

SPD project at NICA

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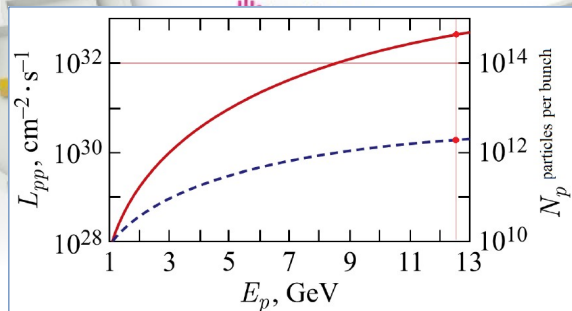
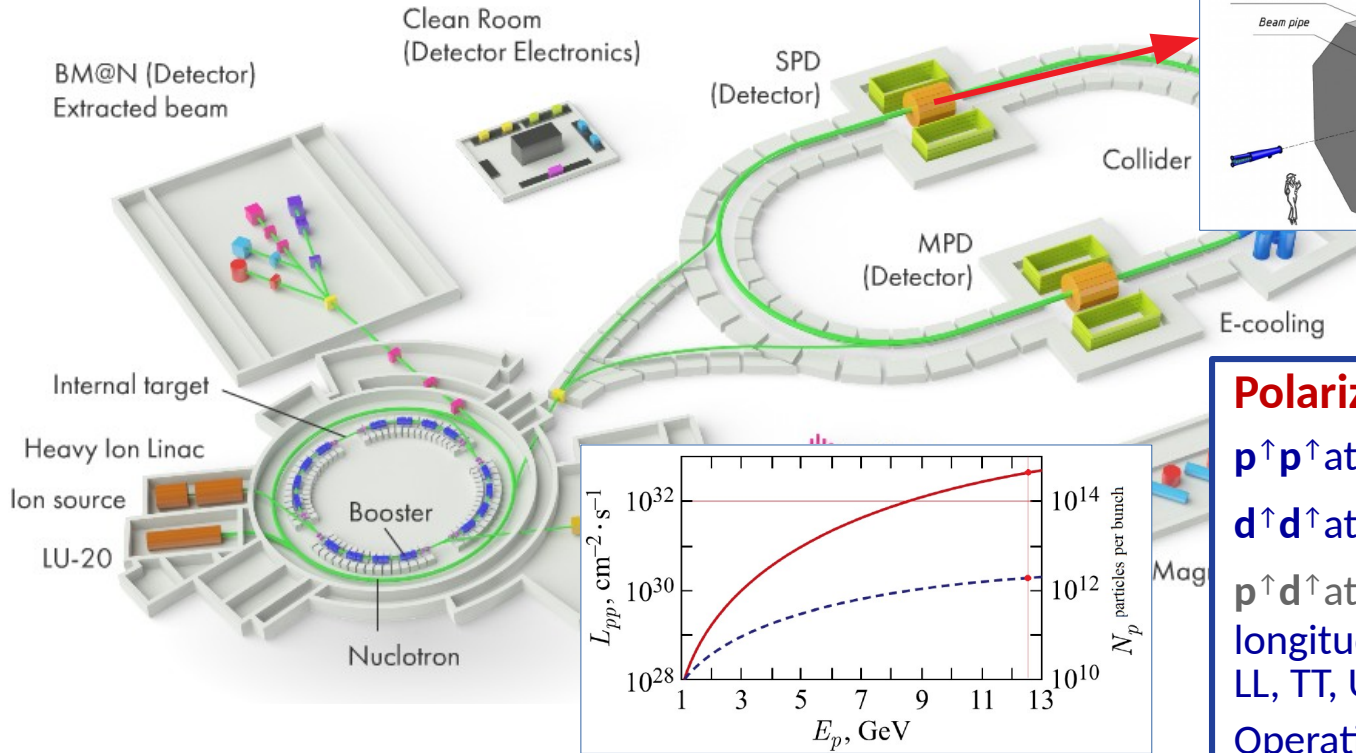
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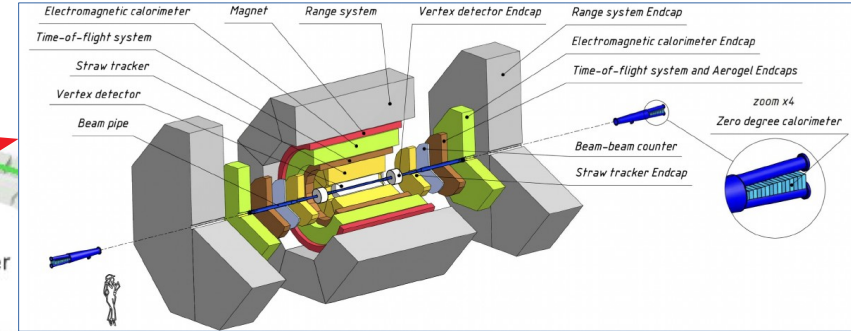


Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility (NICA)

Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Dubna)



Spin Physics Detector (SPD)



Polarized beams

$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s_{pp}} \leq 27 \text{ GeV}$, $L_{av} \approx 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

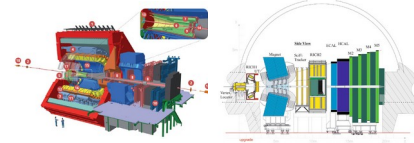
$d^\uparrow d^\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 13.5 \text{ GeV}$

$p^\uparrow d^\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 19 \text{ GeV}$

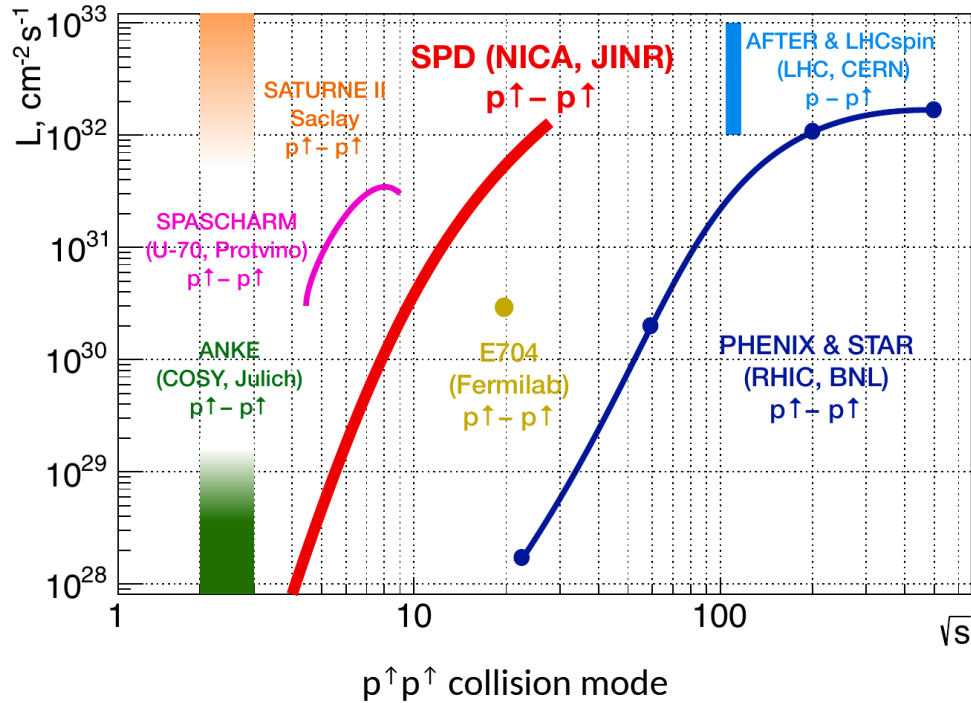
longitudinal and transverse polarization (UU, LL, TT, UT, LT) > 70%

Operation: after 2028

NICA and other facilities



SPD CDR (arXiv:2102.00442)



Experimental facility	SPD @NICA [30]	RHIC [29]	EIC [26]	AFTER @LHC [24]	SpinLHC [25]
Scientific center	JINR	BNL	BNL	CERN	CERN
Operation mode	collider	collider	collider	fixed target	fixed target
Colliding particles & polarization	$p^\uparrow-p^\uparrow$ $d^\uparrow-d^\uparrow$ $p^\uparrow-d$, $p-d^\uparrow$	$p^\uparrow-p^\uparrow$	$e^\uparrow-p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow, {}^3\text{He}^\uparrow$	$p-p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow$	$p-p^\uparrow$
Center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	≤ 27 ($p-p$) ≤ 13.5 ($d-d$) ≤ 19 ($p-d$)	63, 200, 500	20-140 (ep)	115	115
Max. luminosity, $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	~ 1 ($p-p$) ~ 0.1 ($d-d$)	2	1000	up to ~ 10 ($p-p$)	4.7
Physics run	>2025	running	>2030	>2025	>2025

