

Polarised physics at the LHC: the $L\updownarrow C$ project

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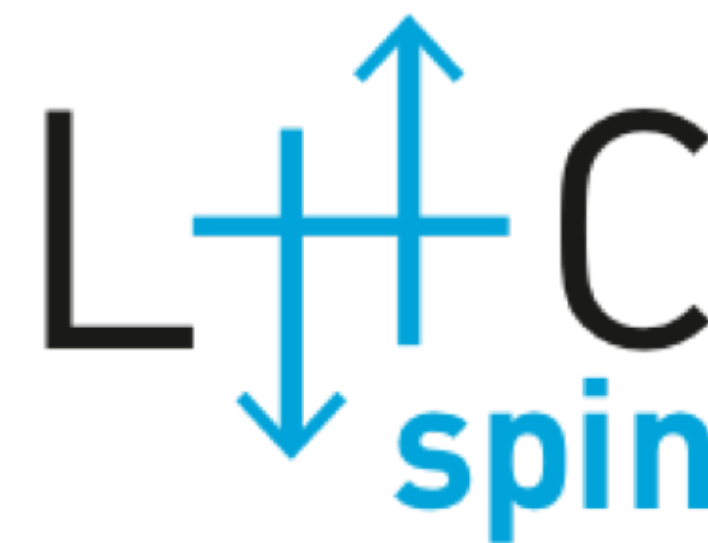


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SMOG2

unpolarised gas target



polarised (+unpolarised)
gas target

The LHCb detector

- LHCb is a general-purpose forward spectrometer, fully instrumented in $2 < \eta < 5$, and optimised for c and b hadron detection
- Excellent momentum resolution with VELO + tracking stations:

$$\sigma_p/p = 0.5 - 1.0 \% \quad (p \in [2, 200] \text{ GeV})$$

- Particle identification with RICH+CALO+MUON

$$\epsilon_\mu \sim 98 \% \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow \mu} \lesssim 1 \%$$

- Low momentum muon trigger:

$$p_{T_\mu} > 1.75 \text{ GeV} \quad (2018)$$

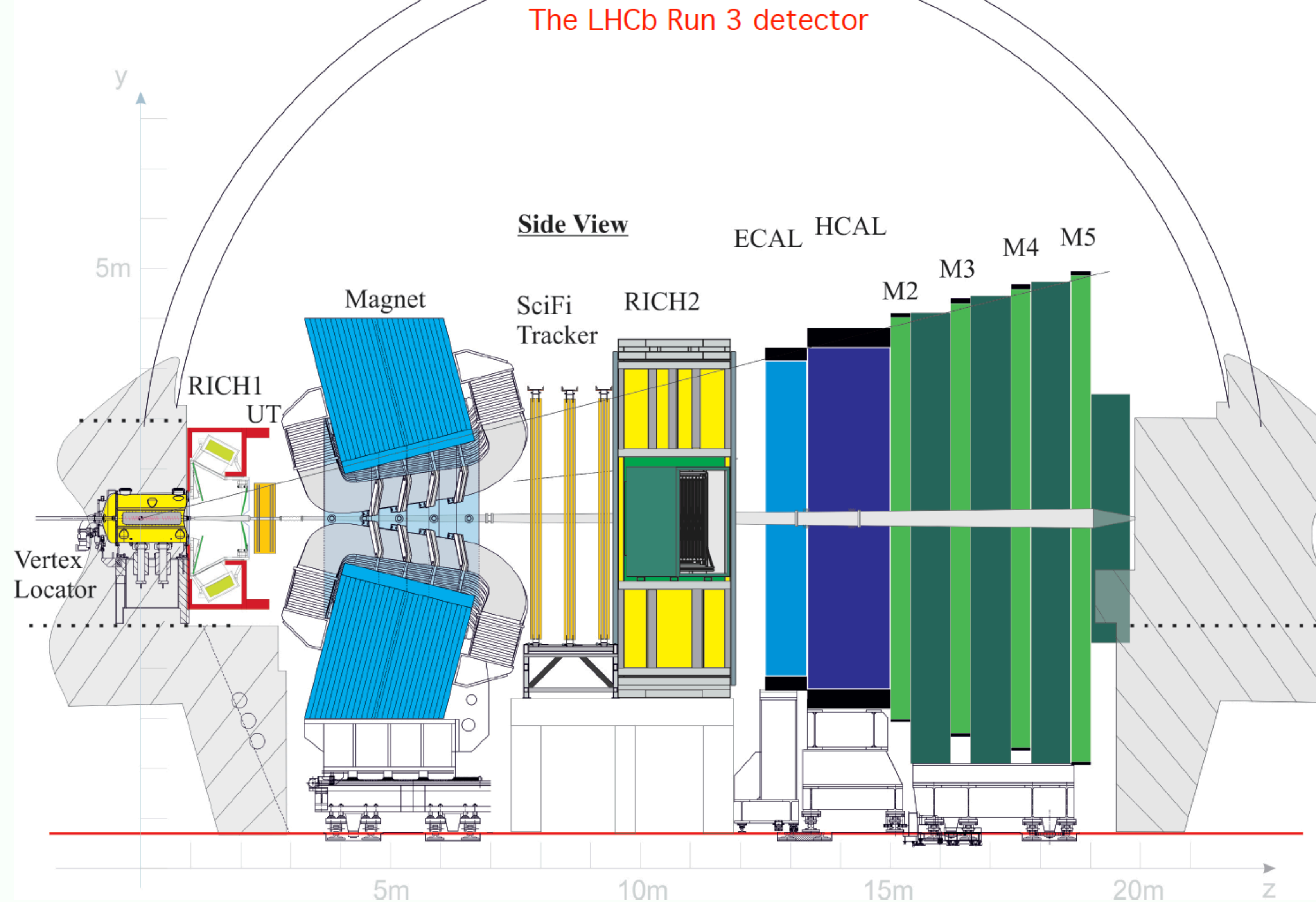
will be reduced thanks to the new fully-software trigger

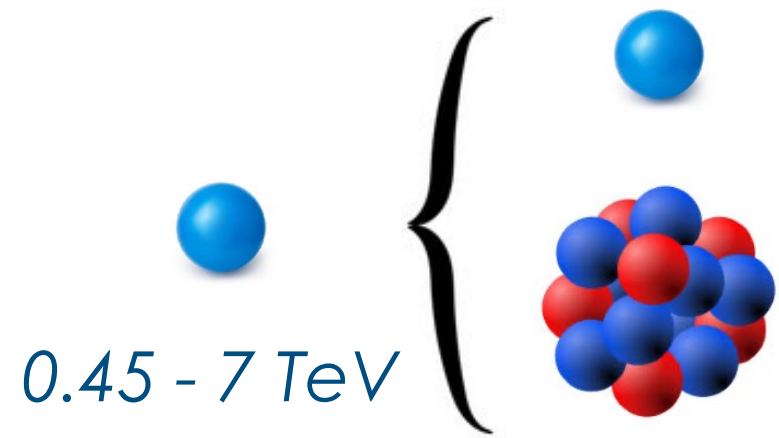
- Major detector upgrades performed during LS2 for the Run 3 (5x luminosity)

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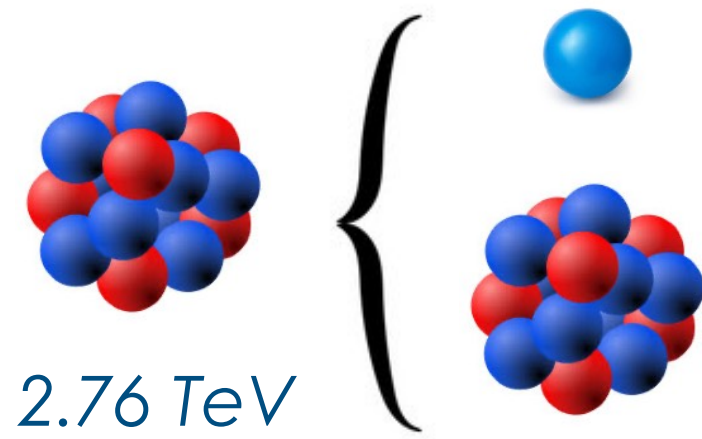




pp or pA collisions: 0.45 - 7 TeV beam on fix target

$$\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2m_N E_p} \simeq 41 - 115 \text{ GeV}$$

$$y_{CMS} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.8$$



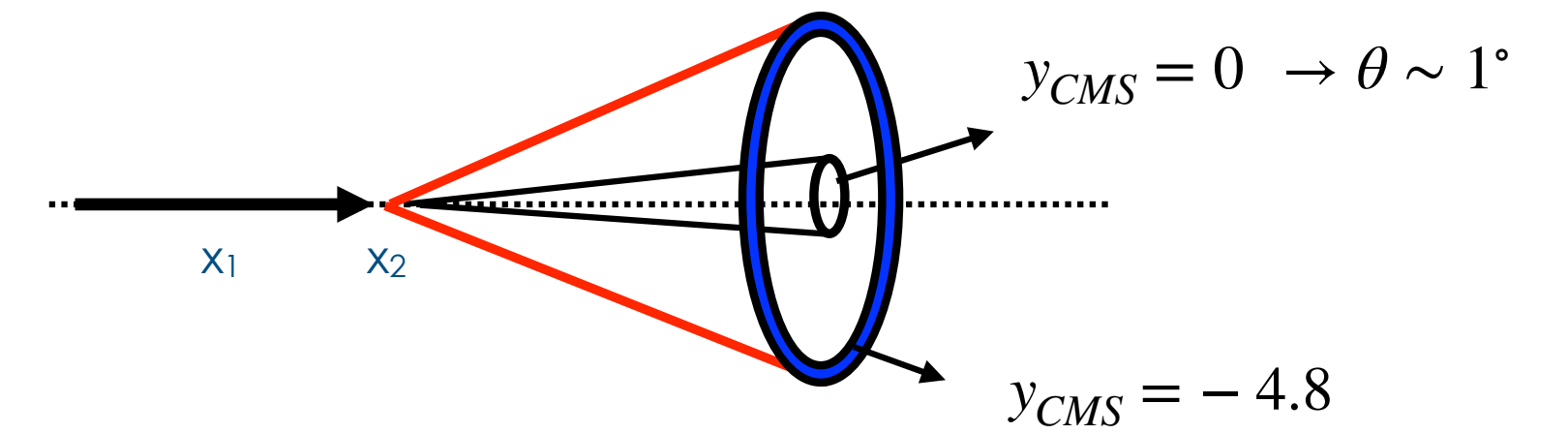
AA collisions: 2.76 TeV beam on fix target

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} \simeq 72 \text{ GeV}$$

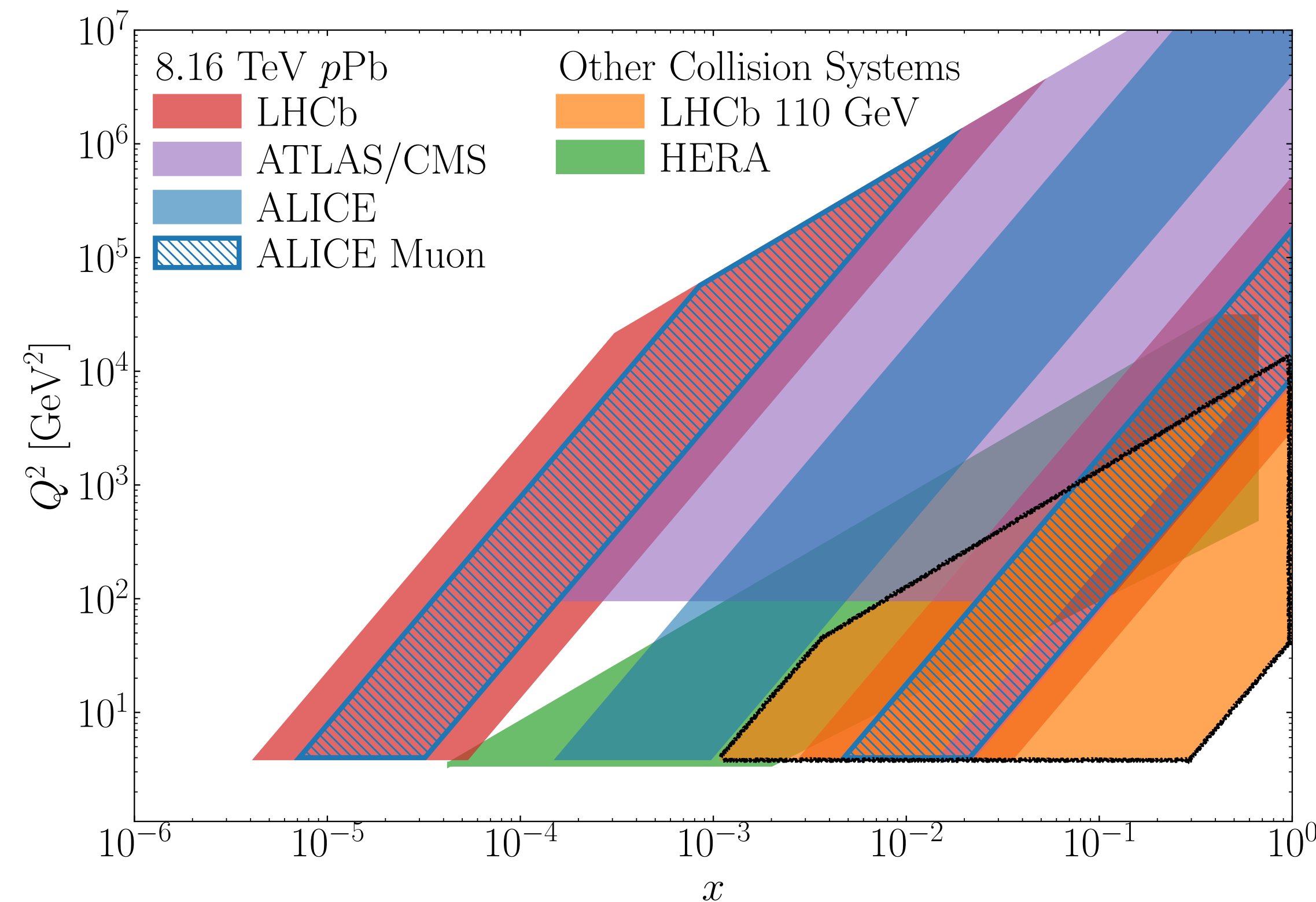
$$y_{CMS} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.3$$

1: beam; 2: target

Large CM boost, large x_2 values ($x_F < 0$) and small x_1



$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}{2m_p} \simeq 60$$



Broad and poorly explored
kinematic range

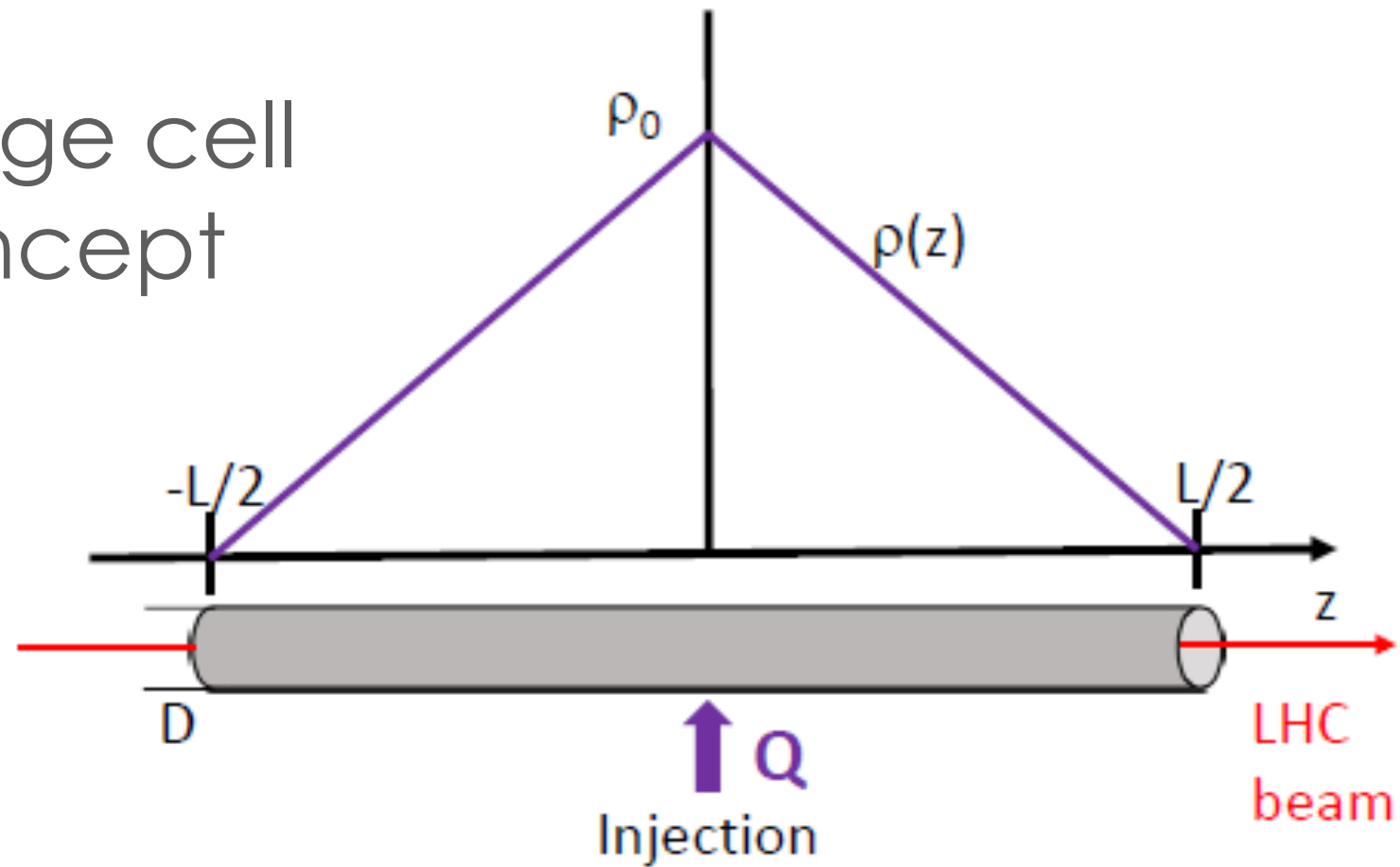
mid-to-large x_{Bj} at intermediate Q^2
and negative x_F

SMDQ2 an unpolarised target at

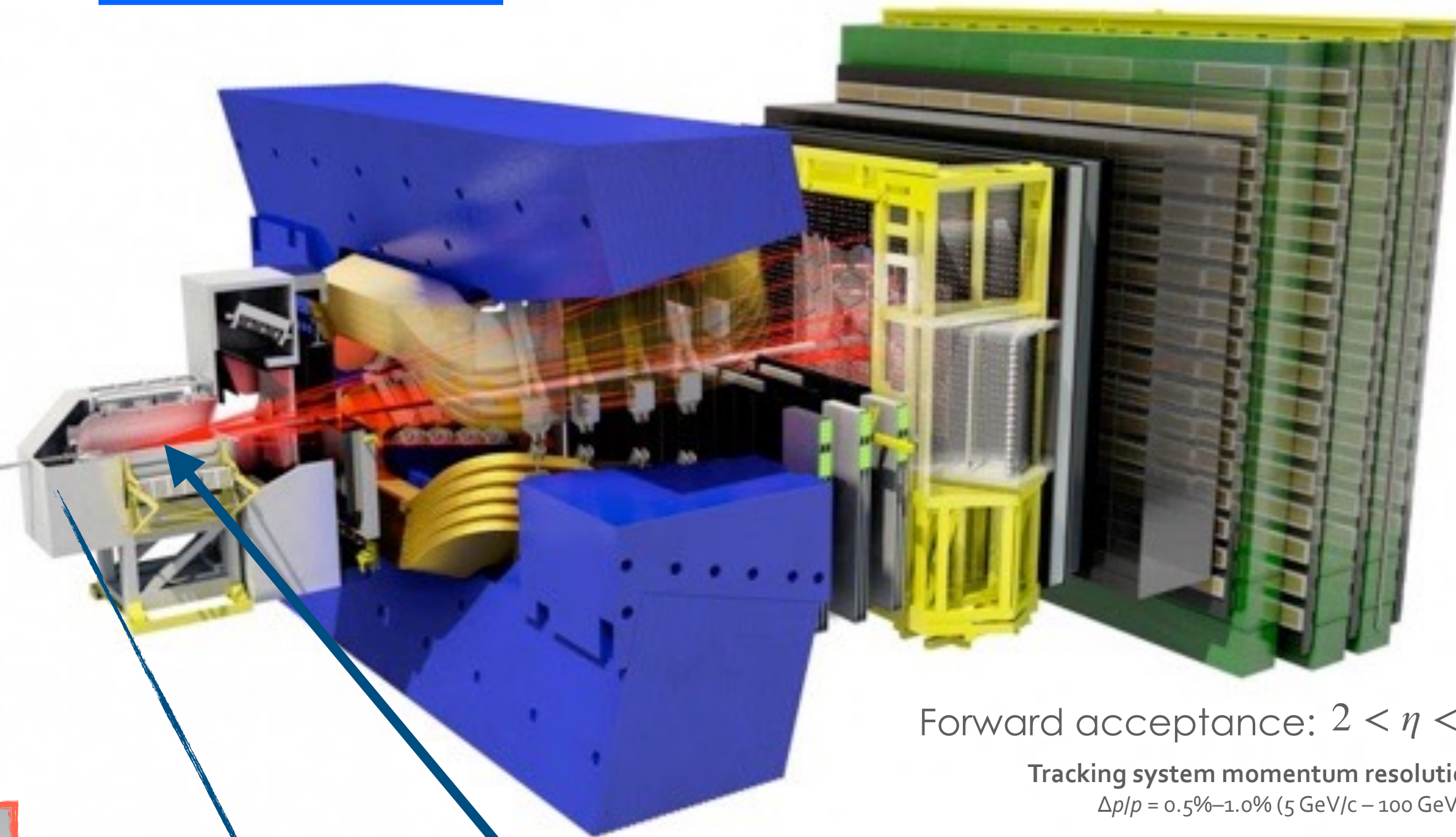


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Storage cell concept



LHC beam

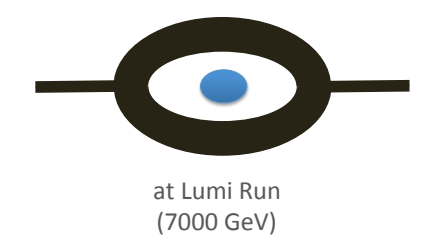
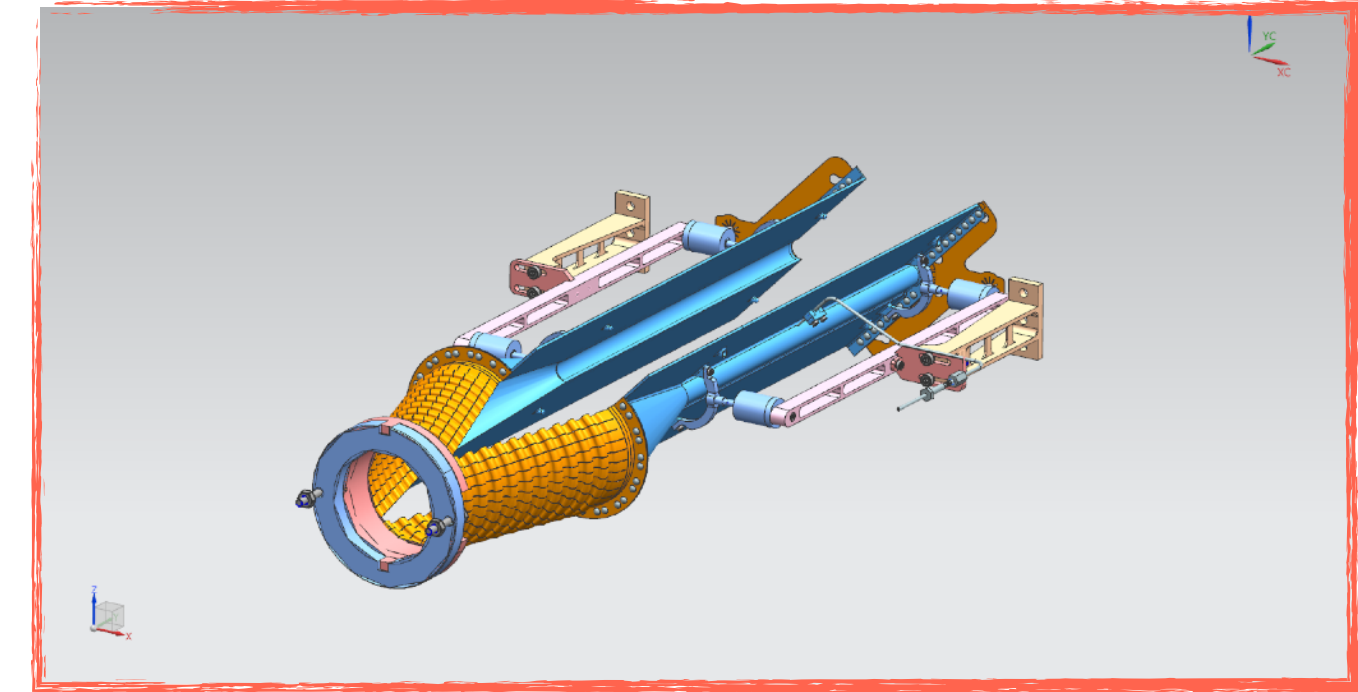
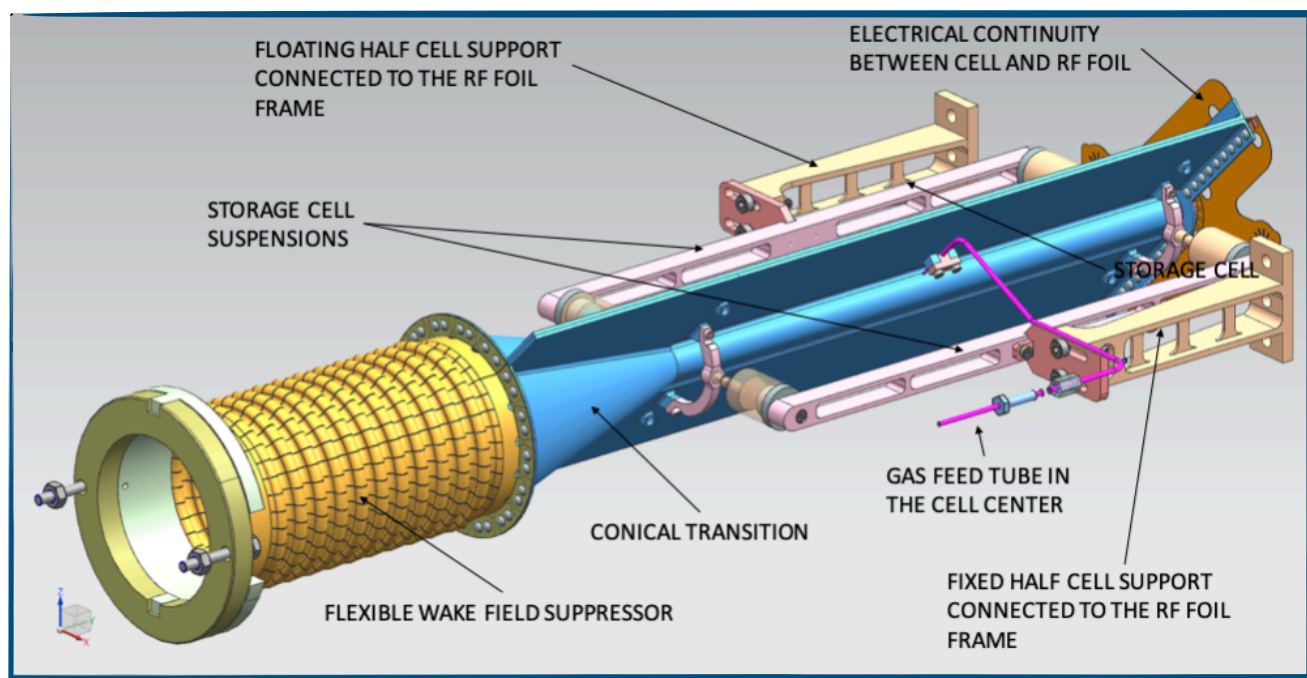


Forward acceptance: $2 < \eta < 5$

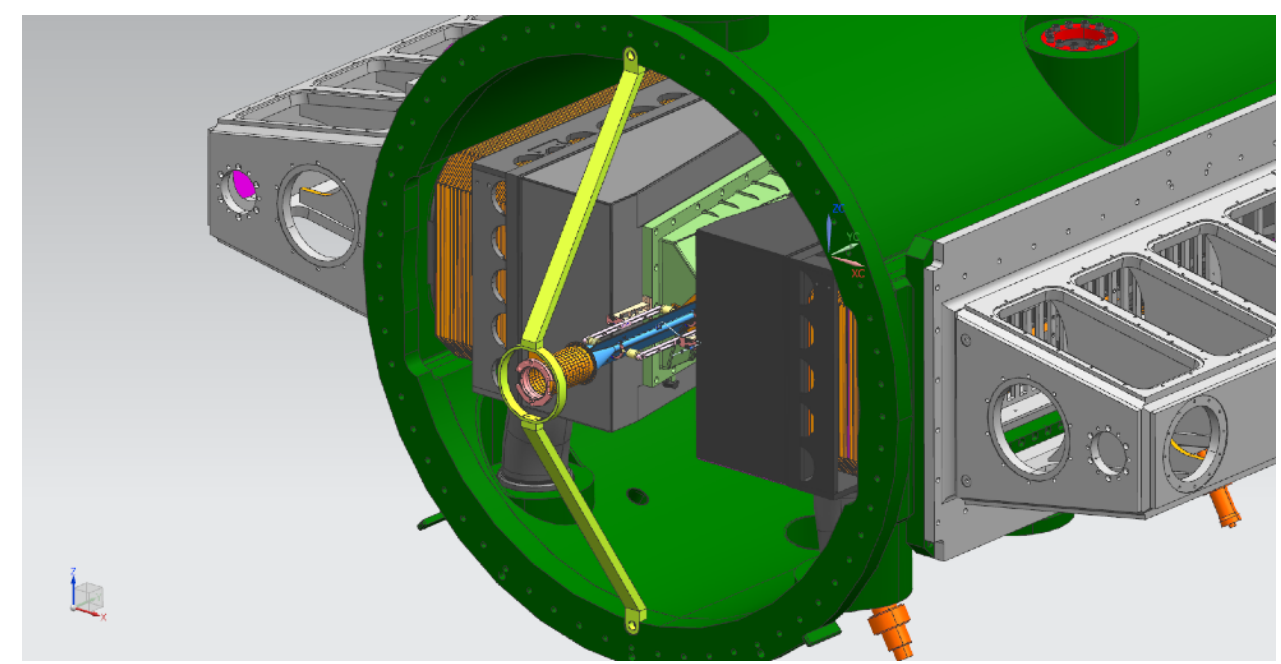
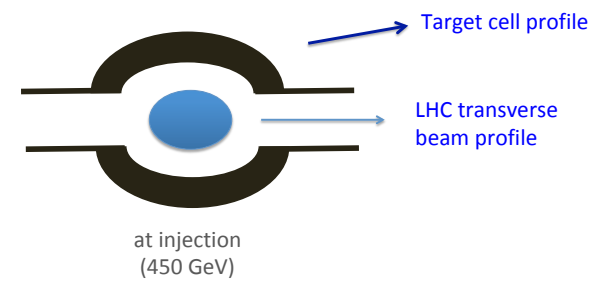
Tracking system momentum resolution
 $\Delta p/p = 0.5\% - 1.0\%$ (5 GeV/c - 100 GeV/c)

beam-beam collisions

Openable cell

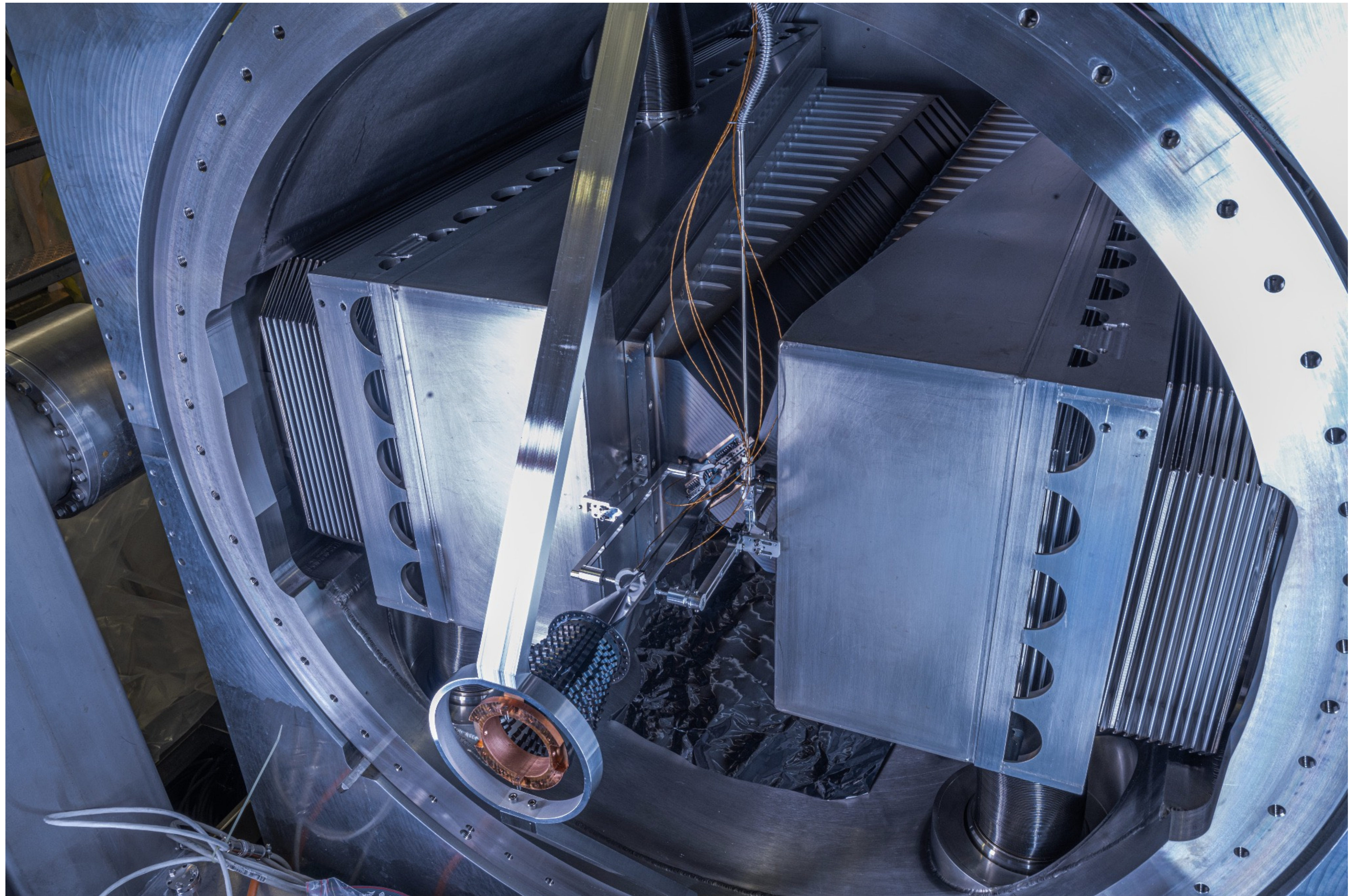


5 mm radius x 200 mm length



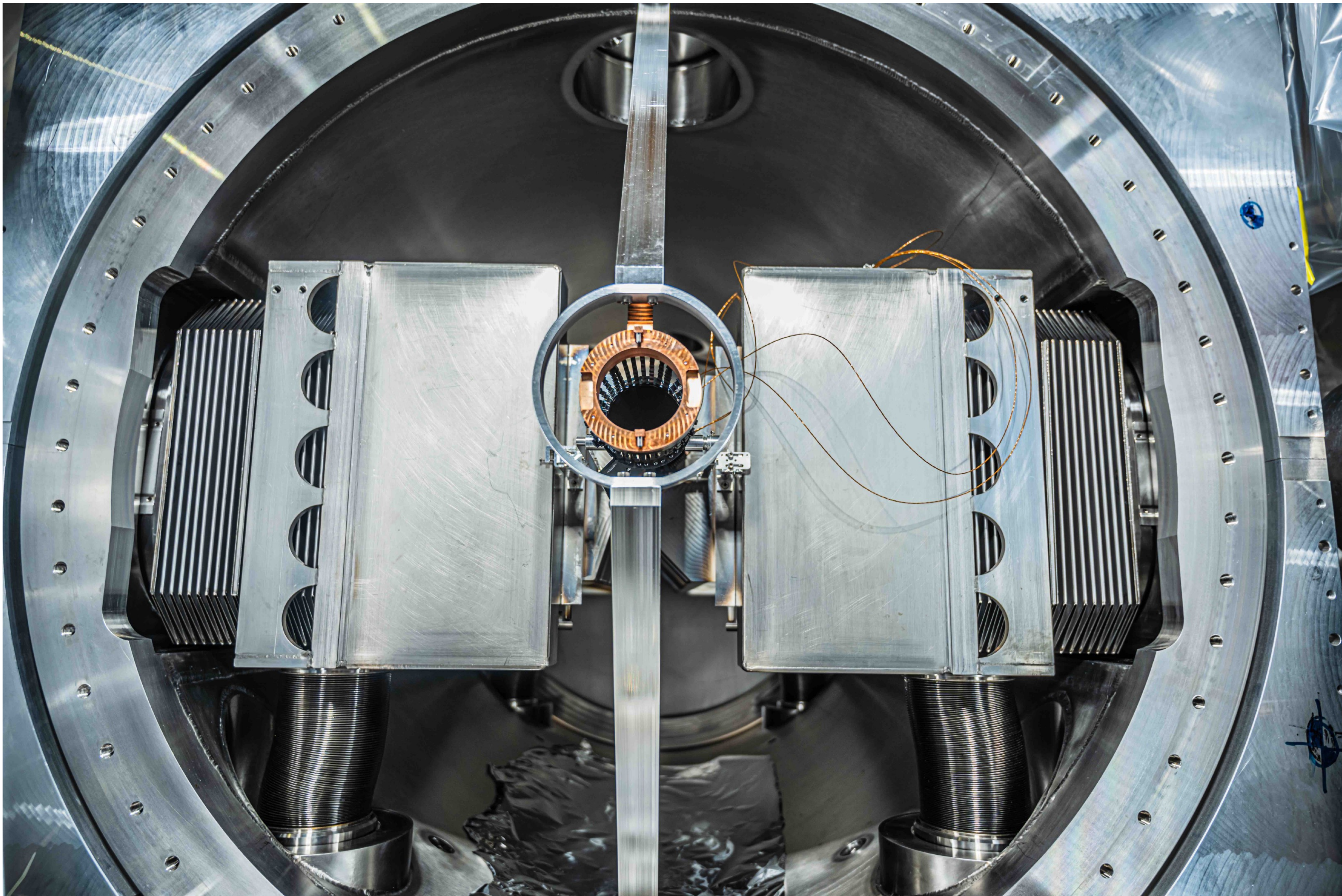
UNpolarised target (beam-gas)

