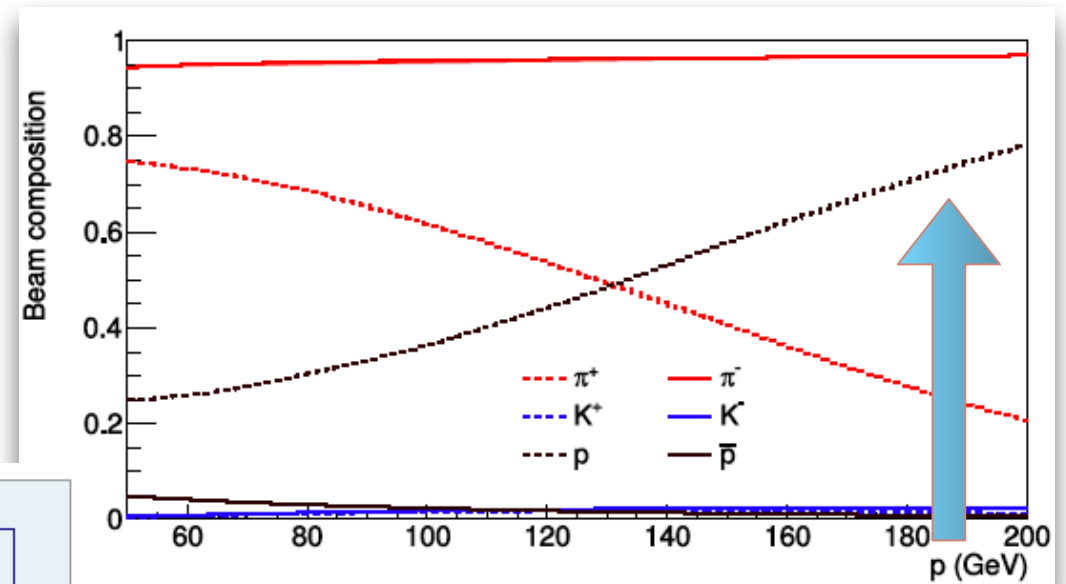
- Segmented Carbon target



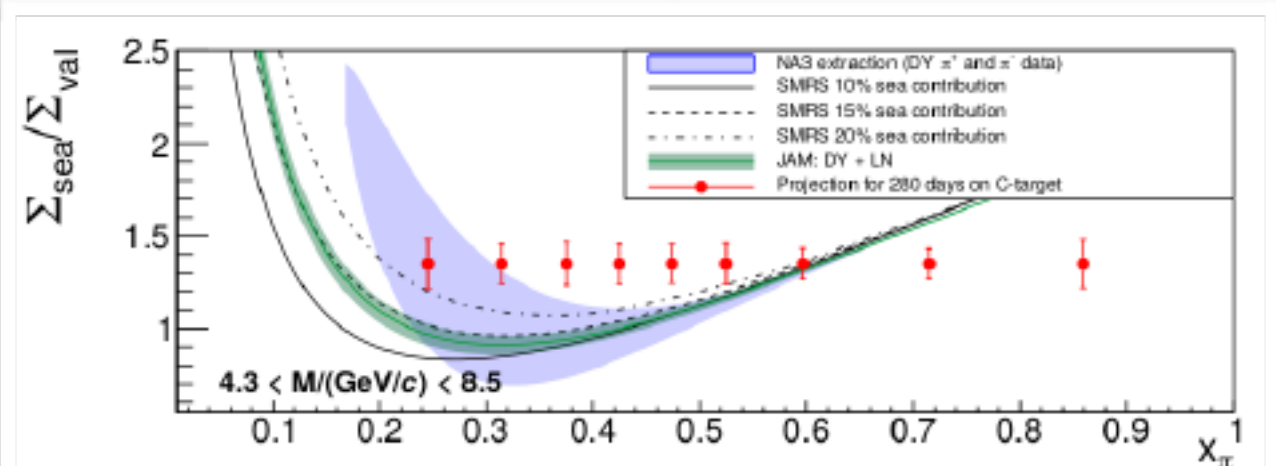
- Aim at the first precise direct measurement of the pion sea contribution

$$\frac{\Sigma_{\text{sea}}}{\Sigma_{\text{valence}}} = \frac{4\sigma^{\pi^+C} - \sigma^{\pi^-C}}{-\sigma^{\pi^+C} + \sigma^{\pi^-C}}$$

$\rightarrow$  LO: only sea-val and val-sea terms  
 $\rightarrow$  LO: only val-val terms



- Flavour dependent nuclear PDFs
- Positive and negative pion beam  
on Carbon and Tungsten target



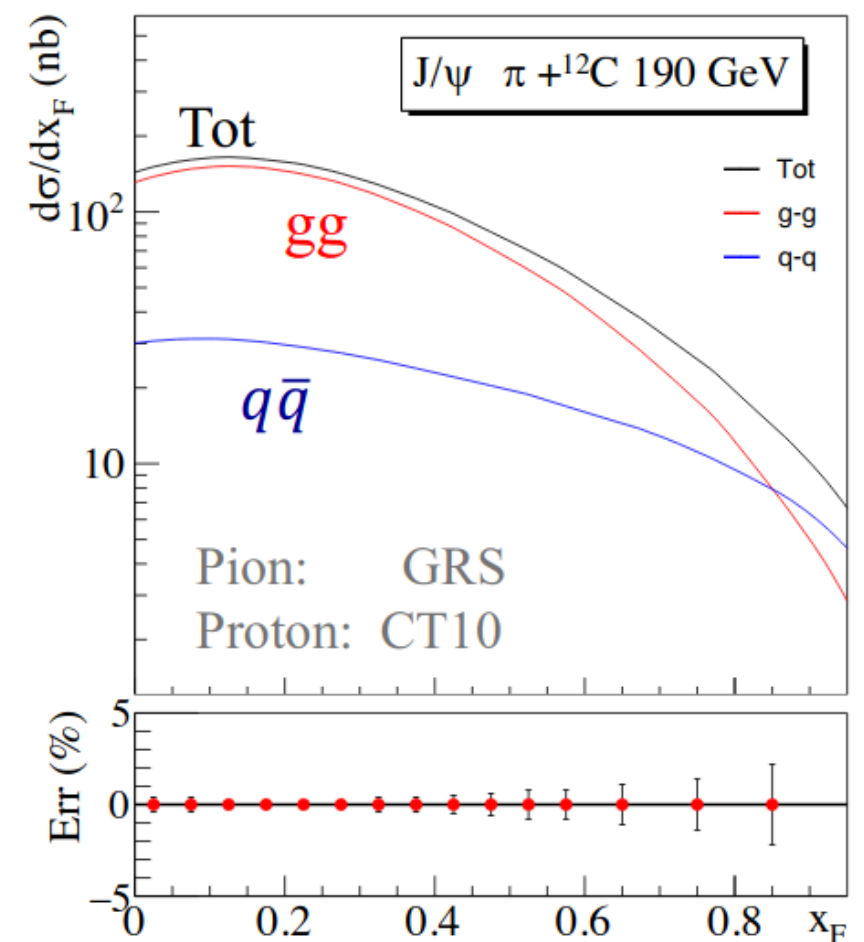
# what can we learn from $J/\psi$ production?