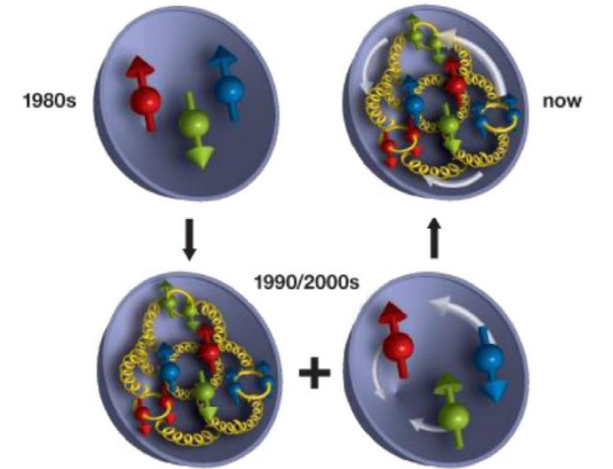
NICA is unique for double polarized $d^\uparrow d^\uparrow$ collisions at these energies.

Nucleon structure

Hadron structure is one of the keys to understand bound states in QCD.

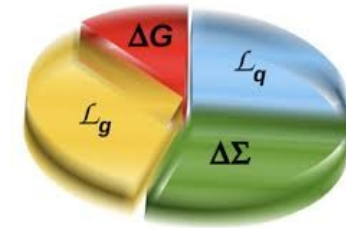
Nucleon tomography aims to understand how hadrons are built in terms of elementary degrees of freedom in QCD.

- How quarks and gluons, and their spins are distributed in a nucleon in transverse positional space and transverse momentum space?
- How nucleon spin emerges from spin and internal motion of valence and sea quarks and gluons?



Our understanding of nucleon structure

■ Gluon Spin ■ Gluon angular momentum
■ Quark Spin ■ Quark Angular Momentum



Spin decomposition of proton

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Nucleon tomography

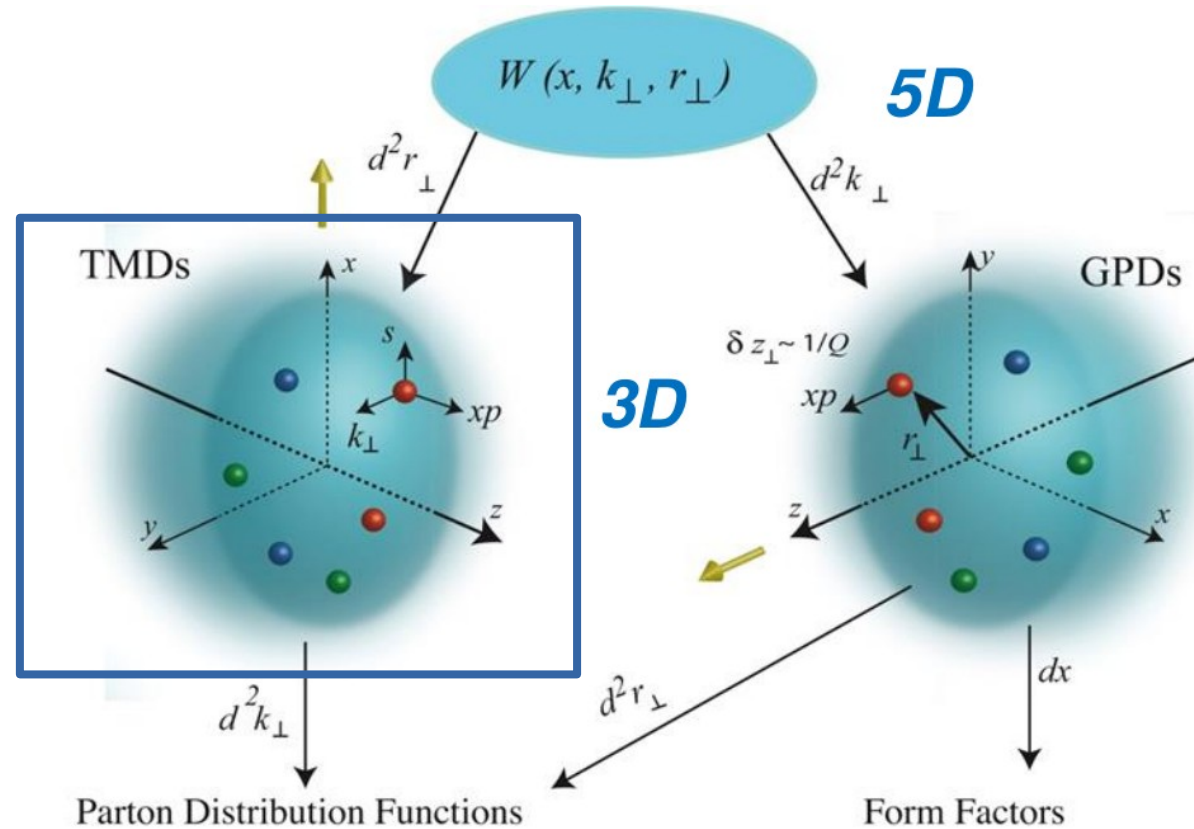
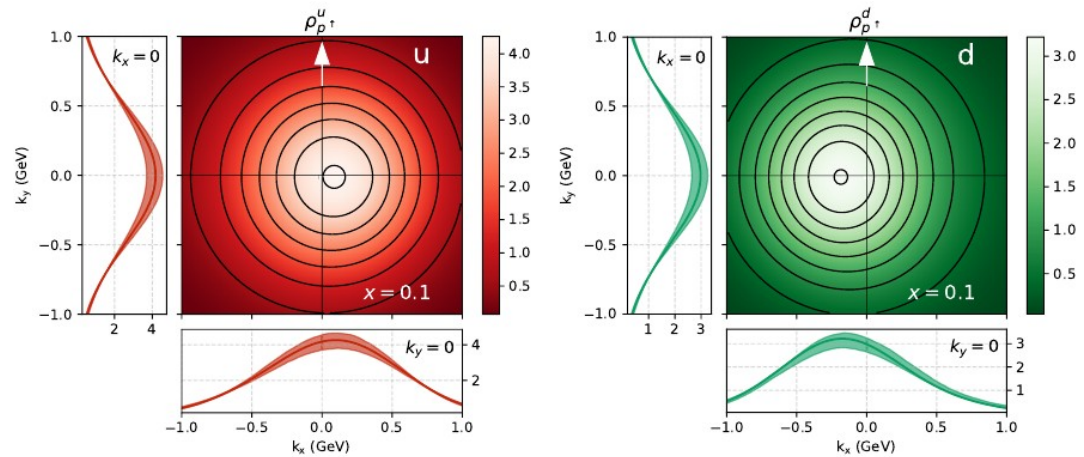


