

# Progress towards AFTER@LHC

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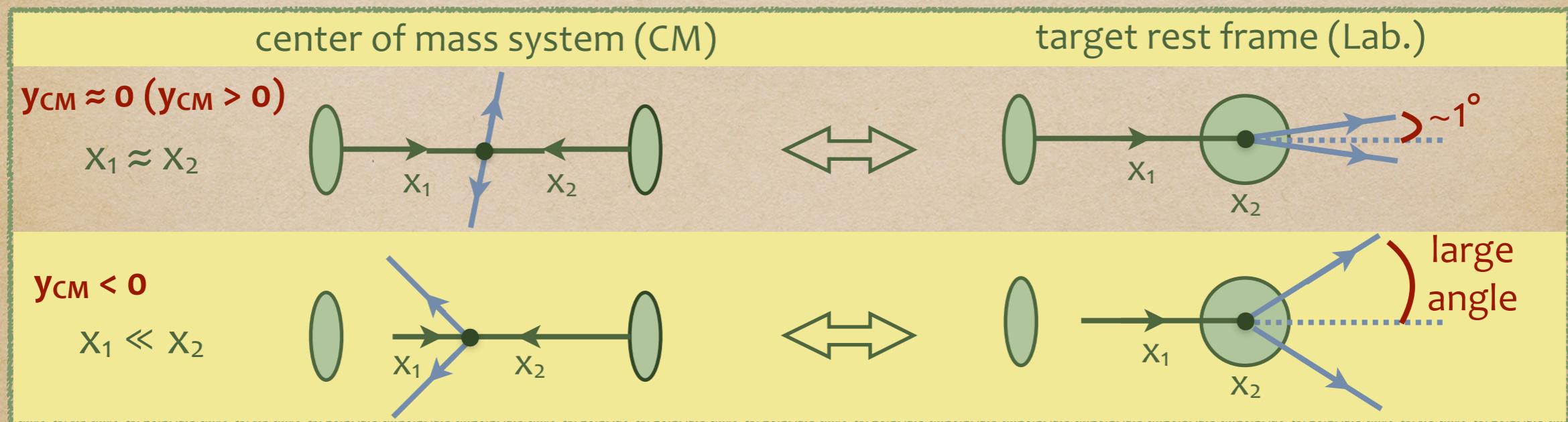
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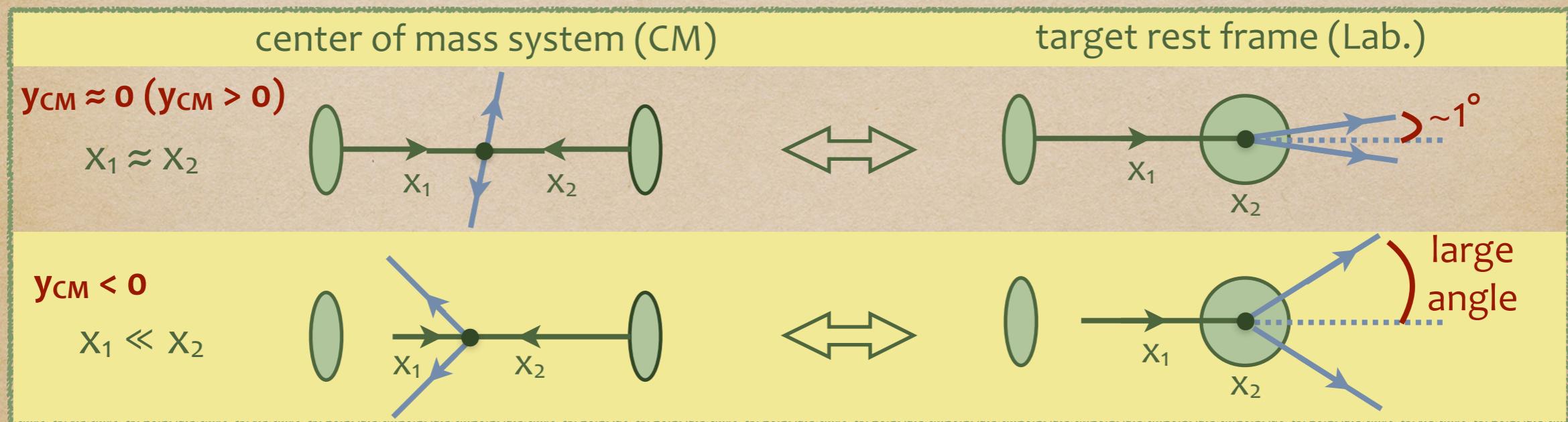
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Some numbers : if using a 7 TeV  $p^+$  beam on a fixed target ...

► CM energy :  $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2m_N E_p} \simeq 115 \text{ GeV}$

► boost :  $\gamma_{CM}^{Lab} = \sqrt{s}/2m_p = 60$

► Rapidity shift :

$$y_{CM} = 0 \Leftrightarrow y_{Lab} = 4.8$$

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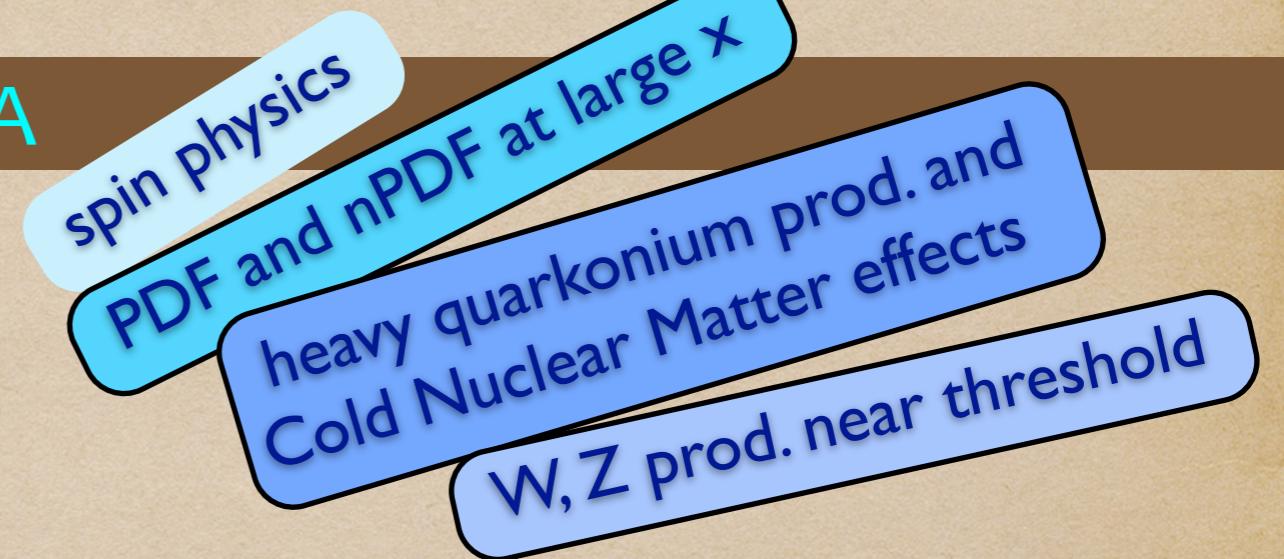
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> Only a few measurements will be presented here !

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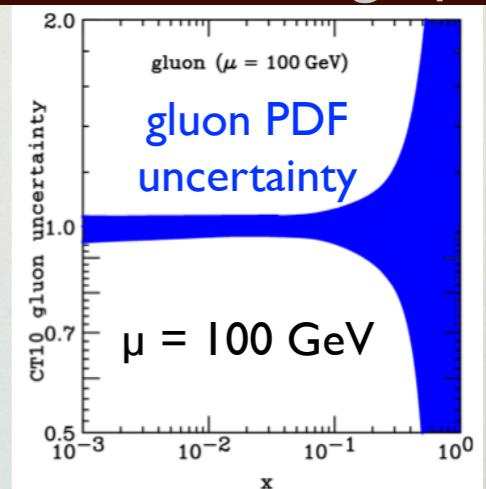
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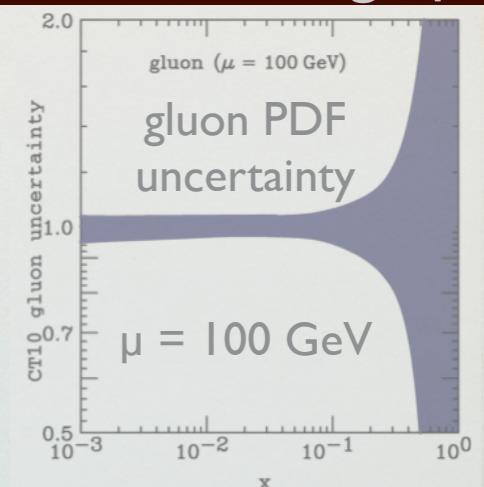
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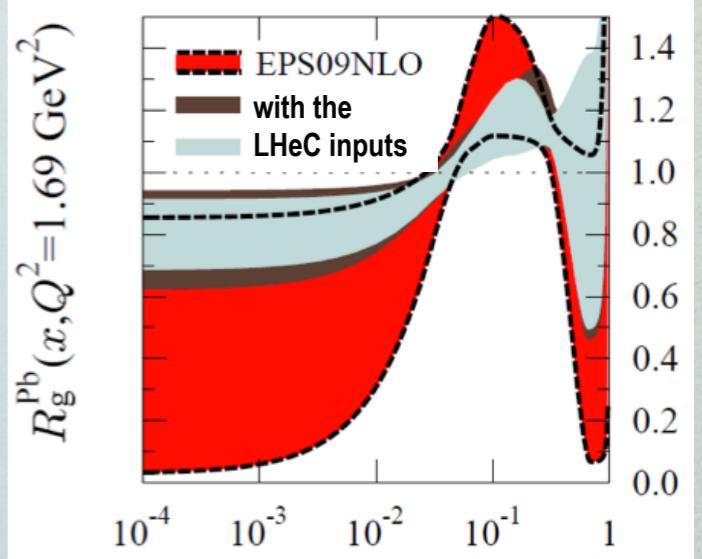
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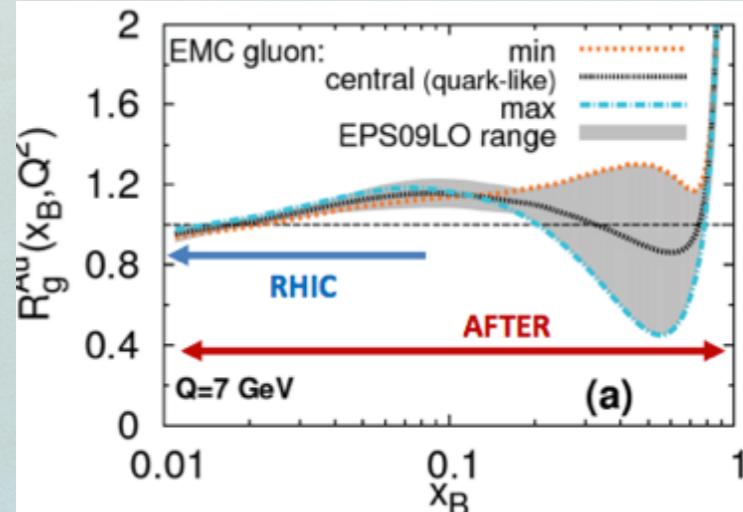
- ♦ unknown **gluon EMC effect**
- ♦ **hint from Y data from RHIC**, strongly limited by the statistics
- ♦ AFTER : **complementarity with LHeC** (focus at low x)

nuclear modification of g PDF in Pb

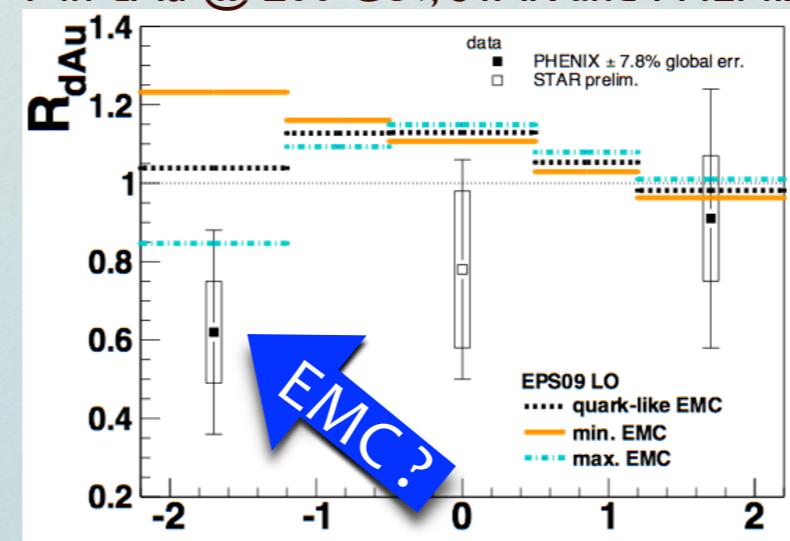


[ LHeC CDR, J. Phys. G 39 (2012) 075001 ]

nuclear modification of g PDF in Au



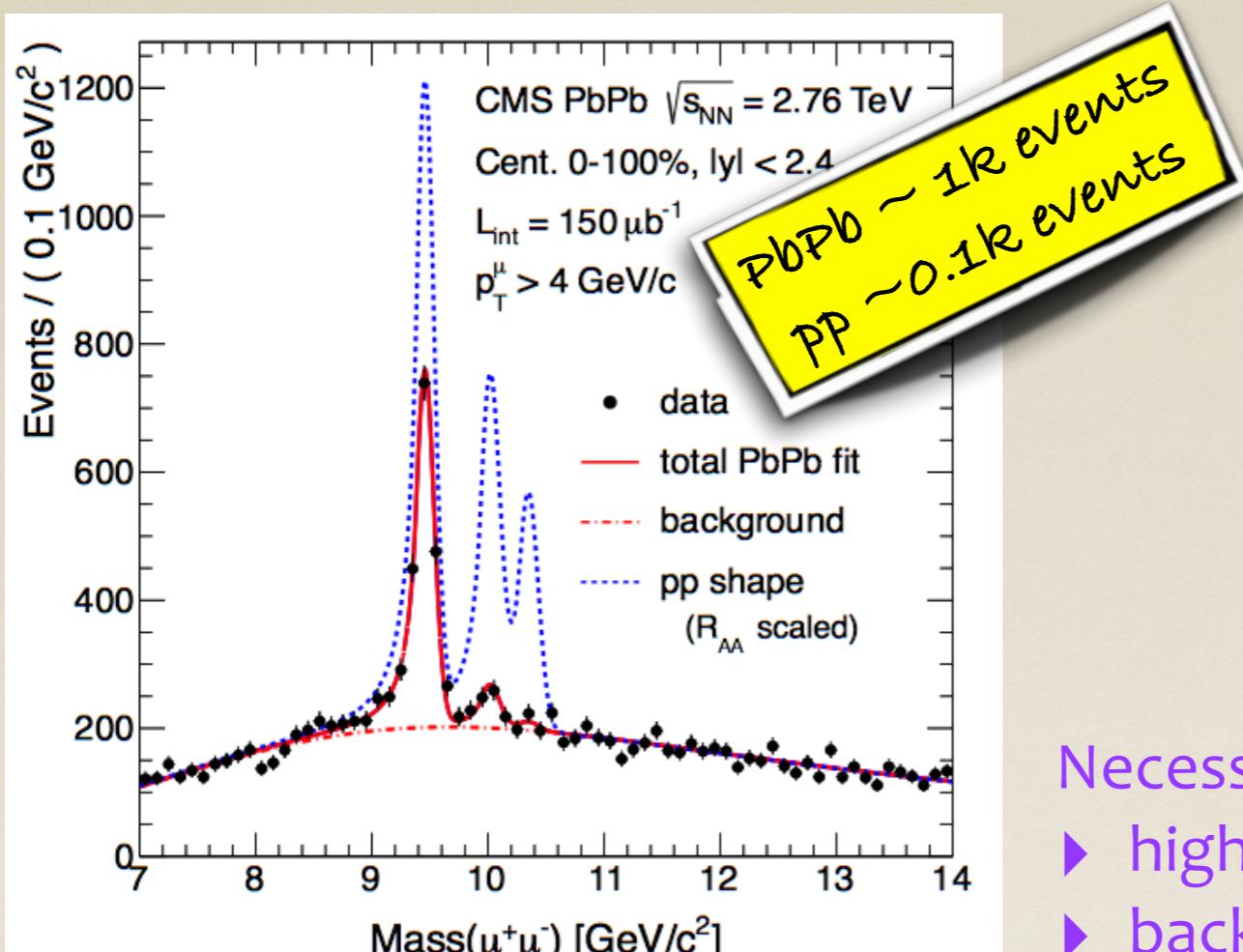
$\Upsilon$  in dAu @ 200 GeV, STAR and PHENIX



