

Polarized collisions at LHC

the LHC project
spin

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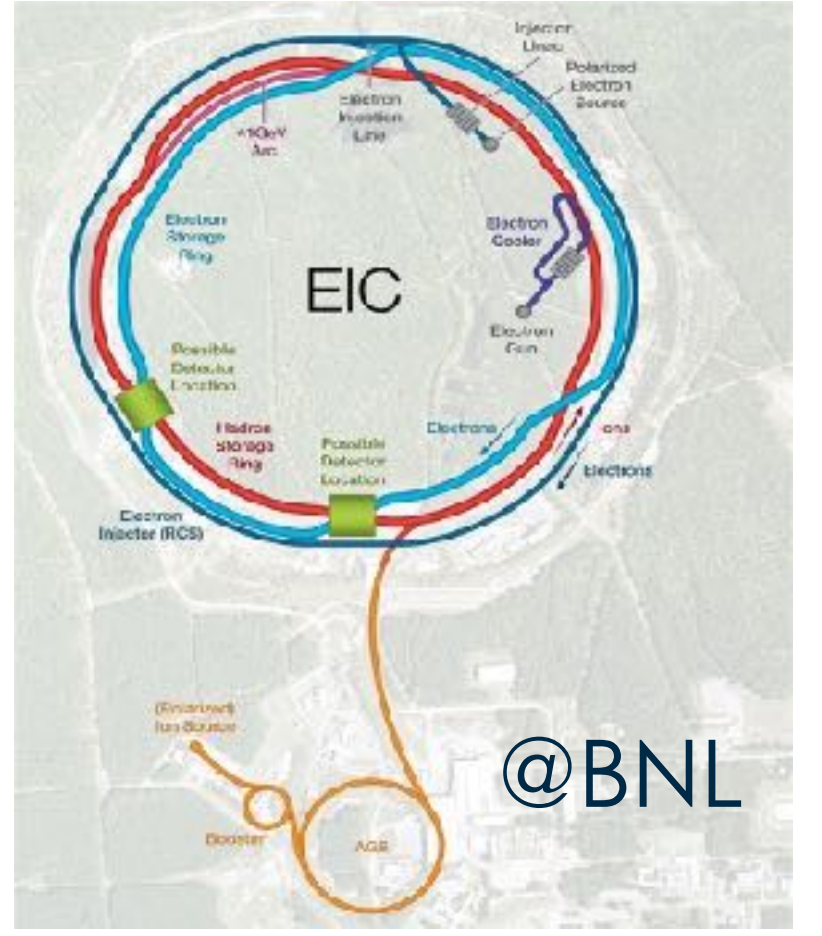
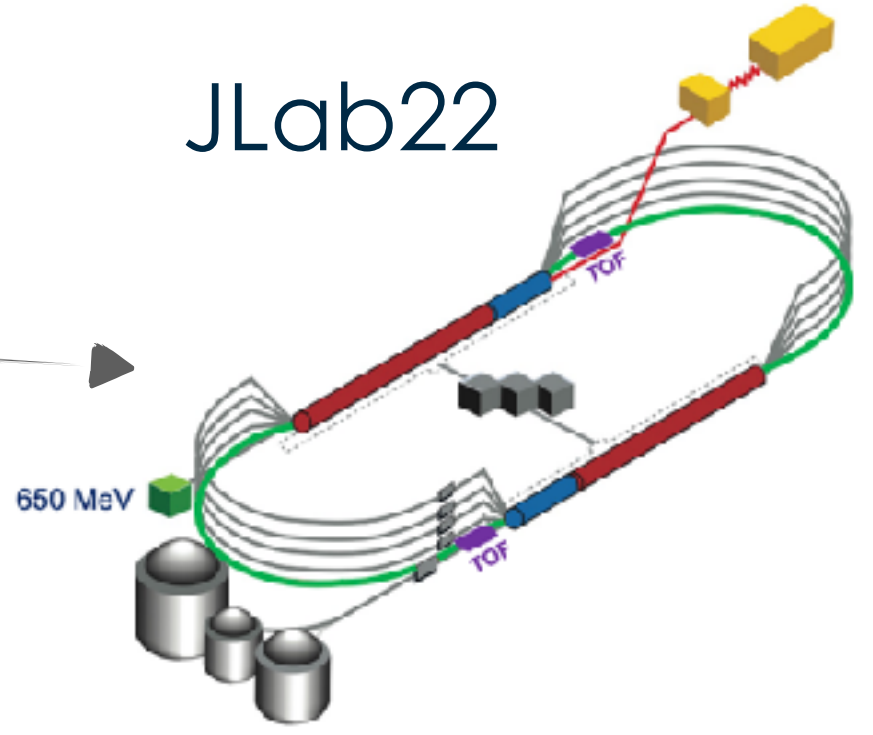
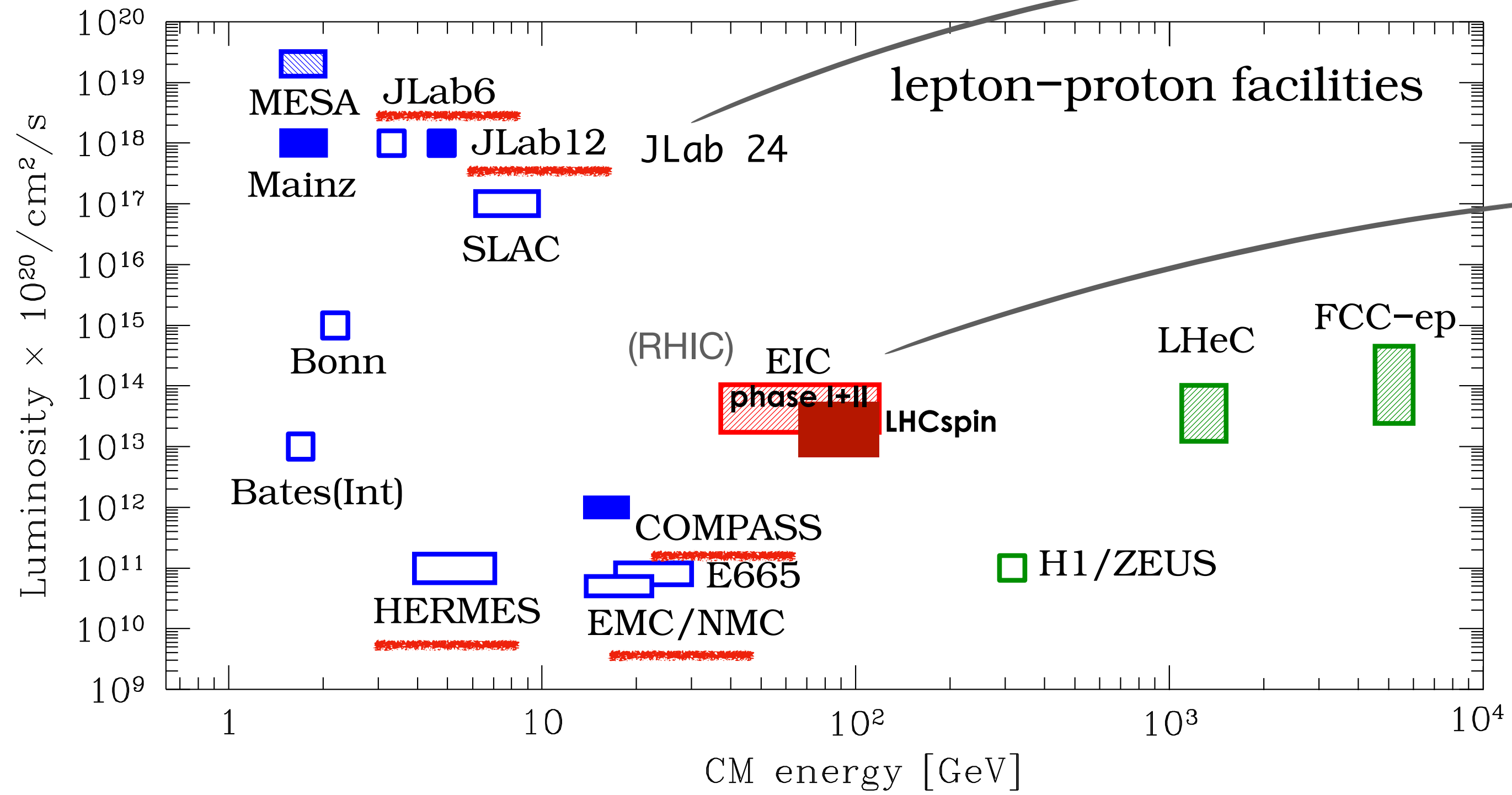
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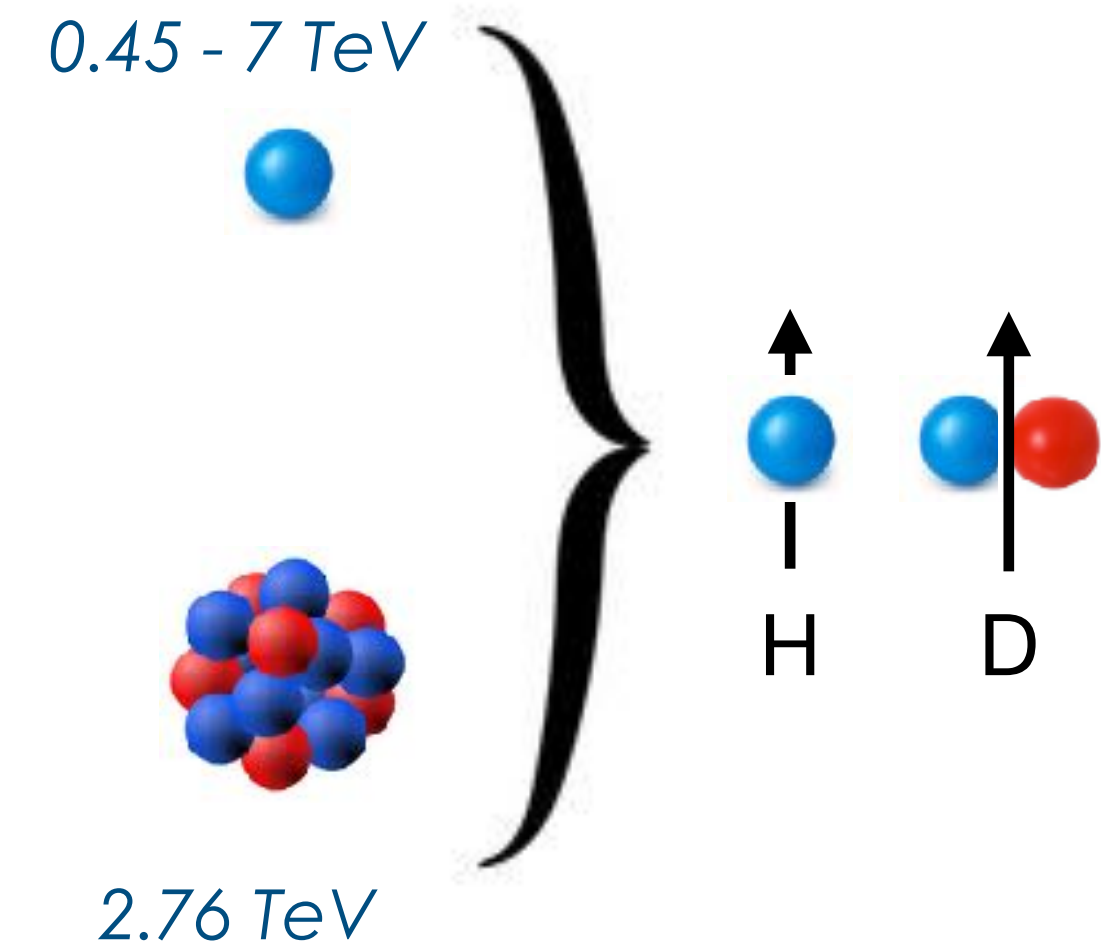
Spin is a key tool to explore a wide range of new and intriguing physics scenarios

Huge efforts in the past/present ... and future



What about LHC?

The LHC beams cannot be polarized. The only possibility to have polarized collisions is through a polarized fixed-target



pp collisions: 0.45 - 7 TeV beam on fix target

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

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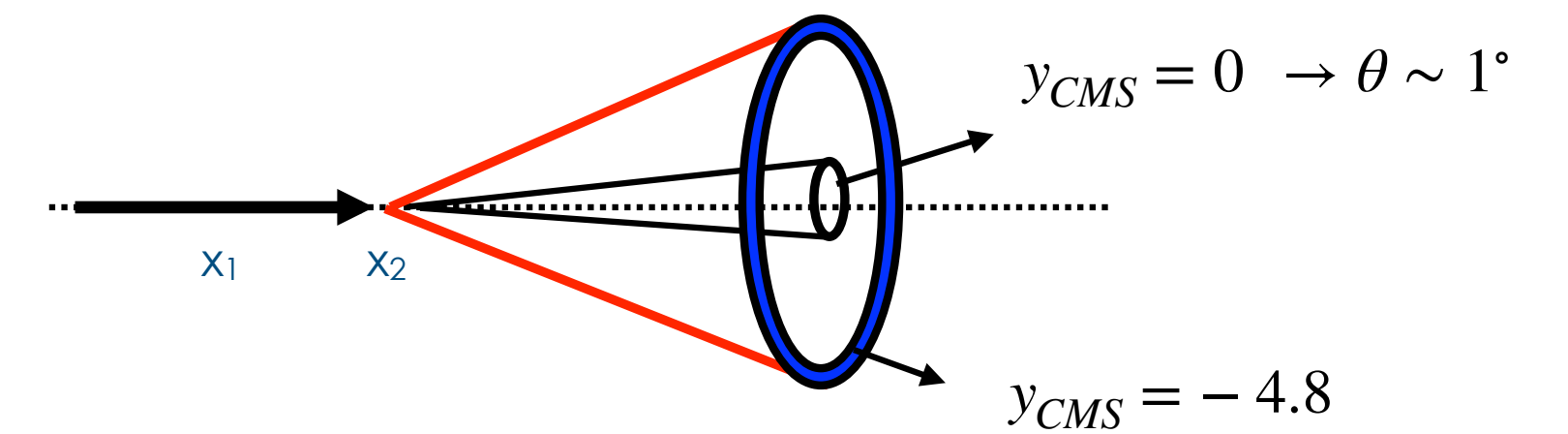
A_p collisions: 2.76 TeV beam on fix target

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

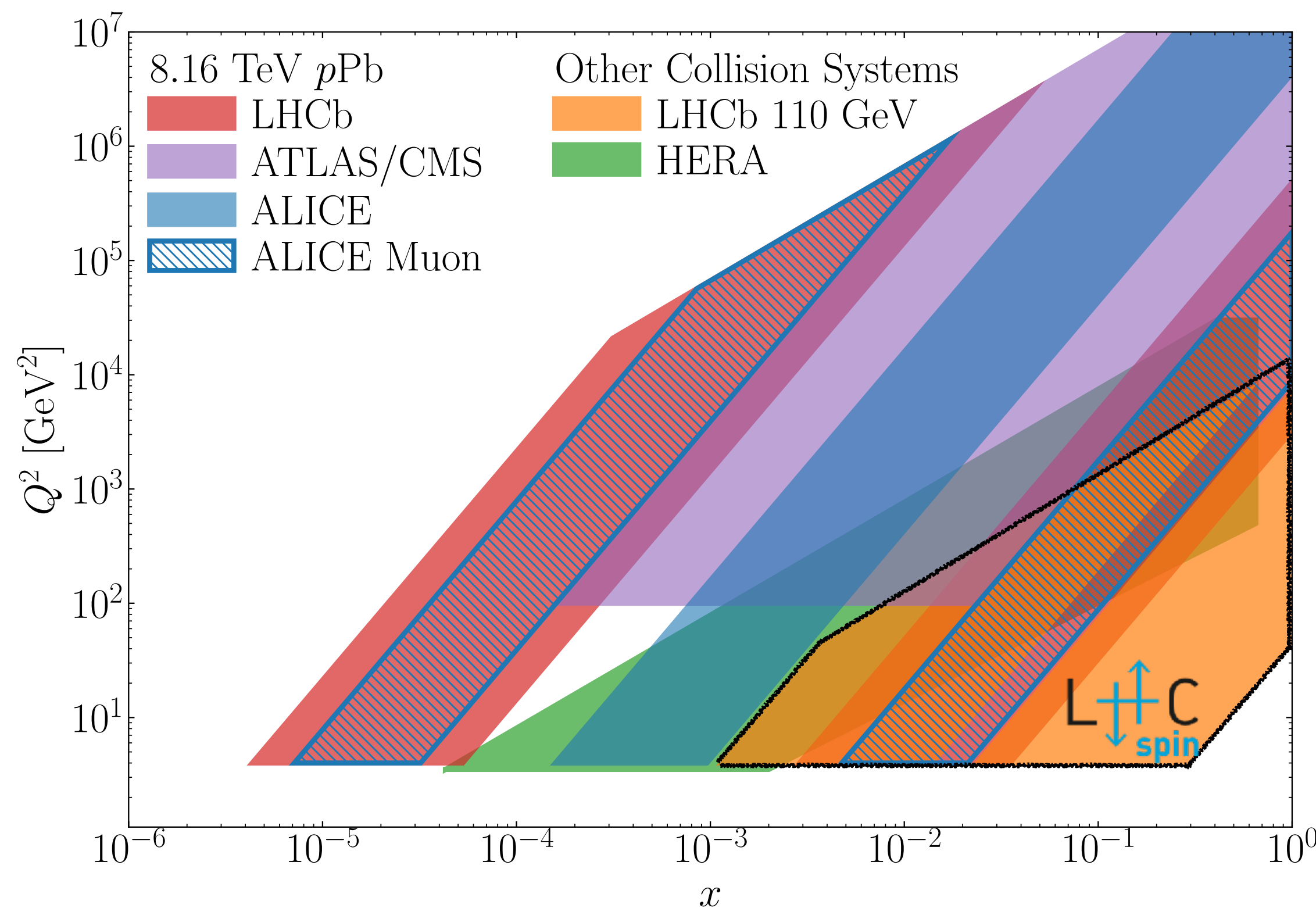
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1: beam; 2: target

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

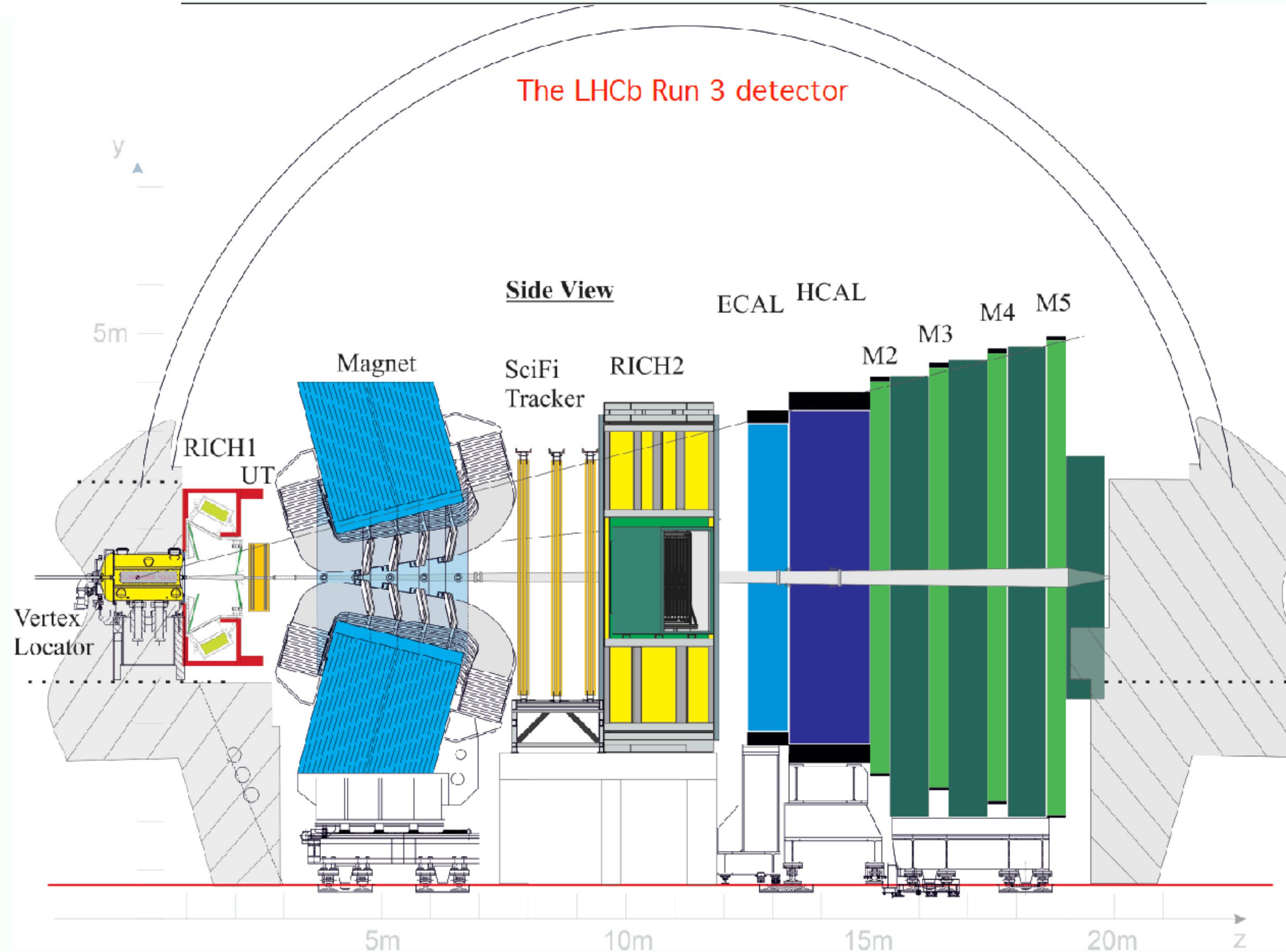


$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}{2m_p} \simeq 60$$



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- Excellent momentum resolution with VELO + tracking stations:
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- Particle identification with RICH+CALO+MUON
 $\epsilon_\mu \sim 98\%$ with $\epsilon_{\pi \rightarrow \mu} \lesssim 1\%$
- Low momentum muon trigger:
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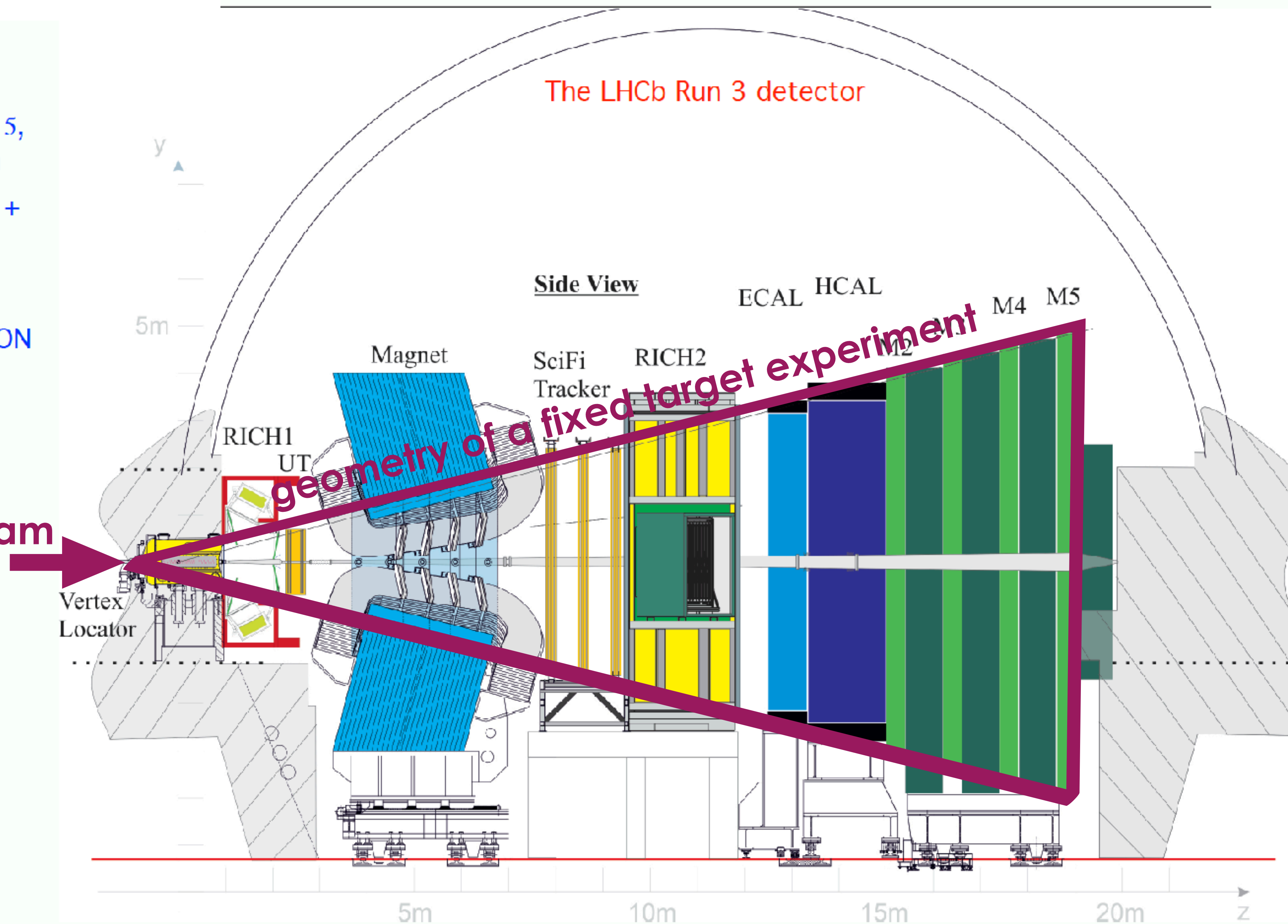
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STEP 1

The installation of an unpolarised gas target proves the technical and physical feasibility of implementing this technique at the LHC

