

# AFTER @ LHC

Spin and diffractive physics with A Fixed-Target Experiment @ LHC

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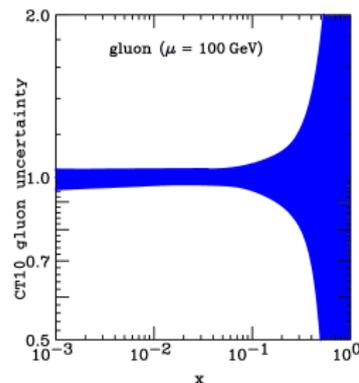
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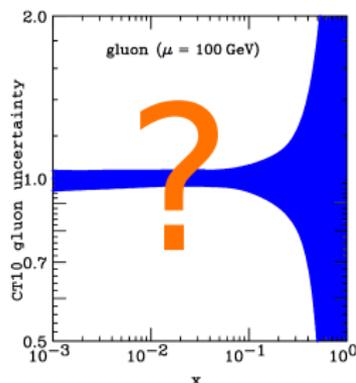
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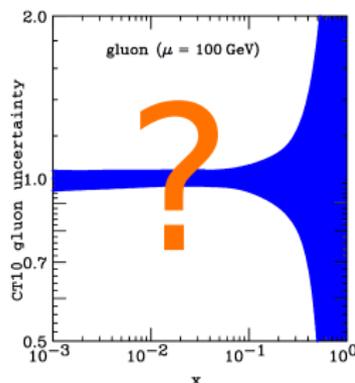
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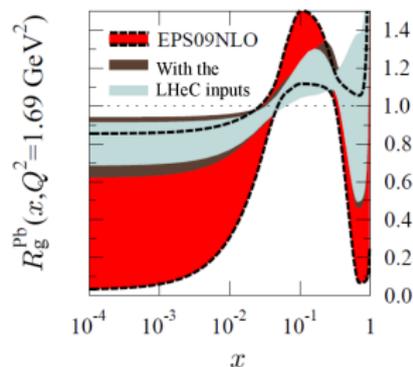
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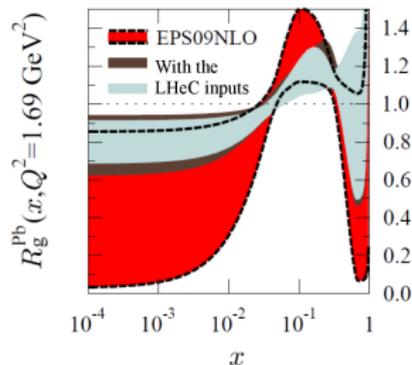
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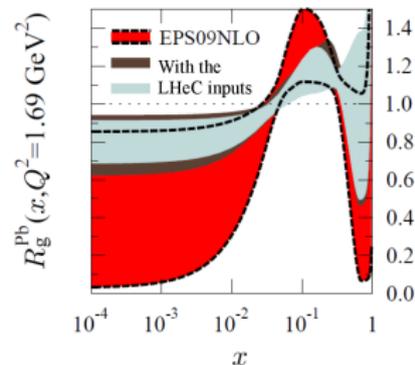


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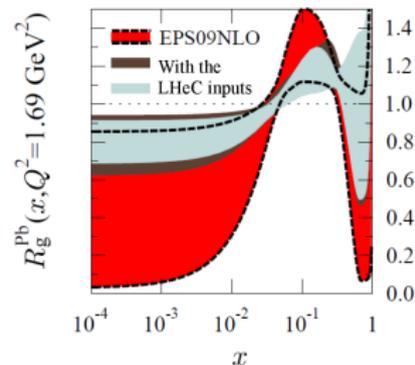


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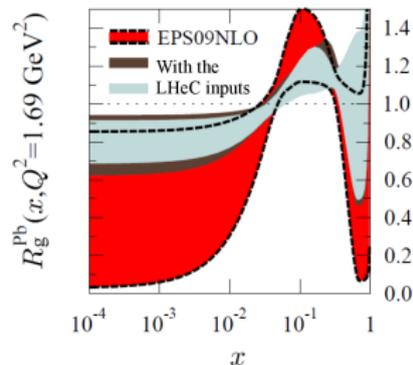


