

# Physics opportunities at A Fixed Target Experiment at the LHC (AFTER@LHC)

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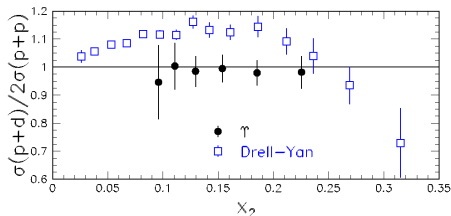
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  - achieving **high luminosities** with dense targets,
  - **varying** the atomic mass of the **target** almost at will,
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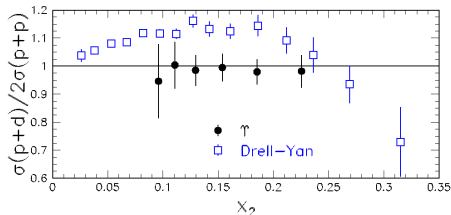


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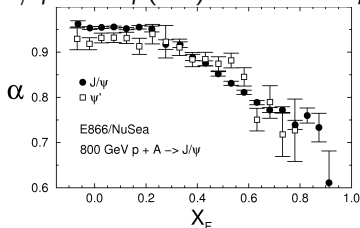
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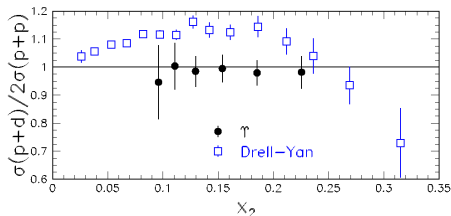


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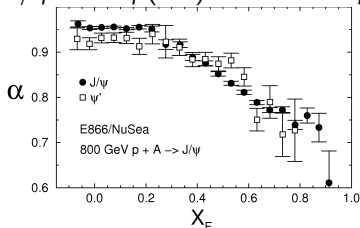
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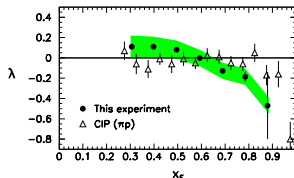
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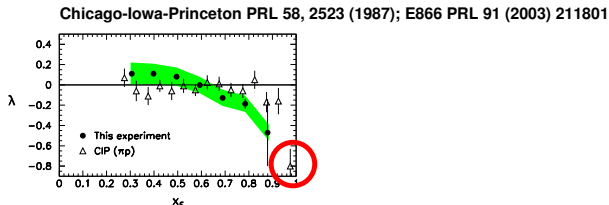
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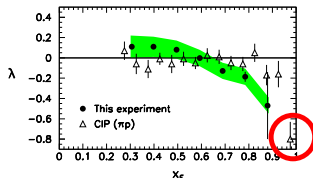


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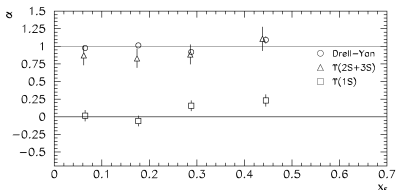
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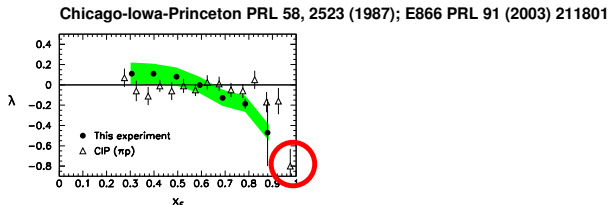
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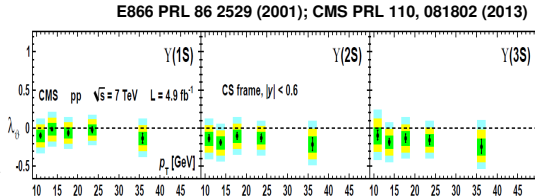
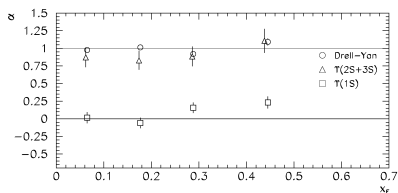
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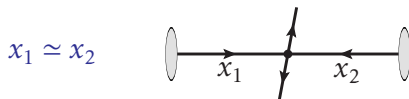
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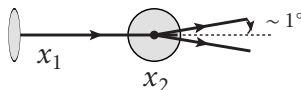
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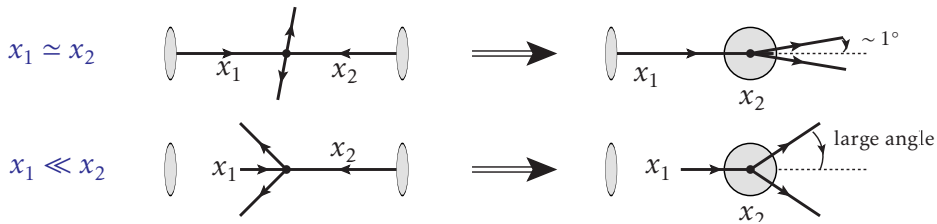


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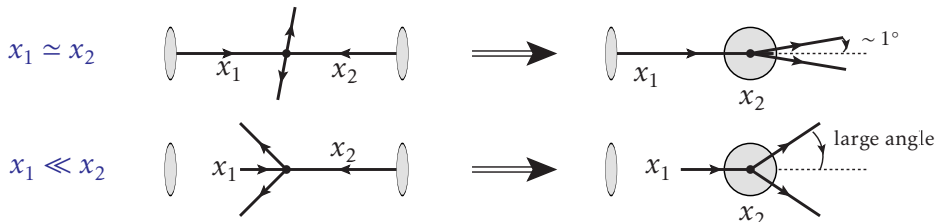