[ E.G. Ferreiro et al., EPJ C73 (2013) 2427 ]

# BOTTOMONIUM SEQUENTIAL MELTING @ LHC

Serious candidate for a « textbook-like »  
plot at Hard Probes 2013 conference



[ CMS, PRL 109 (2012) 222301]

Sequential suppression seen :

- ◆ (3S) completely melted ?
- ◆ (2S) very suppressed
- ◆ direct (1S) not affected

Necessary ingredients :

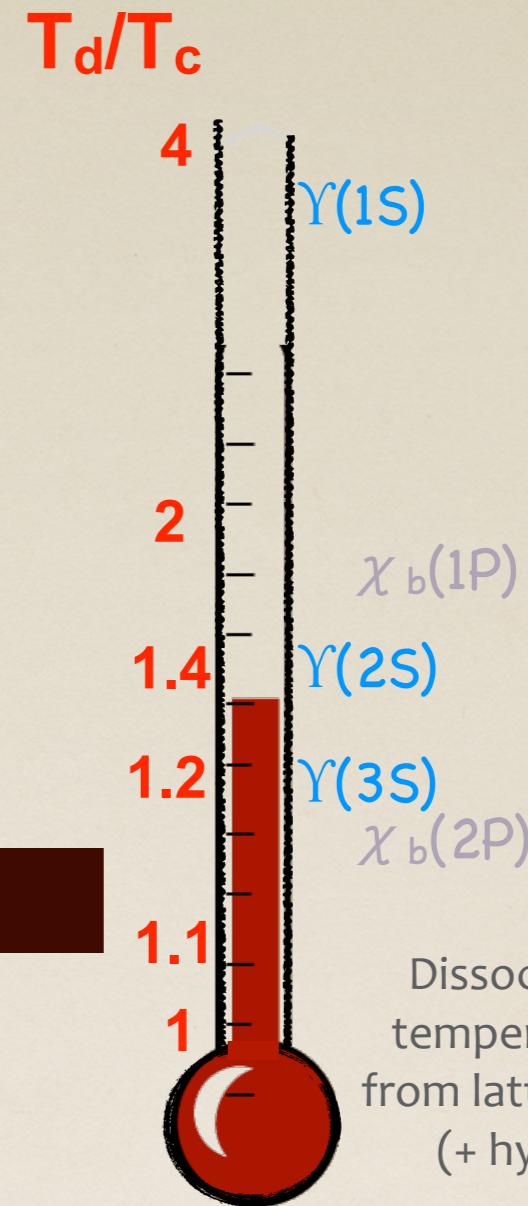
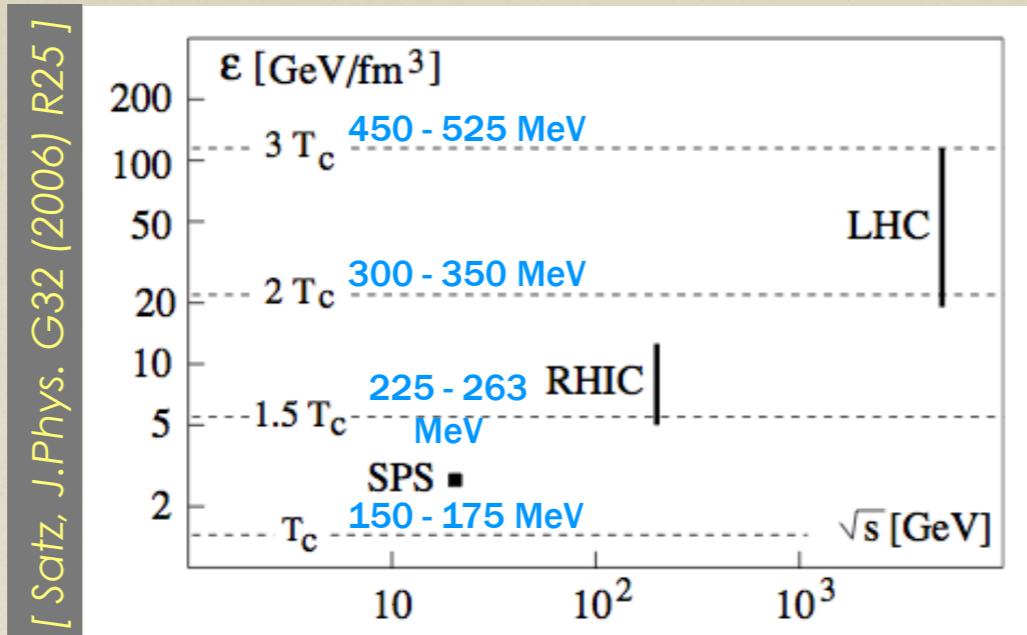
- ▶ high inv. mass resolution in p-p and Pb-Pb
- ▶ background under control

> Could be used as a genuine QGP thermometer *if* the sequential suppression is due to QGP effects *only*

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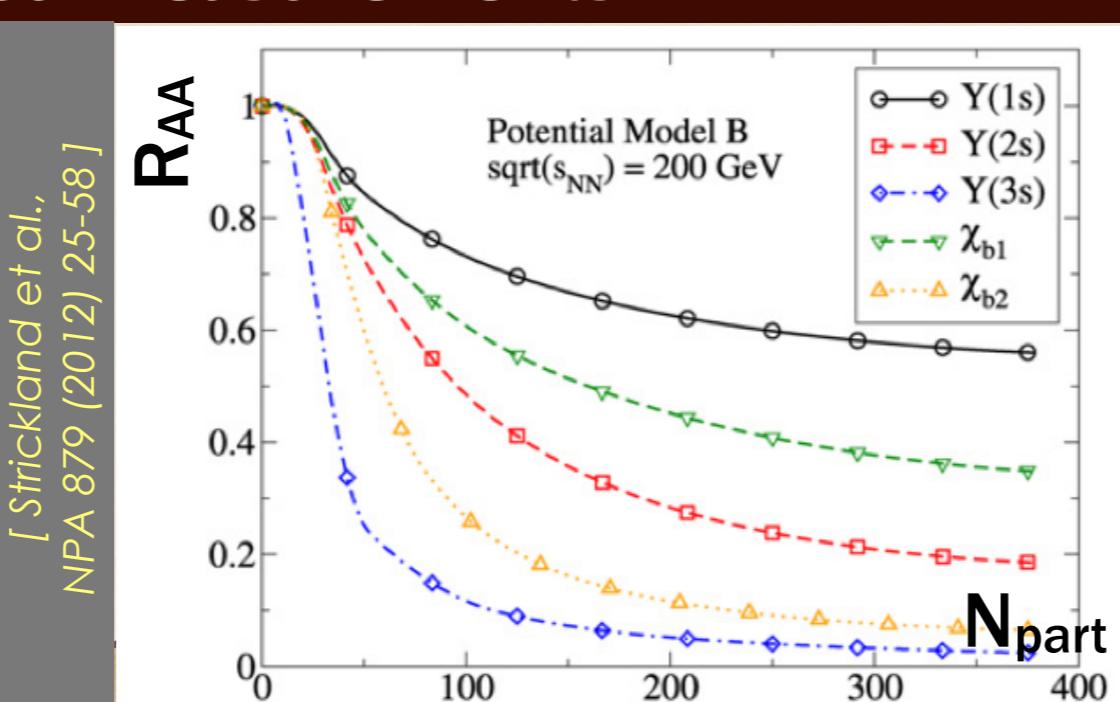
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Energy density, maximum collision energy and temperature :



Bottomonium family : broad range in temperature and energy density

> Dreamed measurements :

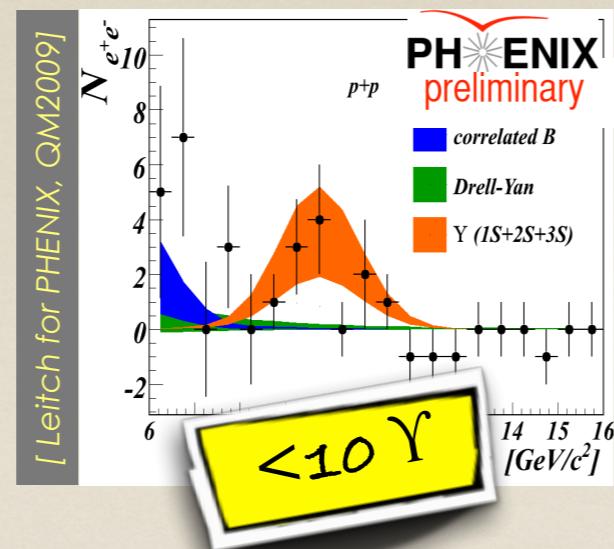


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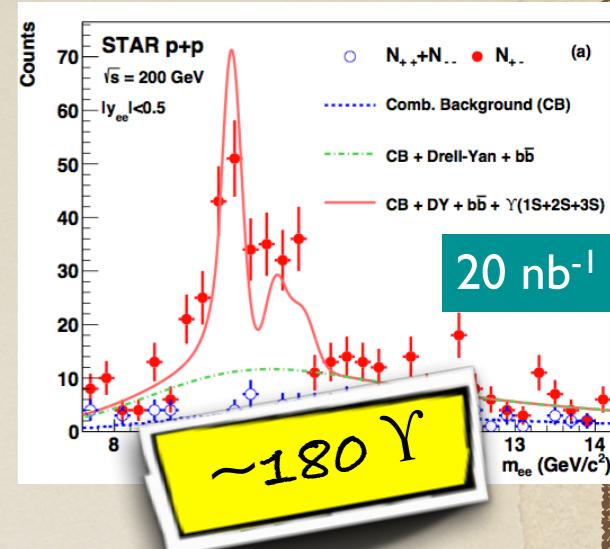
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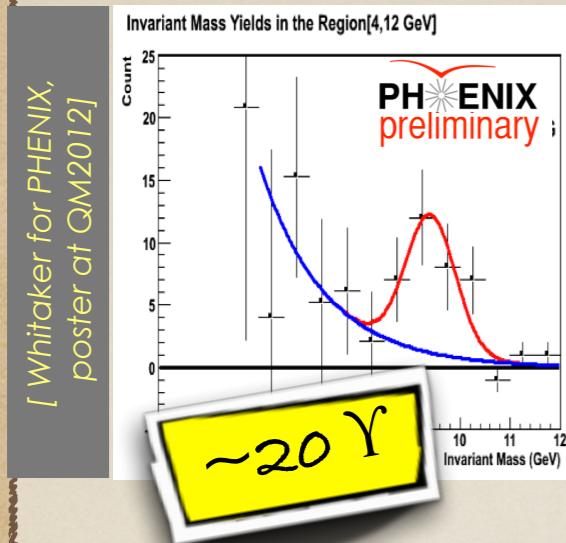


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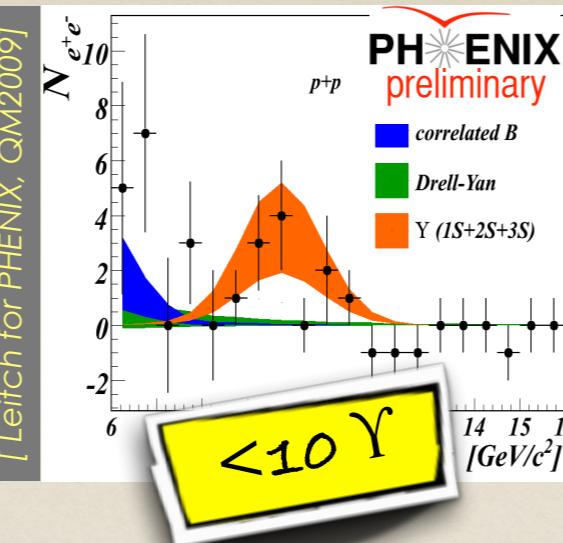
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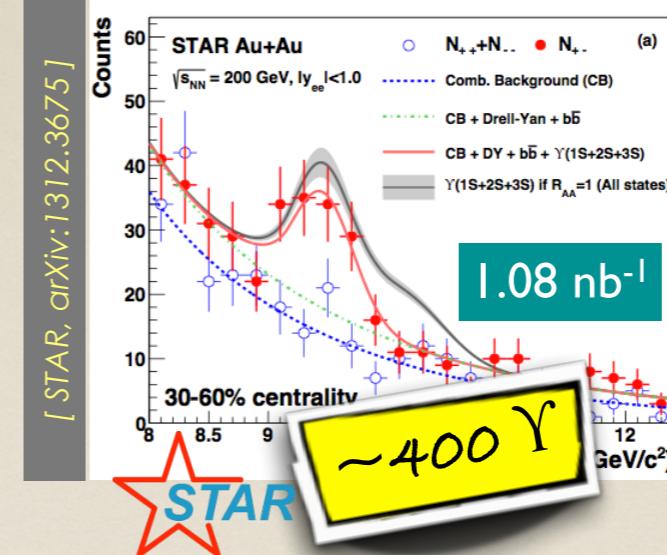
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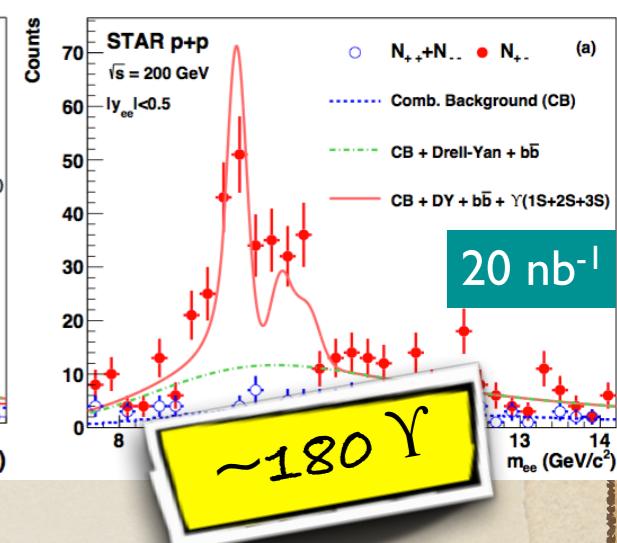
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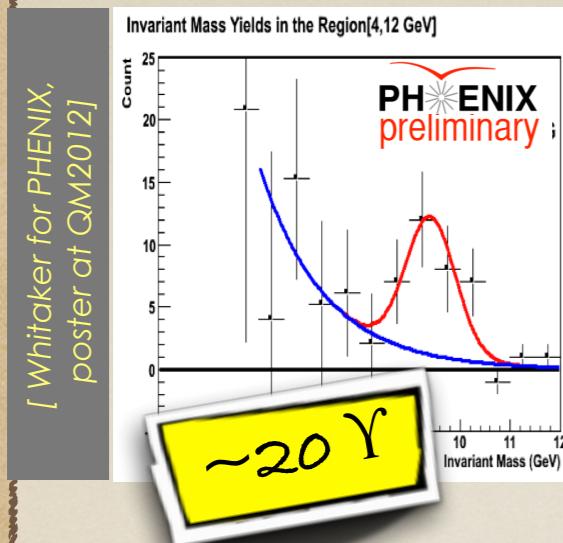