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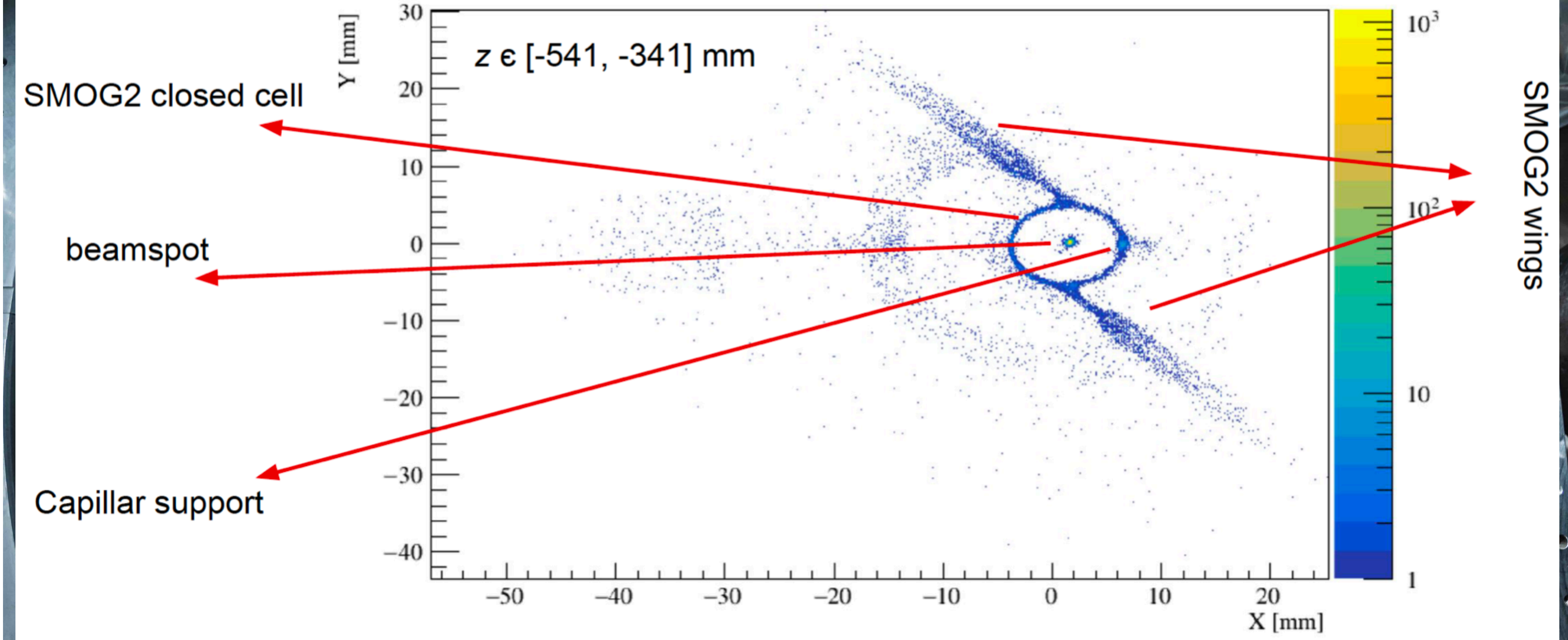
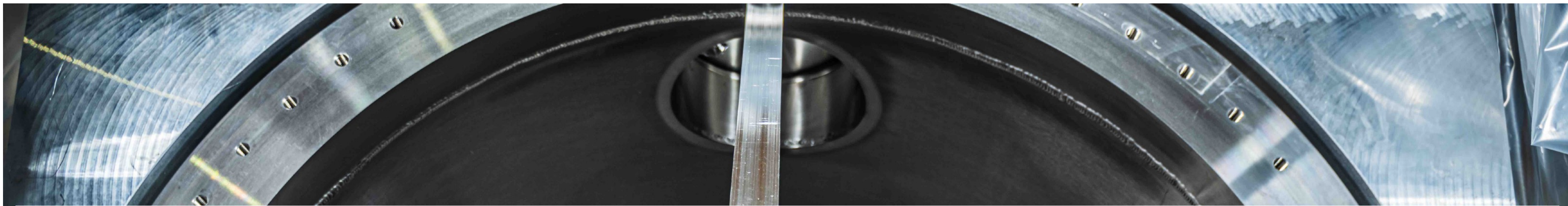
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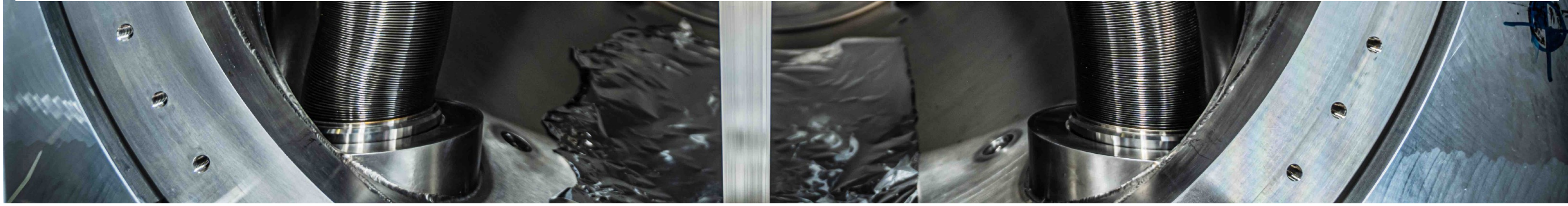


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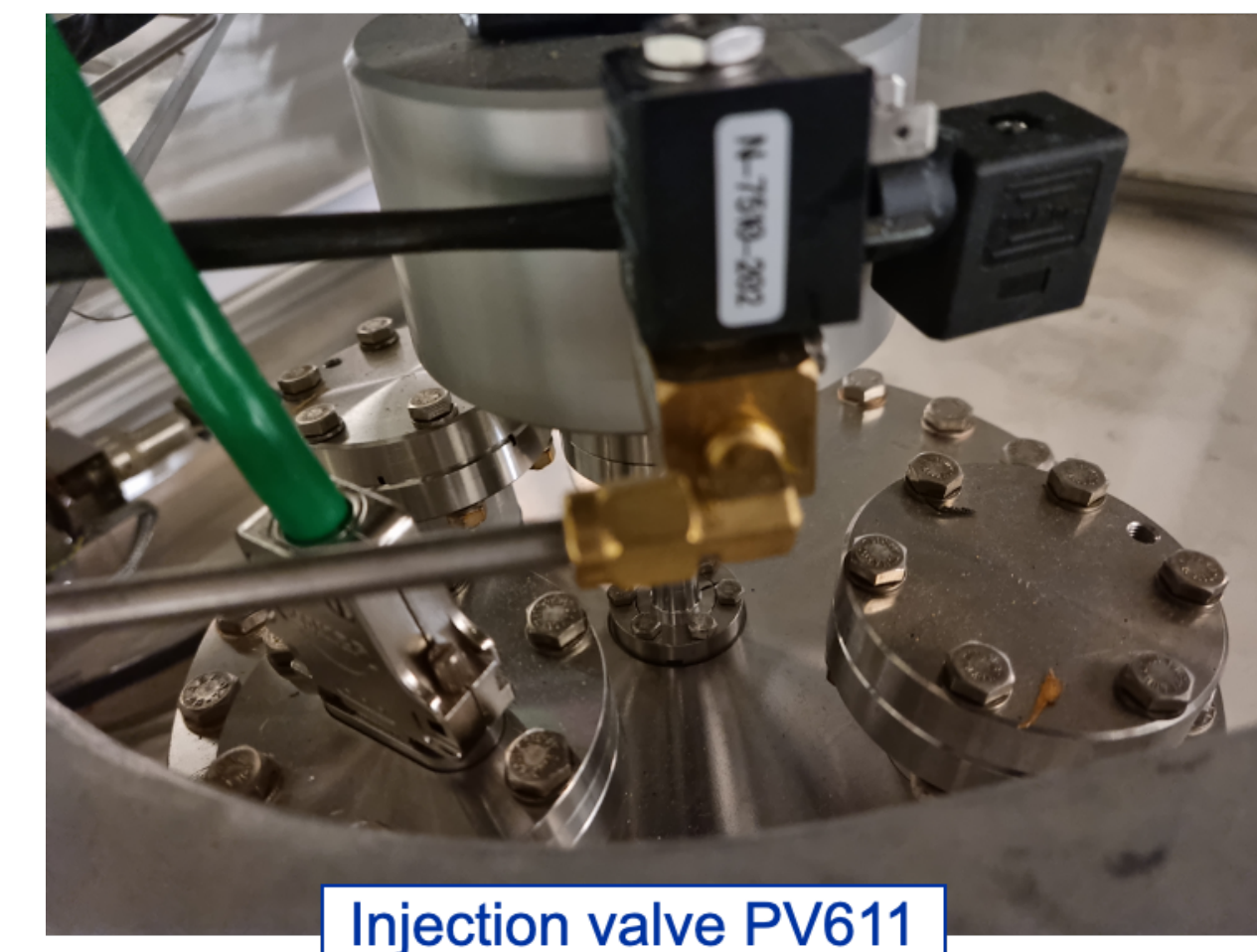
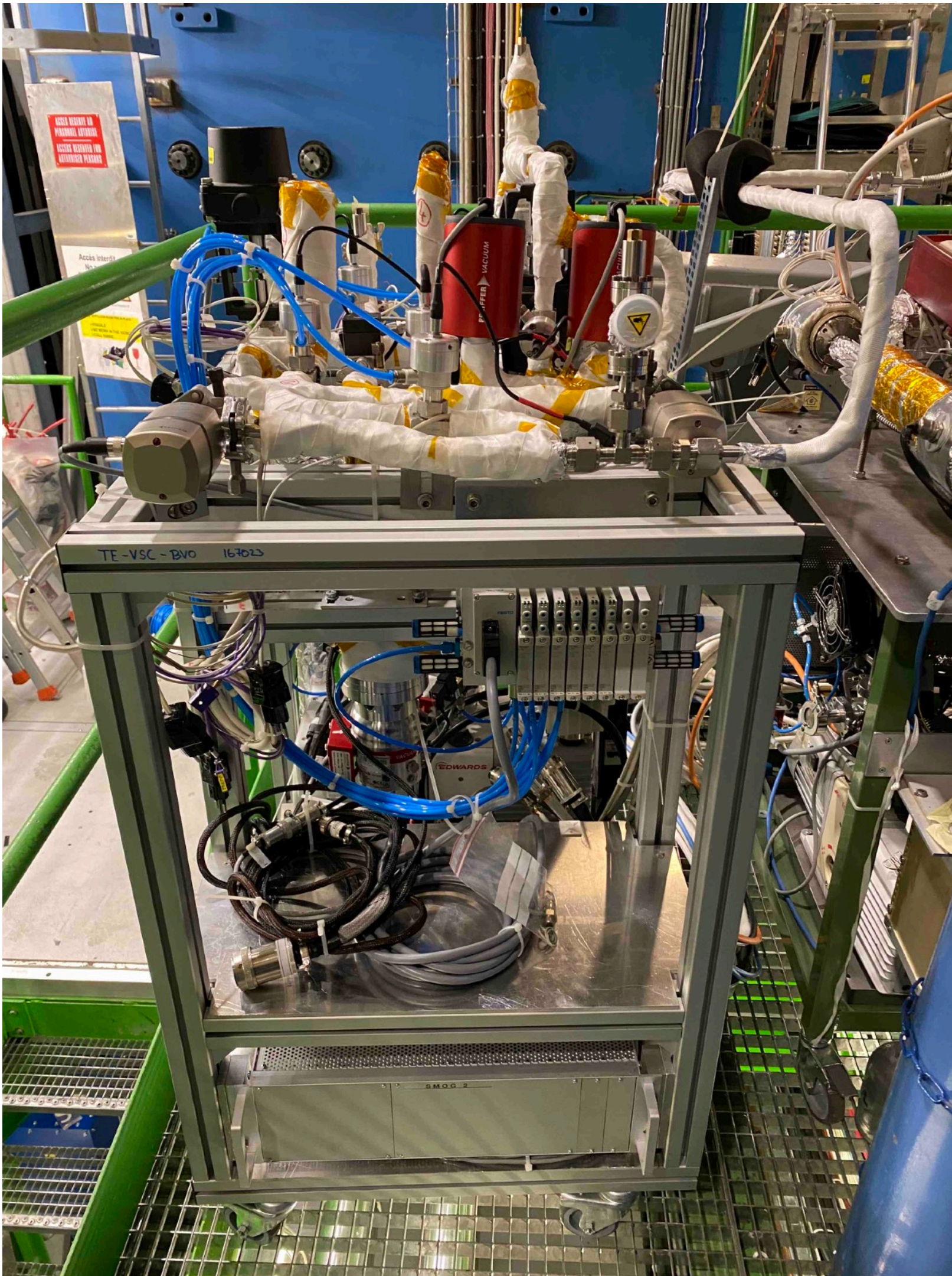
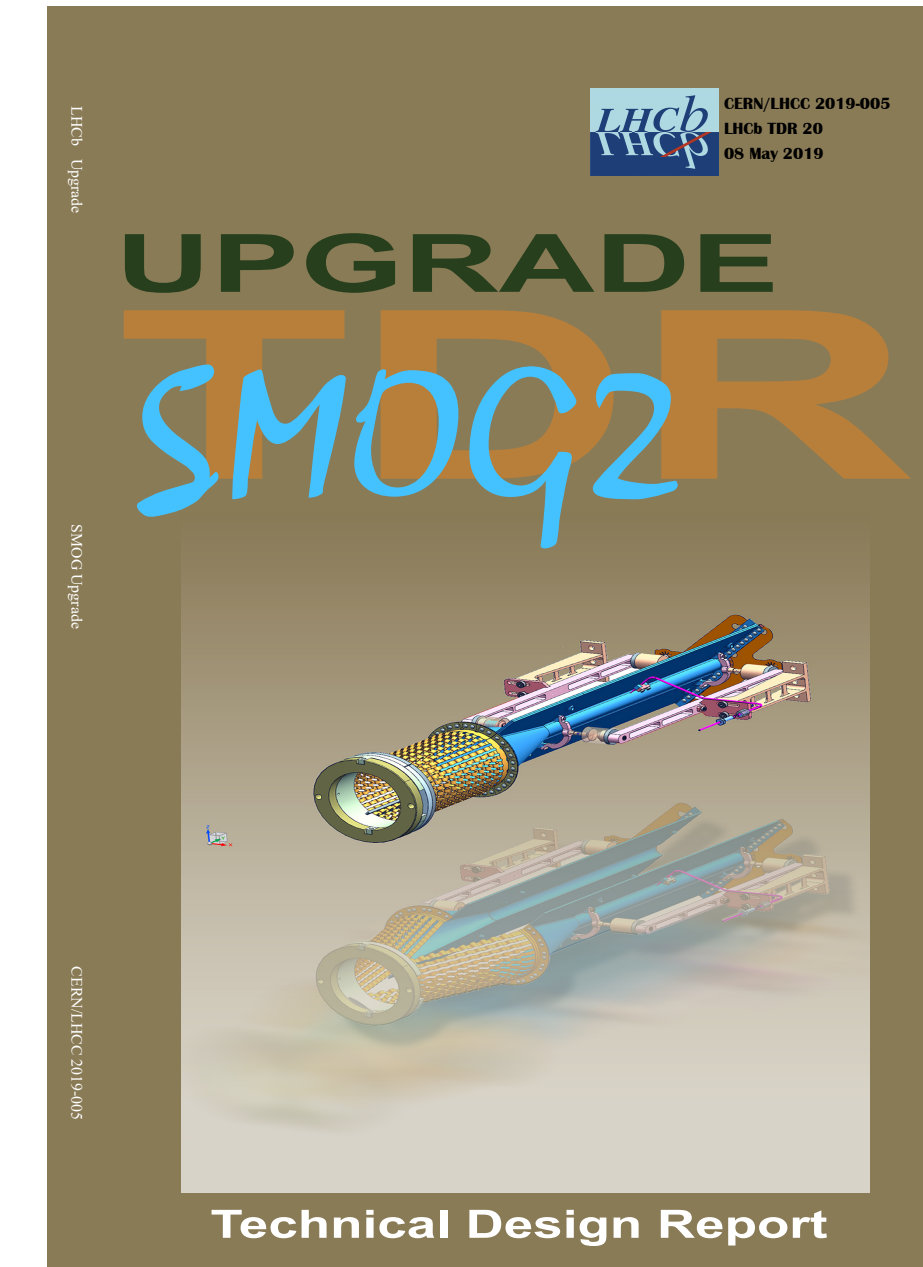


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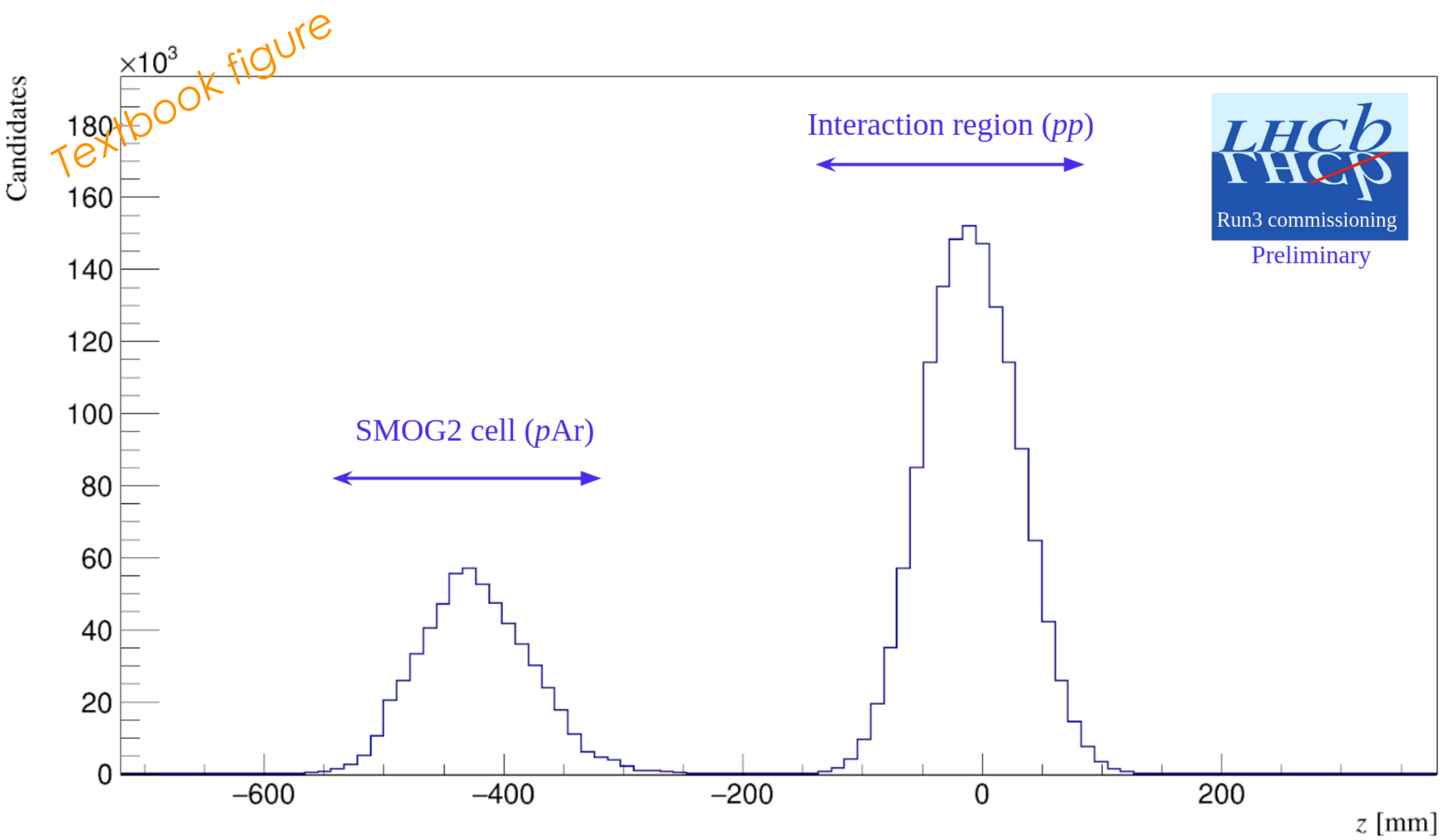


SMOG2

- The system is completely installed (storage cell + GFS + triggers + reconstruction)
- Negligible impact on the beam lifetime ($\tau_{beam-gas}^{p-H_2} \sim 2000$ days, $\tau_{beam-gas}^{Pb-Ar} \sim 500$ h)
- Injectable gases (3+1 reservoirs): H₂, D₂, N₂, O₂, He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe
- Flux known with 1% precision, measured relative contamination 10⁻⁴

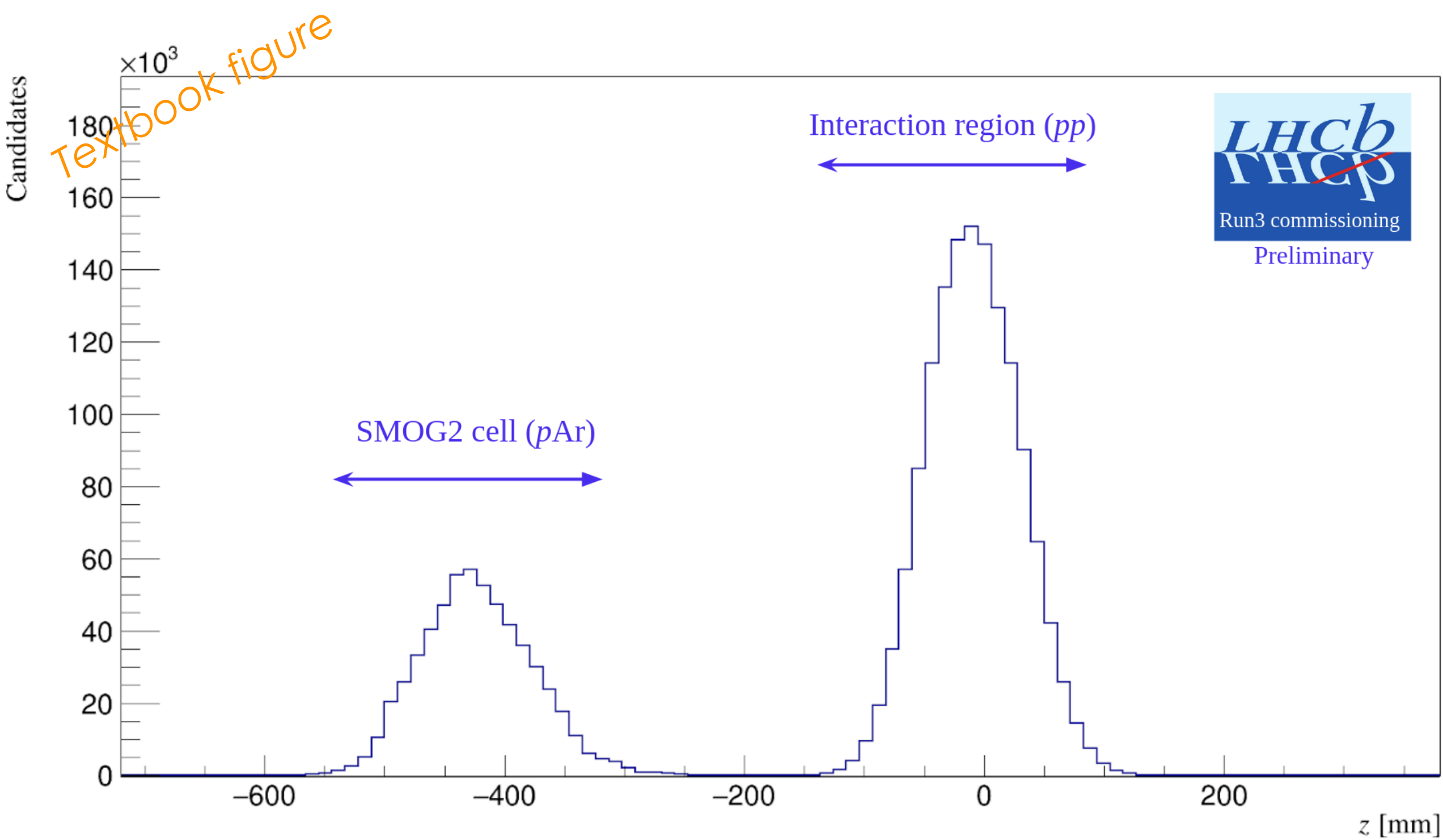


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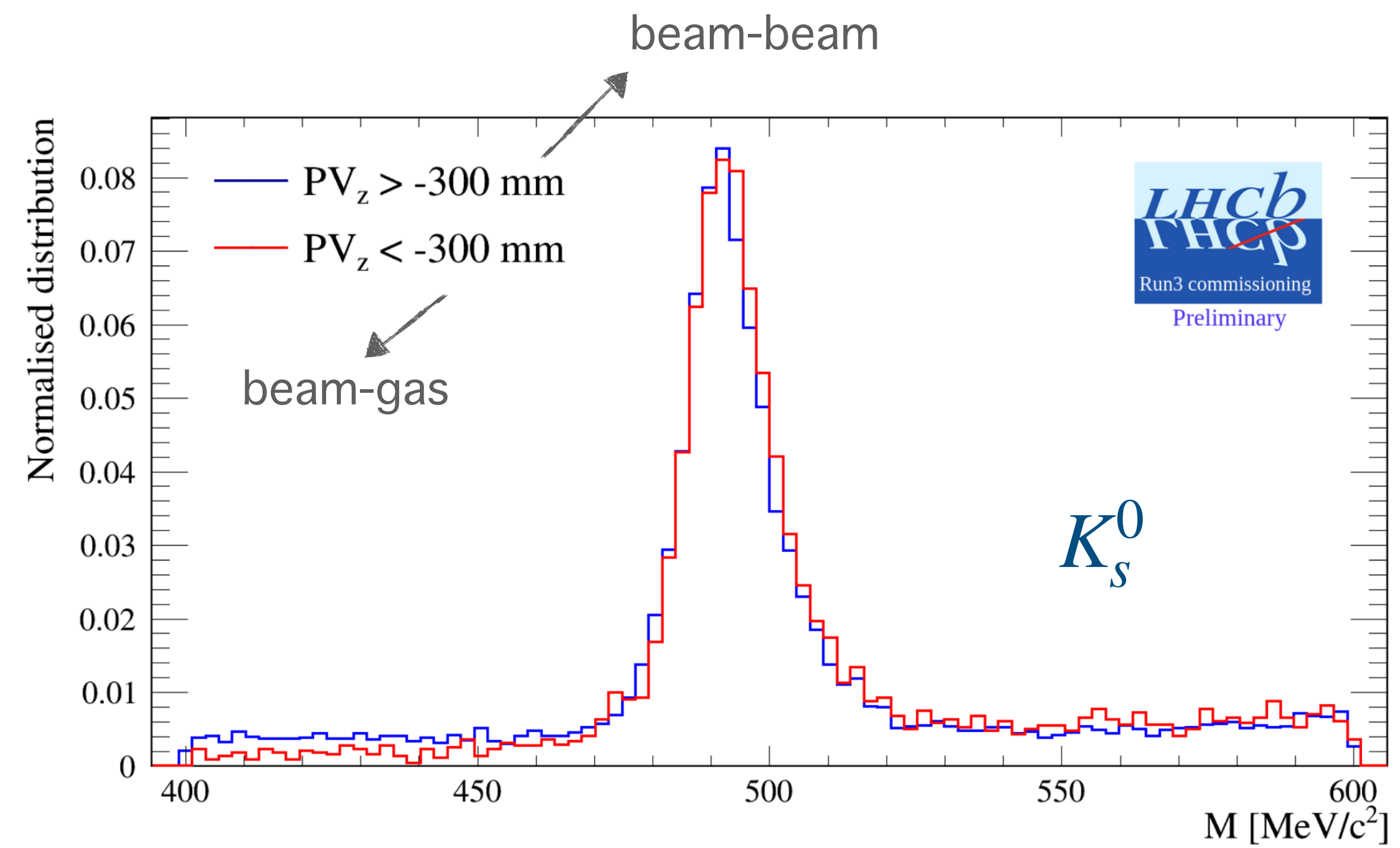


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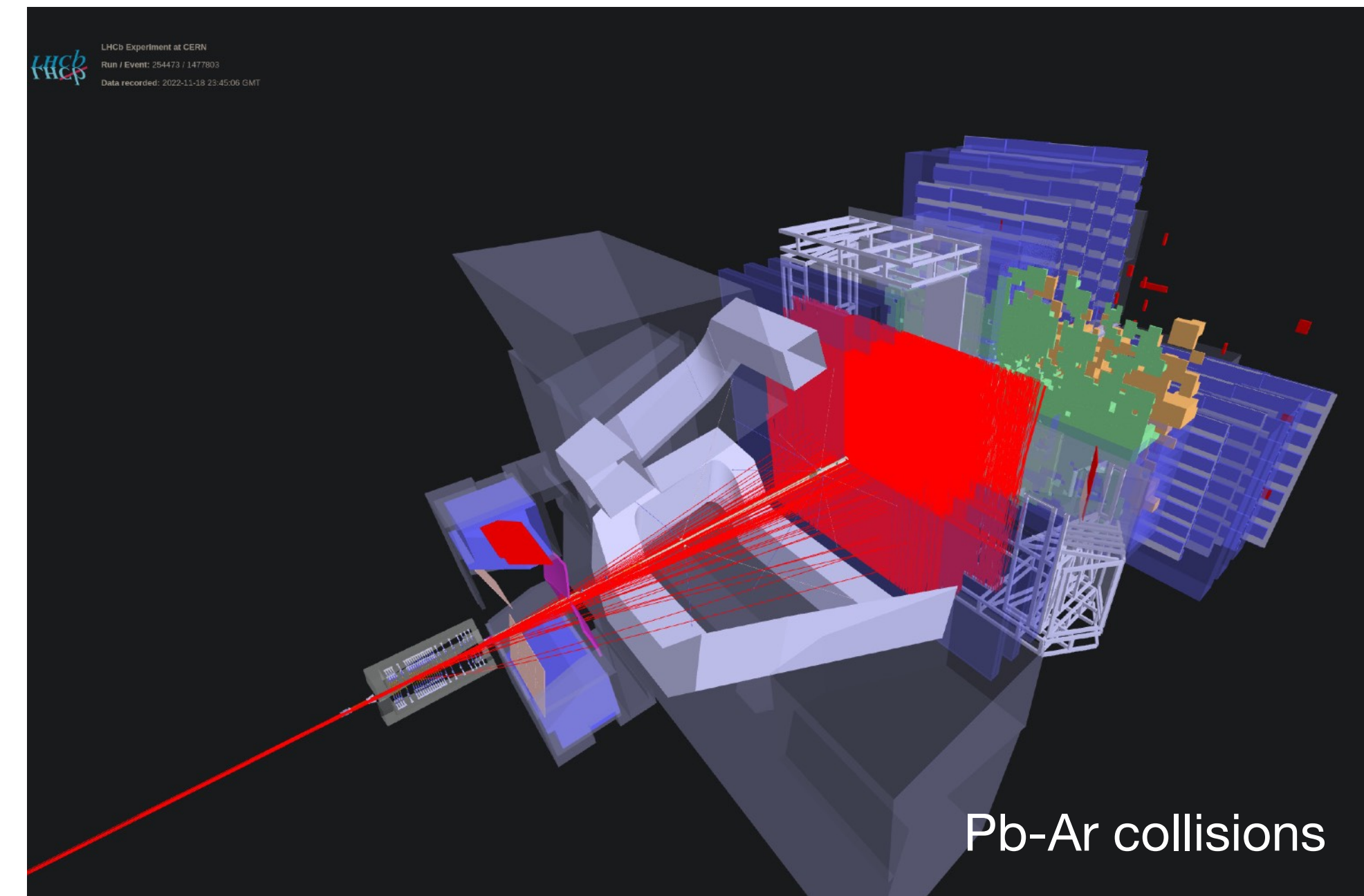
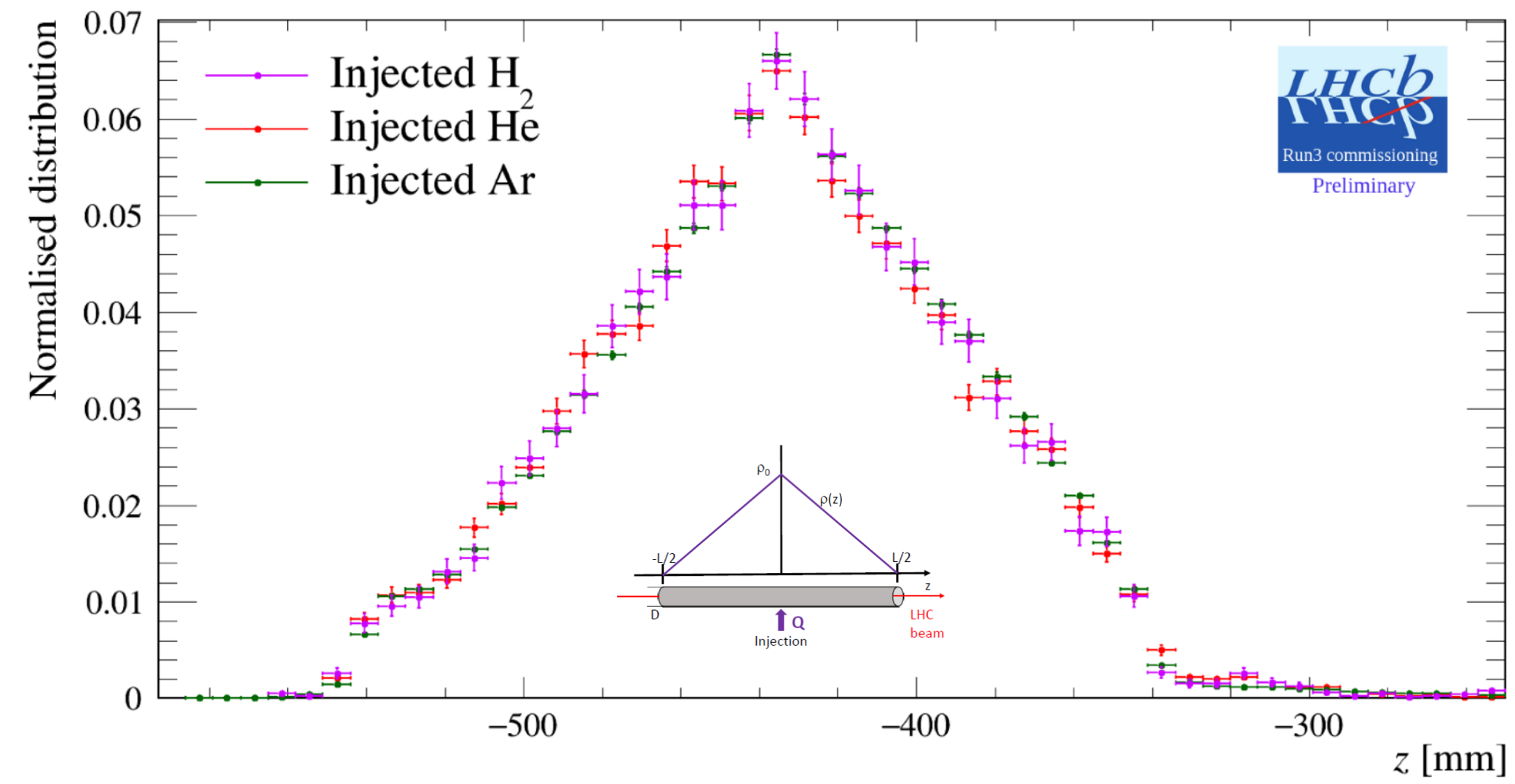