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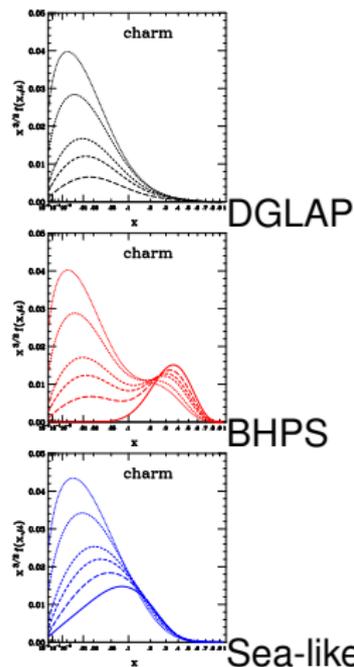


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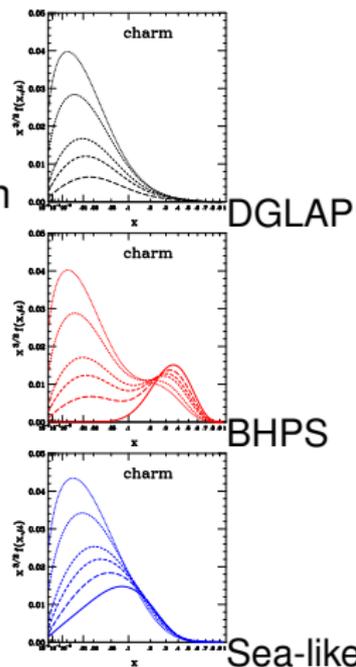
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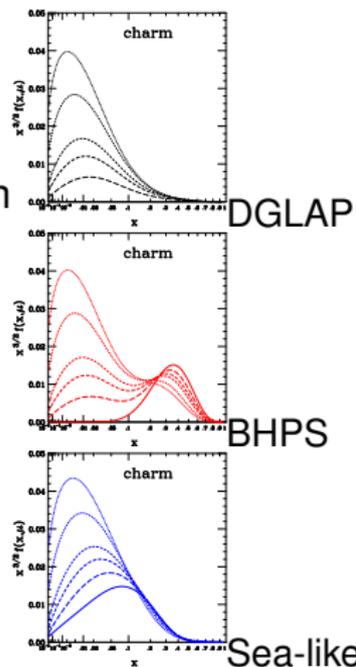


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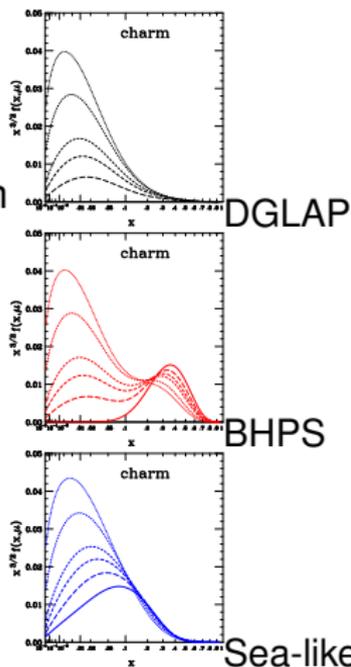
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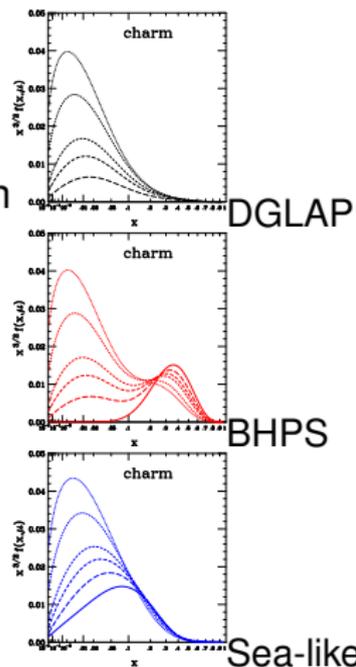
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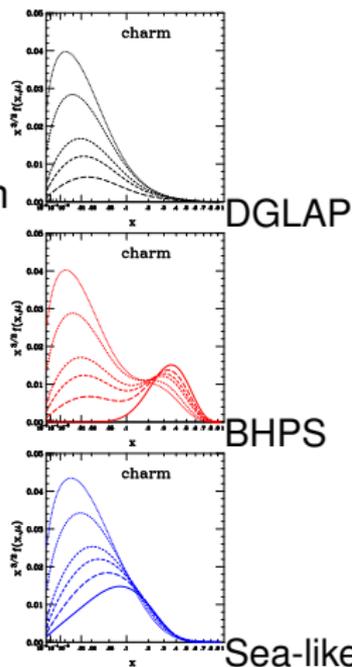
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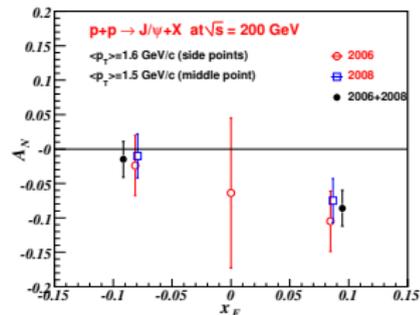
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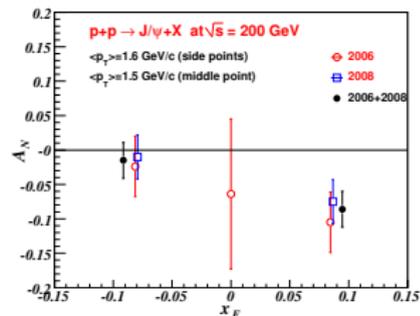
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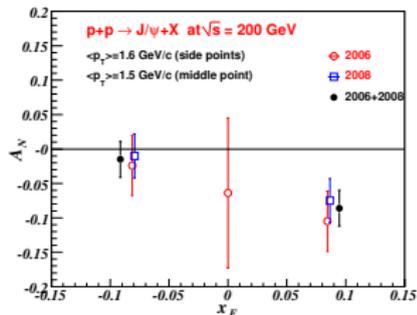
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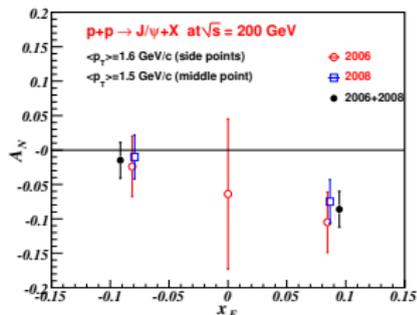
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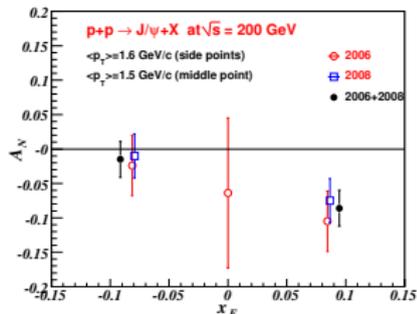
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  - Transverse **single spin asymmetries** using **probes sensitive to gluons**