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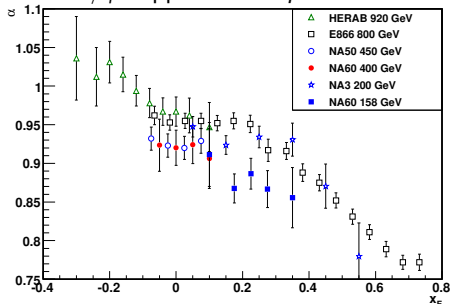
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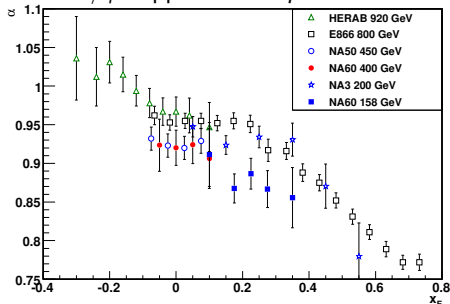


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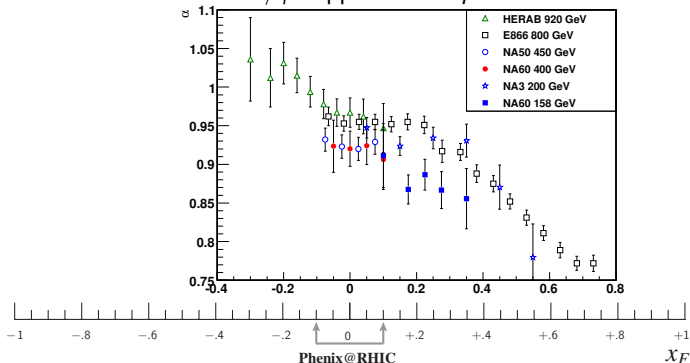


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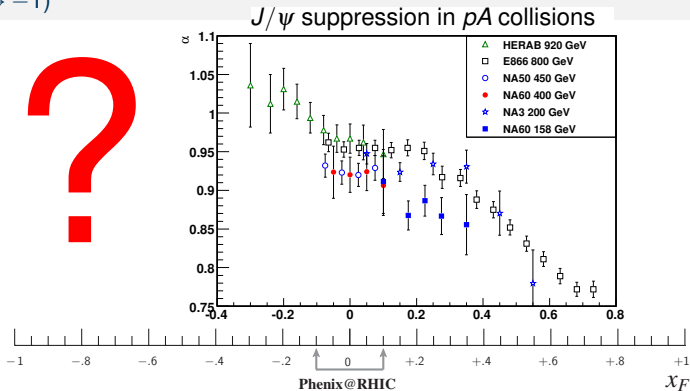
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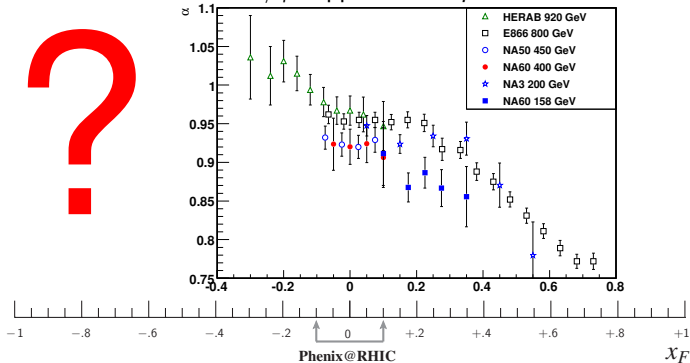


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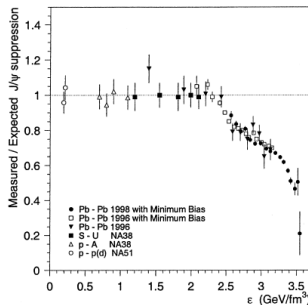


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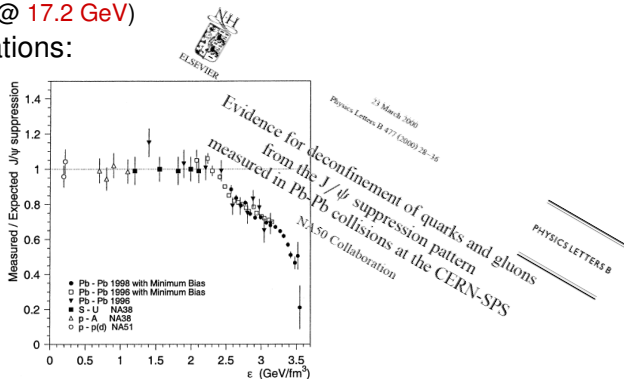