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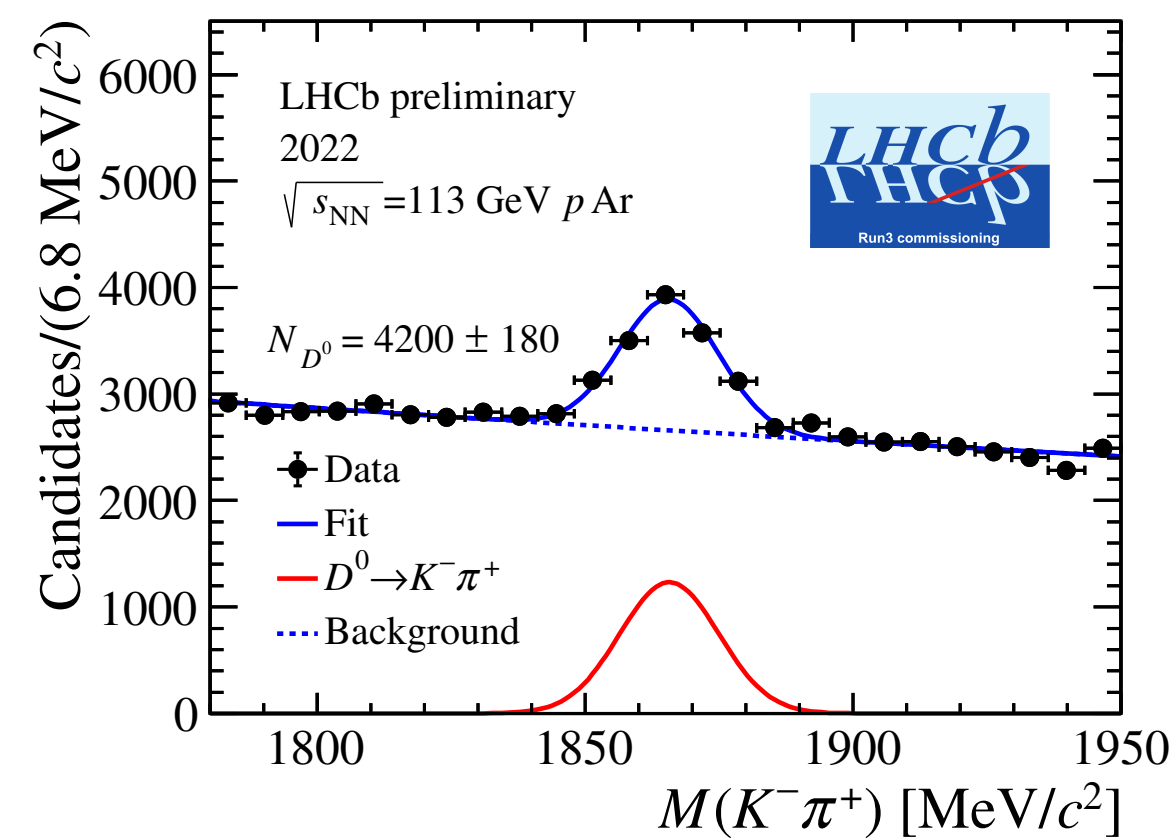
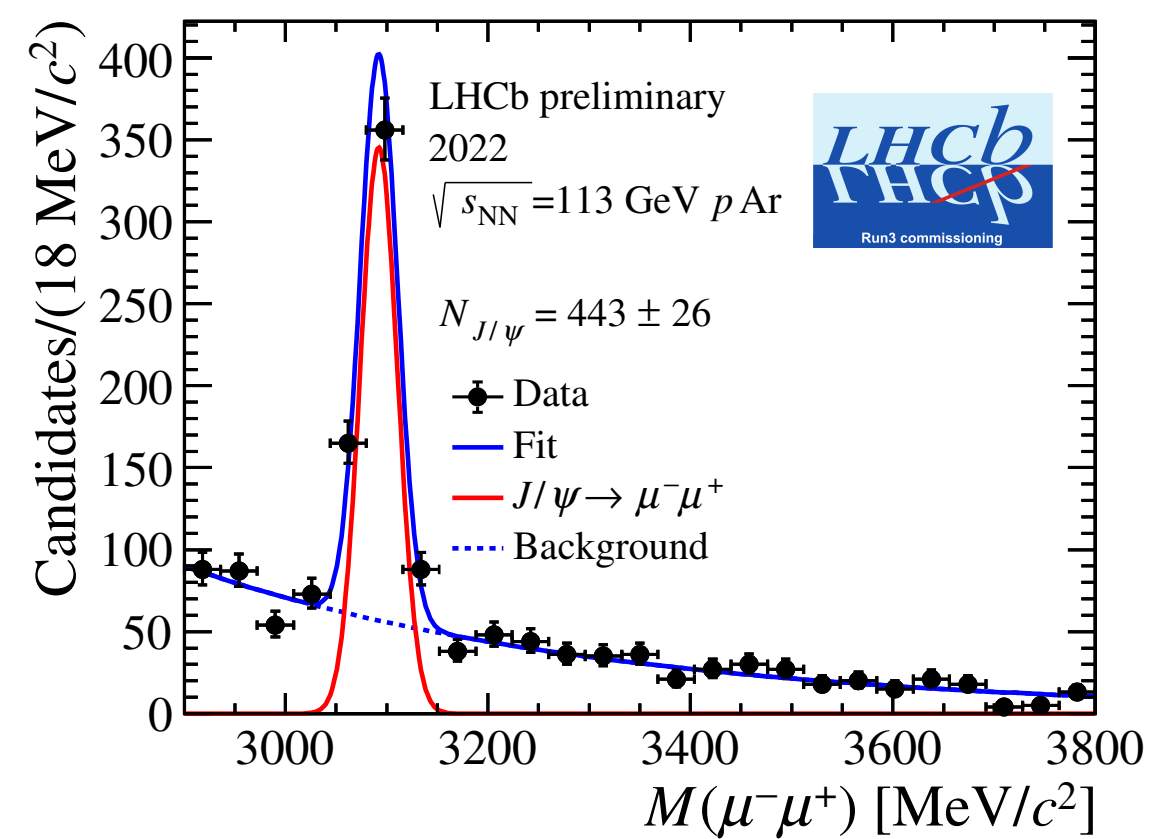
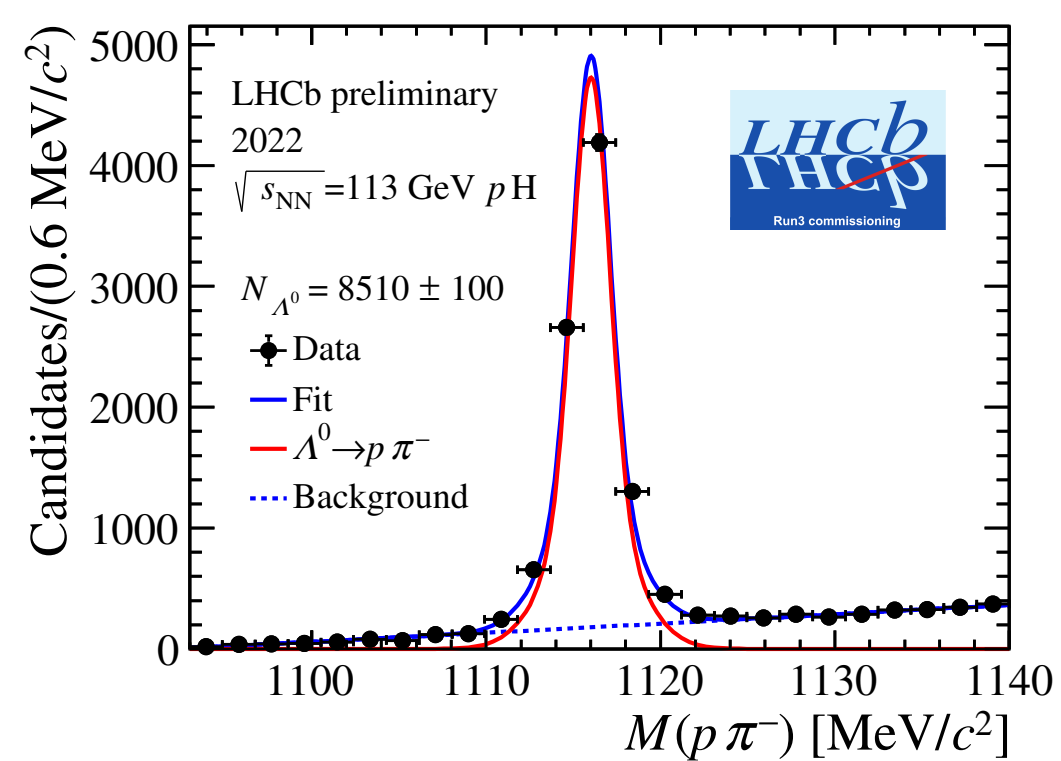
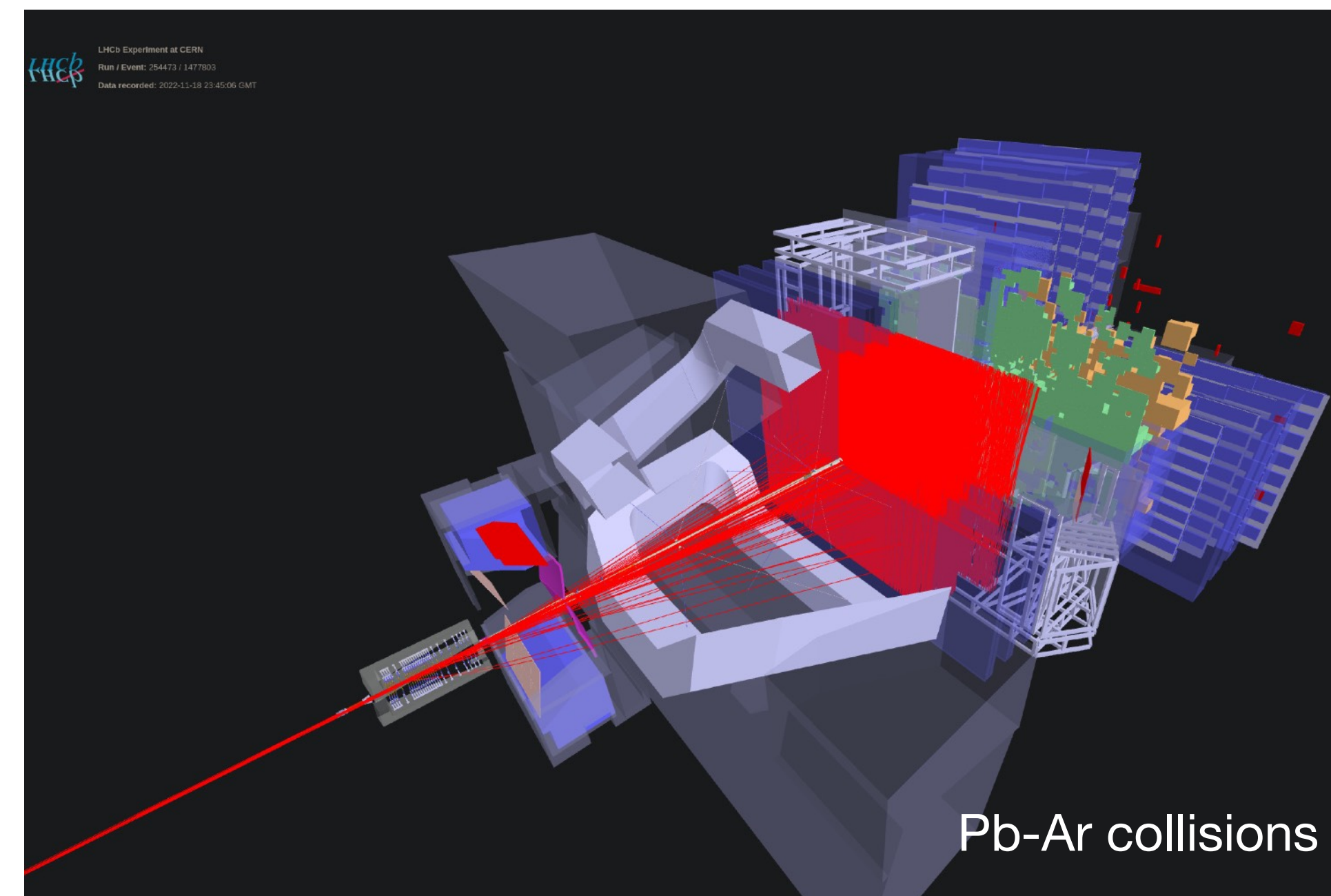
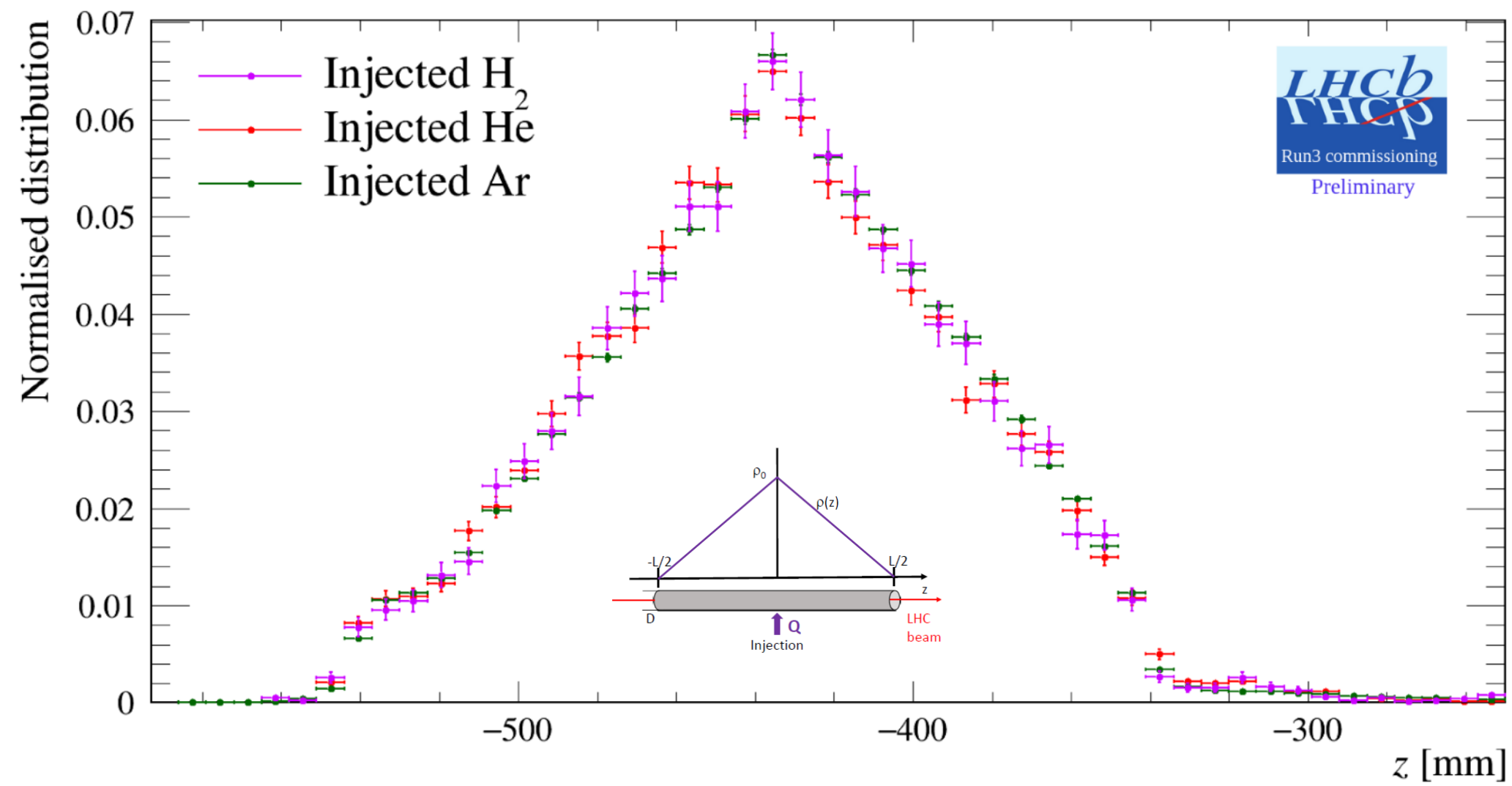


same resolution for beam-gas and beam-beam collisions

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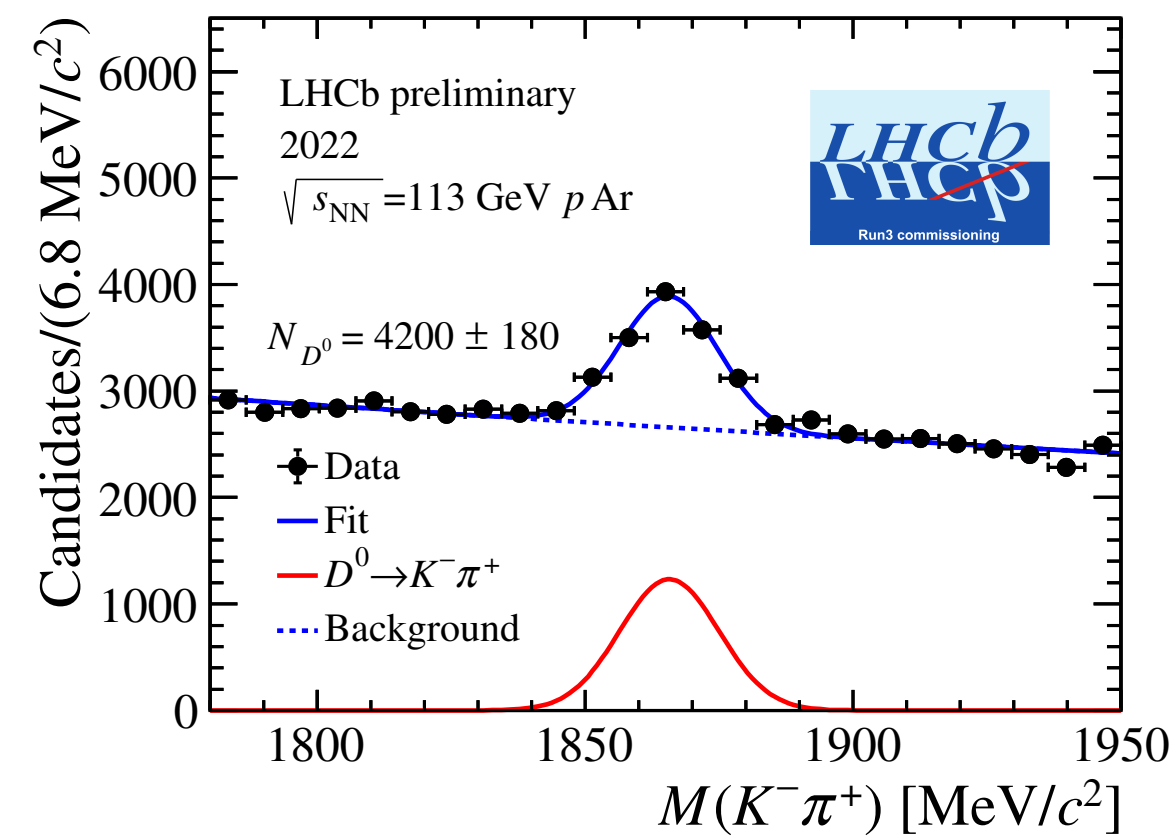
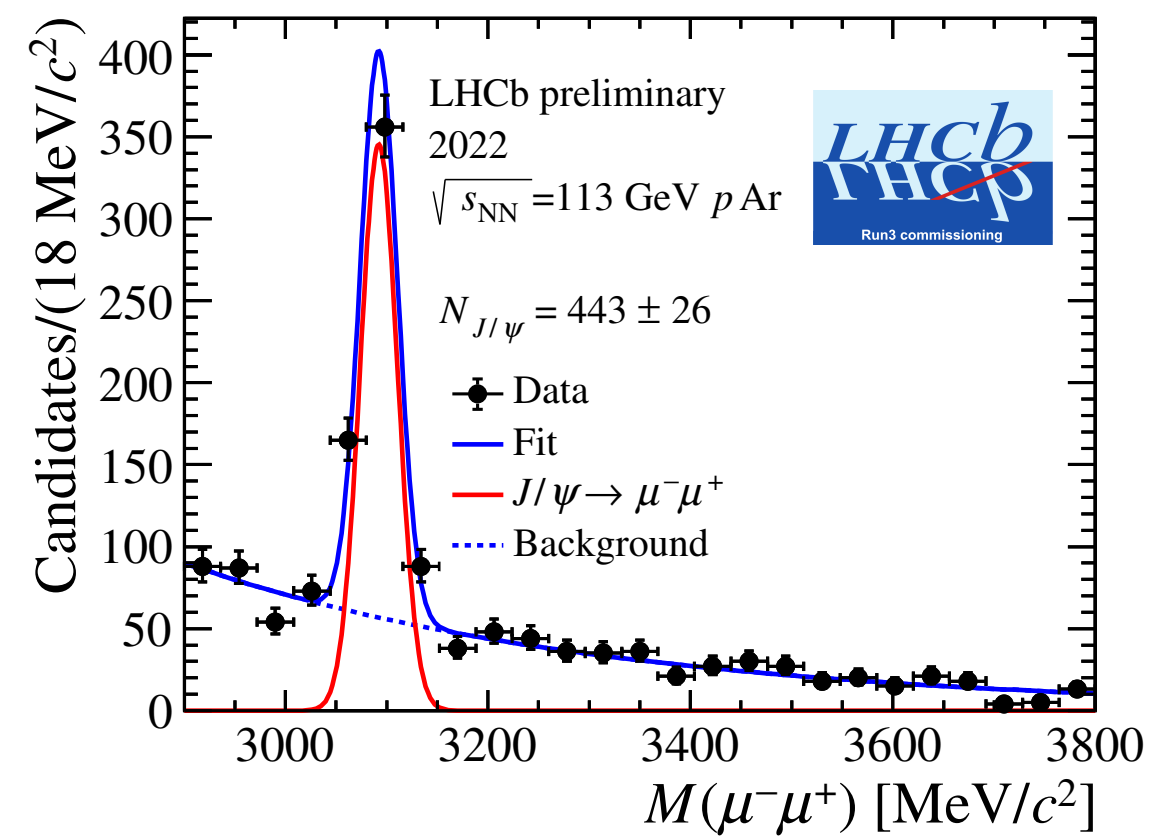
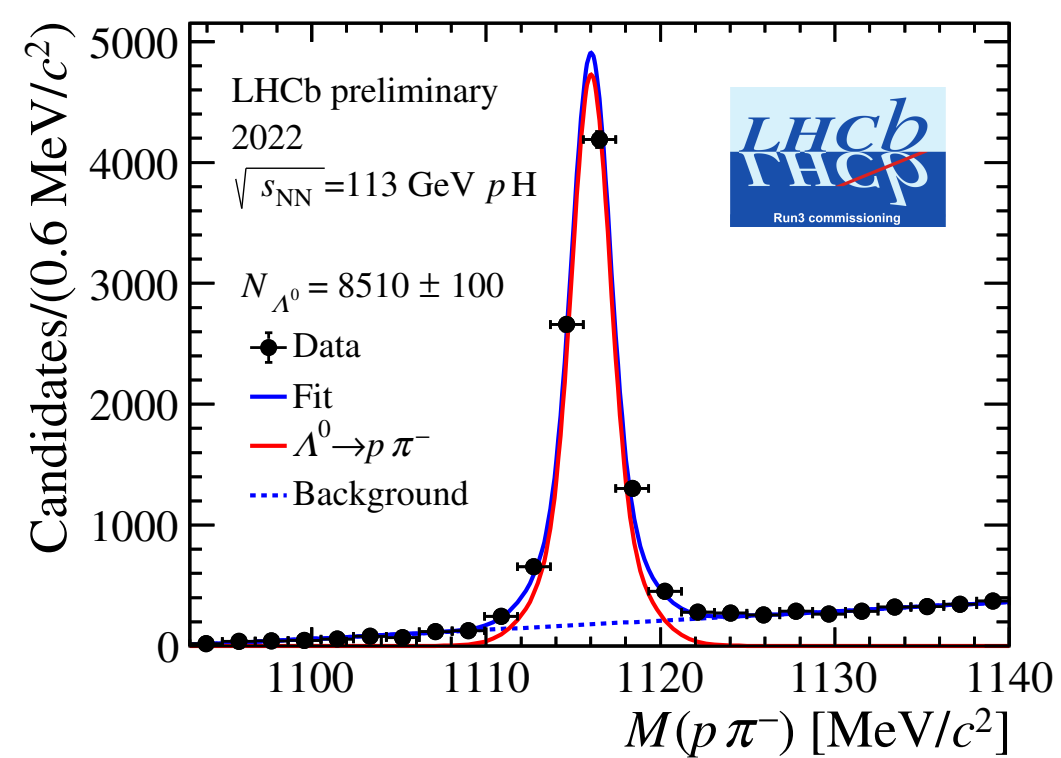
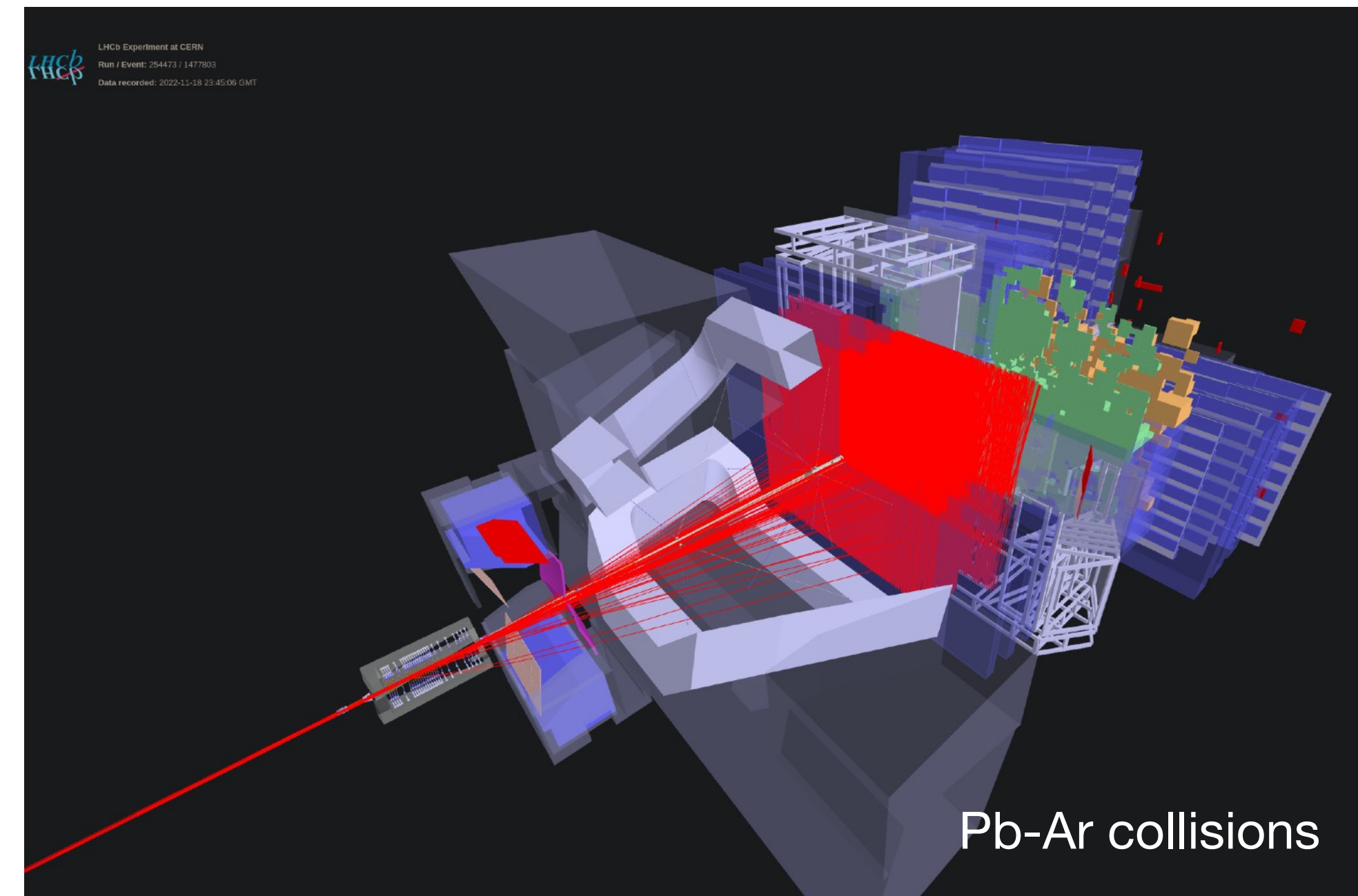
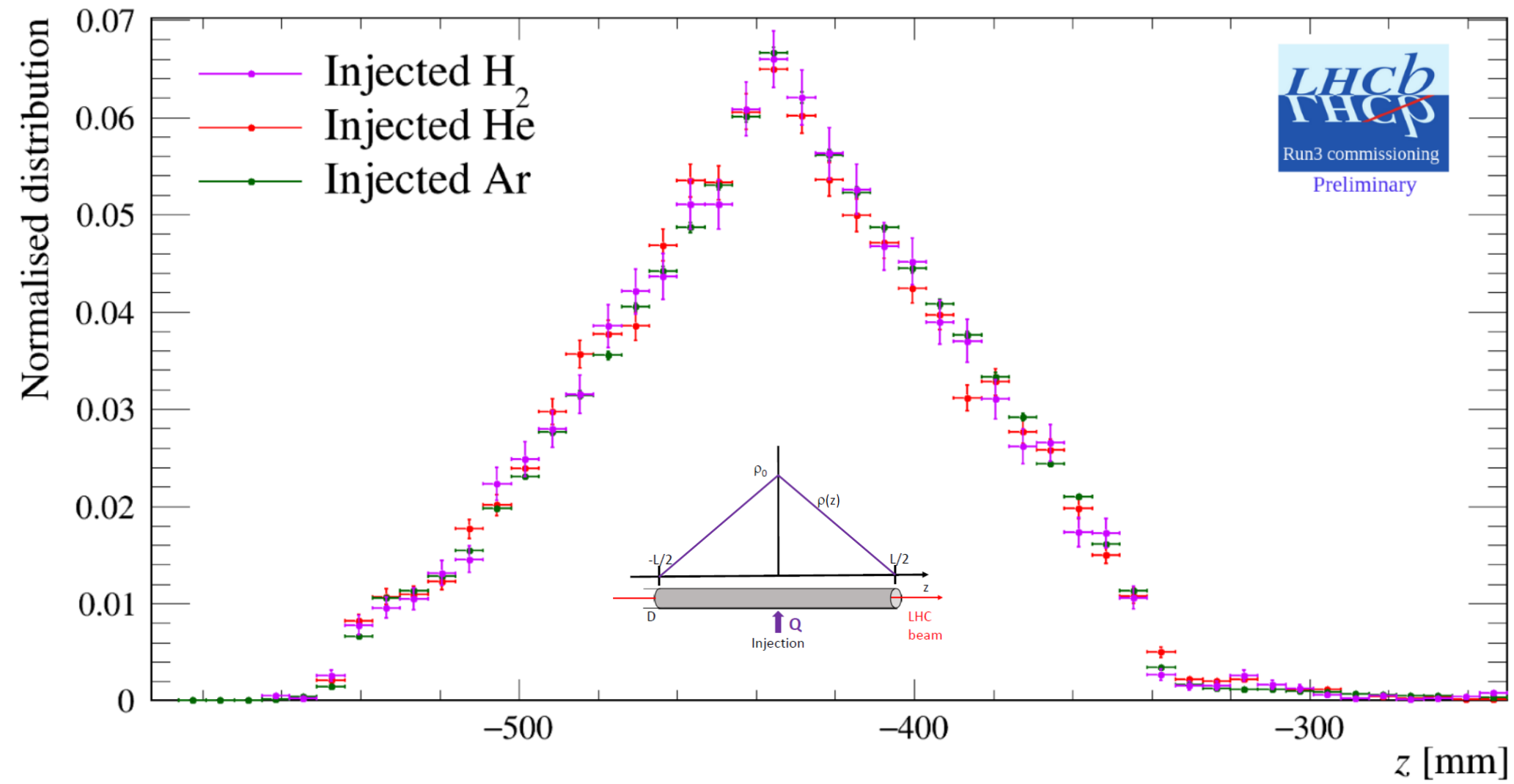


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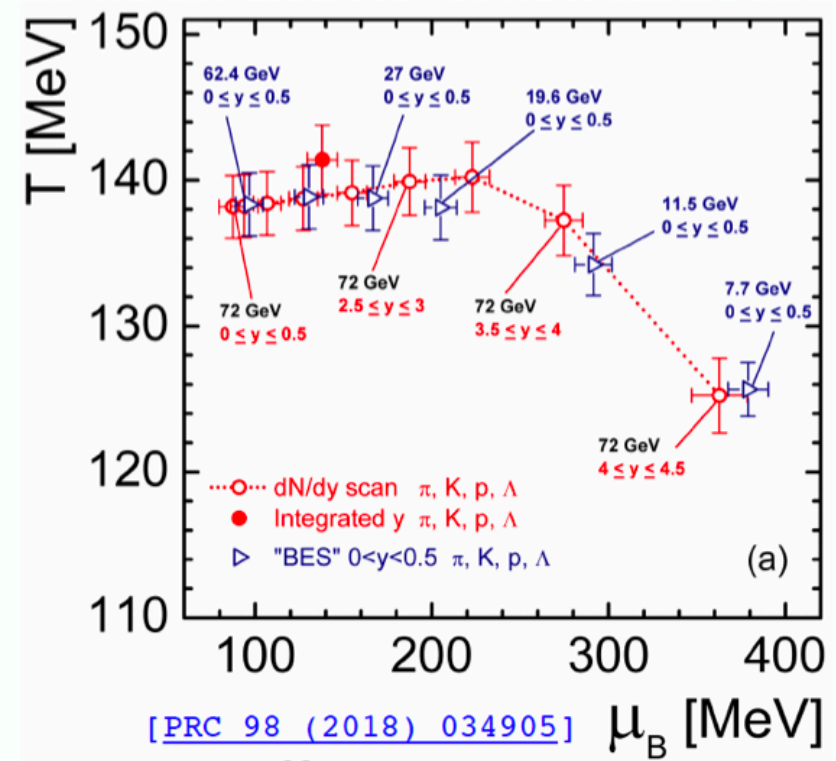
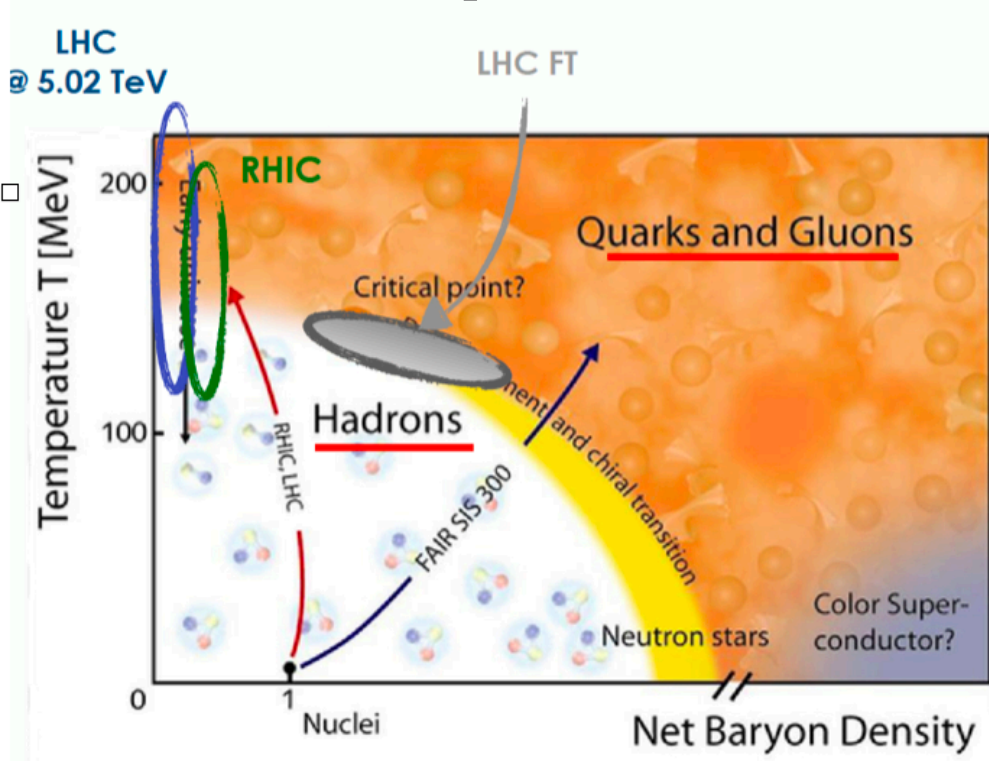
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LHCb is the only experiment able to run in collider and fixed-target mode simultaneously!

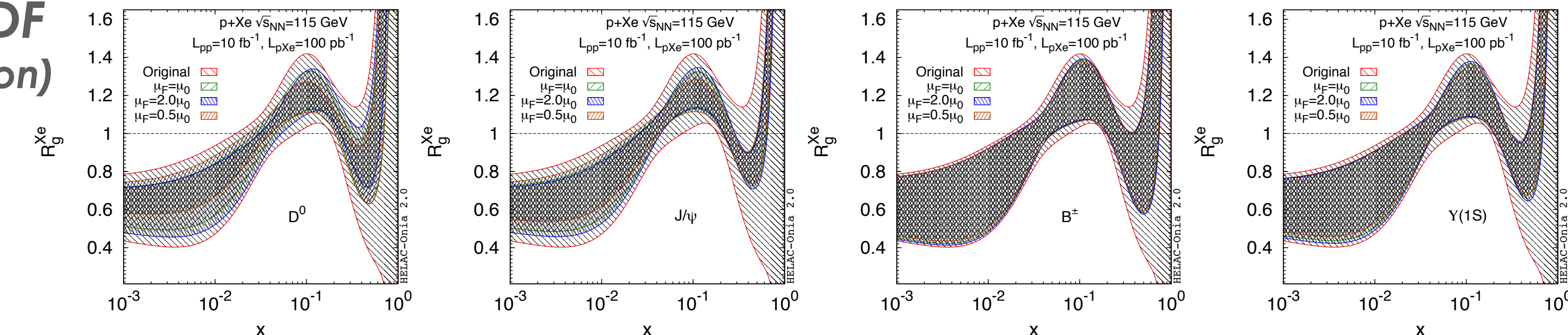
SMDQ2 ... few highlights

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Heavy-Ion and QCD phase space

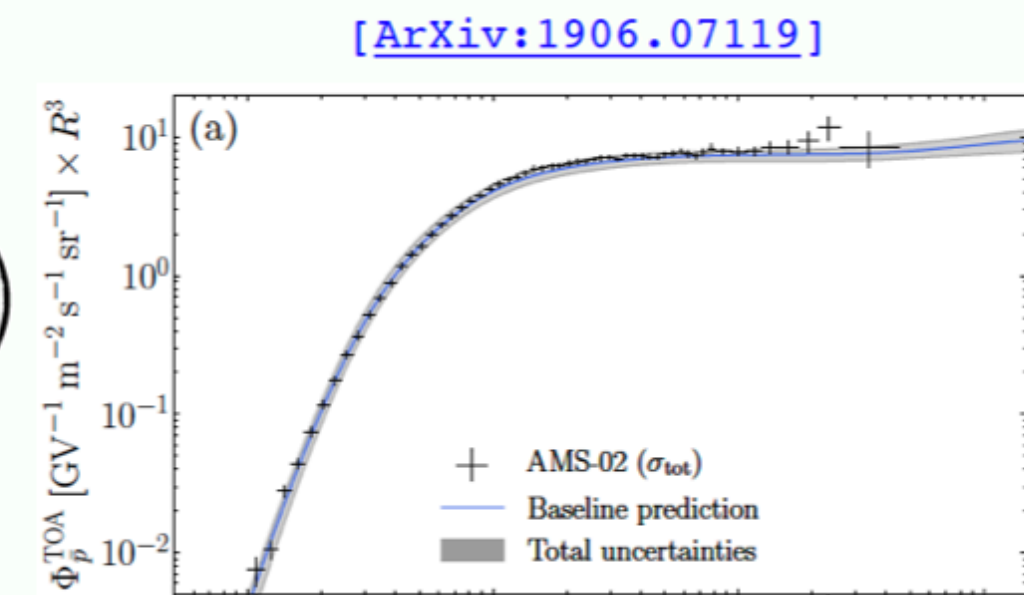
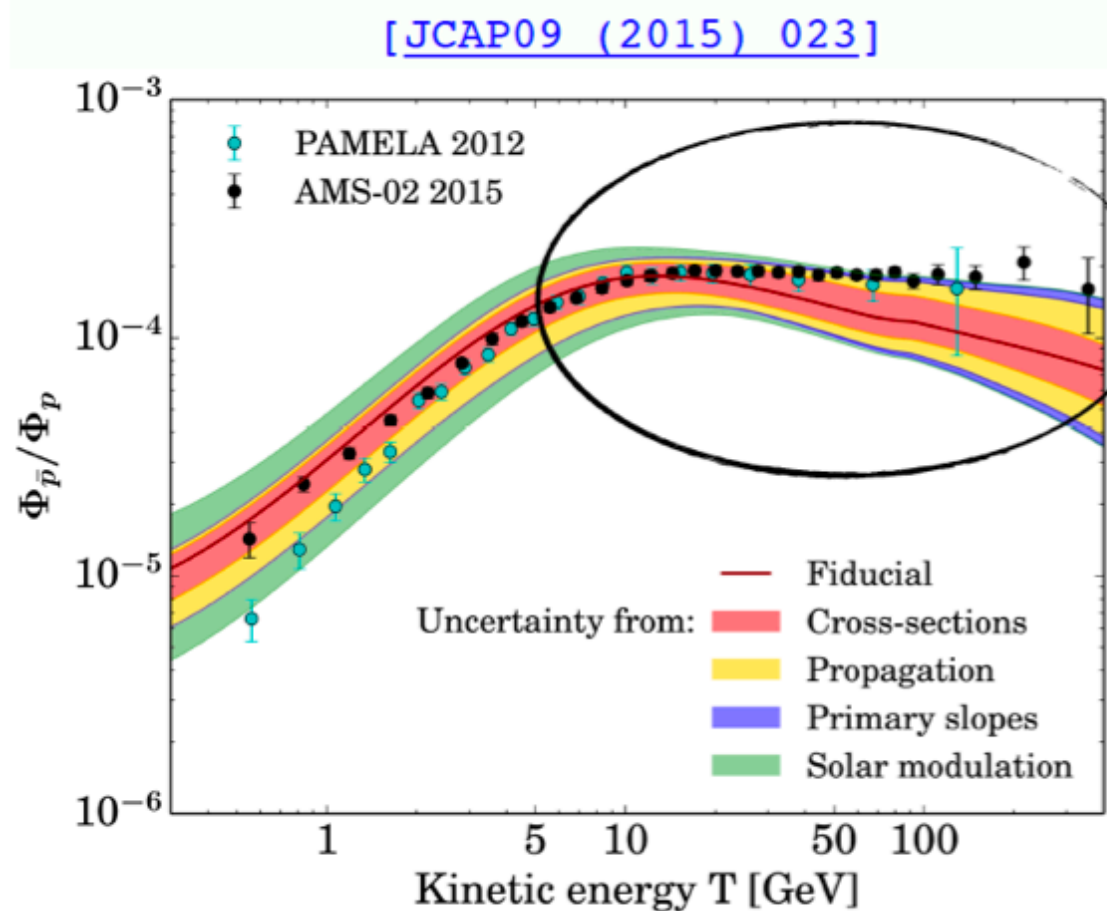
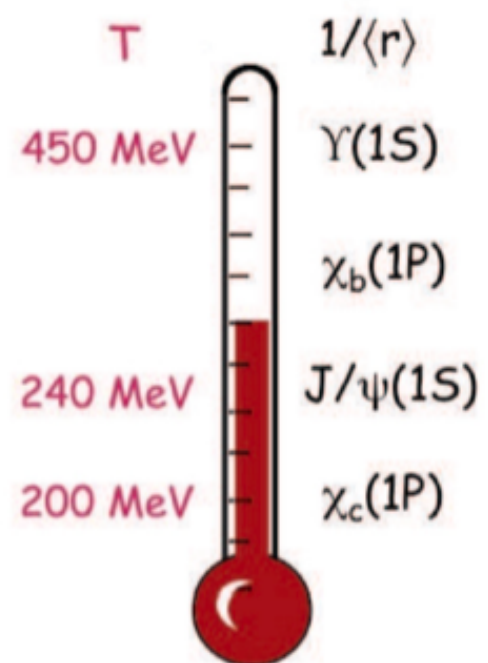


nPDF (gluon)



Astroparticle (DM and CR)

c̄c̄ bound states

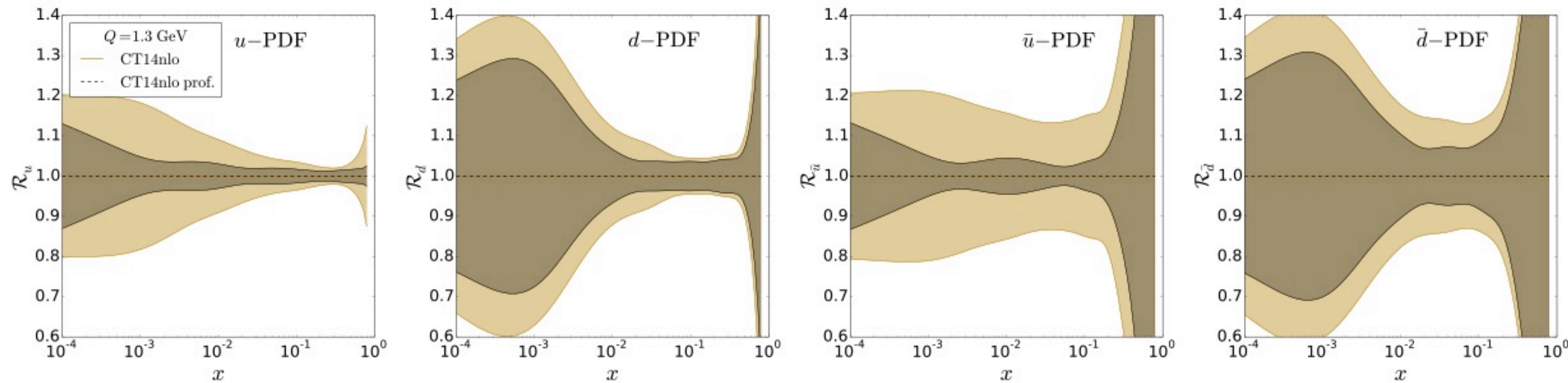


• Main uncertainty still due to cross sections!