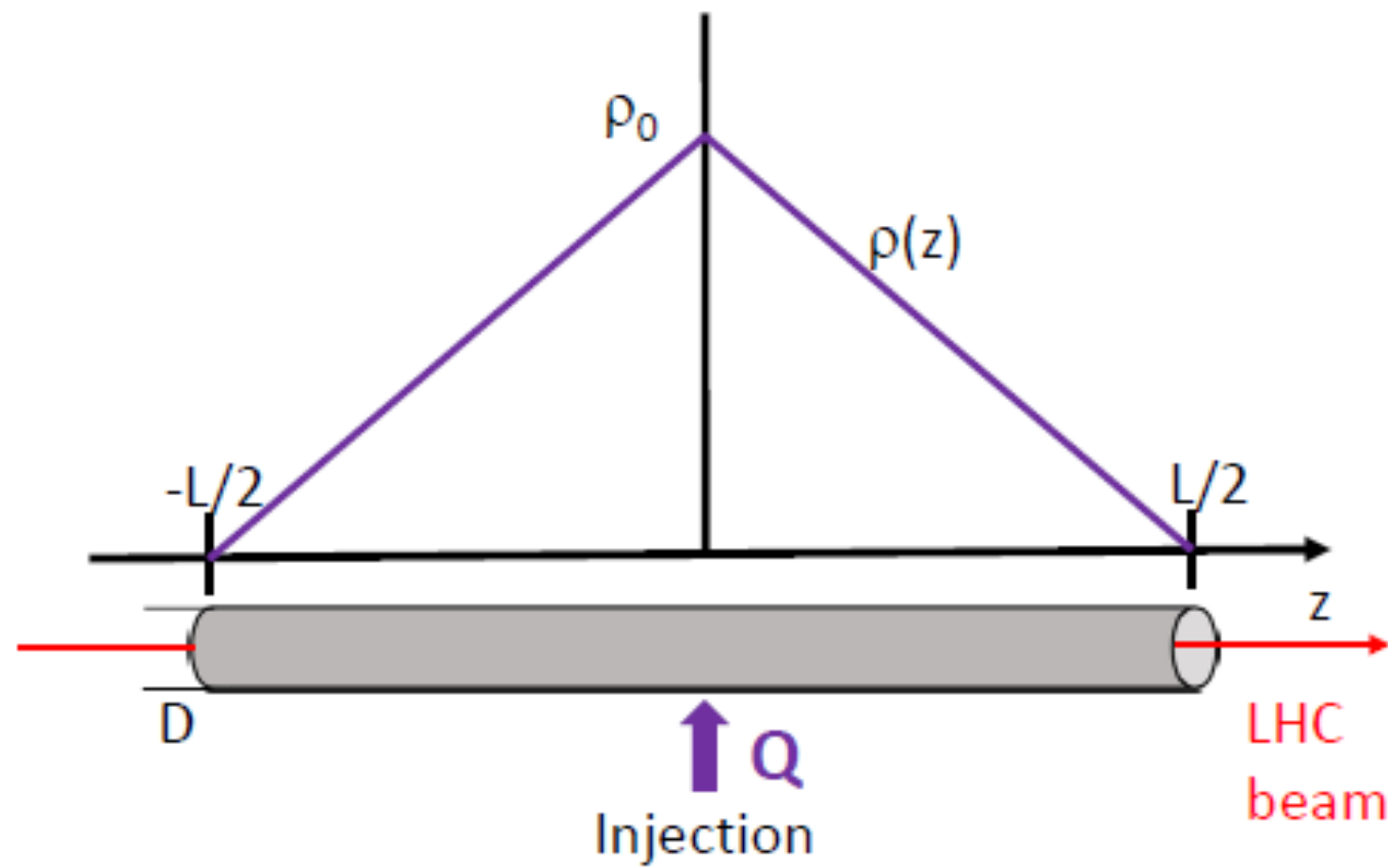
SMOG2

an unpolarized target at

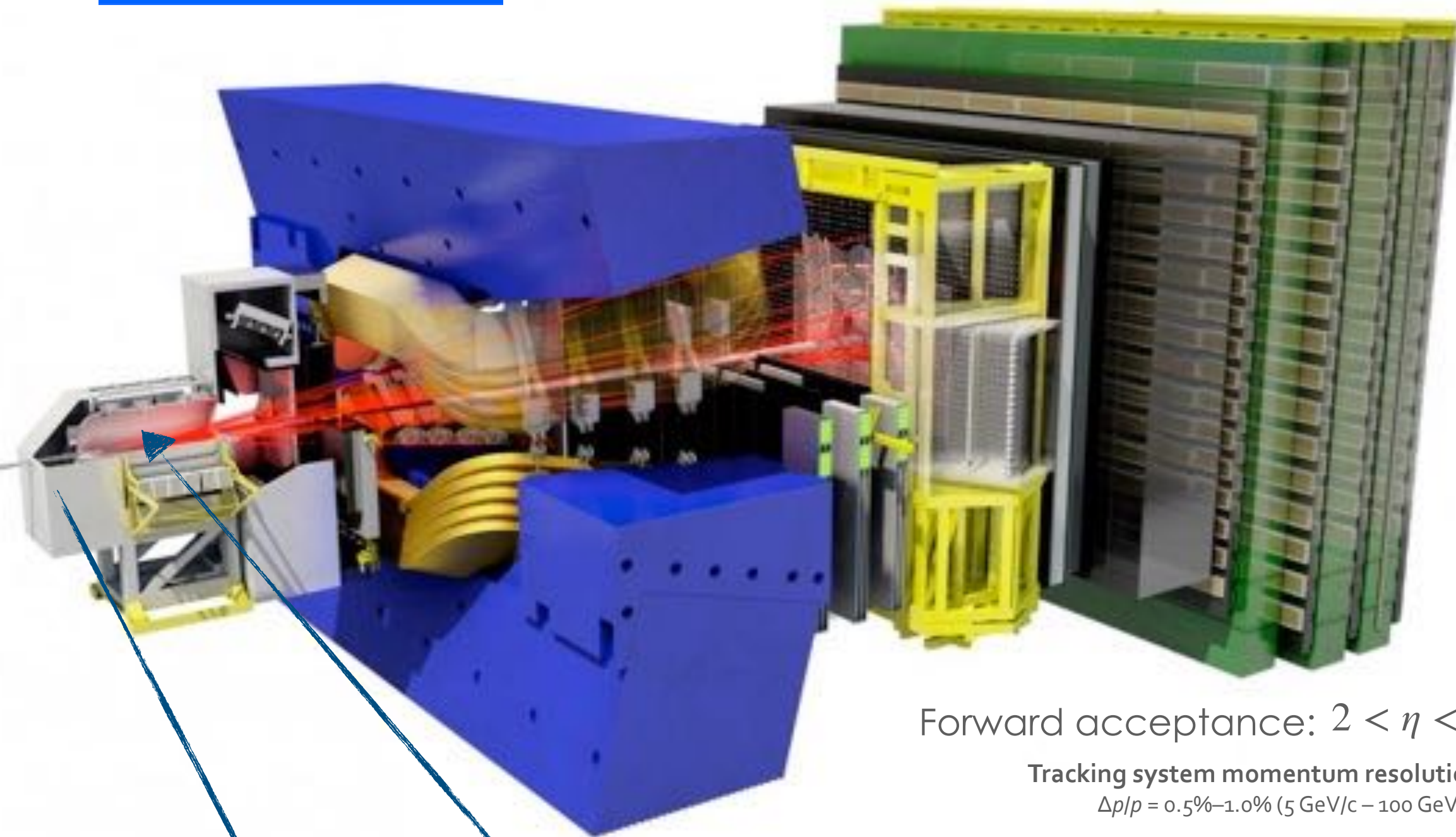


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System for Measuring Overlap with Gas



LHC beam



Forward acceptance: $2 < \eta < 5$

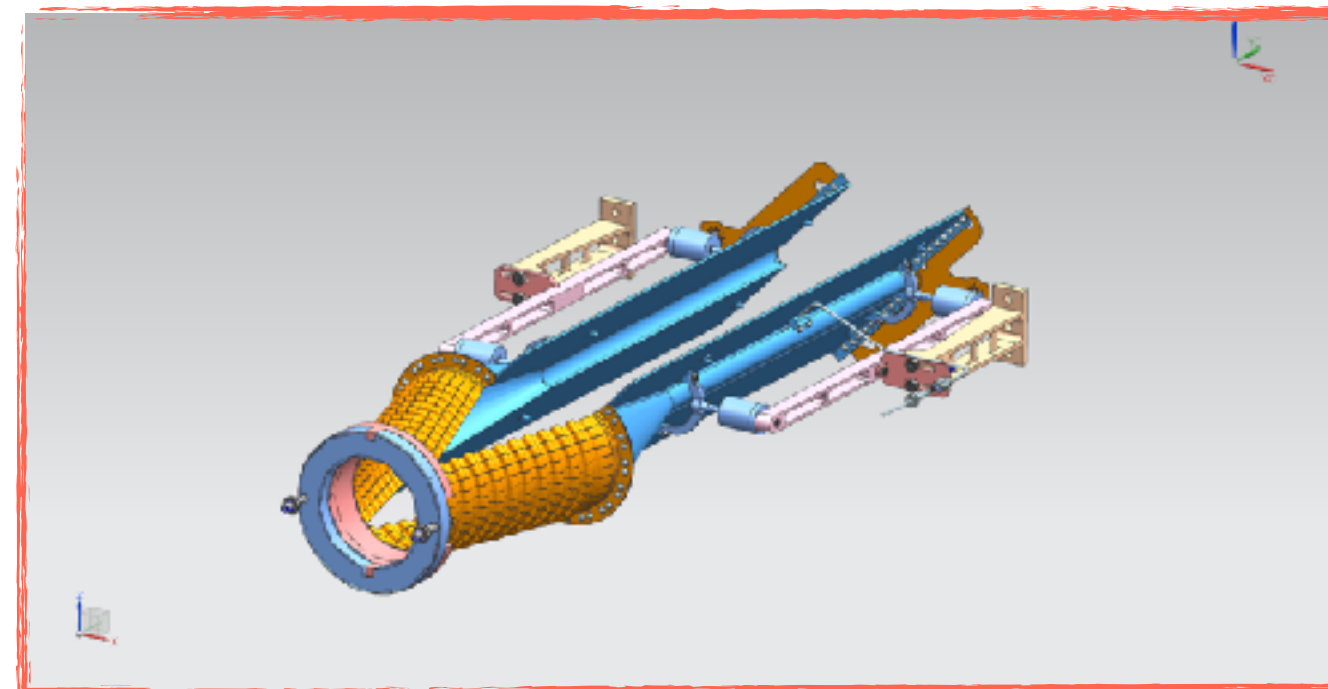
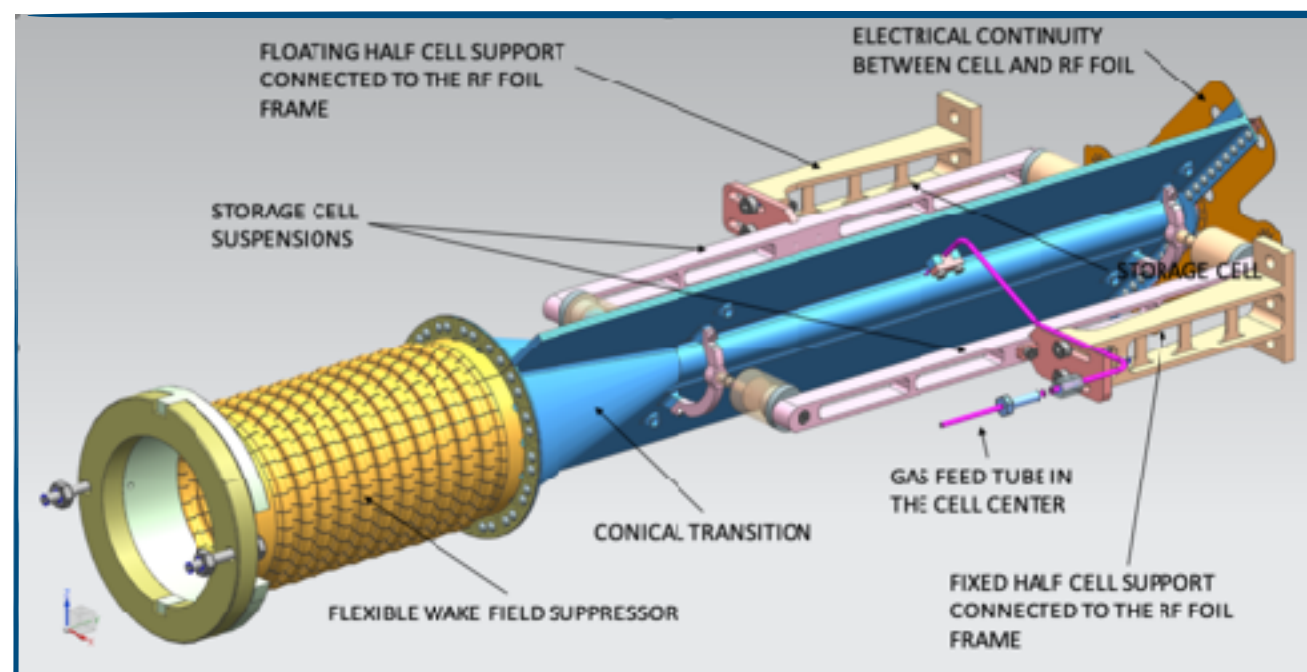
Tracking system momentum resolution
 $\Delta p/p = 0.5\% - 1.0\%$ (5 GeV/c - 100 GeV/c)

beam-beam collisions

beam-gas collisions

Storage cell

Openable cell



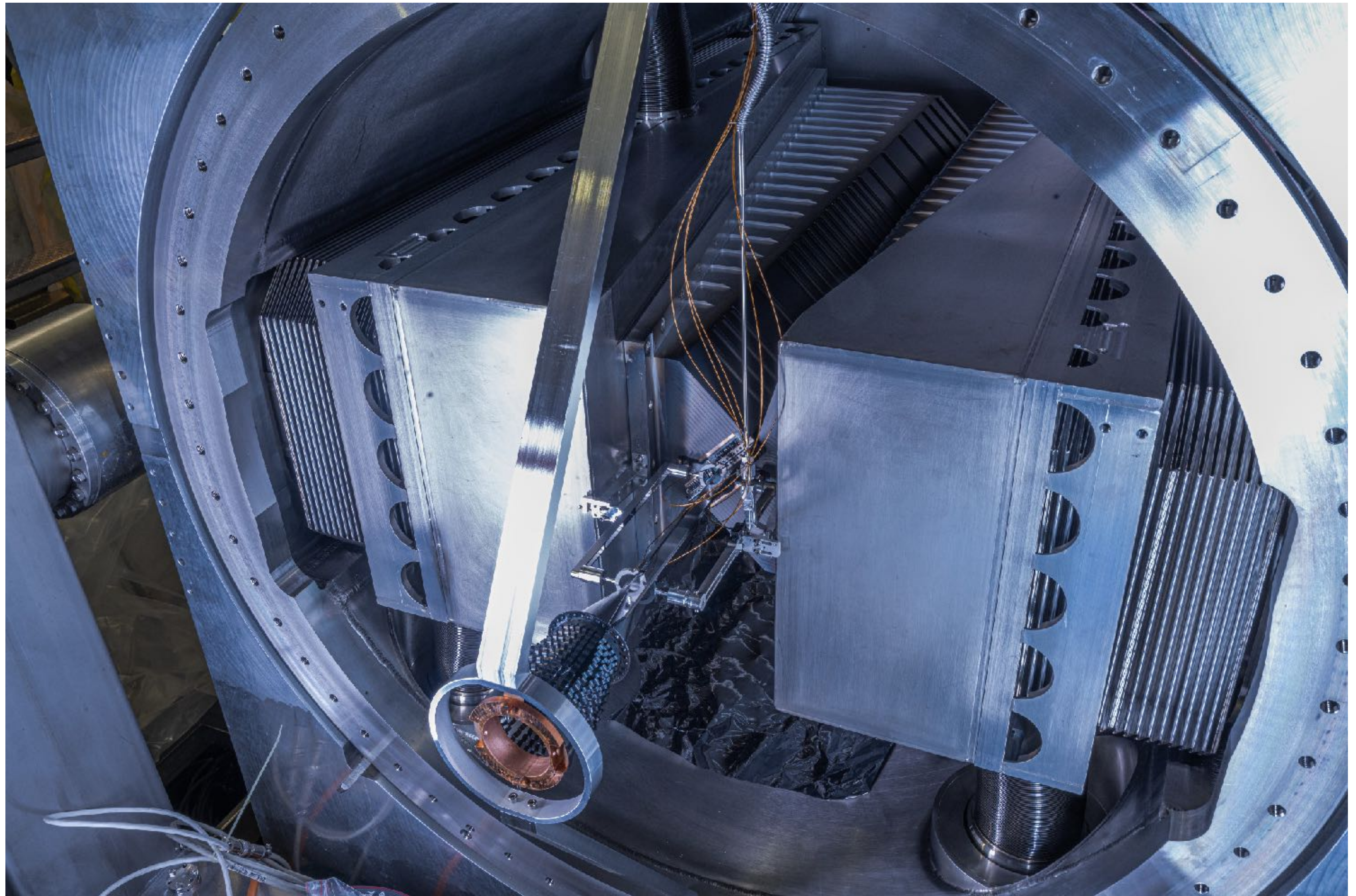
5 mm radius x 200 mm length

SMDQ2

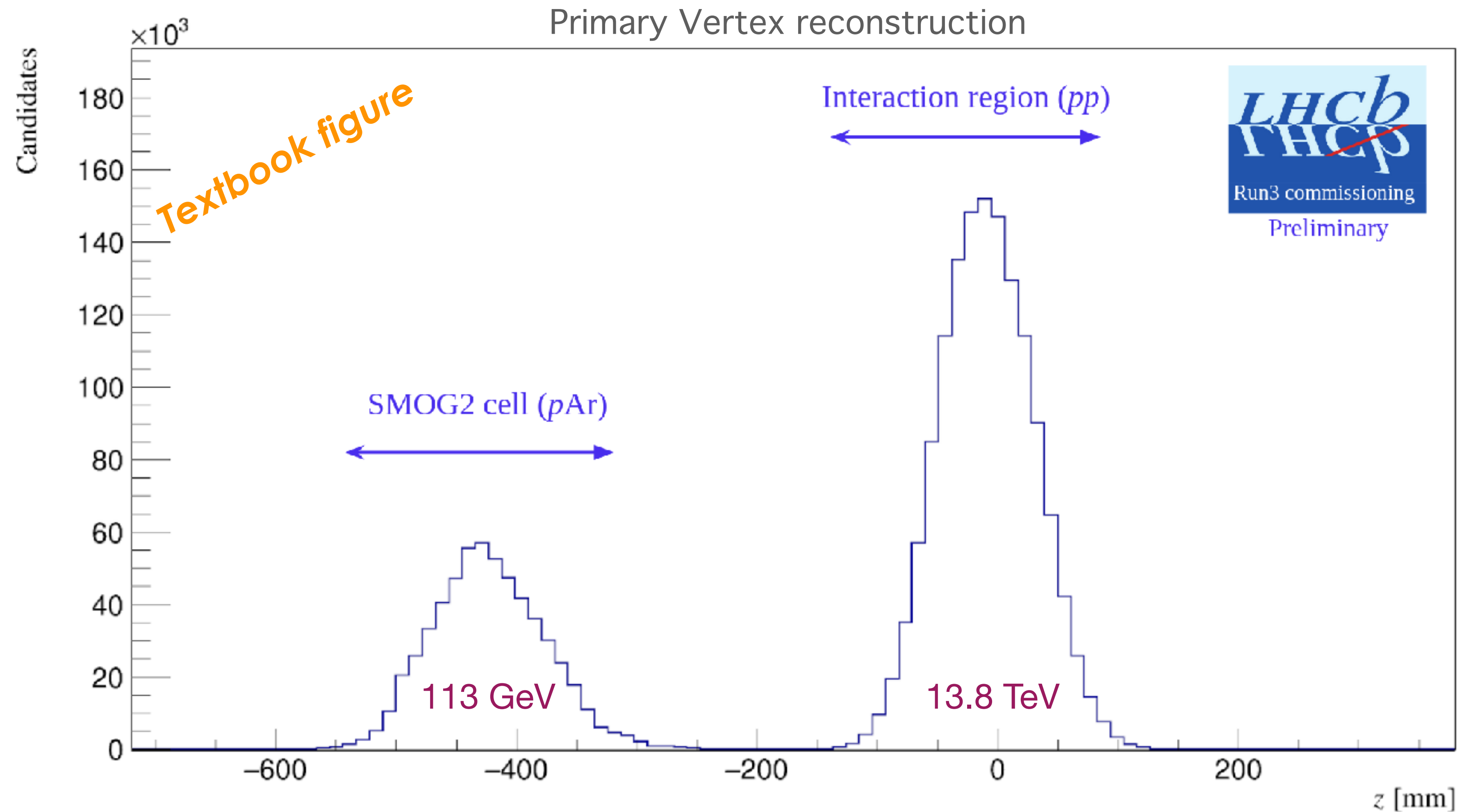
High-density gas
target at the LHCb
experiment

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It is the only system
present in the LHC
primary vacuum

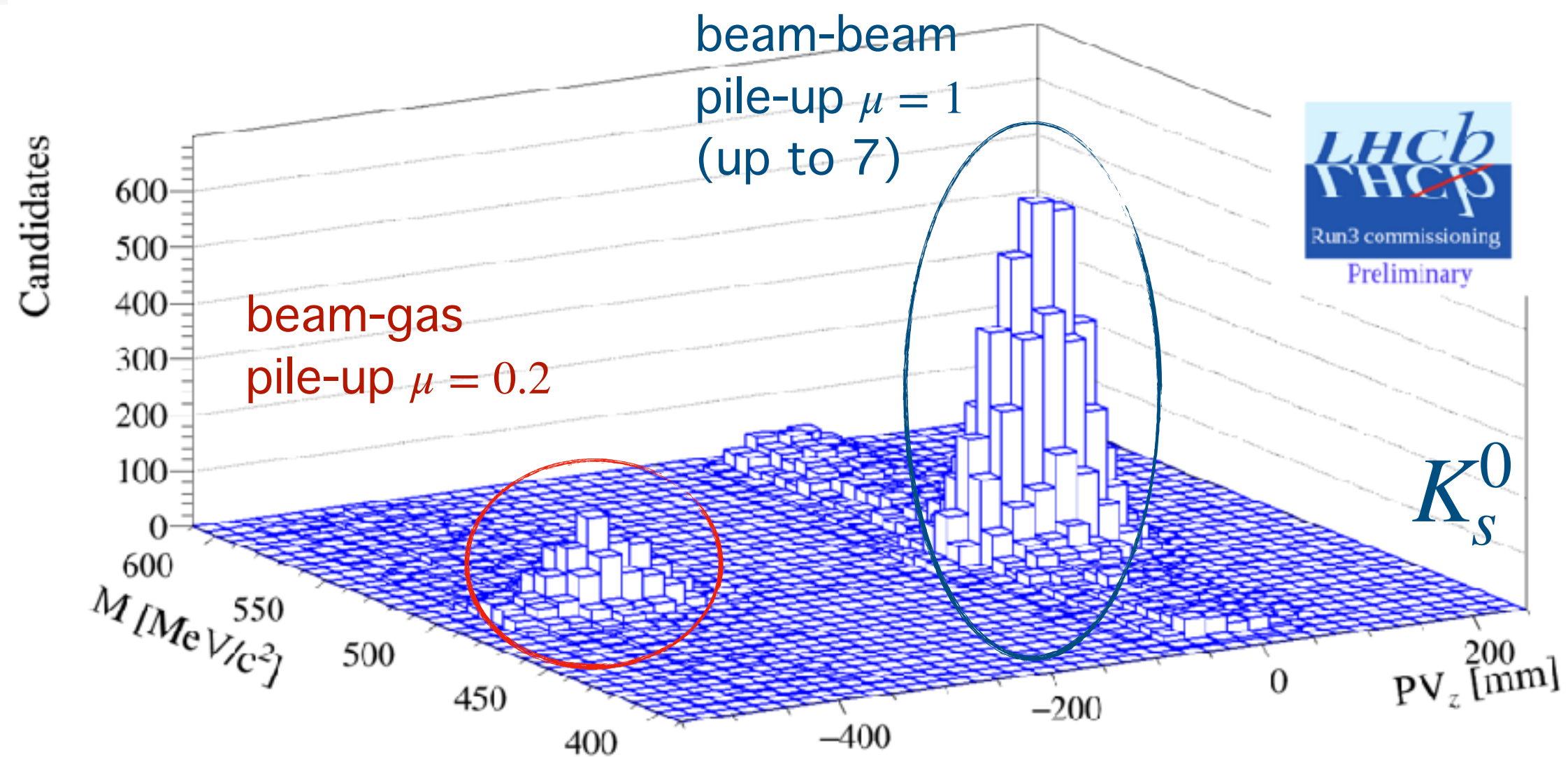


SMOG2 ... it really works



Two well separated and independent Interaction Points working simultaneously

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$$\sigma_{J/\Psi} = 16.9 \text{ MeV for } p\text{H}_2 \text{ only}$$

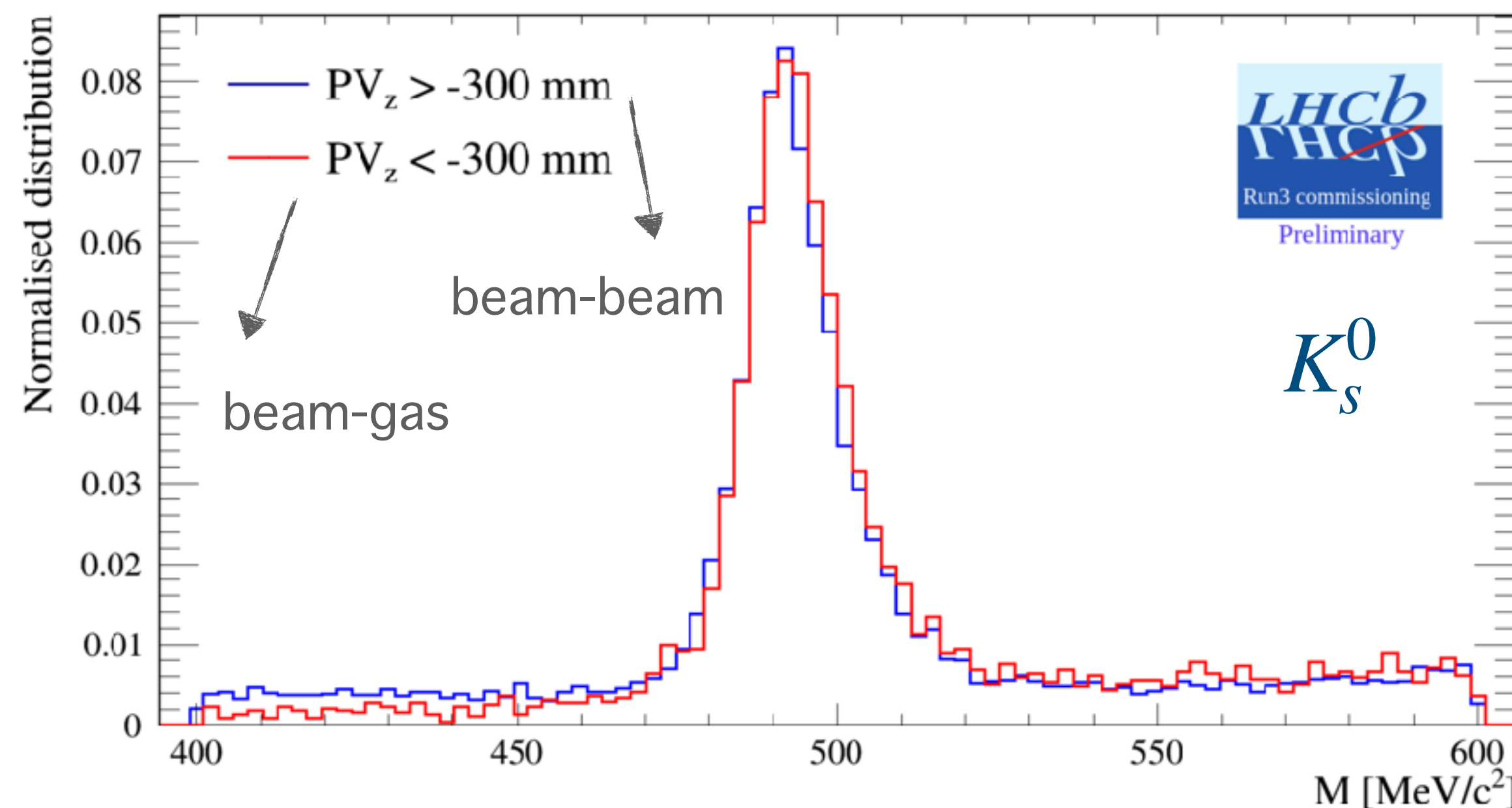
$$\sigma_{J/\Psi} = 17.2 \text{ MeV for } p\text{H}_2 + pp$$

$$\sigma_{\Psi(2S)} = 21.6 \text{ MeV for } p\text{H}_2 \text{ only}$$

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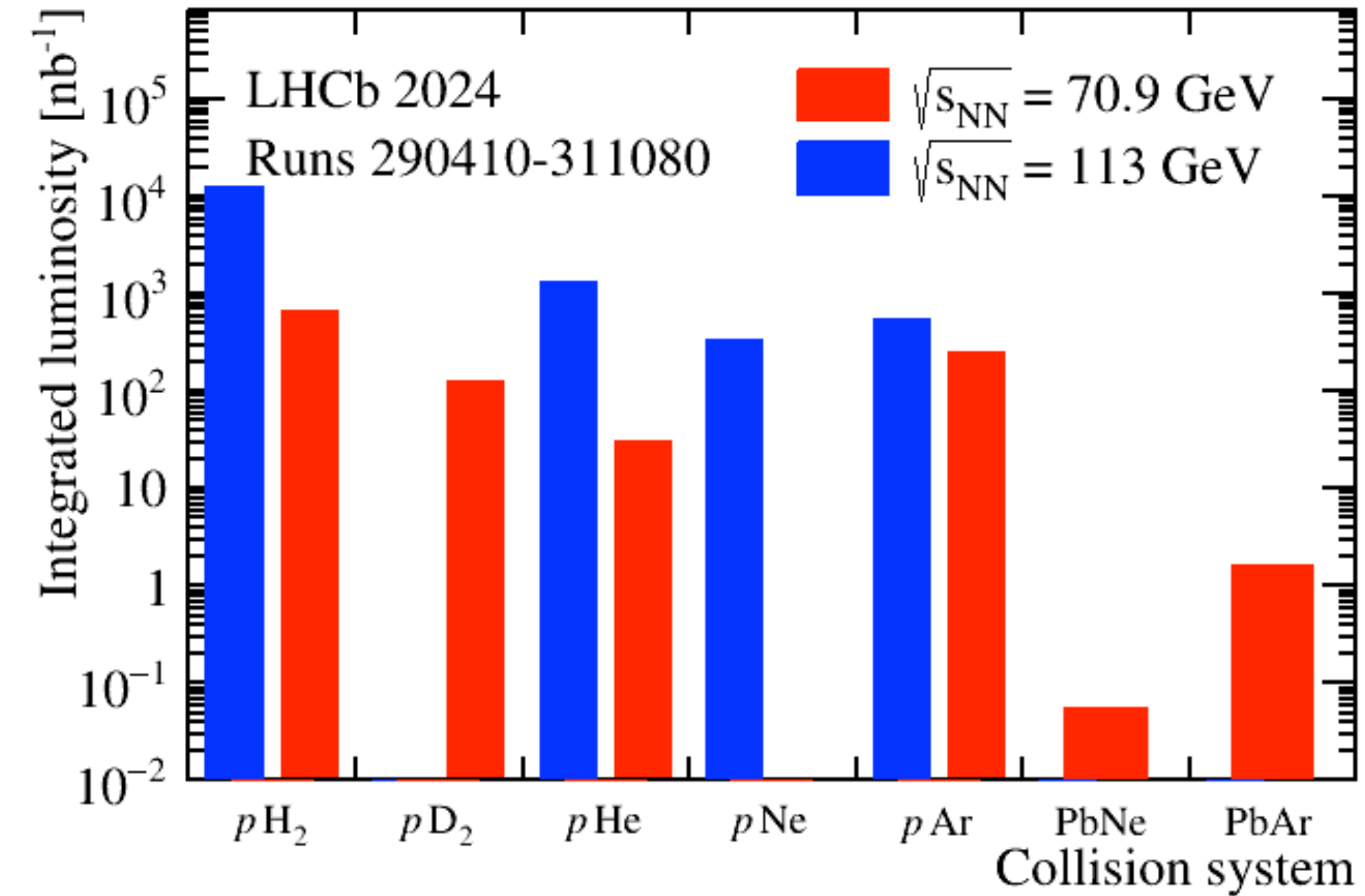
$$\sigma_{D^0} = 8.8 \text{ MeV for } p\text{H}_2 \text{ only}$$

$$\sigma_{D^0} = 8.9 \text{ MeV for } p\text{H}_2 + pp$$



The spectrometer behaves in the same, excellent, way in case of: pp alone / pp+pgas / pgas alone

Luminosity collected on 2024



Large statistics!