- quarkonia ( $J/\psi$ ,  $Y$ ,  $\chi_c$ , ...)



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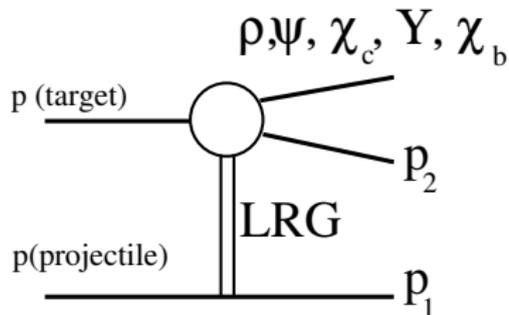
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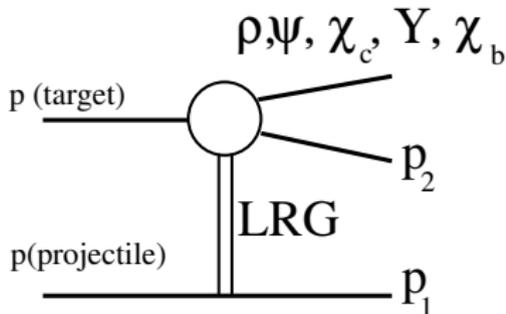
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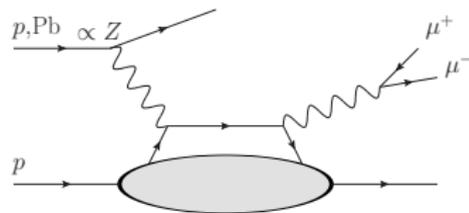
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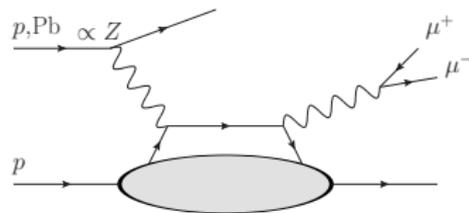
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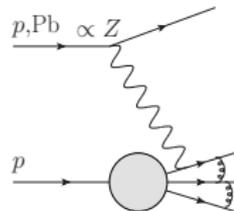