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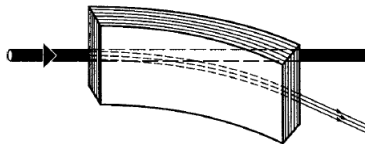
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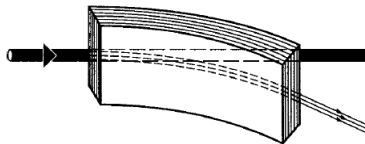
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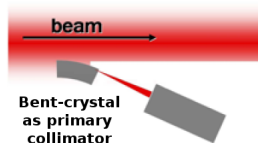
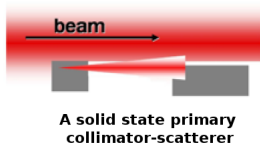
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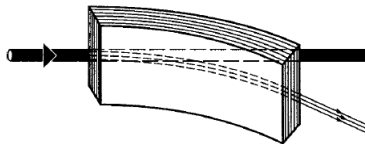
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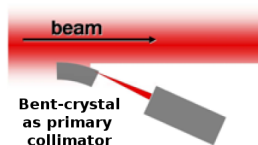
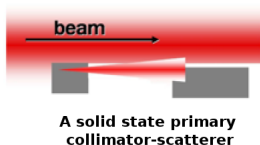
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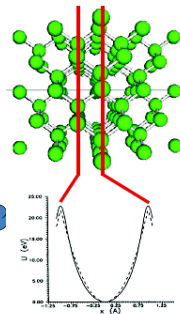
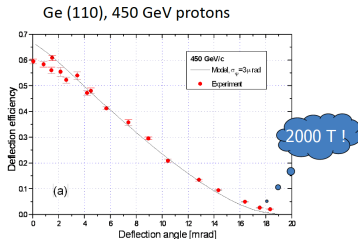
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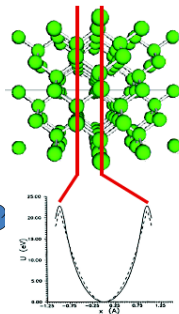
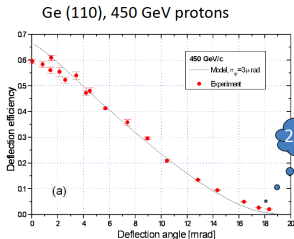
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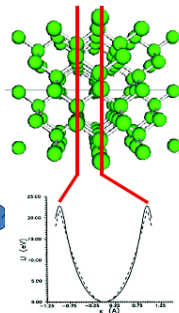
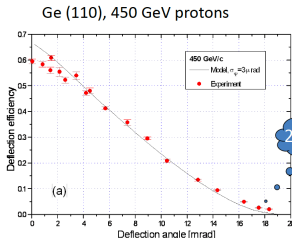
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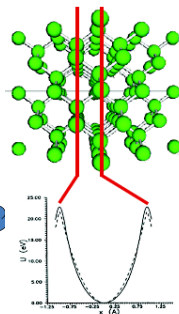
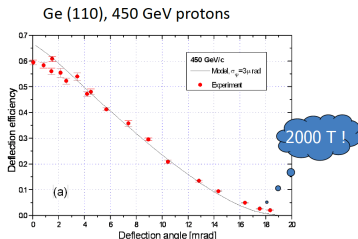
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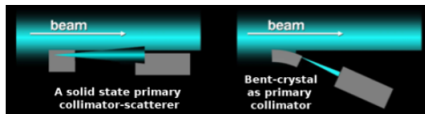
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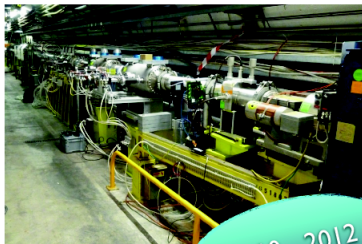
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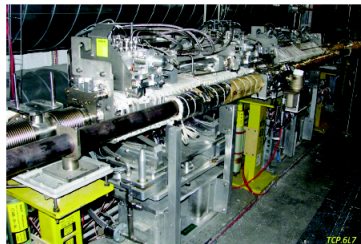
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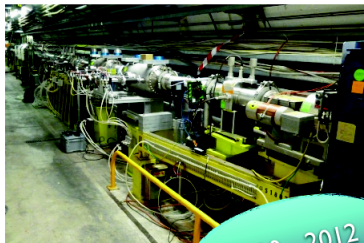
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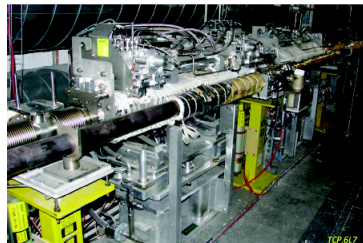
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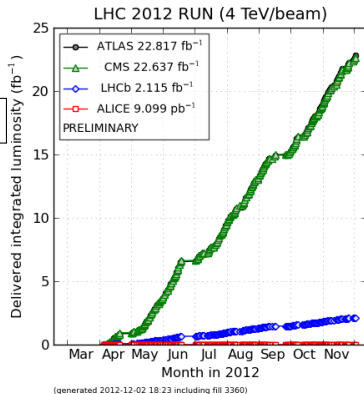
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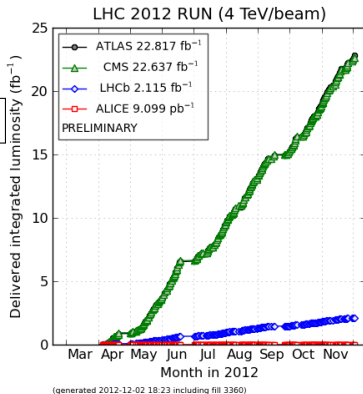


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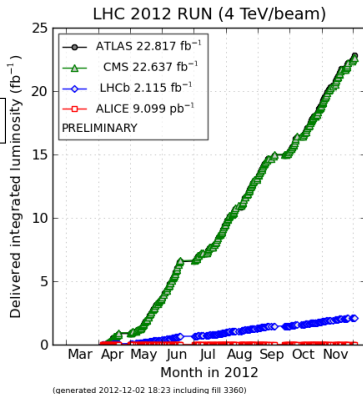


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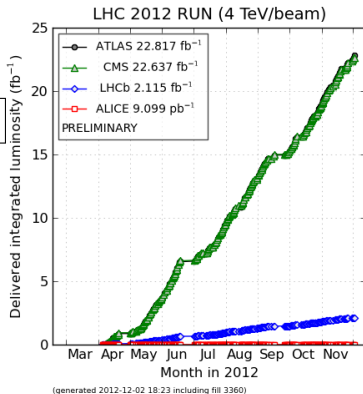


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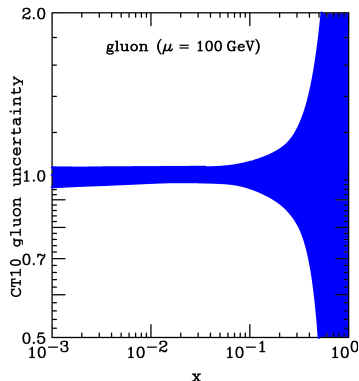