Rule of thumb: 100 J/Ψ reconstructed per minute!
In 6 months of data taking $\gg 1$ M of reconstructed D^0

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

*A lot of results have already been published,
and much more will come*

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The physics goals of  ... just a quick overview

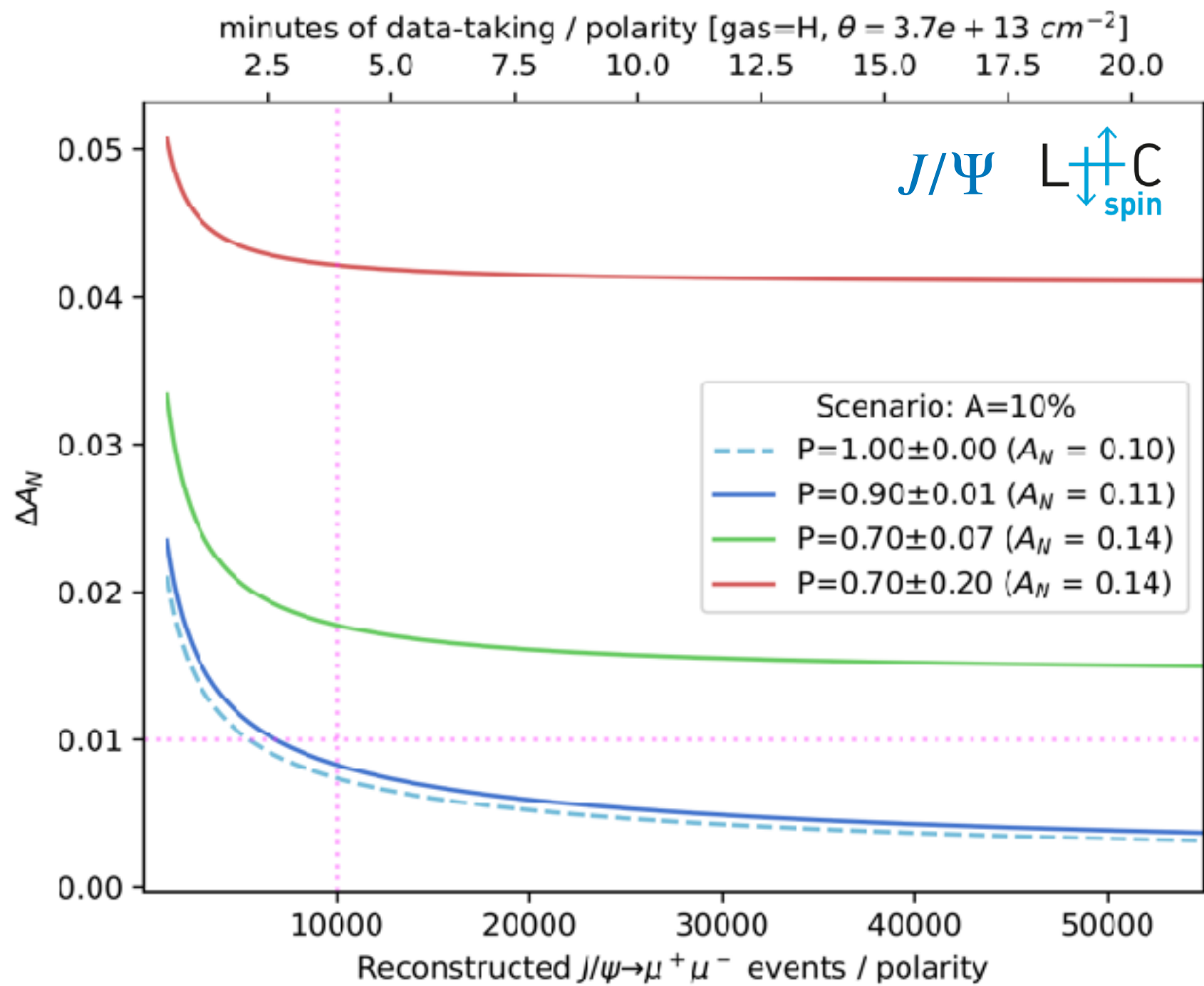
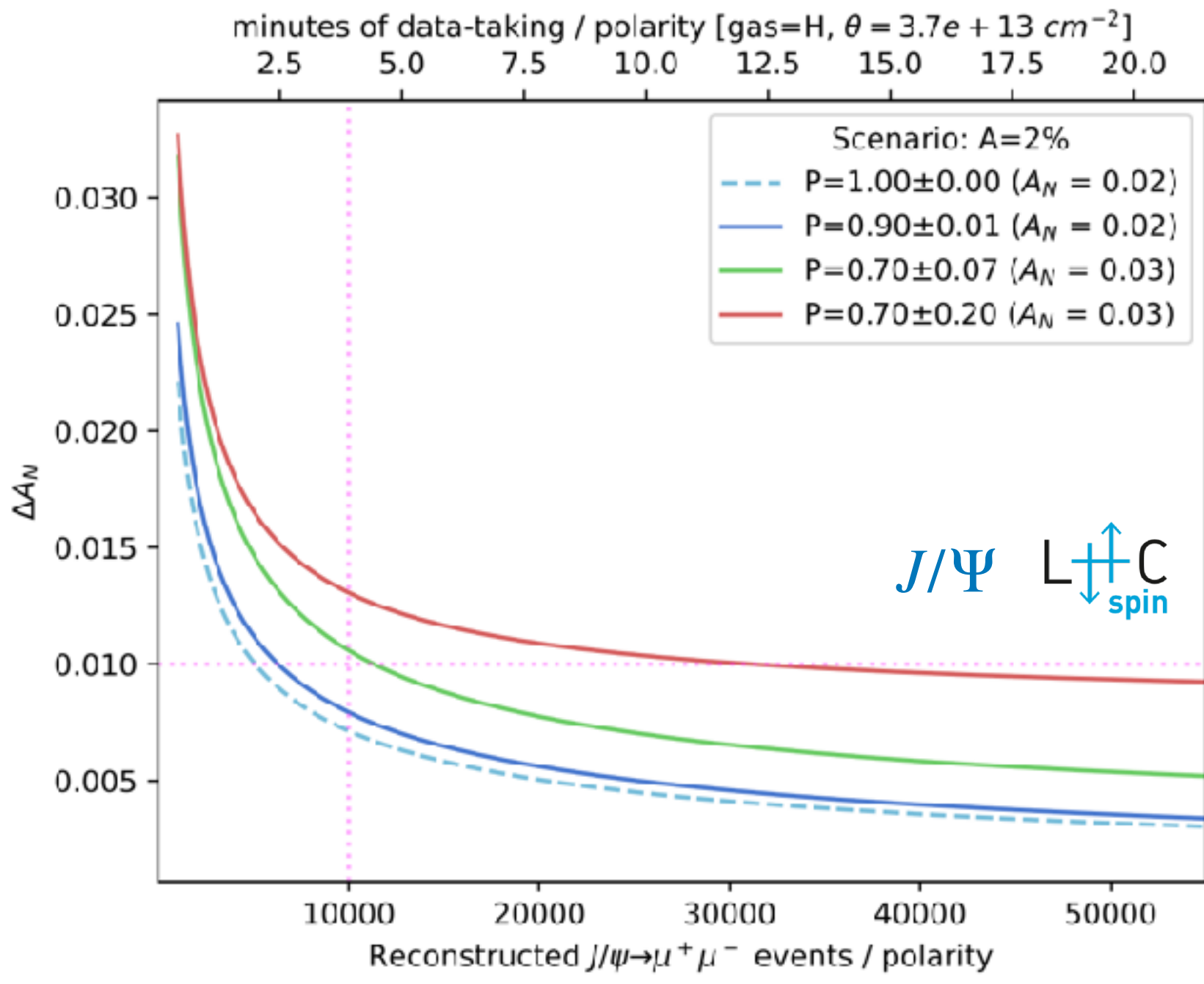
- Multi-dimensional nucleon structure in a poorly explored kinematic domain
- Measure experimental observables sensitive to both **quarks and gluons TMDs**
- **Make use of new probes (charmed and beauty mesons)**
- Complement present and future SIDIS results
- Test non-trivial process dependence of quarks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

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

Channel	Events / week	Total yield
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.3×10^7 !!	1.5×10^9
$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	6.5×10^7	7.8×10^9
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.3×10^5	2.8×10^7
$J/\psi J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (DPS)	8.5	1.0×10^3
$J/\psi J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (SPS)	2.5×10^1	3.1×10^3
Drell Yan ($5 < M_{\mu\mu} < 9$ GeV)	7.4×10^3	8.8×10^5
$\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	5.6×10^3	6.7×10^5
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$	1.3×10^6	1.5×10^8

Statistics further enhanced by a factor 3-5 in LHCb upgrade II



Huge statistics

reconstructed particles

Comparing $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

PHENIX: 2006 and 2008 data

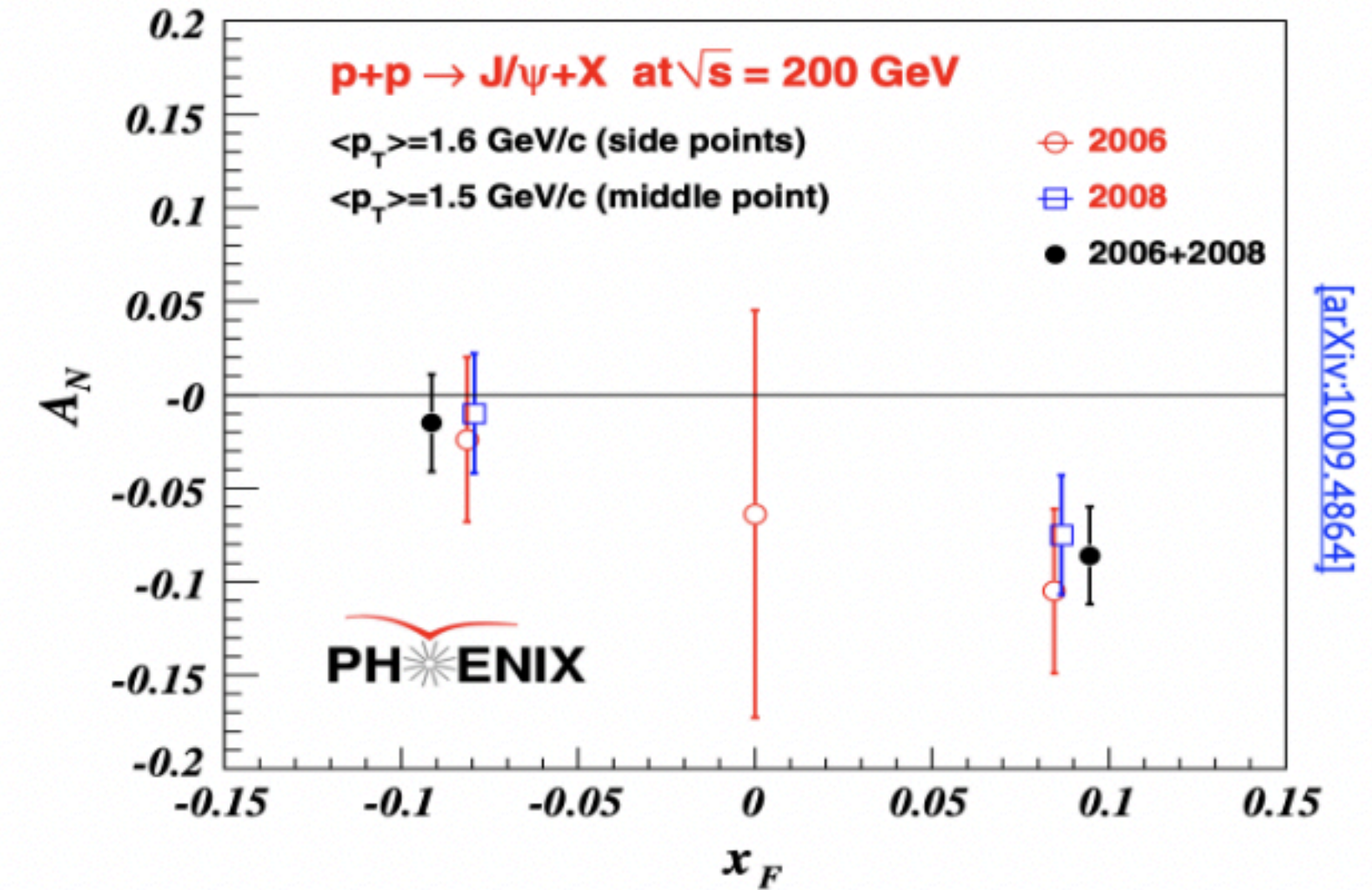
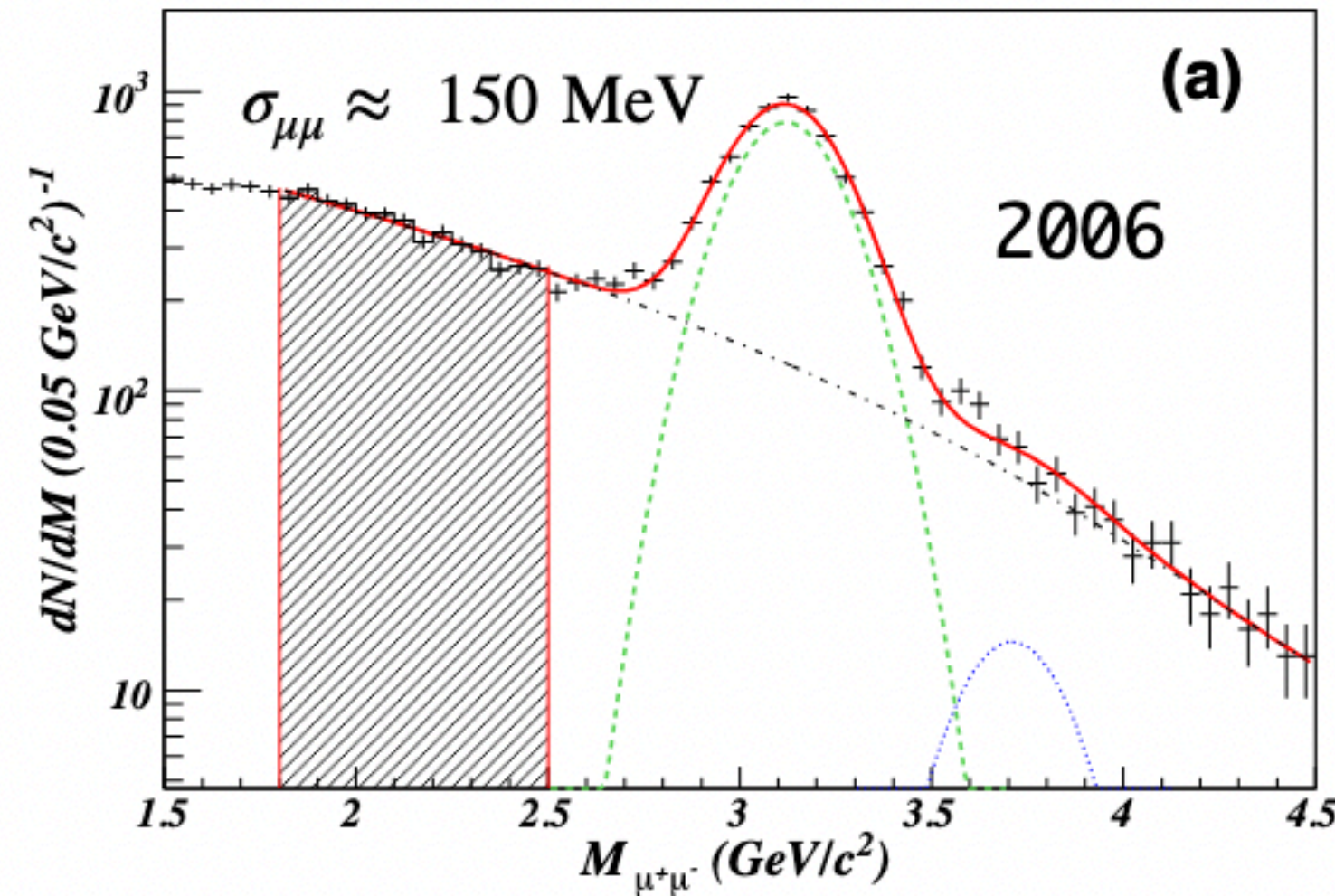
LHCspin strength point and uniqueness will be **heavy flavours**, mostly unexplored by existing facilities with the exception of the J/Ψ , for which measurements have been performed at PHENIX and COMPASS:

- PHENIX: ~ 21k signal candidates (2006 + 2008 data) at LHCspin they can be collected in ~10 minutes (cell) or ~7 hours (jet)

- Mass resolution: LHCb nominal $\sigma_{\mu\mu} \simeq 13$ MeV at the mass J/Ψ and $\sigma_{\mu\mu} \simeq 42$ MeV at the mass Υ mass

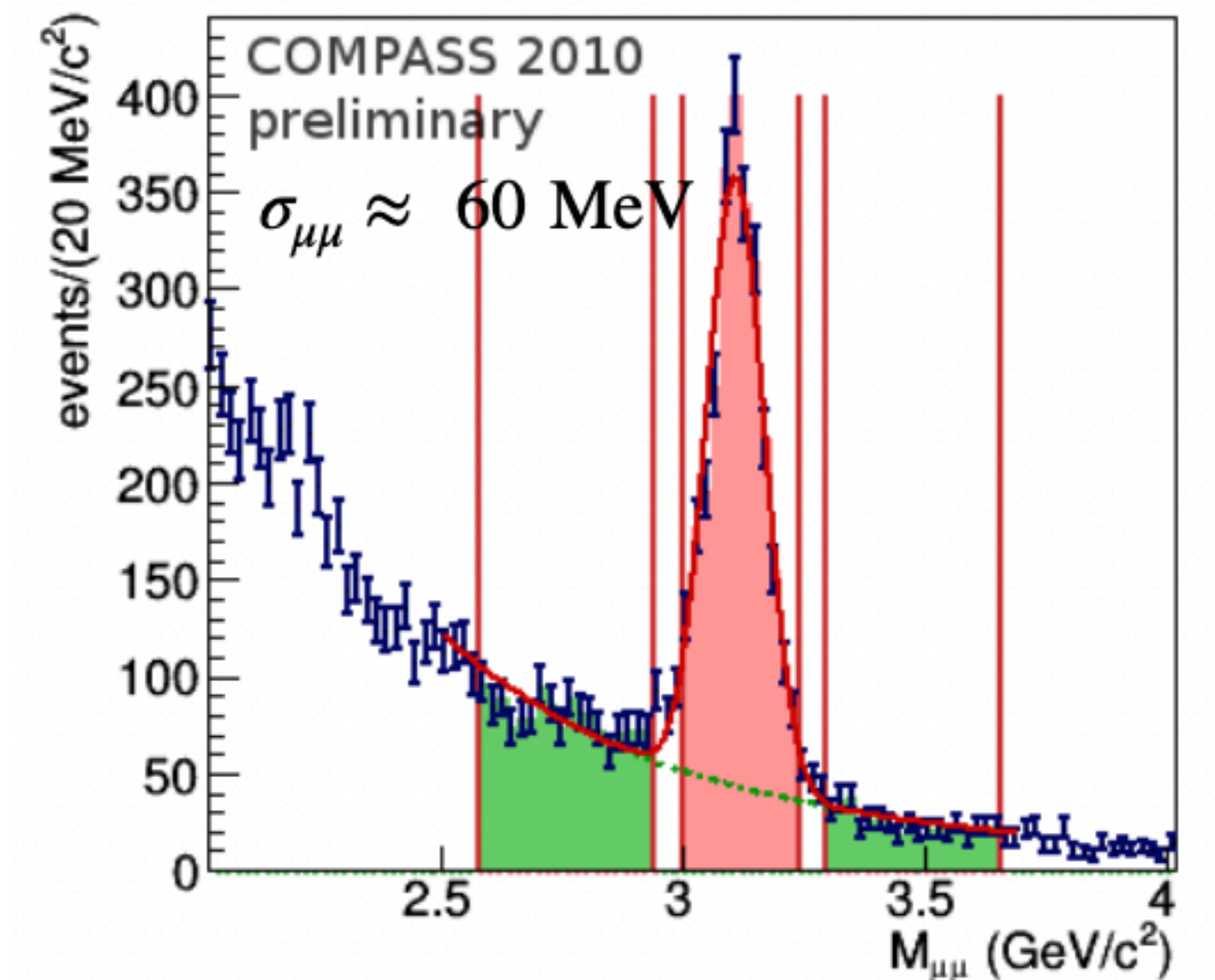
- Can also measure excited states & heavier mesons

we can greatly complement these results with high precision measurements and much larger kinematic coverage!