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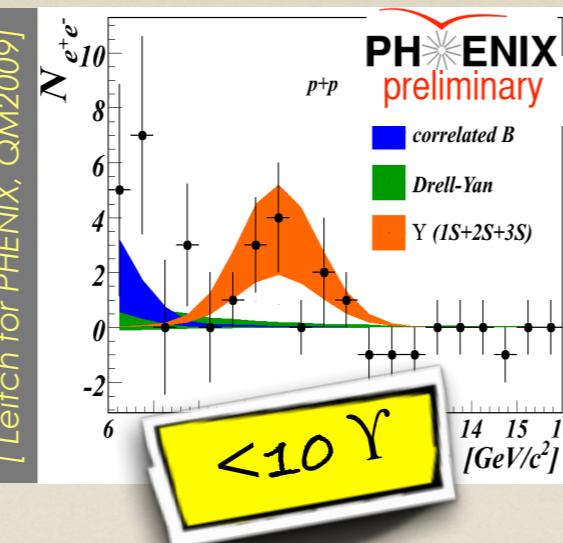
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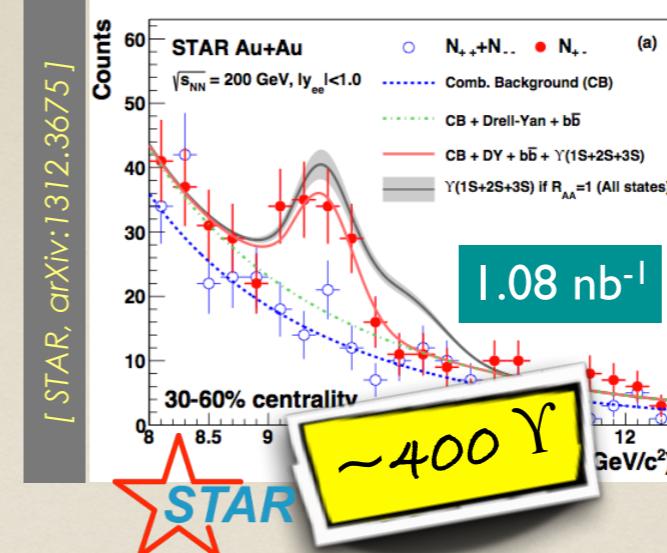
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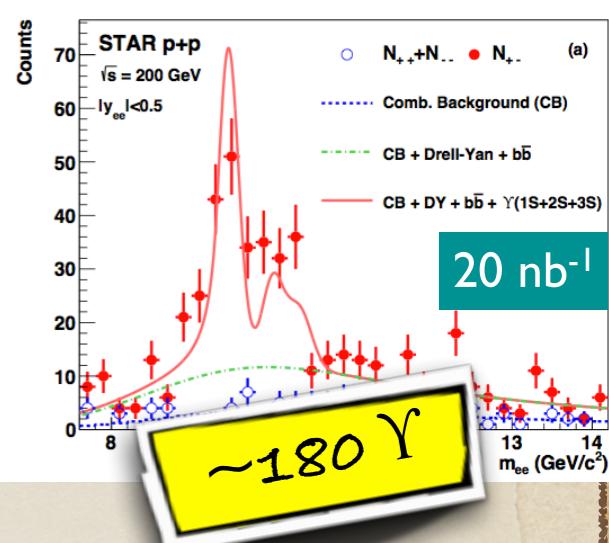
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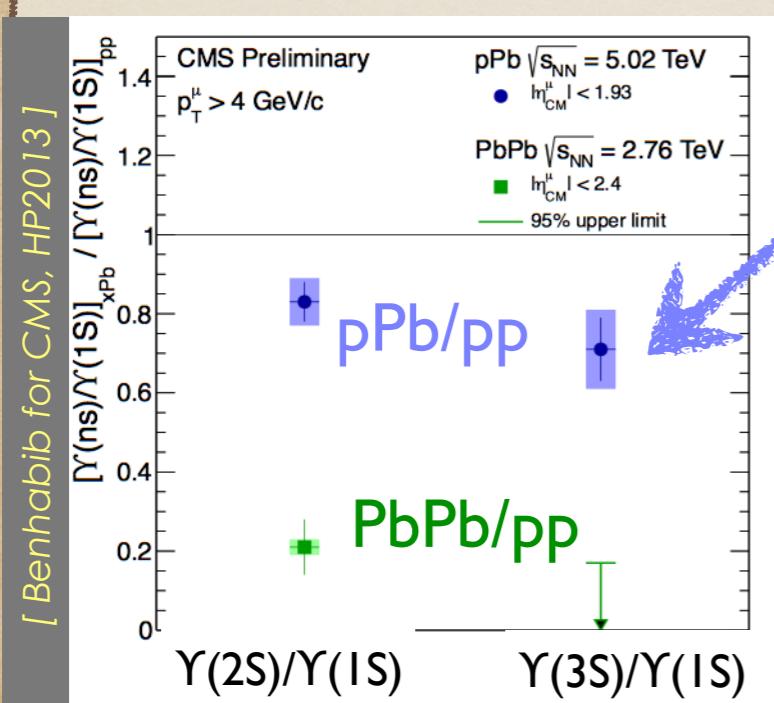
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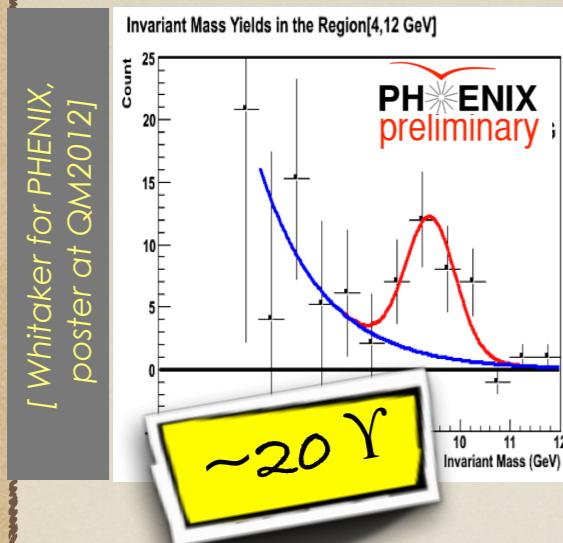
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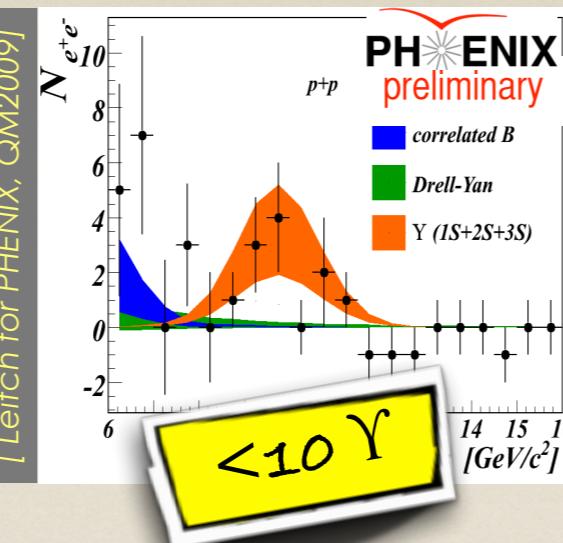
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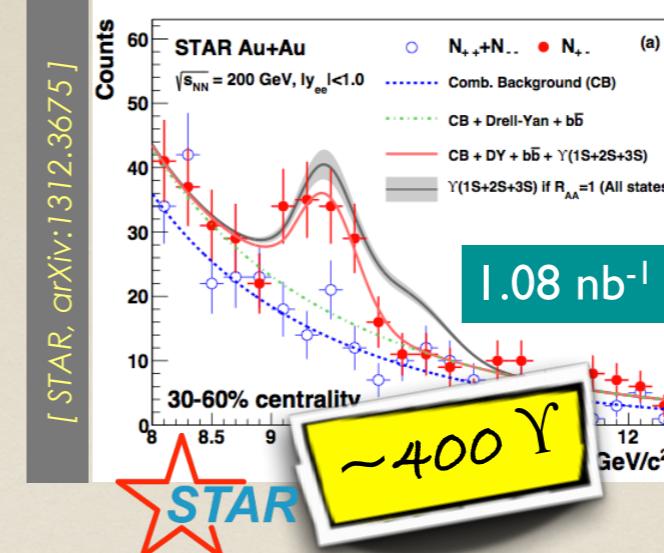
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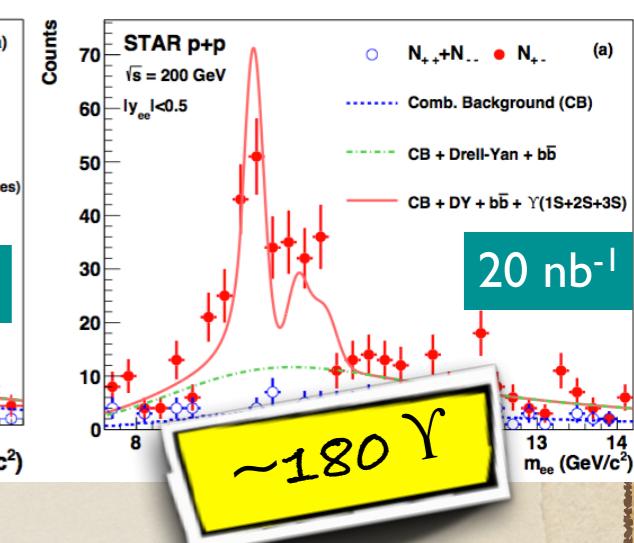
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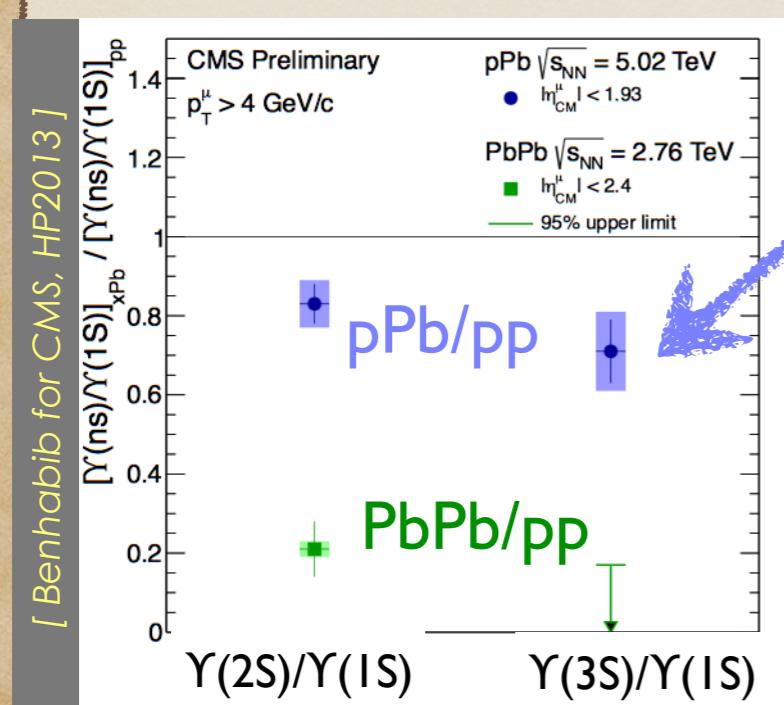
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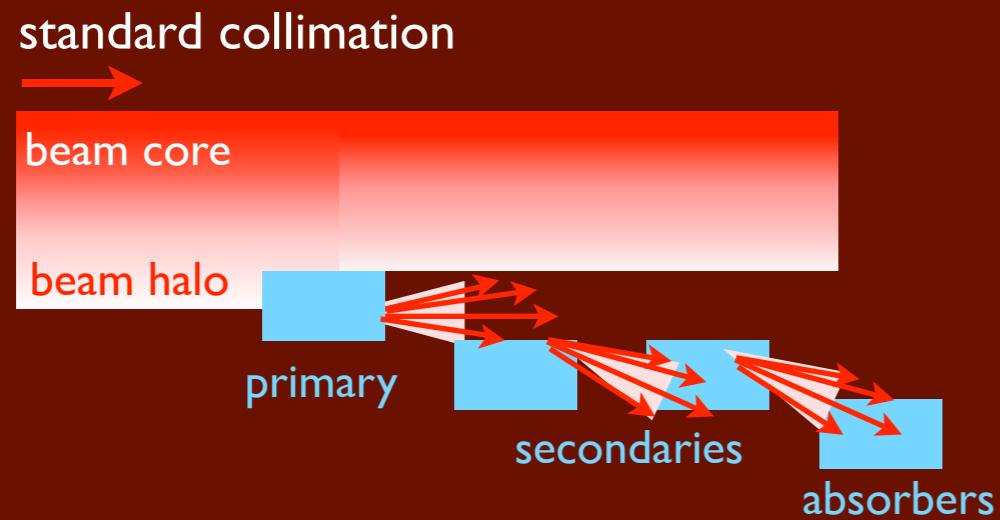
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→ could be beautifully addressed  
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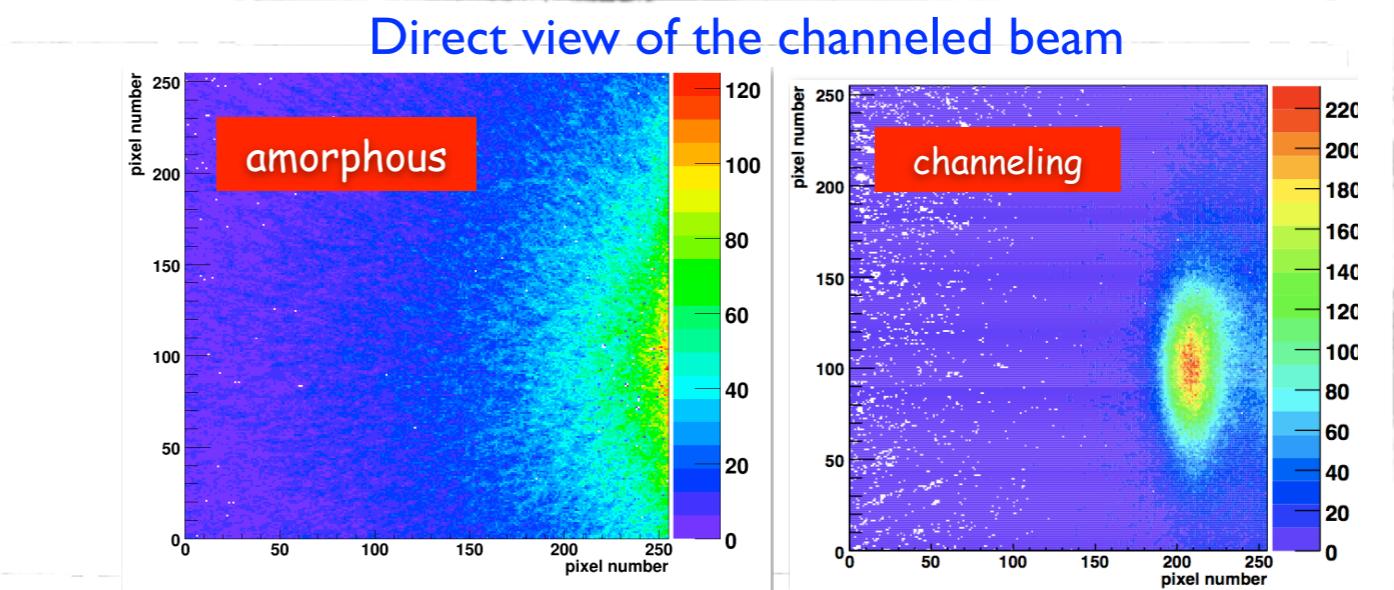