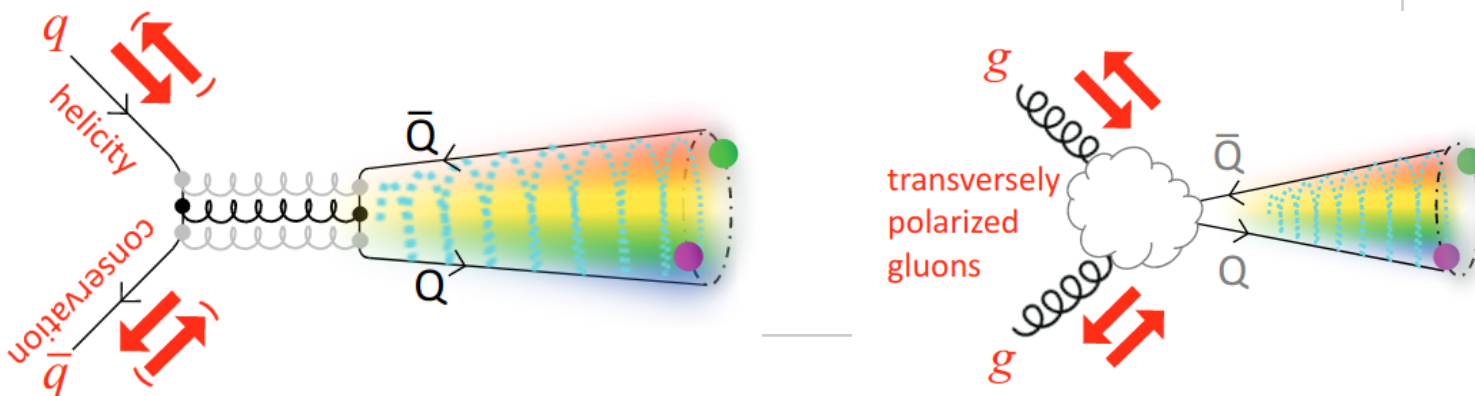
*Two main mechanisms of  $J/\psi$  production in hadron collisions:  $gg \rightarrow gJ/\psi$  and  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow J/\psi$*

- 1) test of charmonia production mechanisms: CEM vs NRQCD
- 2) Model-dependent separation of  $gg$  and  $q\bar{q}$  contributions using data collected with both positive and negative beams
- 3) probe of gluon and quark PDFs

@AMBER: large statistics  $J/\psi$  production at dimuon channel, differential cross-section measurements, low- $p_T$  regime, expected significant feed-down:  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\chi_{c1}$ ,  $\chi_{c2}$



Color Evaporation Model (ICEM)  
Cheung and Vogt, PRD98, 114029 (2018)  
and priv. comm.





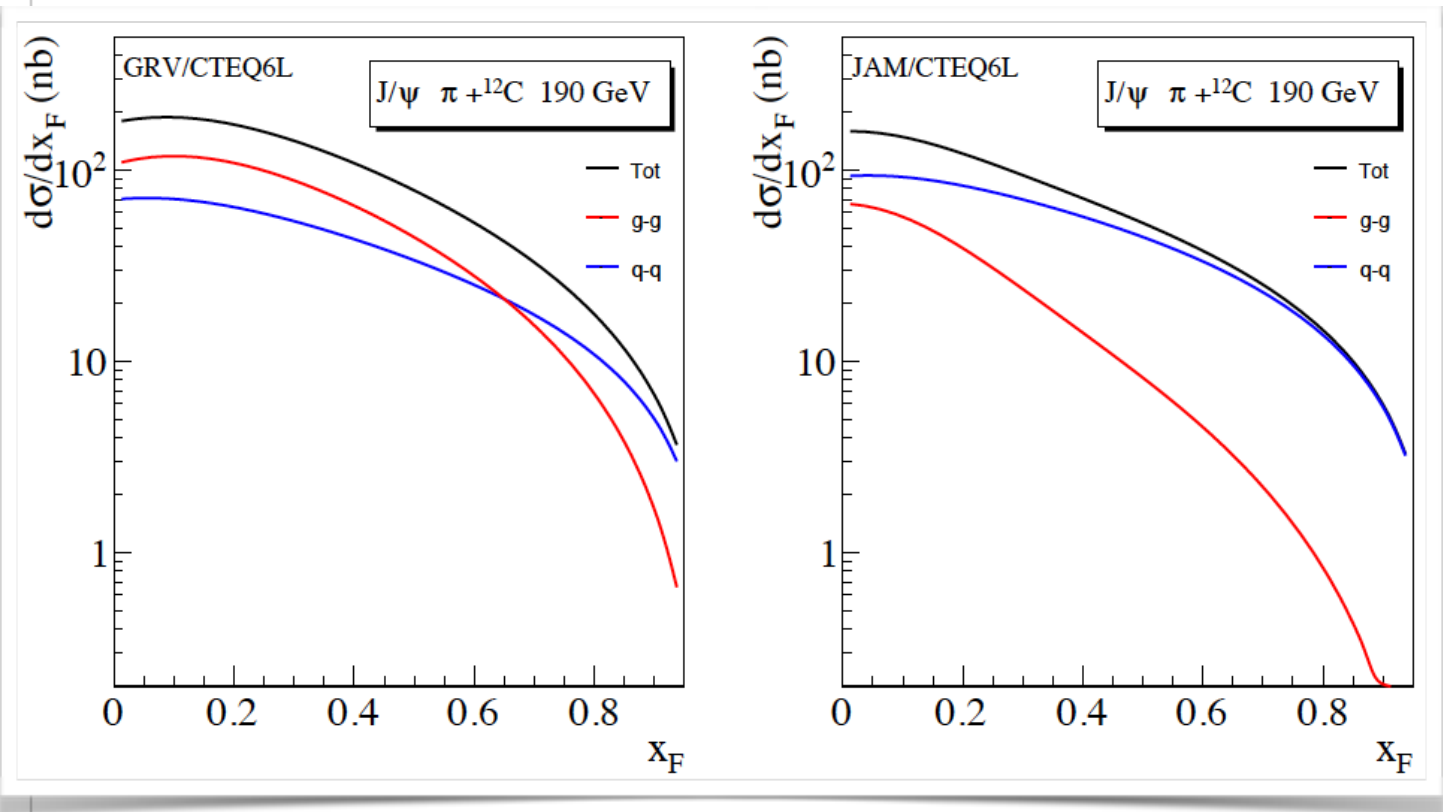
# what can we learn from J/ψ production?