[arXiv:1009.4864]

COMPASS: 2010 data

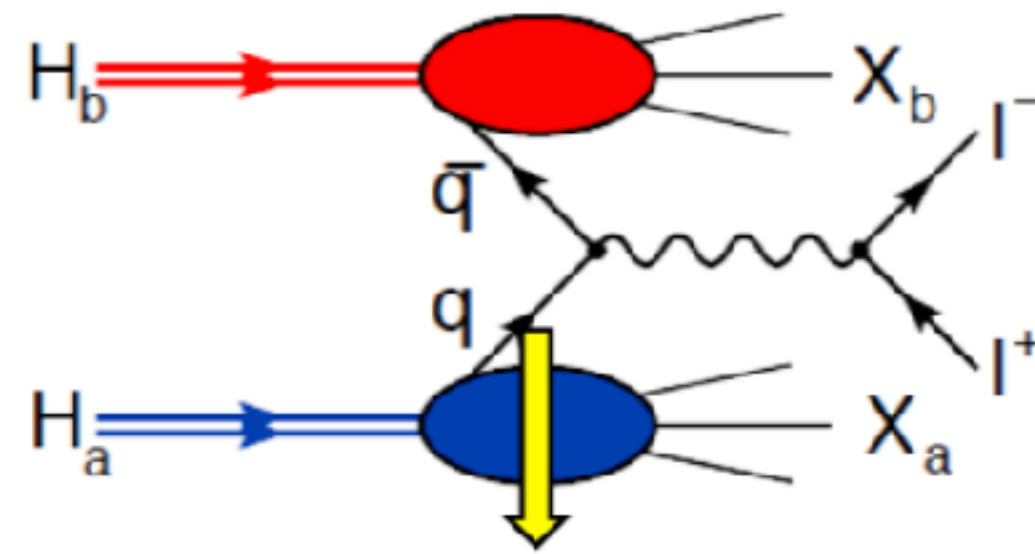


[2016 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 678 012050]

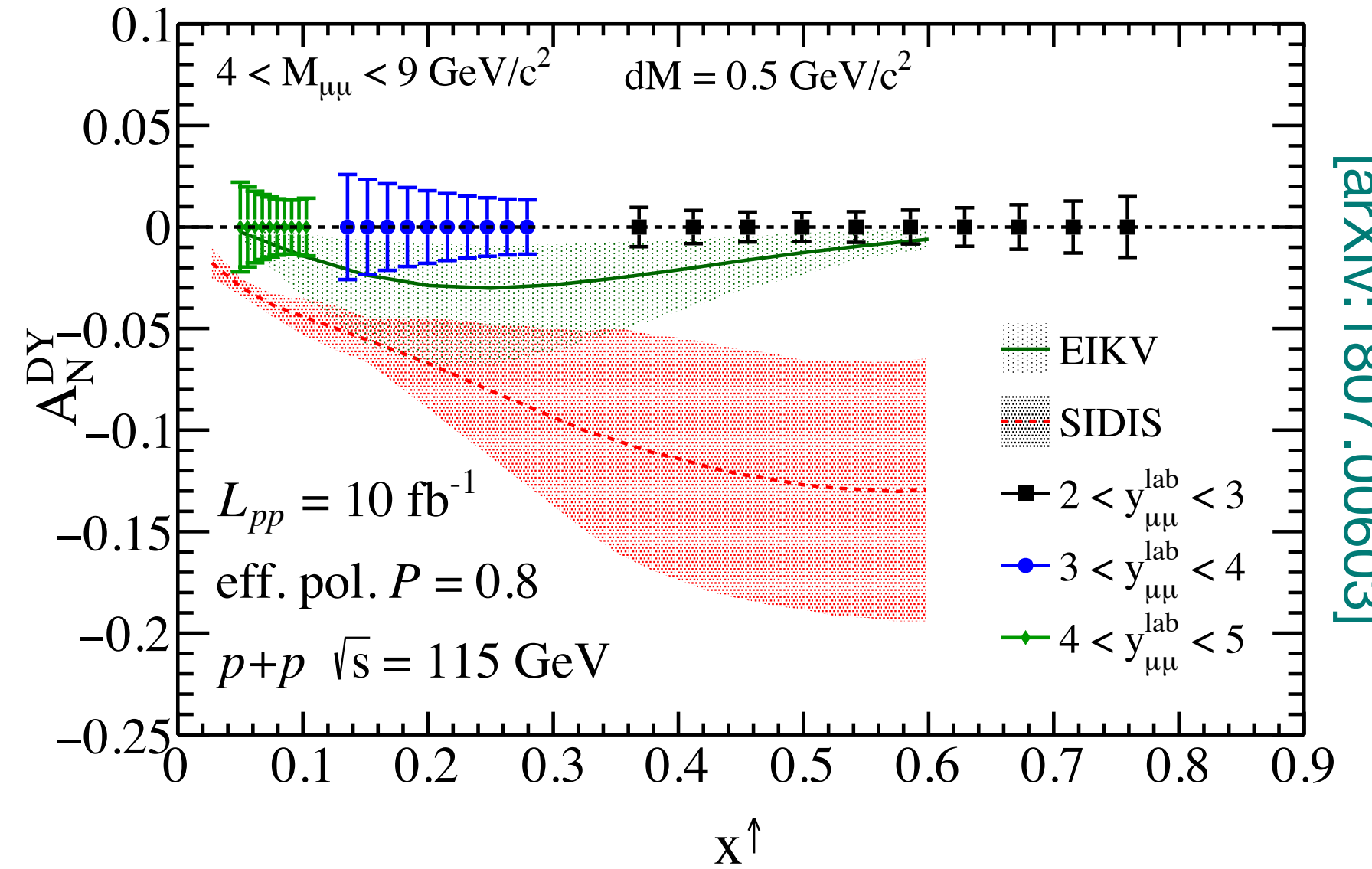
Quark TMDs

		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



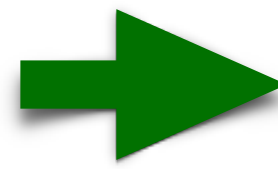
[arXiv:1807.00603]

- Sensitive to quark TMDs through TSSAs

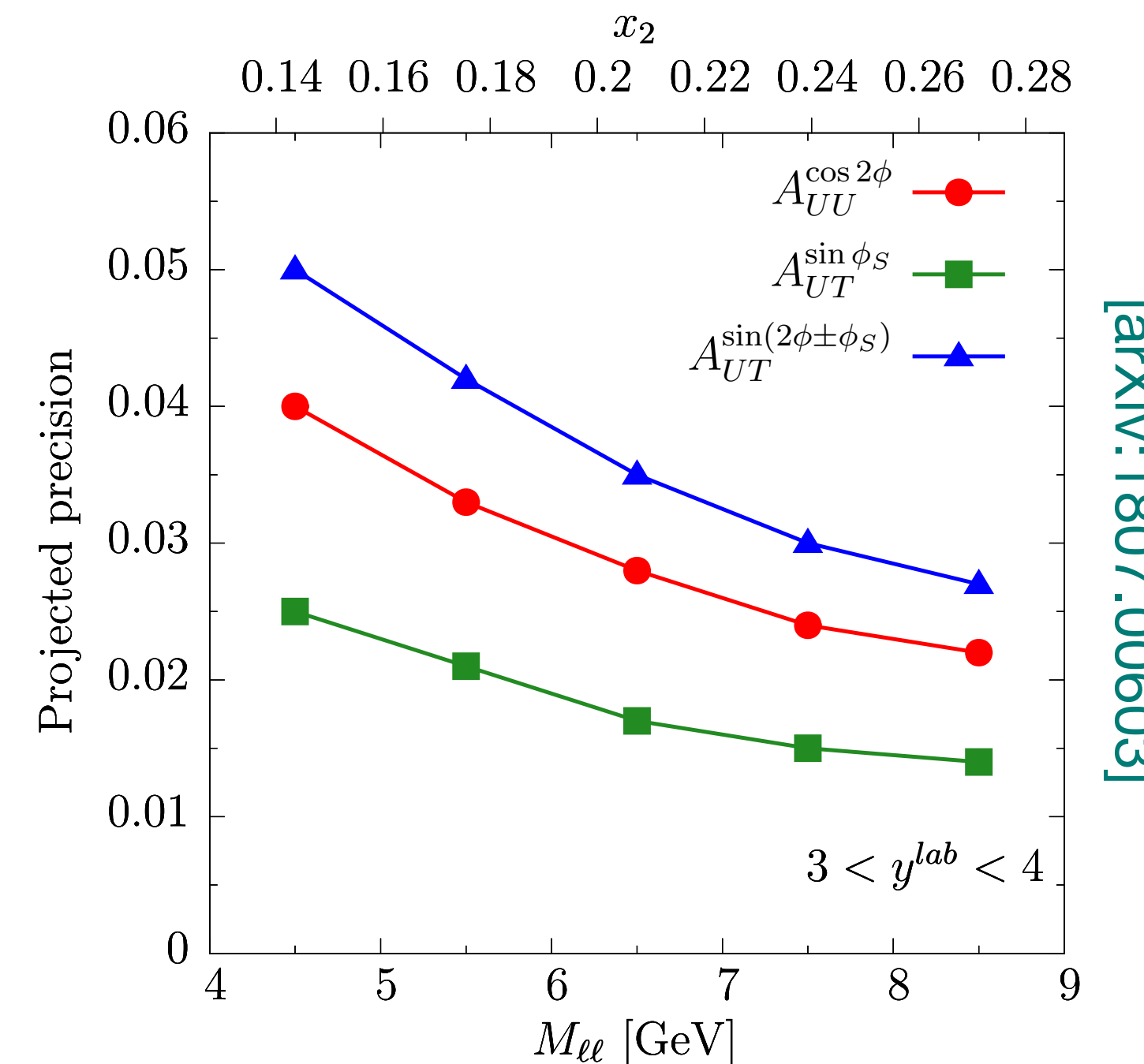
$$A_N^{DY} = \frac{1}{P} \frac{\sigma_{DY}^\uparrow - \sigma_{DY}^\downarrow}{\sigma_{DY}^\uparrow + \sigma_{DY}^\downarrow} \Rightarrow A_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S} \sim \frac{f_1^q \otimes f_{1T}^{\perp q}}{f_1^q \otimes f_1^q}, \quad A_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi - \phi_S)} \sim \frac{h_1^{\perp q} \otimes h_1^q}{f_1^q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

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



[arXiv:1807.00603]

- 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

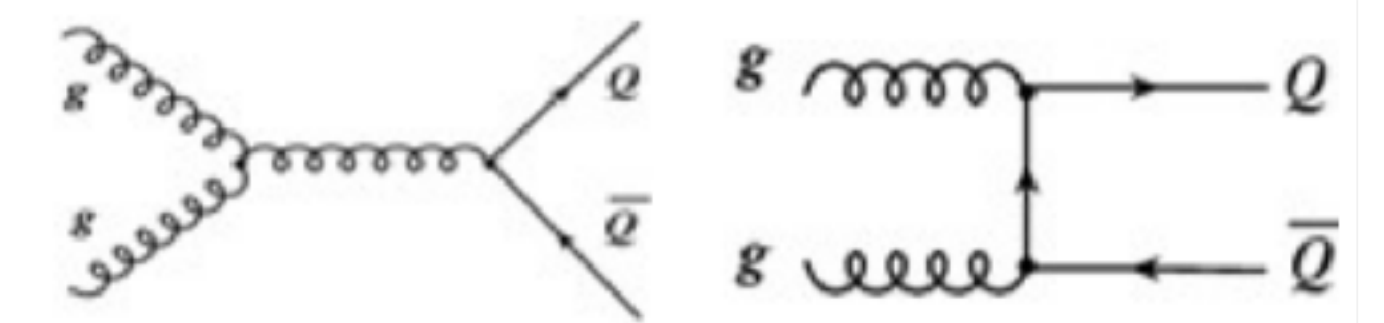
Gluon TMDs

Theory framework well consolidated, but experimental access still extremely limited

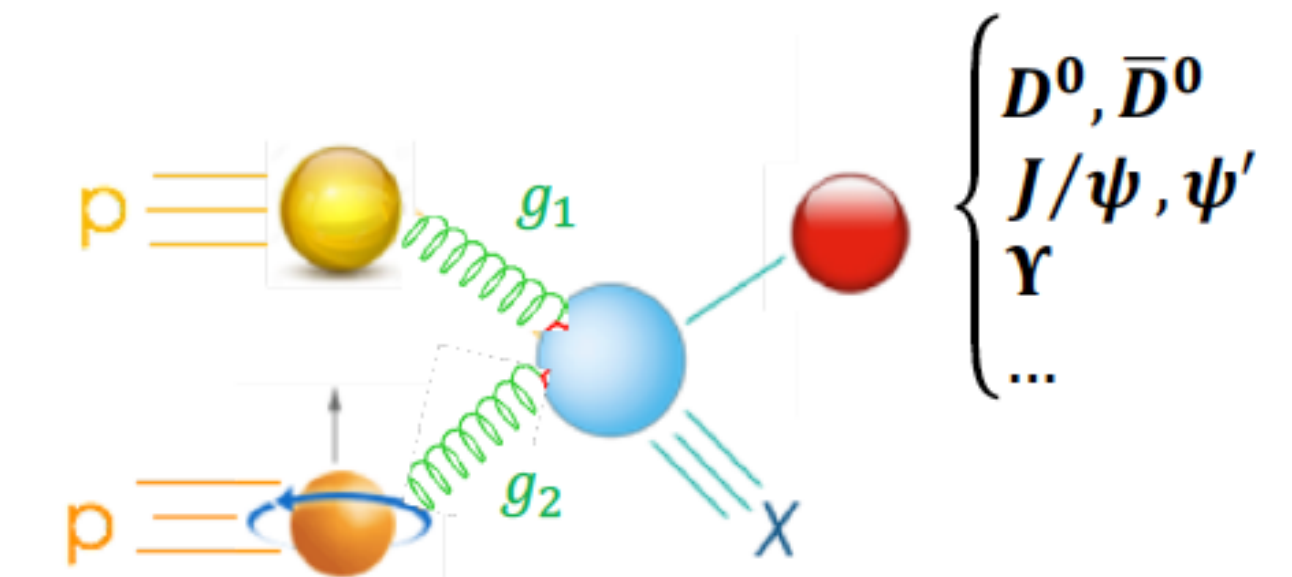
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	T	$f_{1T}^{\perp g}$	g_{1T}^g	$h_1^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$

The most efficient way to access the gluon dynamics inside the proton at LHC is to measure heavy-quark observables.

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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

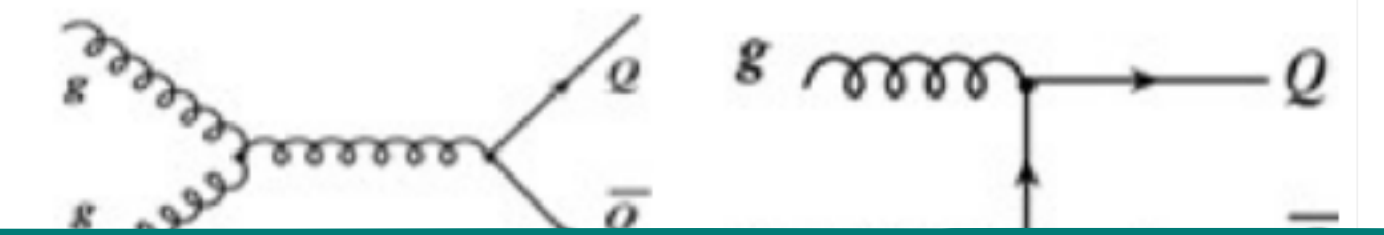
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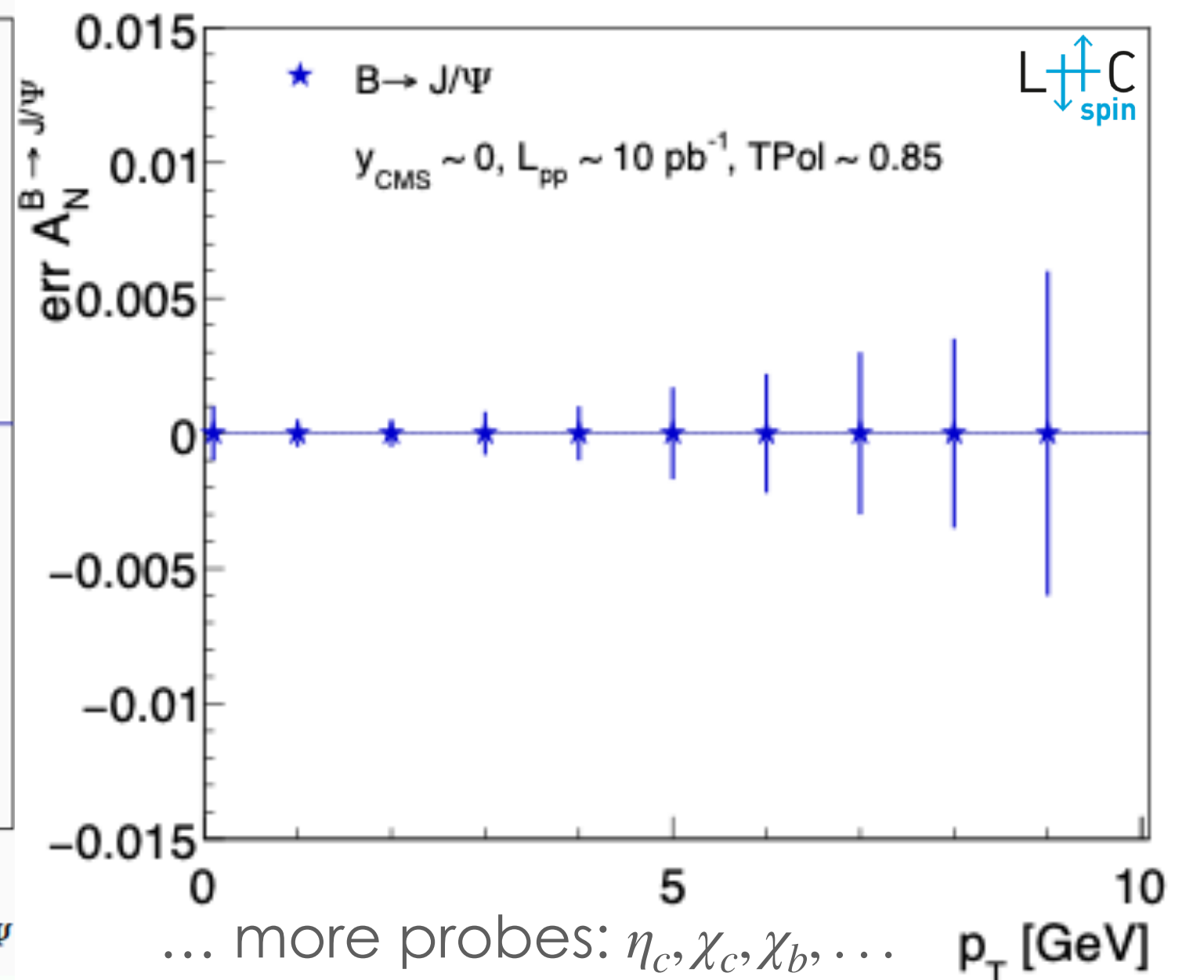
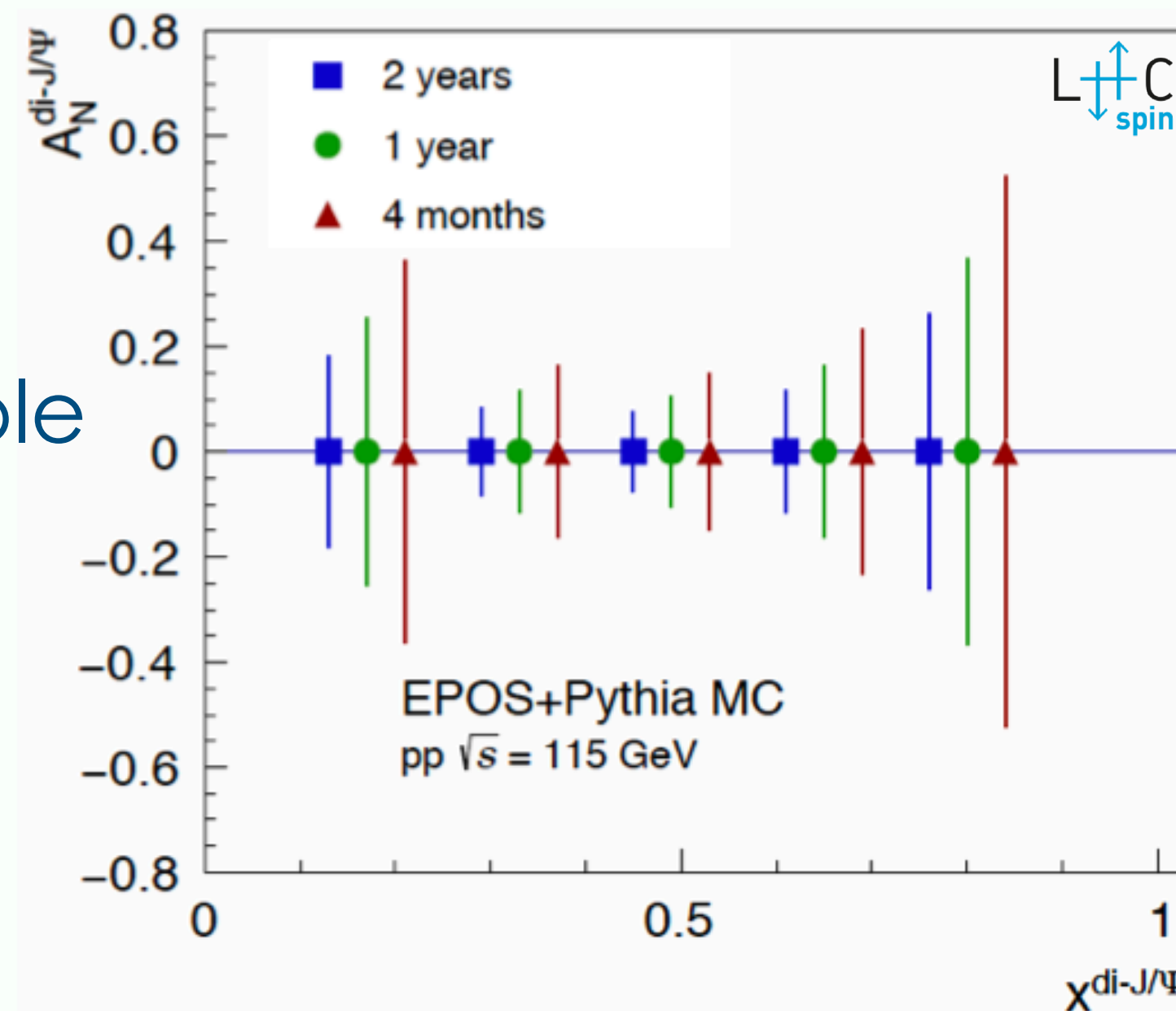
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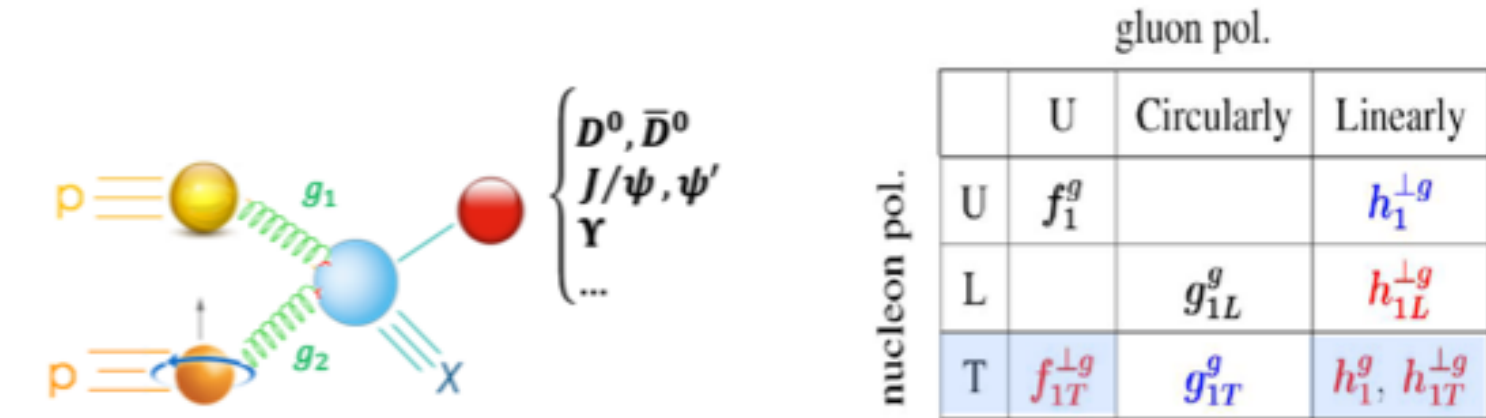
Gluon-induced asymmetries (unconstrained $h_1^{\perp g} + f_1^g$) accessible by, e.g., $di - J/\Psi$ or Υ production



... more probes: $\eta_c, \chi_c, \chi_b, \dots$

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Probing the Sivers function

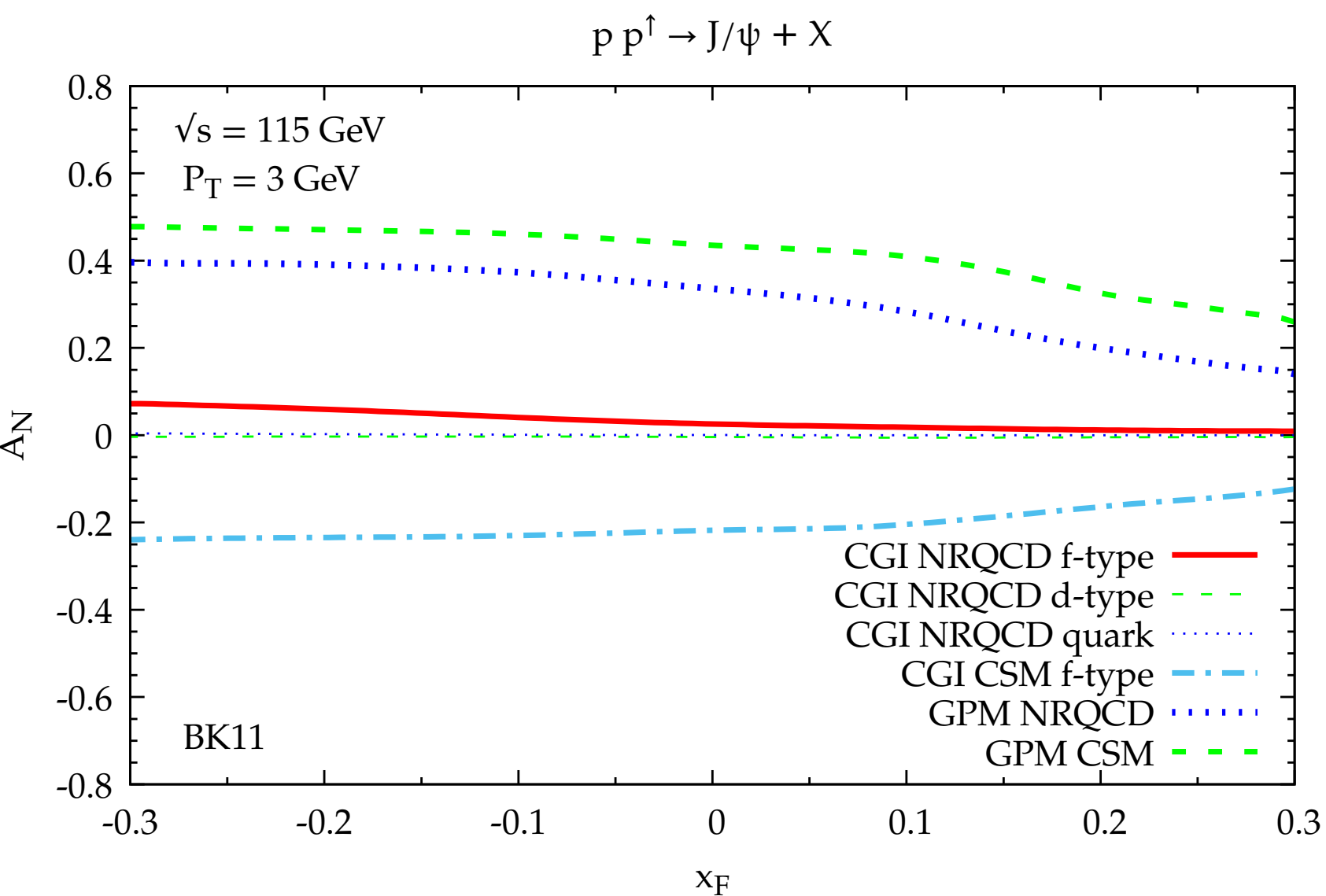


Can be accessed through the Fourier decomposition of the TSSAs for inclusive meson production