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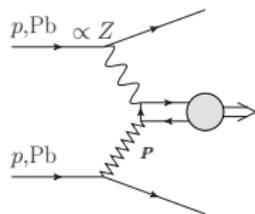
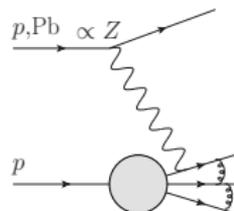
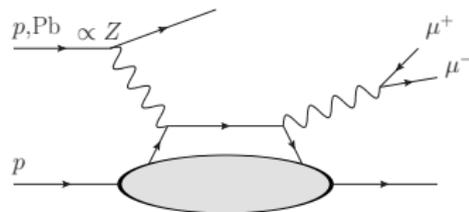
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## Physics Opportunities of a Fixed-Target Experiment using the LHC Beams

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### Abstract

We outline the many physics opportunities offered by a multi-purpose fixed-target experiment using the proton and lead-ion beams of the LHC extracted by a bent crystal. In a proton run with the LHC 7-TeV beam, one can analyze  $pp$ ,  $pd$  and  $pA$  collisions at center-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \simeq 115$  GeV and even higher using the Fermi-motion of the nucleons in a nuclear target. In a lead run with a 2.76 TeV-per-nucleon beam,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  is as high as 72 GeV. Bent crystals can be used to extract about  $5 \times 10^8$  protons/sec; the integrated luminosity over a year would reach  $0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  on a typical 1 cm-long target without nuclear species limitation. We emphasize that such an extraction mode does not alter the performance of the collider experiments at the LHC. By instrumenting the target-rapidity region, gluon and heavy-quark distributions of the proton and the neutron can be accessed at large  $x$  and even at  $x$  larger than unity in the nuclear case. Single diffractive physics and, for the first time, the large negative- $x_F$  domain can be accessed. The nuclear target-species versatility provides a unique opportunity to study nuclear matter versus the features of the hot and dense matter formed in heavy-ion collisions, including the formation of the Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP), which can be studied in  $PbA$  collisions over the full range of target rapidities with a large variety of nuclei. The polarization of hydrogen and nuclear targets allows an ambitious spin program, including measurements of the QCD lensing effects which underlie the Sivers single-spin asymmetry, the study of transversity distributions and possibly of polarized parton distributions. We also emphasize the potential offered by  $pA$  ultra-peripheral collisions where the nucleus target  $A$  is used as a coherent photon source, mimicking photoproduction processes in  $ep$  collisions. Finally, we note that  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons can be produced and detected in a fixed-target experiment and in their threshold domain for the first time, providing new ways to probe the partonic content of the proton and the nucleus.

**Keywords:** LHC beam, fixed-target experiment

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# Part IV

## Backup slides

# Luminosities

- Instantaneous Luminosity:

$$\mathcal{L} = \Phi_{beam} \times N_{target} = N_{beam} \times (\rho \times \ell \times \mathcal{N}_A) / A$$

$$\Phi_{beam} = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ Pb s}^{-1}, \quad \ell = 1 \text{ cm (target thickness)}$$

- Integrated luminosity  $\int dt \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L} \times 10^6 \text{ s}$  for Pb
- Expected luminosities with  $2 \times 10^5 \text{ Pb s}^{-1}$  extracted (1cm-long target)

Target	$\rho$ (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> )	A	$\mathcal{L}$ (mb <sup>-1</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> )= $\int \mathcal{L}$ (nb <sup>-1</sup> .yr <sup>-1</sup> )
Sol. H <sub>2</sub>	0.09	1	<b>11</b>
Liq. H <sub>2</sub>	0.07	1	<b>8</b>
Liq. D <sub>2</sub>	0.16	2	<b>10</b>
Be	1.85	9	<b>25</b>
Cu	8.96	64	<b>17</b>
W	19.1	185	<b>13</b>
Pb	11.35	207	<b>7</b>

- Planned lumi for PHENIX Run15AuAu  $2.8 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  ( $0.13 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  at 62 GeV)
- Nominal LHC lumi for PbPb  $0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

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## Structure-function analysis and $\psi$ , jet, $W$ , and $Z$ production: Determining the gluon distribution

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We perform a next-to-leading-order structure-function analysis of deep-inelastic  $\mu N$  and  $\nu N$  scattering data and find acceptable fits for a range of input gluon distributions. We show three equally acceptable sets of parton distributions which correspond to gluon distributions which are (1) "soft," (2) "hard," and (3) which behave as  $xG(x) \sim 1/\sqrt{x}$  at small  $x$ .  $J/\psi$  and prompt photon hadroproduction data are used to discriminate between the three sets. Set 1, with the "soft"-gluon distribution, is favored.  $W$ ,  $Z$ , and jet production data from the CERN collider are well described but do not distinguish between the sets of structure functions. The precision of the predictions for  $\sigma_W$  and  $\sigma_Z$  allow the collider measurements to yield information on the number of light neutrinos and the mass of the top quark. Finally we discuss how the gluon distribution at very small  $x$  may be directly measured at DESY HERA.