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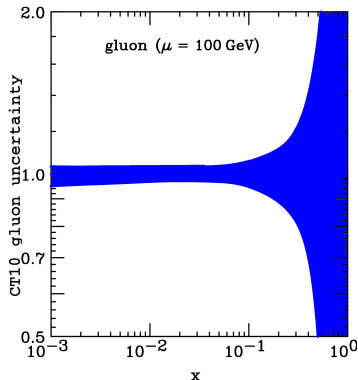
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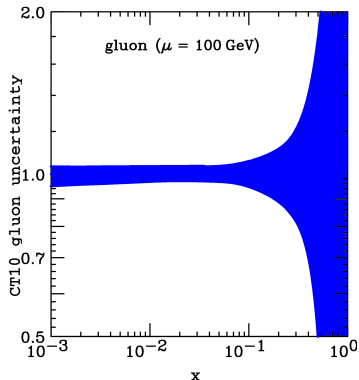
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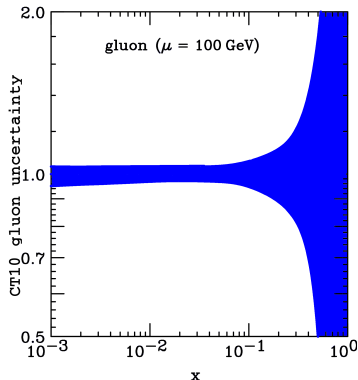


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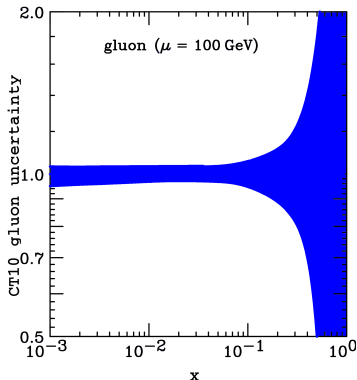
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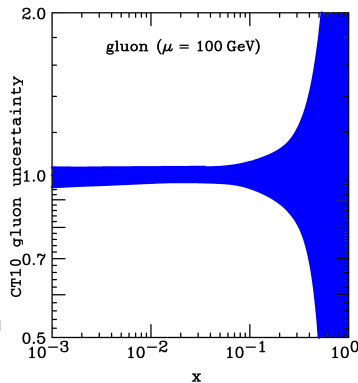
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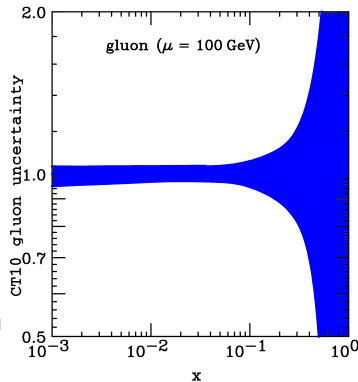
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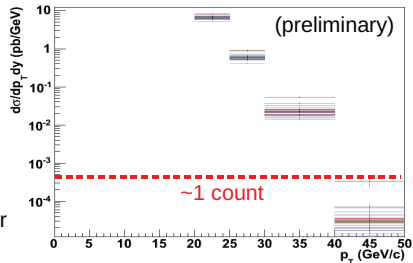
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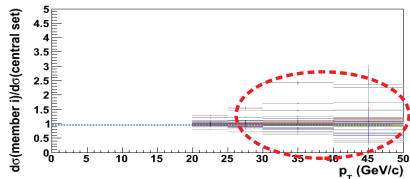
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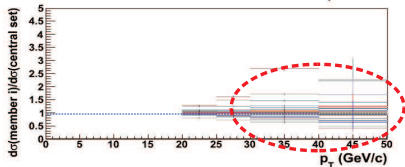
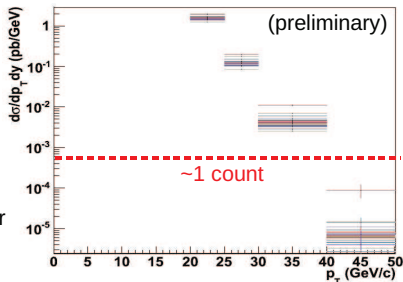
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 statistics for one month  
 5% acceptance considered

Statistical relative uncertainty  
 Large statistics allow to access  
 very backward region

Gluon uncertainty from  
 MSTWPDF  
 - only for the gluon content of  
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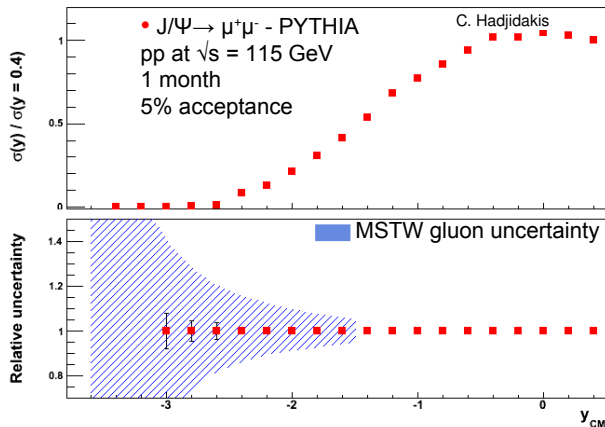
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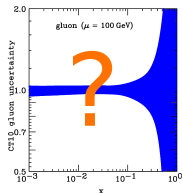
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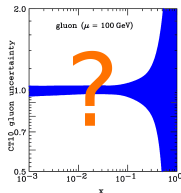
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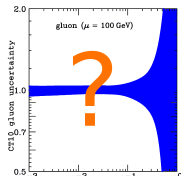