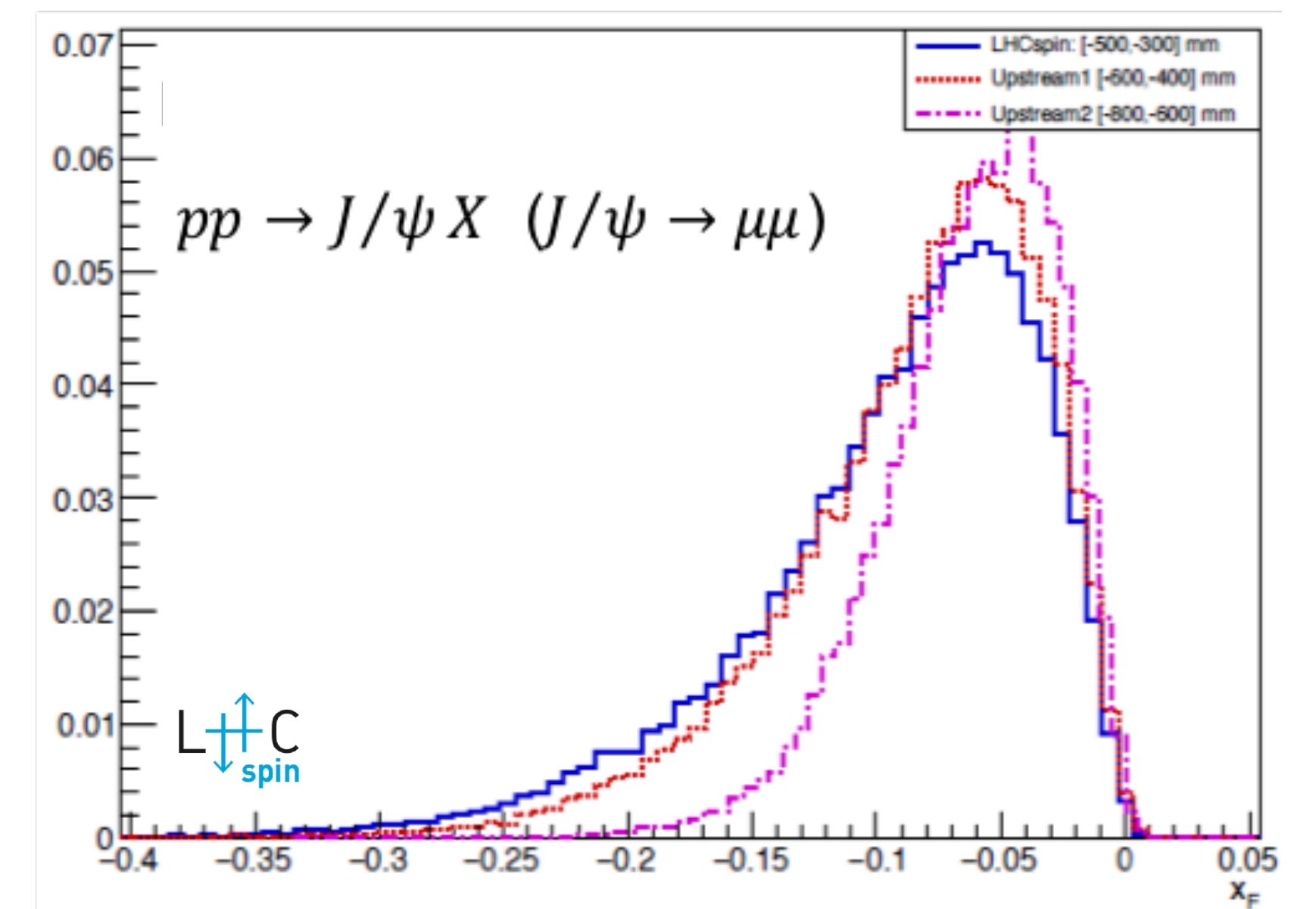
$$A_N = \frac{1}{P} \frac{\sigma^\uparrow - \sigma^\downarrow}{\sigma^\uparrow + \sigma^\downarrow} \propto \left[\underline{f_{1T}^{\perp g}}(x_a, k_{\perp a}) \otimes f_g(x_b, k_{\perp b}) \otimes d\sigma_{gg \rightarrow QQg} \right] \sin \phi_S + \dots$$

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



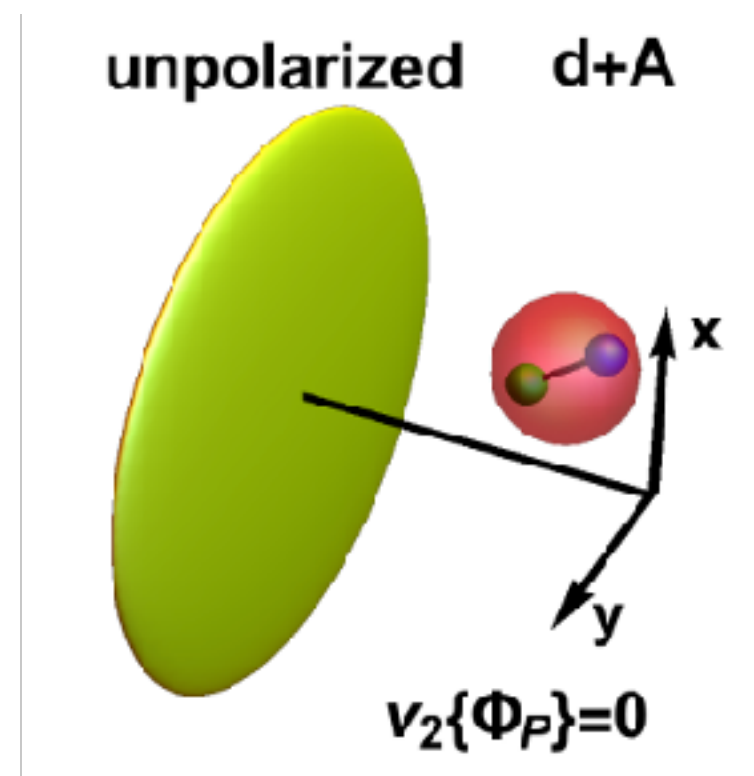
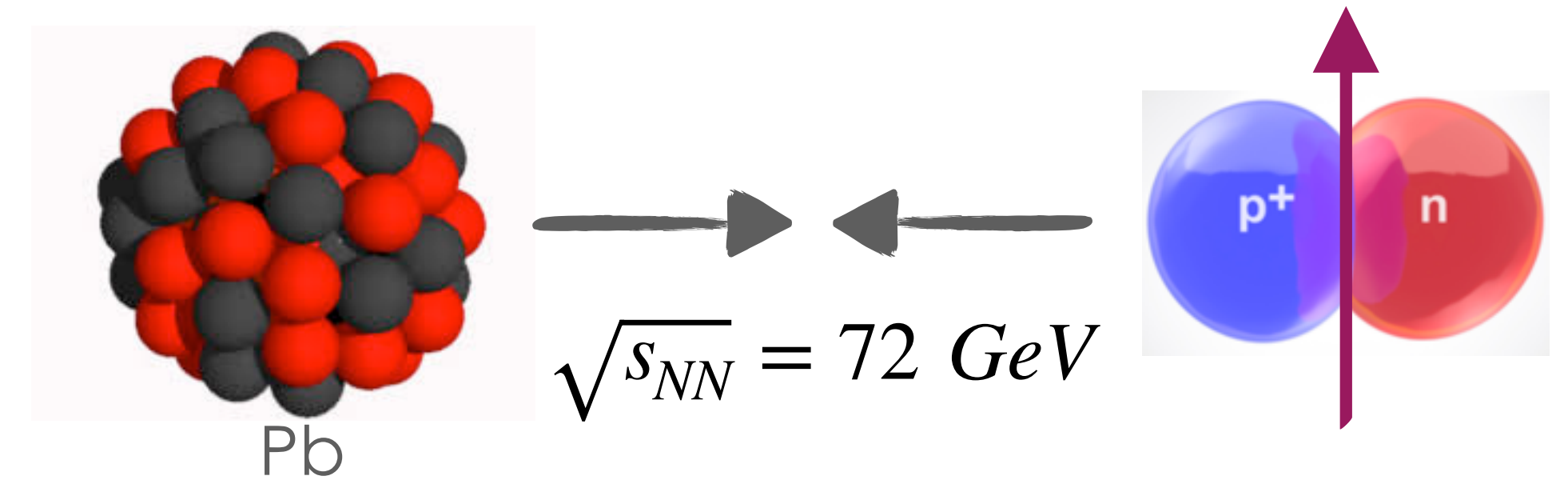
Predictions for J/Ψ production based on GPM & CGI-GPM
Expected amplitudes could be very large in the $x_F < 0$ region



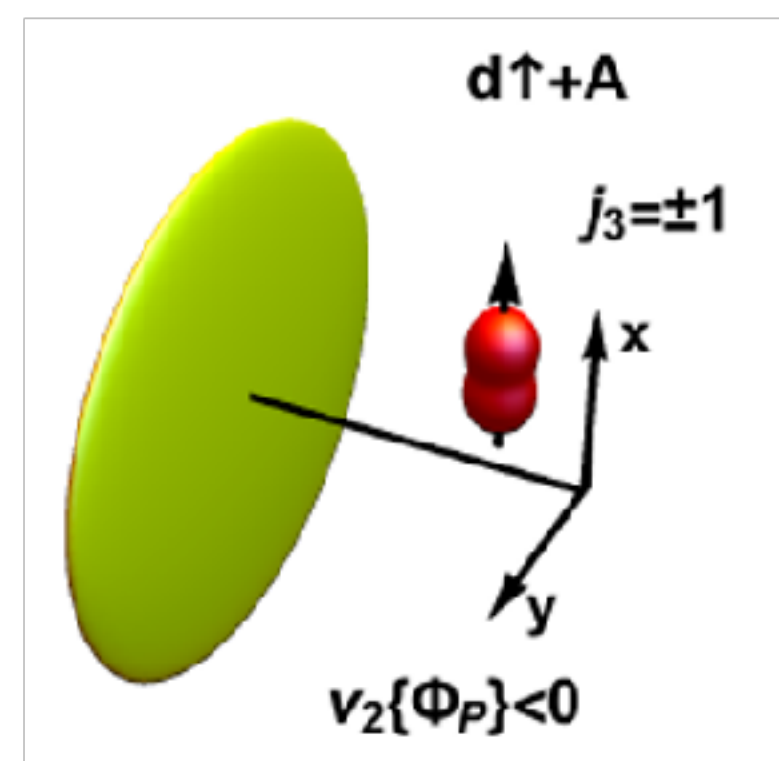
Spin physics in heavy-ion collisions

- probe collective phenomena in heavy-light systems through **ultra-relativistic collisions of heavy nuclei with trasv. pol. deuterons**

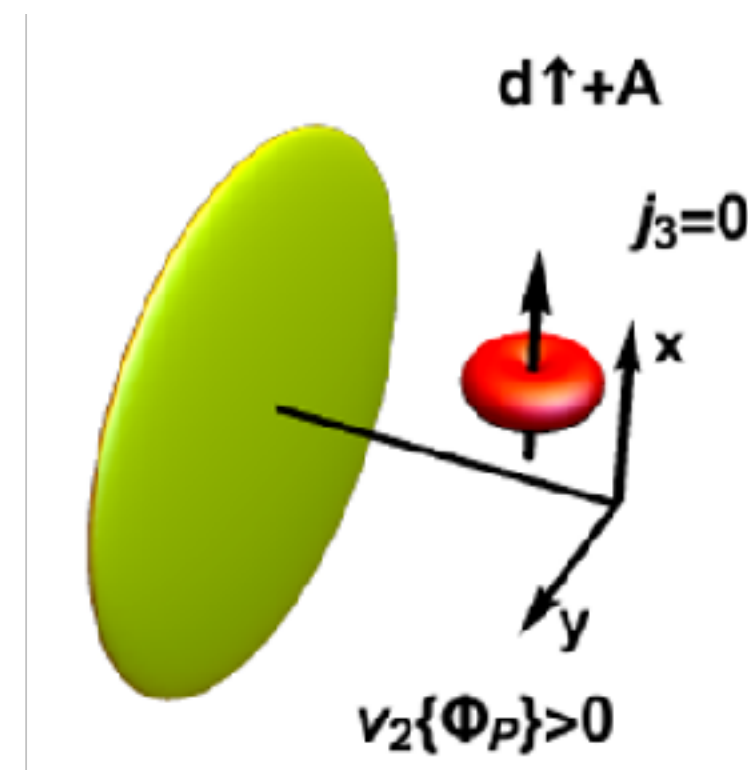
- polarized light target nuclei offer a unique opportunity to control the orientation of the formed fireball by measuring the **elliptic flow** relative to the polarization axis (**ellipticity**).



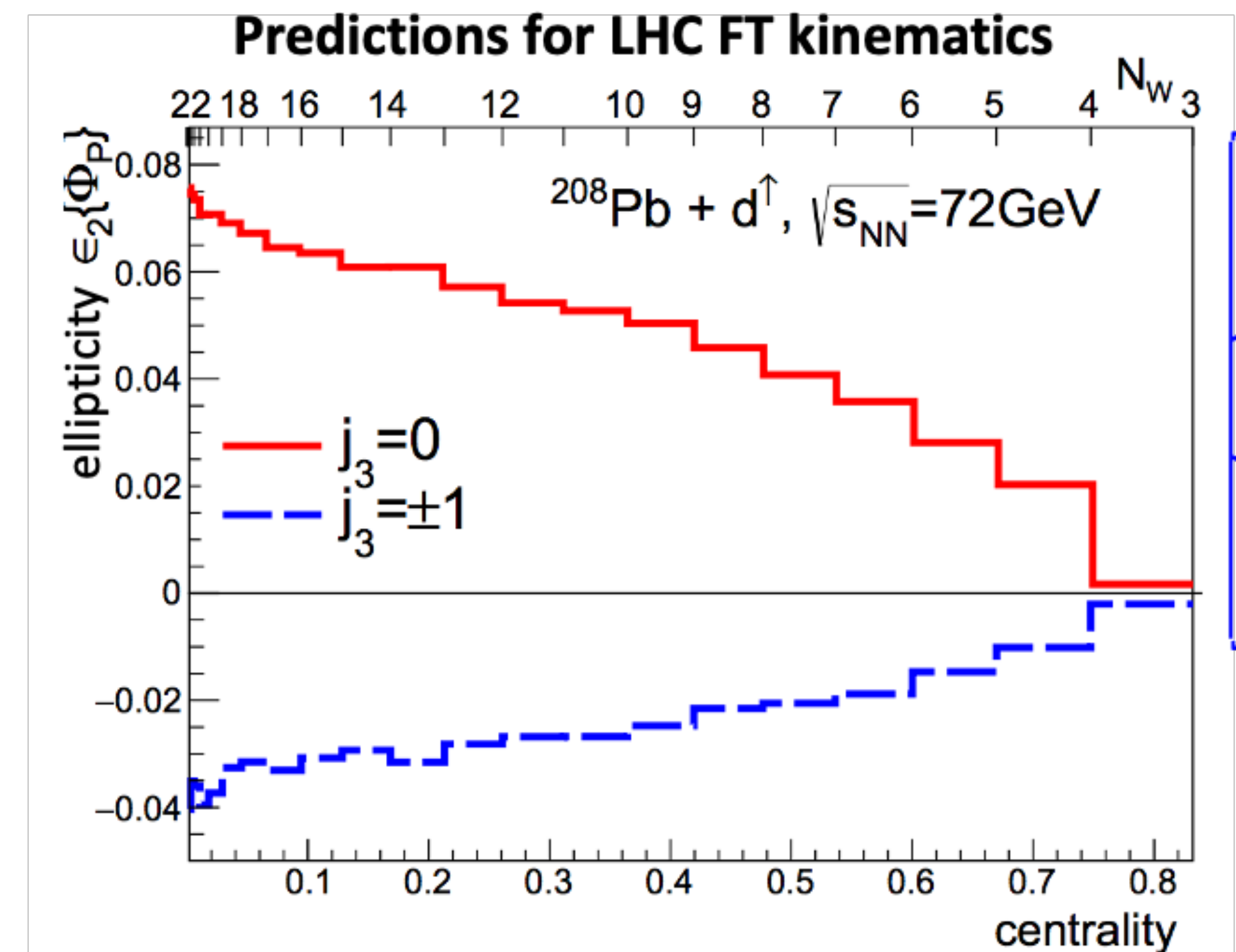
Unpol. deuterons: the fireball is azimuthally symmetric and $v_2 \approx 0$.



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



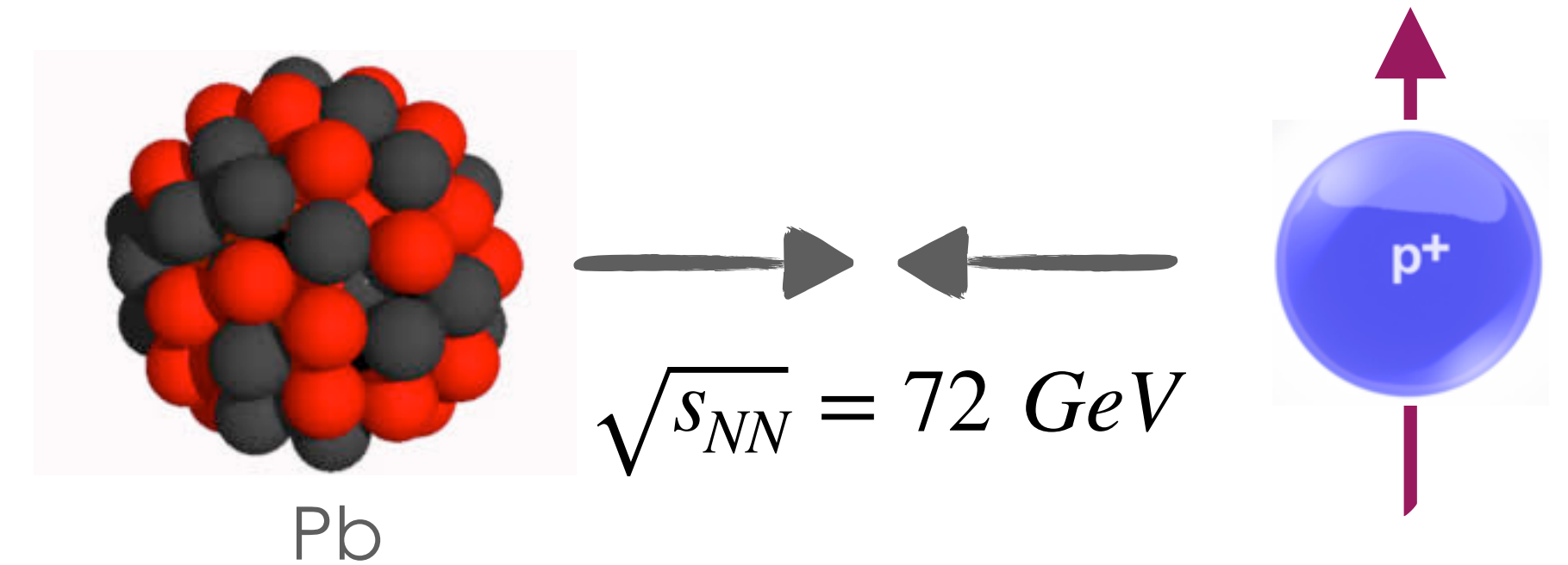
$j_3 = 0 \rightarrow$ oblate fireball corresponds to $v_2 > 0$



[PRC 101 (2020) 024901]

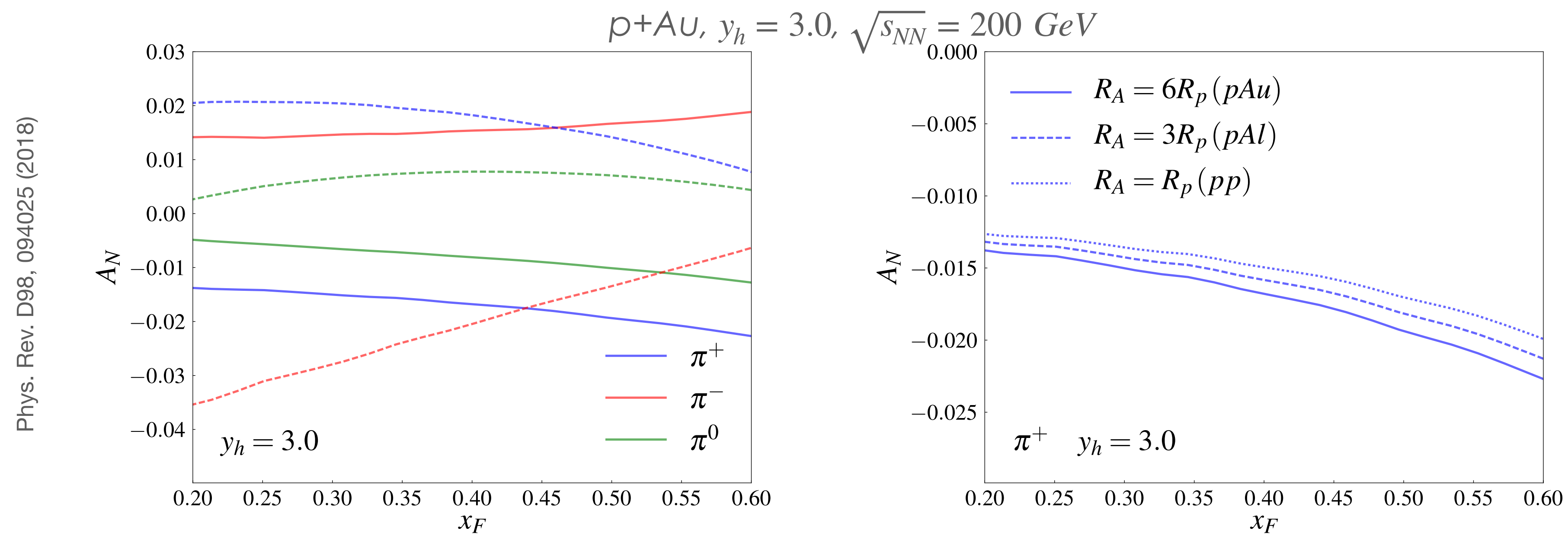
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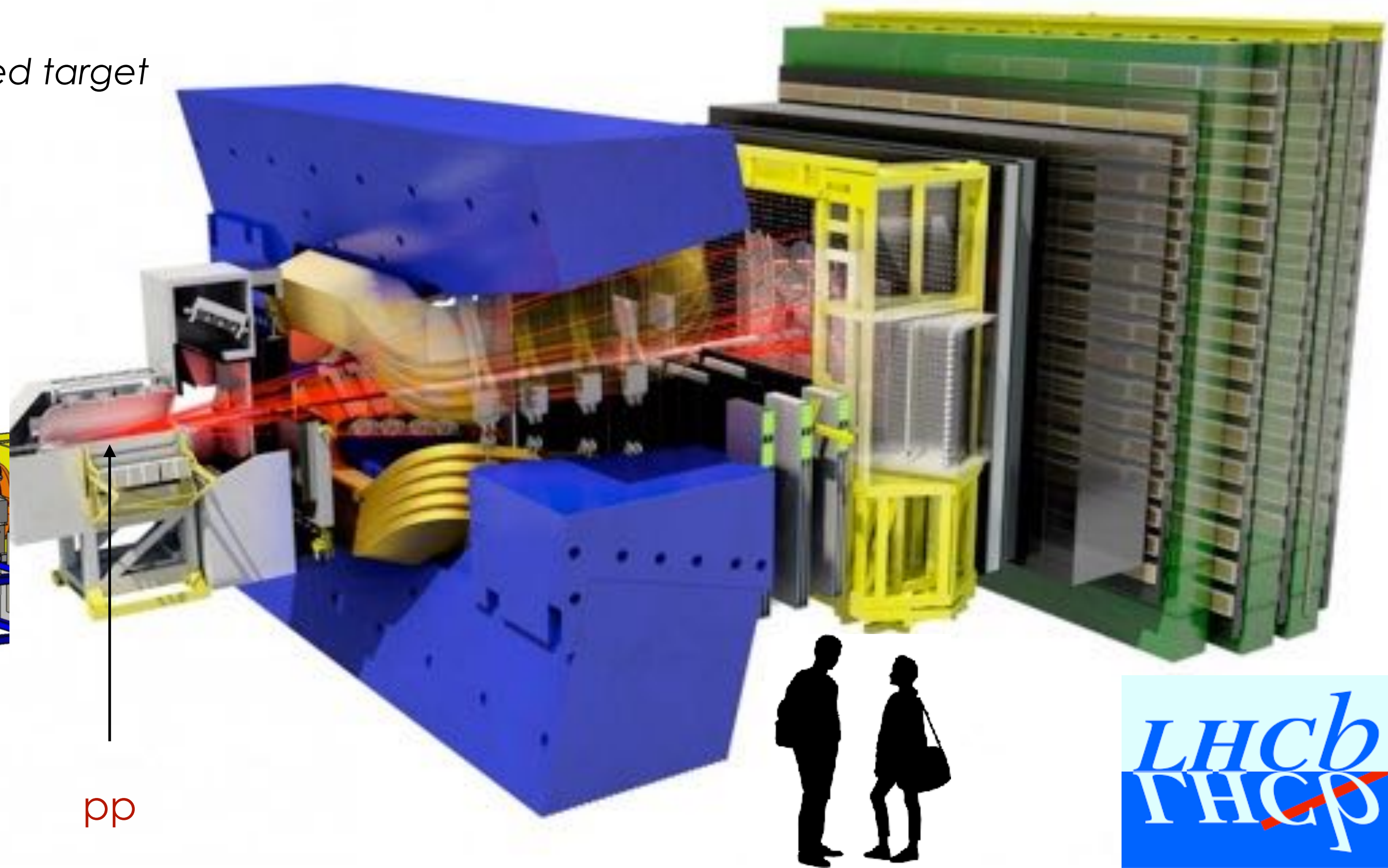
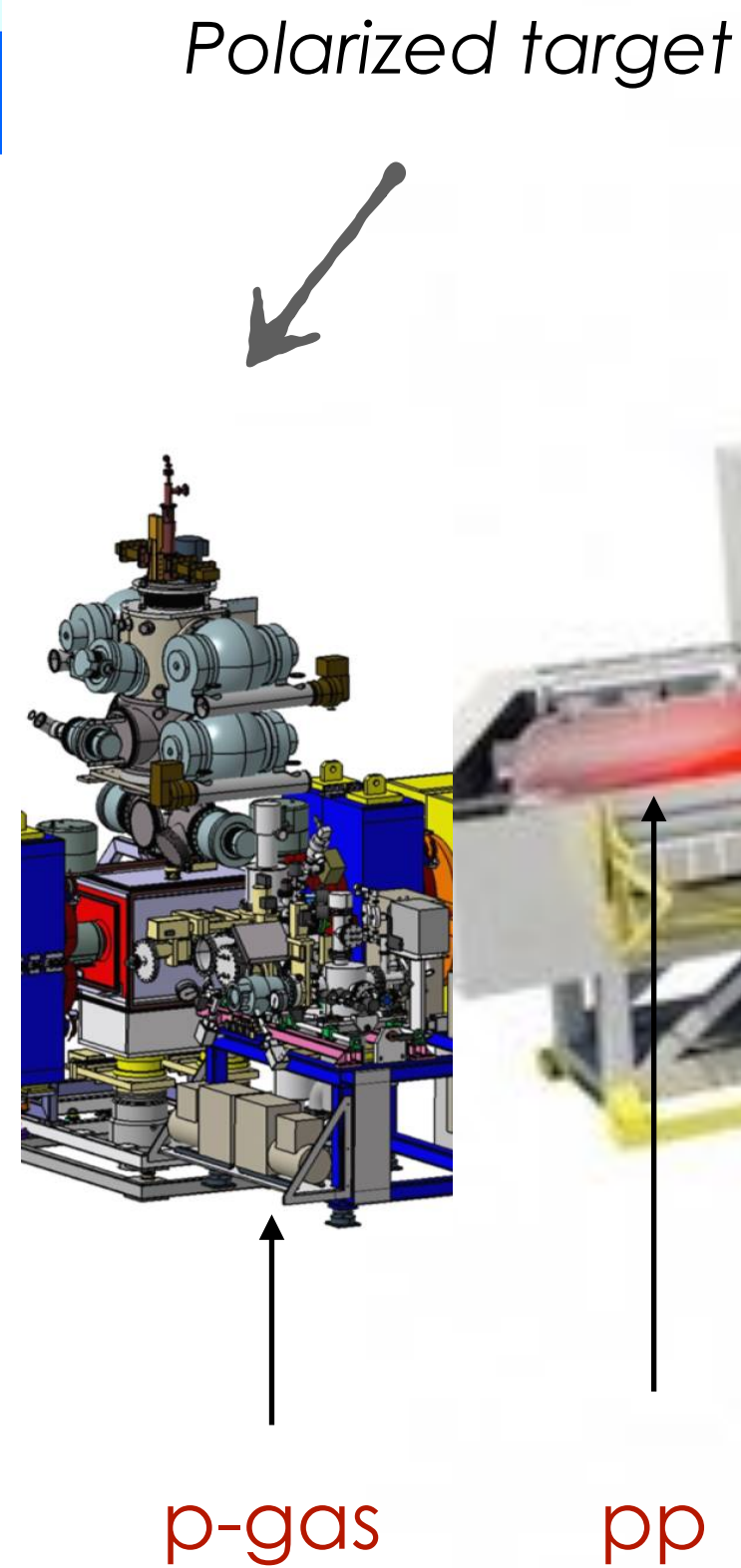
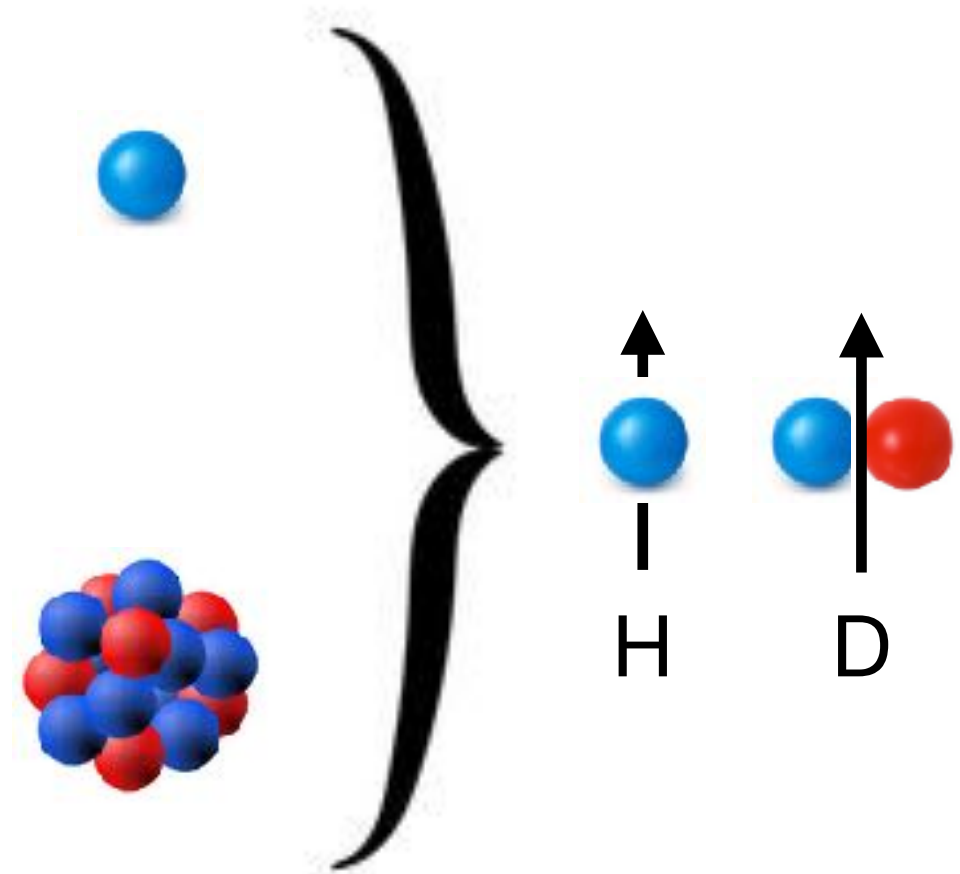
Single spin asymmetries in ultra-peripheral $p^\uparrow A \rightarrow hAX$ collisions

