

Precision quarkonium studies using multi-purpose fixed-target experiments (in particular, A Fixed-Target Experiment using the proton and lead LHC beams)

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Part I

Fixed-target experiments and quarkonia

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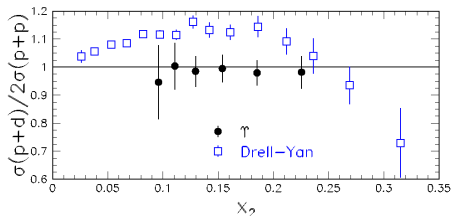
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- They brought essential contributions to particle & nuclear physics
 - particle discoveries (Ω^- (sss), J/ψ , Y ,...)
 - evidence for the novel dynamics of quarks and gluons in HIC (QGP)
 - observation of surprising QCD phenomena (at large x_F)
 - breakdown of the Lam-Tung relation,
 - colour transparency,
 - higher-twist effects at high x_F ,
 - anomalously large SSA & DSA,
 - factorisation breakdown in high- x_F J/ψ production in pA

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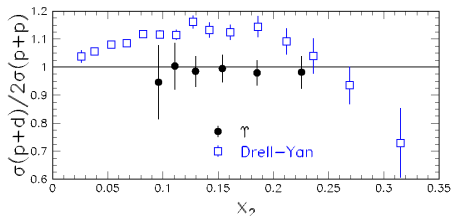


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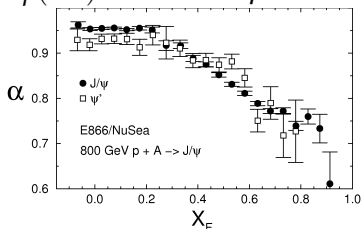
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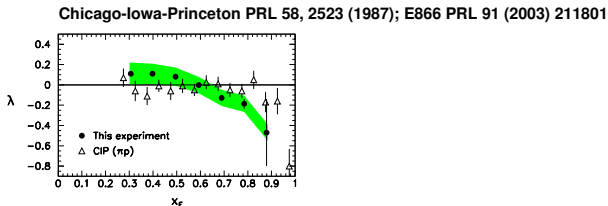
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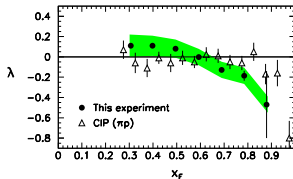


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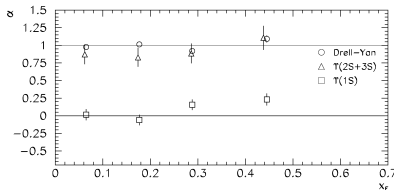
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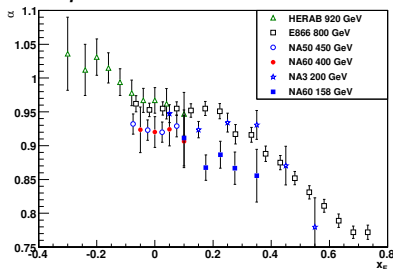
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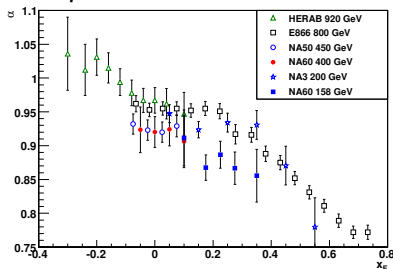
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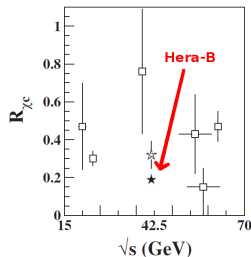
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Part II

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LUA9 proposal approved by the LHCC