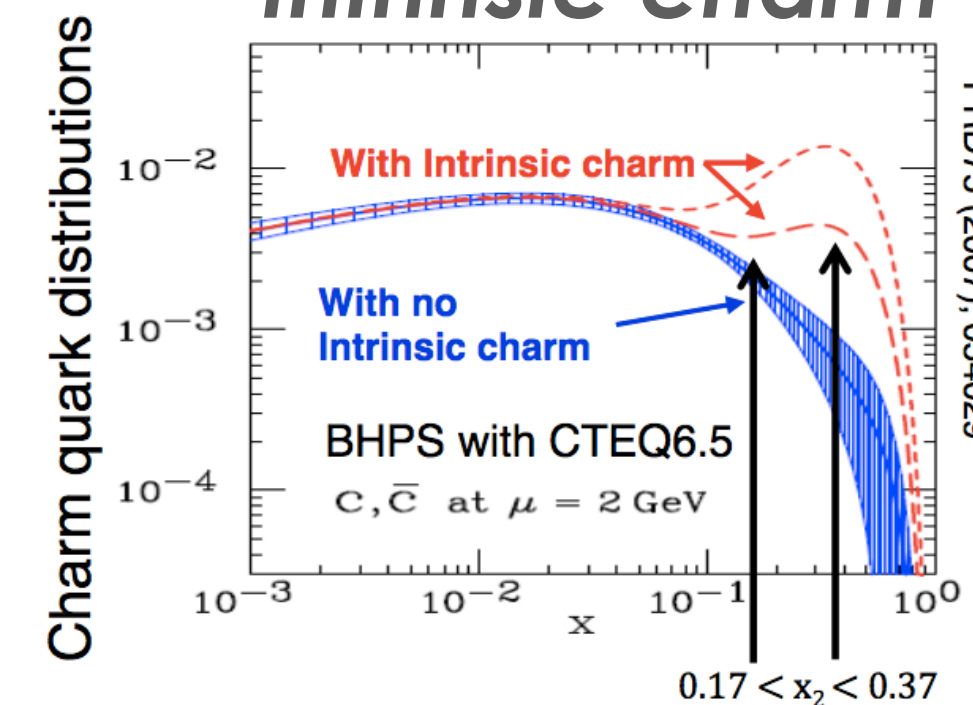
estimation with 10 fb⁻¹

arXiv:1807.00603

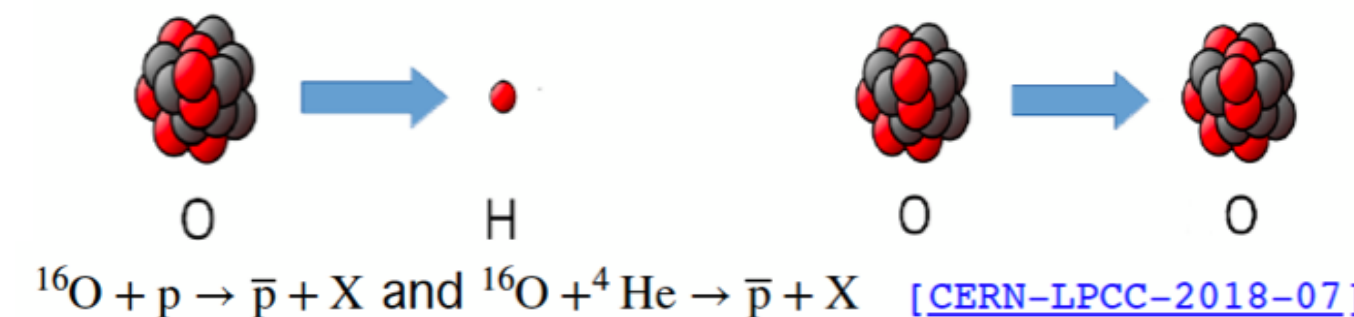
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Intrinsic charm



Special Runs



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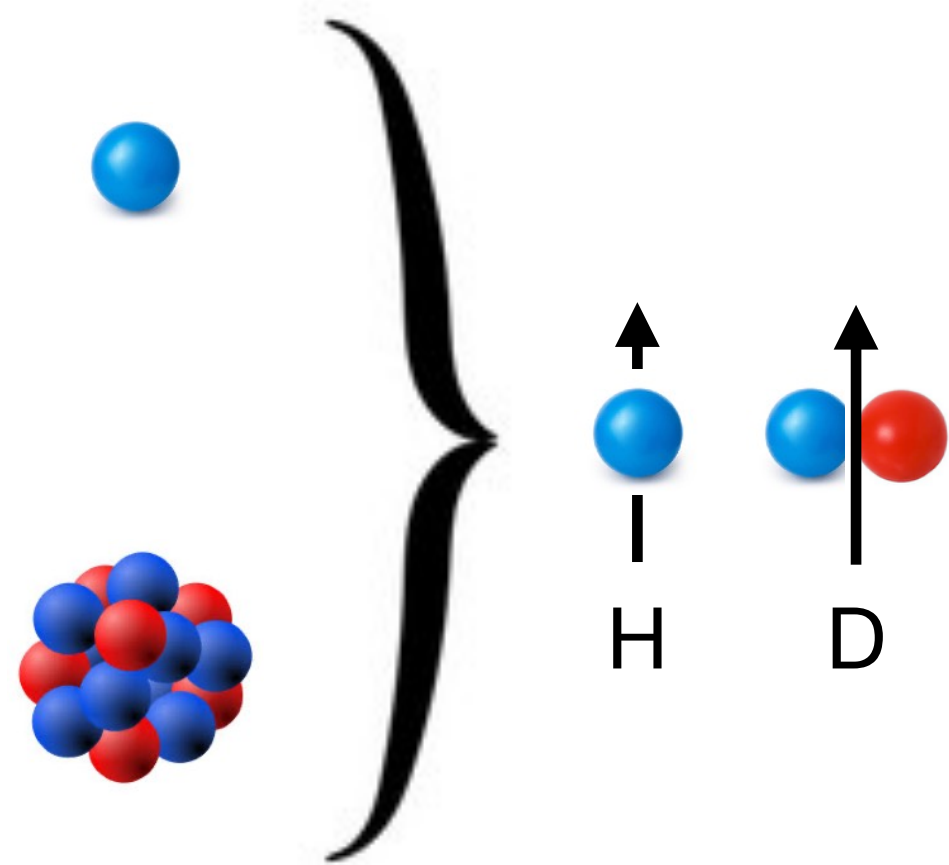
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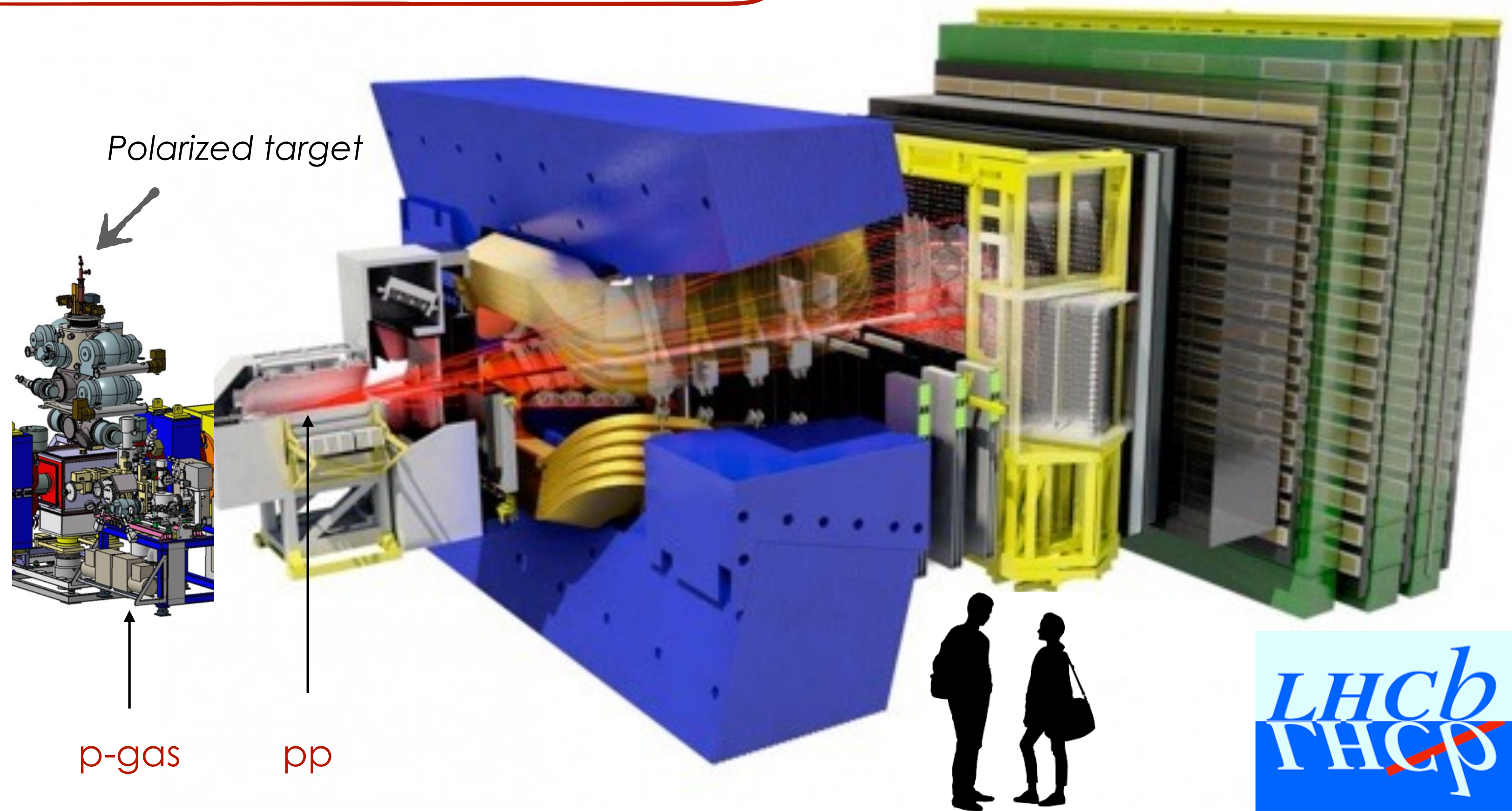
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Successful technology based on HERA and COSY experiments

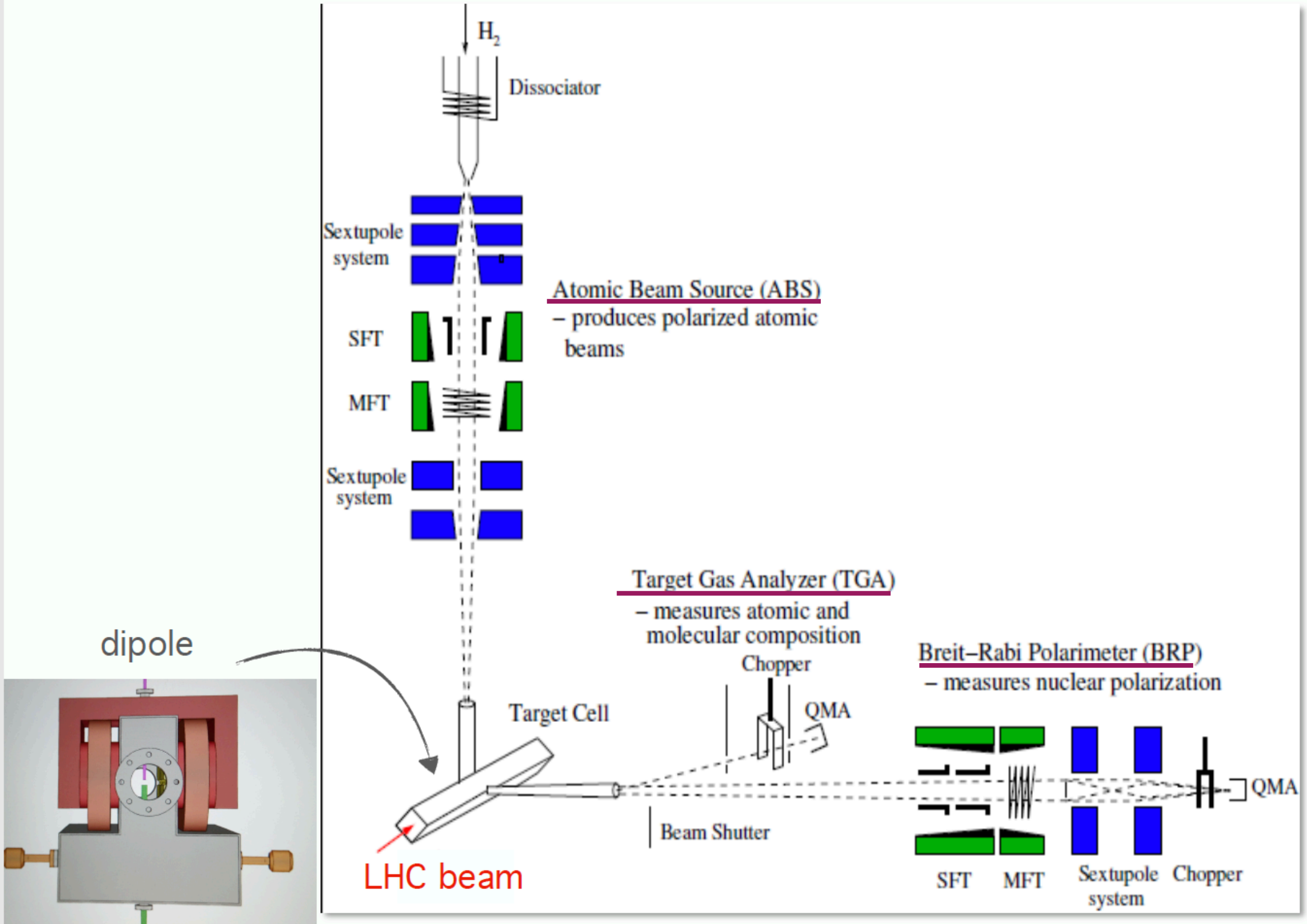
Challenge: develop a new generation of polarized targets



LHCspin experimental setup

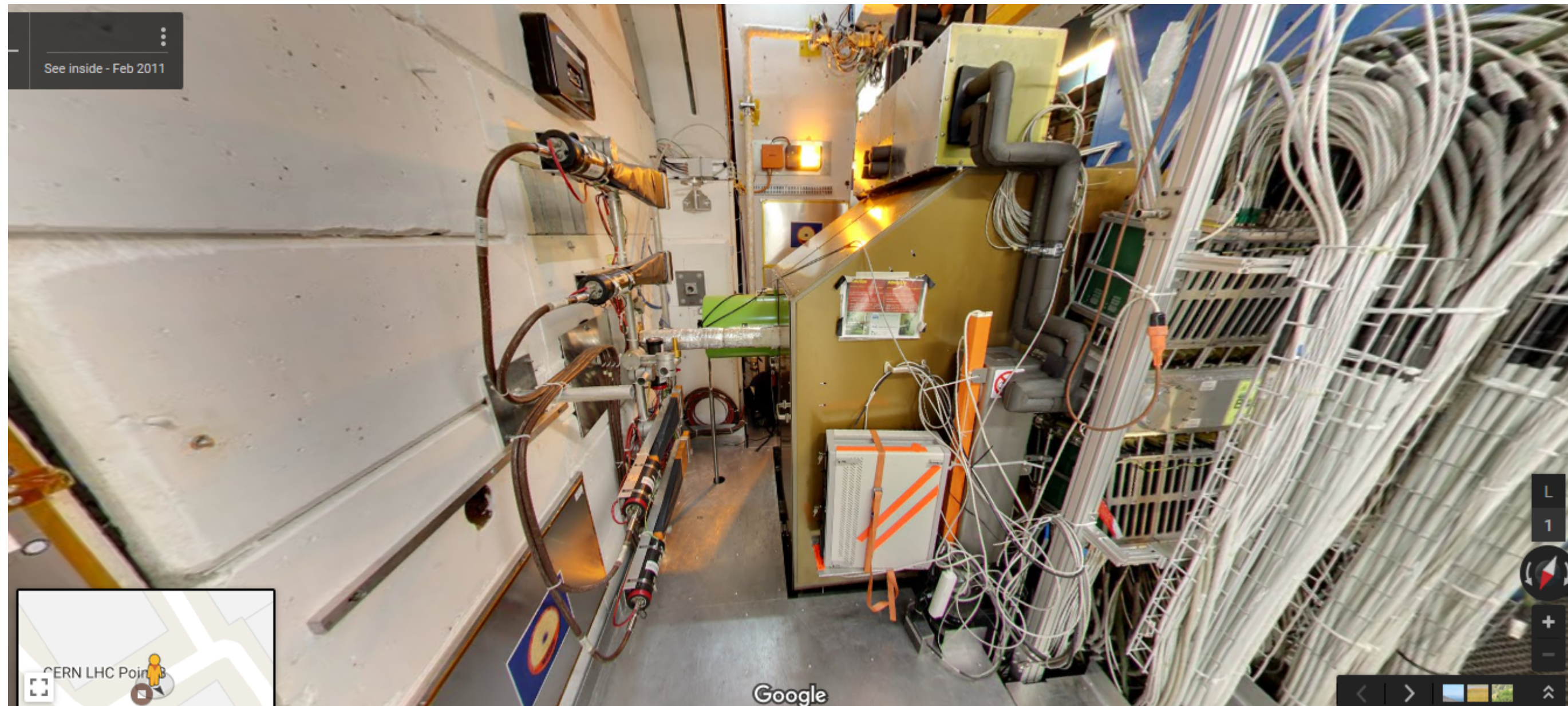
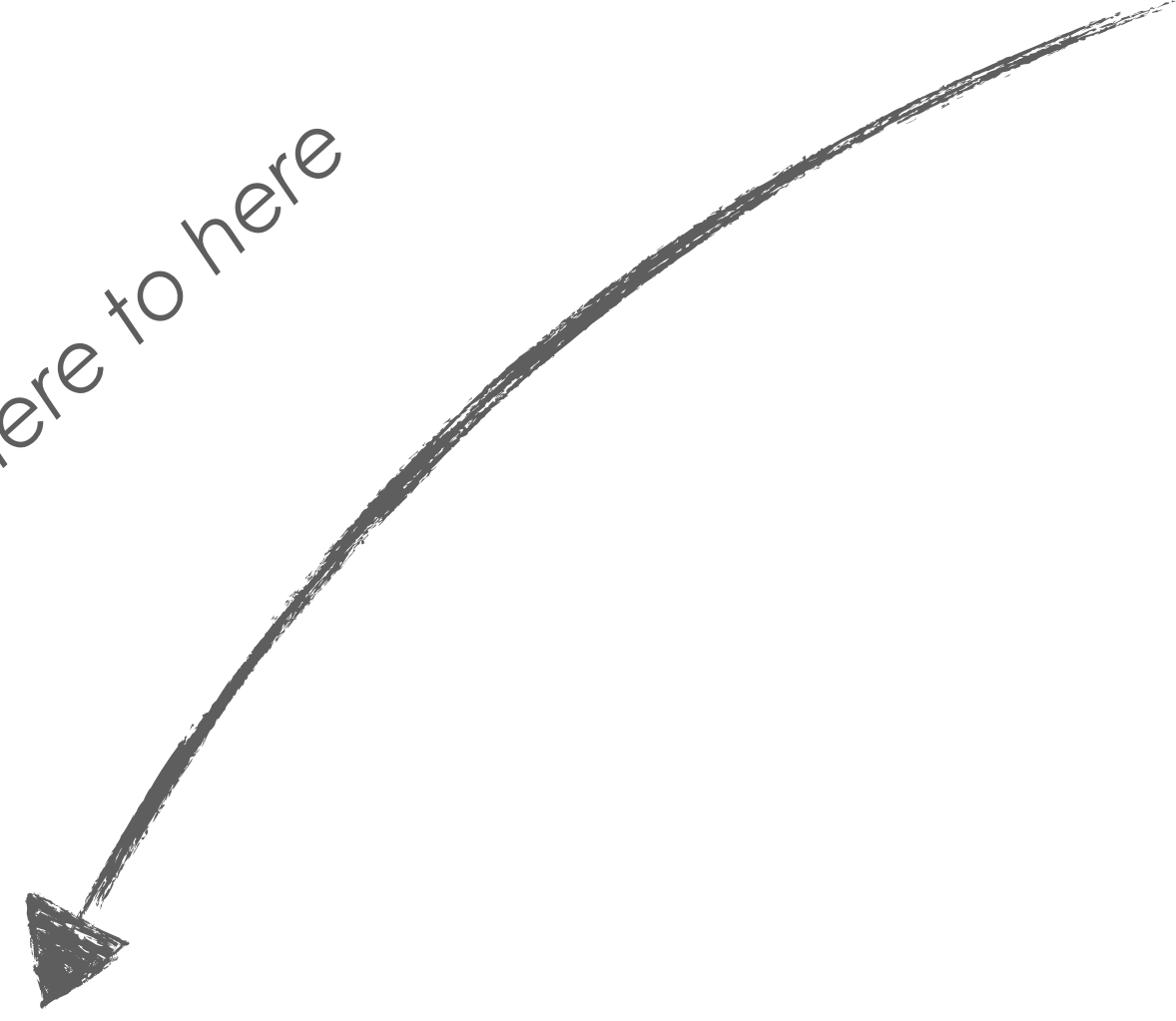
Target density (H) = $7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 LHC beam (Run4) = $6.8 \times 10^{18} \text{ p s}^{-1}$

$L_{pH} = 8 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-2}$



HERMES PGT

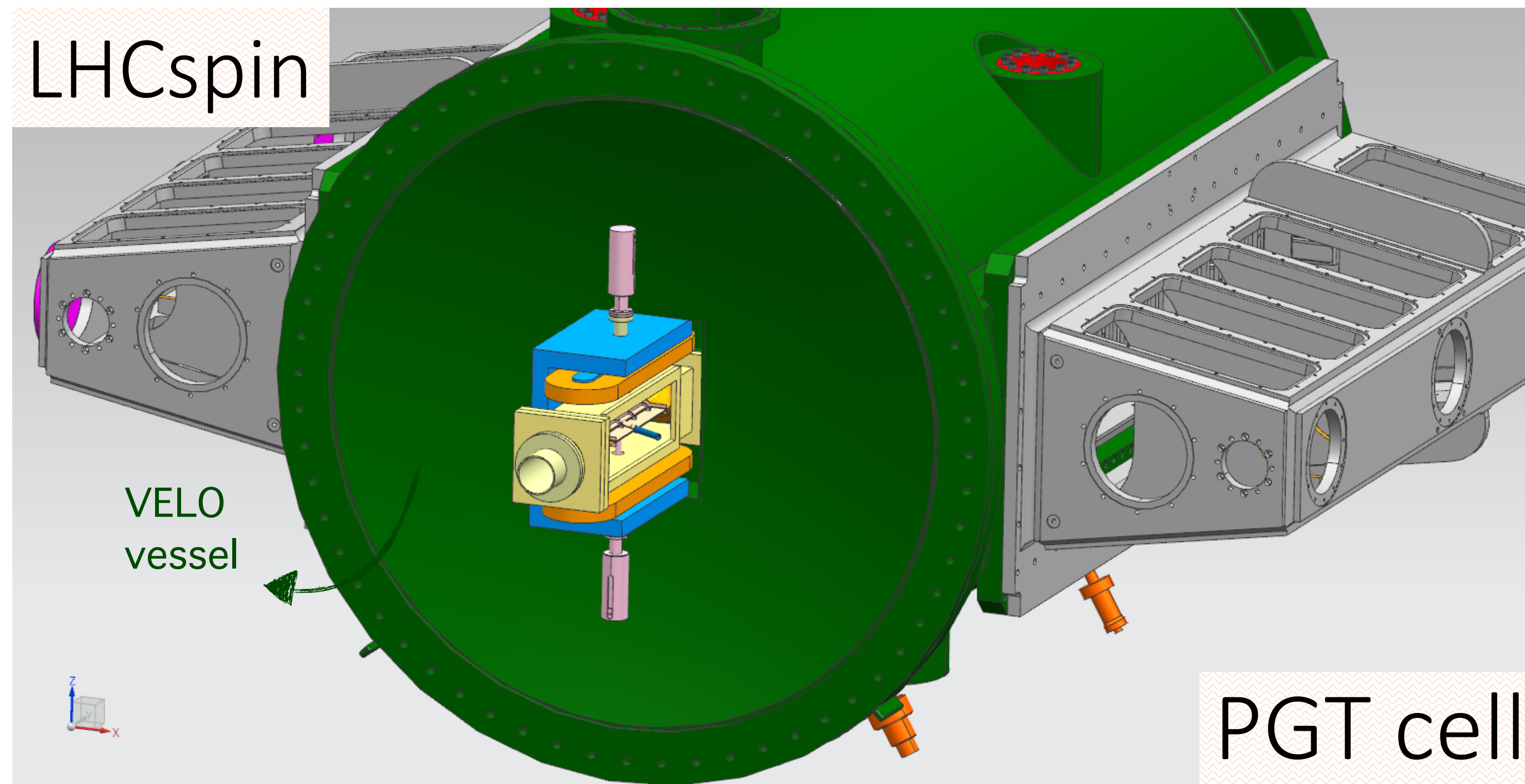
From there to here



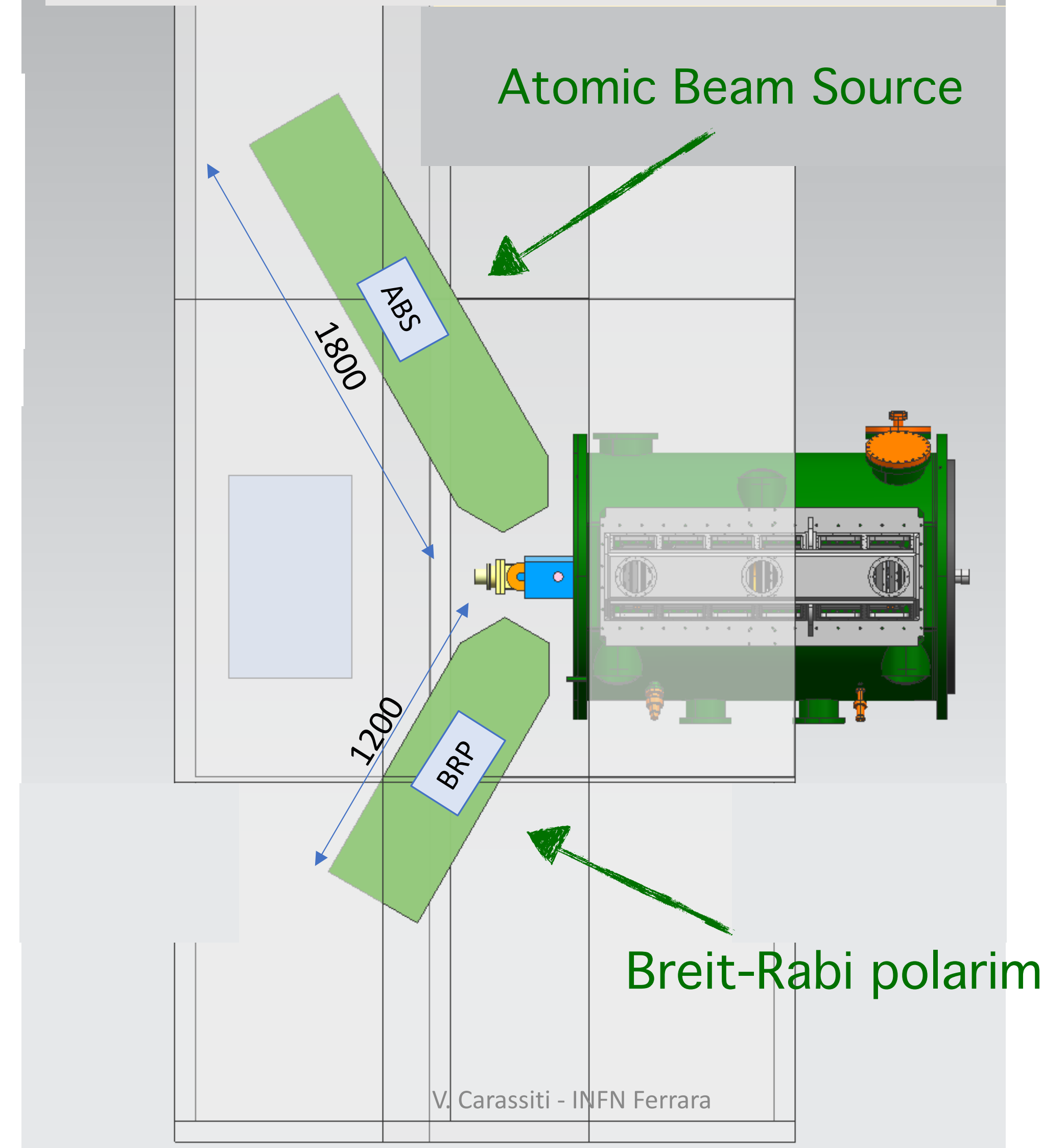
Space available in front of LHCb

PGT implementation into LHCb

- Cylindrical target cell with SMOG2 dimensions: $L = 20$ cm and $D = 1$ cm
- Full LHCb simulations show broader kinematic acceptance & higher efficiency in the same position of the SMOG2 cell



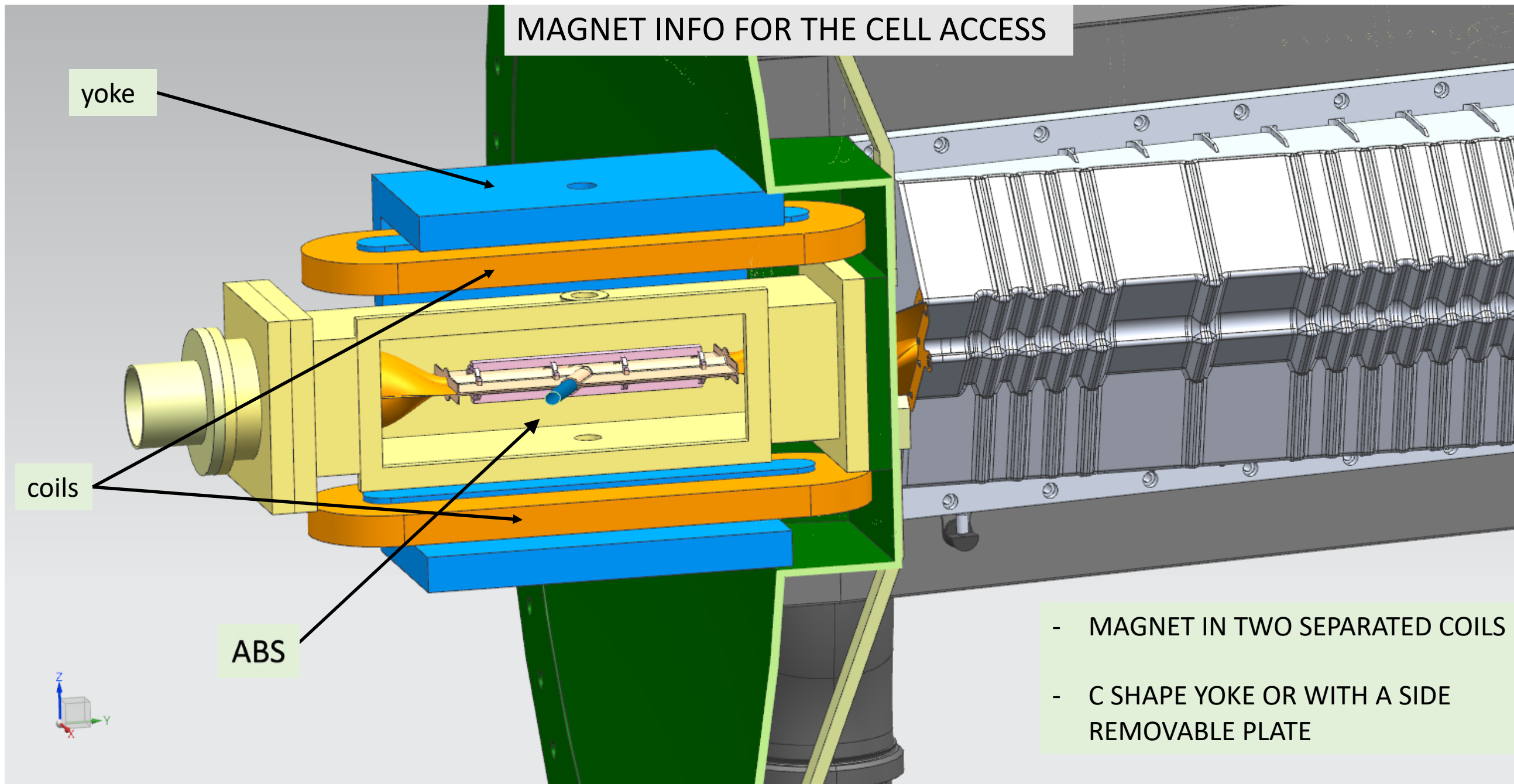
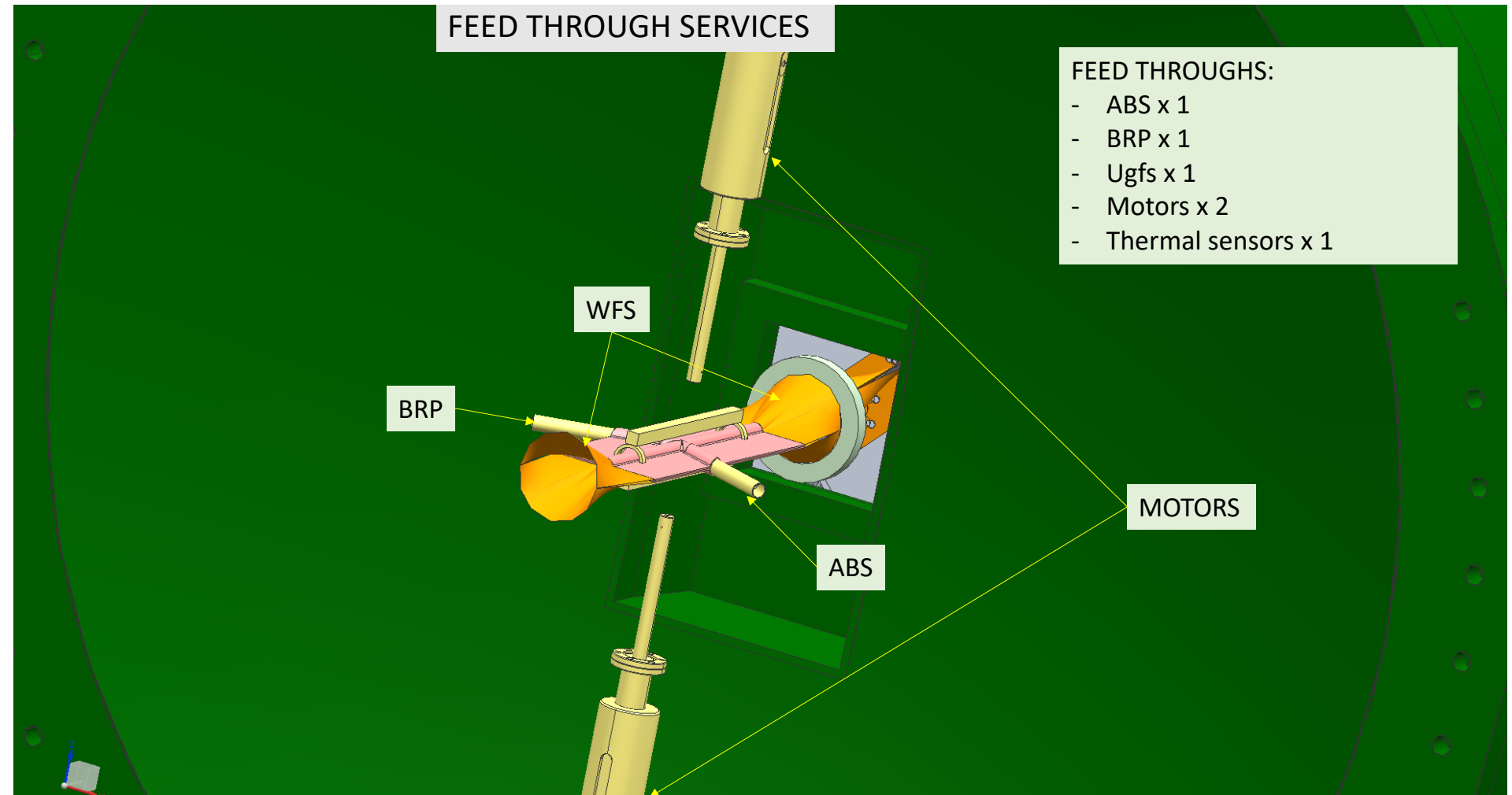
ABS & BRP IN VERTICAL LAYOUT – SIDE VIEW



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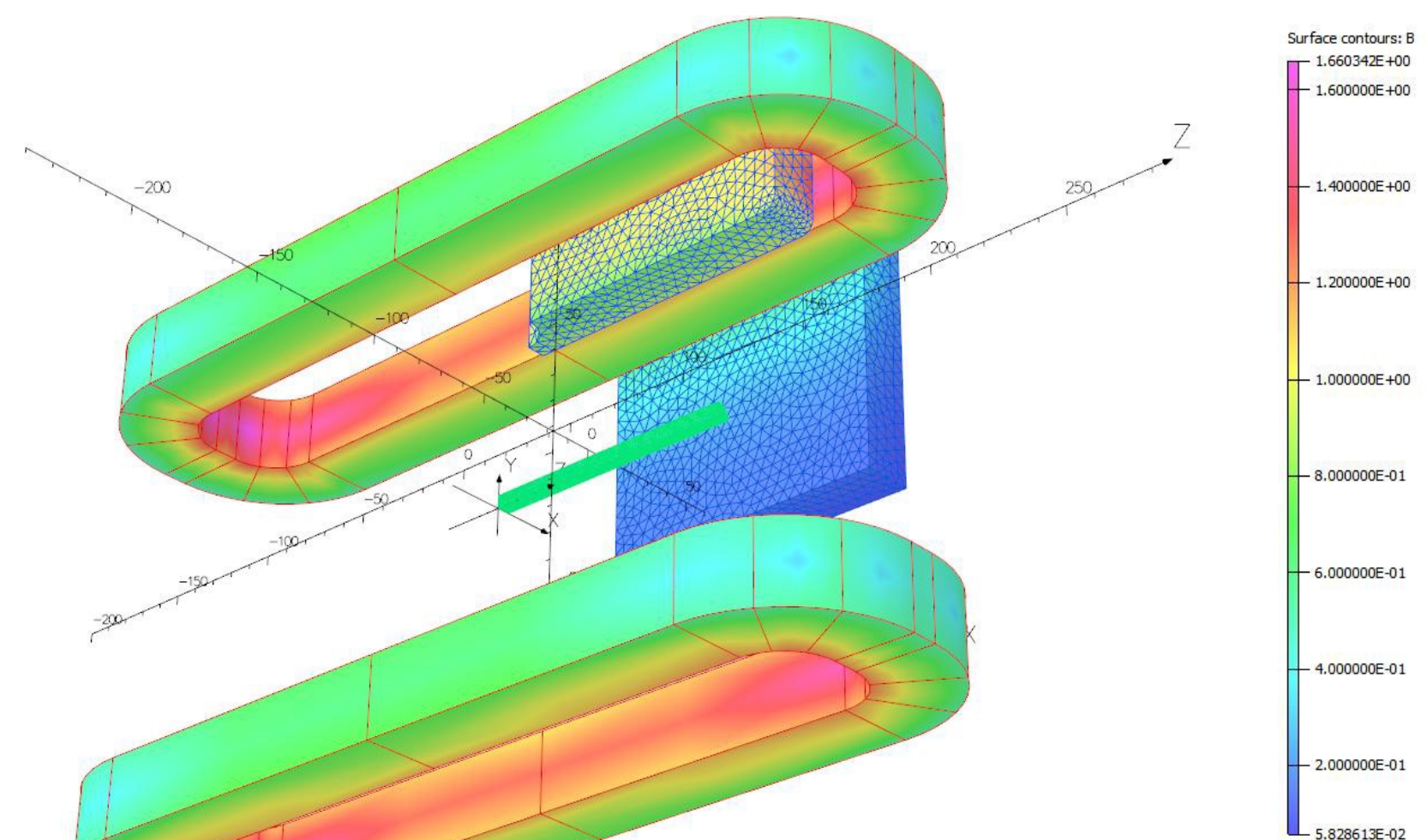
Transverse polarisation

- Inject polarised gas via ABS and unpolarised gas via UGFS



- Compact dipole magnet → static transverse field
- Superconductive coils + iron yoke configuration fits the space constraints
- $B = 300$ mT with polarity inversion, $\Delta B/B \approx 10\%$, suitable to avoid beam-induced depolarisation [[PoS \(SPIN2018\)](#)]

Possibility to switch to a solenoid and provide longitudinal polarisation (e.g. in LHC Run 5)