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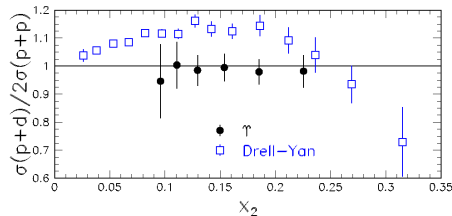
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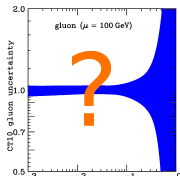
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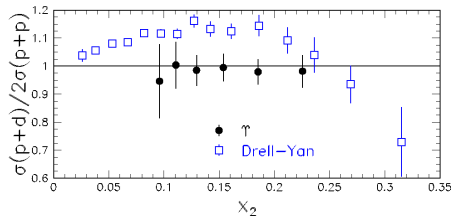
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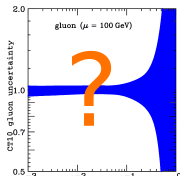
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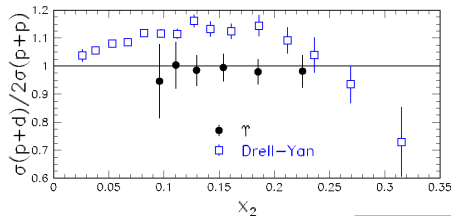
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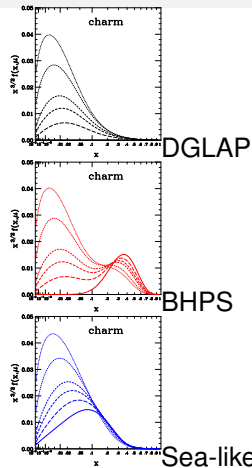


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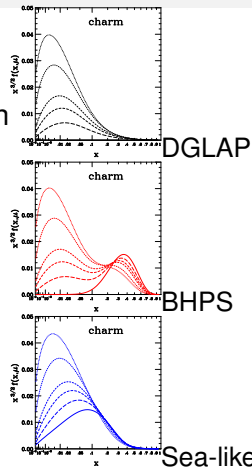
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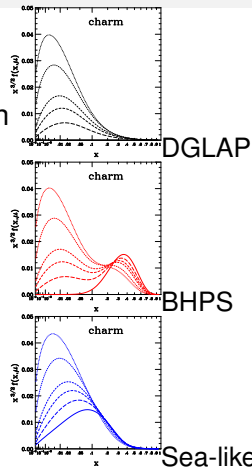
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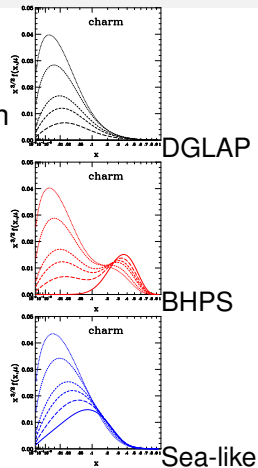
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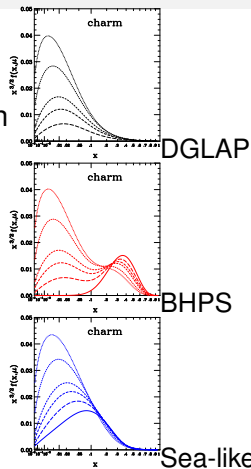
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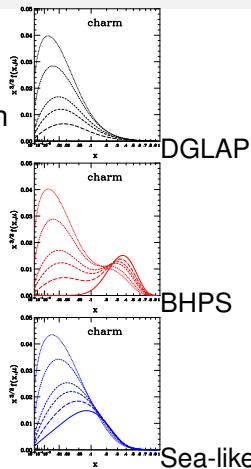
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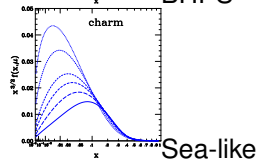
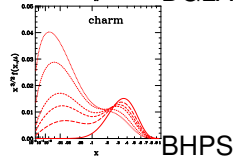
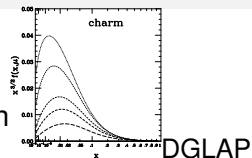
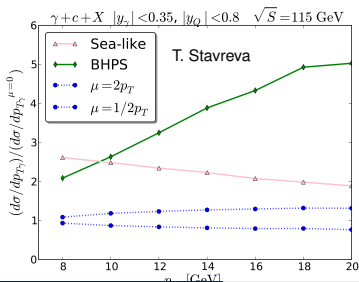
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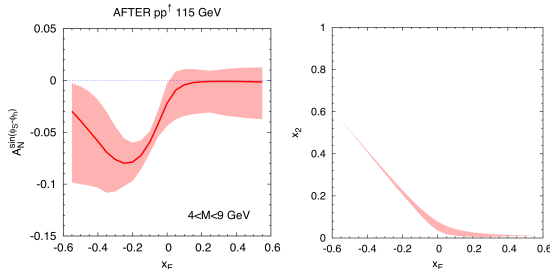
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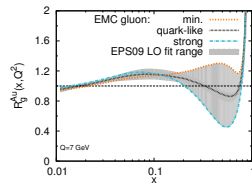
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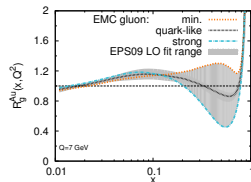
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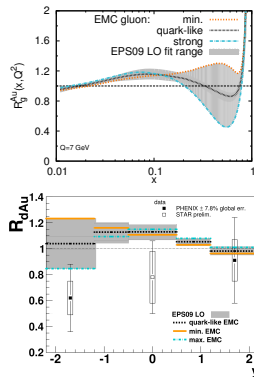
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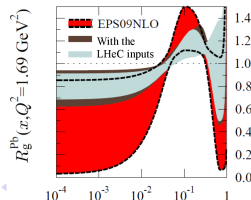
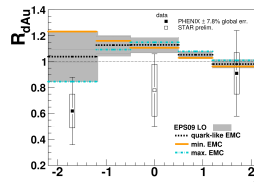
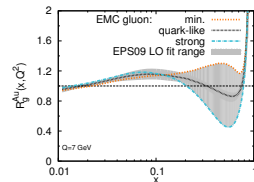
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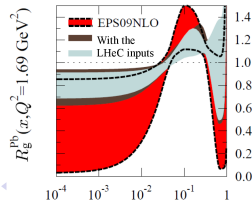
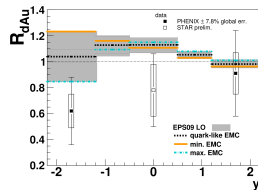
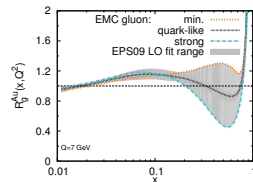
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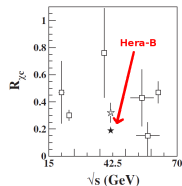