In the energy domain of AMBER and for sufficiently high  $x_F$  values, the  $q\bar{q}$  component has a magnitude comparable or larger to that of the  $g g$  component.

The relative amount of both components is given by the overall amplitude and shape of the corresponding quark and gluon densities in the Bjorken  $x$  region between 0.05 and 0.95 for the pion and between 0.05 and 0.4 for the nucleon.

Since the nucleon PDFs are well known, the data may be used to infer the gluon distribution in the pion, obviously within the uncertainties of the hadronization model.



| Experiment      | Target type            | Beam energy (GeV) | Beam type          | J/ψ events       |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| NA3 [76]        | Pt                     | 150               | $\pi^-$            | 601000           |
|                 |                        | 280               | $\pi^-$            | 511000           |
|                 |                        | 200               | $\pi^+$<br>$\pi^-$ | 131000<br>105000 |
| E789 [129, 130] | Cu                     | 800               | p                  | 200000           |
|                 | Au                     |                   |                    | 110000           |
|                 | Be                     |                   |                    | 45000            |
| E866 [131]      | Be                     | 800               | p                  | 3000000          |
|                 | Fe                     |                   |                    |                  |
|                 | Cu                     |                   |                    |                  |
| NA50 [132]      | Be                     | 450               | p                  | 124700           |
|                 | Al                     |                   |                    | 100700           |
|                 | Cu                     |                   |                    | 130600           |
|                 | Ag                     |                   |                    | 132100           |
|                 | W                      |                   |                    | 78100            |
| NA51 [133]      | P                      | 450               | p                  | 301000           |
|                 | d                      |                   |                    | 312000           |
| HERA-B [134]    | C                      | 920               | p                  | 152000           |
| COMPASS 2015    | 110 cm NH <sub>3</sub> | 190               | $\pi^-$            | 1000000          |
| COMPASS 2018    |                        |                   |                    | 1500000          |
|                 |                        |                   |                    |                  |
| AMBER           | 75 cm C                | 190               | $\pi^+$            | 1200000          |
|                 |                        |                   | $\pi^-$            | 1800000          |
|                 |                        |                   | p                  | 1500000          |
|                 | 12 cm W                | 190               | $\pi^+$            | 500000           |
|                 |                        |                   | $\pi^-$            | 700000           |
|                 |                        |                   | p                  | 700000           |

# What do we know about kaon structure?



Kaon structure: a window to the region of interference between Higgs mechanism and EHM mechanism

## Sole measurement from NA3

J. Badier et al., PLB93 354 (1984)

- \*Limited statistics: 700 events with  $K^-$
- \*Mostly only model predictions

Interesting hint: At hadronic scale gluons carry only 5% of K's momentum vs 30% in  $\pi$

- \*Scarce data on u-valence
  - \*No measurements on gluons
  - \*No measurements on sea quarks
- How to improve the situation?

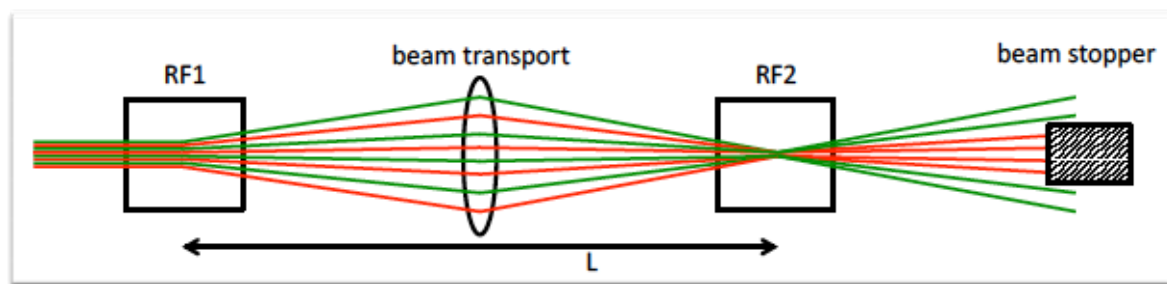
| Experiment | Target type | Beam type | Beam intensity (part/sec) | Beam energy (GeV) | DY mass (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) | DY events $\mu^+\mu^-$ | DY events $e^+e^-$ |
|------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| NA3        | 6 cm Pt     | $K^-$     |                           | 200               | 4.2 – 8.5                     | 700                    | 0                  |
| AMBER      | 100 cm C    | $K^-$     | $2.1 \times 10^7$         | 80                | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 25,000                 | 13,700             |
|            |             |           |                           | 100               | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 40,000                 | 17,700             |
|            |             |           |                           | 120               | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 54,000                 | 20,700             |
|            |             | $K^+$     | $2.1 \times 10^7$         | 80                | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 2,800                  | 1,300              |
|            |             |           |                           | 100               | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 5,200                  | 2,000              |
|            |             |           |                           | 120               | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 8,000                  | 2,400              |
| AMBER      | 100 cm C    | $\pi^-$   | $4.8 \times 10^7$         | 80                | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 65,500                 | 29,700             |
|            |             |           |                           | 100               | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 95,500                 | 36,000             |
|            |             |           |                           | 120               | 4.0 – 8.5                     | 123,600                | 39,800             |



# kaon-induced Drell-Yan @AMBER

Unique opportunities with  
RF separated beam

$$\Delta\phi \approx \frac{\pi f L}{c} \frac{m_w^2 - m_u^2}{p^2}$$



R&D from CERN Beams Department

Enriched  $K^-$  and  $pbar$  beams ( $\sim 3 \times 10^7/s$ )