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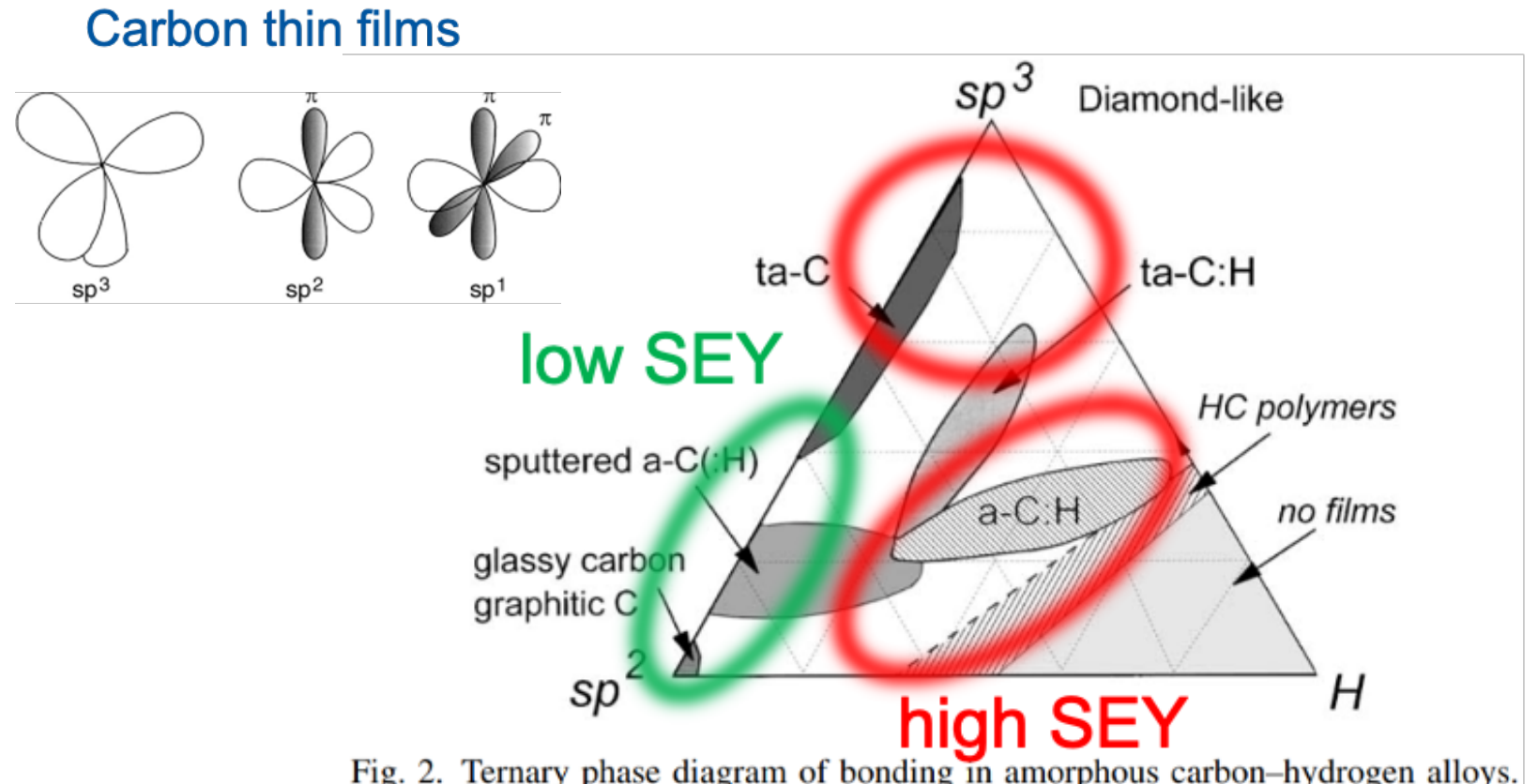
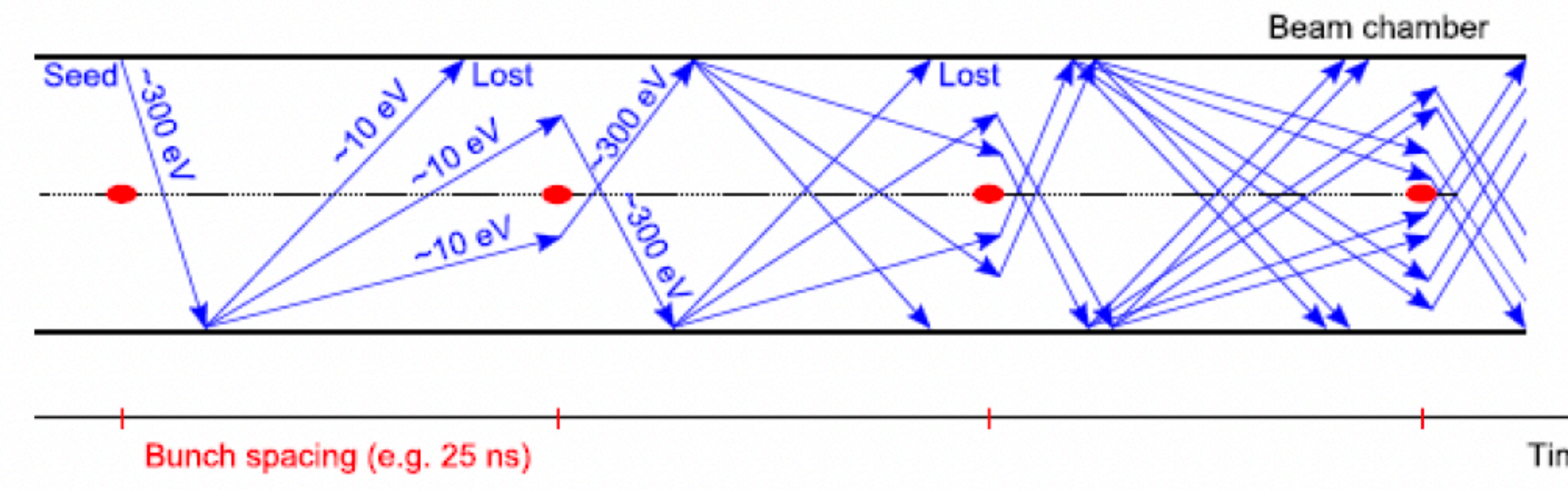


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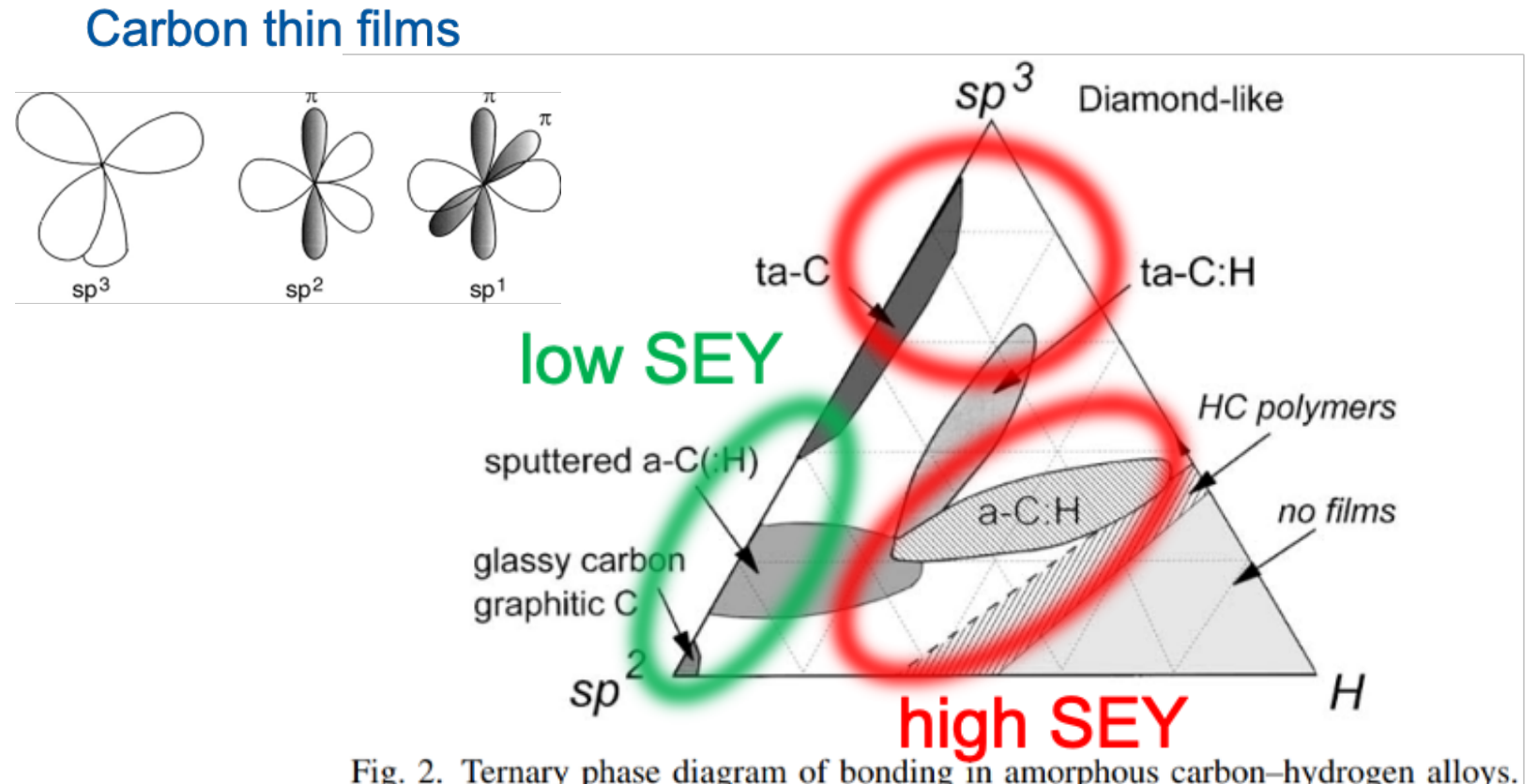
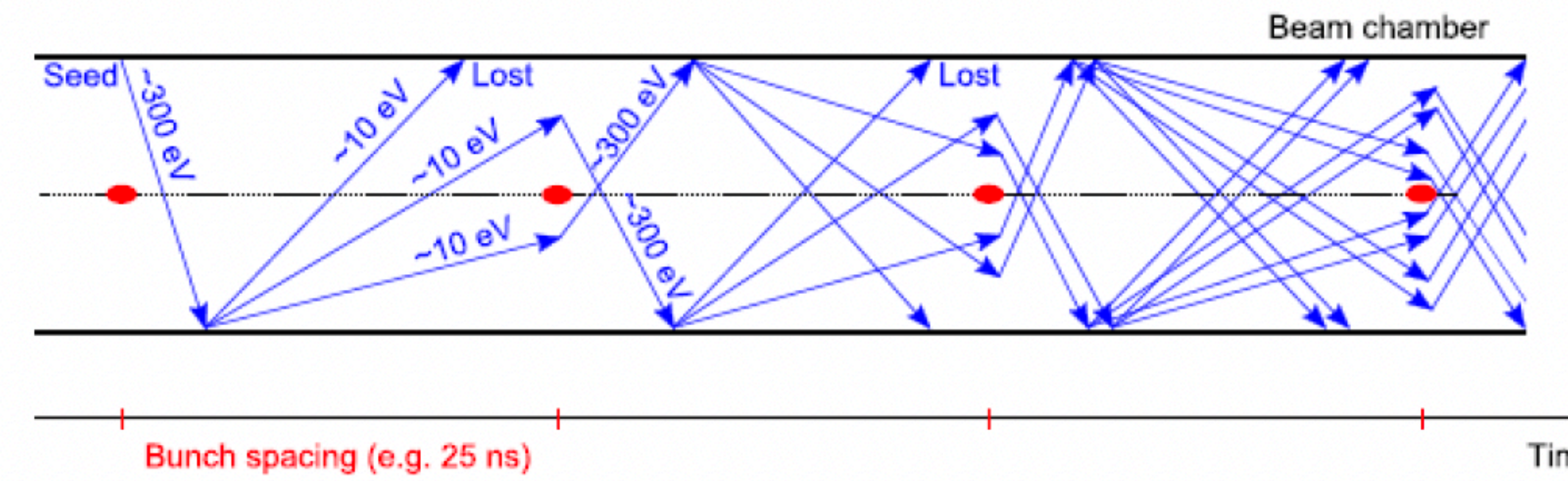


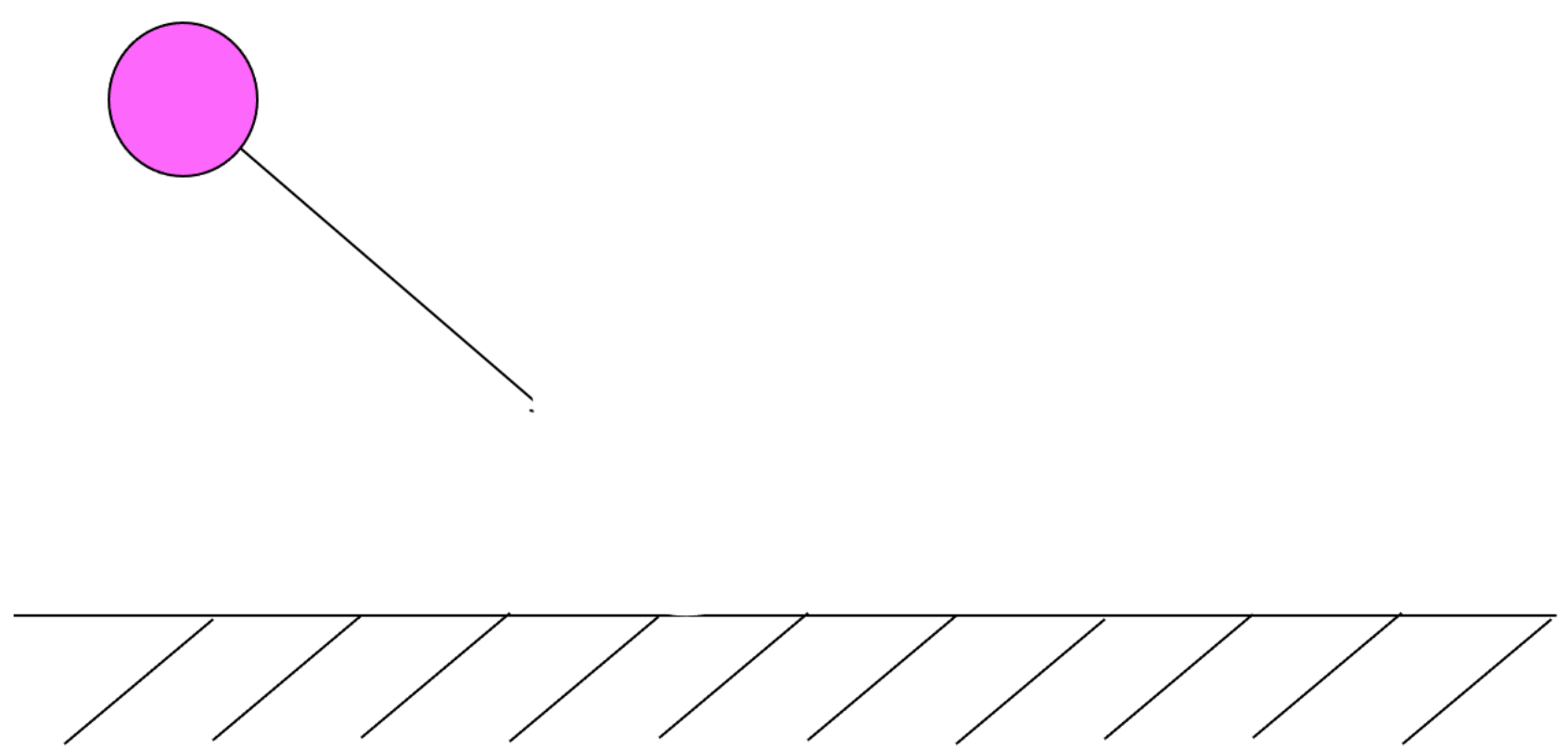
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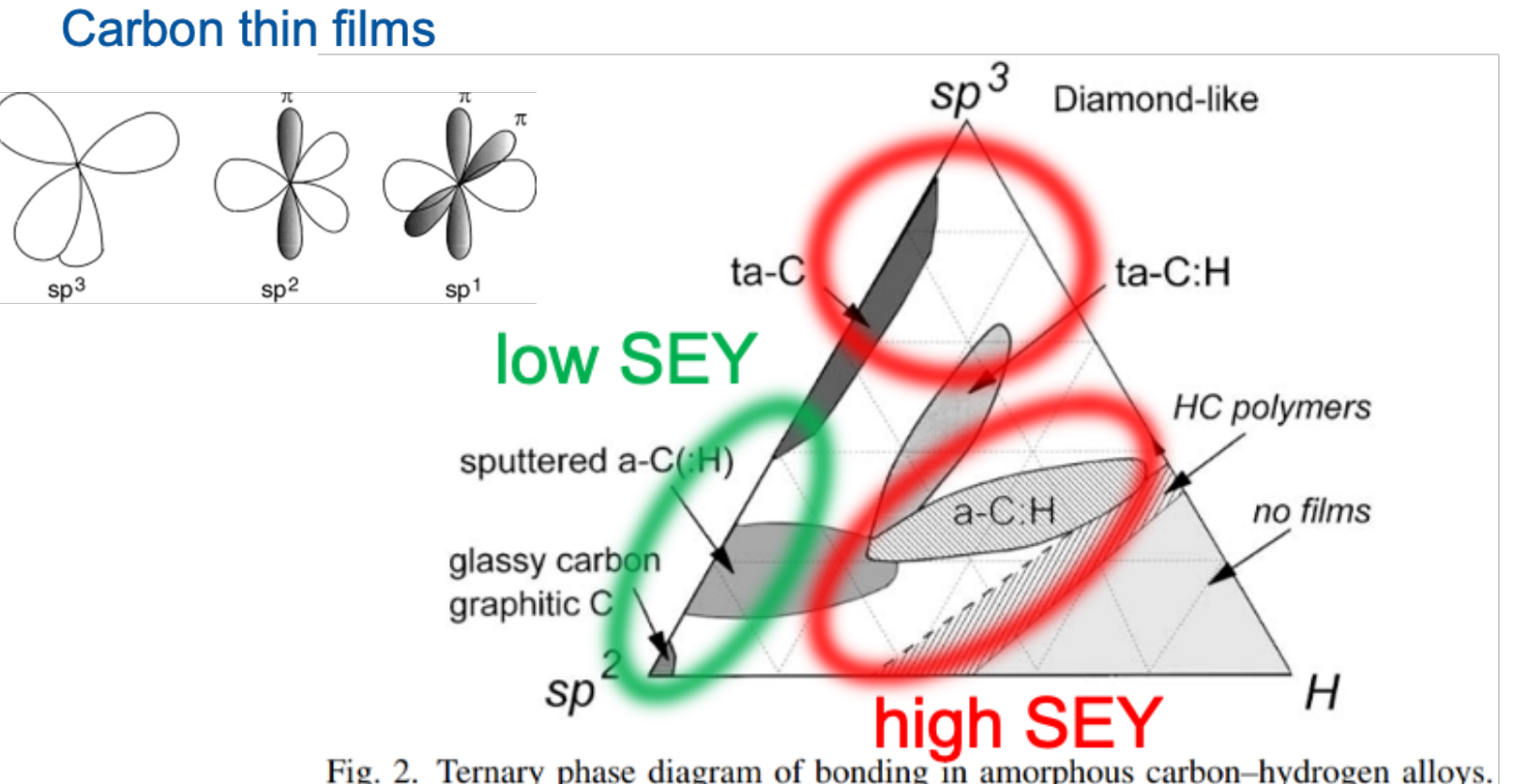
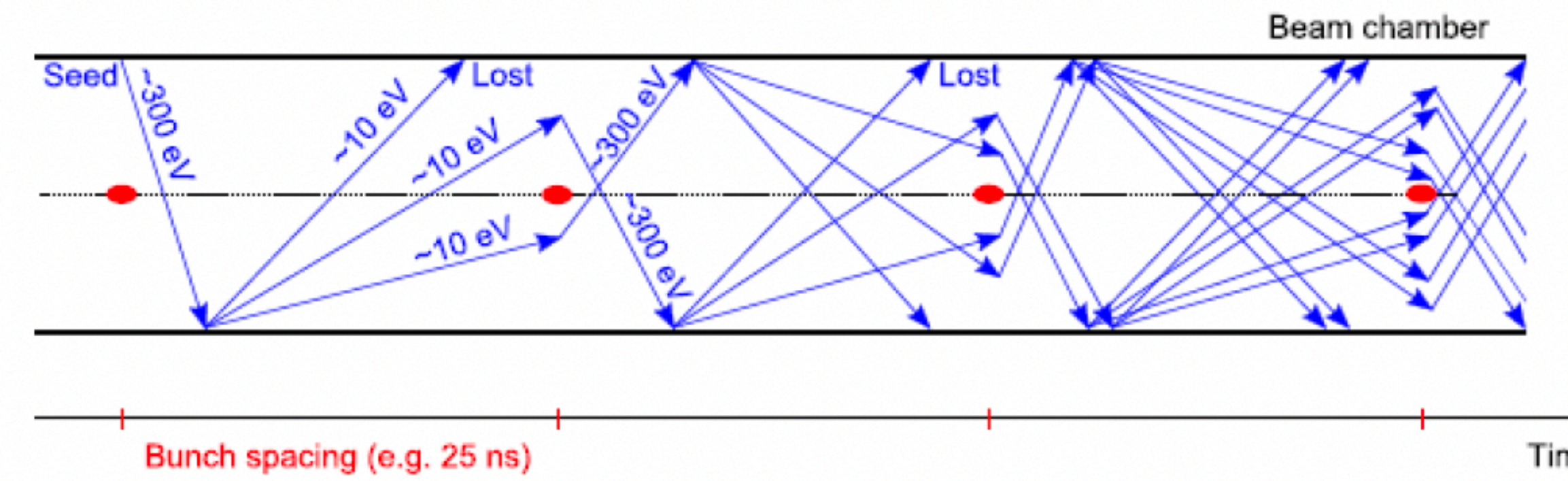


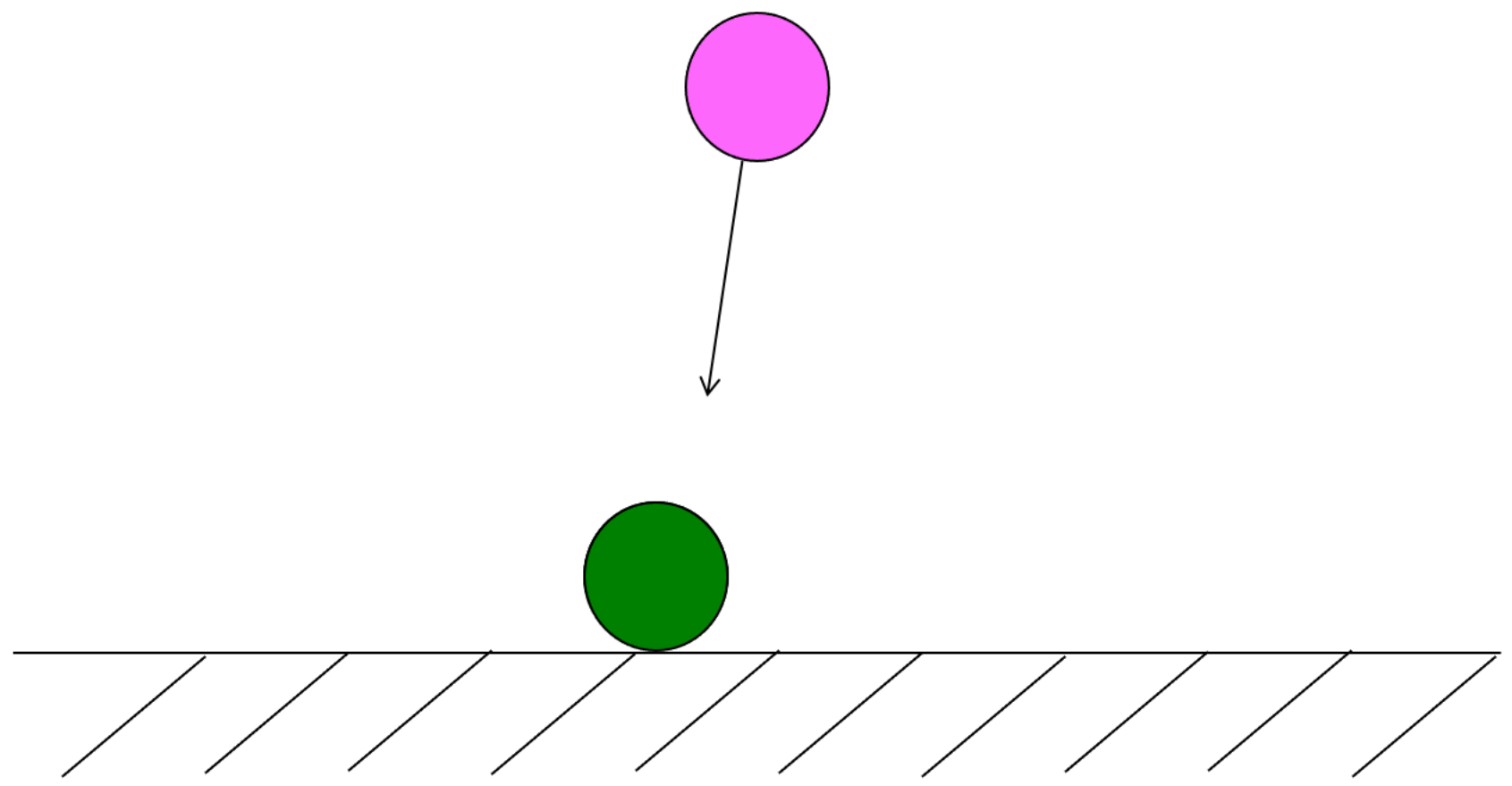
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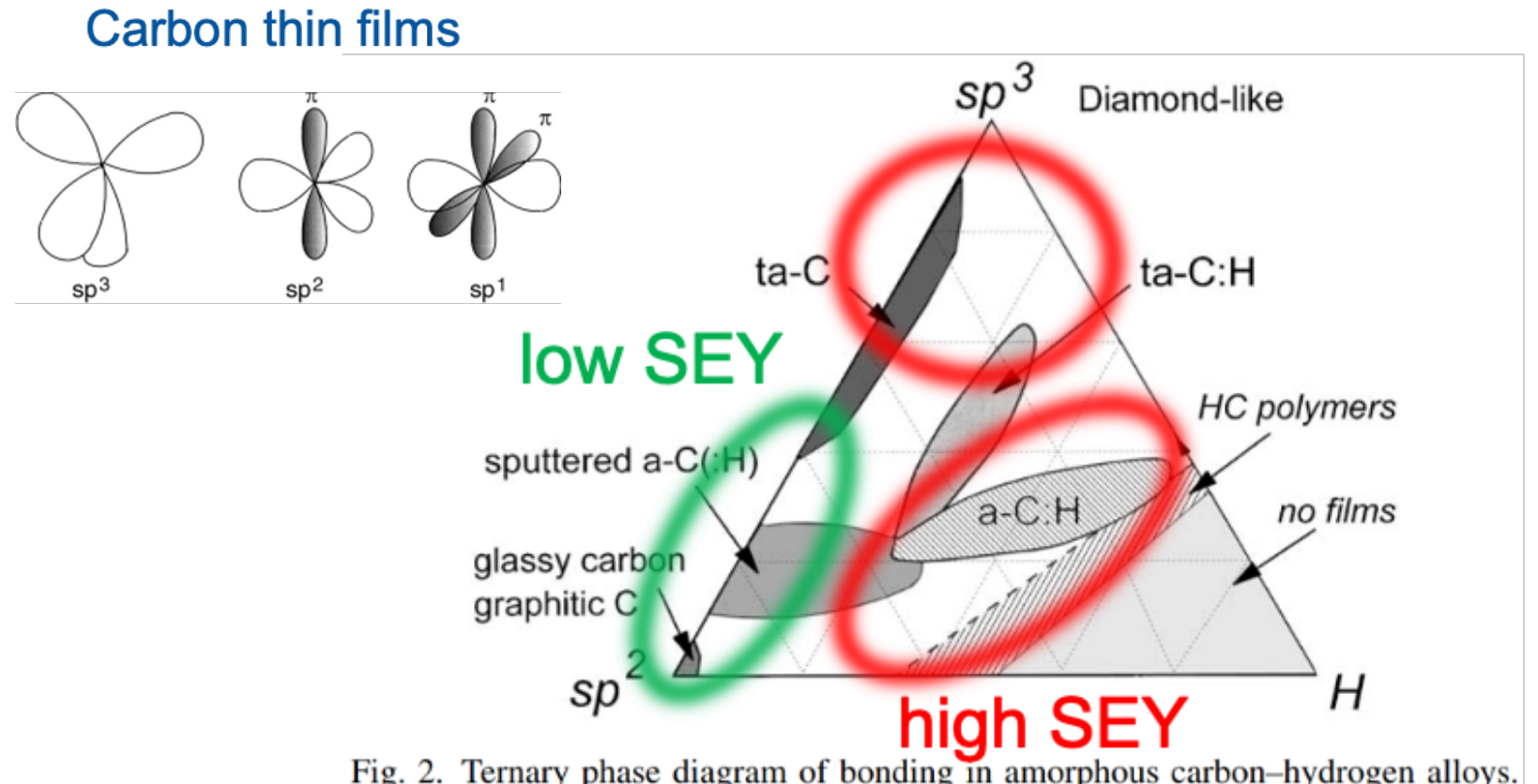
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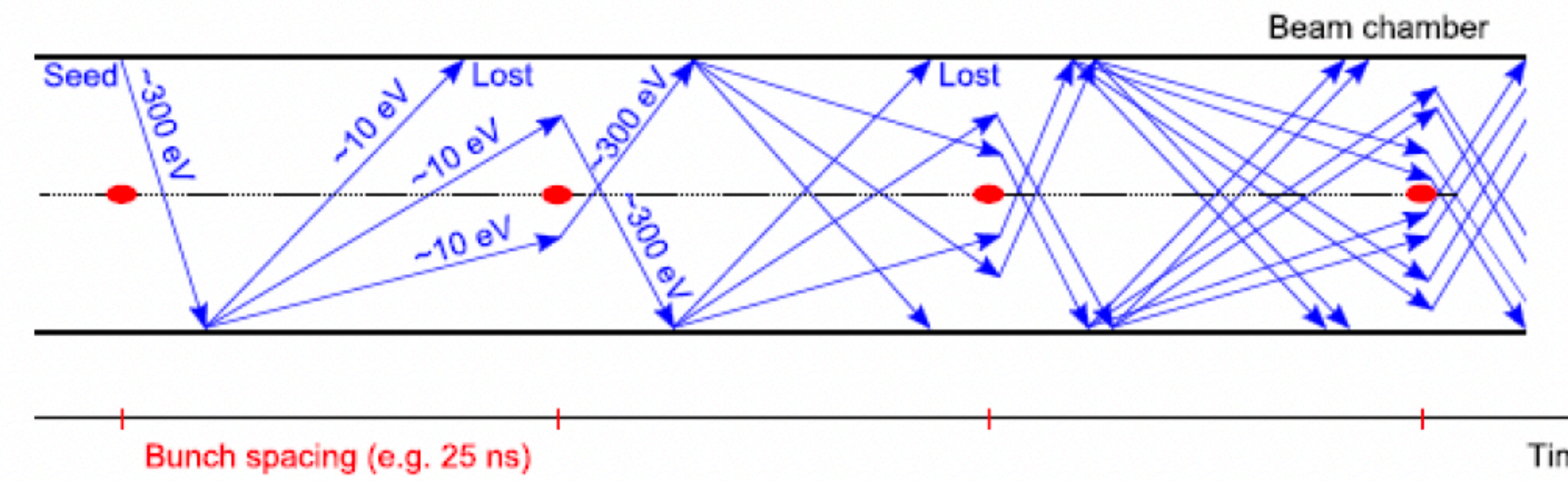
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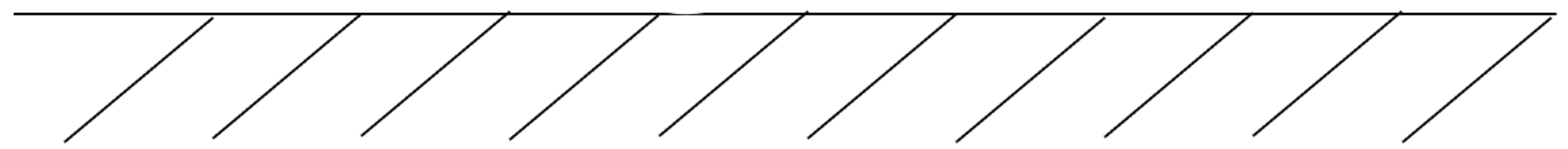
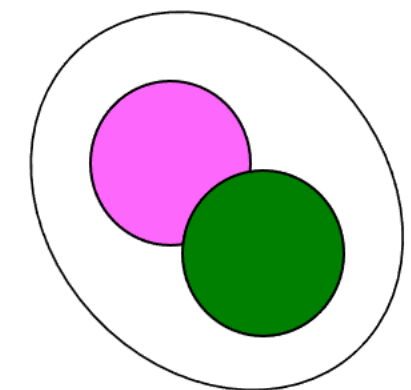


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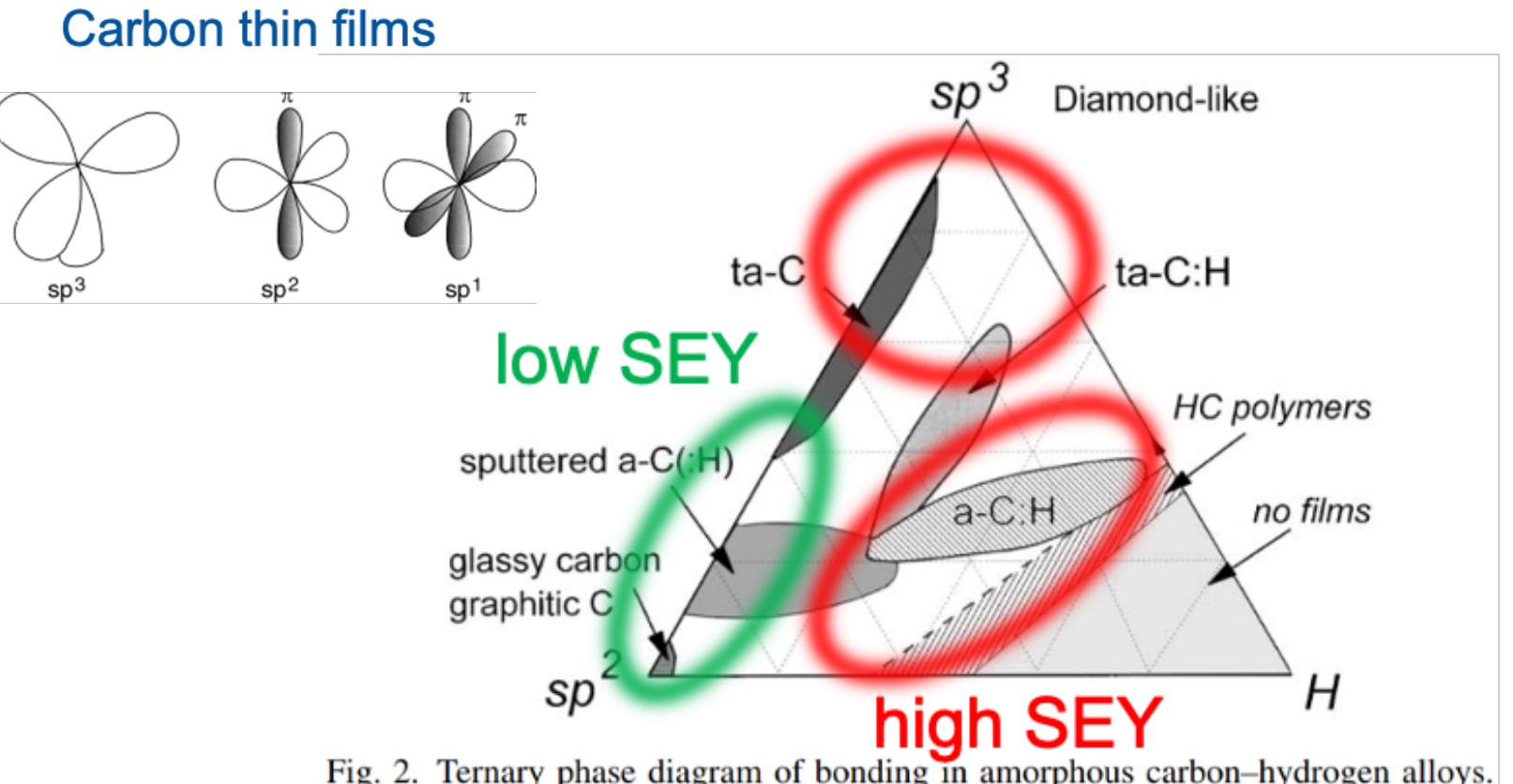
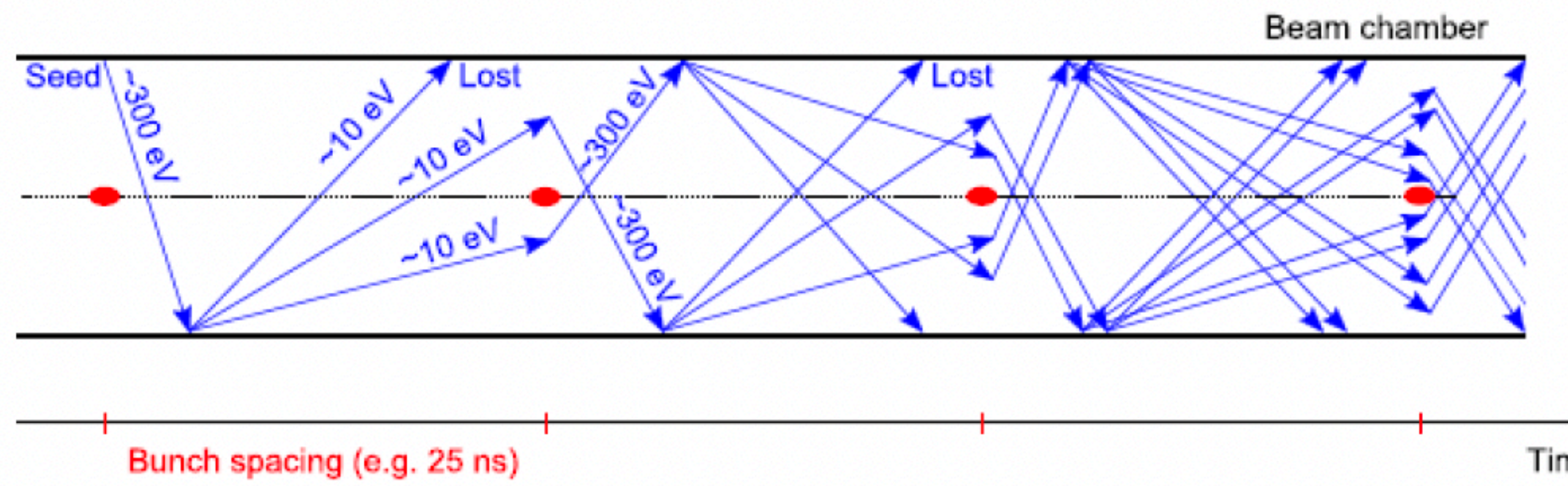
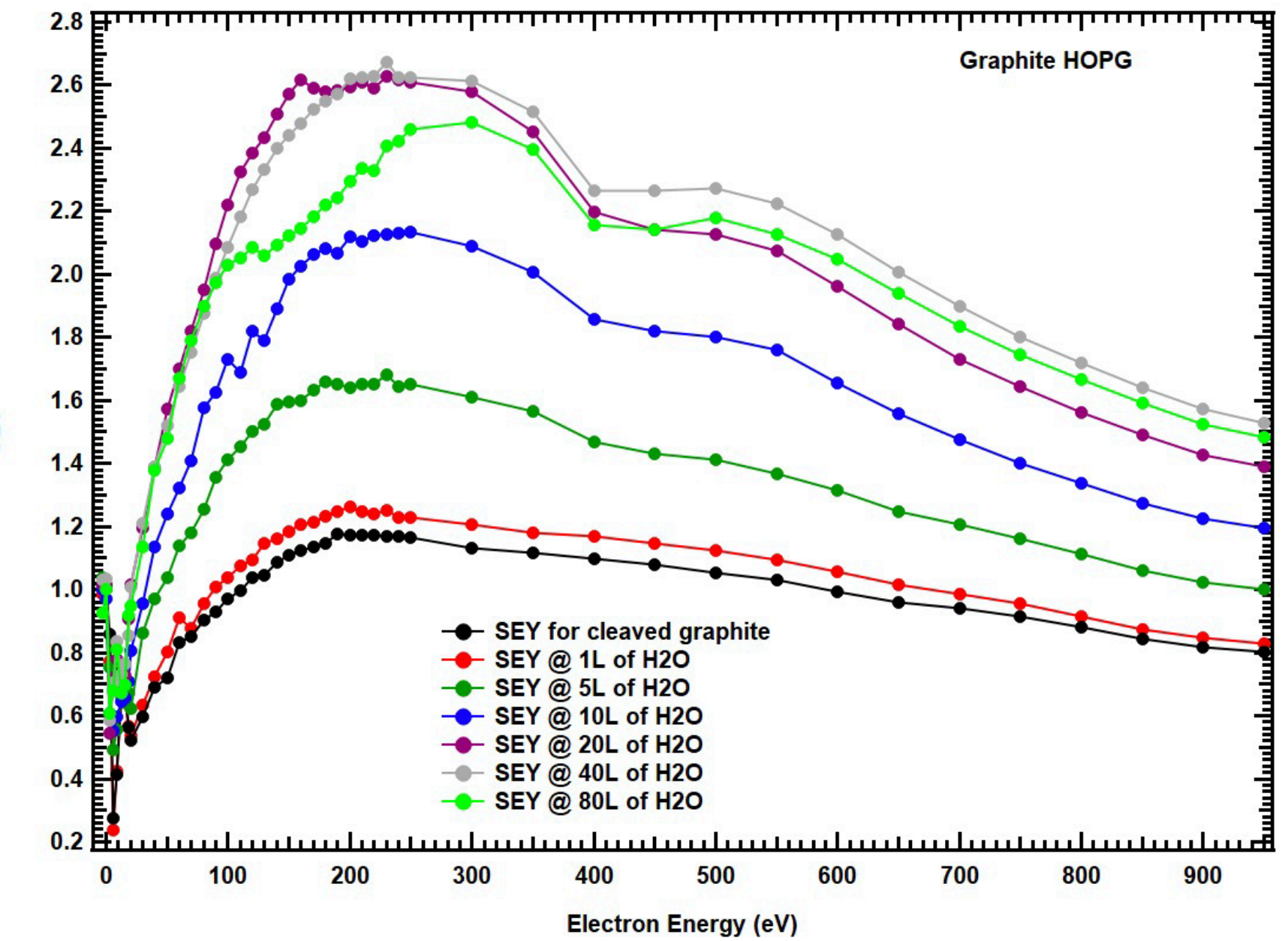


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Studies ongoing in order to understand if carbon films with low secondary Electron Yield cope with the required “recombination” rate of polarized H atoms injected in the storage cell