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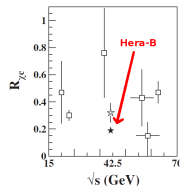
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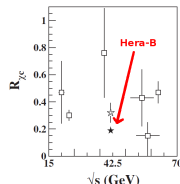
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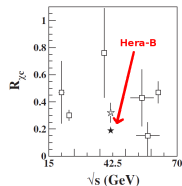
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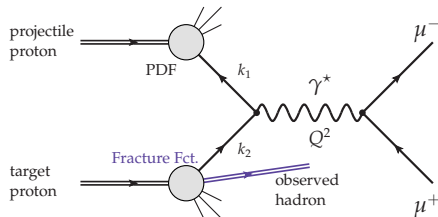
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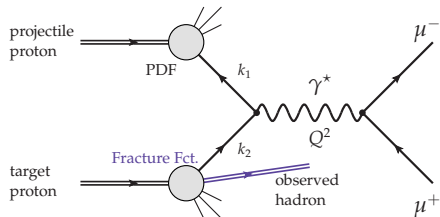
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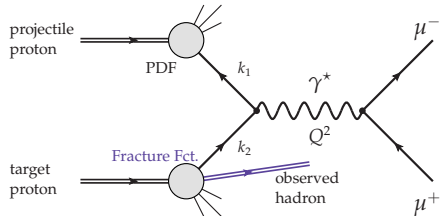
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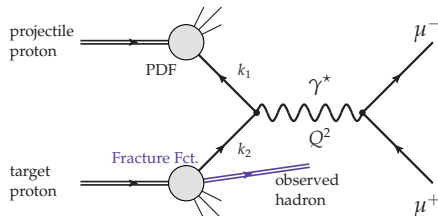
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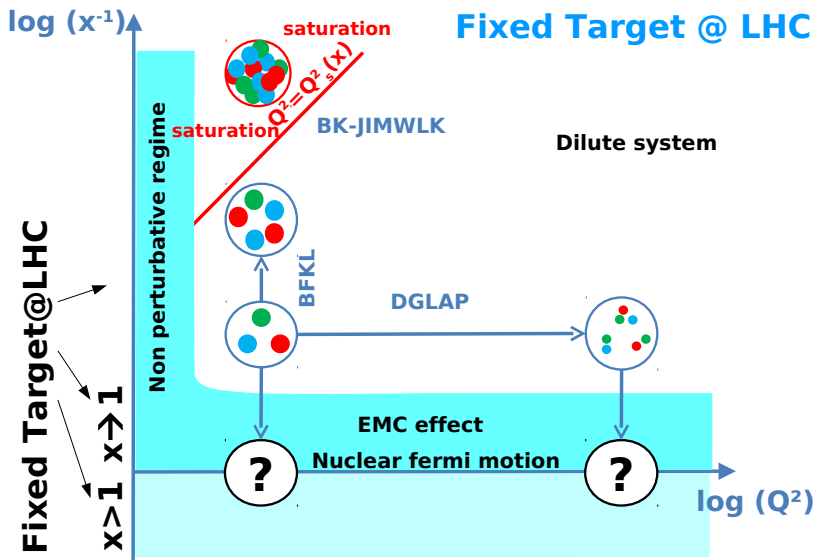