Figure credit: J.-P. Cheng

Quark TMDs

Leading Quark TMDPDFs  Nucleon Spin  Quark Spin

		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \text{Unpolarized}$		$h_1^\perp = \text{Boer-Mulders}$
	L		$g_1 = \text{Helicity}$	$h_{1L}^\perp = \text{Worm-gear}$
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \text{Sivers}$	$g_{1T}^\perp = \text{Worm-gear}$	$h_1 = \text{Transversity}$ $h_{1T}^\perp = \text{Pretzelosity}$



Significant progress on **quark TMDs** over the last decades (for details see e.g. TMD Handbook, PLB 827, 136961 (2022)).

The density distribution of an unpolarized quark with flavor a in a proton polarized along the $+y$ direction and moving towards the reader as a function of (k_x, k_y) at $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ (PLB 827, 136961 (2022))

Overviewed by Alessandro Bacchetta on Tuesday

Gluon TMDs and the SPD experiment



Our knowledge on gluon TMD remains rather scarce.

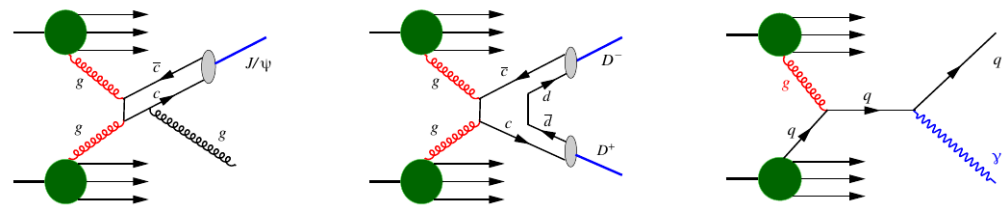
		gluon pol.		
		U	circular	linear
nucleon pol.	U	f_1^g		$h_1^{\perp g}$
	L		g_1^g	$h_{1L}^{\perp g}$
	T	$f_{1T}^{\perp g}$	g_{1T}^g	$h_{1T}^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$

Leading twist gluon TMD PDFs
(two times more due to proper gauge link choice)

h_1^g is nonzero only for deuteron.