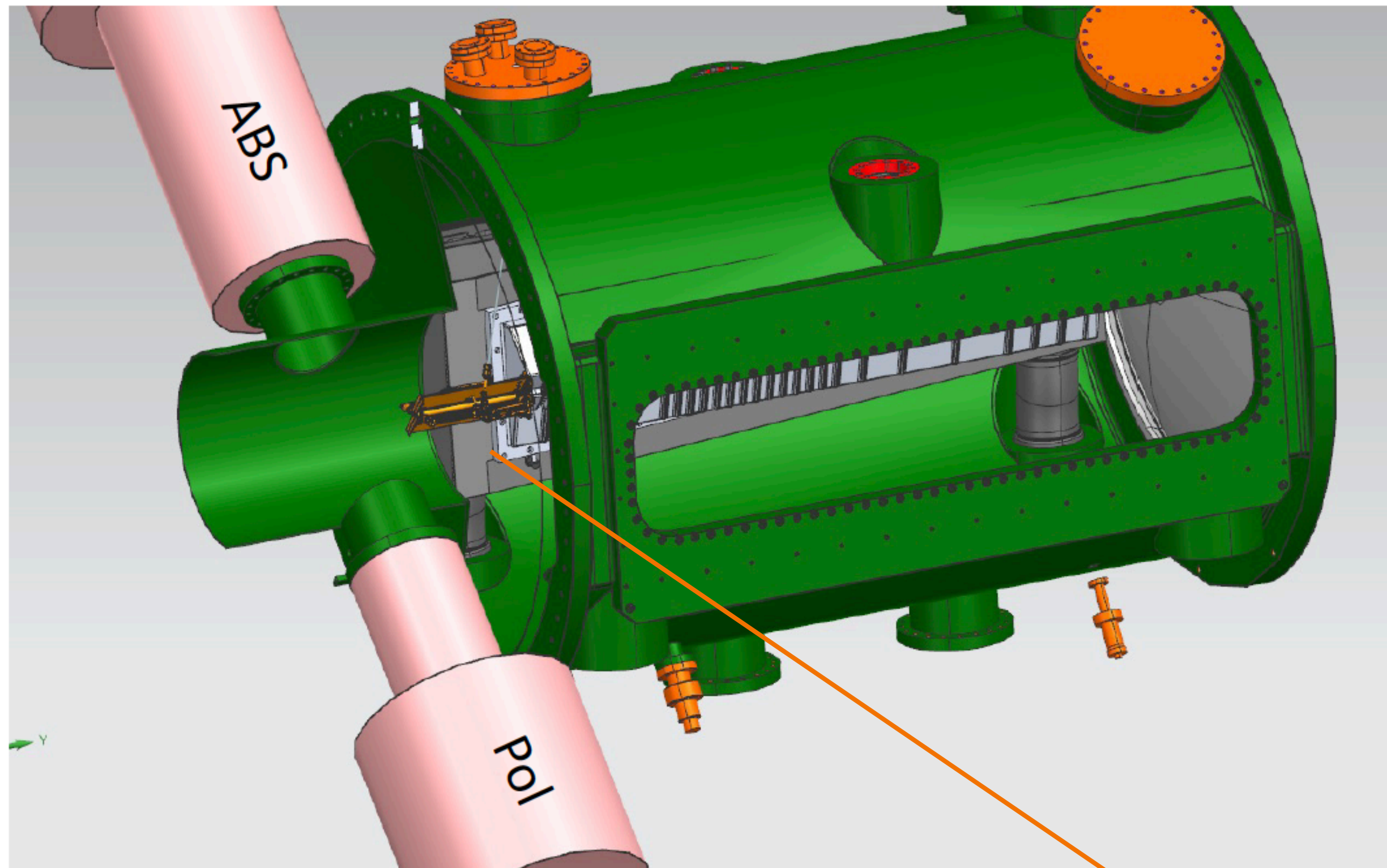
... or follow the HERMES experience to have an ice coating (low SEY, low H recombination)

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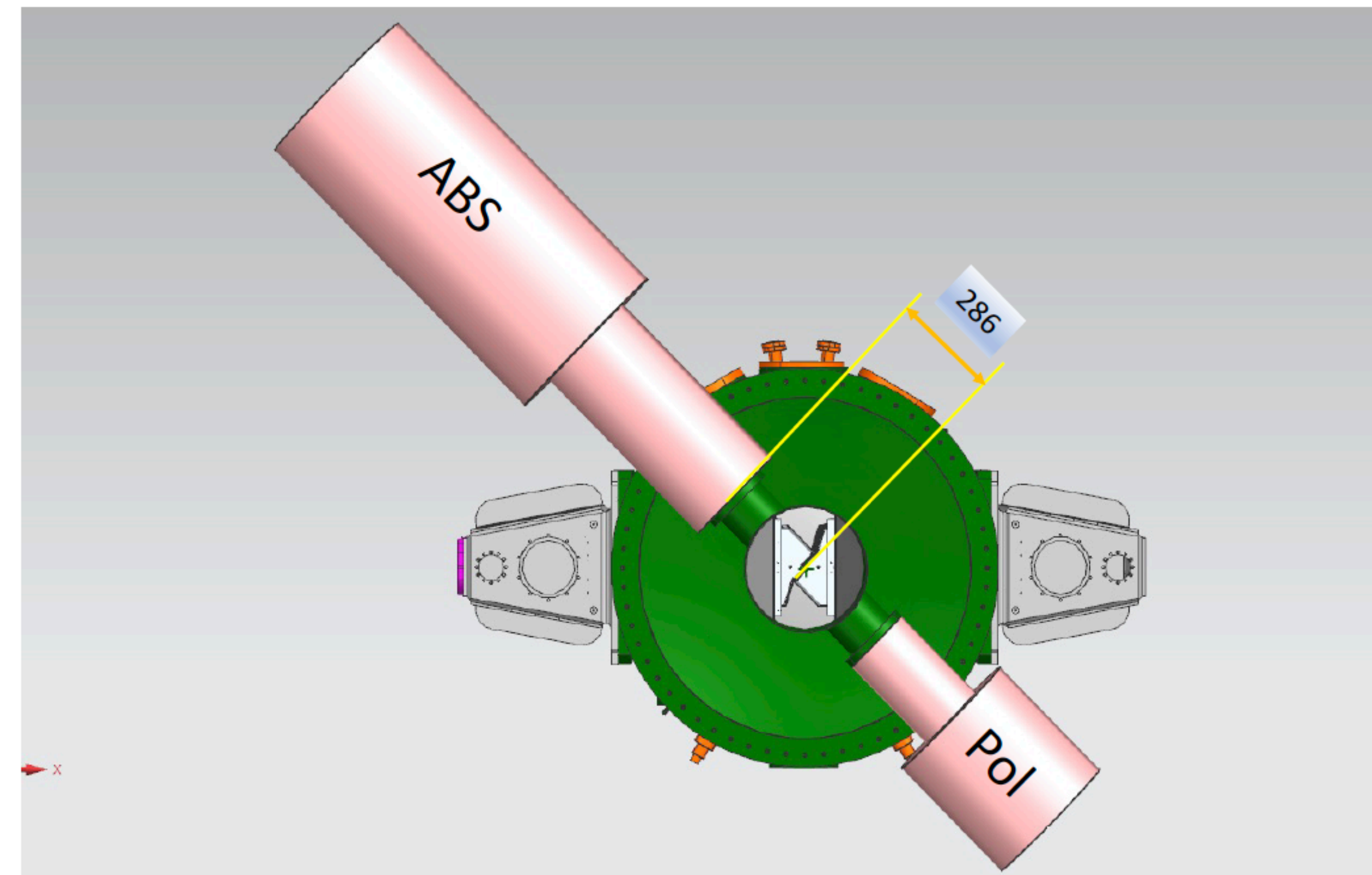
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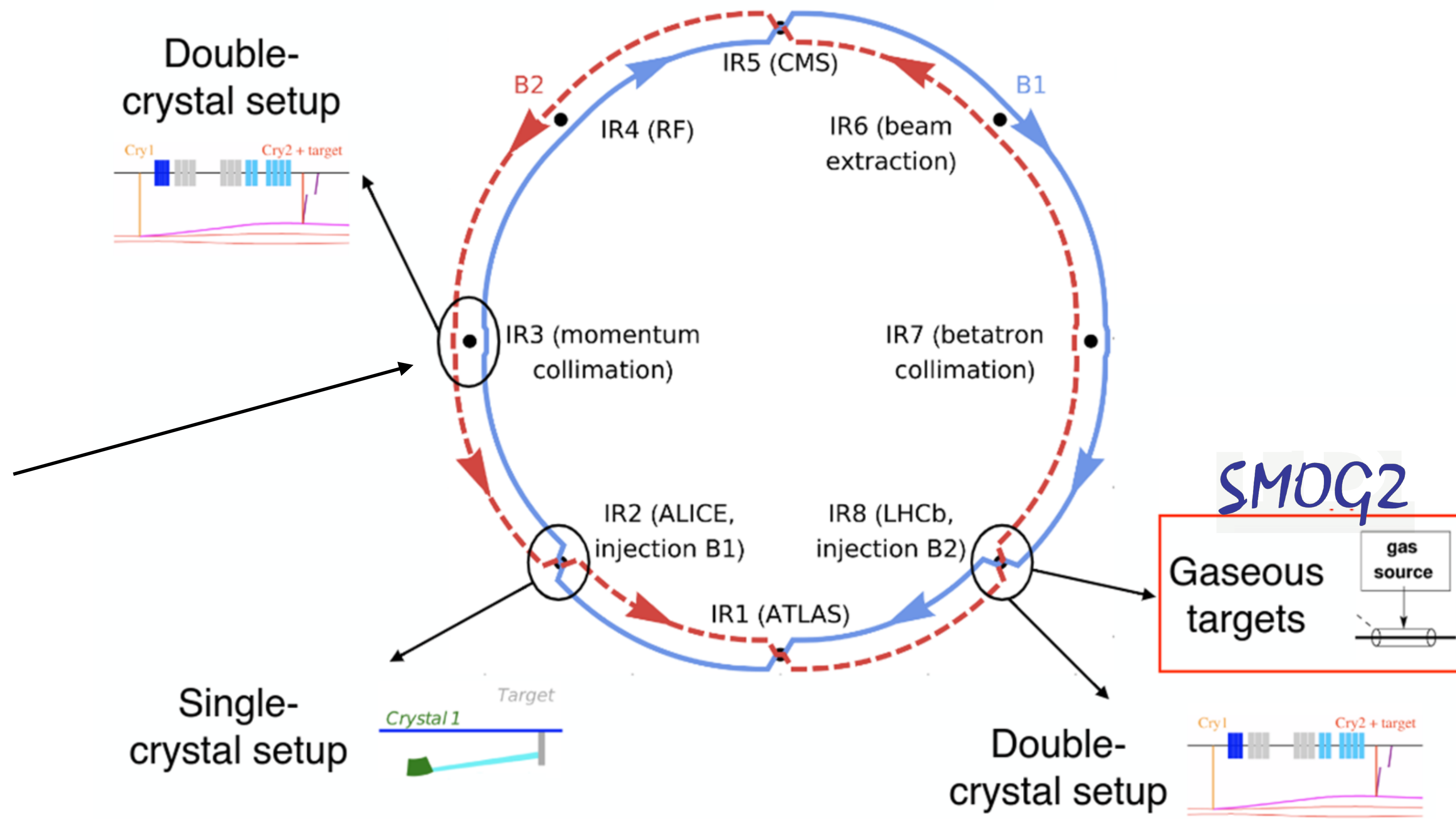


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The LHC Interaction Region 3

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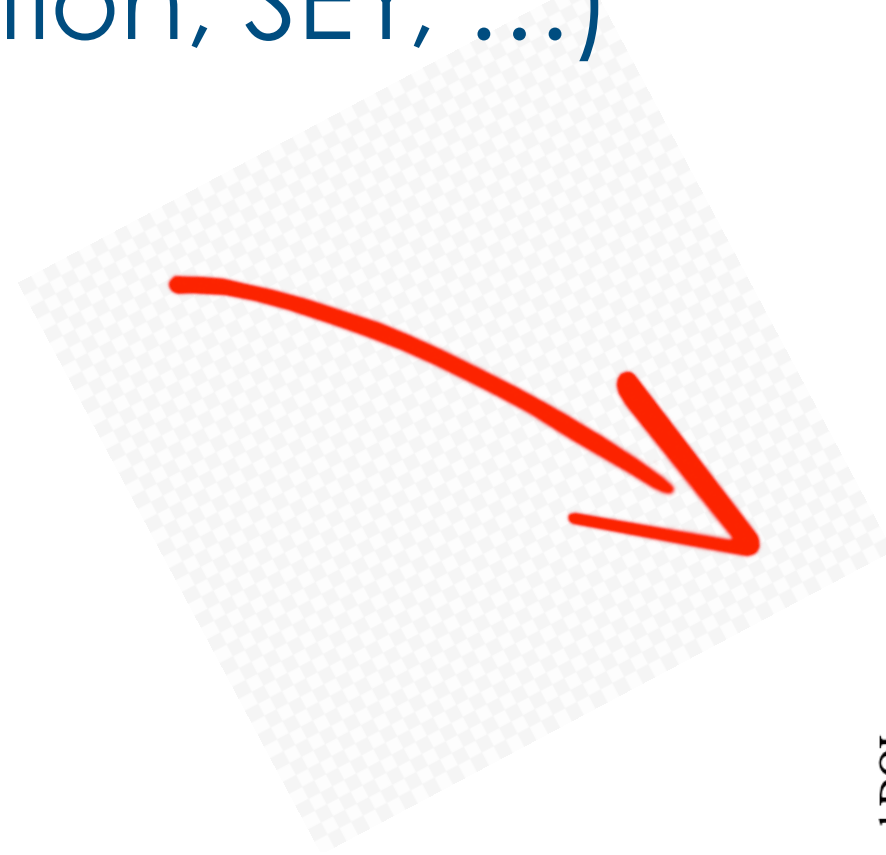
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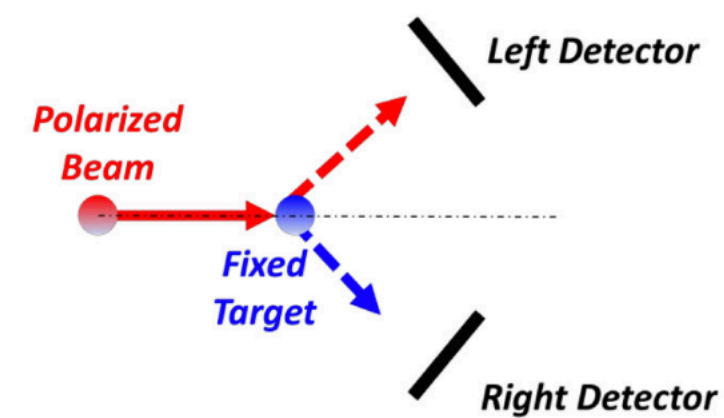


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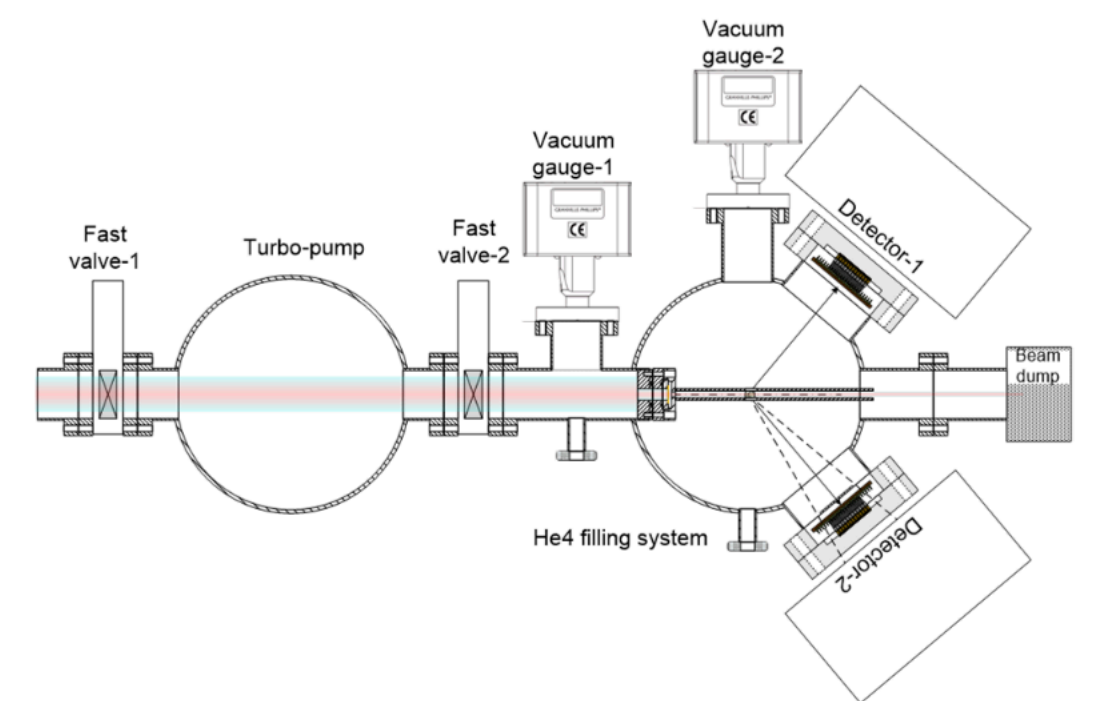


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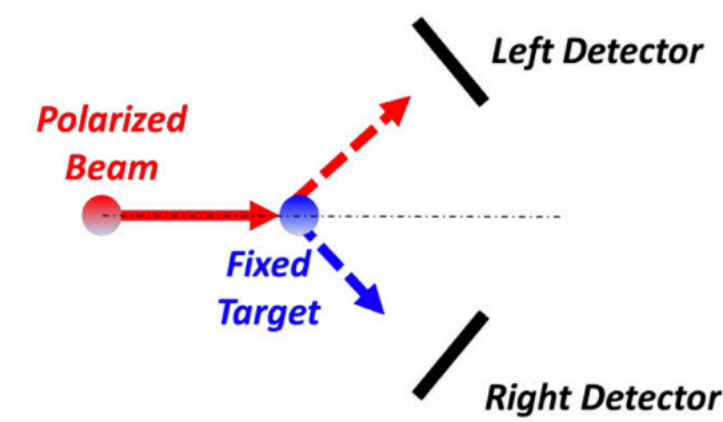


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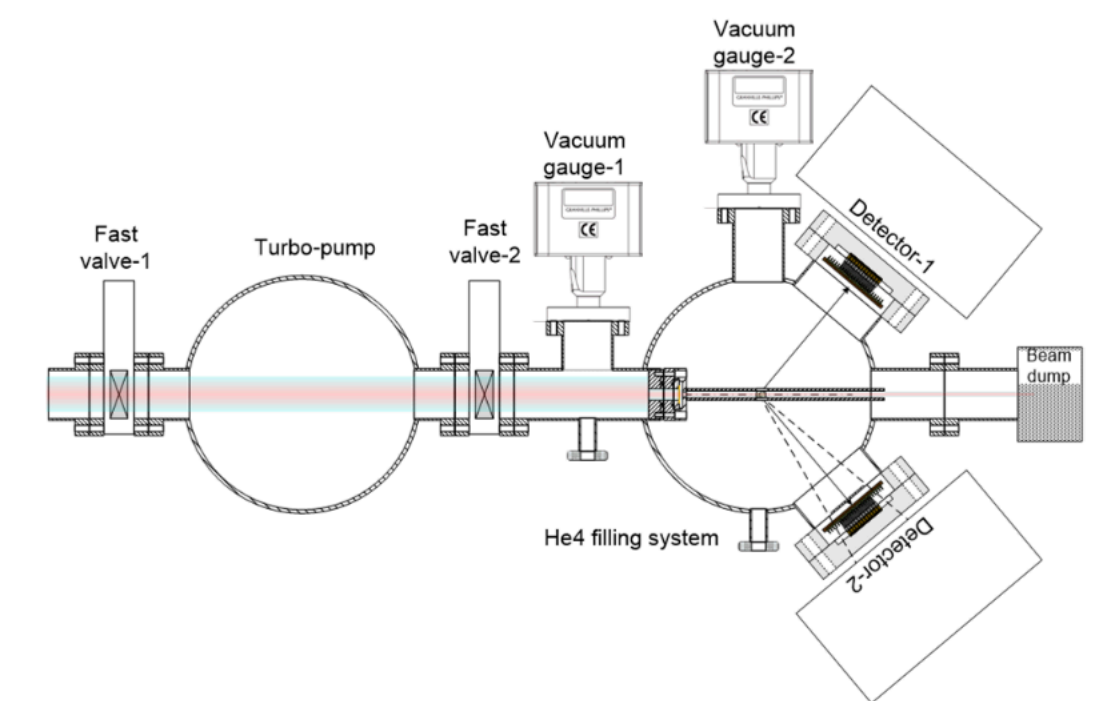


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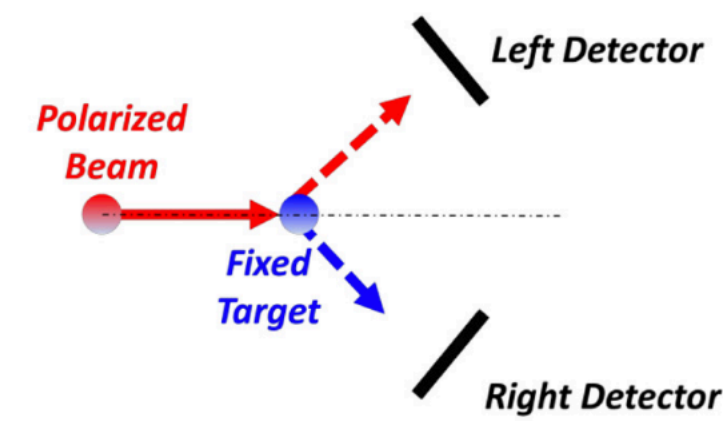


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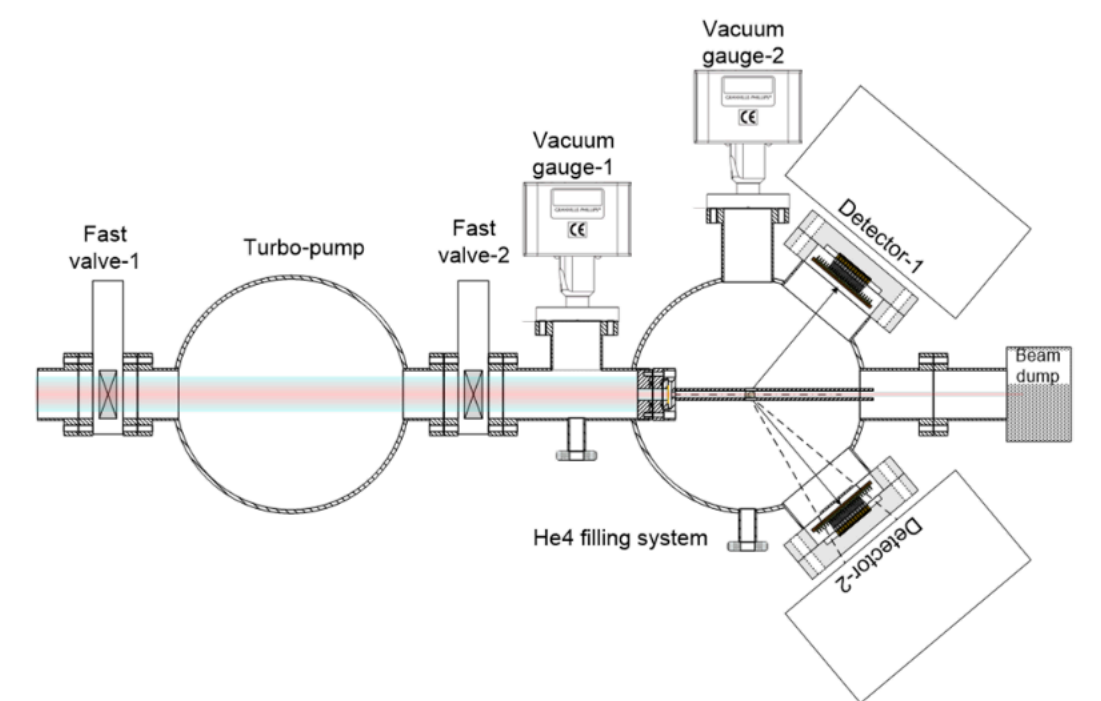


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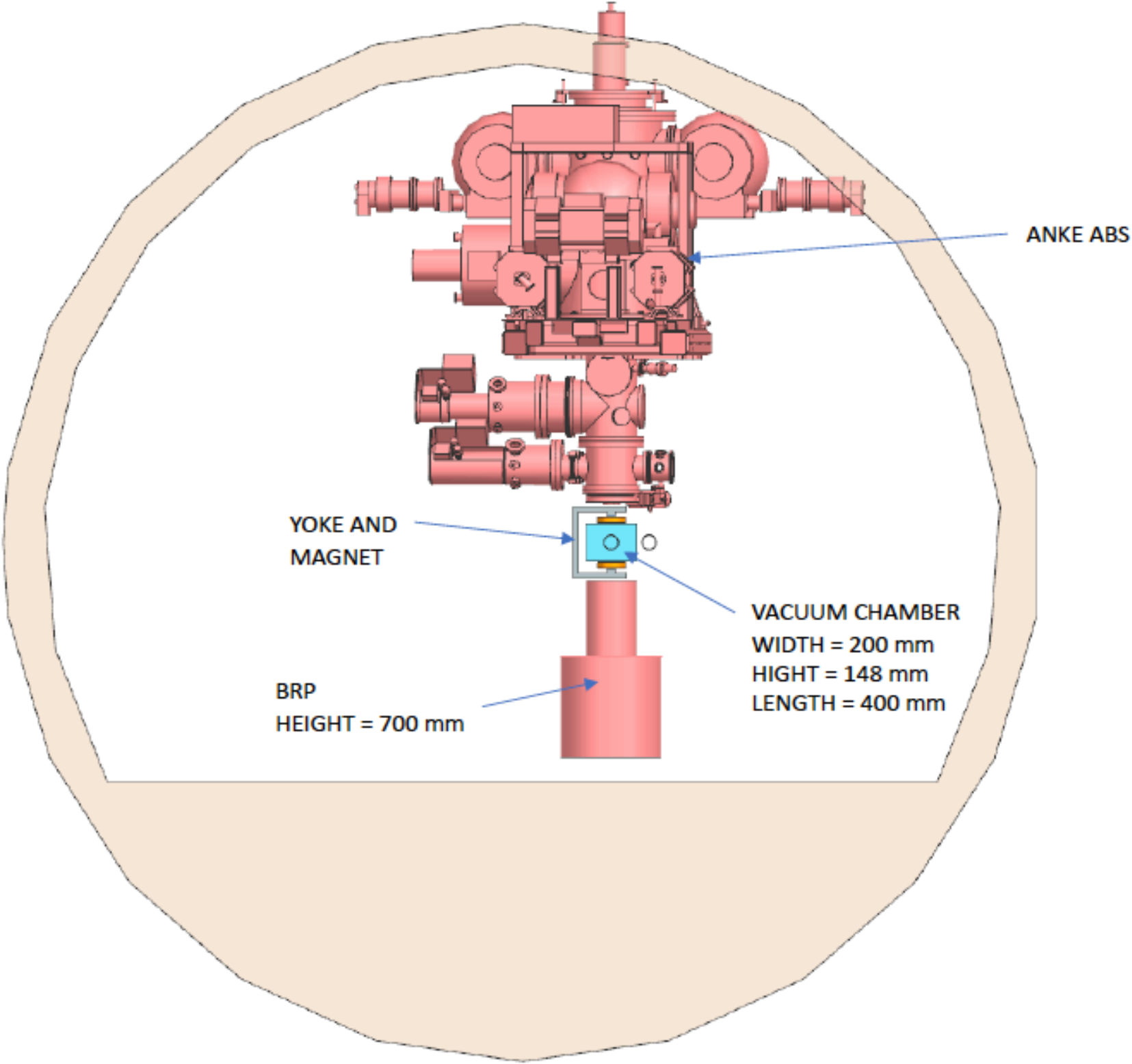
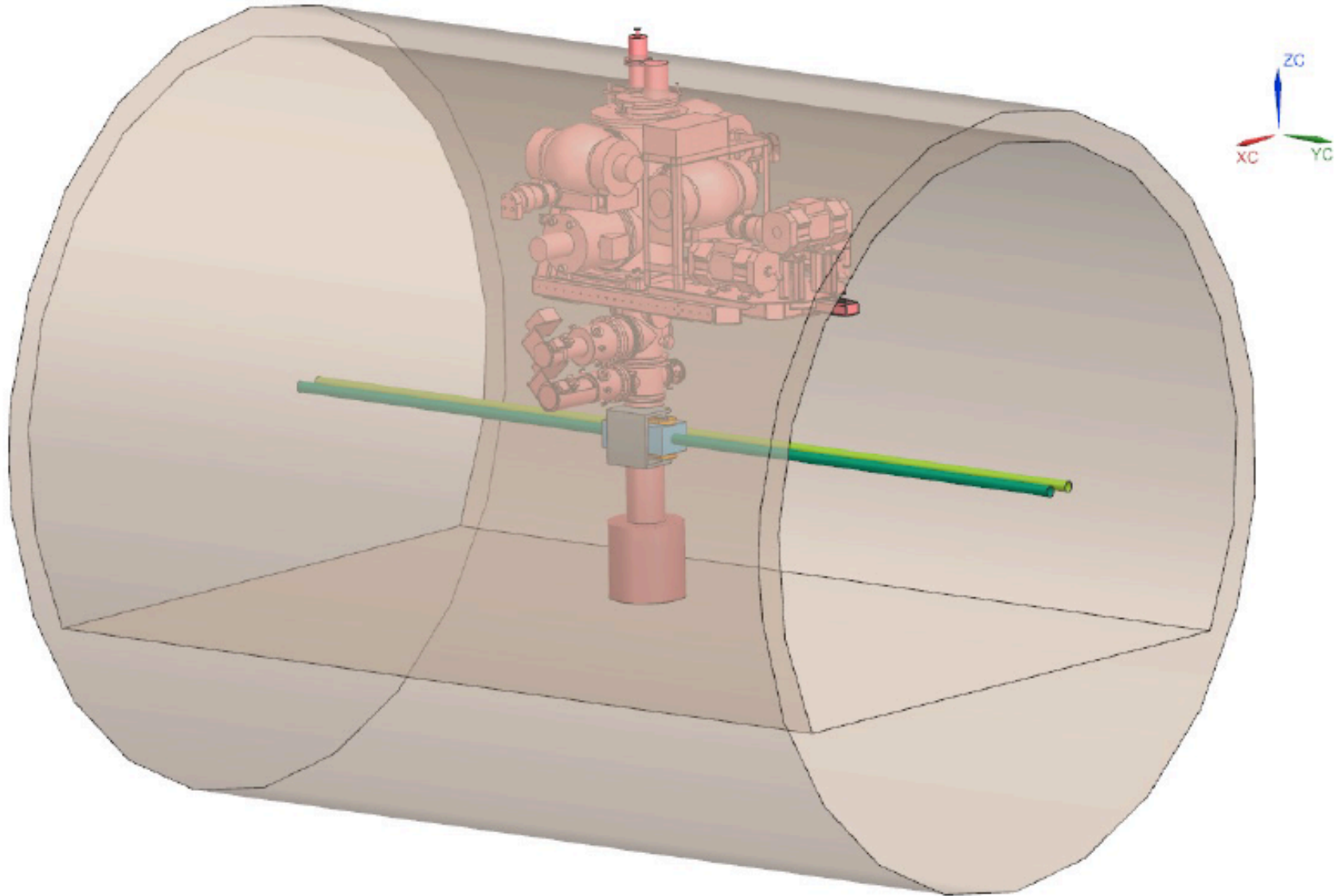
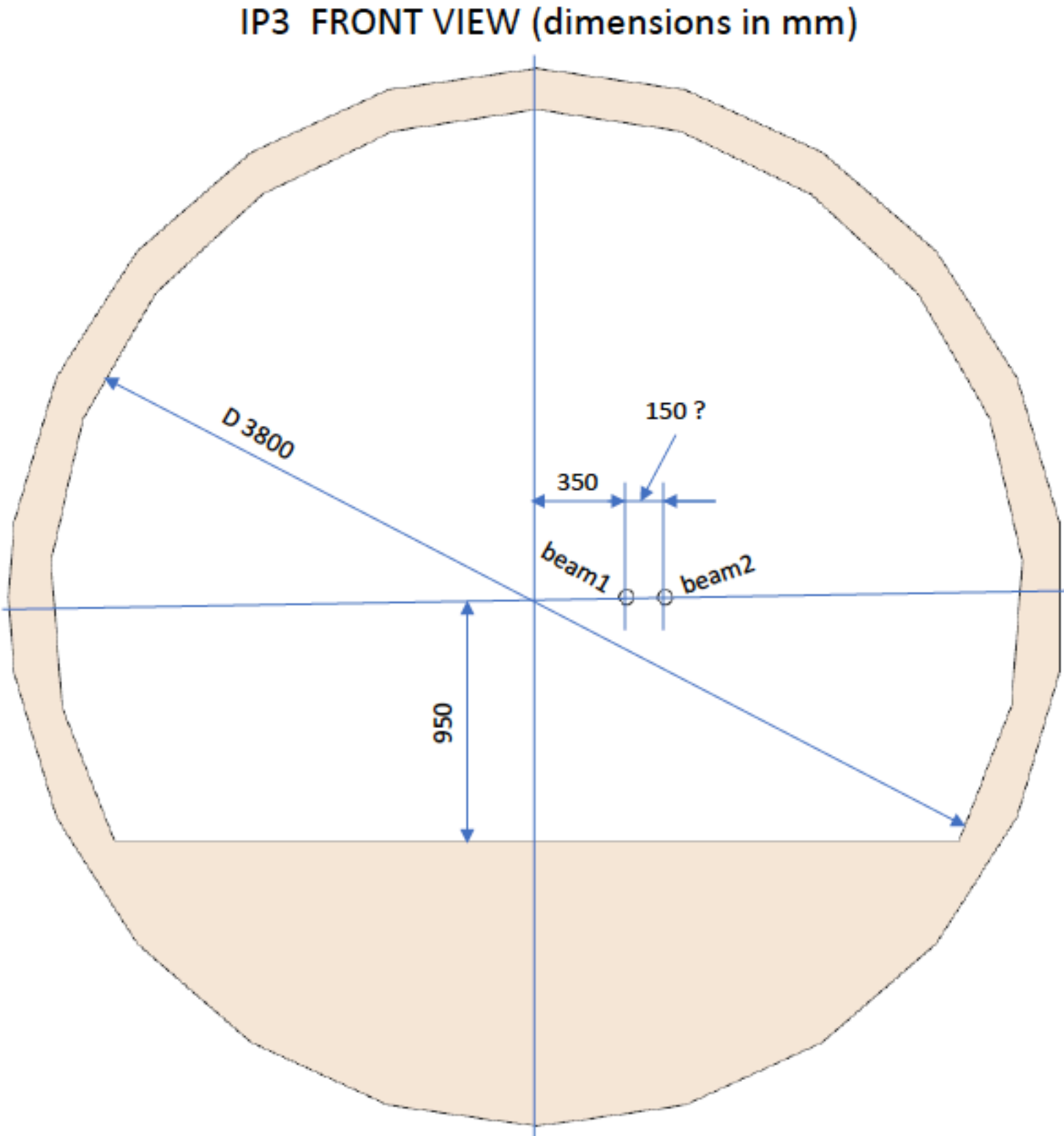


Sector valve to isolate the region



IR3 is a low radiation area (like a normal LHC-IP)
Investigation and discussions with LHC experts are ongoing

The available target system is a good starting point ...