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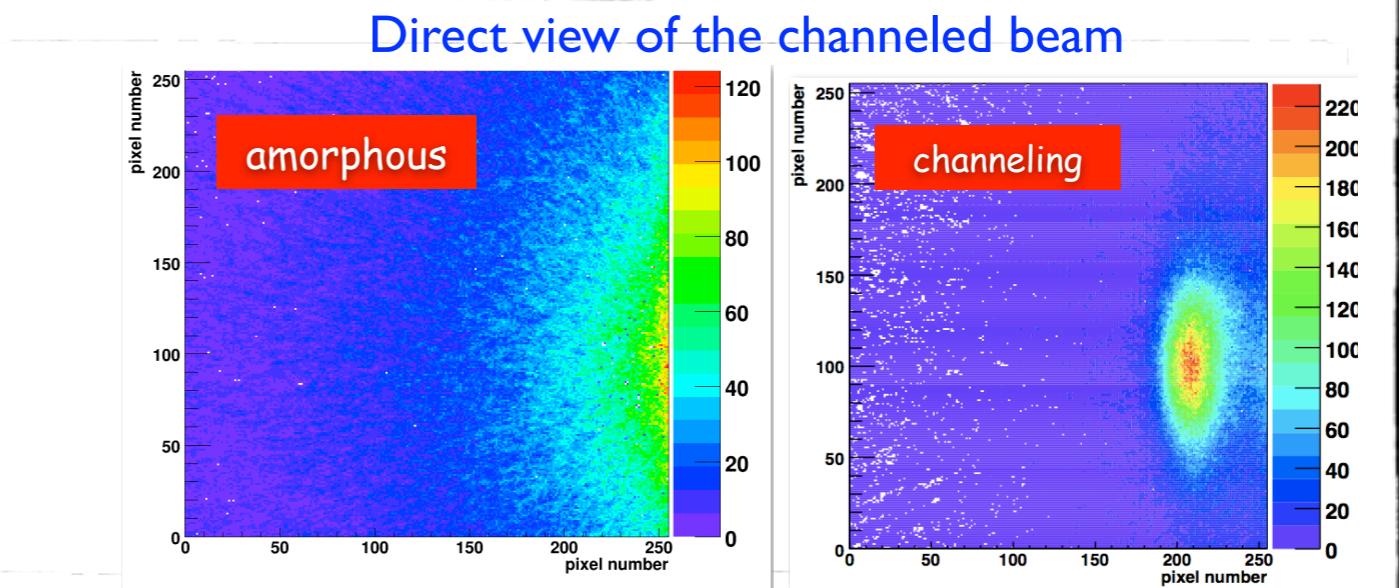


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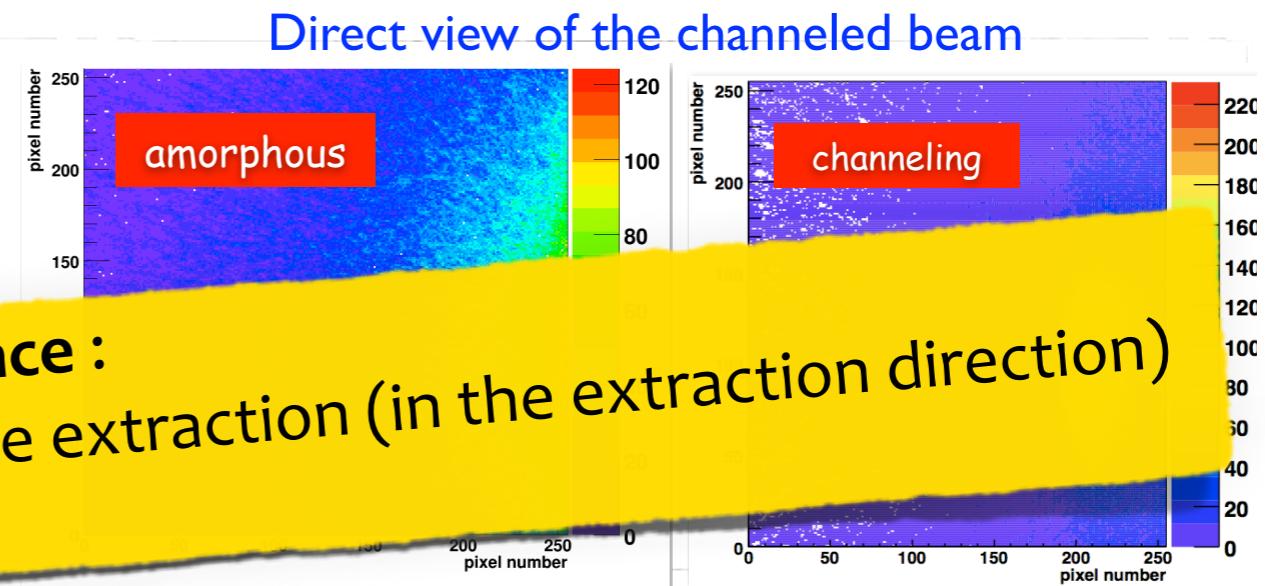
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  - ✓ Off-momentum loss reduction :  $6\times$  for protons,  $7\times$  for ions (currently, LHC is limited by dispersion losses)
- LUA9** : approved by the LHCC
  - ✓ 2 crystals already installed in the LHC beam pipe
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# LUMINOSITIES

For pp, pA @  $\sqrt{s} = 115 \text{ GeV}$ , estimates based on :

- extraction eff. (multi pass) ~50% LHC beam loss  $\Rightarrow 5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ p}^+/\text{s}$  extracted
- 1 year =  $10^7 \text{ s}$  for  $\text{p}^+$  beam

✓ AFTER@LHC : outstanding luminosities  $\Rightarrow$  precision studies

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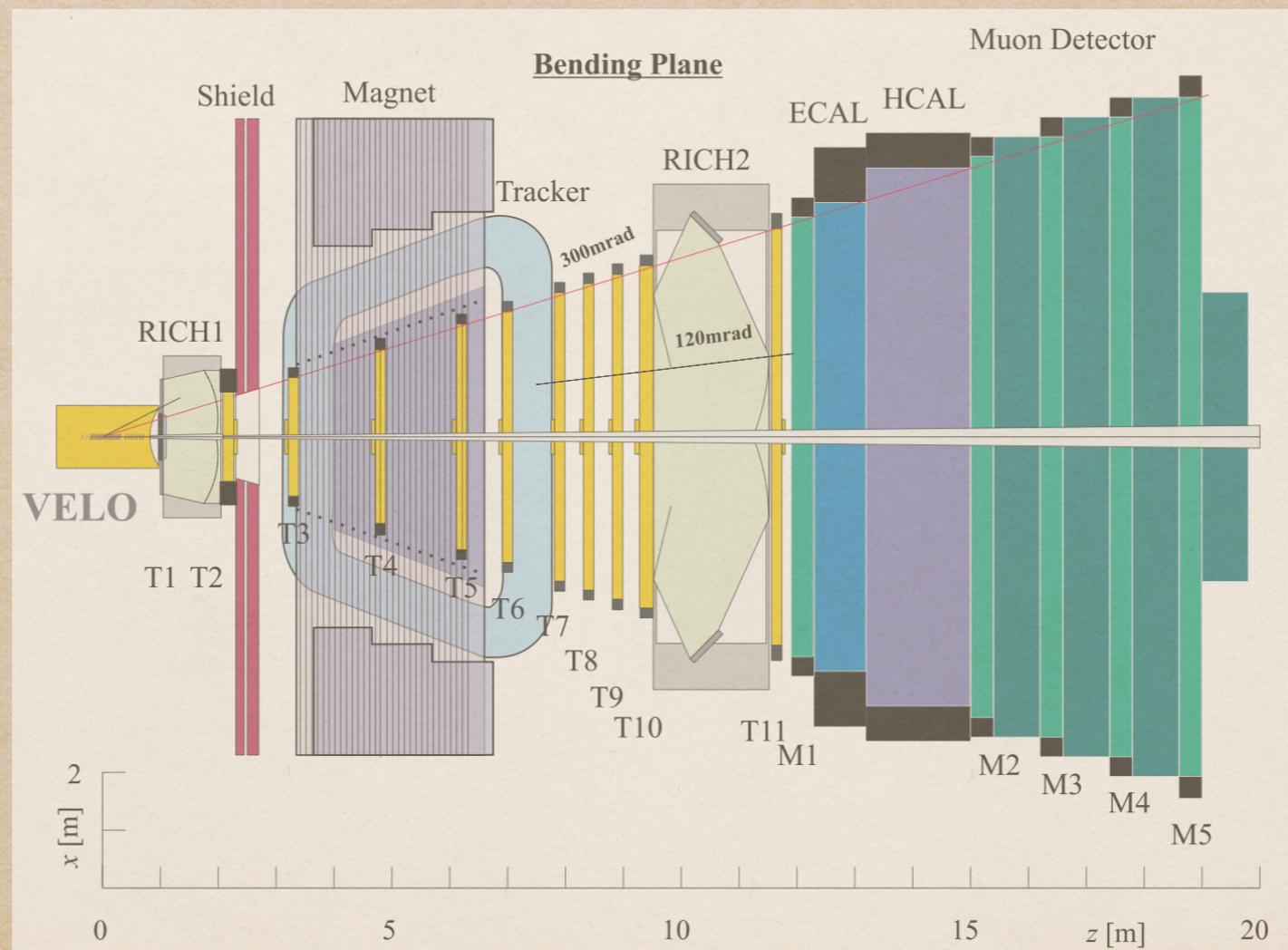
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- **RHIC** expected luminosity (PHENIX decadal plan) in 2014/15  
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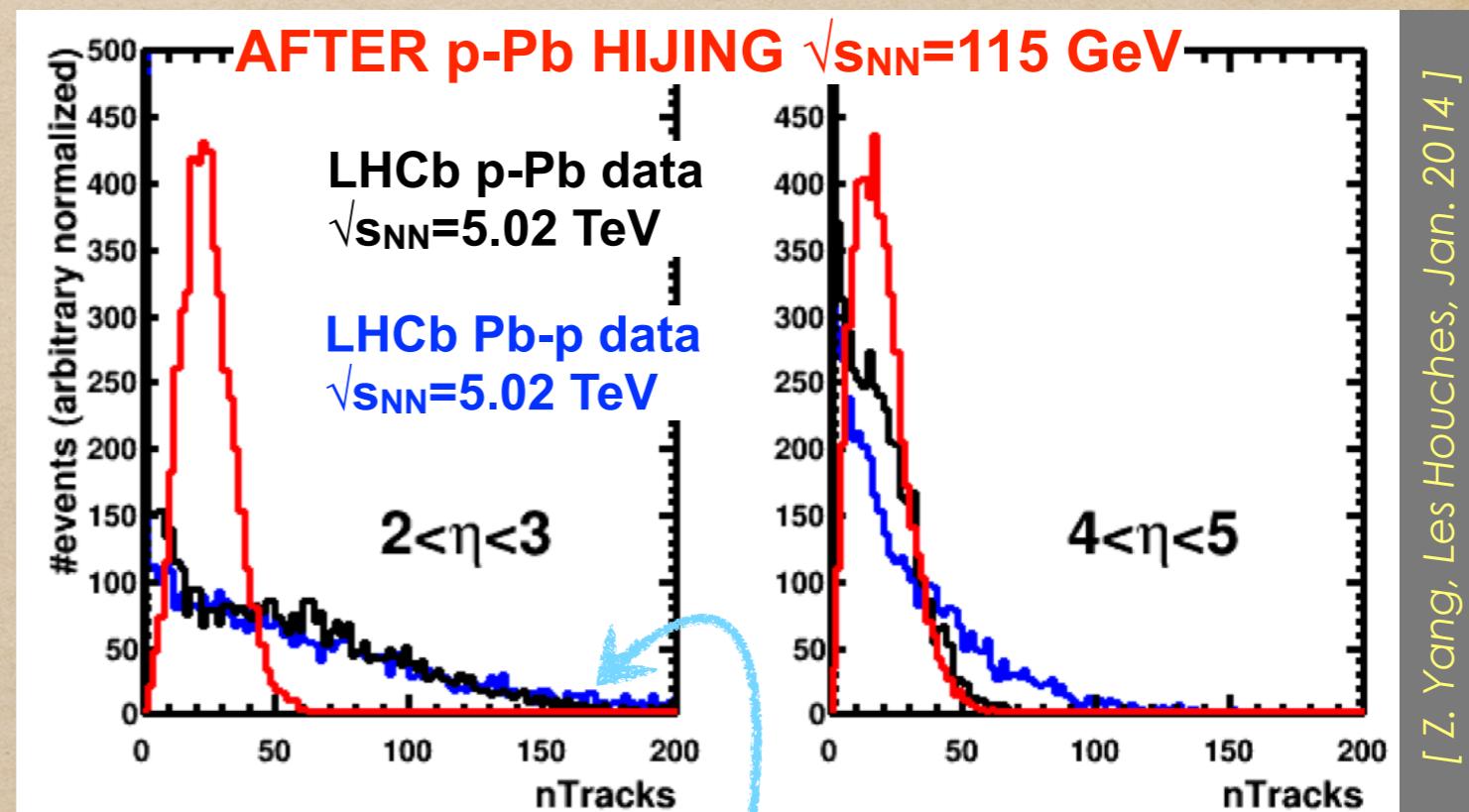


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Despite the boost, the track multiplicity is lower in the **fixed target mode** than in the collider mode



highest multiplicity/event ever experienced so far by LHCb

[ Z. Yang, Les Houches, Jan. 2014 ]