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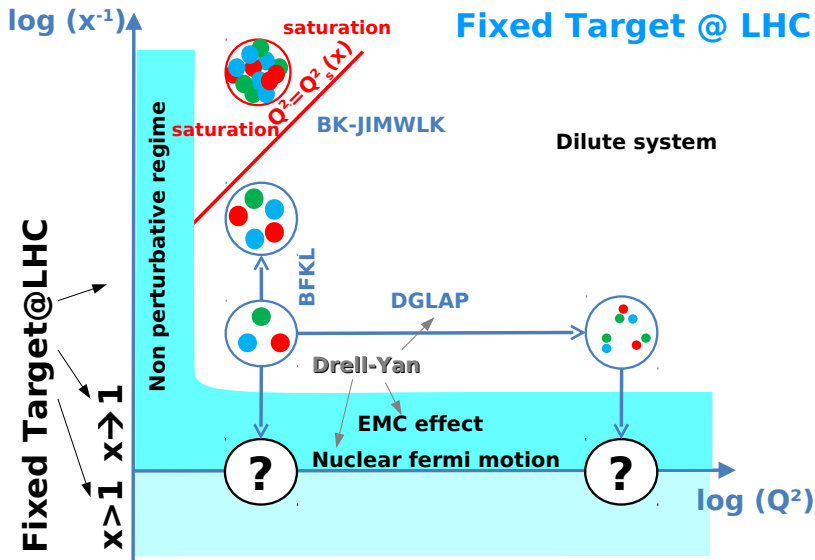
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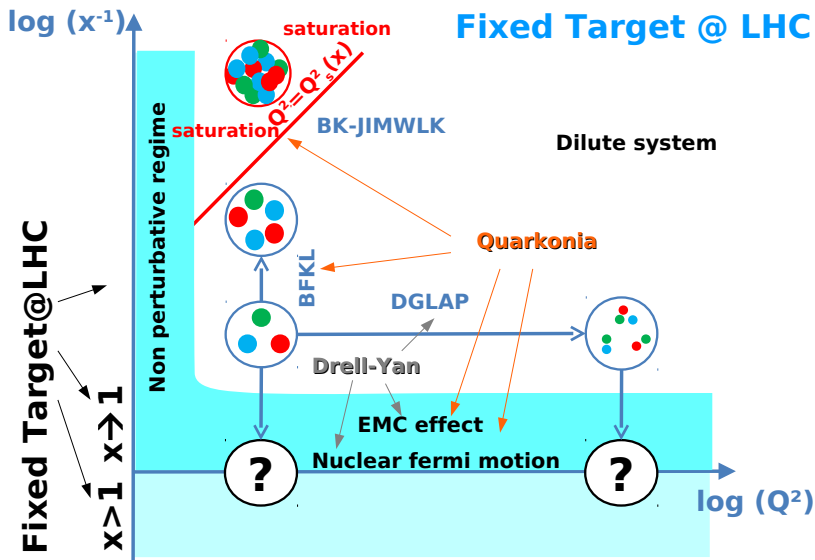
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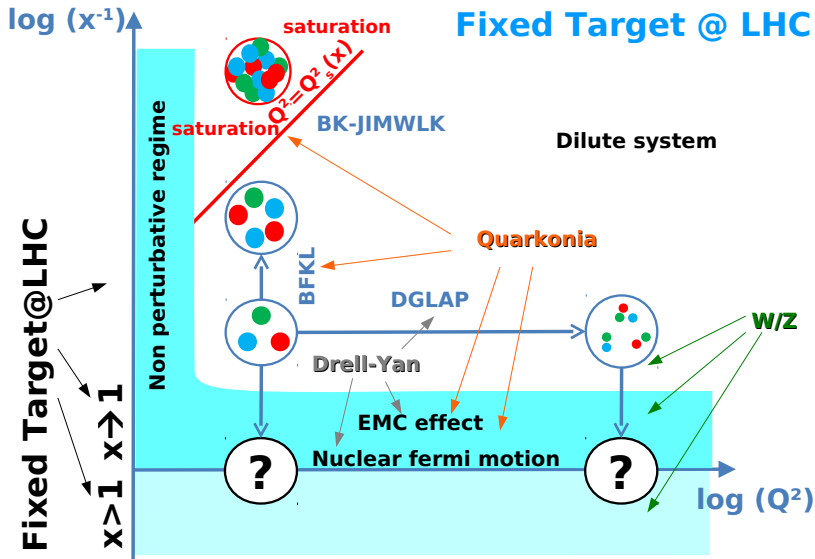
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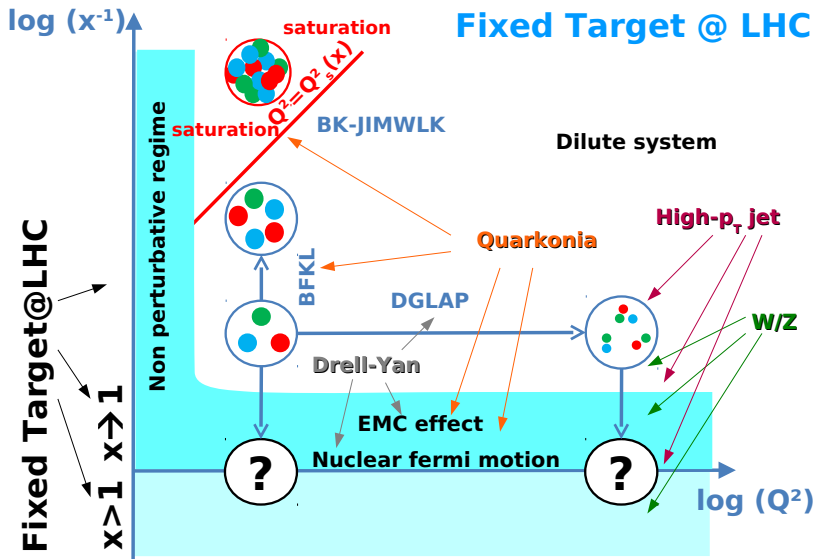
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# Part IV

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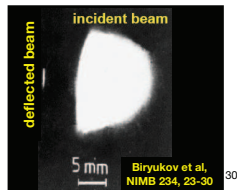
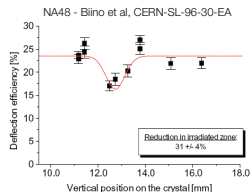
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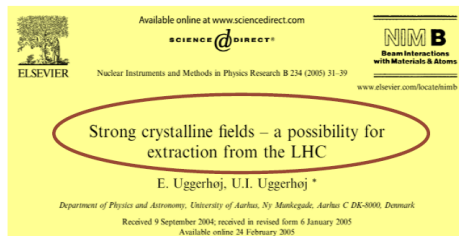
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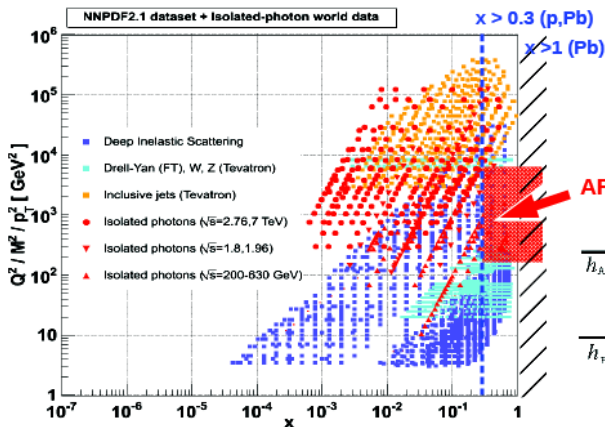
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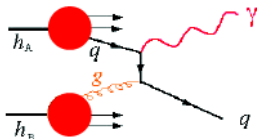
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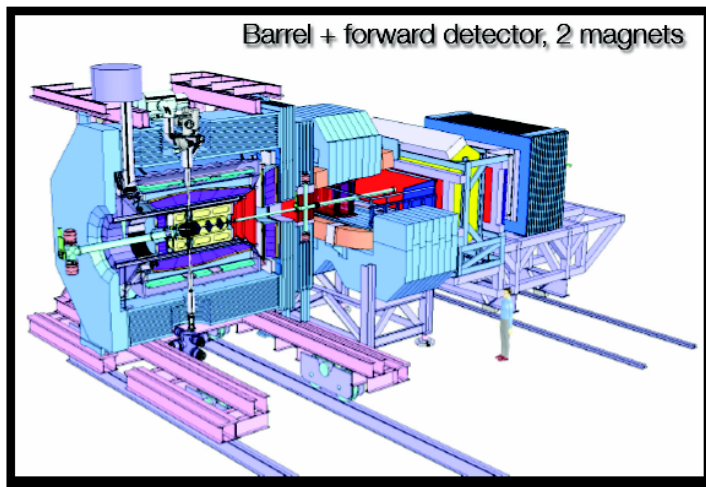