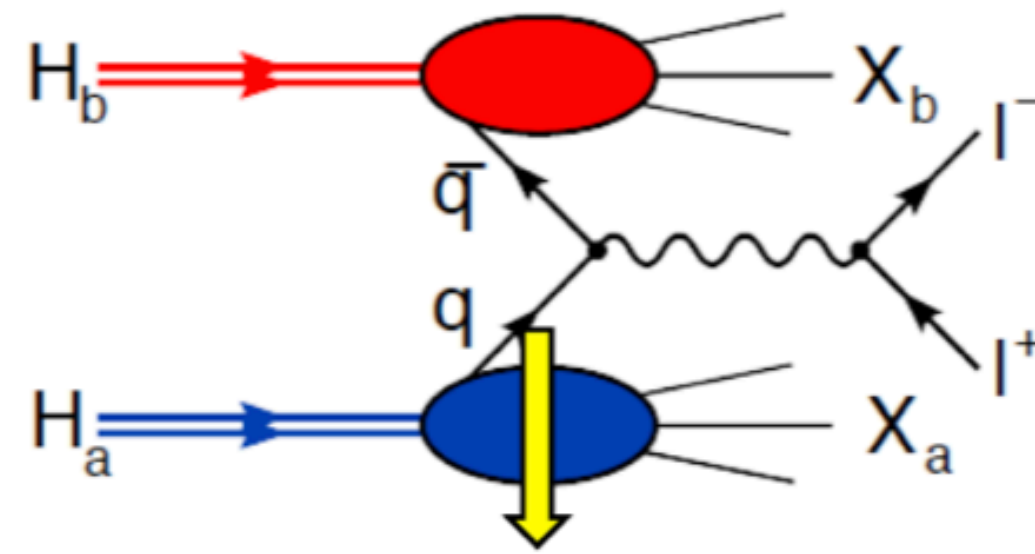
The physics goals of ... just a quick overview

- Multi-dimensional nucleon structure in a poorly explored kinematic domain
- Measure experimental observables sensitive to both **quarks and gluons TMDs**
- **Make use of new probes (charmed and beauty mesons)**
- Complement present and future SIDIS results
- Test non-trivial process dependence of quarks and (especially) gluons TMDs
- Measure exclusive processes to access GPDs

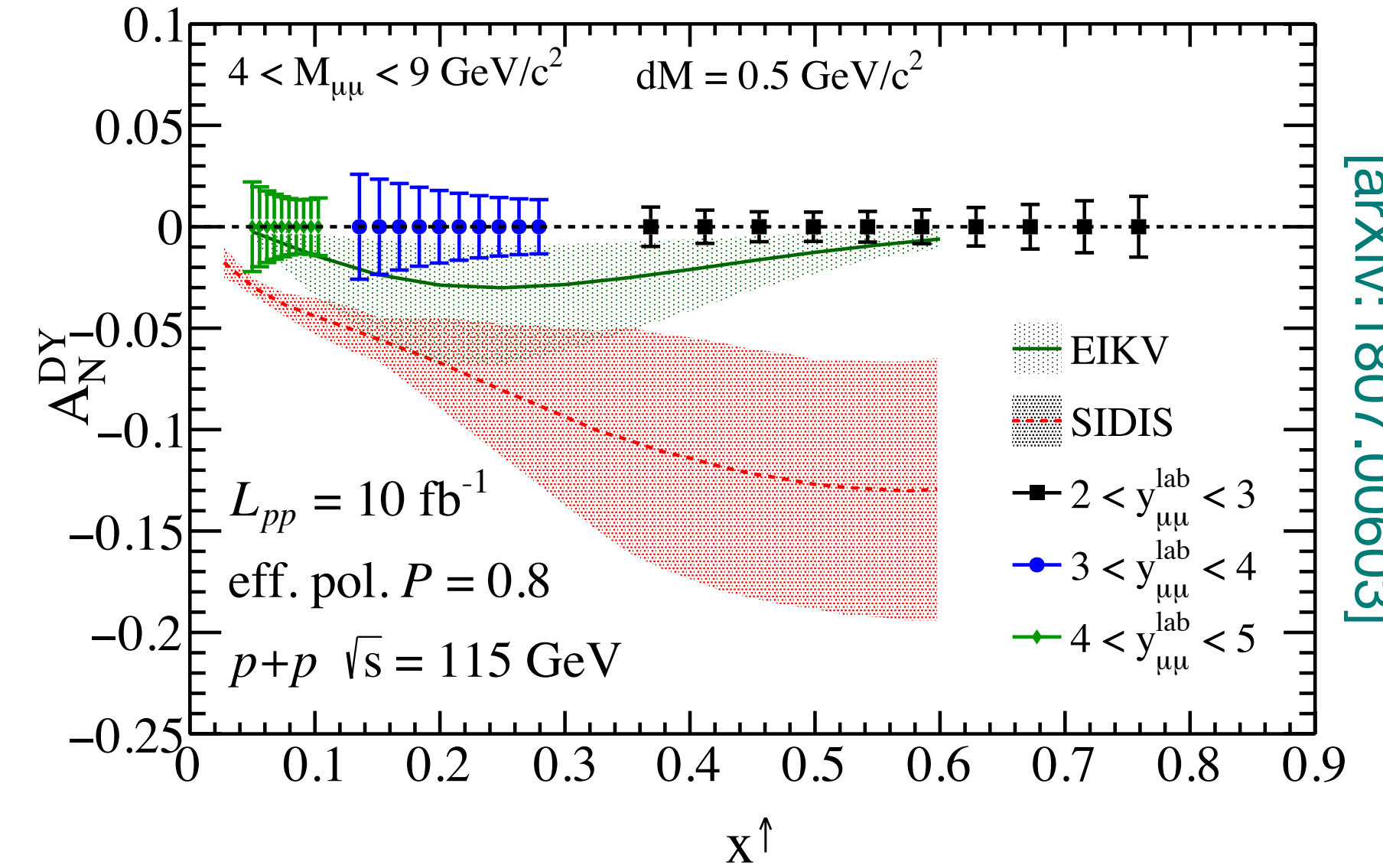
Quark TMDs

		quark pol.		
		U	L	T
nucleon pol.	U	f_1		h_1^\perp
	L		g_{1L}	h_{1L}^\perp
	T	f_{1T}^\perp	g_{1T}	h_1, h_{1T}^\perp

Transv. polarized Drell-Yan



Golden Channel



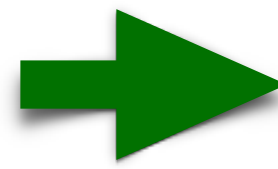
[arXiv:1807.00603]

- Sensitive to quark TMDs through TSSAs

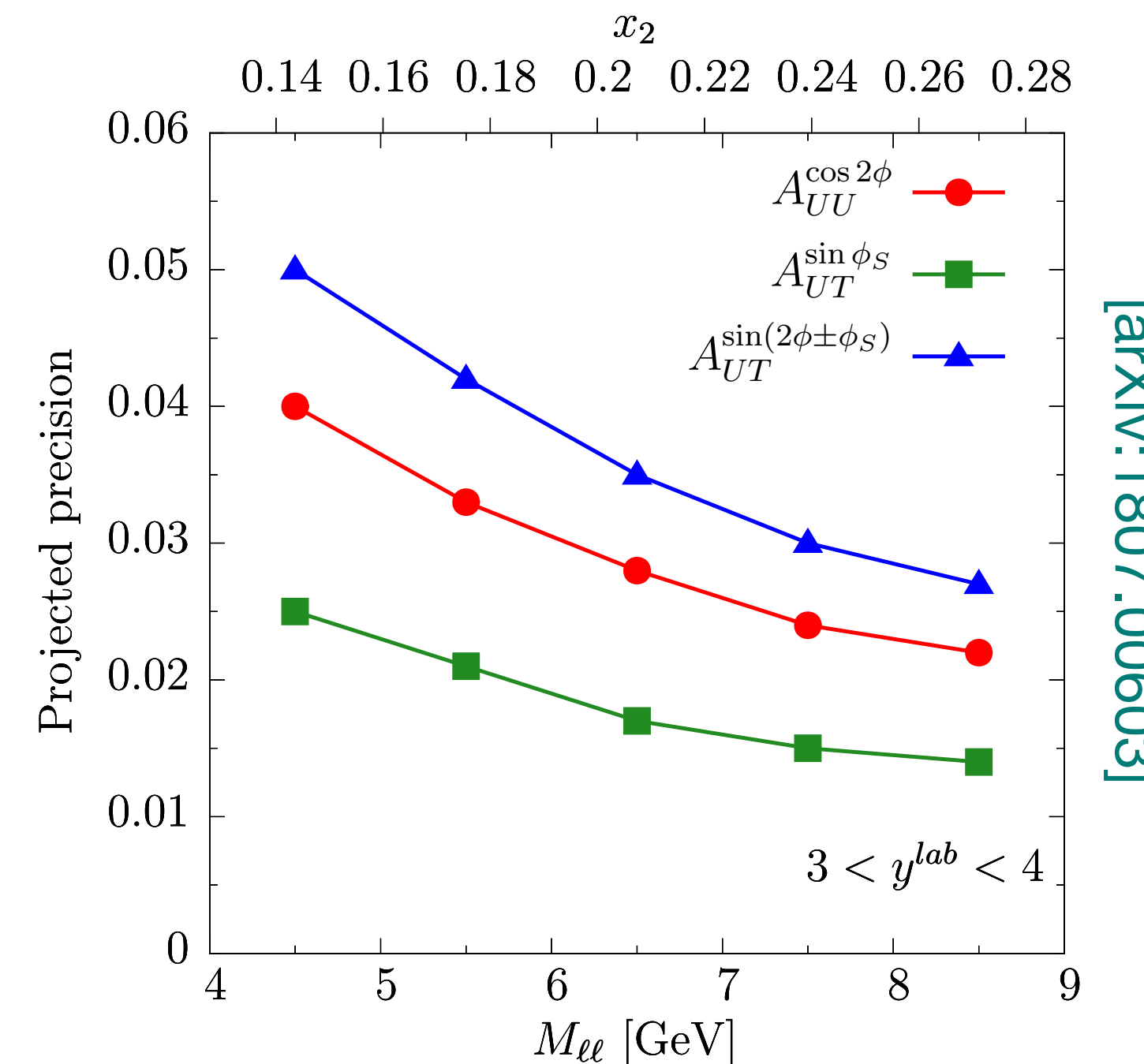
$$A_N^{DY} = \frac{1}{P} \frac{\sigma_{DY}^\uparrow - \sigma_{DY}^\downarrow}{\sigma_{DY}^\uparrow + \sigma_{DY}^\downarrow} \Rightarrow A_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S} \sim \frac{f_1^q \otimes f_{1T}^{\perp q}}{f_1^q \otimes f_1^q}, \quad A_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi - \phi_S)} \sim \frac{h_1^{\perp q} \otimes h_1^q}{f_1^q \otimes f_1^q}, \dots$$

(ϕ : azimuthal orientation of lepton pair in dilepton CM)

LHCb has excellent μ -ID & reconstruction for $\mu^+\mu^-$



dominant: $\bar{q}(x_{beam}) + q(x_{target}) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
 suppressed: $q(x_{beam}) + \bar{q}(x_{target}) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



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- Extraction of qTMDs does not require knowledge of FF
- Verify sign change of Sivers function wrt SIDIS $f_{1T}^\perp|_{DY} = -f_{1T}^\perp|_{SIDIS}$
- Test flavour sensitivity using both H and D targets

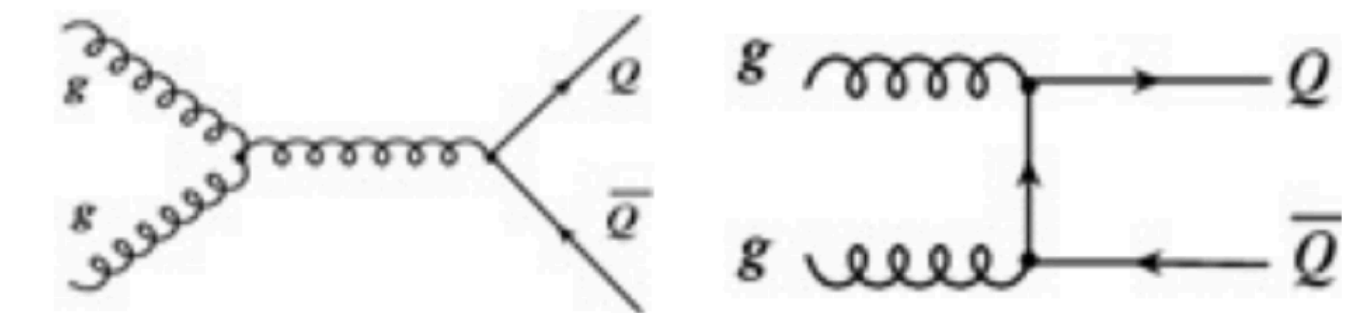
Gluon TMDs

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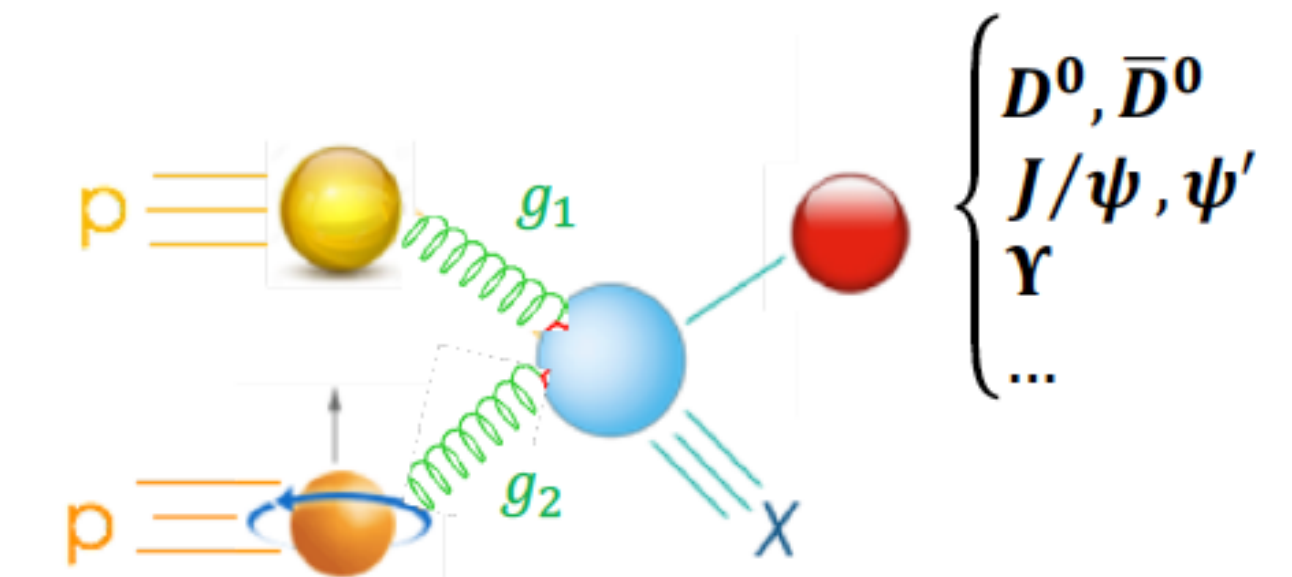
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At LHC heavy quarks are produced by the dominant gg fusion process



Inclusive quarkonia production in (un)polarized pp interaction turns out to be an ideal observable to access gTMDs



TMD factorisation requires $q_T(Q) \ll M_Q$:

- Can look at associate quarkonia production, where only relative q_T needs to be small (e.g. $pp^{(\uparrow)} \rightarrow J/\Psi + J/\Psi + X$)
- Due to the large masses, easier in case of bottomonium where factorisation can hold at large q_T

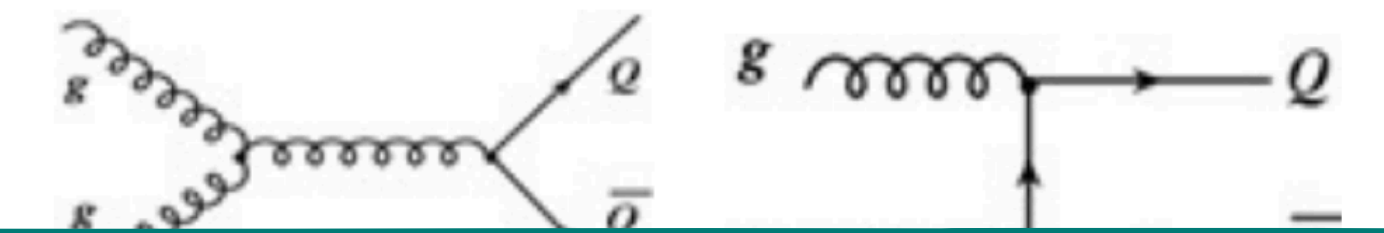
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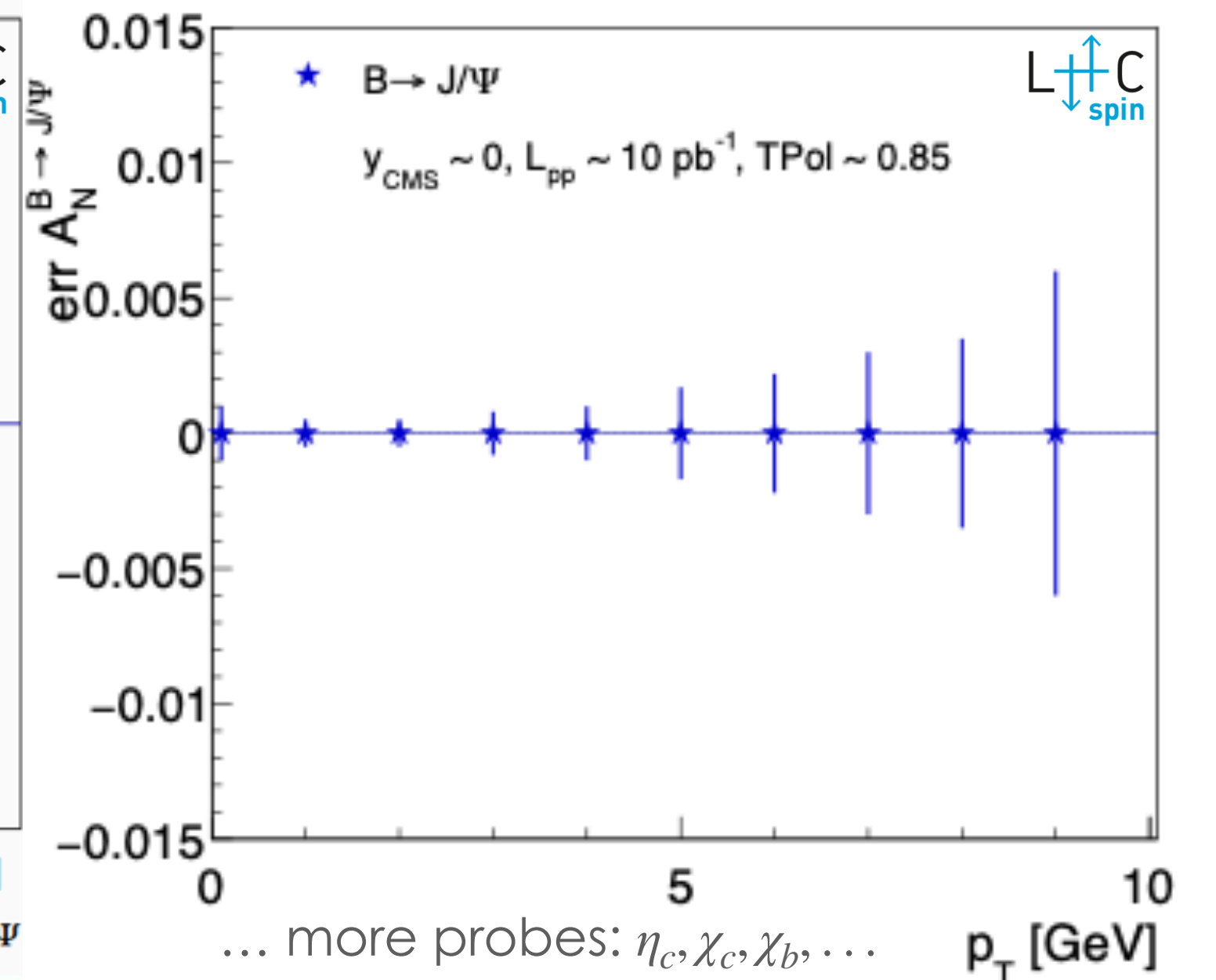
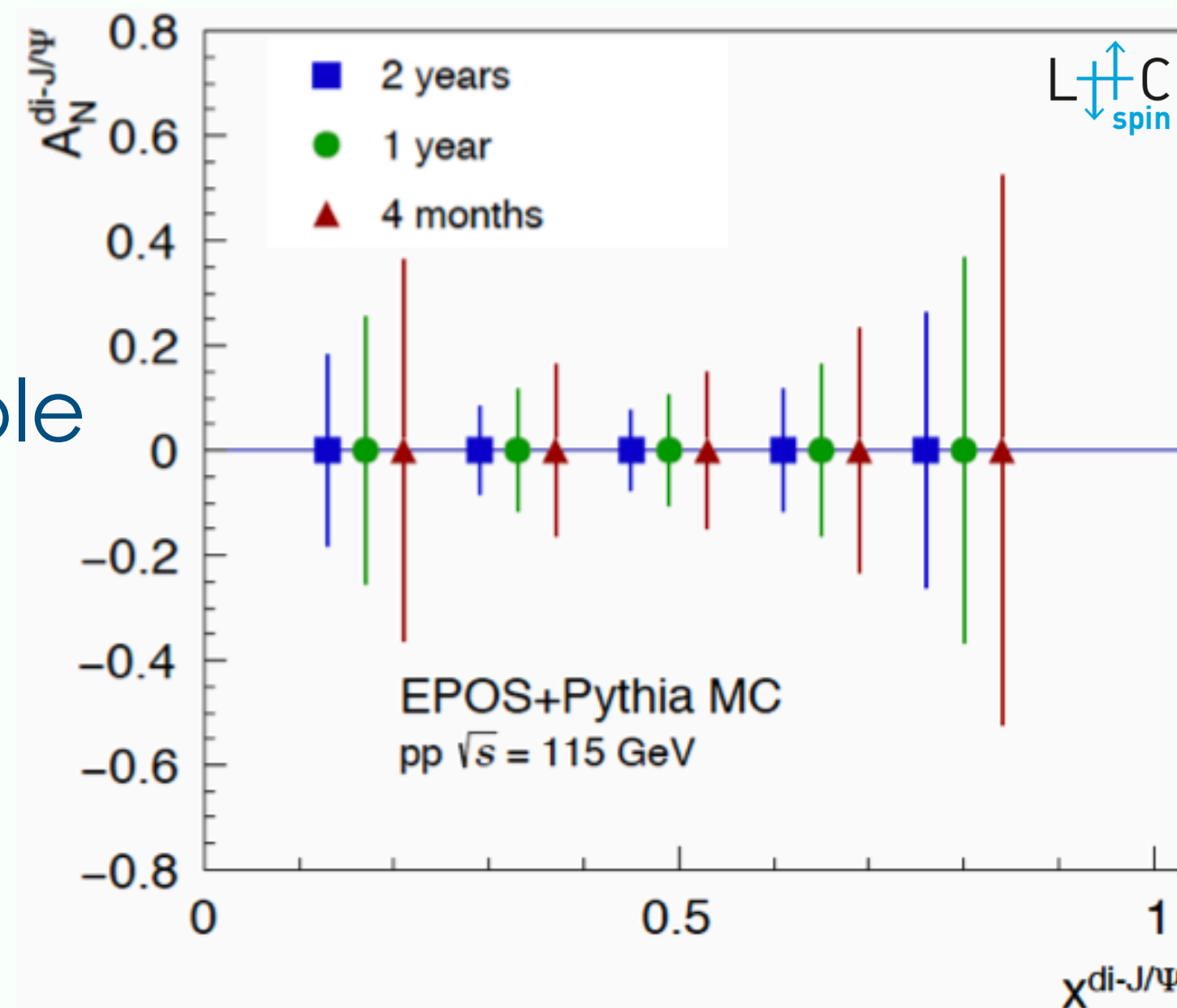
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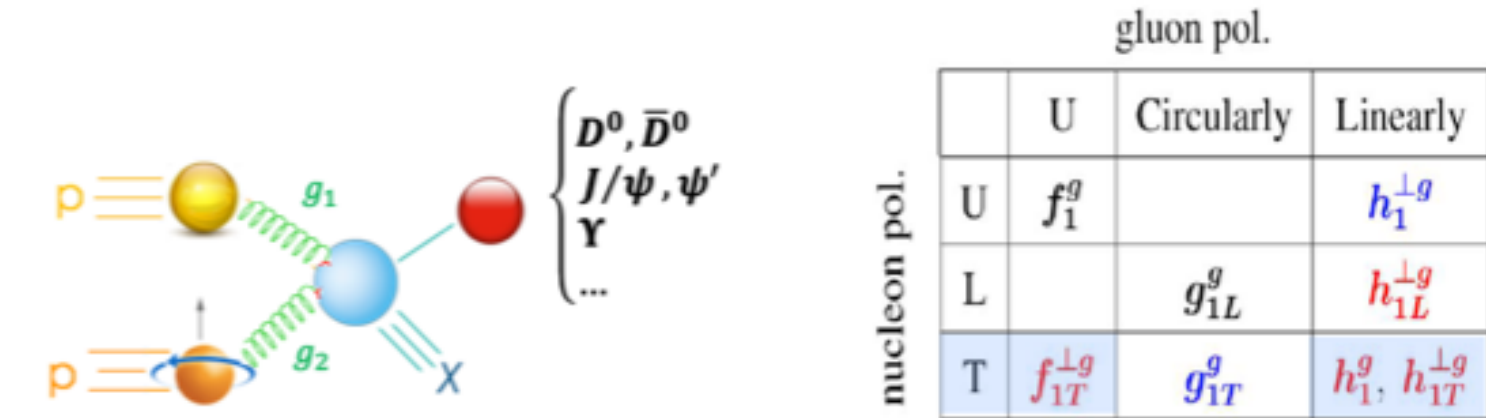


Gluon-induced asymmetries (unconstrained $h_1^{\perp g} + f_1^g$) accessible by, e.g., $di - J/\Psi$ or Υ production



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Probing the Sivers function

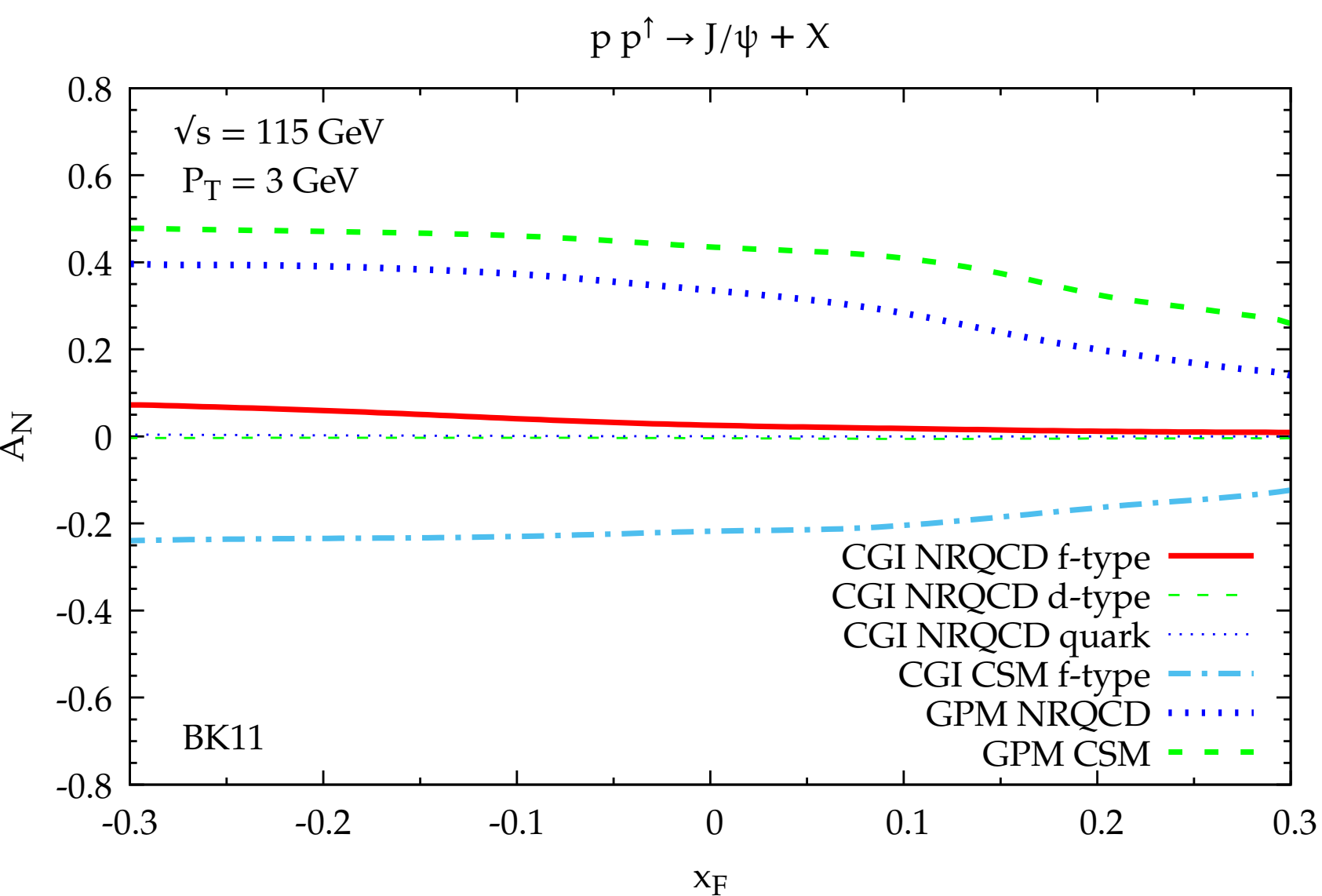


Can be accessed through the Fourier decomposition of the TSSAs for inclusive meson production

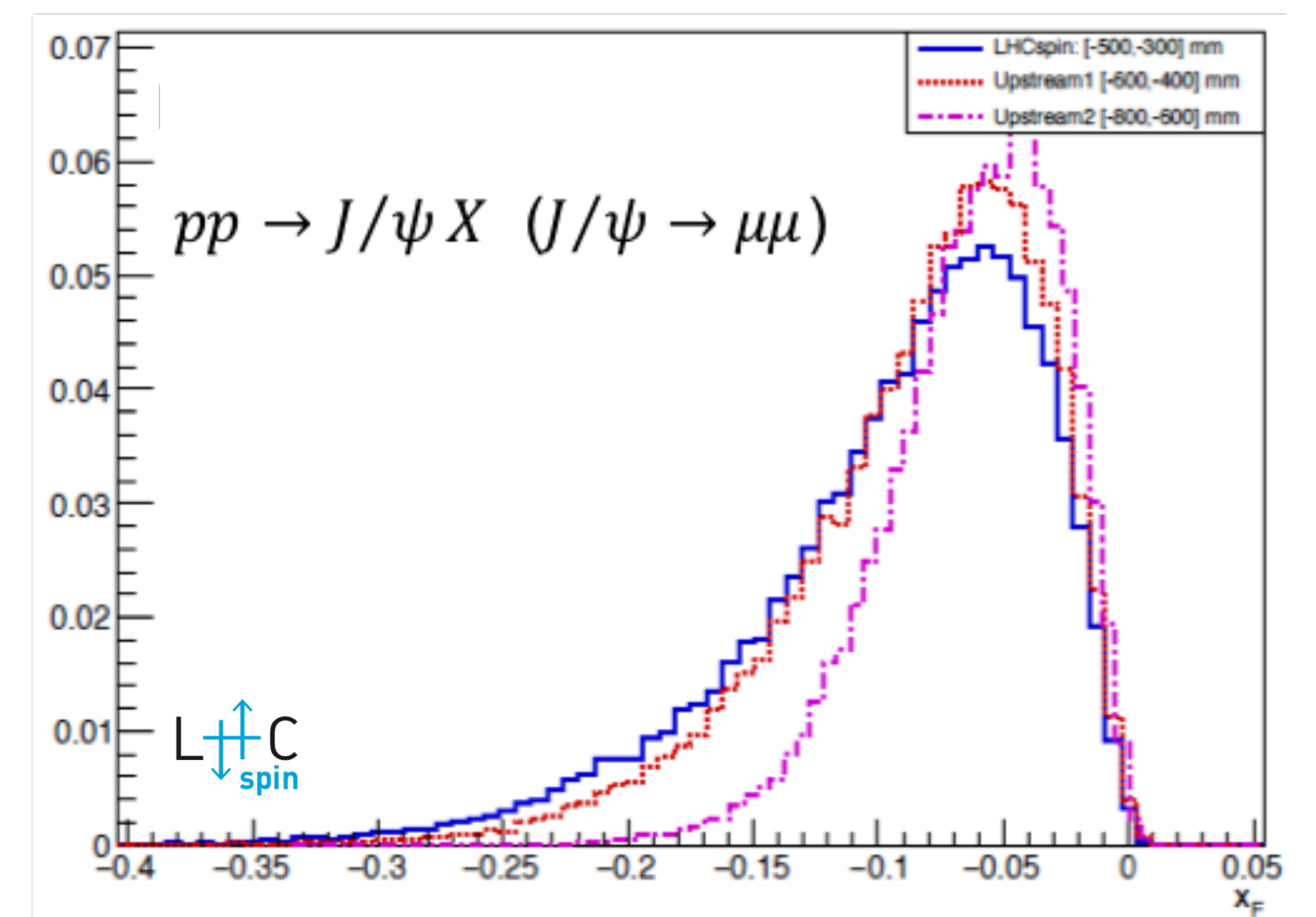
$$A_N = \frac{1}{P} \frac{\sigma^\uparrow - \sigma^\downarrow}{\sigma^\uparrow + \sigma^\downarrow} \propto \left[\underline{f_{1T}^{\perp g}}(x_a, k_{\perp a}) \otimes f_g(x_b, k_{\perp b}) \otimes d\sigma_{gg \rightarrow QQg} \right] \sin \phi_S + \dots$$

Sensitive to color exchange among IS and FS, and gluon OAM

Shed light on spin-orbit correlation of unpolarized gluons inside a transversely polarized proton

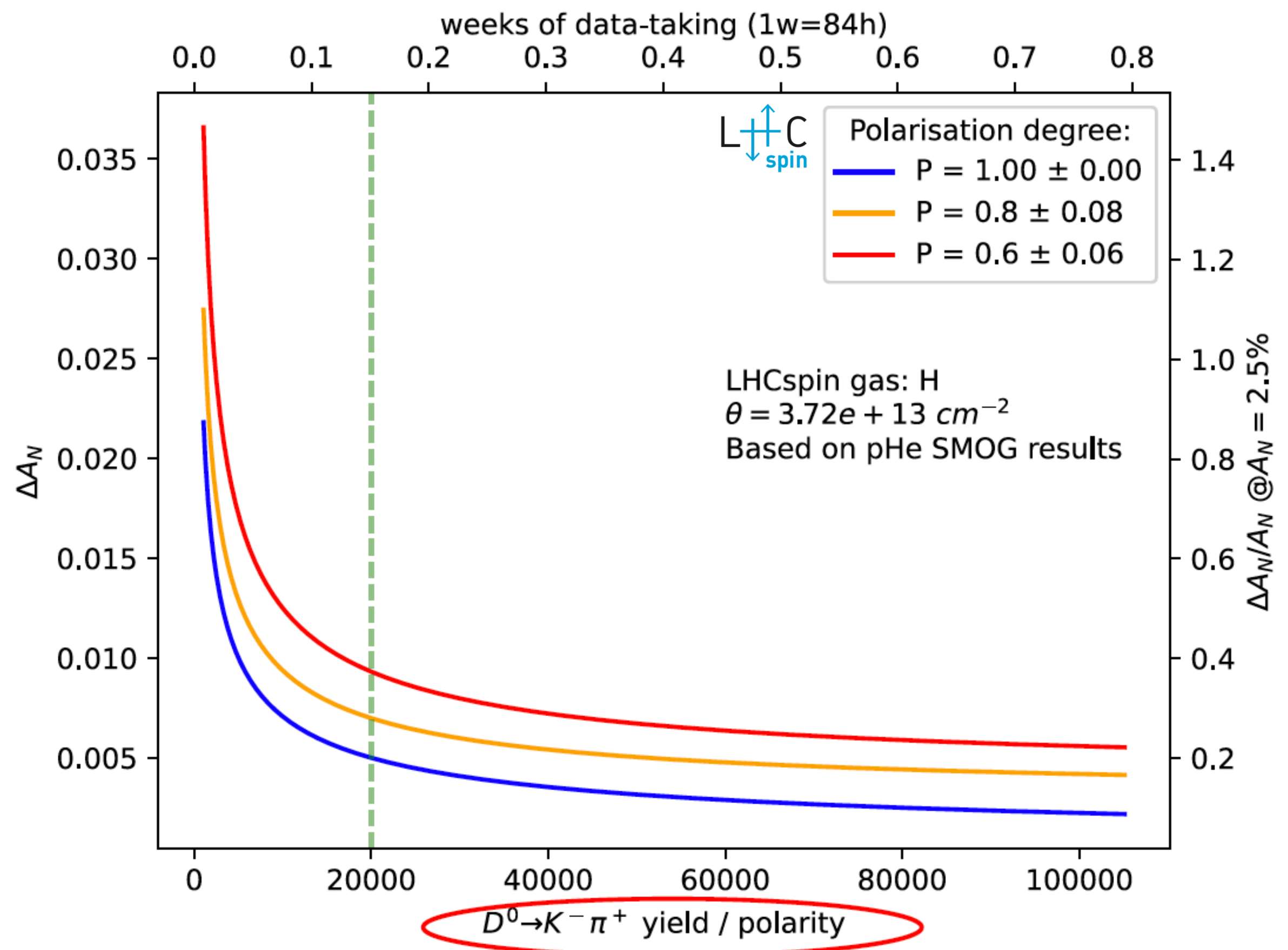
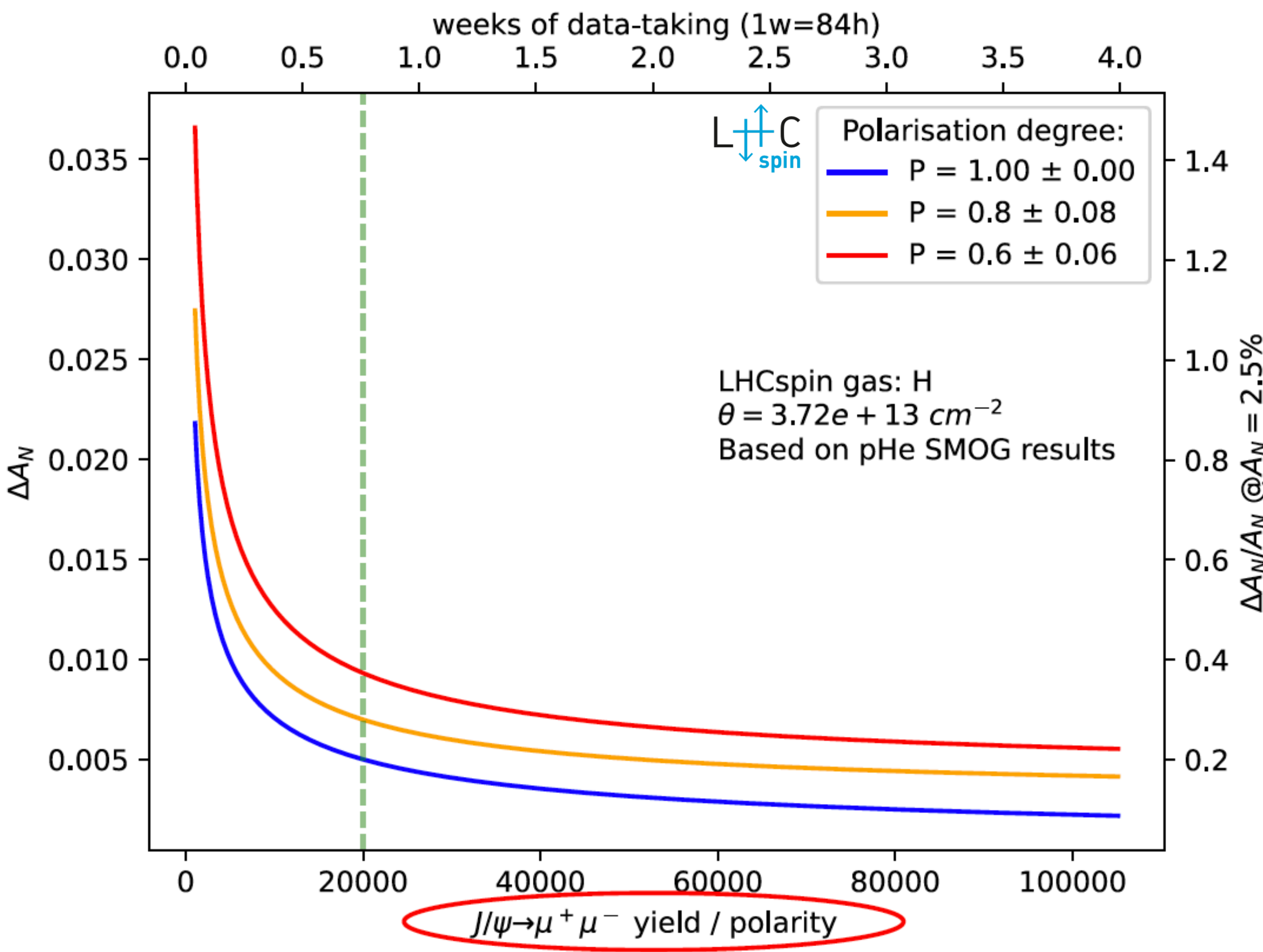


Predictions for J/Ψ production based on GPM & CGI-GPM. Expected amplitudes could be very large in the $x_F < 0$ region.