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Part III

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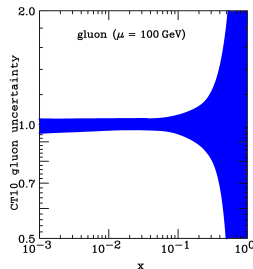
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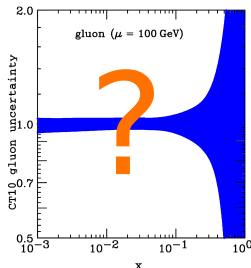
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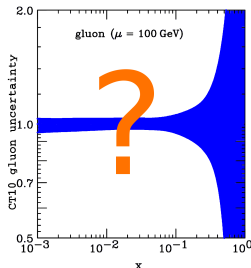
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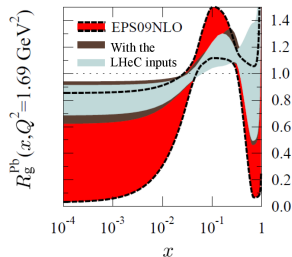
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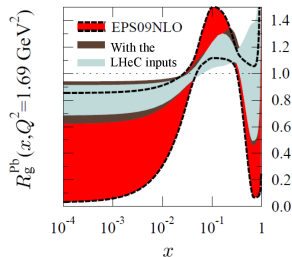
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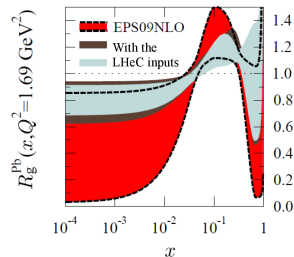


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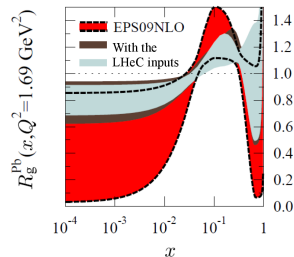


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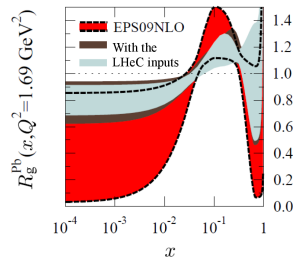


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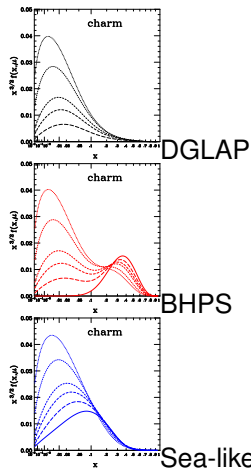


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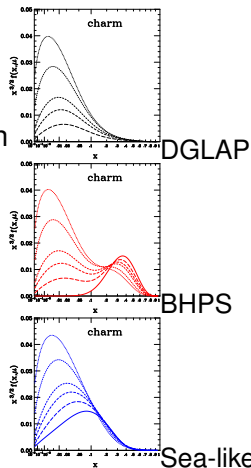
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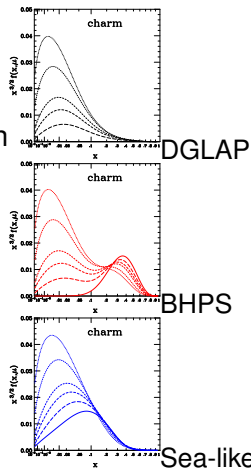