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## $\psi$ production in $\bar{p}N$ and $\pi^-N$ interactions at 125 GeV/c and a determination of the gluon structure functions of the $\bar{p}$ and the $\pi^-$

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We have measured the cross section for production of  $\psi$  and  $\psi'$  in  $\bar{p}$  and  $\pi^-$  interactions with Be, Cu, and W targets in experiment E537 at Fermilab. The measurements were performed at 125 GeV/c using a forward dimuon spectrometer in a closed geometry configuration. The gluon structure functions of the  $\bar{p}$  and  $\pi^-$  have been extracted from the measured  $d\sigma/dx_F$  spectra of the produced  $\psi$ 's. From the  $\bar{p}W$  data we obtain, for  $\bar{p}$ ,  $xG(x) = (2.15 \pm 0.7)[1-x]^{(6.83 \pm 0.5)} [1 + (5.85 \pm 0.95)x]$ . In the  $\pi^-$  case, we obtain, from the W and the Be data separately,  $xG(x) = (1.49 \pm 0.03)[1-x]^{(1.98 \pm 0.06)}$  (for  $\pi^-W$ ),  $xG(x) = (1.10 \pm 0.10)[1-x]^{(1.20 \pm 0.20)}$  (for  $\pi^-Be$ ).

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Z. Phys. C – Particles and Fields 38, 473–478 (1988)

## $J/\psi$ Production at large transverse momentum at hadron colliders

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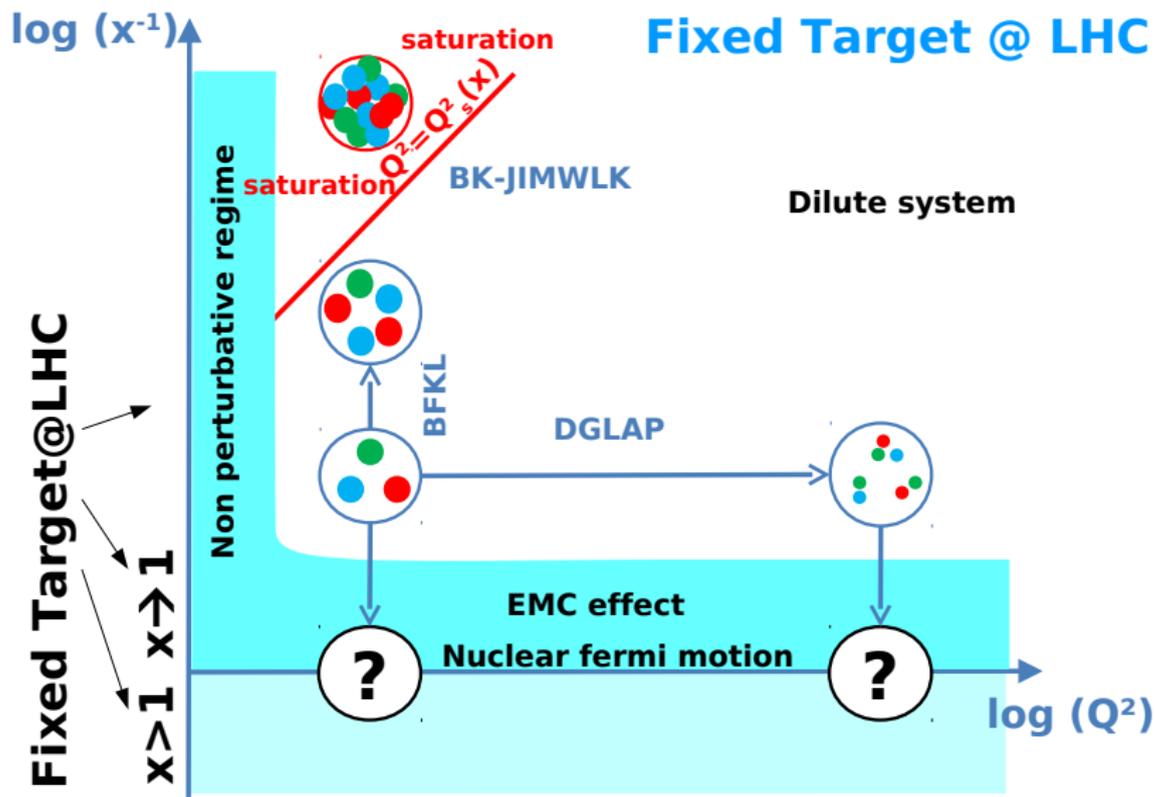
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**Abstract.** We calculate  $J/\psi$  hadroproduction and emphasize the importance of the  $J/\psi$  signal as a measure of  $b\bar{b}$  production via the decay  $B \rightarrow \psi X$  and of the gluon structure function at low  $x$  via  $\chi$  hadroproduction followed by  $\chi \rightarrow \psi \gamma$  decay. We compare with UA1 data and data at ISR energies and make predictions for  $\psi$  production at TEVATRON energies.