Expected energies: 60-100 (80-110) GeV/c  
for  $K^-(pbar)$

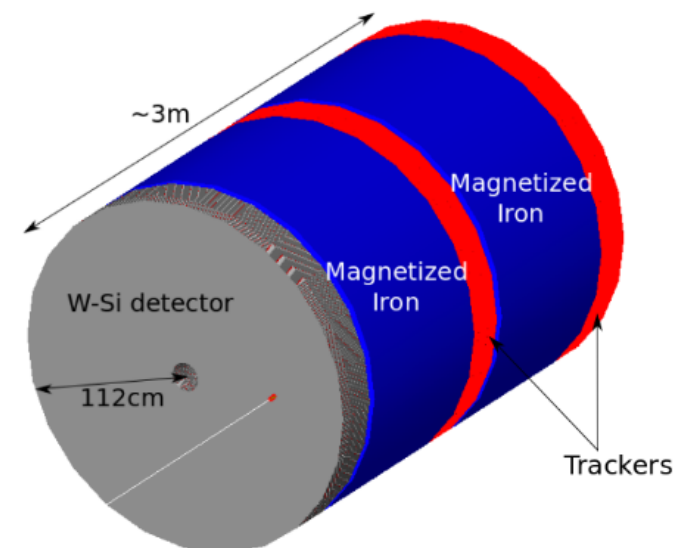
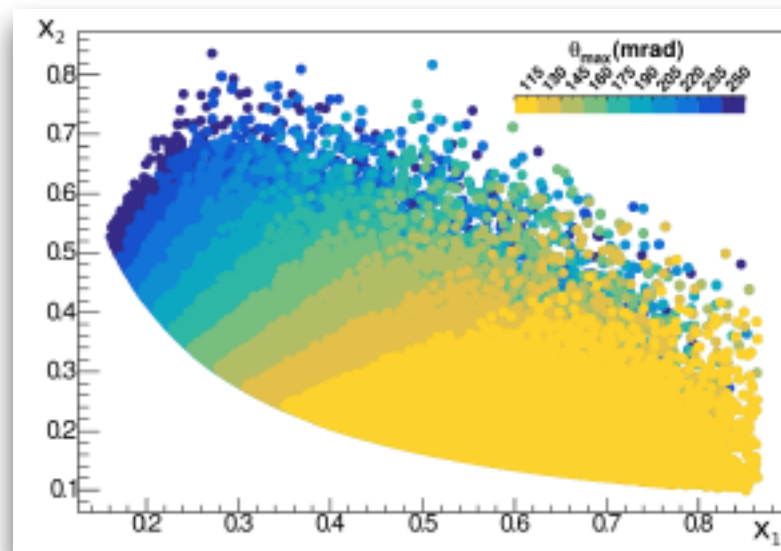
Lepton pairs emitted at large angles



Lower beam energies  $\rightarrow$   
compressed spectrometer, in order to keep large  
angular acceptance ( $\sim 40\%$ )

Active magnetized “absorber”  $\rightarrow$  a calorimeter-like  
detector, under magnetic field and with high  
granularity, for muon pairs tracking and  
momentum measurement

Tracking with magnetic field  
Good resolution for vertexing  
Capability to collect  $e^-e^+$  DY pairs

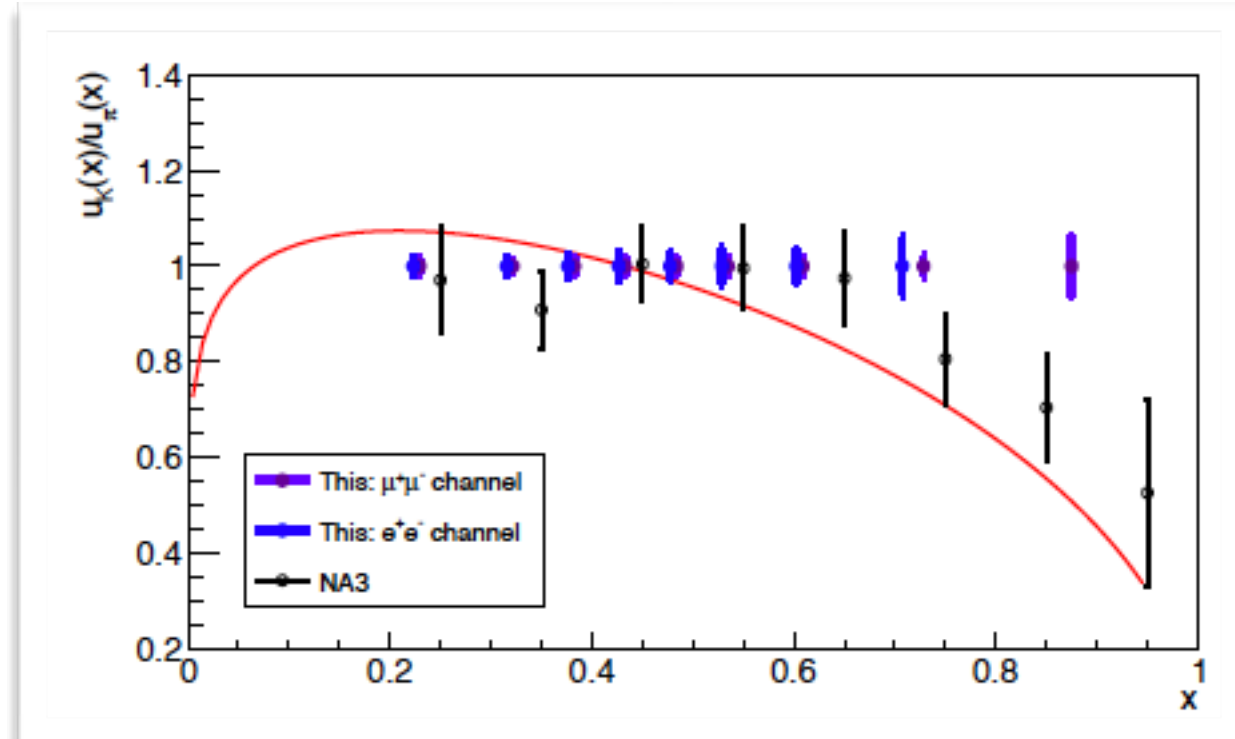


# kaon-induced Drell-Yan @AMBER



## Kaon structure: valence and sea

- More data points and more precise compared to NA3
- \* Discriminating power between models
- \* 1 year with  $\sim 2 \times 10^7/s$  100 GeV/c  $K^+$  beam
- \*  $\pi$  taken simultaneously