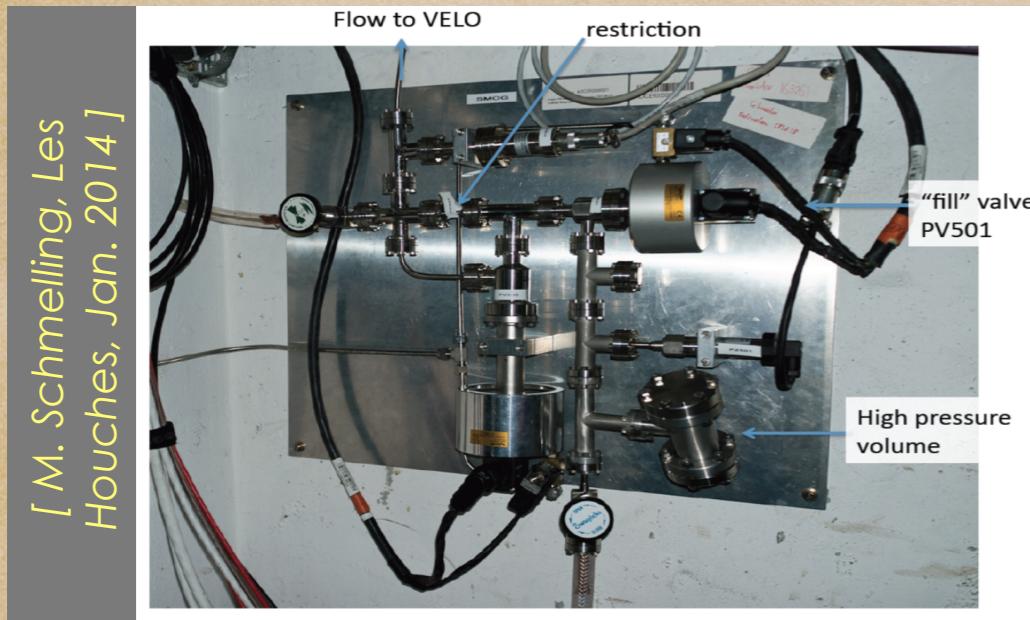
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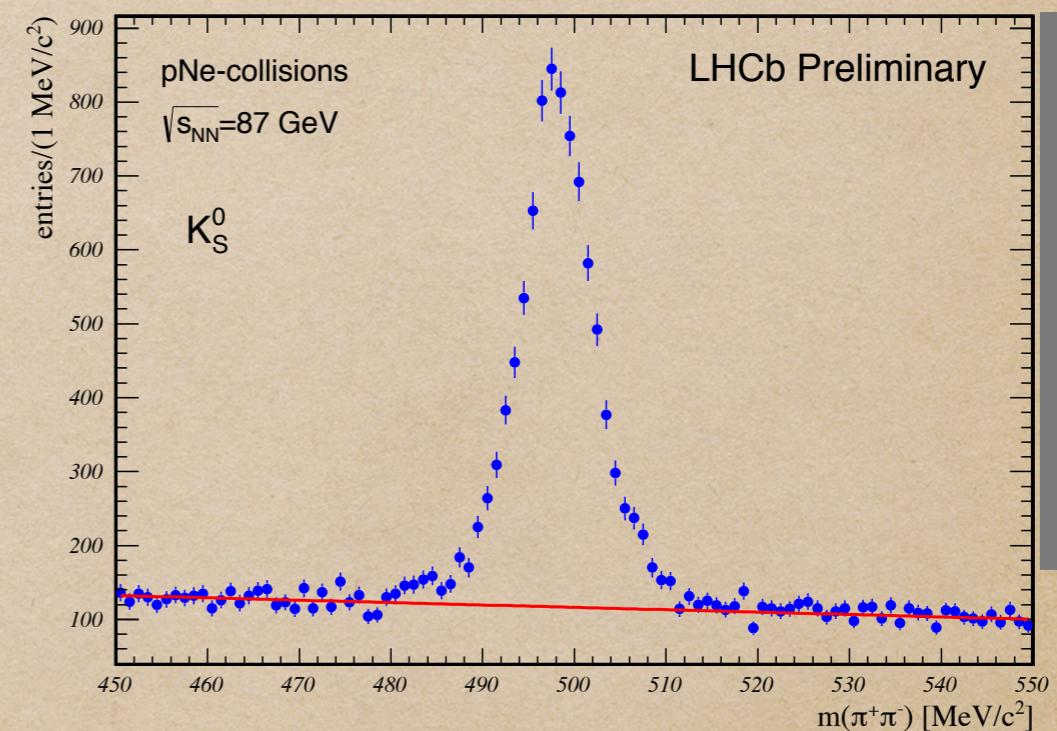
✓ SMOG pilot run : a proof of principle

System for Measuring Overlap with Gas



[ M. Schmelling, Les Houches, Jan. 2014 ]

Inject rare gas (Ne) in the VELO, for luminosity measurements  $\Rightarrow$  **LHCb taking data in fixed-target mode, with gaseous target**



Strangeness production (for .e.g  $K_S^0$ )  
4 TeV proton beam on gaseous Ne target

[ LHCb-Conf-2012-034 ]

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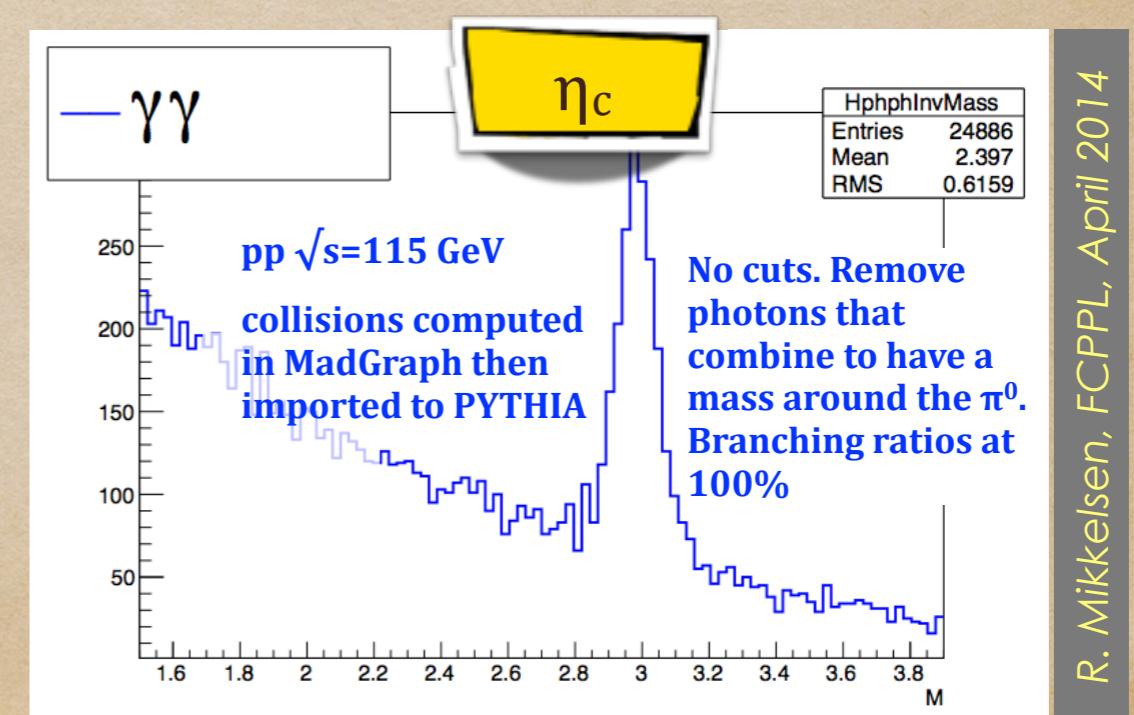
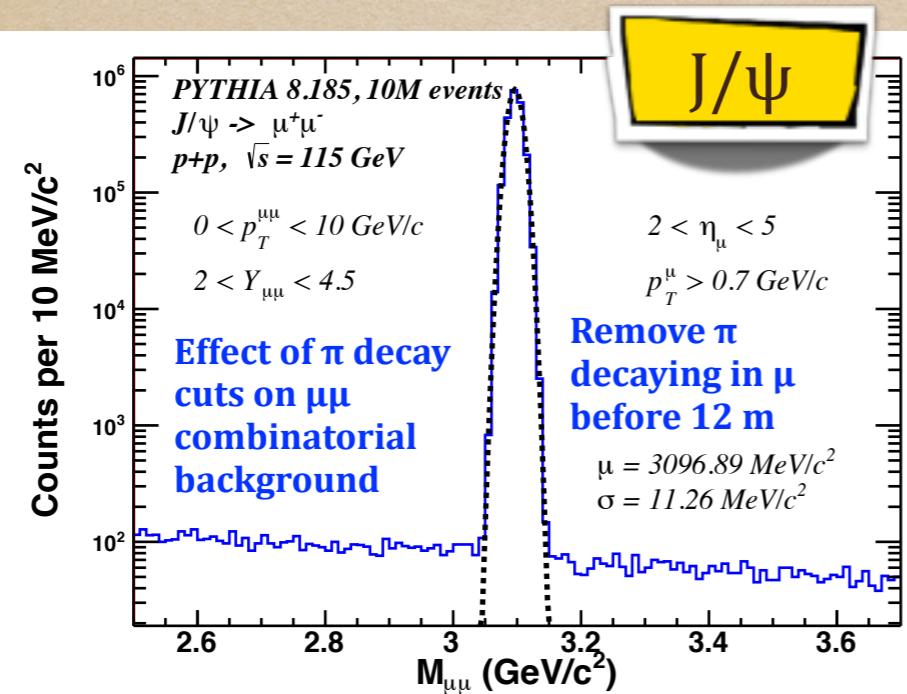
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✓ Fast simulations : first look at the background for quarkonium

Using  $\eta$  coverage, photon  $\Delta E/E$ , muon  $\Delta p/p$  of LHCb detector, + their usual cuts on muon  $p_T$  to improve the S/B ratio



# SUMMARY

AFTER : A Fixed-Target ExpeRiment using LHC beams

- provide a novel testing ground for QCD in the high-x frontier
- despite recycling the LHC beam loss, outstanding luminosities are achievable in pp, pA at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 115$  GeV and in PbA at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 72$  GeV, thanks to high density targets
- high-x frontier  $\Leftrightarrow$  backward physics ( $y_{CM} < 0$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  forward detector in the Lab.
- first simulation studies using a LHCb-like detector : promising setup !

Next : \* Expression of Interest in 2015

\* AFTER week @ CERN, 17-21 Nov. 2014

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Joint meeting IPNO-LAL LUAS AFTER

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The most convenient way for a fixed target experiment is, to our knowledge, to use bent-crystal beam extraction. The idea is therefore to have a crystal in the halo of the beam such that a few protons (or lead) per bunch pass through it and are deflected by a couple of degrees. Such a method also has the virtue of better collimating the beam, increasing the luminosity of the collider experiments. Tests of this technique will soon be performed by the LUAS collaboration following the recommendation of the LHCC.

During this meeting, we will discuss:

- the status of bent-crystal beam collimation and extraction
- the status of future test at the LHC

18-20 Nov. 2013

LES HOUCHES, 12-17 JAN. 2014

Probing the Strong Interaction at A Fixed Target Experiment with the LHC beams

12-17 January, 2014  
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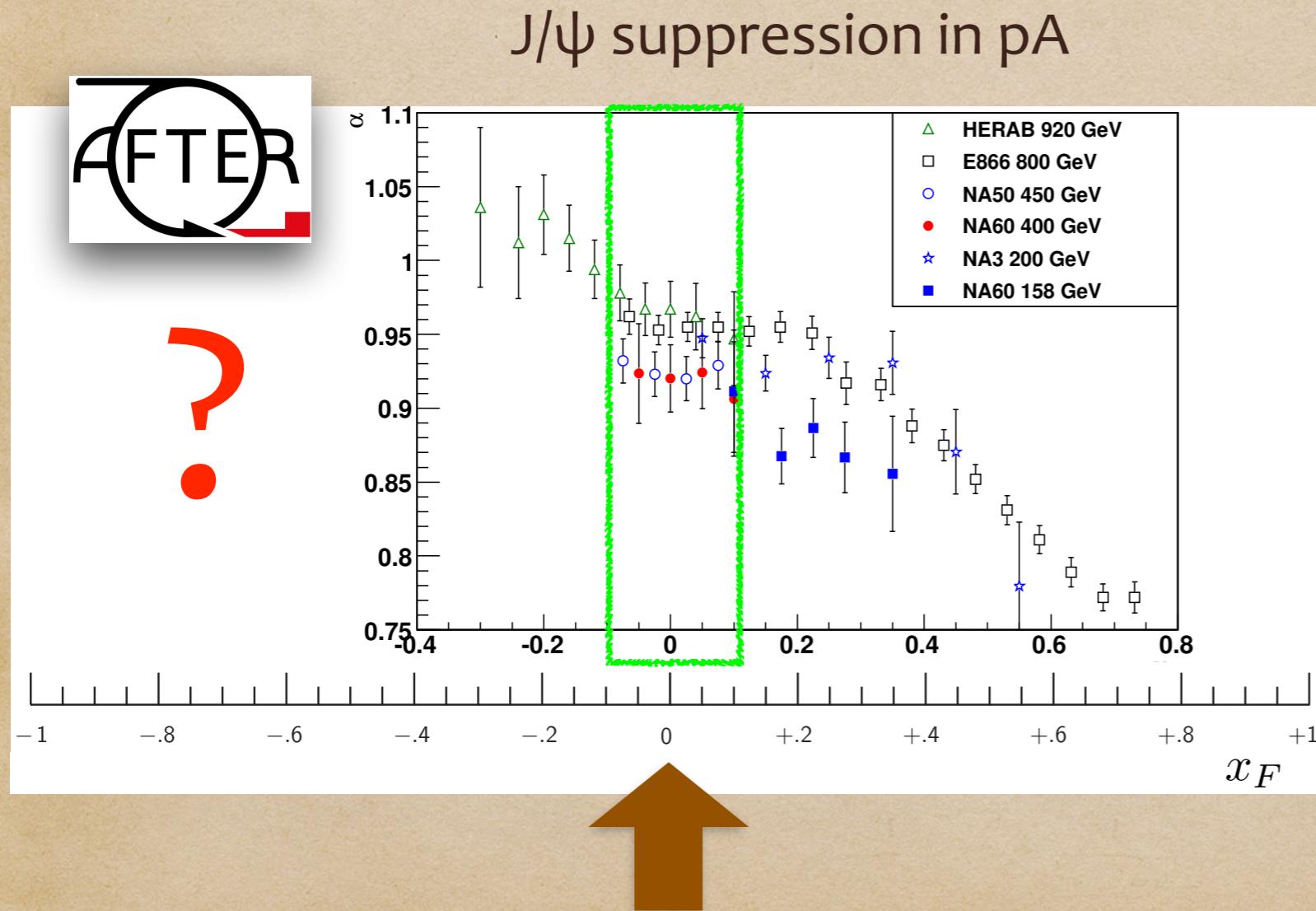
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# THE UNCHARTED NEGATIVE $x_F$ REGION