to test the assumed dominance of the contribution from twist-three fragmentation functions



kinematic region and required precision well fit the LHCspin potentialities

$L \uparrow \downarrow C$ spin a polarized target at 



Successful technology based on
HERA and COSY experiments

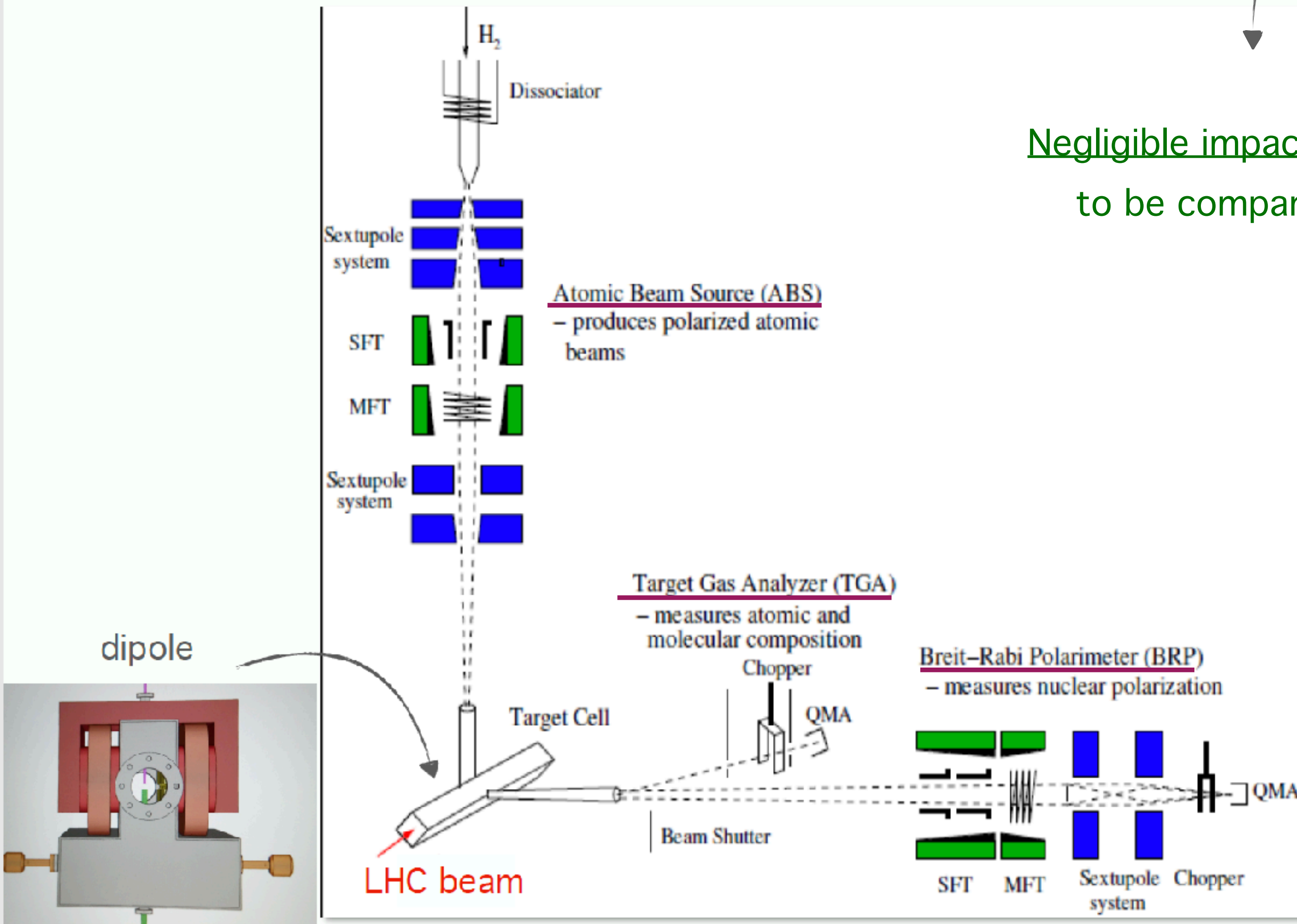
... but an extensive R&D is also required

LHCspin experimental setup

Target density (H) = $3.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 LHC beam (Run5) = $6.8 \times 10^{18} \text{ p s}^{-1}$

$$L_{pH} = 2.5 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

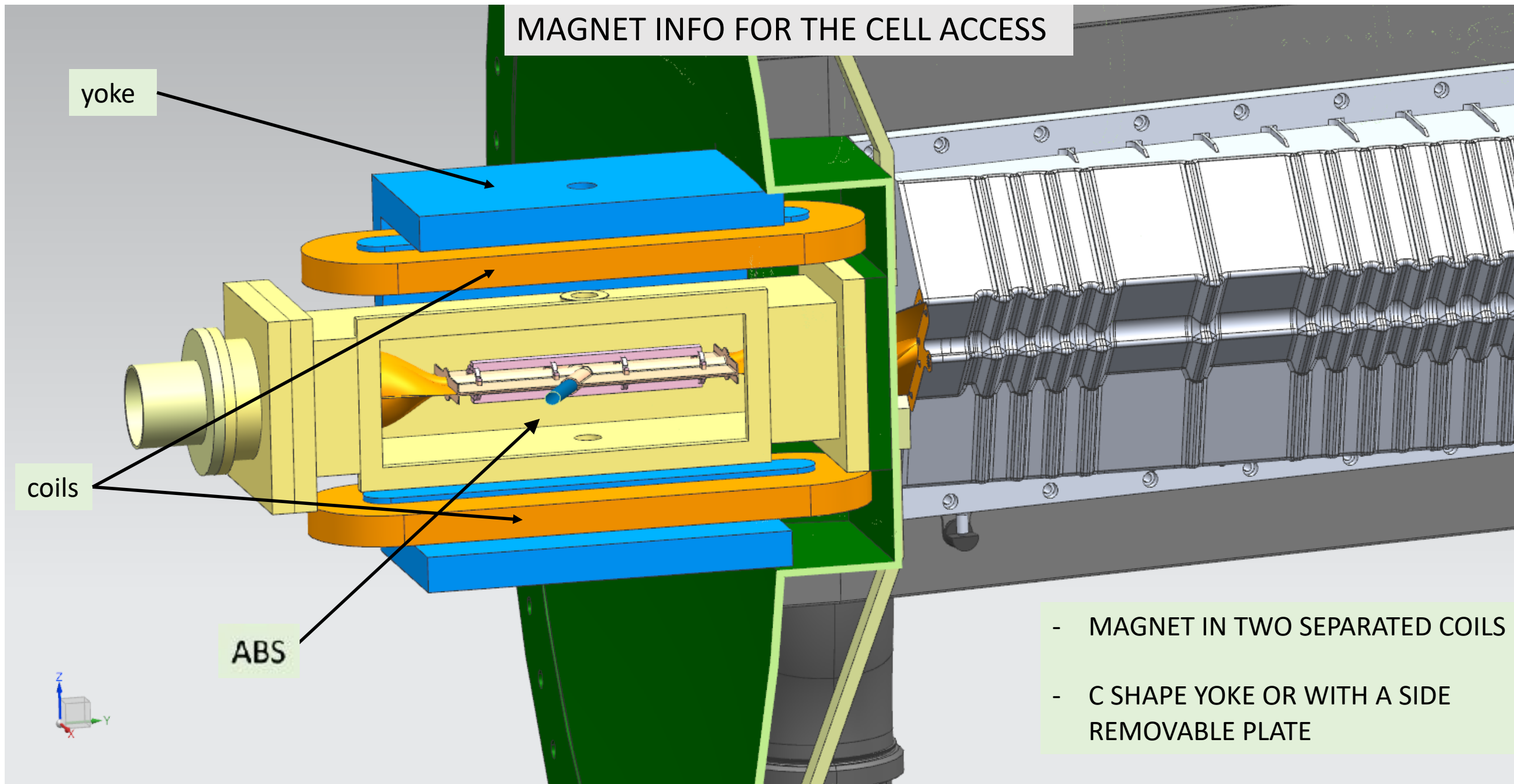
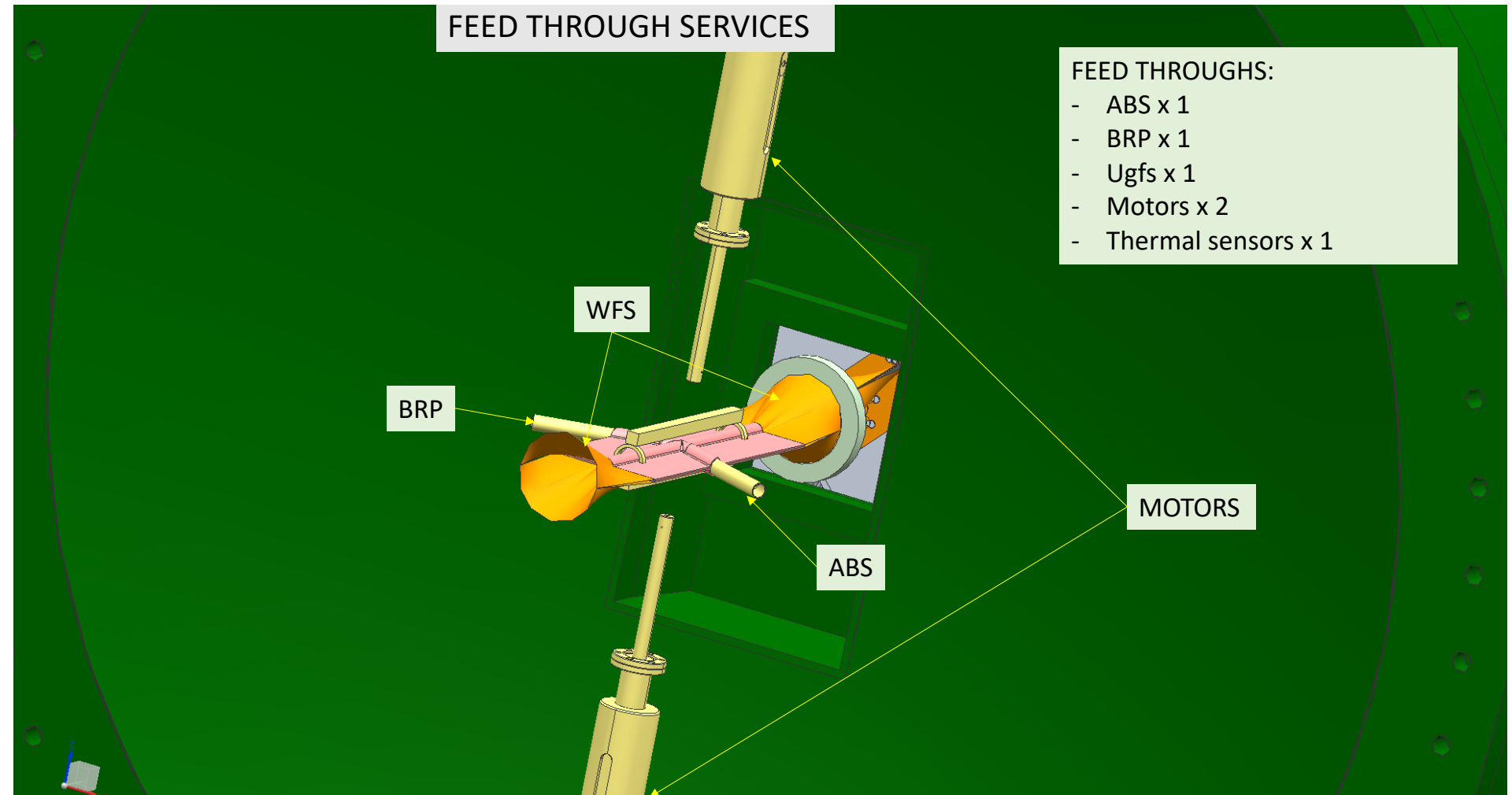
Negligible impact on the LHC beam lifetime, $\tau_{beam-gas}^{p-H} \sim 2000$ days
 to be compared with the typical 10h of the beam lifetime



PGT implementation into LHCb

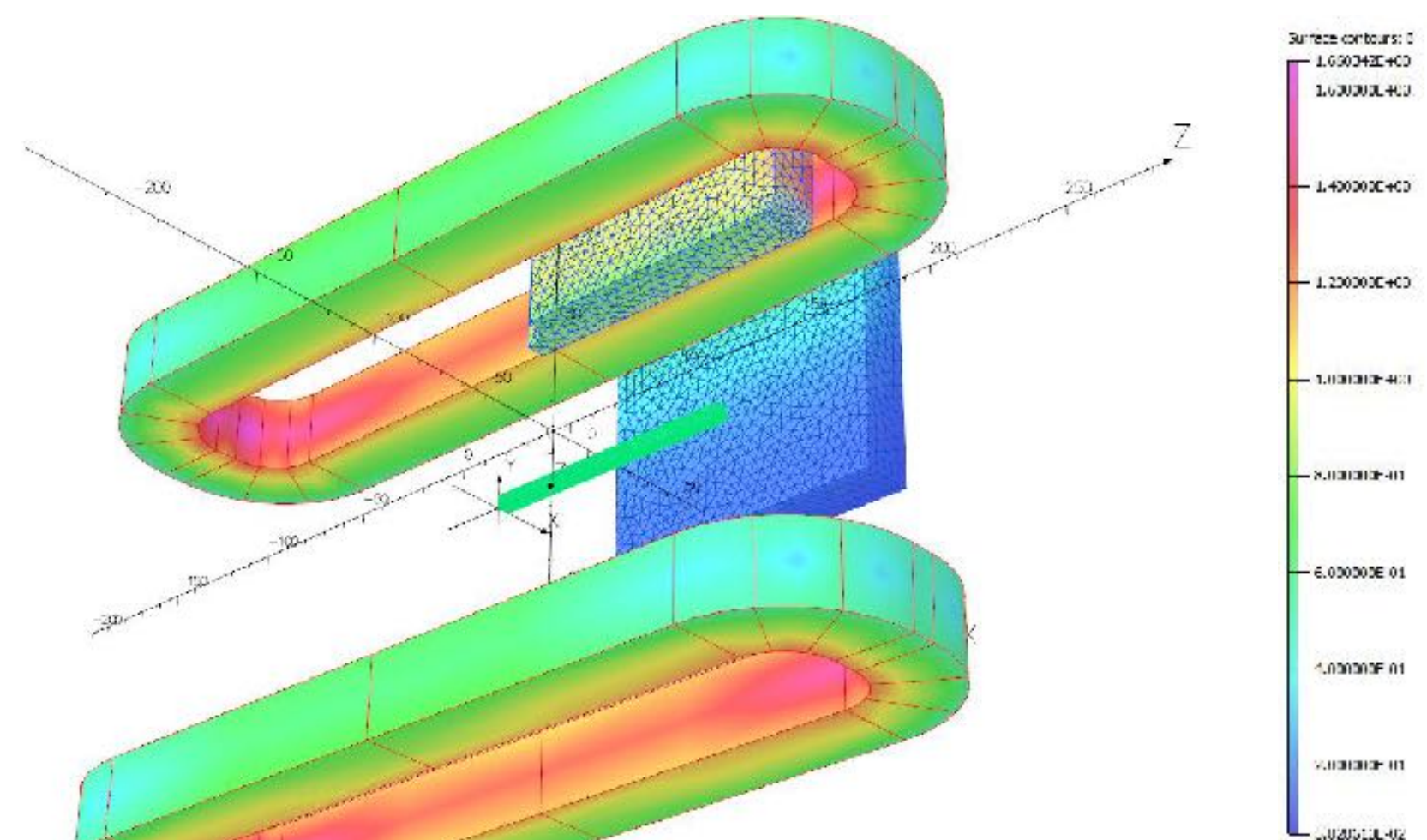
Transverse polarization

- Inject polarized gas via ABS and unpolarized gas via UGFS



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

Possibility to switch to a solenoid and provide longitudinal polarization

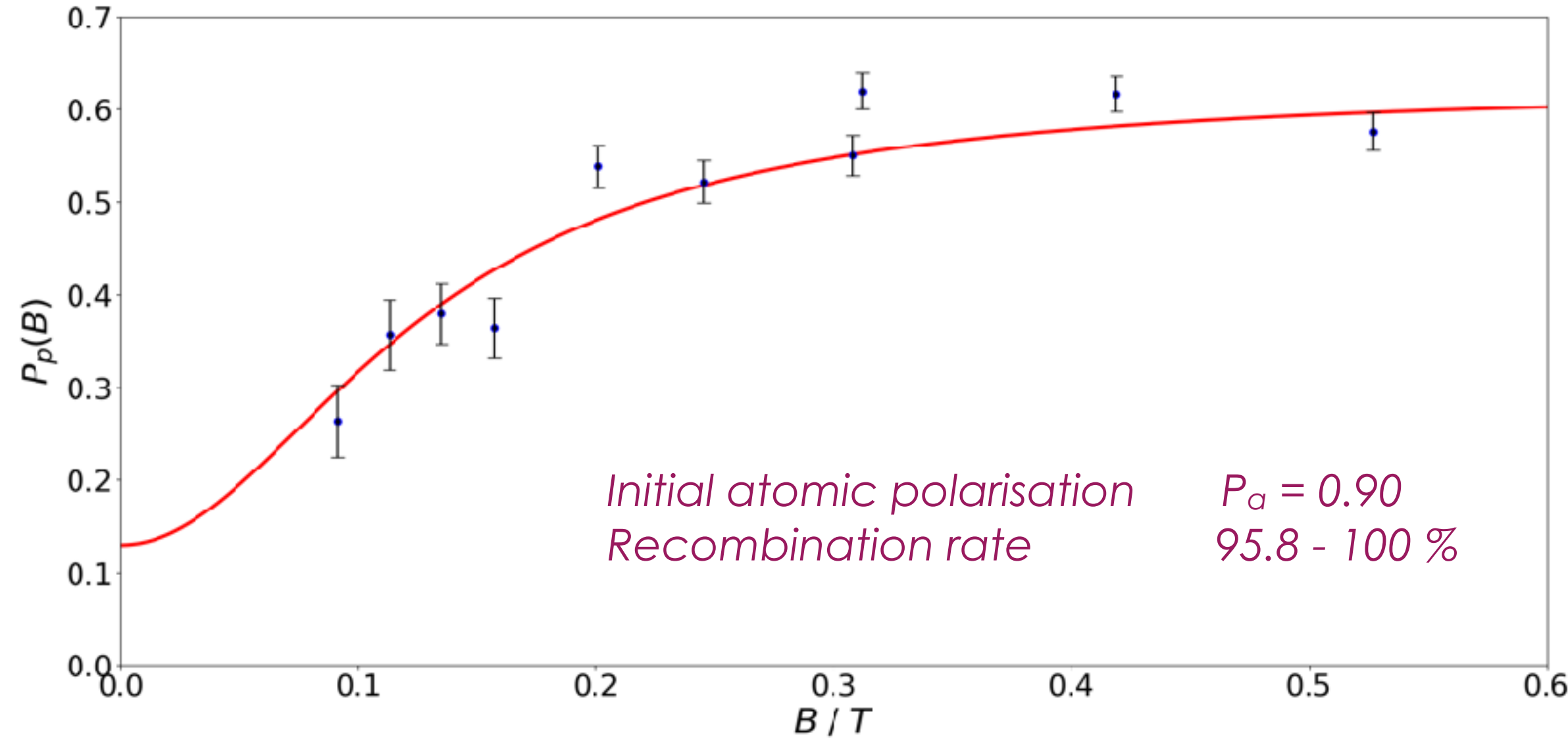


Role of the storage cell coating

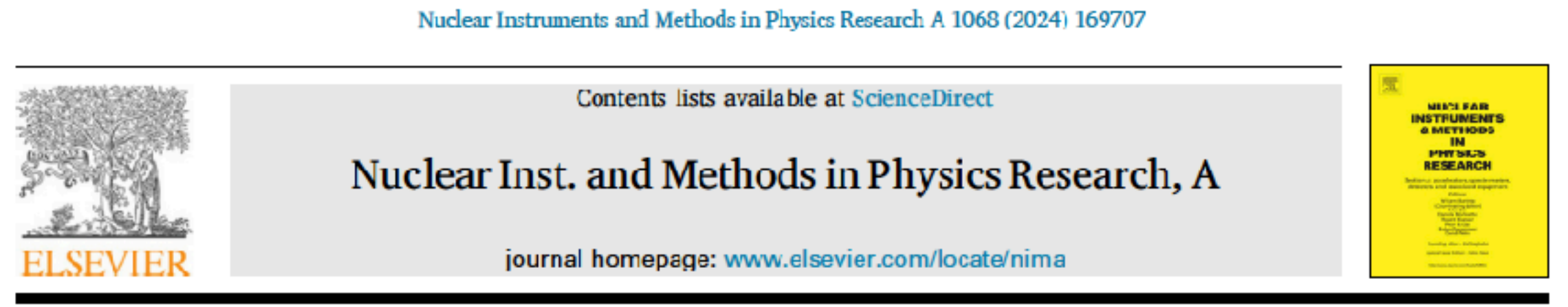
In previous experiments at HERA and COSY, Dryfilm (silicon) or Teflon (fluoride) coating, combined with ice layers, kept the SEY low and prevented recombination → This is not possible at LHC: no fluoride, no silicon materials allowed

The amorphous Carbon coating (the one used for SMOG2) provides almost full recombination and keeps a reasonable polarization

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PRL 124, 113003 (2020)
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Proton vector polarization for different magnetic fields



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Amorphous carbon-coated storage cell tests for the polarized gas target at LHCb
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We can develop a new storage cell using polarized molecules



- high density target
- but an absolute polarimeter is needed

The backup: the jet target

Alternative solution with **jet target** also under evaluation:

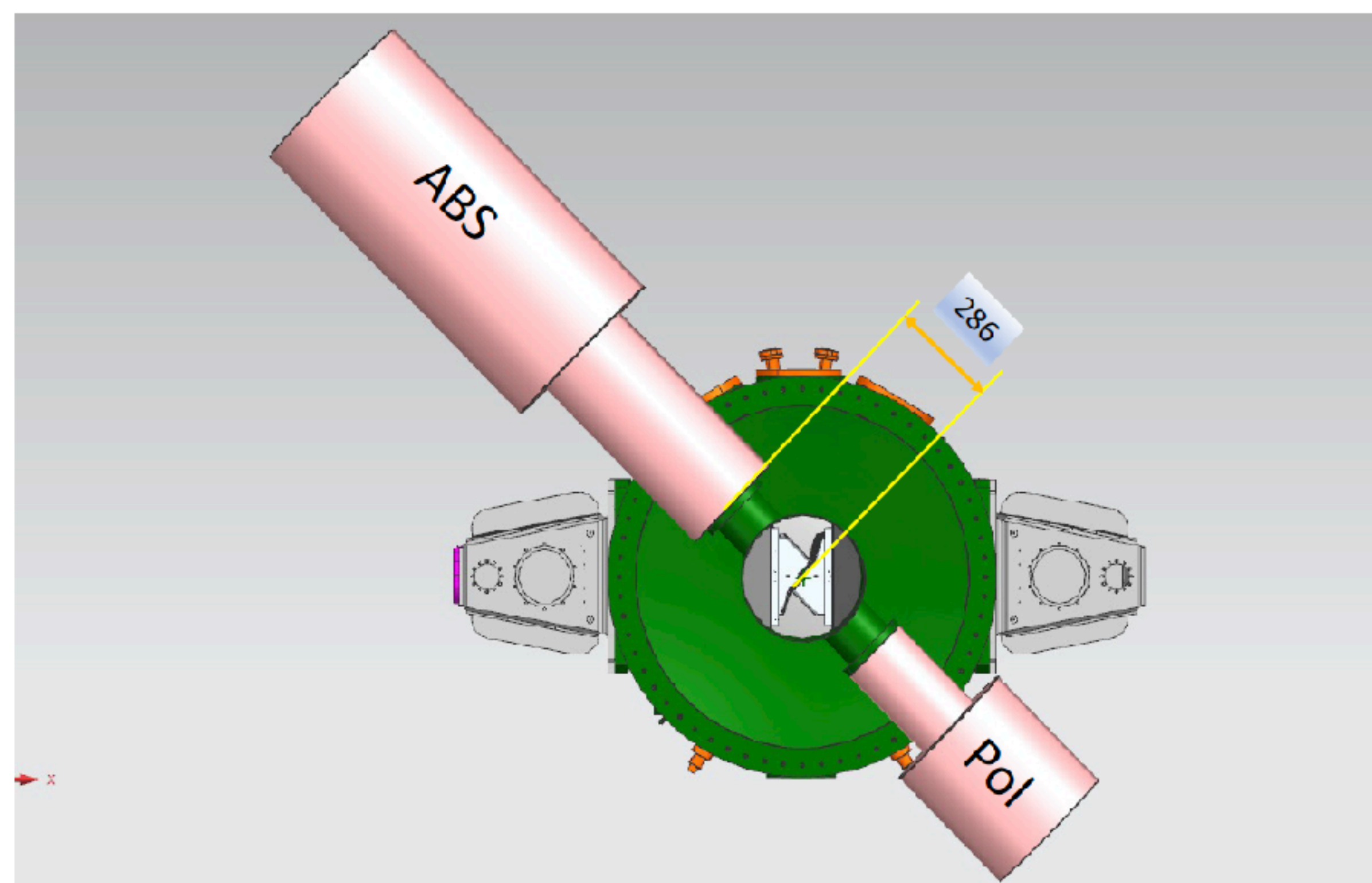
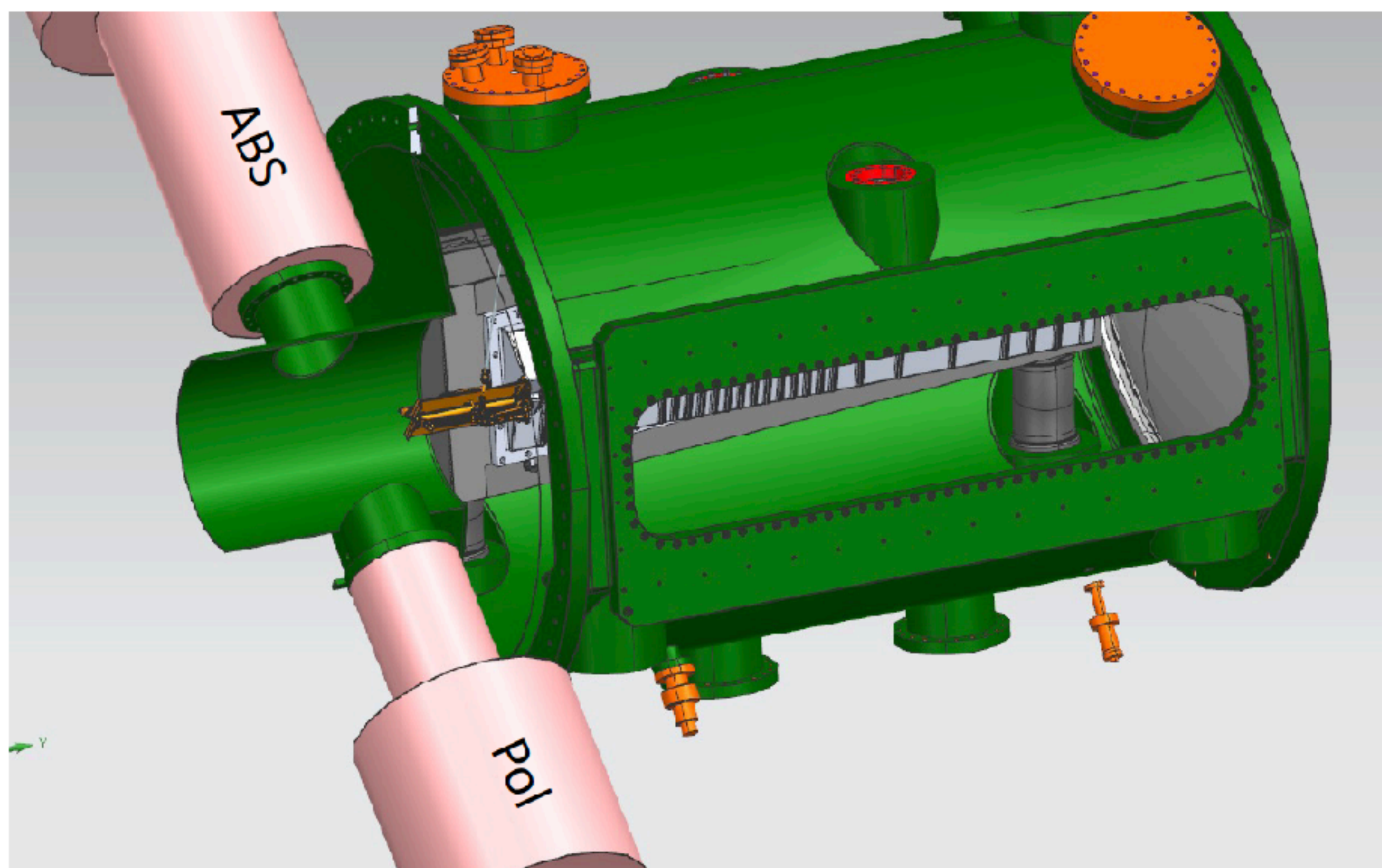
- lower density ($\sim 10^{12}$ atoms/cm²)
- higher polarization (up to 90%)
- lower systematics in P measurement (virtually close to 0)

Pro

- no recombination
- high polarisation
- very small systematics on the polarisation measurements

Contra

- x40 less luminosity than the cell solution
(tolerable for the standard channels, relevant for the rare probes)



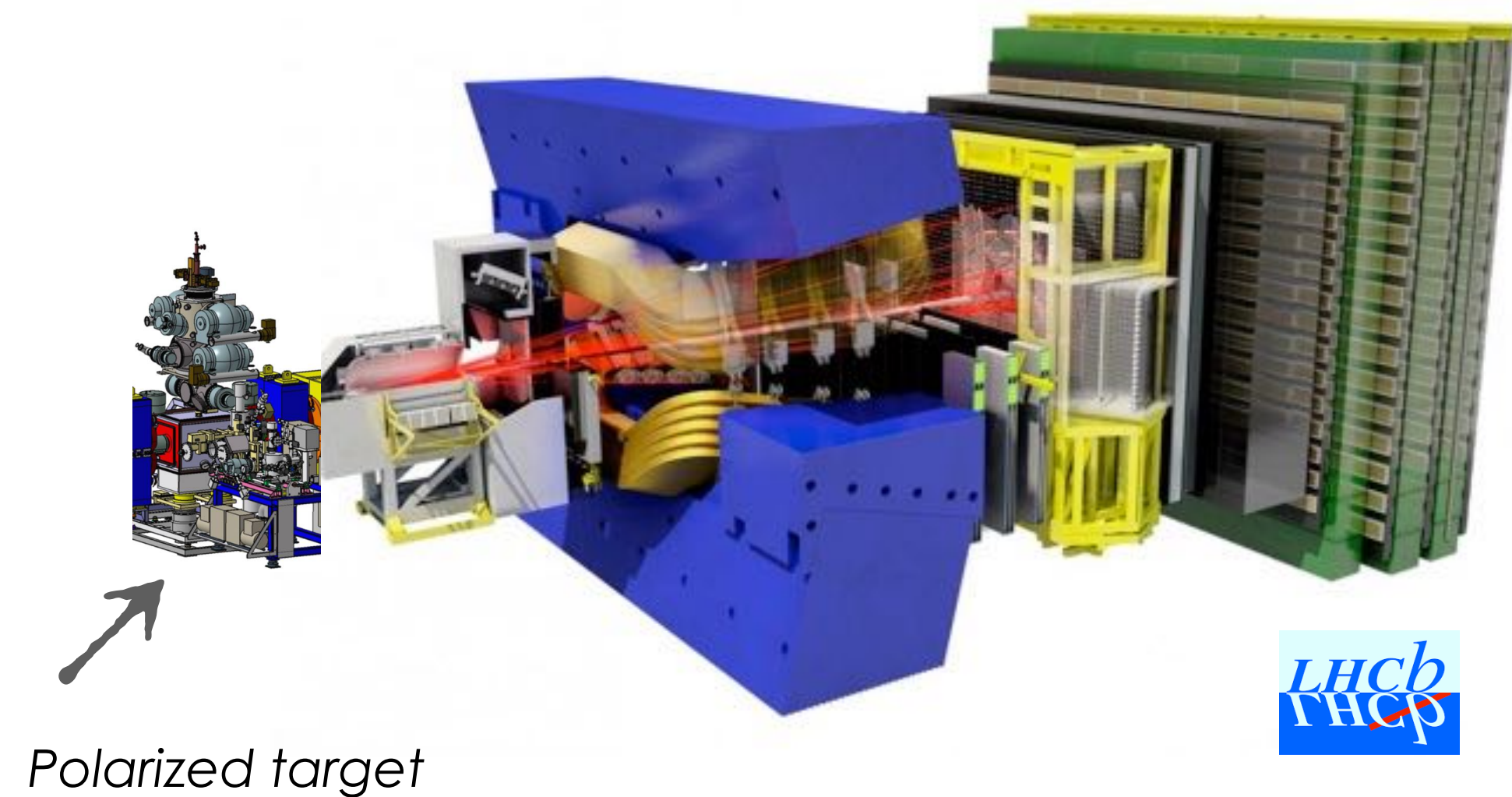
In this case the small dipole becomes a simple small Helmholtz coil that has basically no impact on the LHCb current or future setup

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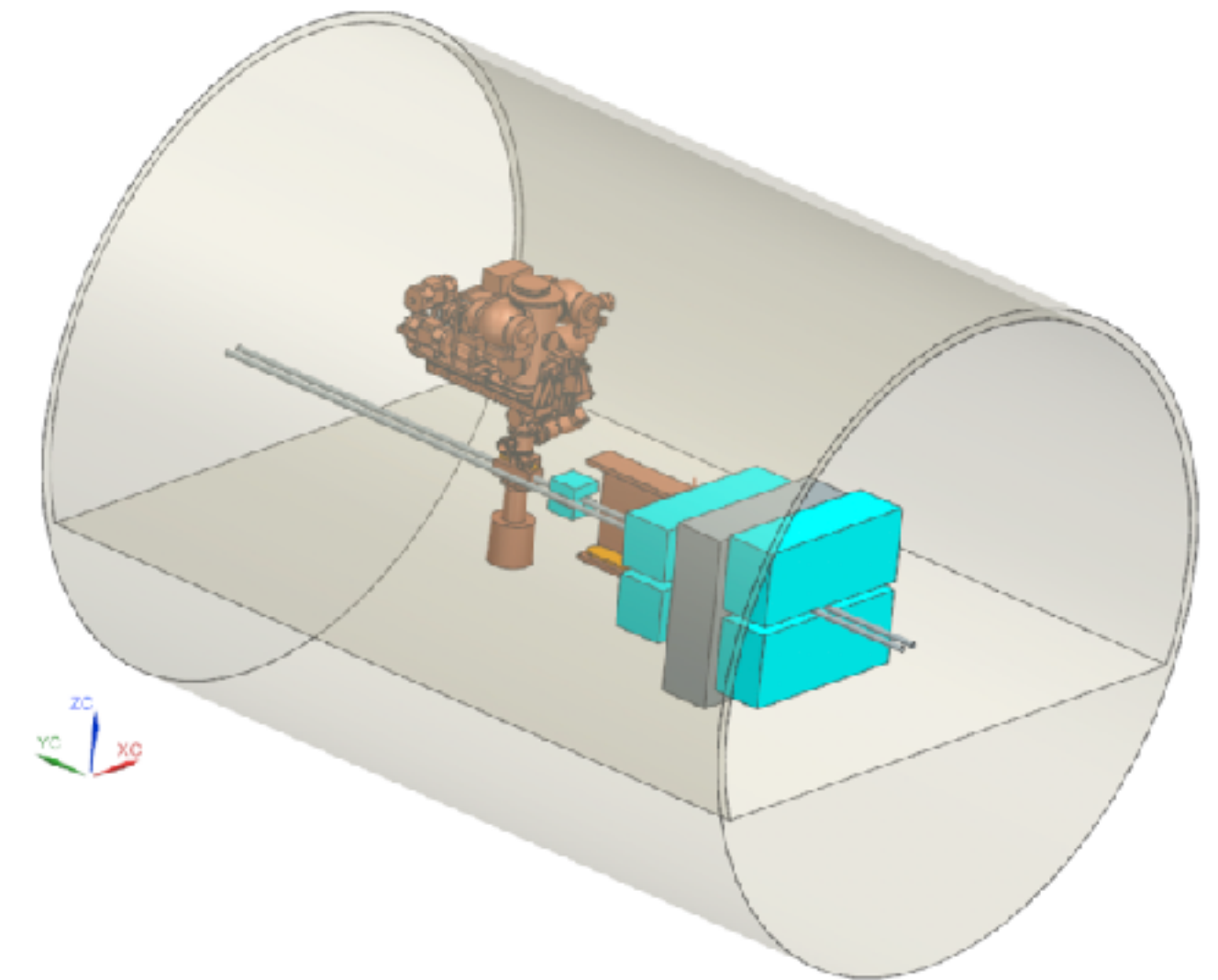


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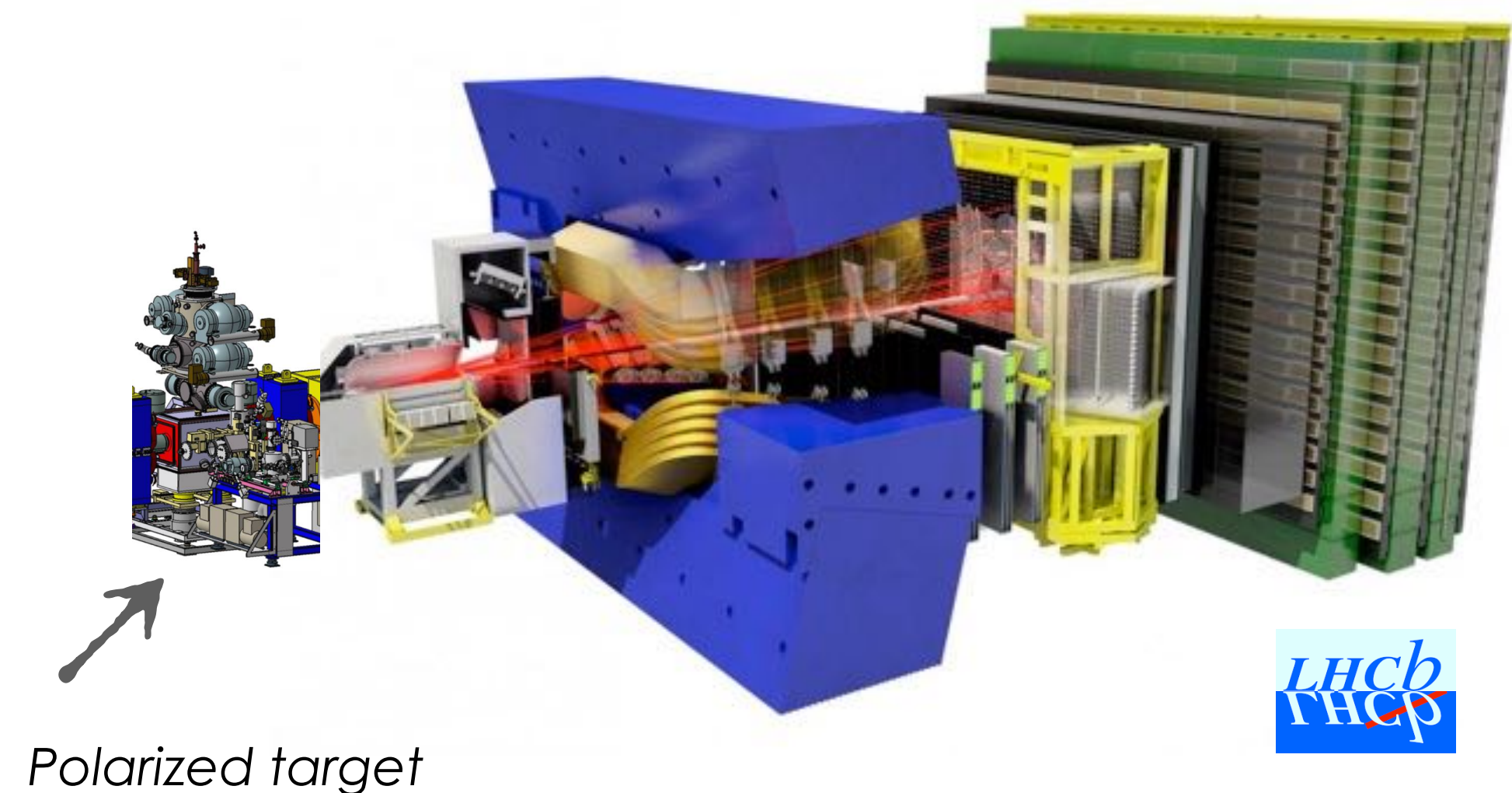
Develop a compact - LHCb independent - apparatus capable of:

- conducting R&D to have a “plug & play” PGT for Run5
- perform physics measurements never accessed before
- perform measurements connected to LHC
- etc...

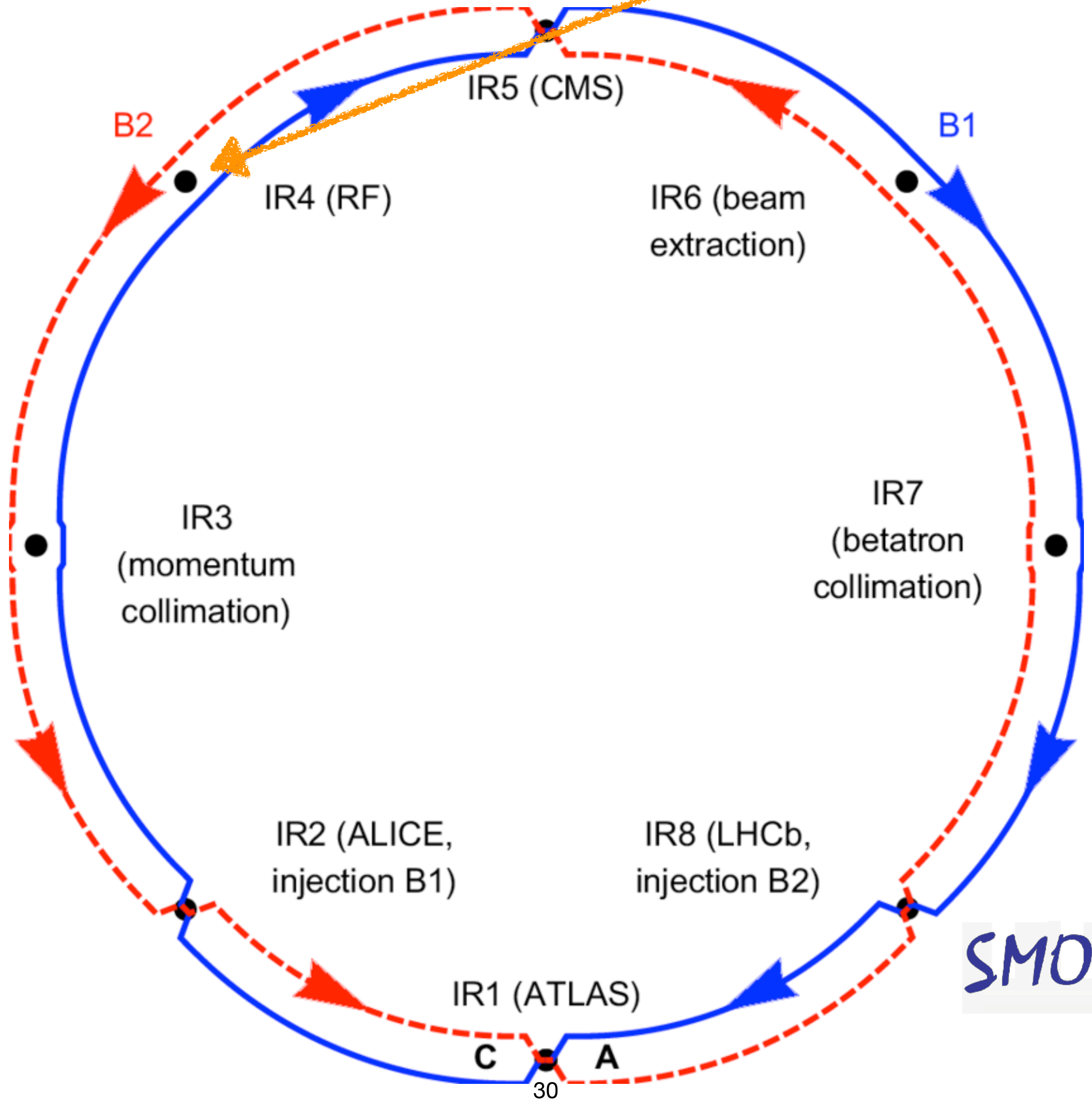


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The LHC Interaction Regions



The LHC Interaction Region 4



Detector concept at the IR4

Goals:

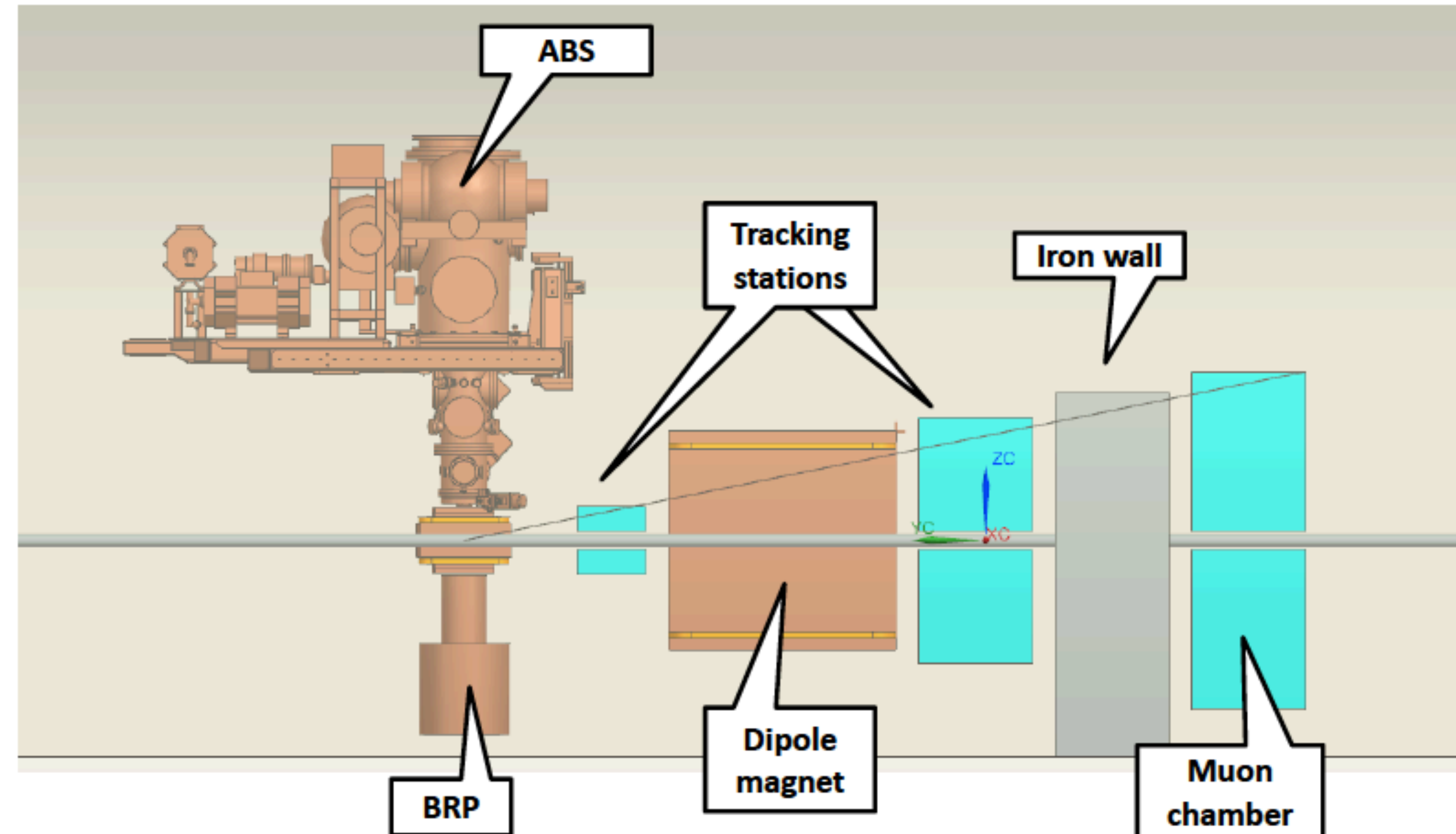
- proof of principle of the future (large-scale) experiment with LHCb.
- measurement of single-spin asymmetries in inclusive hadron production in pH^\uparrow and PbH^\uparrow (see next slides)

Needed expertise (apart from pol. target):