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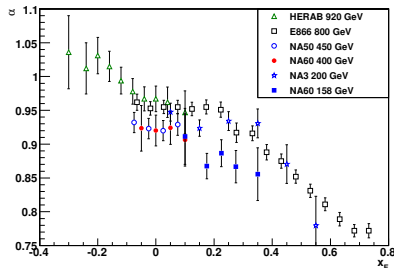
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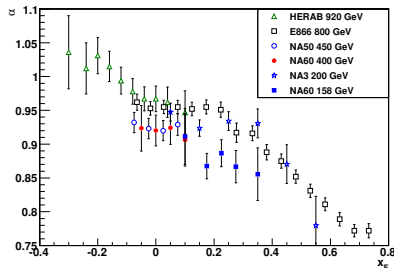
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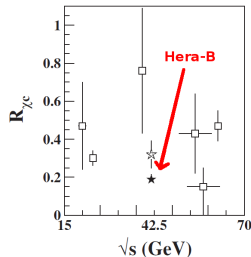
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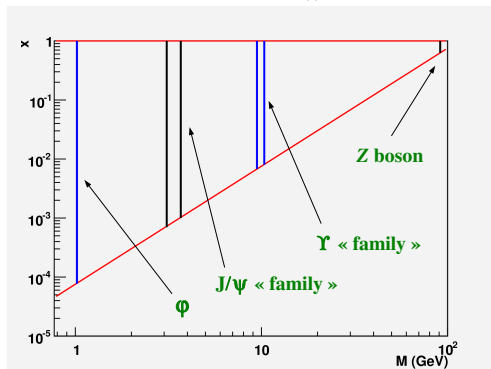


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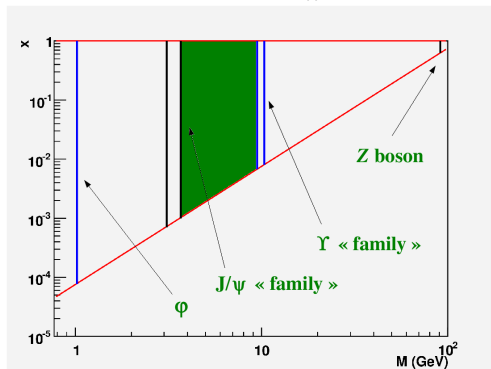
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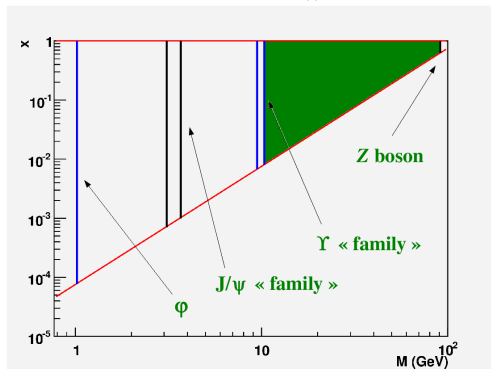
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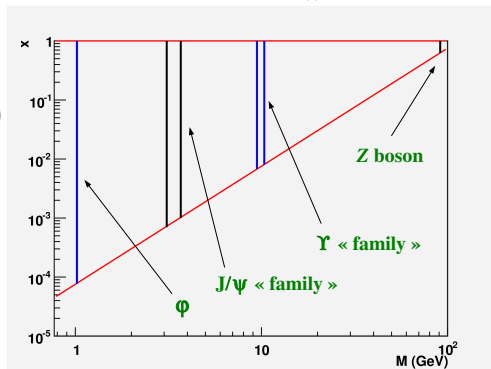
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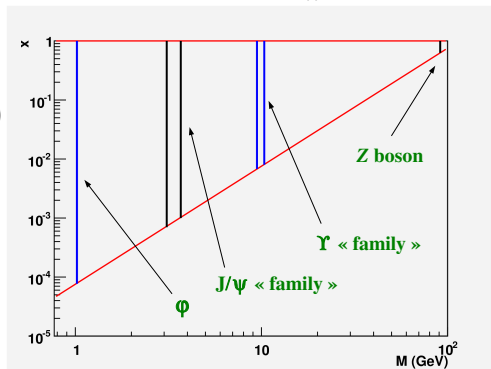
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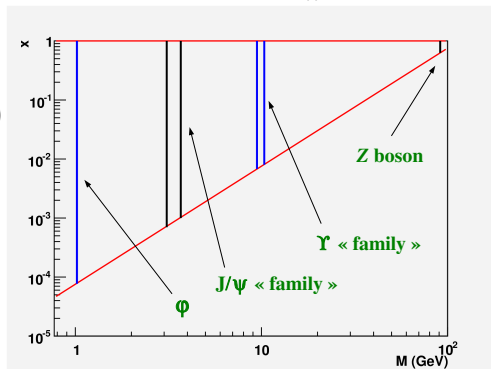
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