P-A

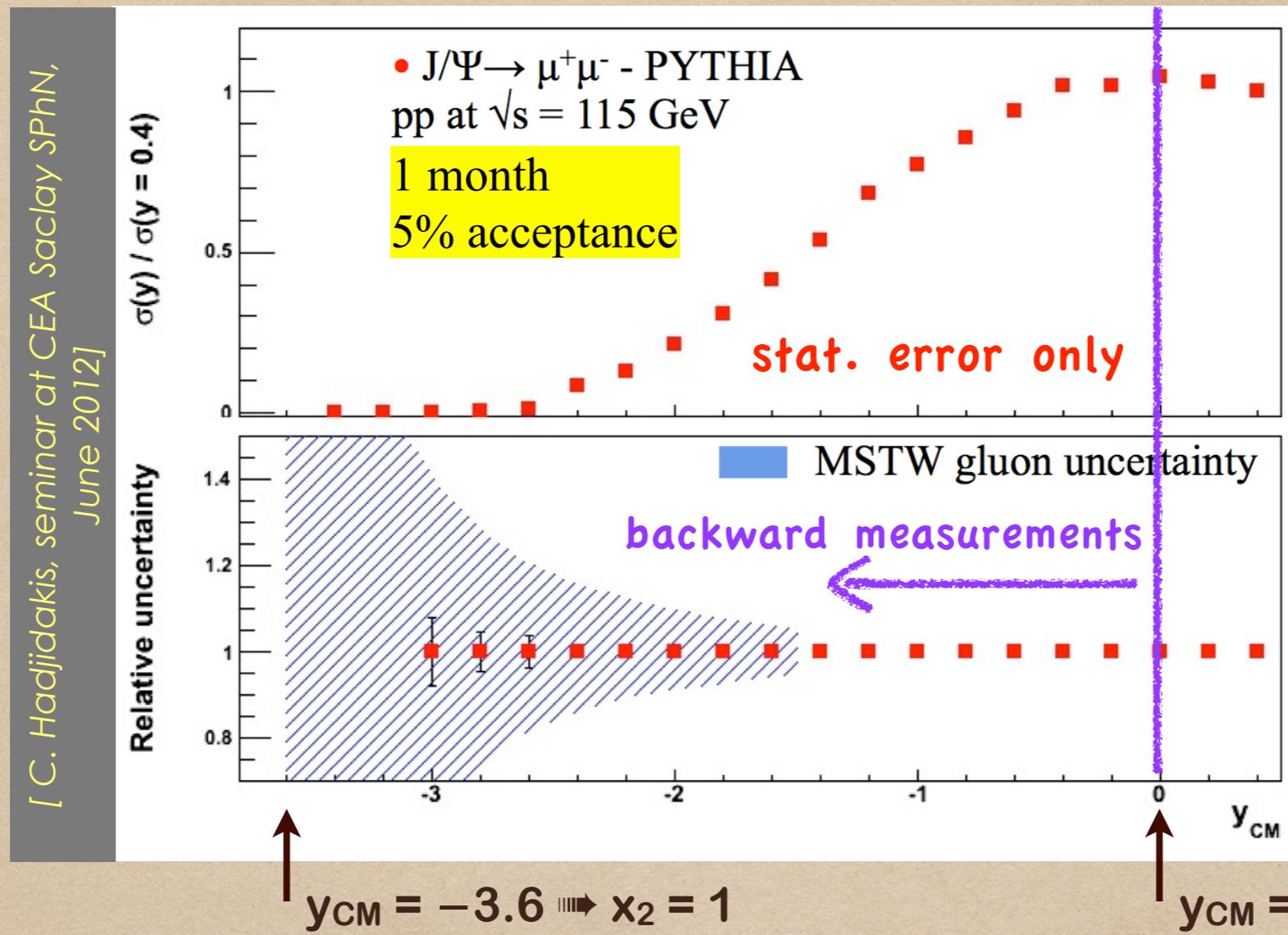
## AFTER : precision studies of the nuclear matter

- ✓ First systematic access to the target-rapidity region, down to  $x_F \rightarrow -1$



- HeraB down to  $x_F = -0.3$
- PHENIX@RHIC :  $|x_F| < 0.1$   
(could be wider with  $\Upsilon$ , but low stat.)
- CMS/ATLAS :  $|x_F| < 5.10^{-3}$
- LHCb :  $5.10^{-3} < x_F < 4.10^{-2}$

# FOR E.G. STATISTICAL PRECISION ON LARGE X GLUON PDF

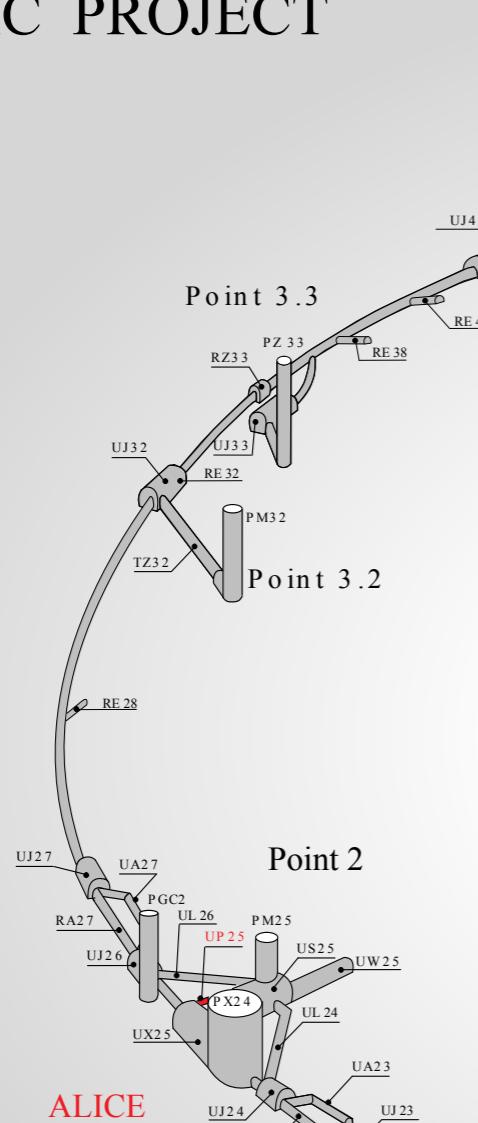


Gluon uncertainty from  
MSTW PDF :  
only for the gluon content  
in the target

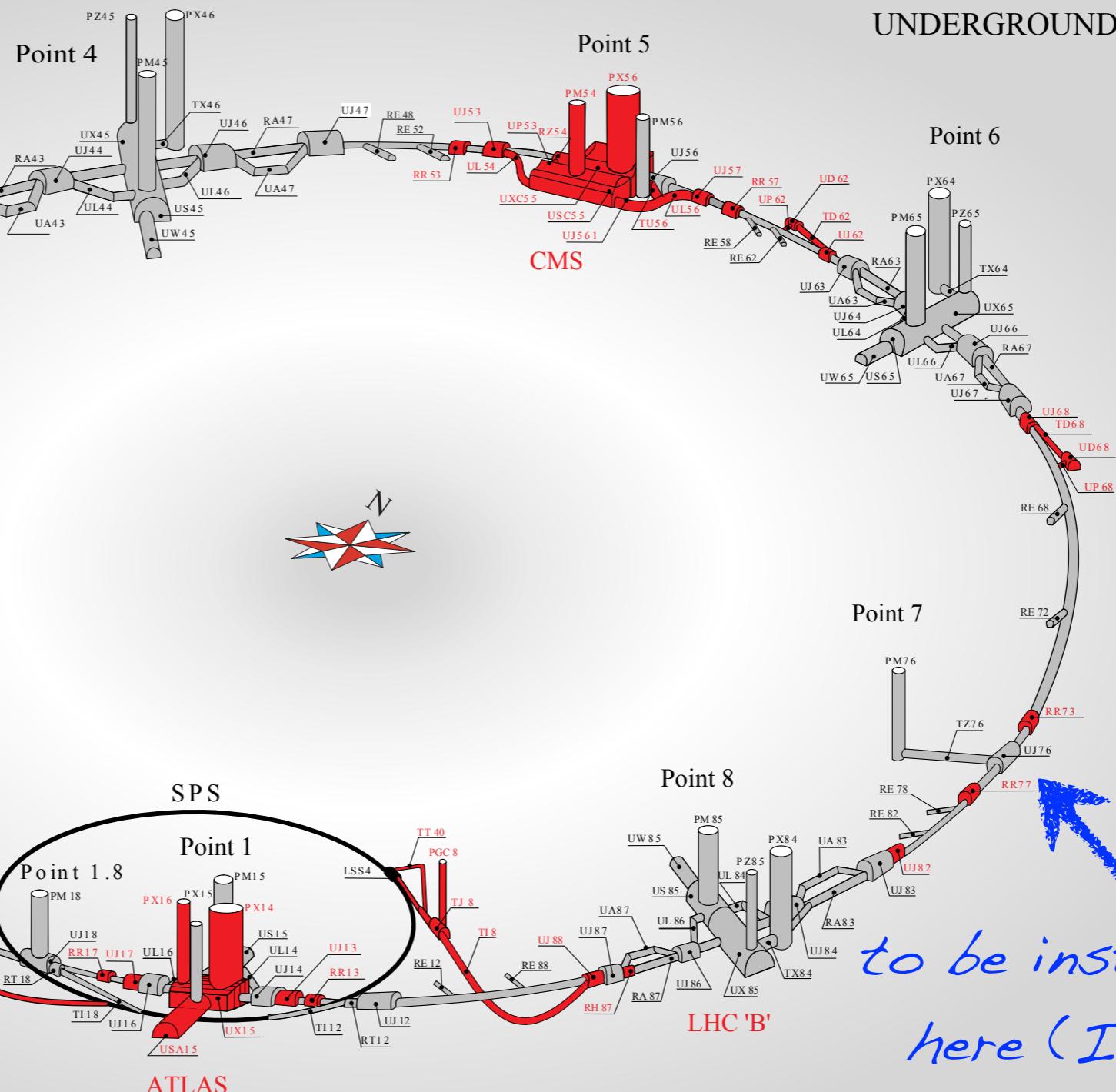
- Using  **$J/\Psi$  as a probe of the gluon PDF**
- assuming initial gluon in the target  $x_2 = (M_{J/\psi}/\sqrt{s}) \exp^{-y_{CM}}$
- **stat. error only** (no propagation of the uncertainties that originate from our understanding of the  $J/\Psi$  production mechanism)
- **similar measurements can/should be done with other states to reduce the model dependence**

# LUA9 @ LHC

LHC PROJECT



## UNDERGROUND WORKS

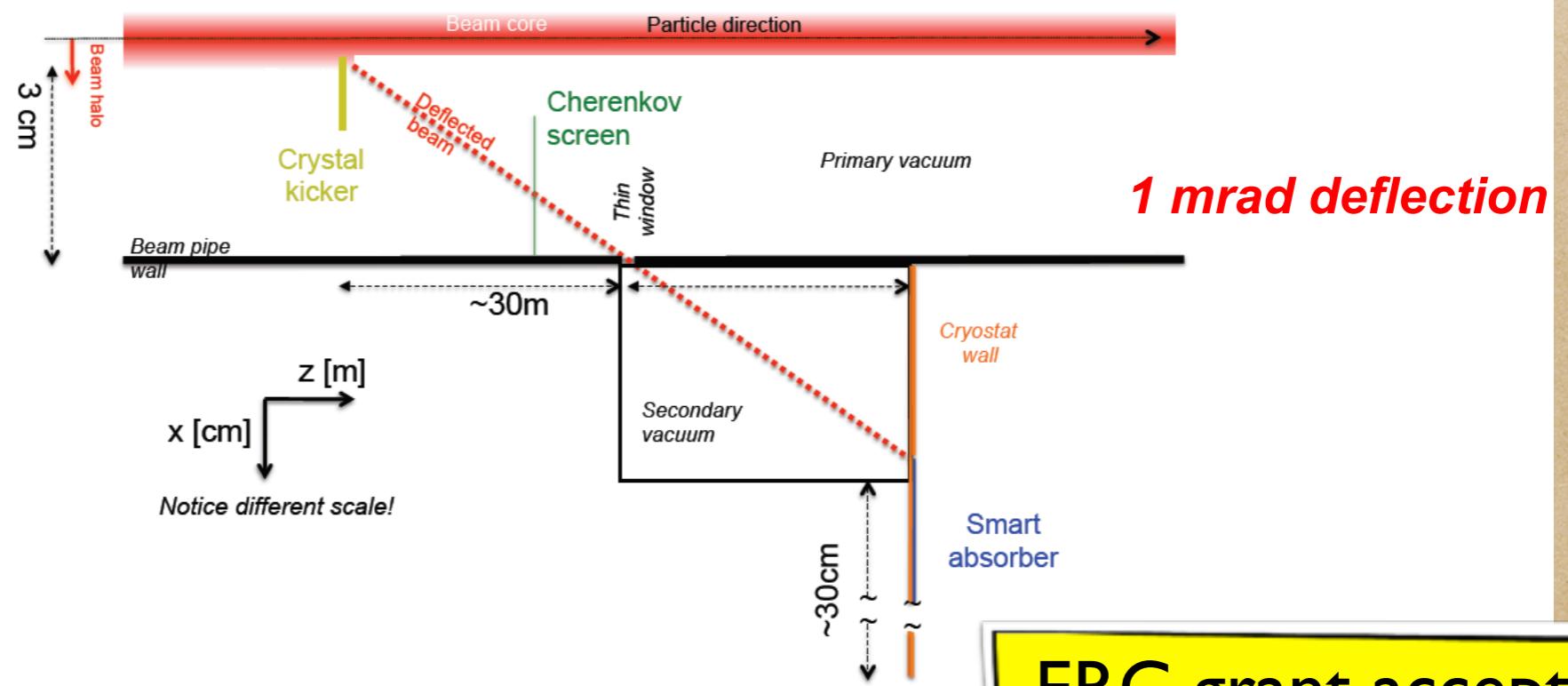


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to be installed  
here (IR7)

Existing Structures  
LHC Project Structures

# UA9 2.0: CRYSBEM

- A possible setup to extract a hadron beam  
(not for for collimation but sharing the same difficulties)
- Meant to work at high luminosity (high current)