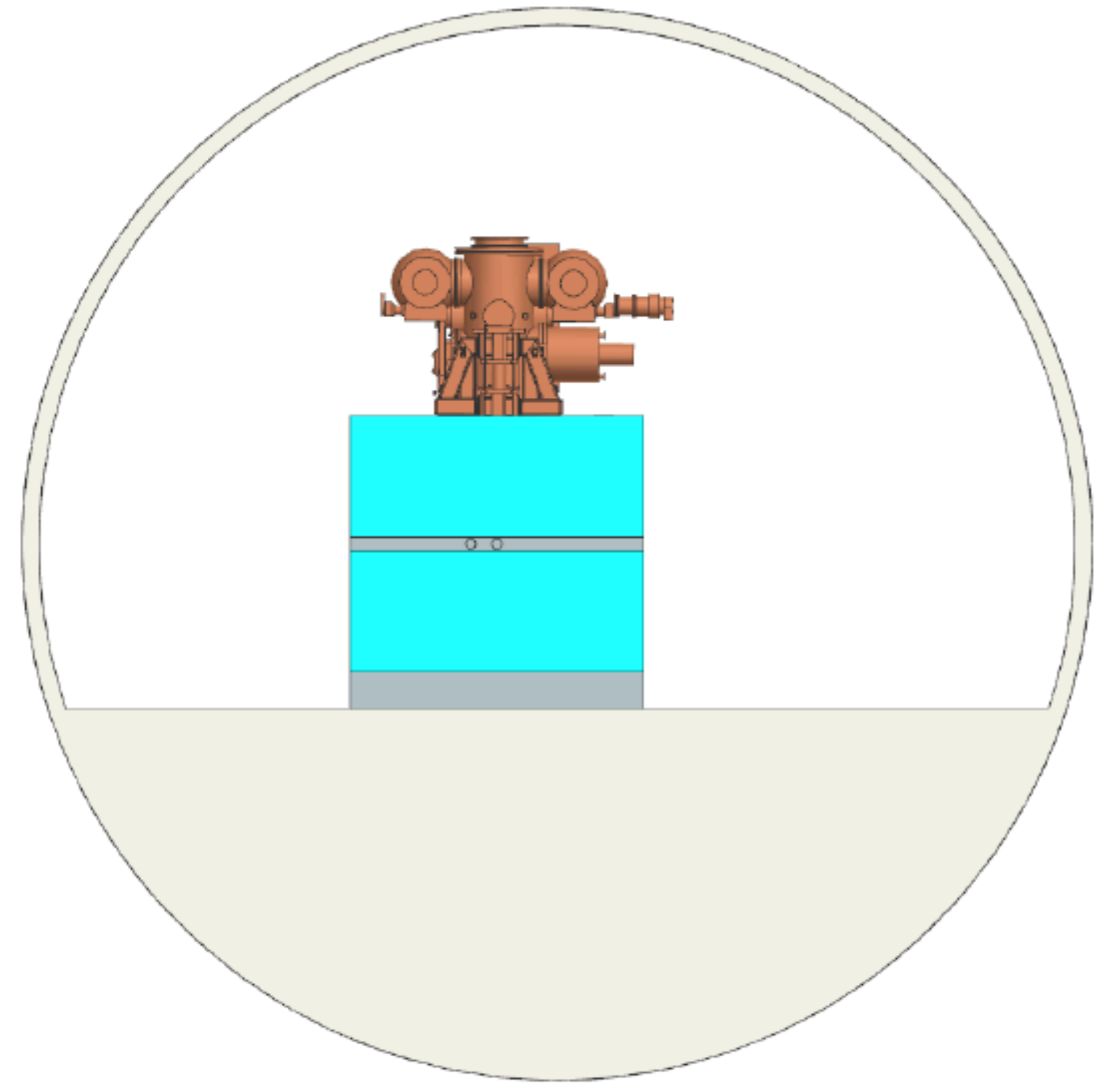
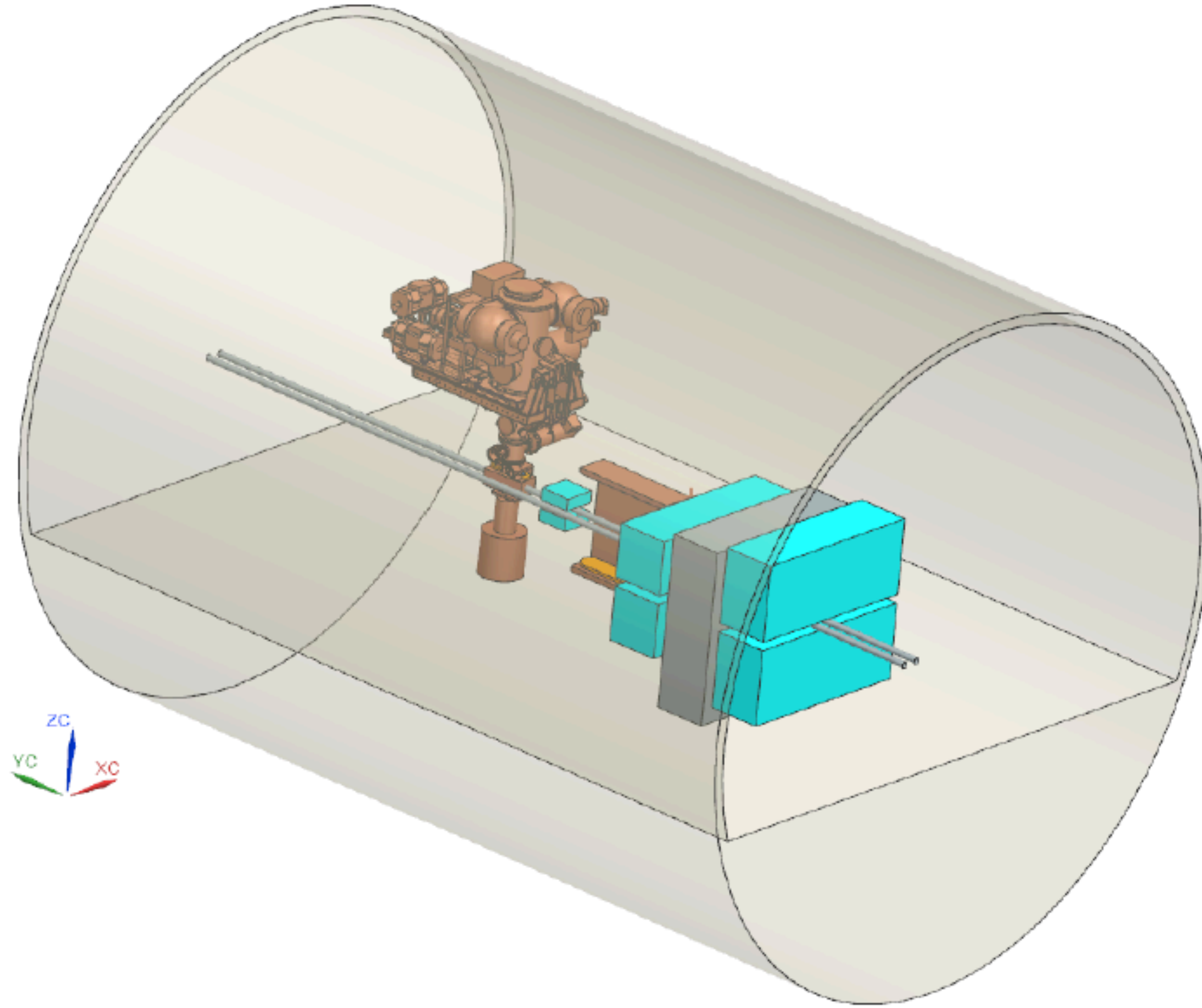
- dipole magnet
- tracking detectors (Si strip, SciFi, drift chambers?)
- muon chambers (MWPC?)
- electronics
- DAQ
- slow control
- tracking/reconstruction algorithms
- ...

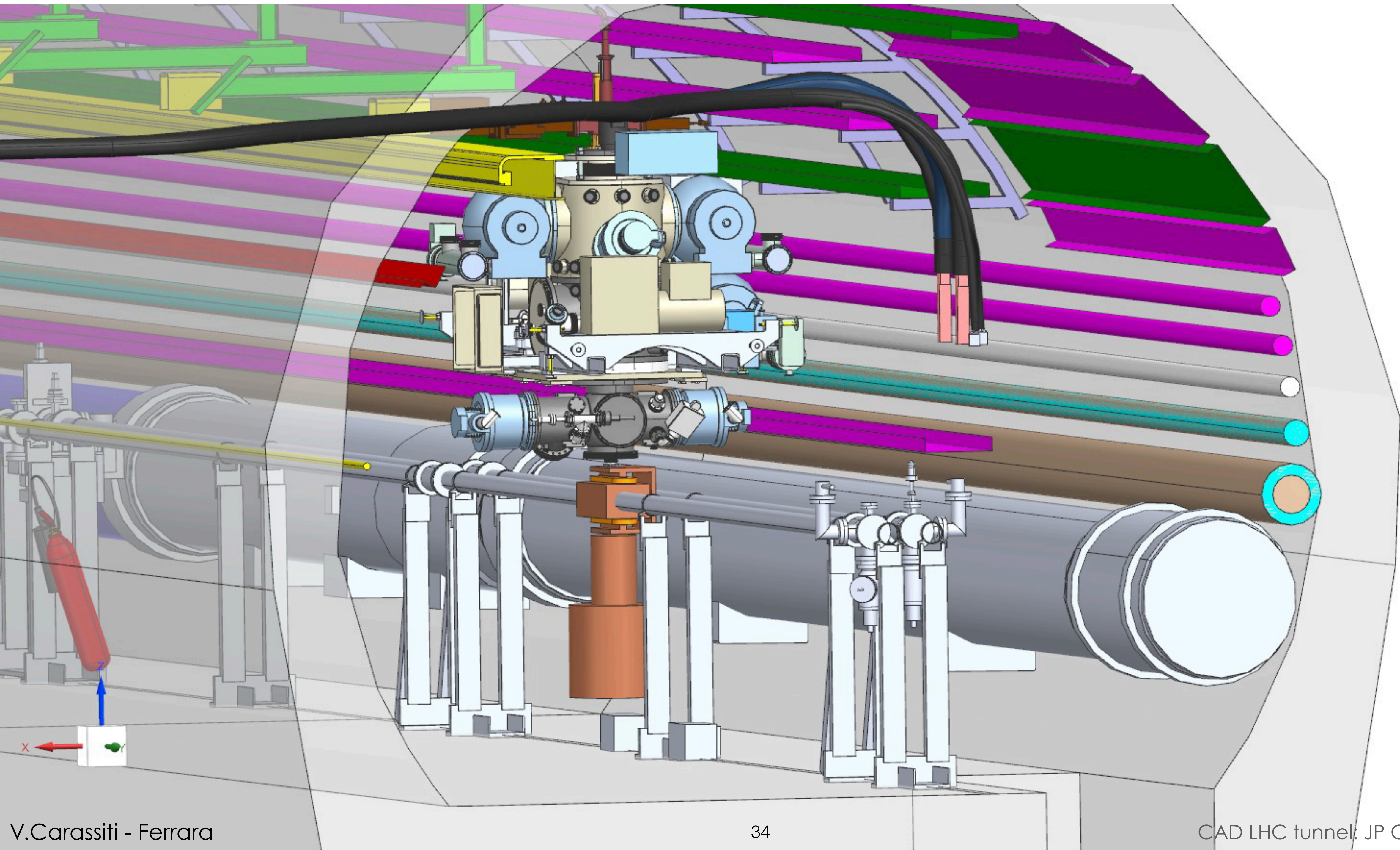
Apparatus:

- jet-target (but could be done also with storage cell)
- full (minimal) spectrometer: dipole magnet, tracking stations, muon system
- simple PID detectors (Calo, RICH)?

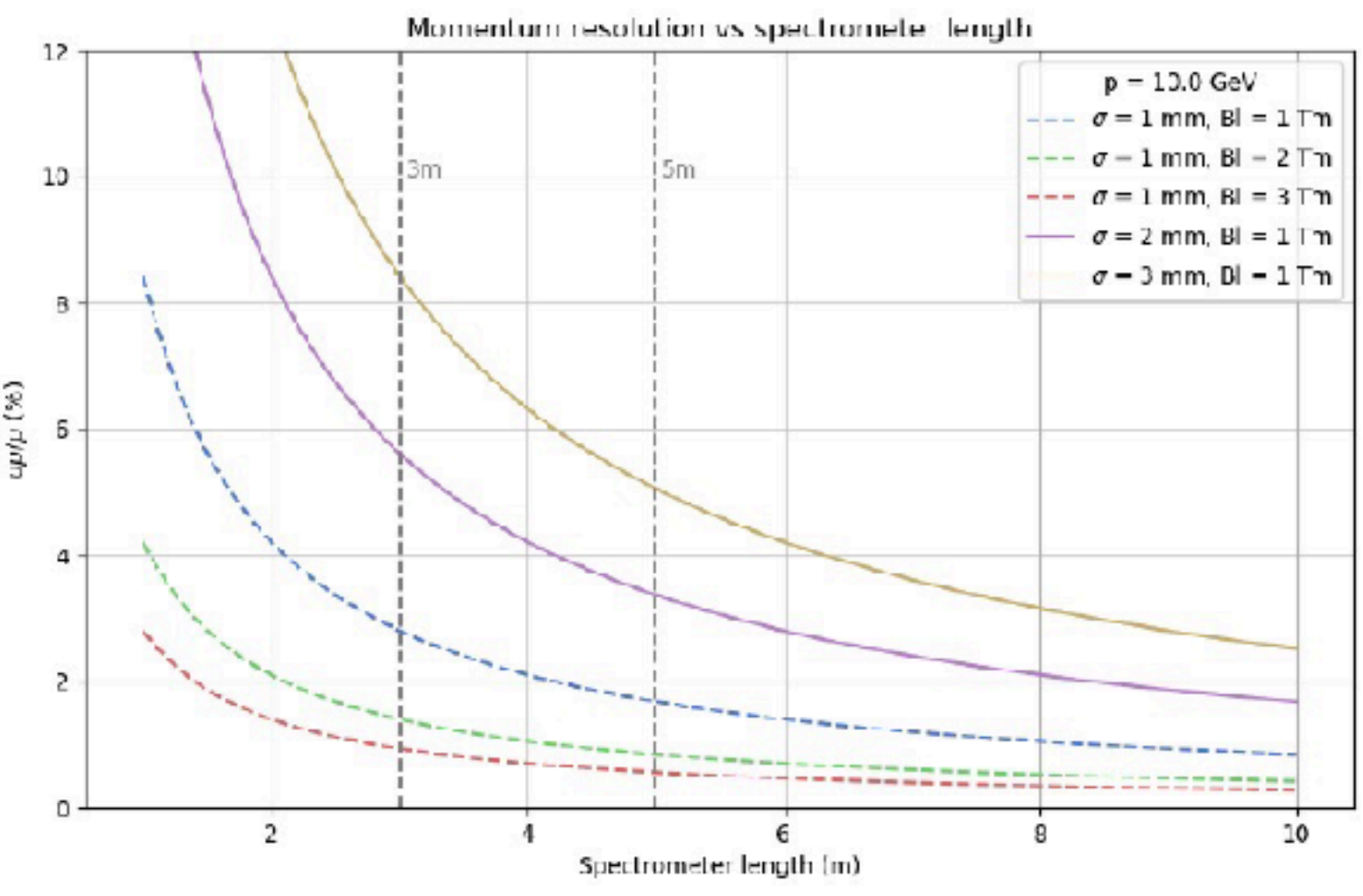
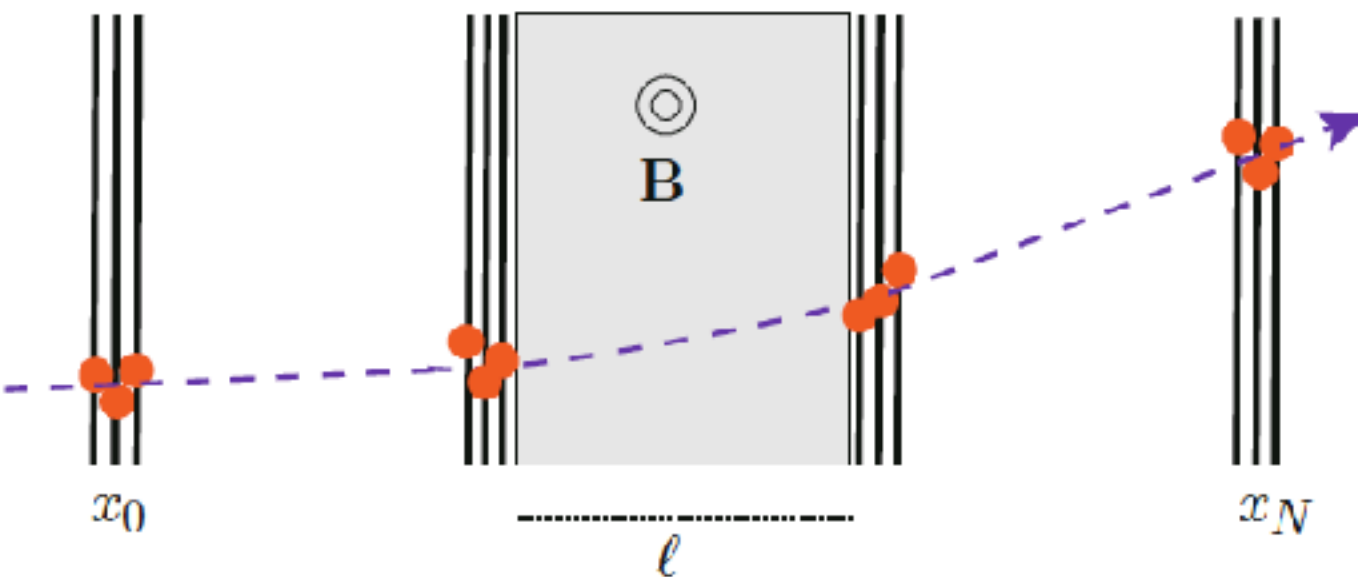


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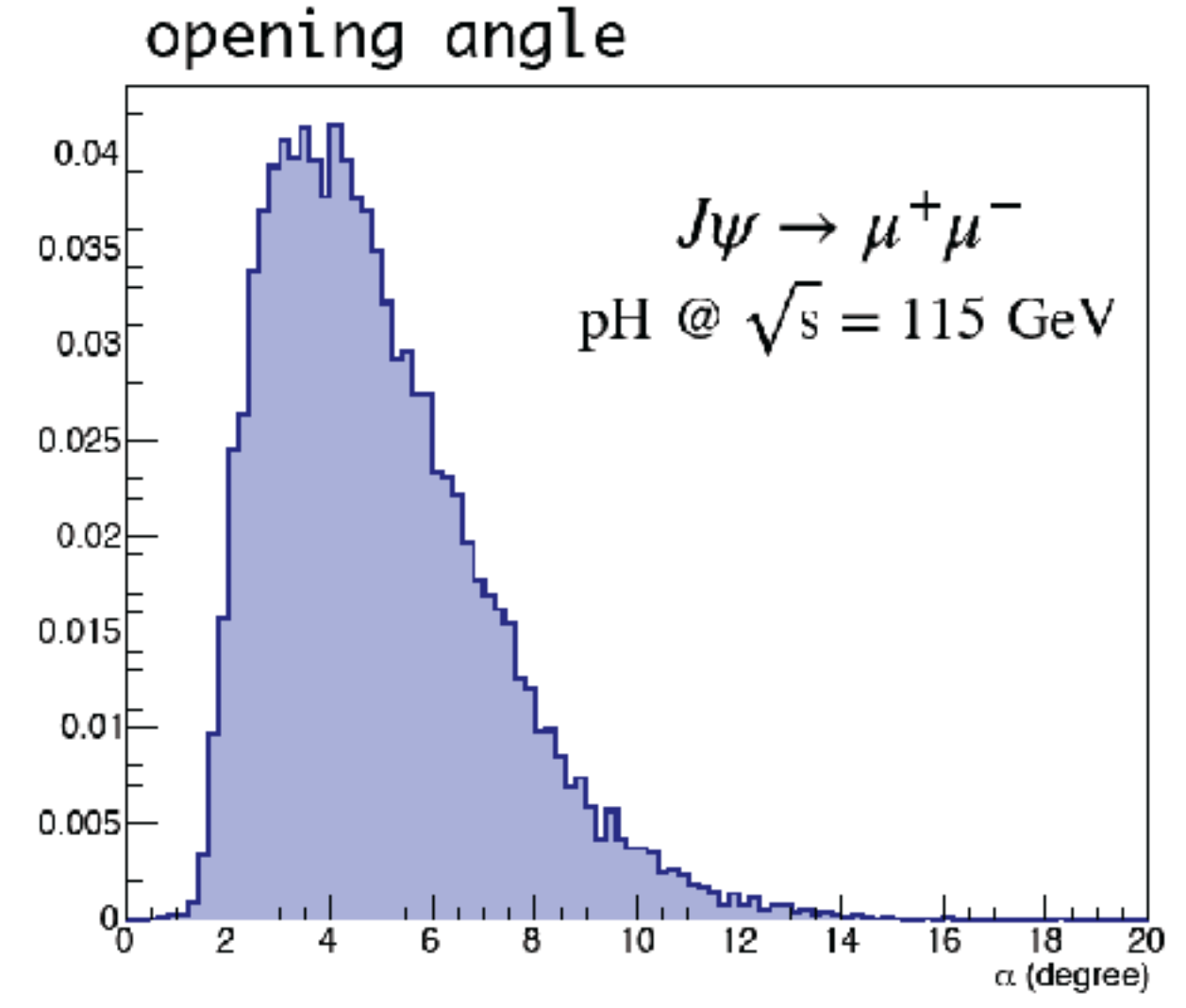
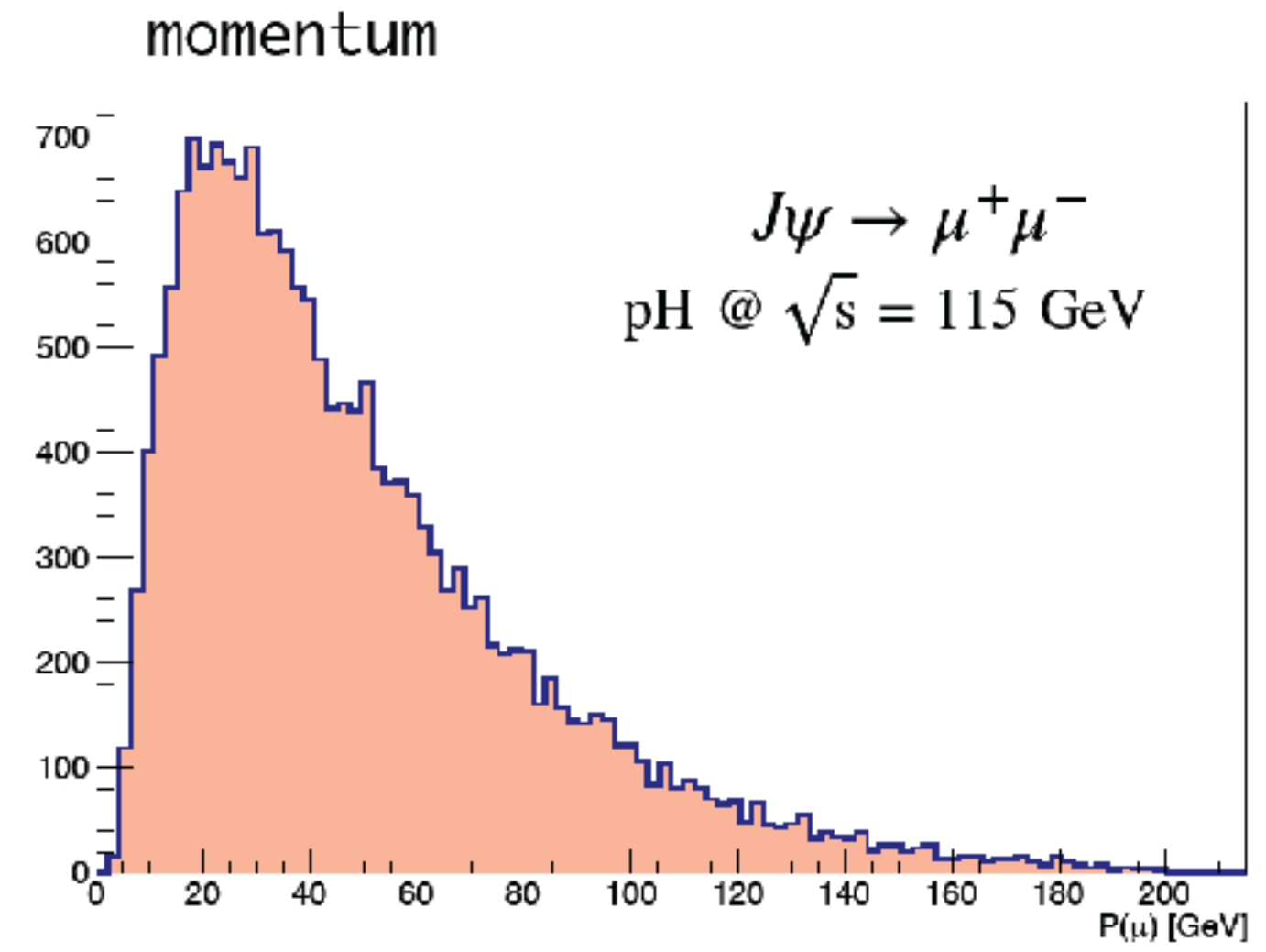


Even though the focus will be on polarimetry and beam interactions, we performed preliminary calculations to determine if a simple detector could meet our needs



$$\frac{\delta p}{p} = \frac{8\sigma}{\sqrt{N+1}} \frac{1}{0.3z \cdot Bl \cdot L} p$$

we can achieve a resolution $\delta p/p < 1\%$ within a few meters of lever arm (depending on space constraints) for momenta up to a few GeV and with $N = 10$ hit measurements



with $\delta p/p \sim 1\%$ we have $\delta m \sim 40 \text{ MeV}$, excellent for any other measurement

it is even possible to have a ToF PID @ 3σ level for $\pi - K$
 $p \sim 1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \sigma_T \mathcal{O}(100) \text{ ps}$

The target system has been moved from Julich to Ferrara. We have identified the tasks required for the initial phase of refurbishment and modifications to ensure compliance with LHC requirements





LHCb Upgrade II Scoping Document

LHCb collaboration

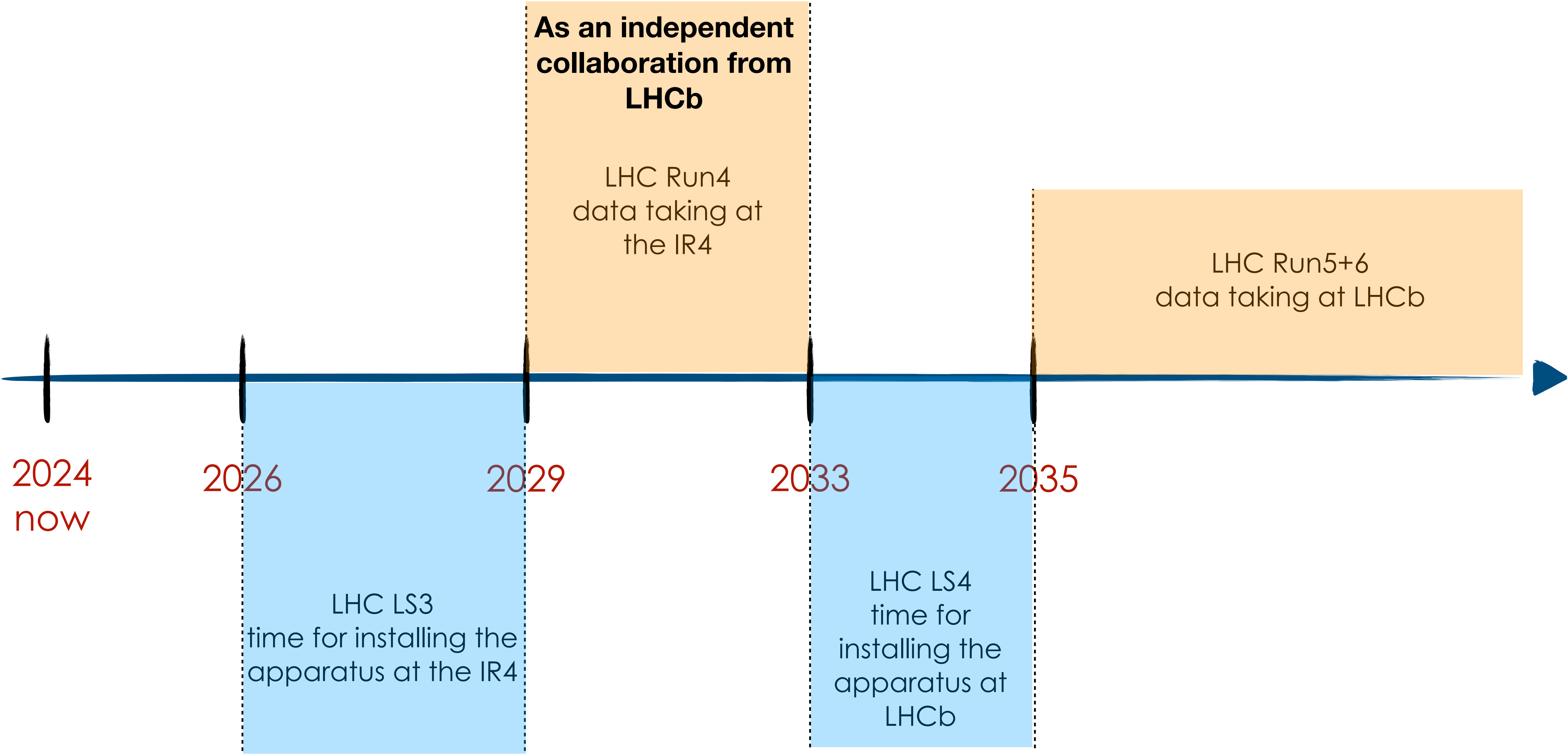
Abstract

A second major upgrade of the LHCb detector is necessary to allow full exploitation of the LHC for flavour physics. The new detector will be installed during long shutdown 4 (LS4), and will operate at a maximum luminosity of $1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. By upgrading all subdetectors and adding new detection capability it will be possible to accumulate a sample of 300 fb^{-1} of high energy pp collision data, giving unprecedented and unique discovery potential in heavy flavour physics and other areas. The baseline LHCb Upgrade II detector has been presented in a Framework Technical Design Report that was approved in 2022. Here, updates are presented alongside scoping options with reduced detection capability and operational luminosity. The costs and physics performance of each scenario are discussed, and an overview of the project management plans is presented.

The polarized target is part of the LHCb Scoping Document for the Upgrade II

The interaction with the LHC experts is ongoing. The idea is to submit to LHC a CDR-like document for the end of March 2025

Timetable



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It will pave the way for another new frontier in spin physics