





A Fixed-Target ExpeRiment at the LHC (AFTER@LHC)

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Part I

Why a new fixed-target experiment for High-Energy Physics now ?

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- They exhibit 4 decisive features,
 - accessing the high Feynman x_F domain ($x_F \equiv \frac{p_z}{p_{z_{max}}}$)
 - achieving high luminosities with dense targets,
 - varying the atomic mass of the target almost at will,
 - polarising the target.

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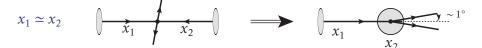
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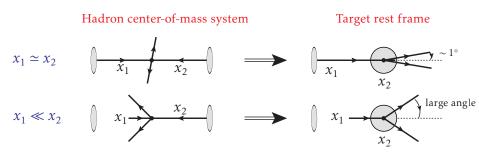
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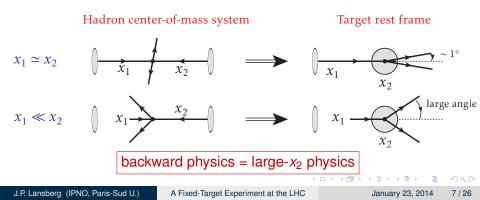
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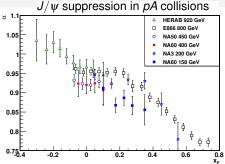
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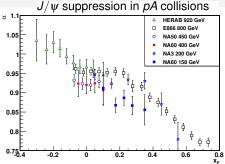


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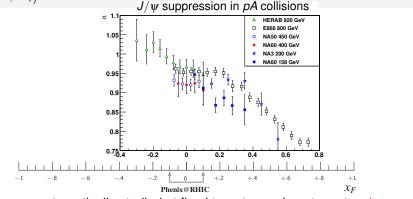
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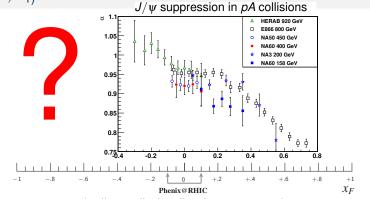
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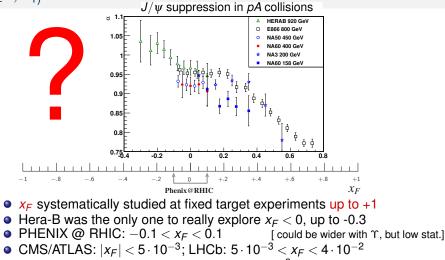
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• If we measure $\Upsilon(b\bar{b})$ at $y_{\rm cms} \simeq -2.5 \Rightarrow x_F \simeq \frac{2m_{\Upsilon}}{\sqrt{s}} \sinh(y_{\rm cms}) \simeq -1$

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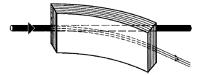


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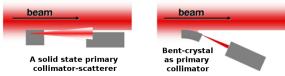
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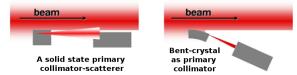
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Liq. D ₂	0.16	2	24	240
Be	1.85	9	62	620
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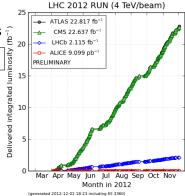
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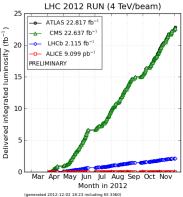
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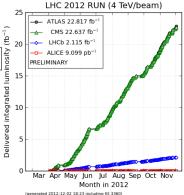
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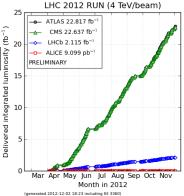
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Part III

AFTER: flagship measurements

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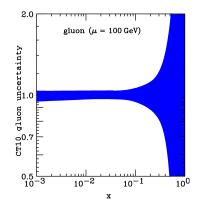
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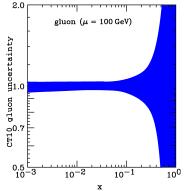
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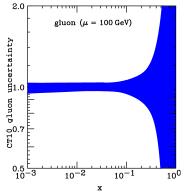


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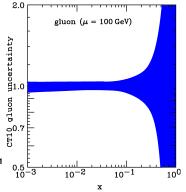
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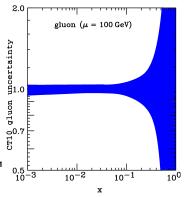


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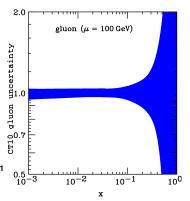
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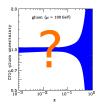
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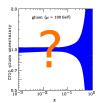