**CRY**stal channeling to extract a high energy hadron **BEam** from an **Accelerator Machine**

ERC grant accepted  
in Nov 2013

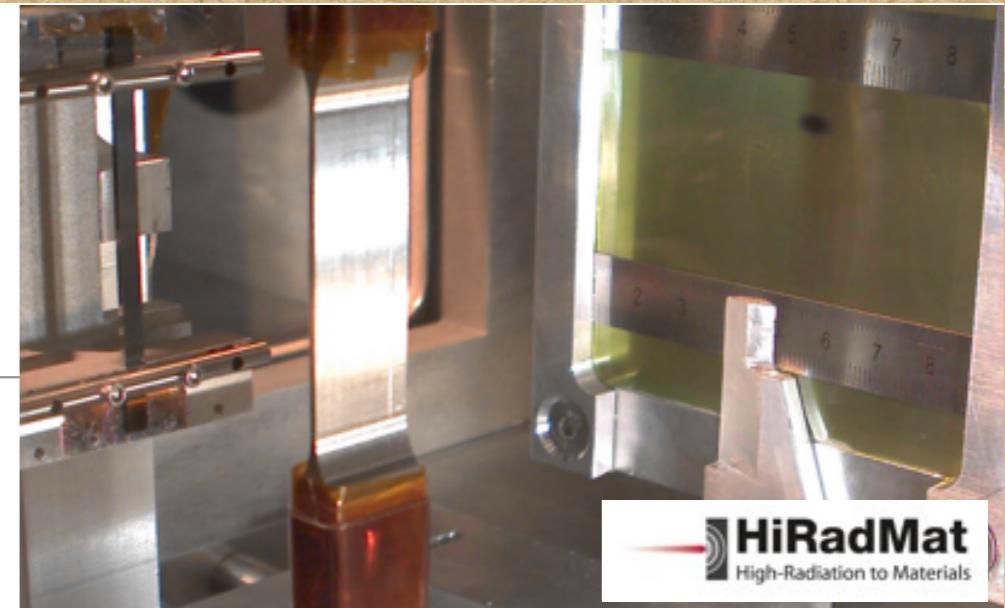
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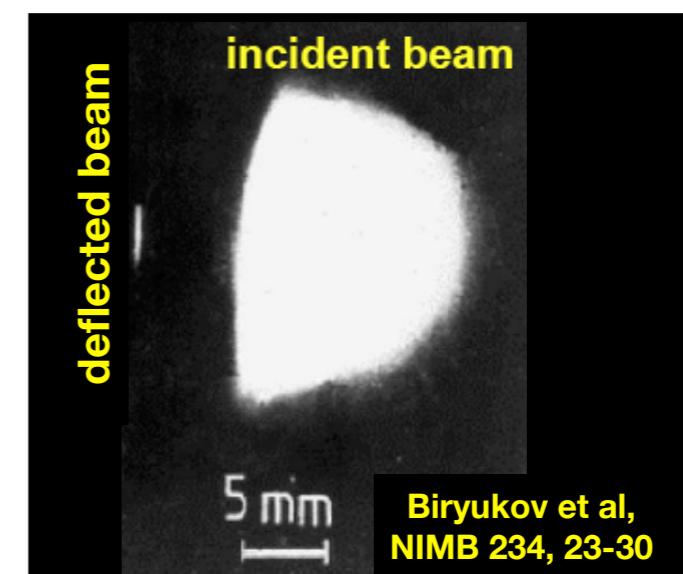
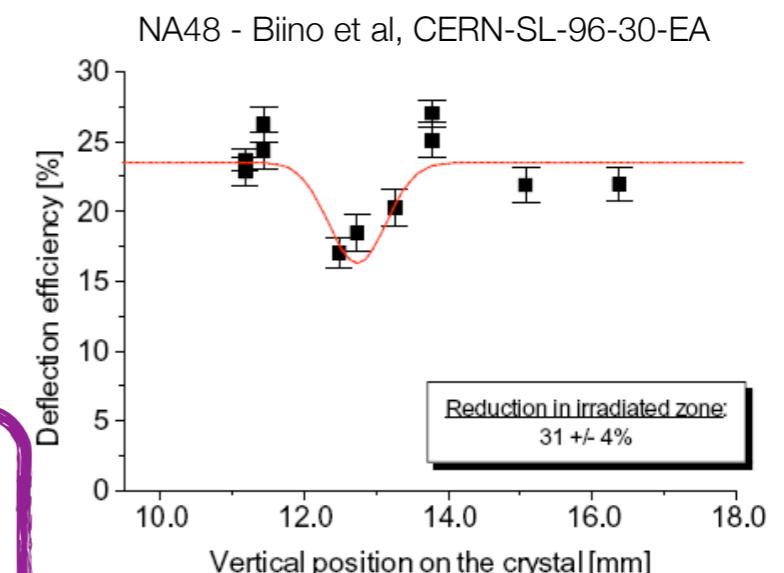
CRYSBEM could be ready for LS2

# Crystal resistance to irradiation

- **IHEP U-70** (Biryukov et al, NIMB 234, 23-30):
  - 70 GeV protons, 50 ms spills of  **$10^{14}$  protons every 9.6 s**, several minutes irradiation
  - equivalent to 2 nominal LHC bunches for 500 turns every 10 s
  - 5 mm silicon crystal, **channeling efficiency unchanged**
- **SPS North Area - NA48** (Biino et al, CERN-SL-96-30-EA):
  - 450 GeV protons, 2.4 s spill of  $5 \times 10^{12}$  protons every 14.4 s, one year irradiation,  **$2.4 \times 10^{20}$  protons/cm<sup>2</sup>** in total,
  - equivalent to several years of operation for a primary collimator in LHC
  - $10 \times 50 \times 0.9$  mm<sup>3</sup> silicon crystal, 0.8 x 0.3 mm<sup>2</sup> area irradiated, **channeling efficiency reduced by 30%**.
- **HRMT16-UA9CRY** (HiRadMat facility, November 2012):
  - 440 GeV protons, up to 288 bunches **in 7.2  $\mu$ s**,  $1.1 \times 10^{11}$  protons per bunch ( **$3 \times 10^{13}$  protons** in total)
  - energy deposition comparable to an asynchronous beam dump in LHC
  - 3 mm long silicon crystal, **no damage to the crystal after accurate visual inspection**, more tests planned to assess possible crystal lattice damage
    - **accurate FLUKA simulation of energy deposition** and residual dose



**HiRadMat**  
High-Radiation to Materials



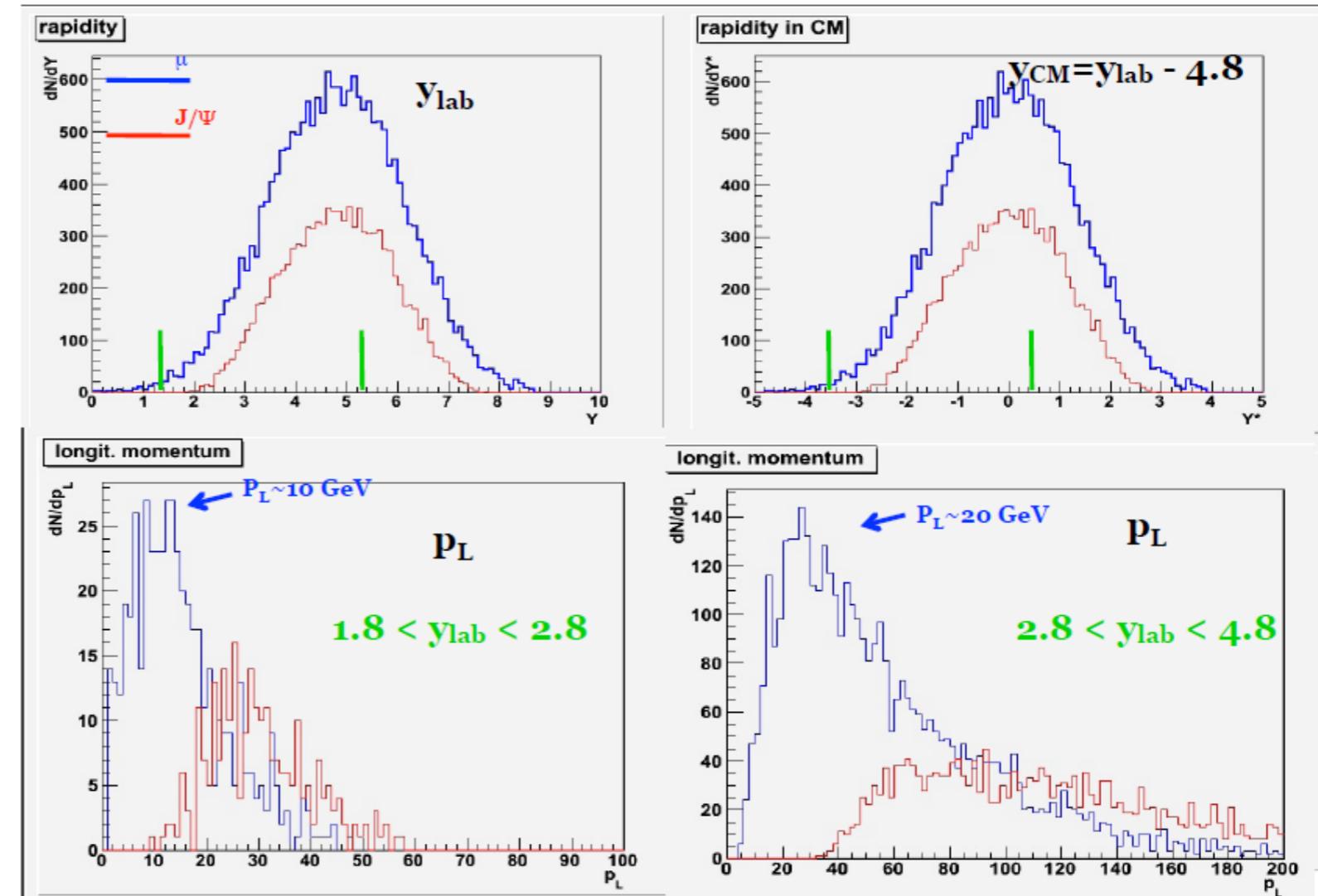
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# Some quarkonium and decay-product distributions at 115 GeV in the backward hemisphere ( $y_{\text{Lab}} < 4.8$ )

**Pythia 6.4.21:**  $p(7 \text{ TeV}) + p \rightarrow J/\psi$  (isub=86)  
 $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

$\mu$  from  $J/\psi$  for  $1.3 < y_{\text{lab}} < 5.3$   
 $P_T \sim 1.7 \text{ GeV}$   
 $P_L \sim 62 \text{ GeV}$

**Longitudinal muon momentum**  
 $1.3 < y_{\text{lab}} < 3.3$   
 $p_L(\text{max}) \sim 16(50) \text{ GeV}$   
 $3.3 < y_{\text{lab}} < 4.3$   
 $p_L(\text{max}) \sim 45(150) \text{ GeV}$   
 $4.3 < y_{\text{lab}} < 5.3$   
 $p_L(\text{max}) \sim 120(300) \text{ GeV}$



# Luminosities using :

7 TeV proton beam

$\text{pp}, \text{pd}, \text{pA} \sqrt{s} = 115 \text{ GeV}$

[S. Brodsky, F. Fleuret, C. Hadjidakis, J.P. Lansberg, Phys. Rep. 522 (2013) 239 ]

Target (1 cm thick)	$\rho$ (g cm $^{-3}$ )	A	$\mathcal{L}$ ( $\mu\text{b}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\int \mathcal{L}$ ( $\text{pb}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )
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Table 1: Instantaneous and yearly luminosities obtained with an extracted beam of  $5 \times 10^8 \text{ p}^+/\text{s}$  with a momentum of 7 TeV for various 1cm thick targets

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Instantaneous luminosity :

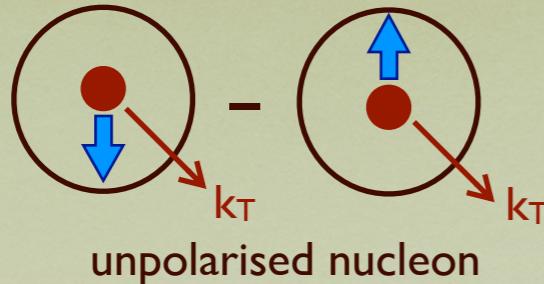
$$L = N_{\text{beam}} \times N_{\text{target}} = N_{\text{beam}} \times (\rho \cdot e \cdot N_A) \text{ with } e = \text{target thickness}$$

Planned luminosity for PHENIX :

- @ 200 GeV run14pp  $12 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ , run14dAu  $0.15 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- @ 200 GeV run15AuAu  $2.8 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  ( $0.13 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  @ 62 GeV)

Nominal LHC luminosity PbPb  $0.5 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

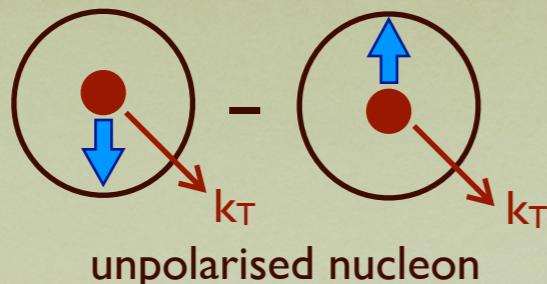
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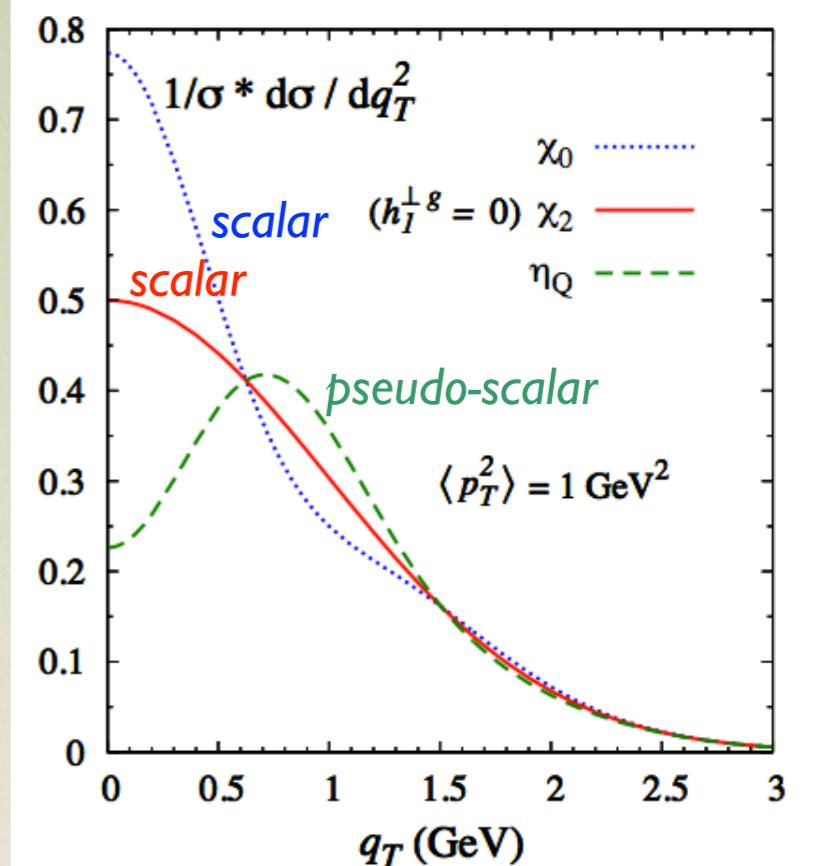