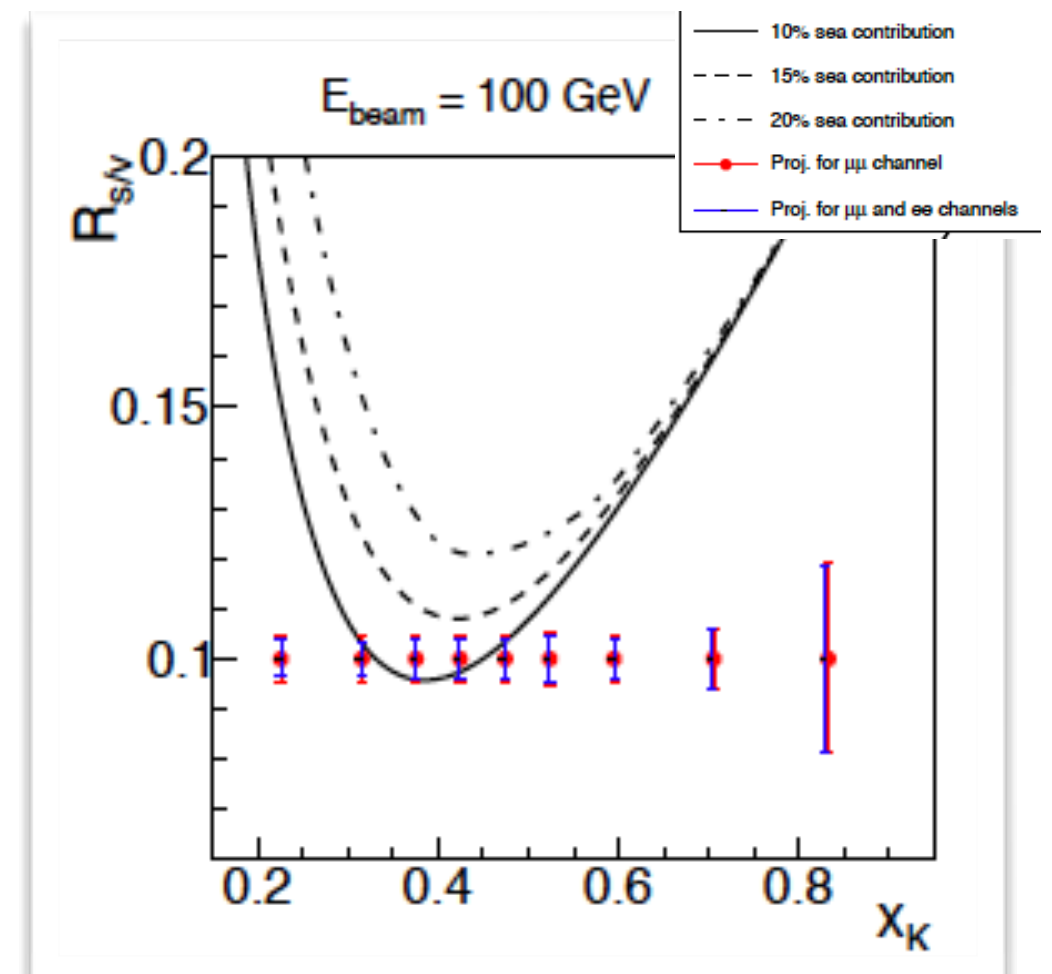
AMBER proj (100 GeV,  $\mu\mu$ , 280 days)  
NA3 data  
DSE arXiv:2006.14075

- First measurement of sea in kaons

- \* Assuming the intensity for  $K^+$  and  $K^-$   
 $2 \times 10^7/s$

$$\Sigma_{val} = \sigma^{K^-A} - \sigma^{K^+A}$$

$$R_{s/v} = \sigma^{K^+A} / \Sigma_{val}$$

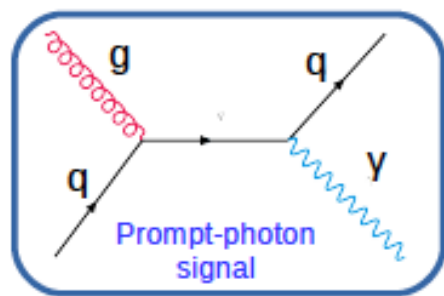




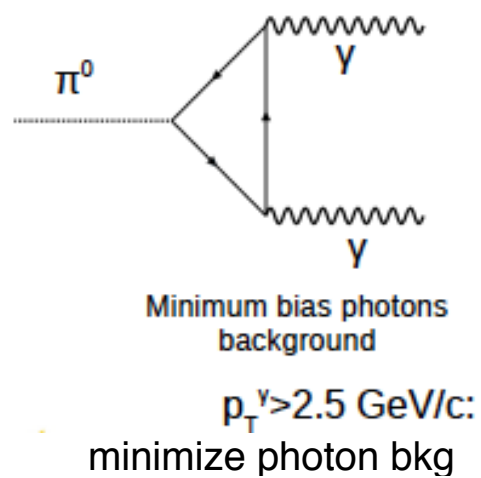
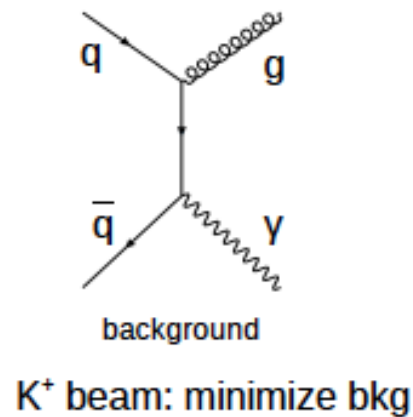
# kaon-induced prompt-photon production at @AMBER