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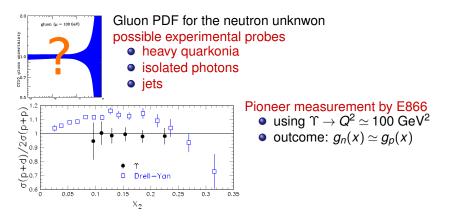


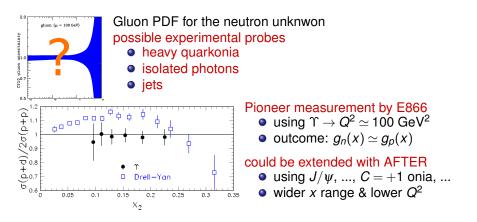
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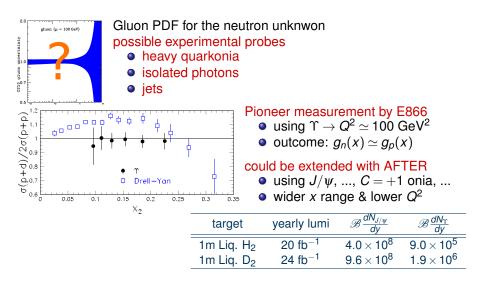
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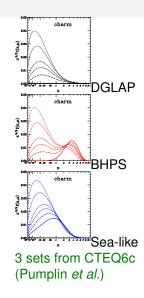
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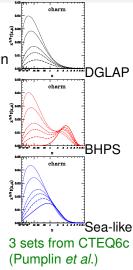
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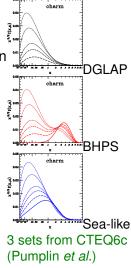


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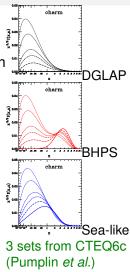
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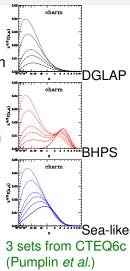


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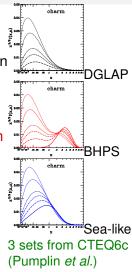


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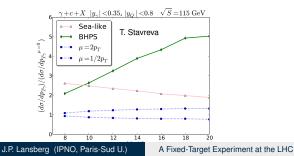
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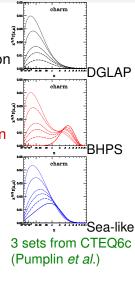
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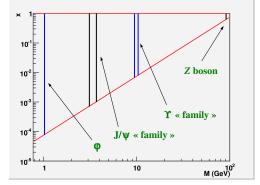
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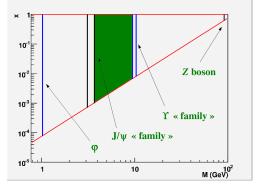


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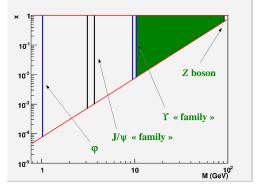
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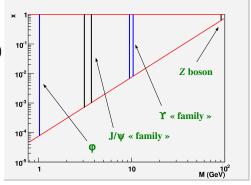
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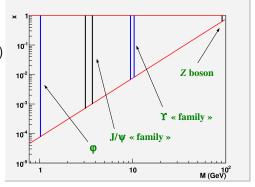
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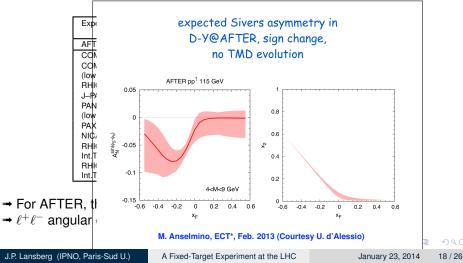
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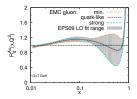
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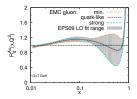
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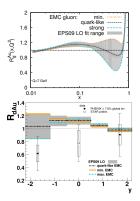
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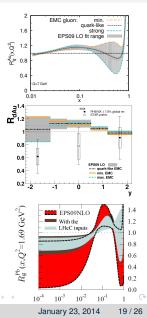