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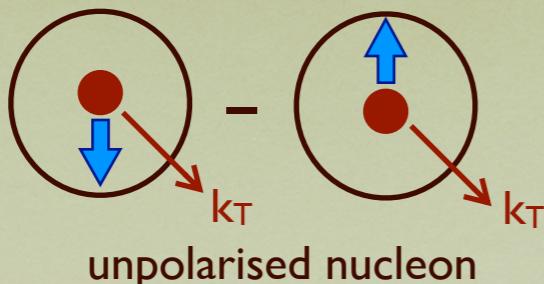
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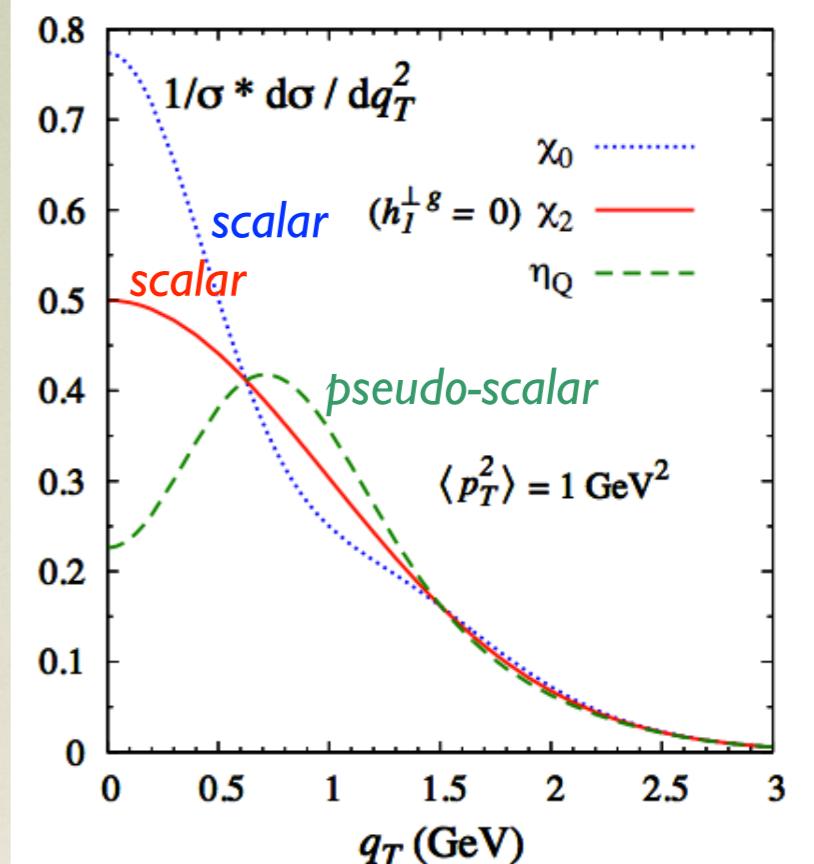
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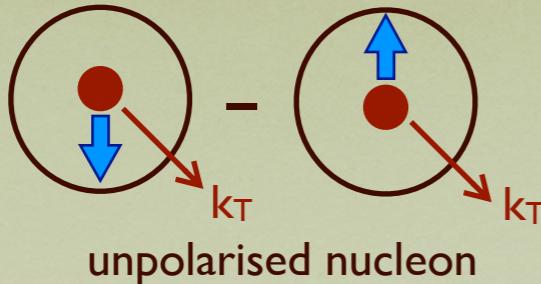
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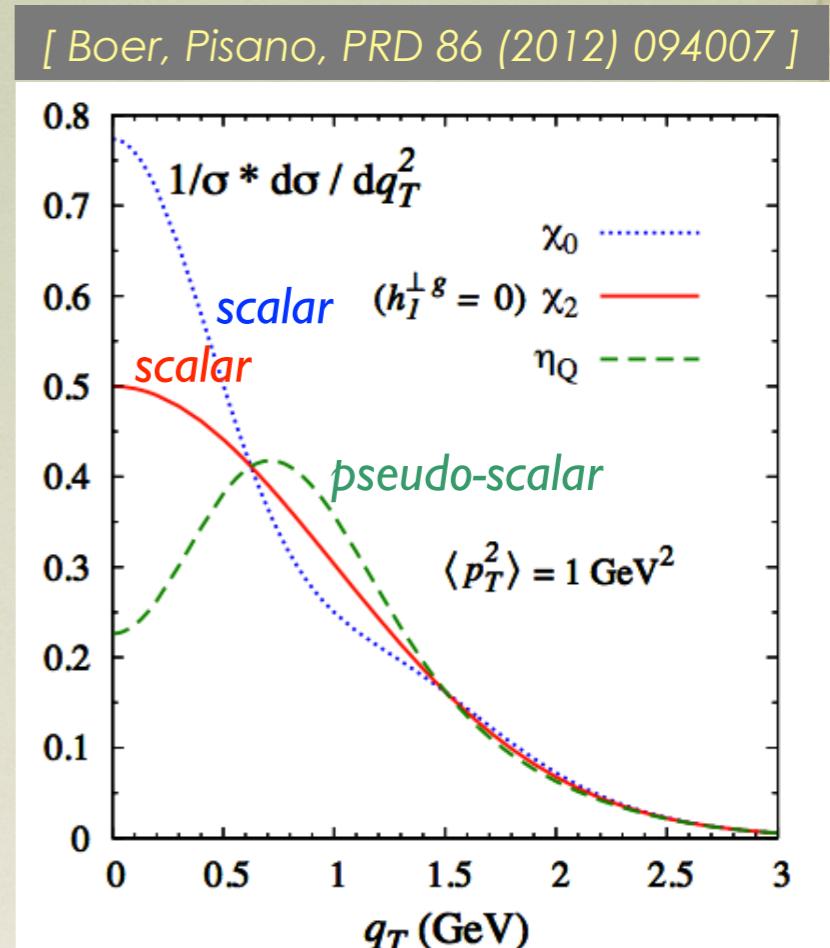
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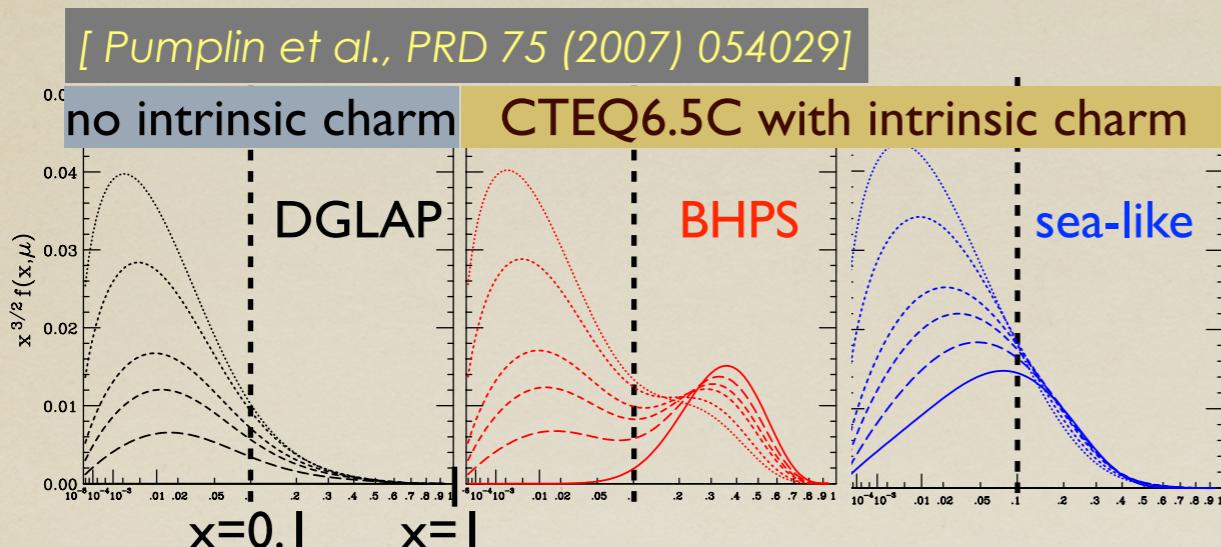
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AFTER :

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- ✓ large quarkonium yields + modern calorimetry ( $\chi_Q$  detection)



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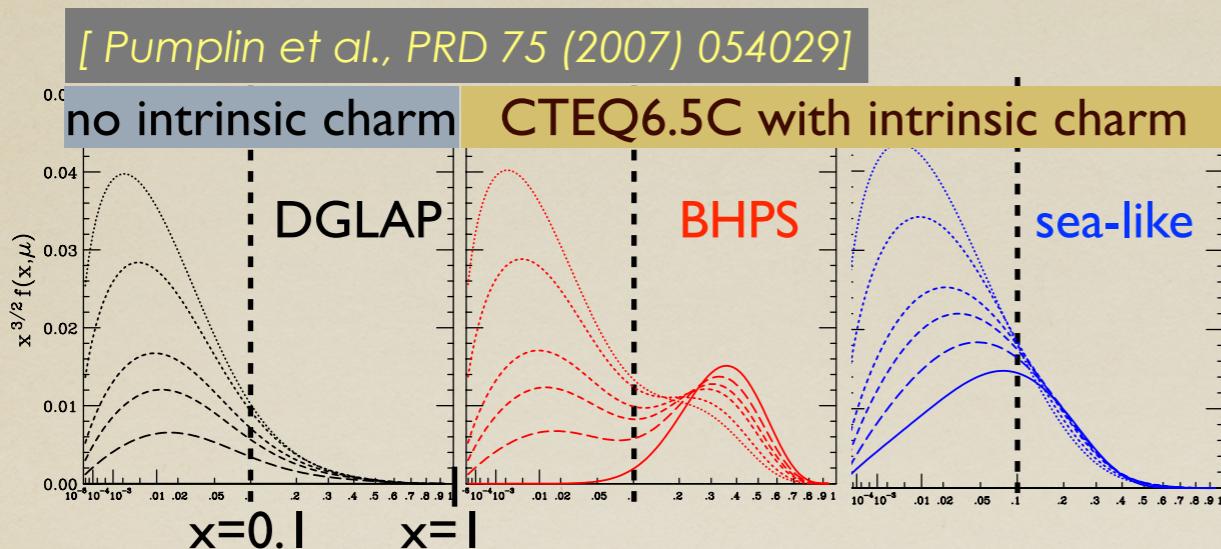


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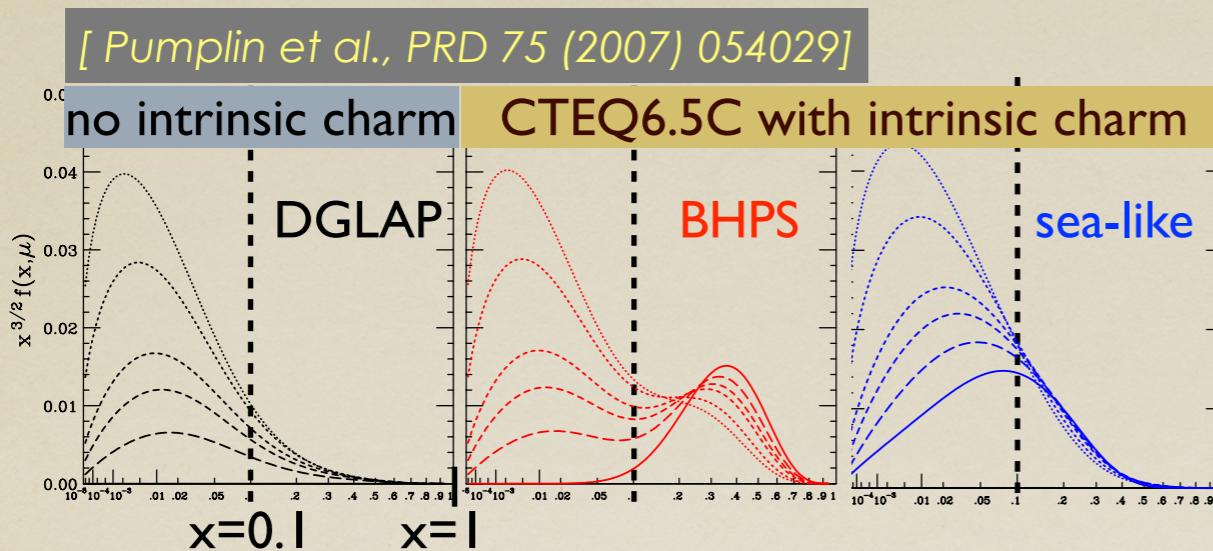
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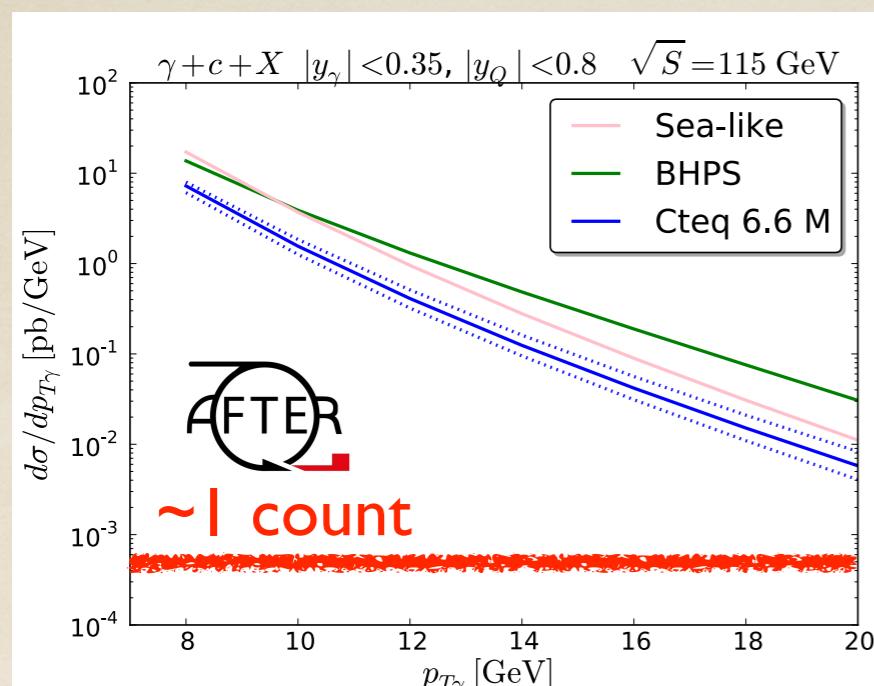
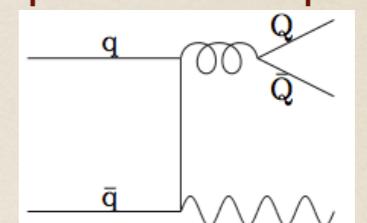
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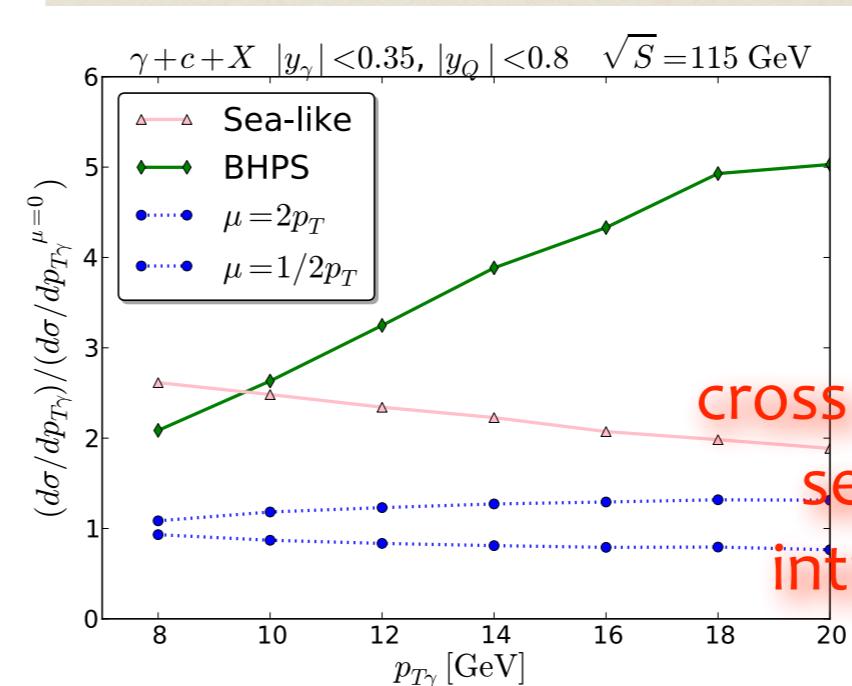
[Chang and Peng, PLB 704 (2011) 197]

- ▶  $\gamma + c, \gamma + b$  production

dominant diagram : photon couples to initial quarks



[T. Stavreva, Physics at AFTER using LHC beams, ECT\* Trento, Feb. 2013]



cross section : good sensitivity to intrinsic charm