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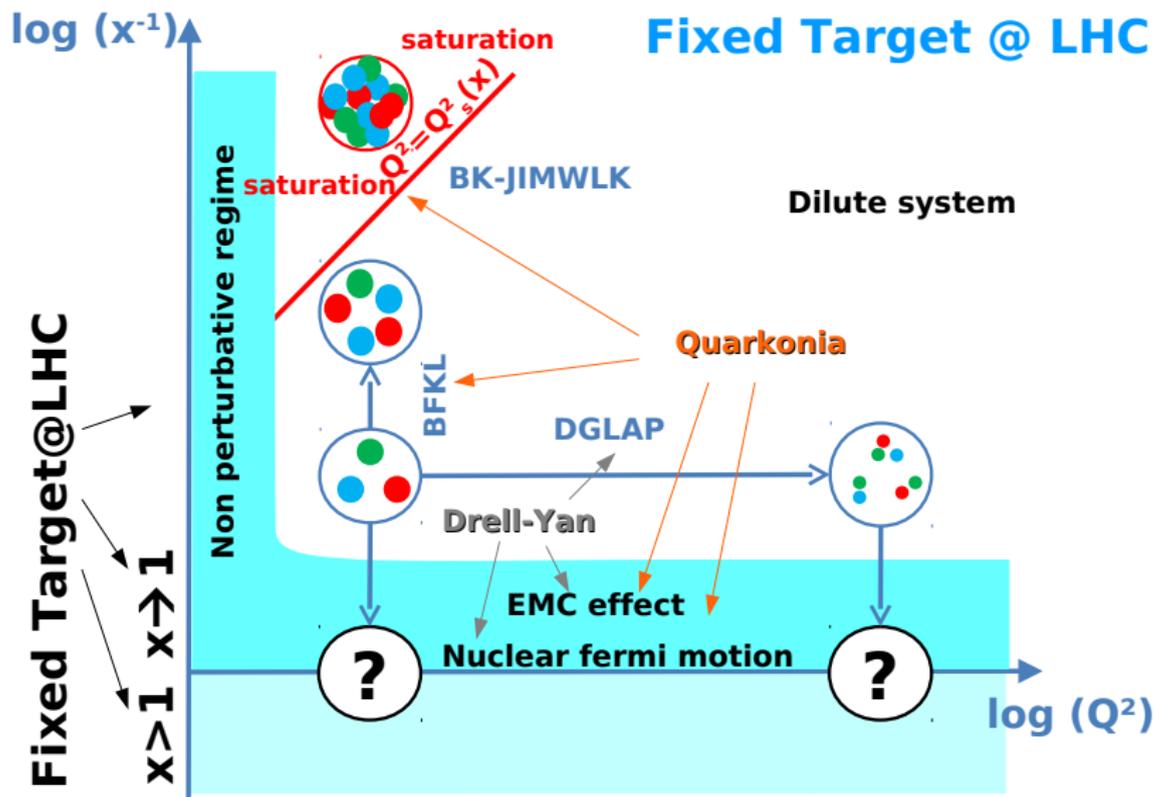
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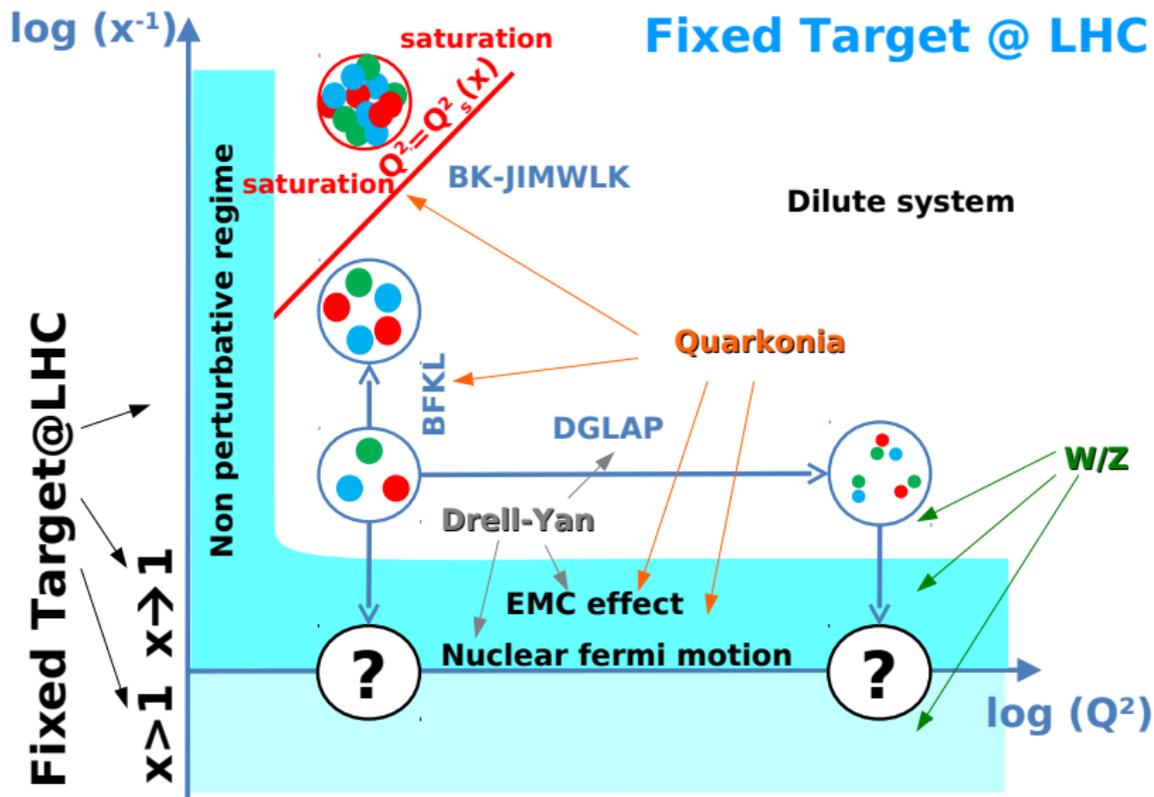