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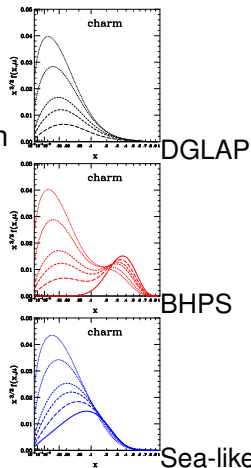
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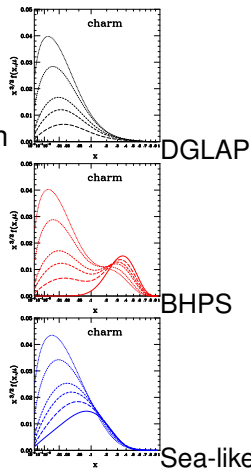
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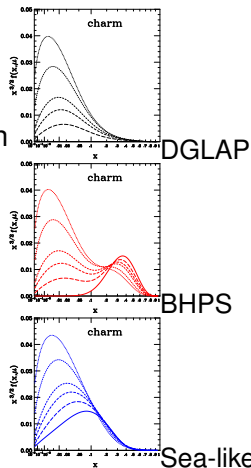
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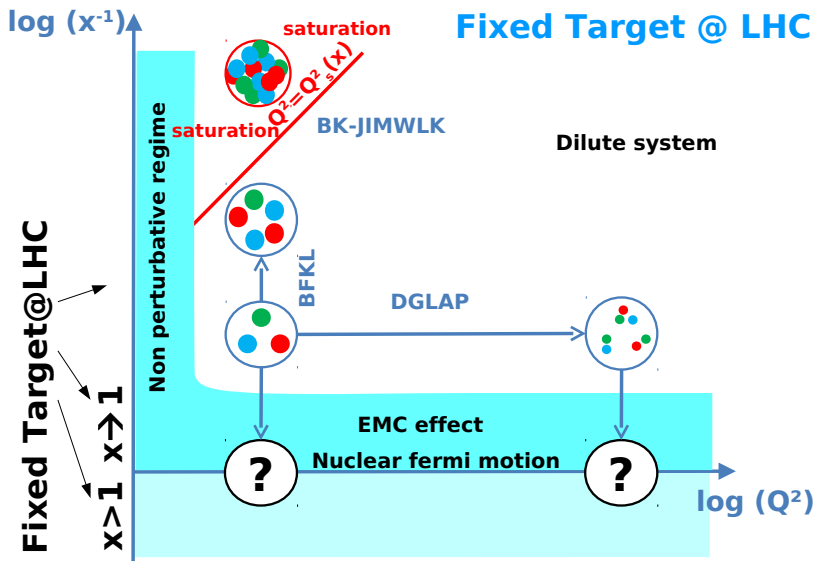
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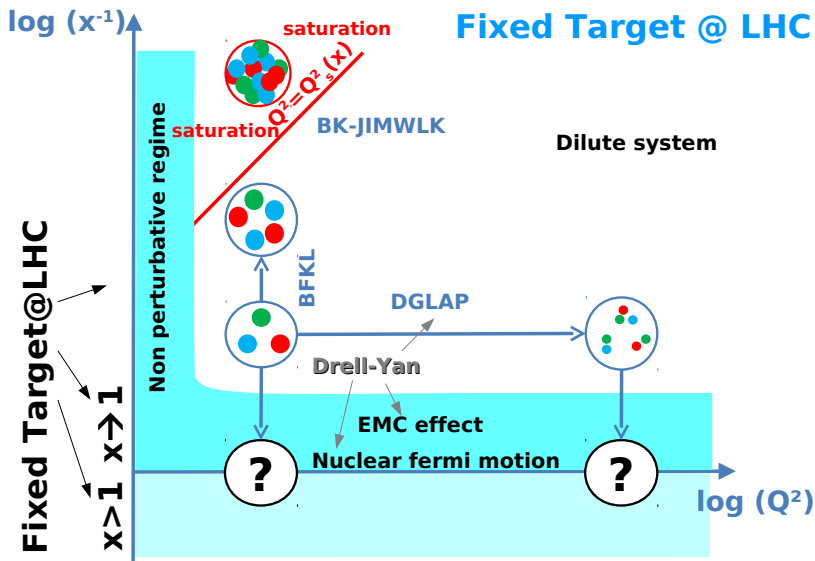
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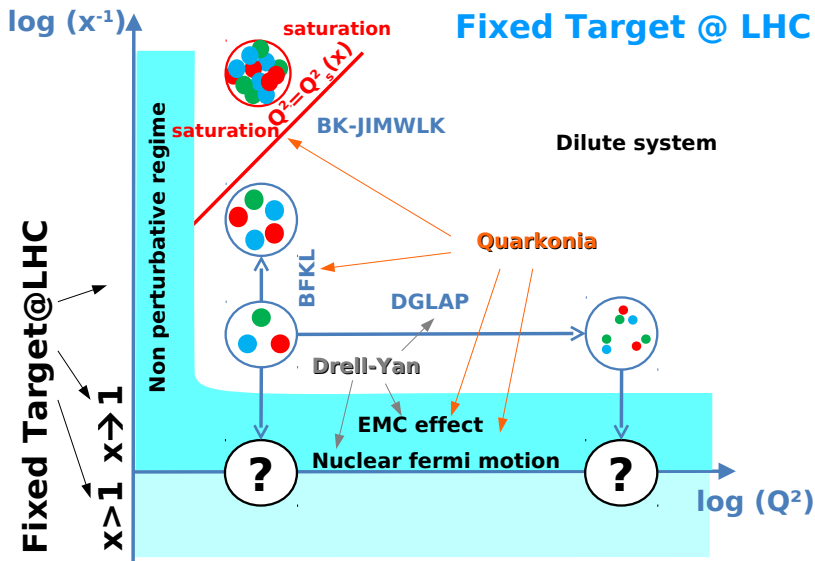
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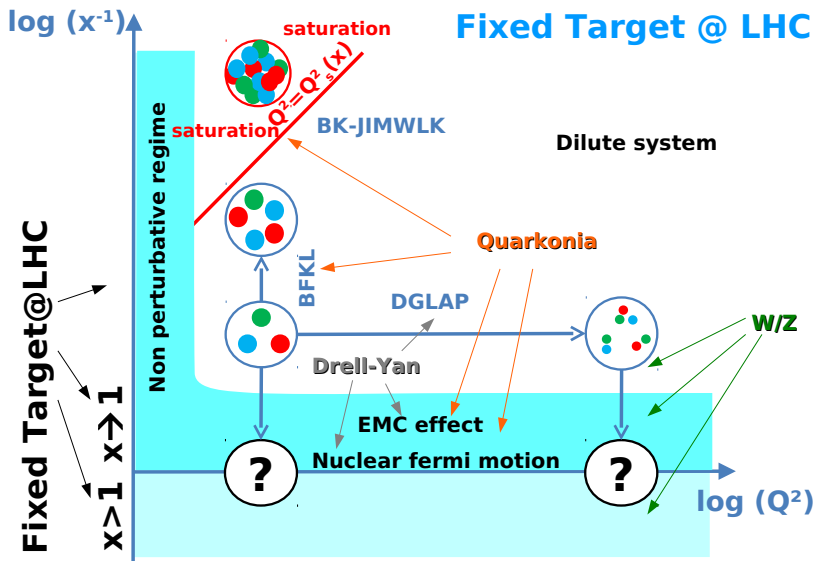