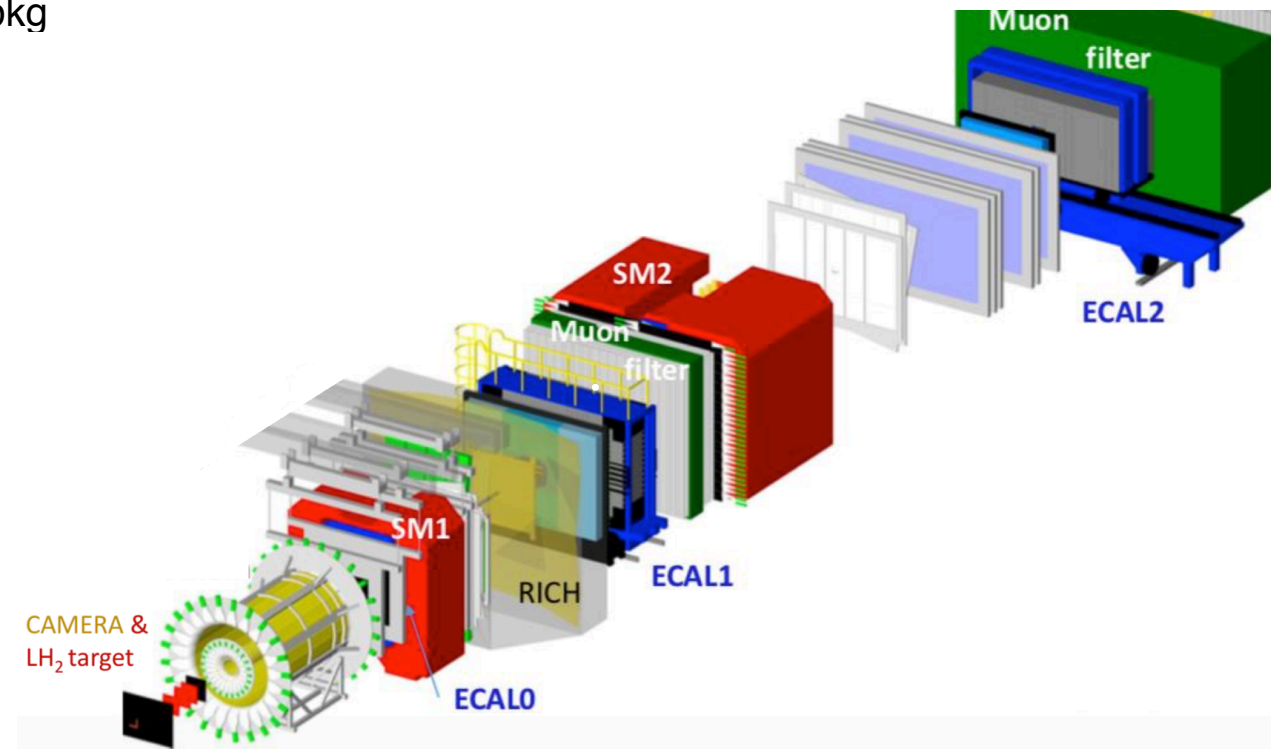
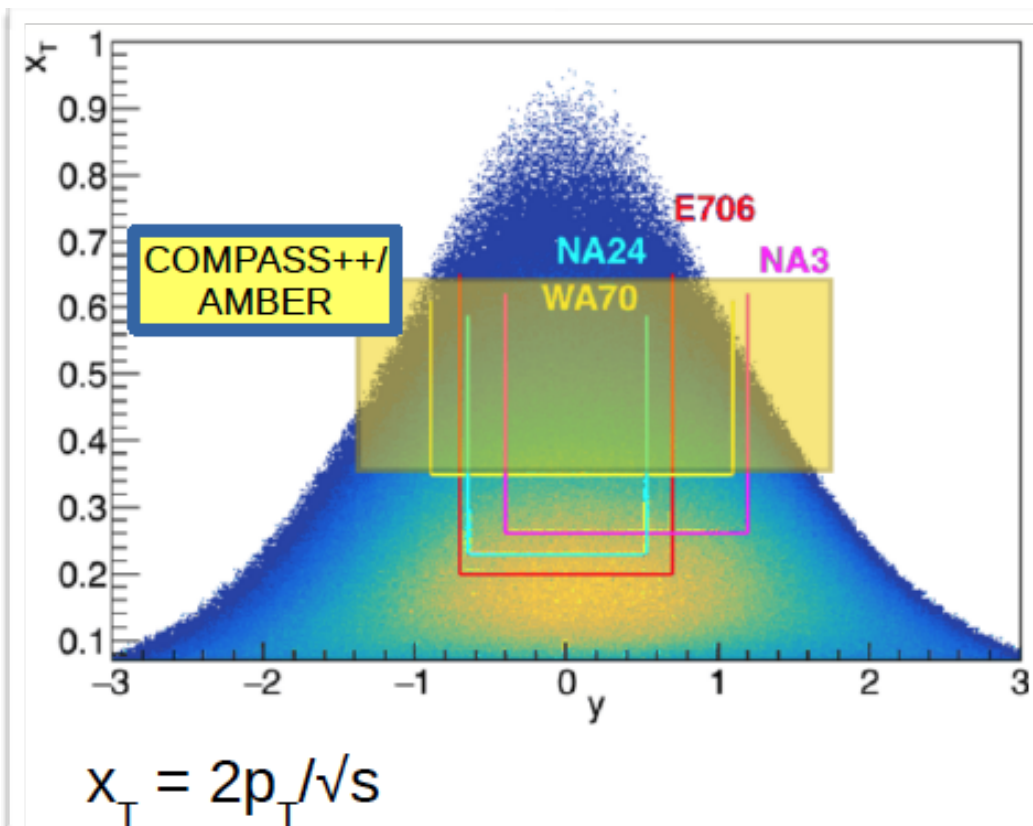
## Gluon content in the kaon



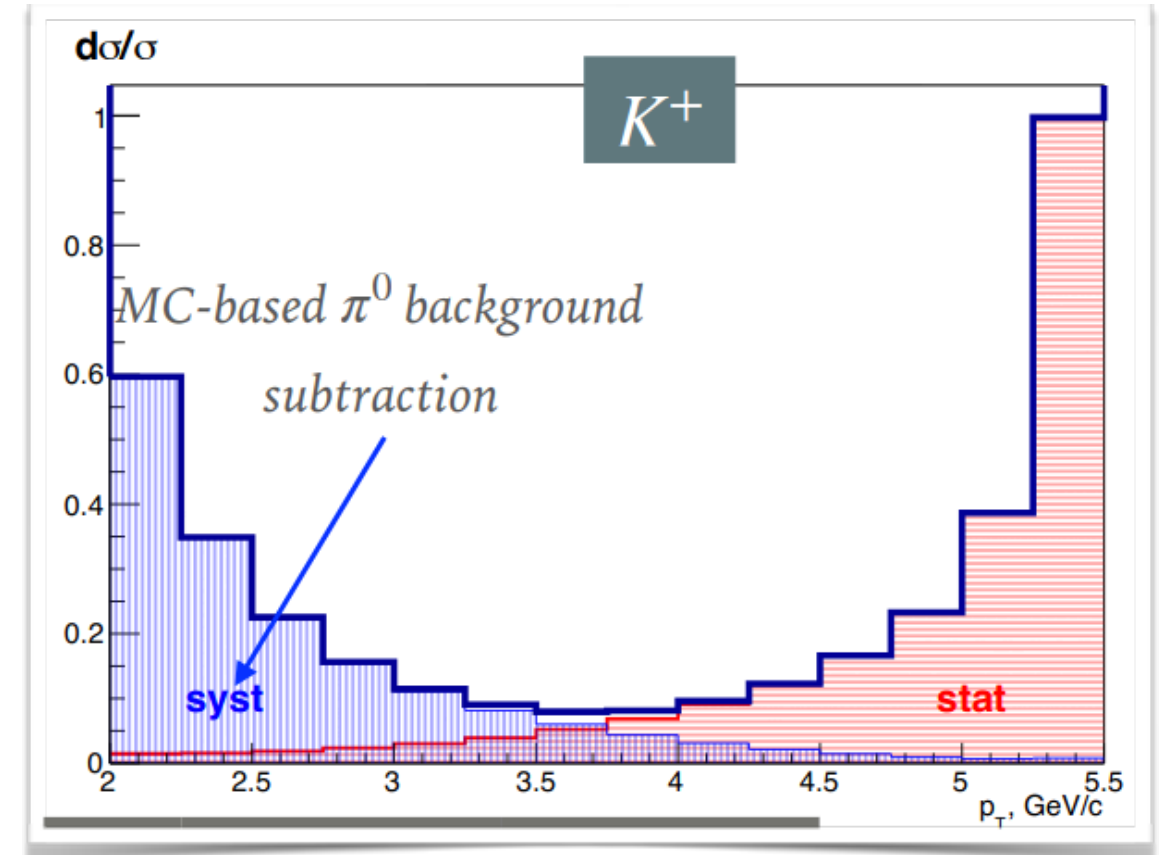
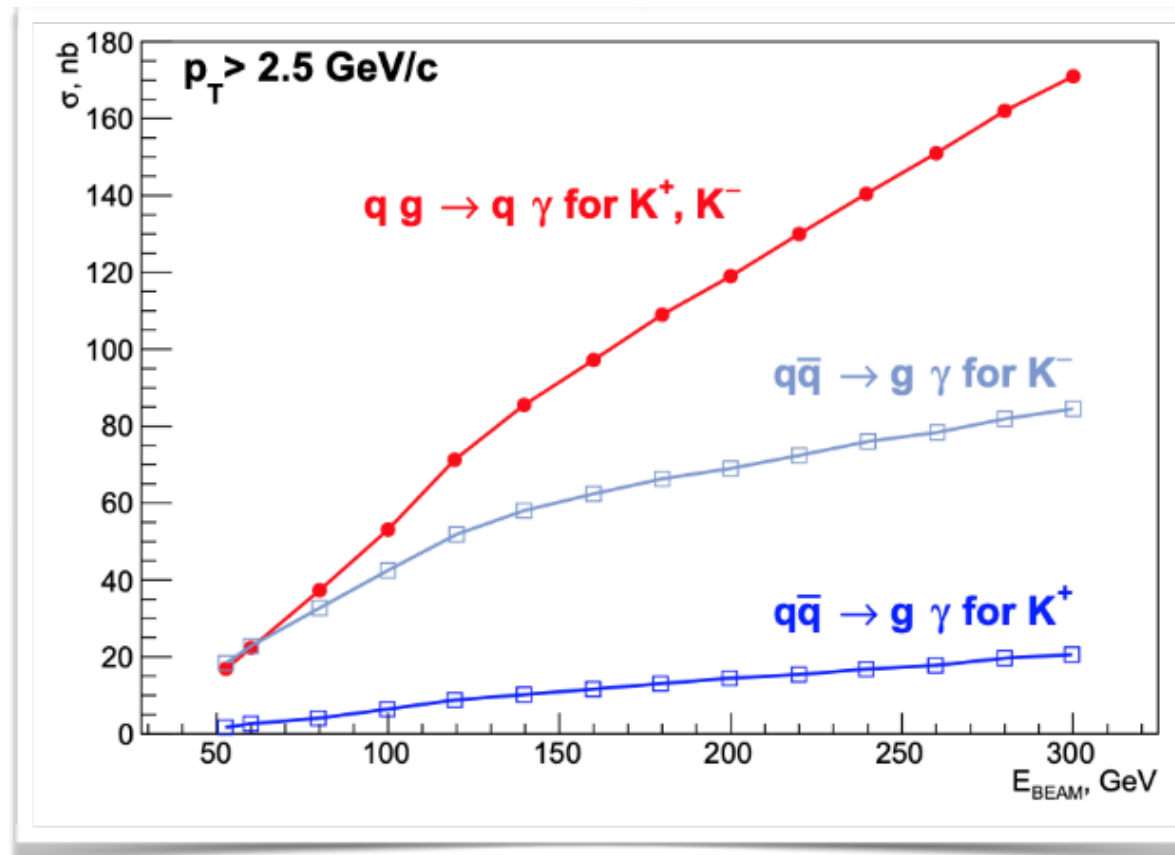
Direct access to the gluon PDF at  $x_g^K > 0.05$ ,  $Q^2 \sim p_T$