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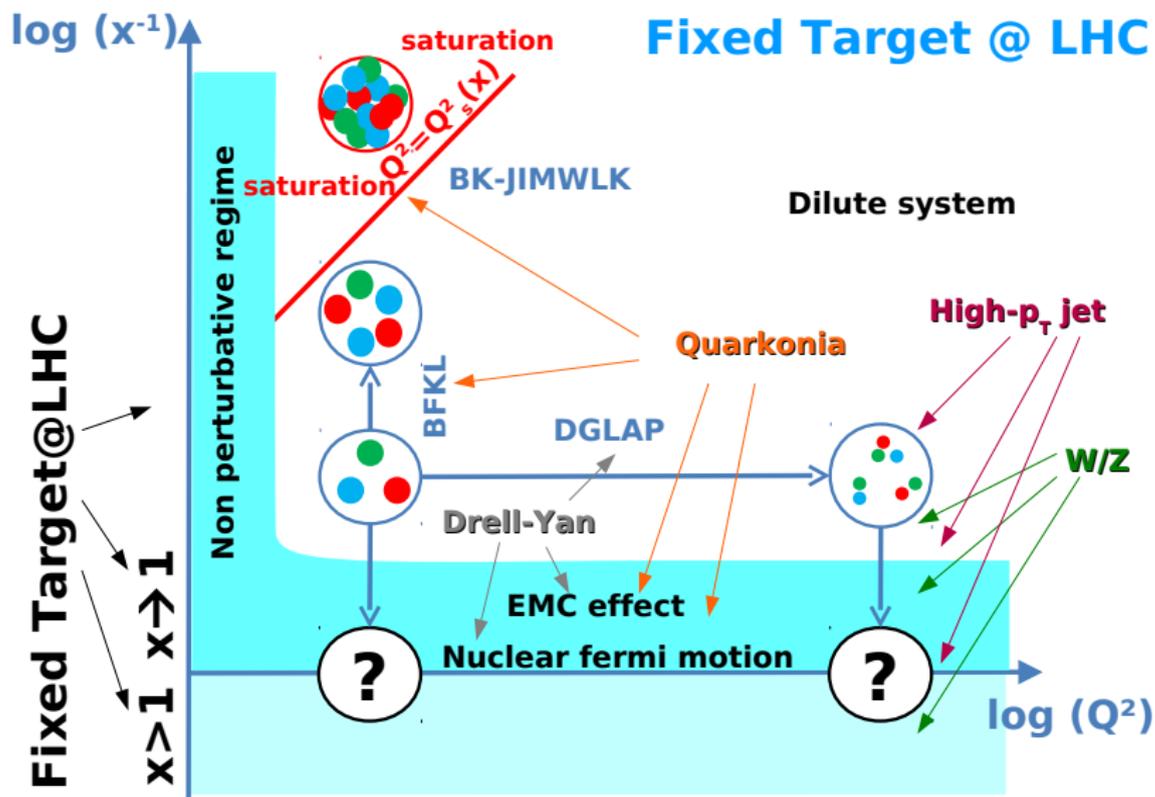
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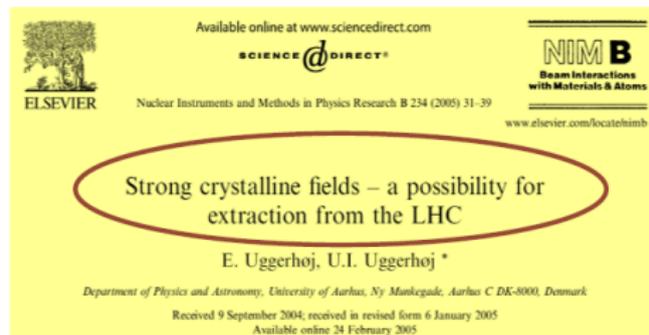
# Beam extraction