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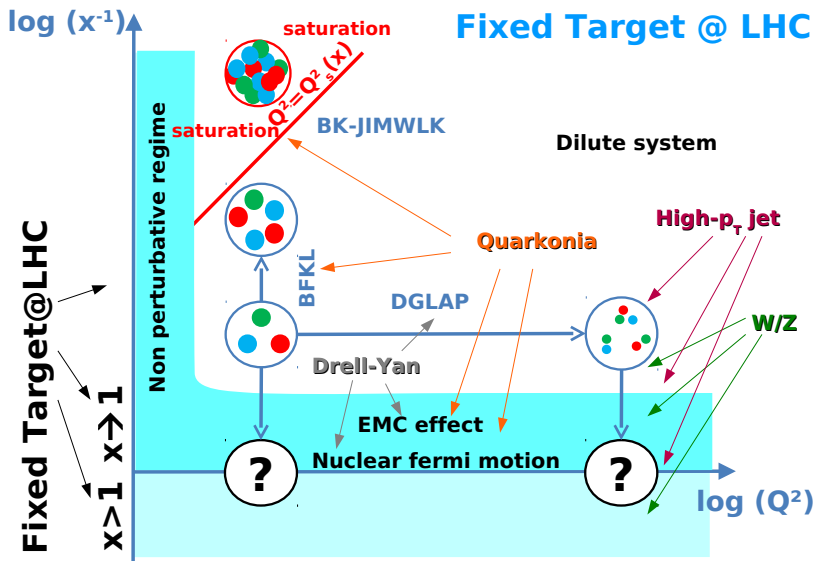
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 - target versatility (nuclear effects, strongly limited at colliders)
 - modern detection techniques (e.g. γ detection with high multiplicity)
- This would likely prepare the ground for **$g(x, Q^2)$ extraction**
- A wealth of possible measurements:
DY, Open b/c , jet correlation, UPC... (not mentioning secondary beams)
- Planned LHC long shutdown (< 2020 ?) could be used to install the extraction system
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ECT* ‘exploratory’ workshop: “Physics at a fixed target experiment using the LHC beams”