- 100 GeV K<sup>+</sup> beam on a long LH<sub>2</sub> target
- Open setup - possibility for semi-inclusive and exclusive reactions!



# kaon-induced prompt-photon production at @AMBER



in 140 days

| Experiment | Target type        | Beam type | Beam Intensity (part/sec) | Beam Energy (GeV) | $\int \mathcal{L}$ (pb <sup>-1</sup> ) | $p_T$ range (GeV/c) | prompt-photon events |
|------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| WA70       | 1m lH <sub>2</sub> | $\pi^+$   | $2.5 \times 10^6$         | 280               | 1.3                                    | $4 < p_T < 7$       | —                    |
|            |                    | $\pi^-$   | $1.25 \times 10^7$        | 280               | 3.5                                    | $4 < p_T < 7$       | —                    |
| This exp   | 2m lH <sub>2</sub> | $K^+$     | $2 \times 10^7$           | 100               | 50                                     | $p_T > 2.5$         | $3.4 \times 10^6$    |
|            |                    | $\pi^+$   | $2 \times 10^7$           | 100               | 50                                     | $p_T > 2.5$         | $3.4 \times 10^6$    |



# KAON STRUCTURE WITH RF-SEPARATED HADRON BEAM



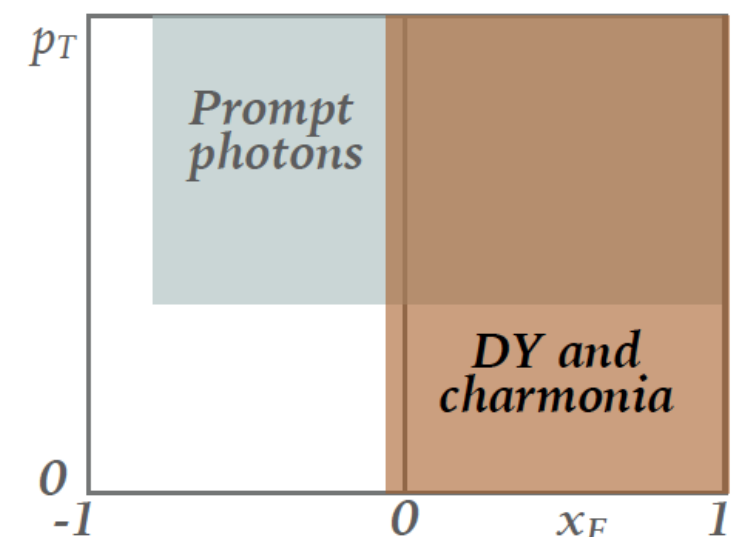
## *Different but overlapping kinematic ranges*

|                                      | Drell-Yan                           | Charmonia  | Prompt photons   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Main hard process (LO)               | $q\bar{q} \rightarrow l^+l^-$       | $gg \rightarrow J/\psi$ g, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow J/\psi$ | $q(\bar{q})g \rightarrow q(\bar{q})\gamma$ , $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma g$ |
| Content to be tested                 | valence and sea quarks              | gluons and quarks  | gluons and quarks  |
| Kinematic range                      | $x_F > 0$                           | $x_F > 0$  | $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$  |
| Main target                          | C                                   | C  | LH <sub>2</sub>  |
| Expected statistics, 10 <sup>6</sup> | $\pi$ : 0.1 (conv), $K$ : 00.6 (RF) | $\pi$ : 3 (conv), $K$ : 00.6 (RF)                        | $\pi$ , $K$ (RF) : ~10   |

Both the Drell-Yan setup and the prompt-photon production setup will provide significant statistics of charmonium samples

- No absorber: distinguish prompt from non-prompt production
- Possibility to detect accompanying photon: access to  $\chi_{c1}$ ,  $\chi_{c2}$
- Improved resolution: separate  $J/\psi$  from  $\psi(2S)$

A complementary input to the knowledge of gluon PDF in the kaon



# Competition and complementarity



## @ AMBER

- Studying the meson structure through meson-induced Drell-Yan charmonium and prompt-photon production processes is presently without direct competition —> high-energy pion beams exclusively available at CERN