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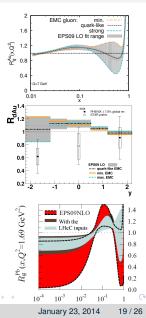
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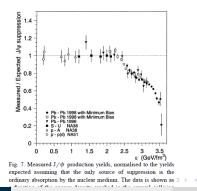
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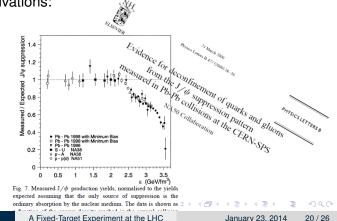
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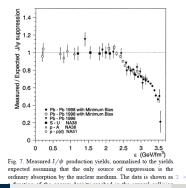
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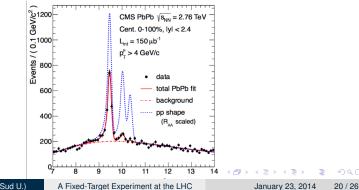


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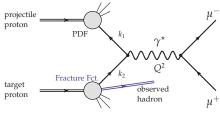
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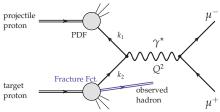
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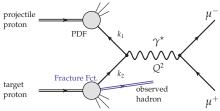
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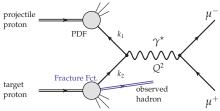
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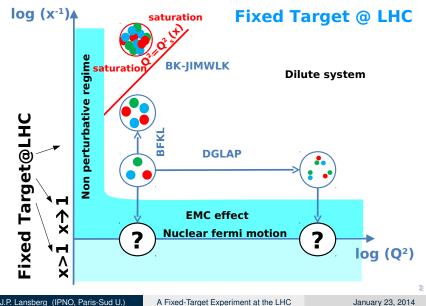
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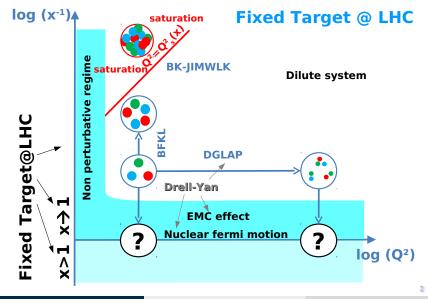
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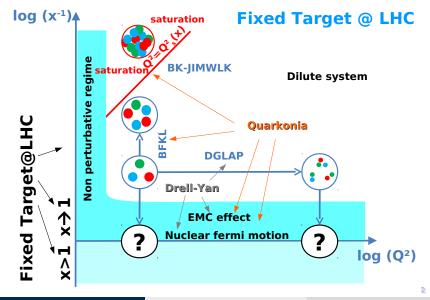
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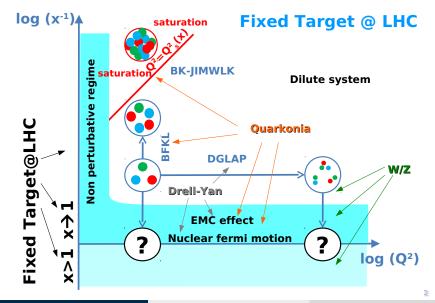


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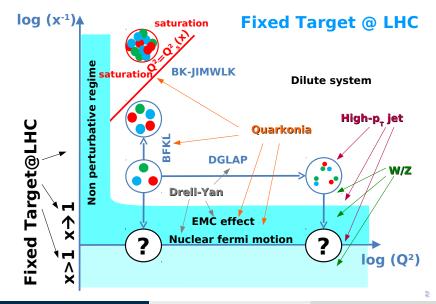


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Conclusion and outlooks

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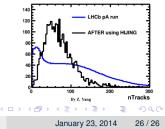
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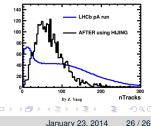
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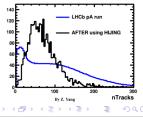


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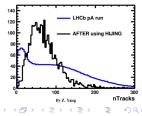
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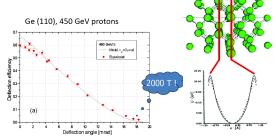
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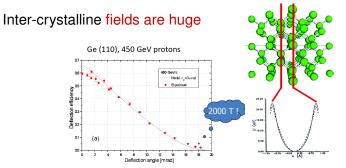
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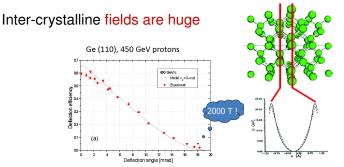
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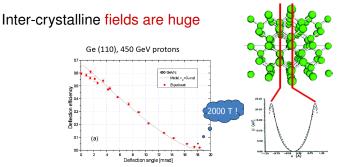
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- One can extract a significant part of the beam loss $(10^9 p^+ s^{-1})$
- Simple and robust way to extract the most energetic beam ever:



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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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- Extracted "mini" bunches:
 - $\bullet~$ the crystal sees $2808 \times 11000~s^{-1} \simeq 3.10^7$ bunches s^{-1}
 - one extracts $5.10^8/3.10^7 \simeq 15p^+$ from each bunch at each pass
 - Provided that the probability of interaction with the target is below 5%,

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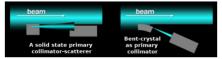
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Towards an installation in the LHC : propose and install during LSI a min. number of devices

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Long term plan is ambitious : propose a collimation system based on bent crystals for the upgrade of the current LHC collimation system

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Luminosities

Instantaneous Luminosity:

$$\mathscr{L} = \Phi_{\textit{beam}} \times \textit{N}_{\textit{target}} = \textit{N}_{\textit{beam}} \times (\rho \times \ell \times \mathscr{N}_{\textit{A}}) / \textit{A}$$

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

- Integrated luminosity $\int dt \mathscr{L} = \mathscr{L} \times 10^6$ s for Pb
- Expected luminosities with 2×10⁵Pb s⁻¹ extracted (1cm-long target)

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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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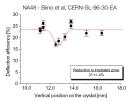
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Crystal resistance to irradiation

- IHEP U-70 (Biryukov et al, NIMB 234, 23-30):
 - 70 GeV protons, 50 ms spills of 10¹⁴ 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 x 10¹² protons every 14.4 s, one year irradiation, 2.4 x 10²⁰ protons/cm² in total,
 - · equivalent to several year of operation for a primary collimator in LHC
 - 10 x 50 x 0.9 mm³ silicon crystal, 0.8 x 0.3 mm² area irradiated, channeling efficiency reduced by 30%.
- HRMT16-UA9CRY (HiRadMat facility, November 2012):
 - 440 GeV protons, up to 288 bunches in 7.2 µs, 1.1 x 10¹¹ protons per bunch (3 x 10¹³ 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







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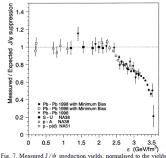


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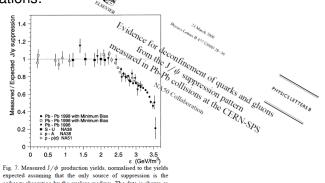
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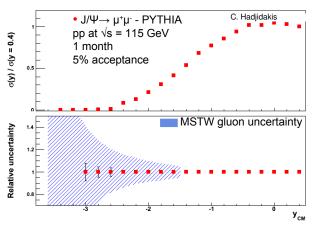
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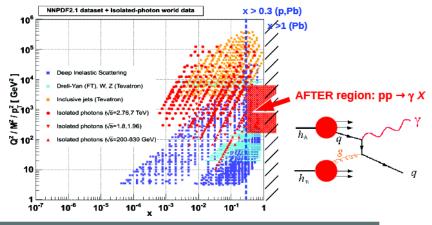
[D.d'E & J.Rojo, NPB 860 (2012) 311]

P-P

p-p kinematics at fixed-target LHC:

VEW !

To access x > 0.3 one needs isolated- γ with: $p_T = x_T \sqrt{s/2} > 10-20$ GeV/c



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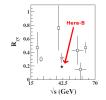
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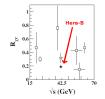


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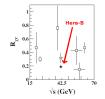
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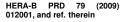
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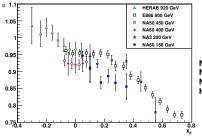
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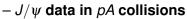
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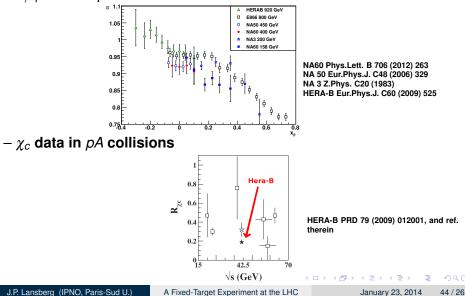
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NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS & METHODS IN PHYSICS RESEARCH SectionA

LHB, a fixed target experiment at LHC to measure CP violation in B mesons

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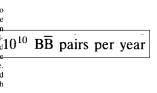
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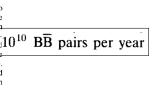


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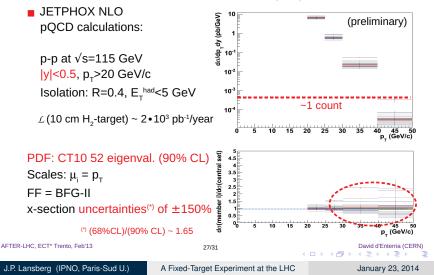
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Isolated-γ in p(7 TeV)-p(rest): √s ~ 115 GeV

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