LHCspin event rates

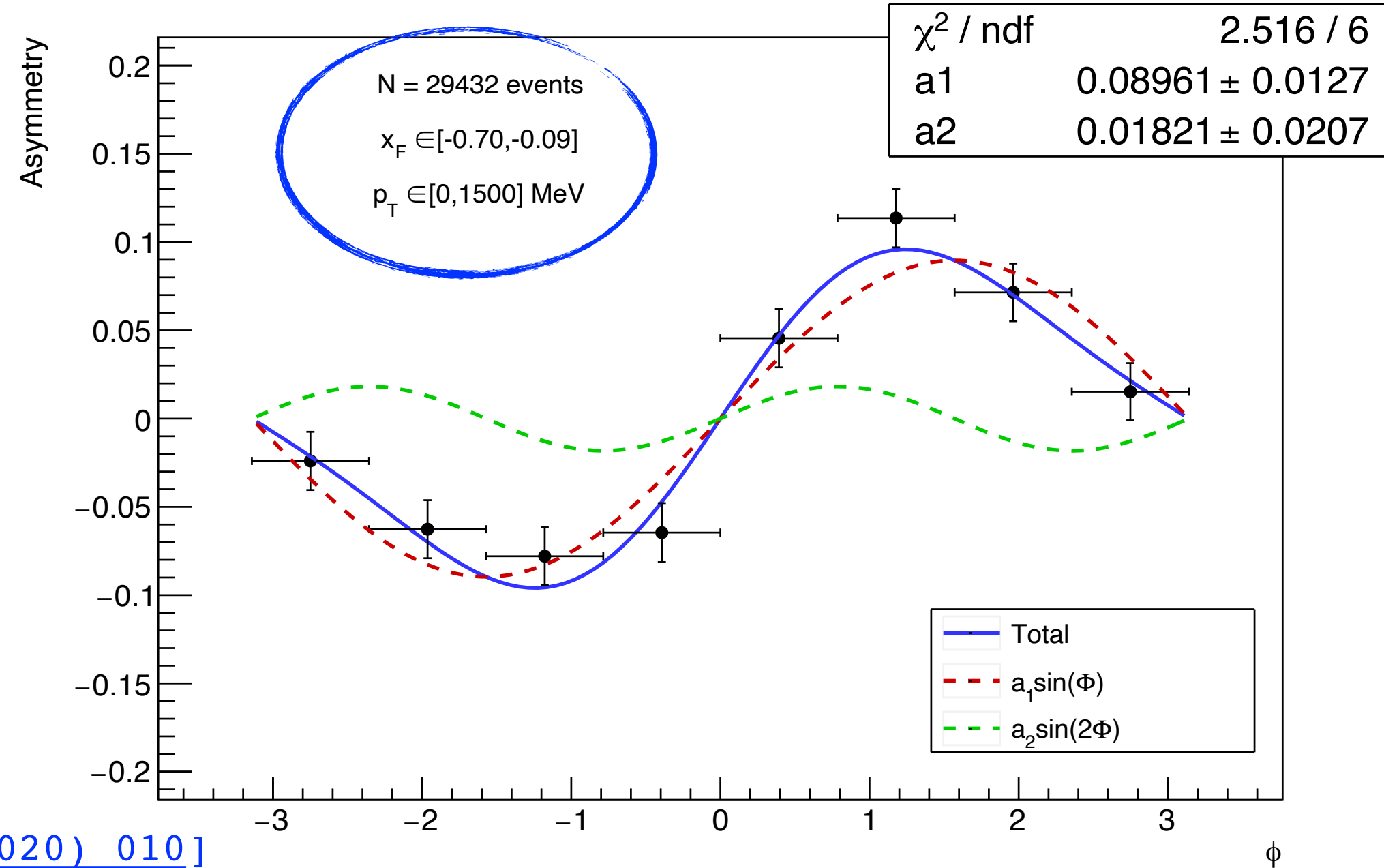
Precise spin asymmetry on $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ for pH^\uparrow collisions in just few weeks with Run3 luminosity!
 Statistics further enhanced by a factor 3-5 in LHCb upgrade II



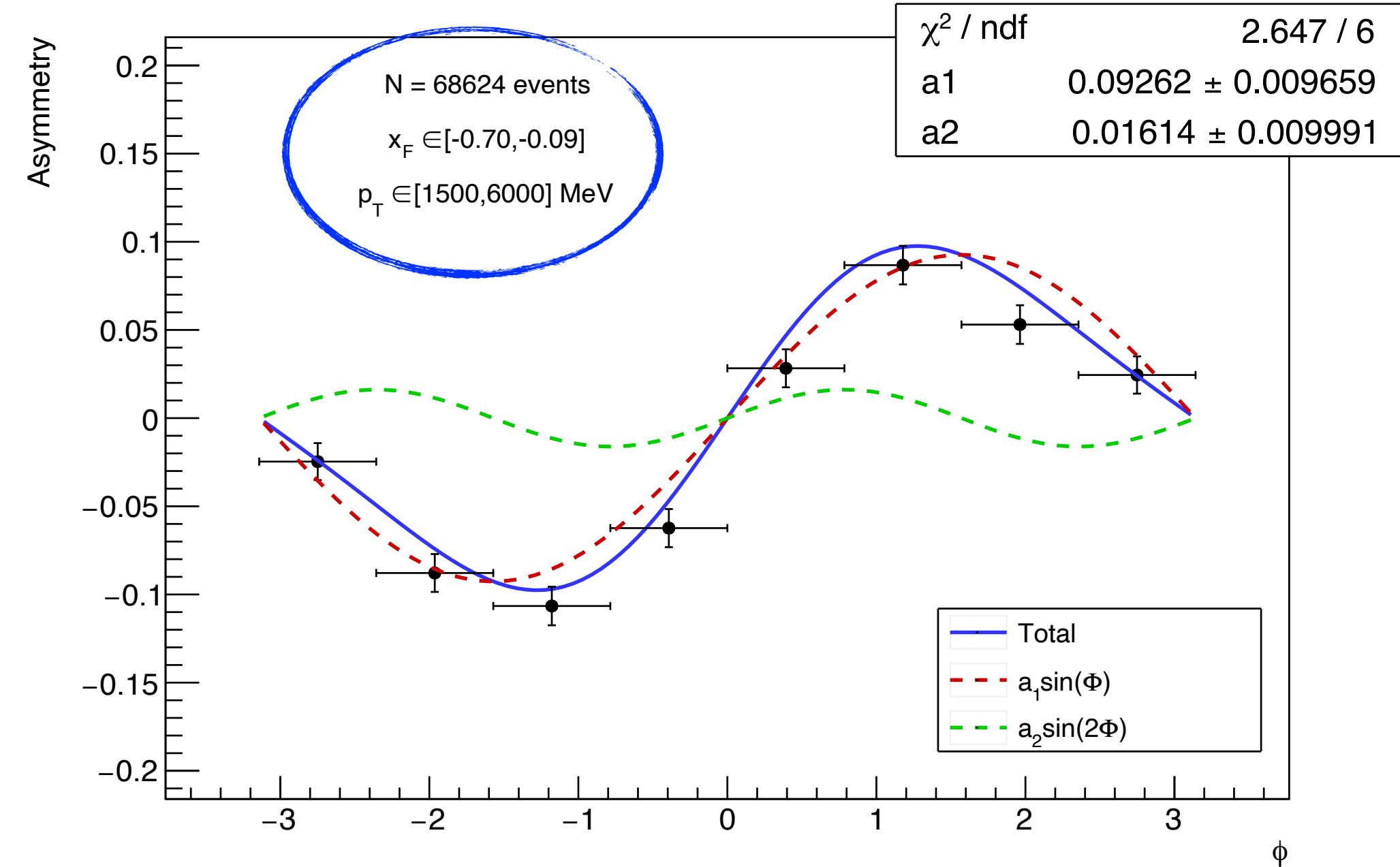
reconstructed particles

A TSSA analysis at LHCspin with $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ events (toy model)

TSSA on $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



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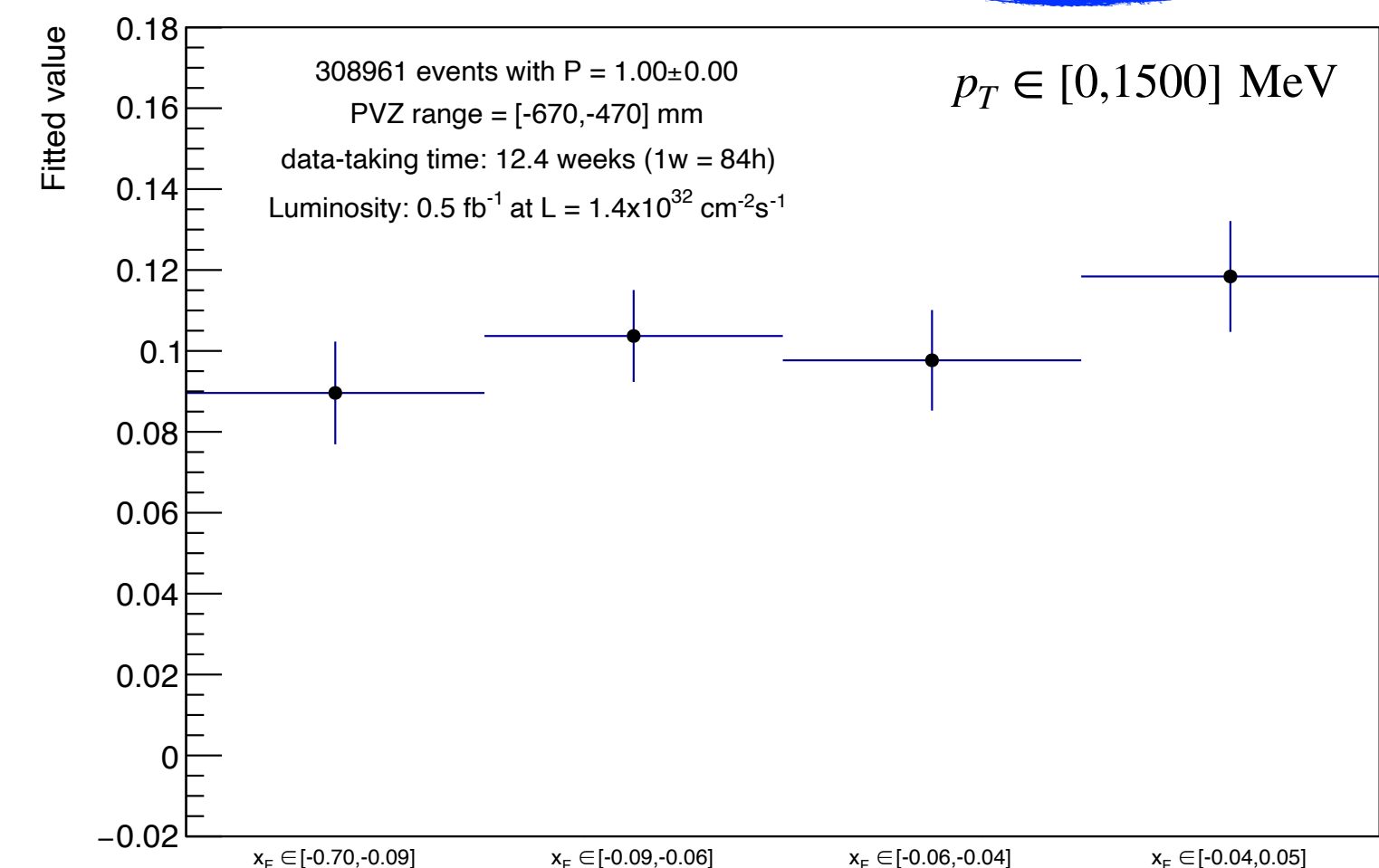


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$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \left(a_1 + a_2 \frac{x - \bar{x}}{x_{max}} + a_3 \frac{p_T - \bar{p}_T}{p_{T max}} \right) \sin \phi + \left(b_1 + b_2 \frac{x - \bar{x}}{x_{max}} + b_3 \frac{p_T - \bar{p}_T}{p_{T max}} \right) \sin 2\phi \right]$$

- Full LHCb simulations of $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ in pP collisions \rightarrow emulate the target polarisation by assigning a $\uparrow \downarrow$ tag according to a given model. In this example: 10% asymmetry on $\sin \phi$, 2% on $\sin 2\phi$ + mild x_F, p_T dependence
- Fit the polarised data with the sum of two Fourier amplitudes (a_1, a_2) in $4 x_F \times 2 p_T \times 8 \phi$ bins
- Within this statistics, corresponding to ~ 3 months of data-taking,

$J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$: fit results for parameter a_1



$A_N \sim 0.1 \pm 0.01$

Knowledge of the polarisation degree

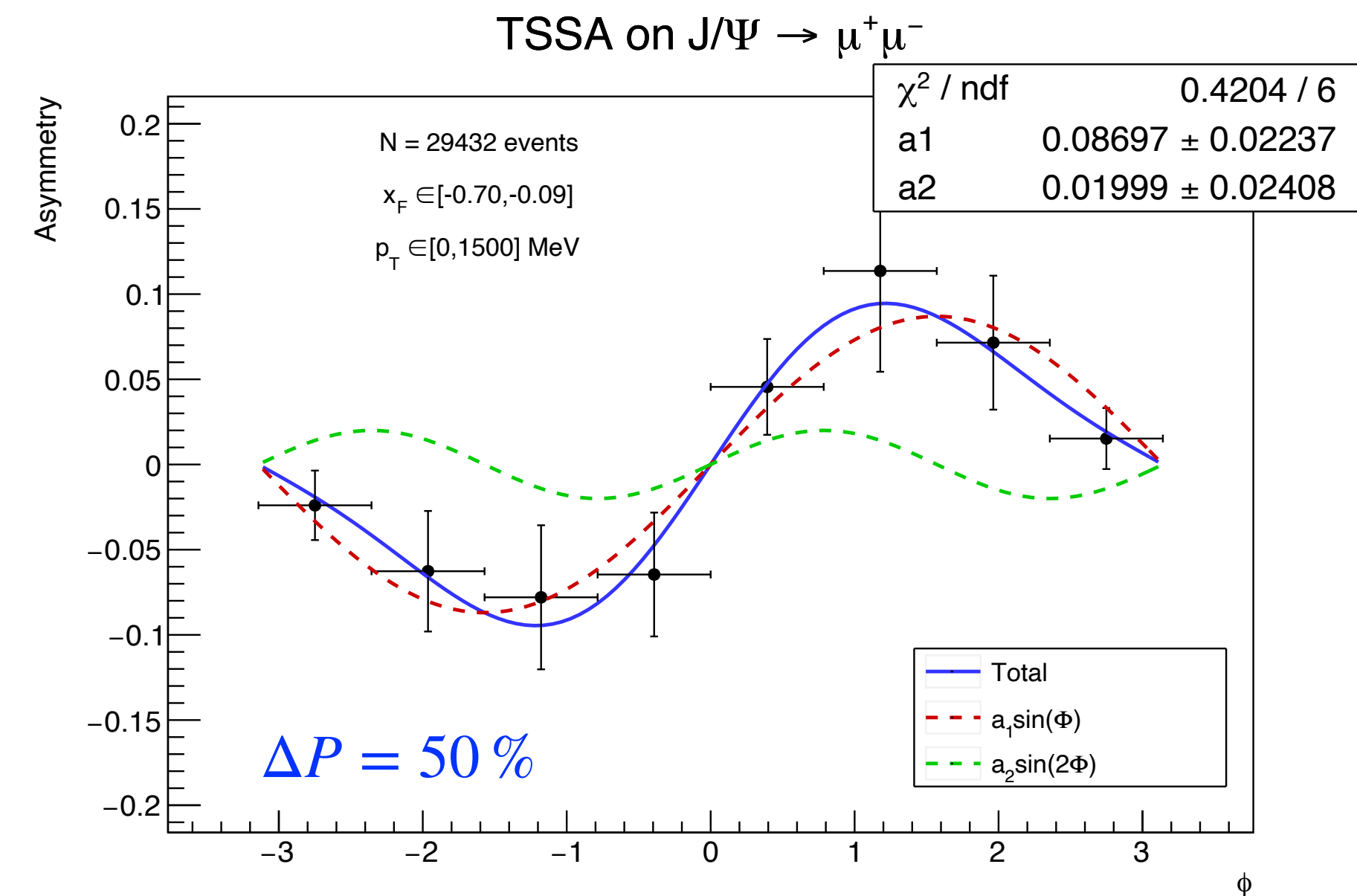
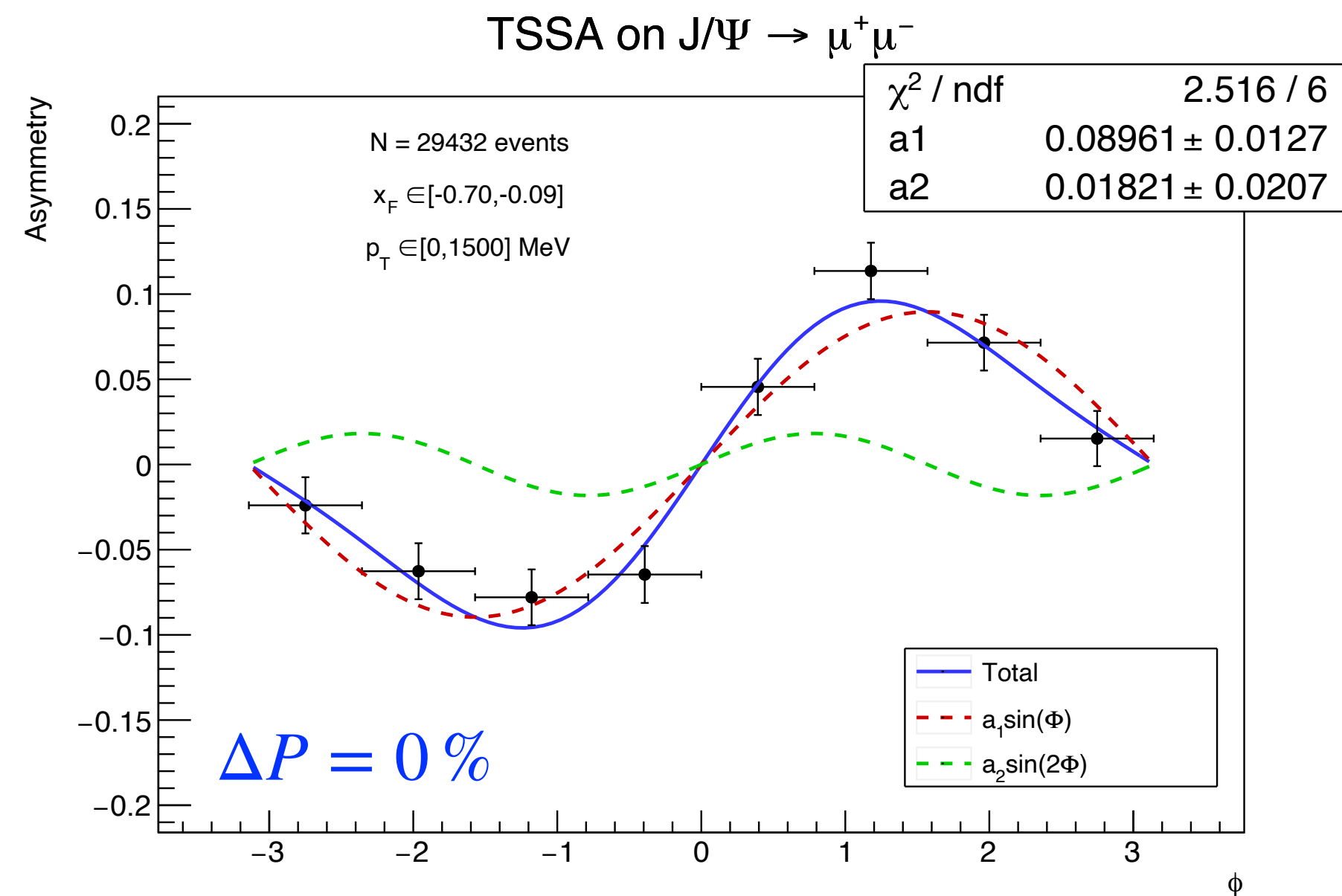
- To estimate the systematic error due to the measurement of the polarisation degree, the analysis is repeated with different ΔP
- Very relevant for the R&D (e.g. cell vs jet target). With the shown analysis* :
- 5% error (realistic value) \rightarrow negligible effect
- 20% error \rightarrow 30-40% of the stat. error
- 50% error \rightarrow syst. dominated

$\Delta P = 5\%$

p_T (MeV)	x_F	a_1
[0,1500]	[-0.70,-0.09]	0.089 ± 0.013
[0,1500]	[-0.09,-0.06]	0.104 ± 0.012
[0,1500]	[-0.06,-0.04]	0.098 ± 0.013
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$\Delta P = 20\%$

p_T (MeV)	x_F	a_1
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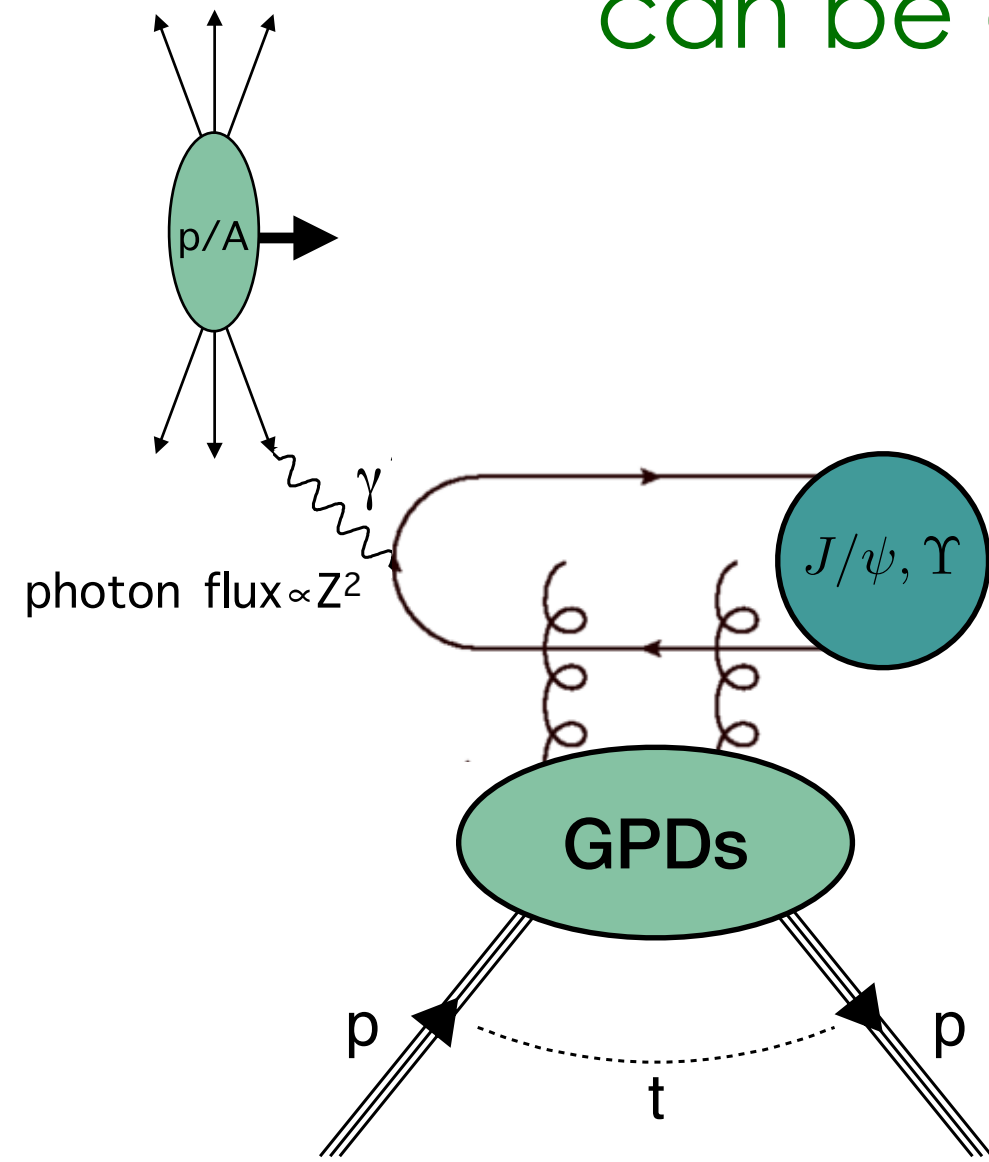


* i.e. \sim 3 months of data-taking with this example model, channel and kinematic binning

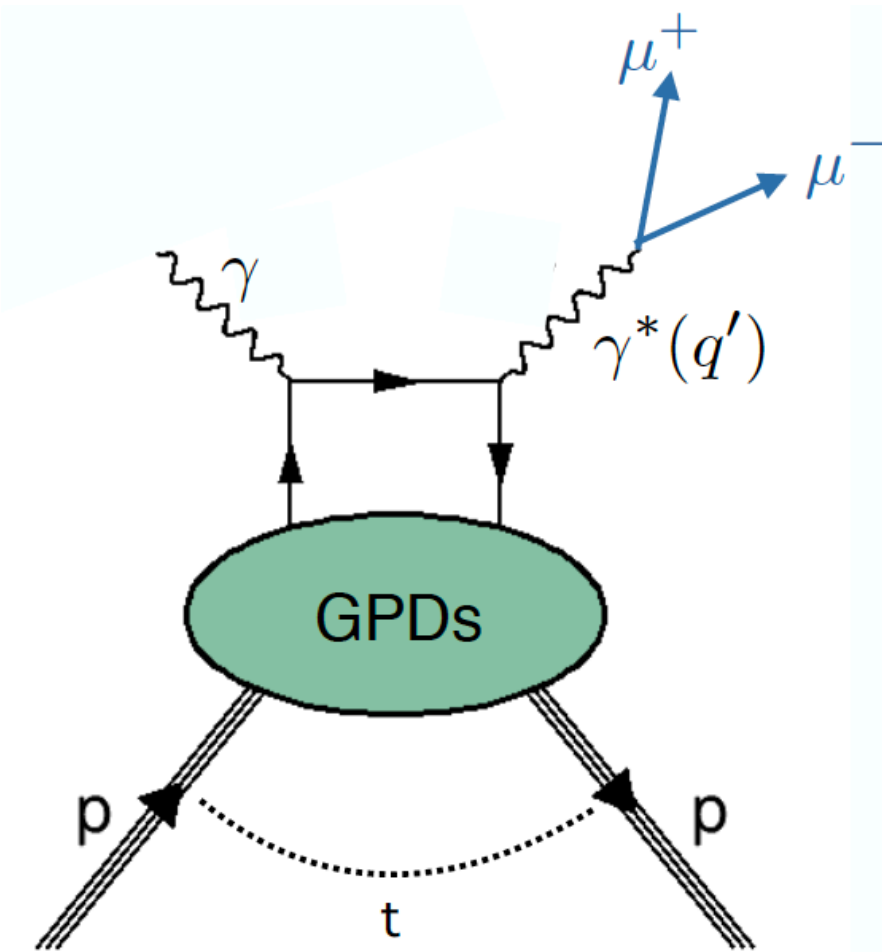
UPC and gGPDs

Accessible already with SMOG2 for the unpol part

can be accessed at LHC in Ultra-Peripheral collisions (UPC)



Exclusive meson production
hard scale = quark mass



Timelike Compton scattering (TCS)
(access via angular modulation)
hard scale = large q^2 (in practice few GeV^2)

Recall:

- barely explored high- x_B region
- moderate Q^2

- Impact parameter larger than sum of radii
- Process dominated by EM interactions
- Gluon distributions probed by pomeron exchange
- Exclusive quarkonia prod. sensitive to gluon GPDs

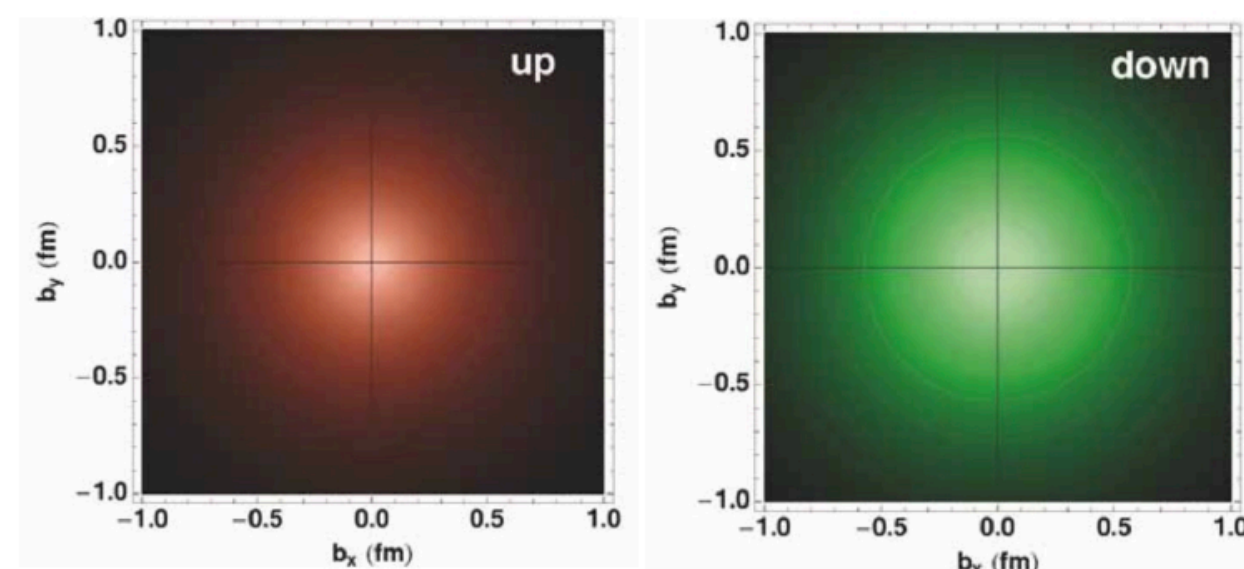
[PRD 85 (2012), 051502]

LHCspin could allow to access the GPD E^g (a key ingredient of the Ji sum rule)

$$J^g = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dx \left(H^g(x, \xi, 0) + E^g(x, \xi, 0) \right)$$

GPD	U	L	T
U	H		\mathcal{E}_T
L		\tilde{H}	\tilde{E}_T
T	E	\tilde{E}	H_T, \tilde{H}_T

3D maps of parton densities in coordinate space

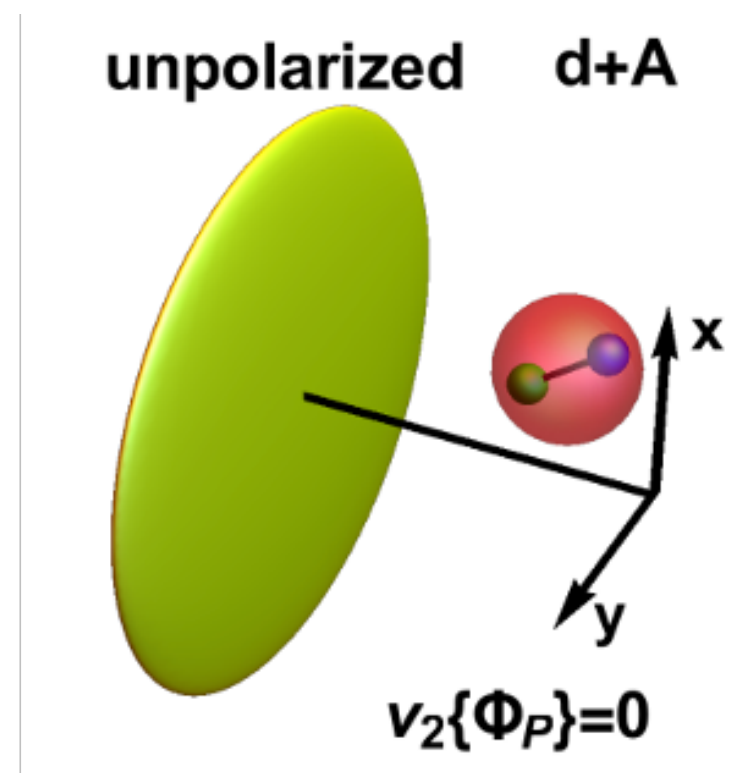
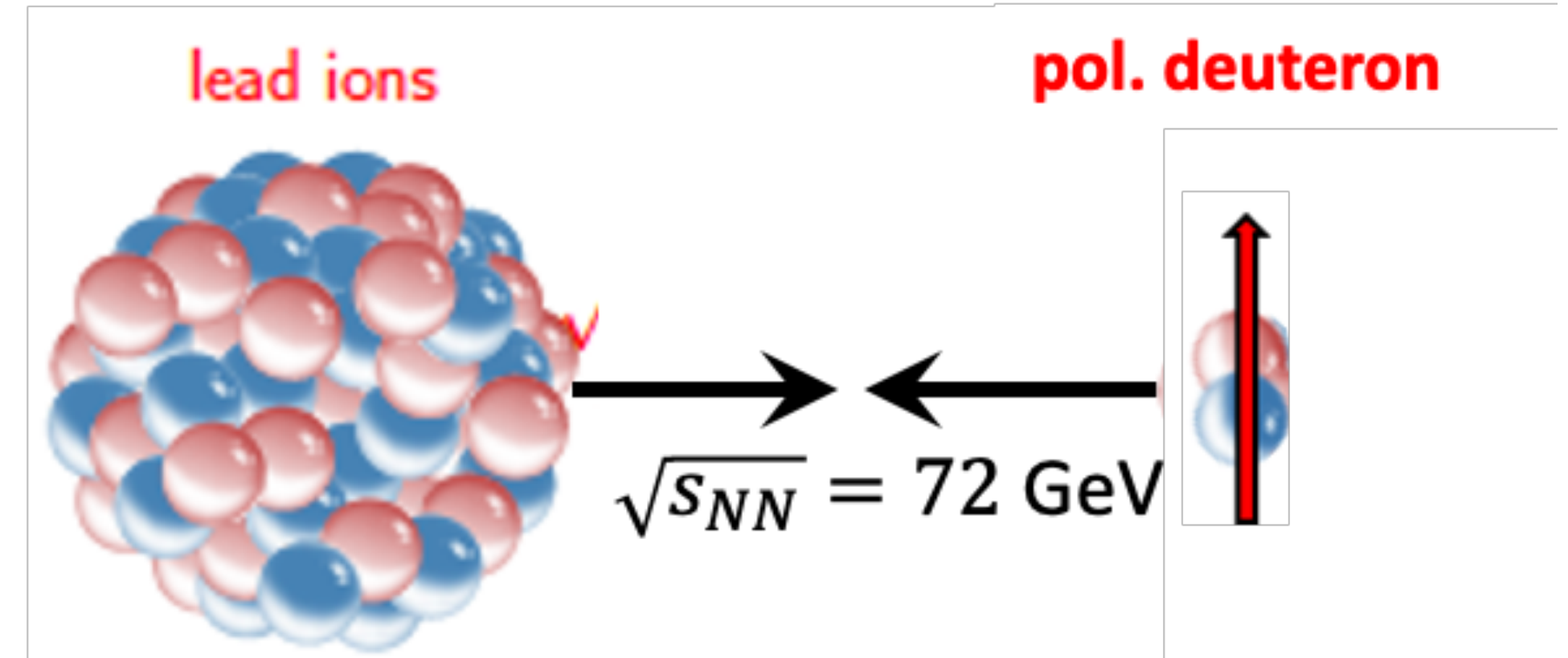


J/ψ , total uncertainty on cross section, assuming 4% uncertainty on luminosity

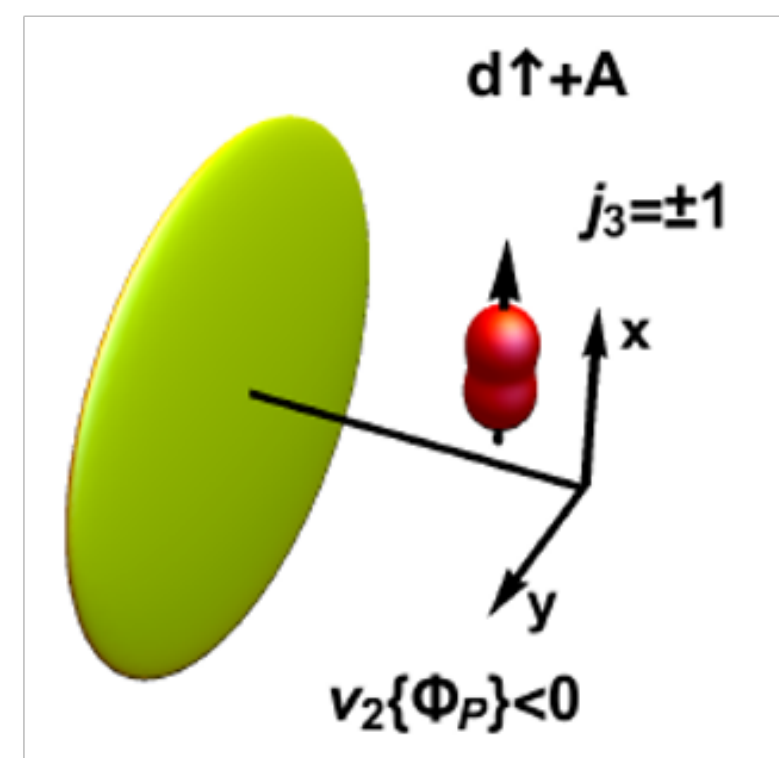
pp	pD	pAr	pKr	pXe
10 %	-	5 %	5 %	5 %
Pbp		PbAr		
-		5 %		

Spin physics in heavy-ion collisions

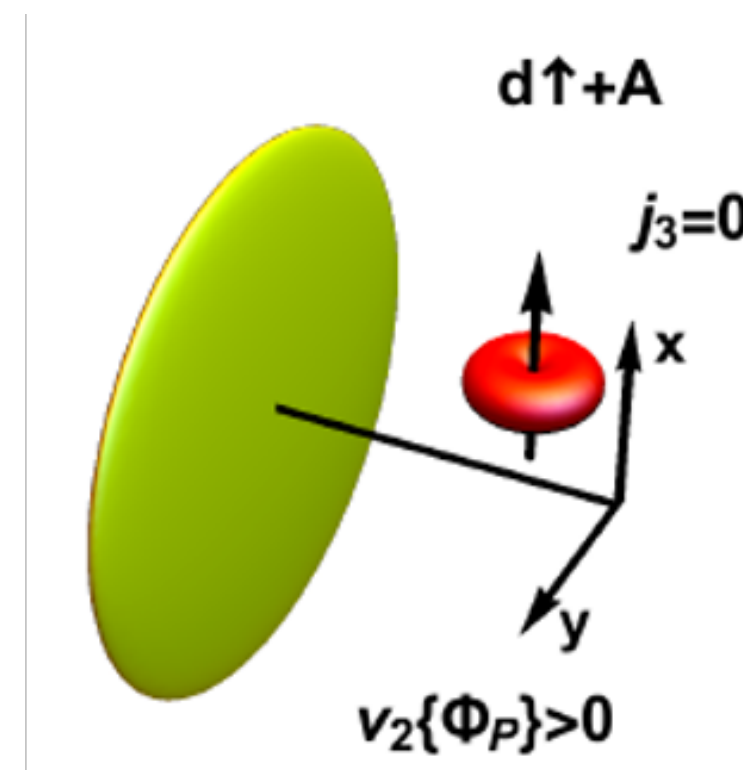
- probe collective phenomena in heavy-light systems through **ultra-relativistic collisions of heavy nuclei with trasv. pol. deuterons**
- polarized light target nuclei offer a unique opportunity to control the orientation of the formed fireball by measuring the **elliptic flow** relative to the polarization axis (**ellipticity**).



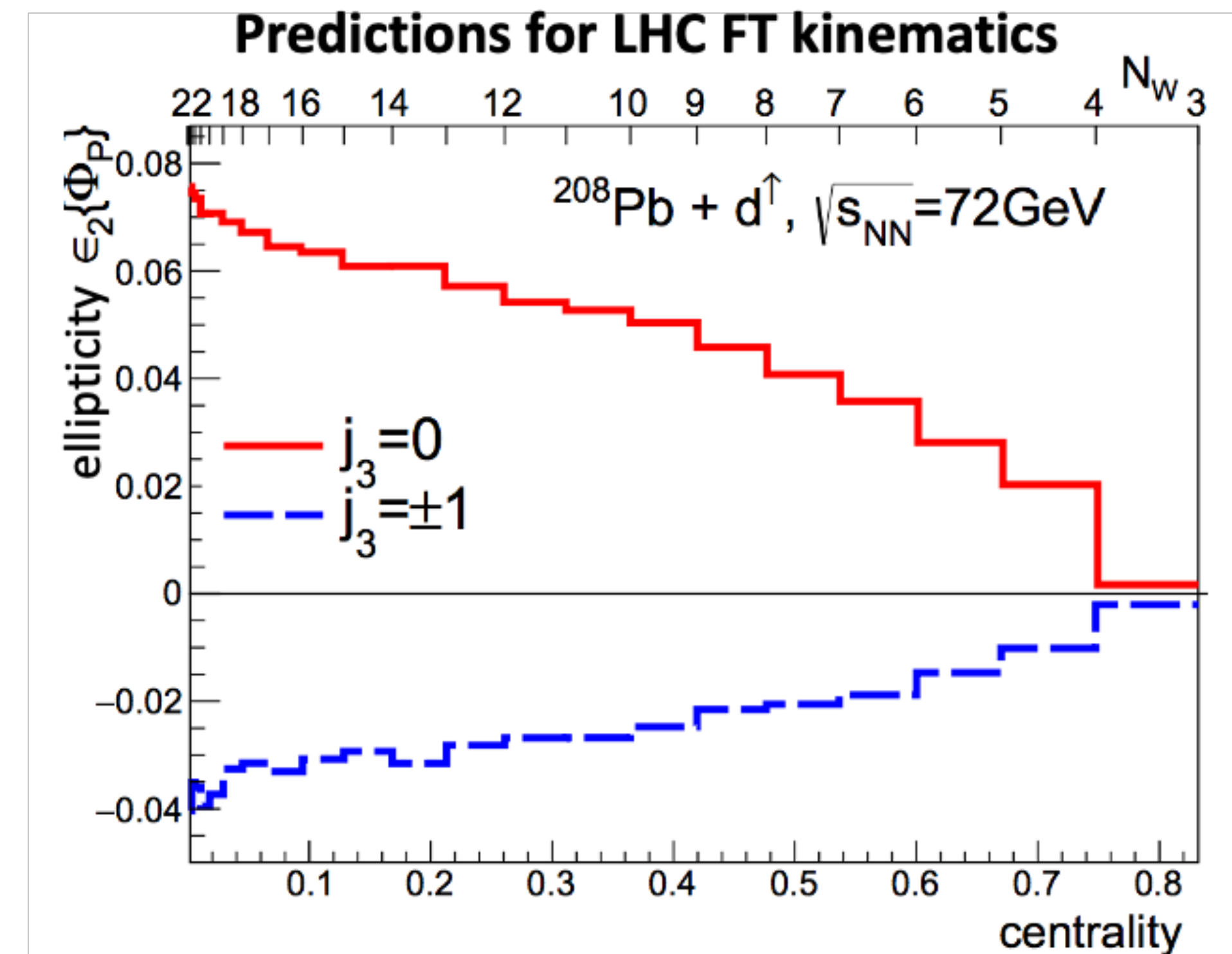
Unpol. deuterons: the fireball is azimuthally symmetric and $v_2 \approx 0$.



$j_3 = \pm 1 \rightarrow$ prolate fireball stretched along the pol. axis, corresponds to $v_2 < 0$



$j_3 = 0 \rightarrow$ oblate fireball corresponds to $v_2 > 0$



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International framework and feedback

Several experiments dedicated to spin physics, but with many limitations:

very low energy, no rare probes, no ion beam, ...

➔ LHCspin is unique in this respect

LHCspin is complementary to EIC

[D. Boer: [arXiv:1611.06089](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.06089)]

unpolarized gluon TMD

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$f_1^g^{[+,+]}$ (WW)	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
$f_1^g^{[+,-]}$ (DP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×

linearly polarized gluon TMD

	$pp \rightarrow \gamma \gamma X$	$pA \rightarrow \gamma^* \text{ jet } X$	$ep \rightarrow e' Q \bar{Q} X$ $ep \rightarrow e' j_1 j_2 X$	$pp \rightarrow \eta_{c,b} X$ $pp \rightarrow H X$	$pp \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma X$ $pp \rightarrow \Upsilon \gamma X$
$h_1^{\perp g [+,+]}$ (WW)	✓	×	✓	✓	✓
$h_1^{\perp g [+, -]}$ (DP)	×	✓	×	×	×

TMDs (Sivers)

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$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+, -]}$ (DP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×

$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+,+]}$ (Weizsacker-Williams type or "f-type") → antisymmetric colour structures

$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+, -]}$ (Dipole s type or "d-type") → symmetric colour structures

- ☐ Can be measured at the Electron Ion-Collider (EIC)
- ☐ Can be measured at LHCspin

"Ambitious and long term LHC-Fixed Target research program. The efforts of the existing LHC experiments to implement such a programme, including specific R&D actions on the collider, **deserve support**" (European Strategy for Particle Physics)


"This would be **unique and highly complementary** to existing and future measurements in lepton-proton collisions, because the asymmetries in question have a process dependence between pp and lp that is predicted by theory" (CERN Physics Beyond Collider)

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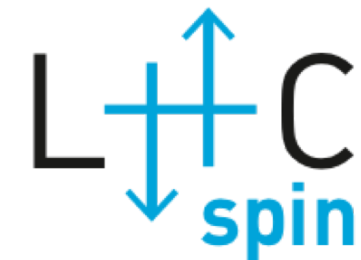
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 @IR3 has great potentialities for R&D, early measurements, ... all in a small group of research (welcome to join us)