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‘This is an exploratory workshop which aims at studying in detail the opportunity and feasibility of fixed-target experiments using the LHC beam.’



Part VI

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	$\rho \text{ (g.cm}^{-3}\text{)}$	A	$\mathcal{L} \text{ (mb}^{-1}\text{.s}^{-1}\text{)} = \int \mathcal{L} \text{ (nb}^{-1}\text{.yr}^{-1}\text{)}$
Sol. H₂	0.09	1	11
Liq. H₂	0.07	1	8
Liq. D₂	0.16	2	10
Be	1.85	9	25
Cu	8.96	64	17
W	19.1	185	13
Pb	11.35	207	7

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

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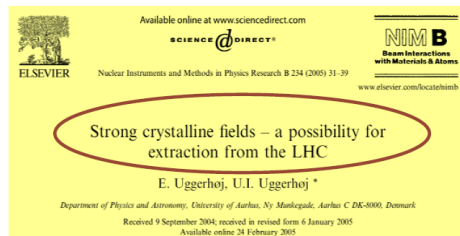
Beam extraction

• Beam extraction @ LHC

... 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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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 5×10^8 protons/sec; the integrated luminosity over a year would reach 0.5 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.

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Accessing the large x glue

PYTHIA simulation
 $\sigma(y) / \sigma(y=0.4)$
 statistics for one month
 5% acceptance considered

Statistical relative uncertainty
 Large statistics allow to access
 very backward region

Gluon uncertainty from
 MSTWPDF
 - only for the gluon content of
 the target
 - assuming

$$x_g = M_{J/\psi} / \sqrt{s} e^{-y_{CM}}$$

J/ψ

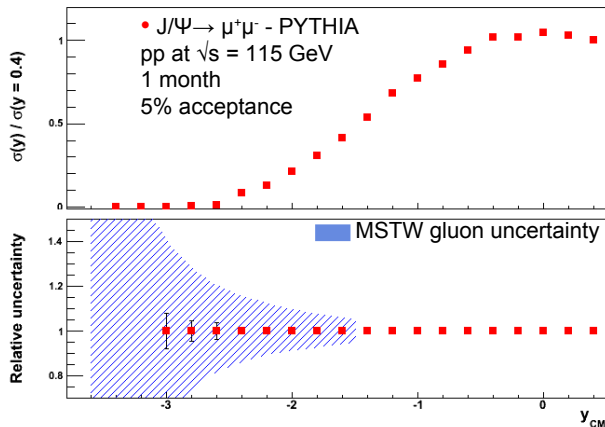
$$y_{CM} \sim 0 \rightarrow x_g = 0.03$$

$$y_{CM} \sim -3.6 \rightarrow x_g = 1$$

Y: larger x_g for same y_{CM}

$$y_{CM} \sim 0 \rightarrow x_g = 0.08$$

$$y_{CM} \sim -2.4 \rightarrow x_g = 1$$



⇒ Backward measurements allow to access large x gluon pdf