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... there are extremely promising possibilities to extract 7 TeV protons from the circulating beam by means of a bent crystal.

... The idea is to put a bent, single crystal of either Si or Ge (W would perform slightly better but needs substantial improvements in crystal quality) at a distance of  $\simeq 7\sigma$  to the beam where it can intercept and deflect part of the beam halo by an angle similar to the one the foreseen dump kicking system will apply to the circulating beam.

... ions with the same momentum per charge as protons are deflected in a crystal with similar efficiencies



If the crystal is positioned at the kicking section, the whole dump system can be used for slow extraction of parts of the beam halo, the particles that are anyway lost subsequently at collimators.

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 5% acceptance considered

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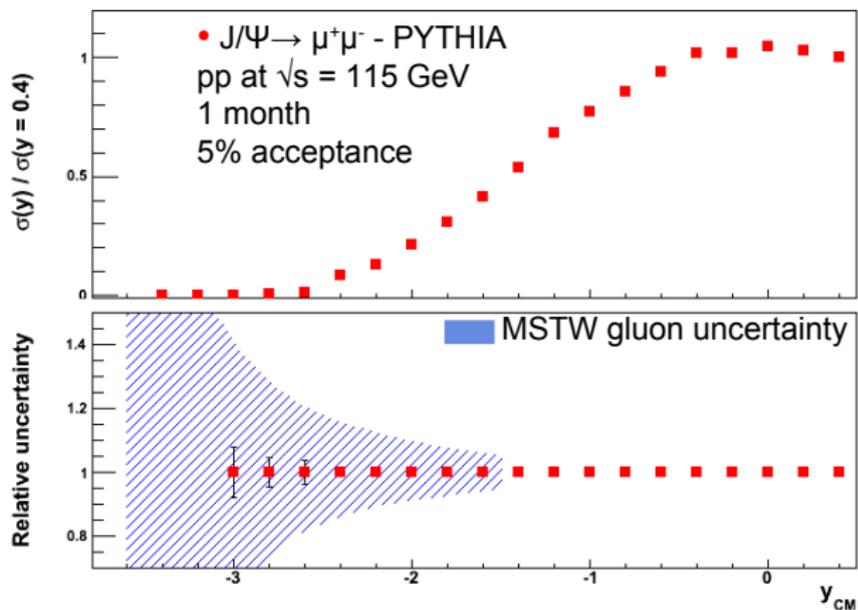
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