## @ Competition and complementarity

- Meson beam lines are presently under construction at the J-PARC facility in Japan —> the planned energies of up to 15 GeV remain too low for extensive studies of the pion structure.
- The only alternative way to study meson structure is the Sullivan process, i.e. SIDIS off the meson cloud that surrounds the target nucleon —> model-dependent approach

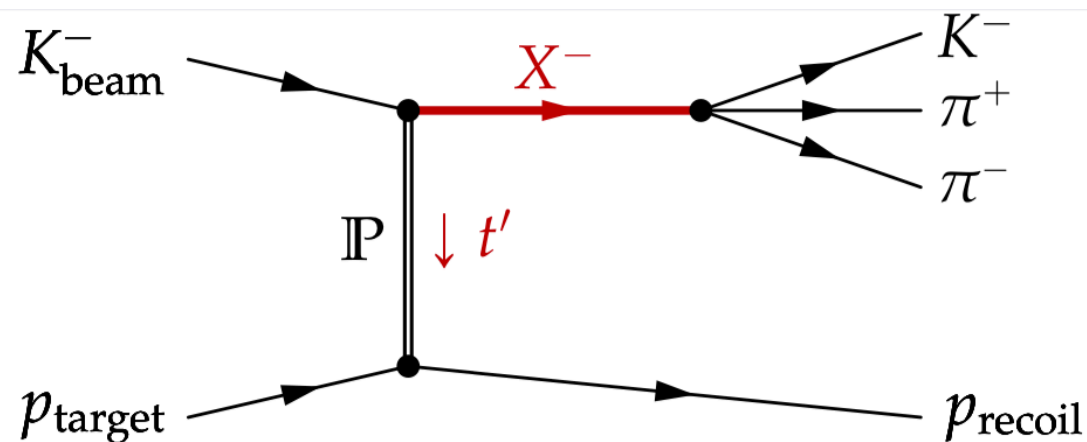
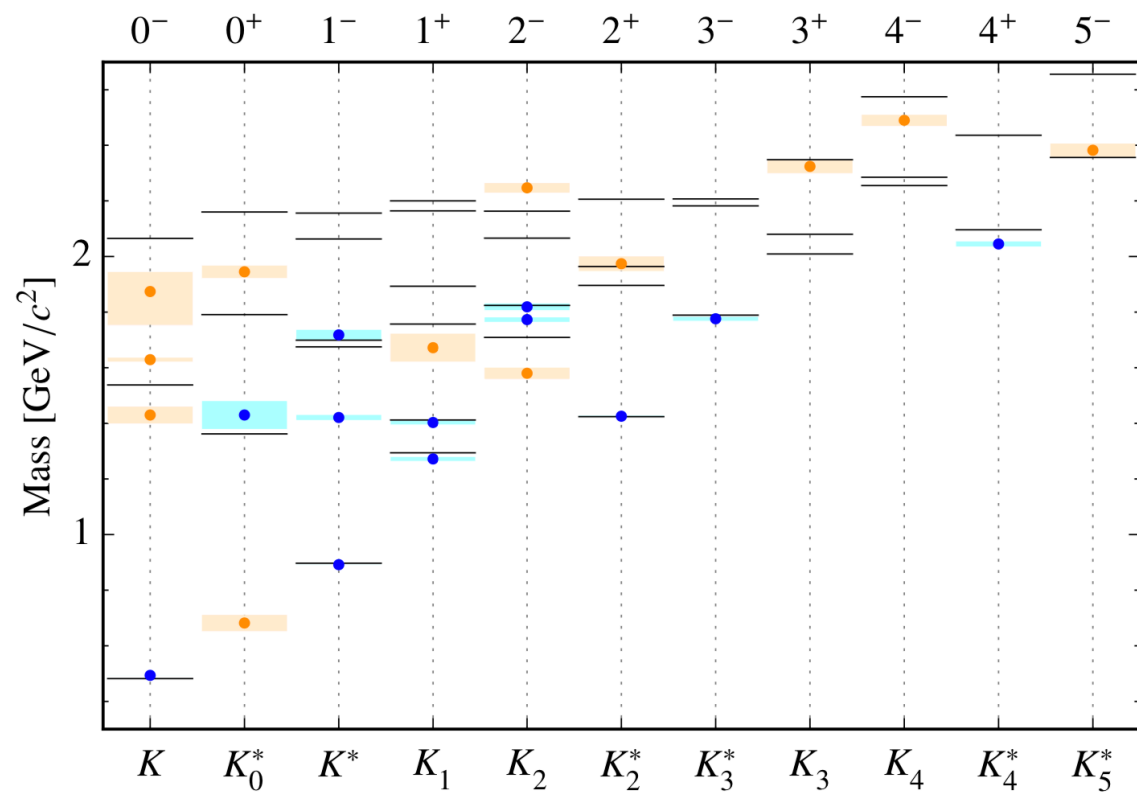


JLab TDIS experiment aims at investigating the pion PDFs in the  $x$  region between 0.45 and 0.90, where valence quarks largely dominate

Measurements of the Sullivan process at higher energies are envisaged at the proposed EIC facility to study pion and kaon sea and gluon PDFs



# Kaon beam: an opportunity for strange-meson spectroscopy



25 kaon states below 3.1 GeV  
can be found at PDG. But:

only 12 kaon states in summary table, 13 need confirmation;  
most PDG entries more than 30 years old;  
since 1990 only 4 kaon states added to PDG (only 1 to summary table)

**COMPASS:**  $7 \times 10^5$   $K^- \pi^+ \pi^-$  events

**AMBER:**  $> 1 \times 10^7$  events

# Interessi e coinvolgimento dei gruppi dell'INFN



BO, TN, TO, TS

costruzione apparati: partecipazione a progetti per nuovi rivelatori dedicati e general upgrades

analisi dati (e simulazioni MC): proton radius, pbar xsec e DY

## 2 nuovi gruppi

Trento: P. Zuccon (UniTN), F. Nozzoli (INFN), A. Dass( dottorando UniTn) + esperti ALPIDE

Bologna: N. Masi (INFN), A. Oliva (INFN)

TO e TS: gruppi COMPASS

Prossimi passi (Indicazione del Presidente della CSN1):  
Presentazione in CSN1 a maggio per richiesta apertura sigla

## New Hardware

the active-target TPC for the proton radius measurement

new silicon tracking-detectors (ALPIDE)

New liquid helium target for pbar xsec measurement

RICH0 → lower momentum range (possibilità in fase di studio per pbar xsec e hadron spectroscopy with k beam)

## General Upgrades

new triggerless readout (FE and DAQ)

large area MPGD

**NEW CONTRIBUTIONS ARE  
WELCOME!**





Thank you for your attention

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On behalf of the  
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