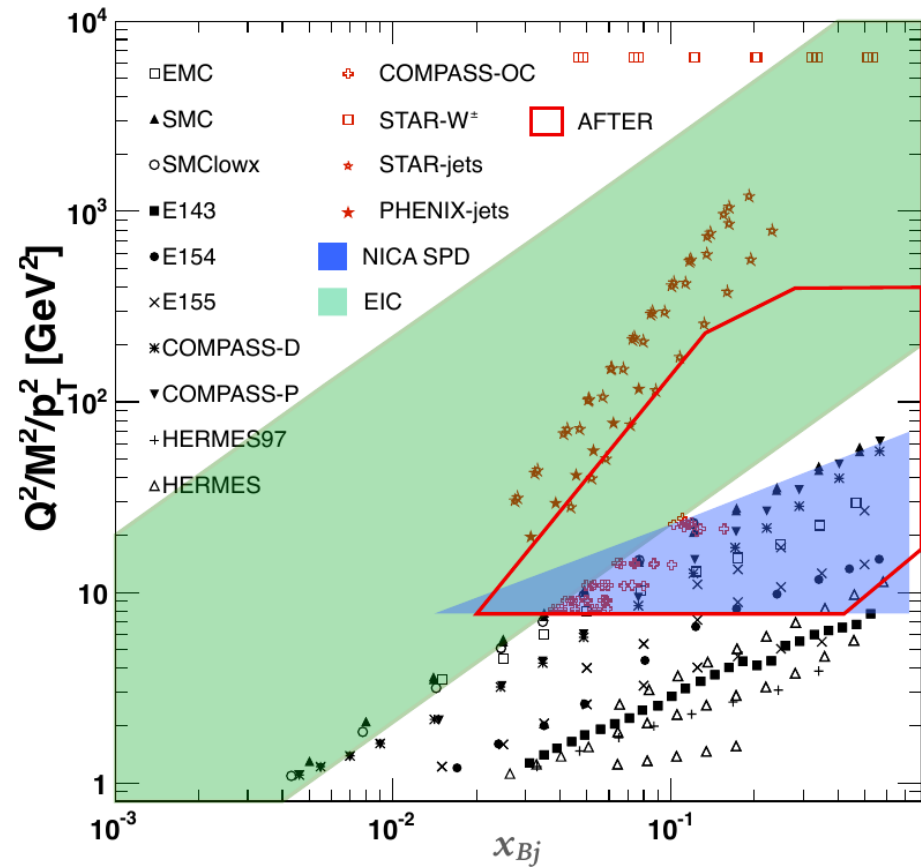
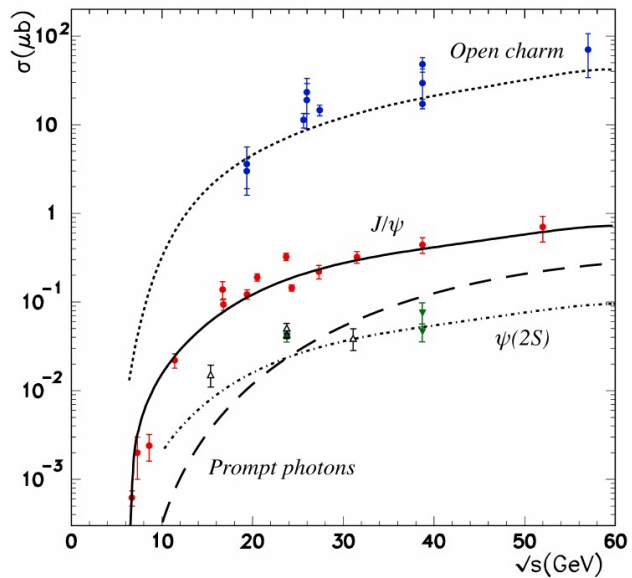
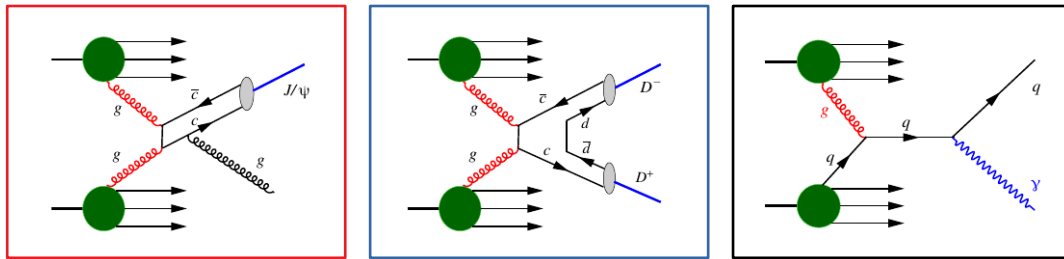
Main goal of the experiment - spin-dependent gluon structure of proton and deuteron.

- Three probes of gluon structure chosen in this energy range:



- Measurements at SPD should help to improve our understanding of QCD and resolve spin and mass crises.
- Many other aspects of QCD to be studied in such collisions.

SPD kinematic coverage



Construction site

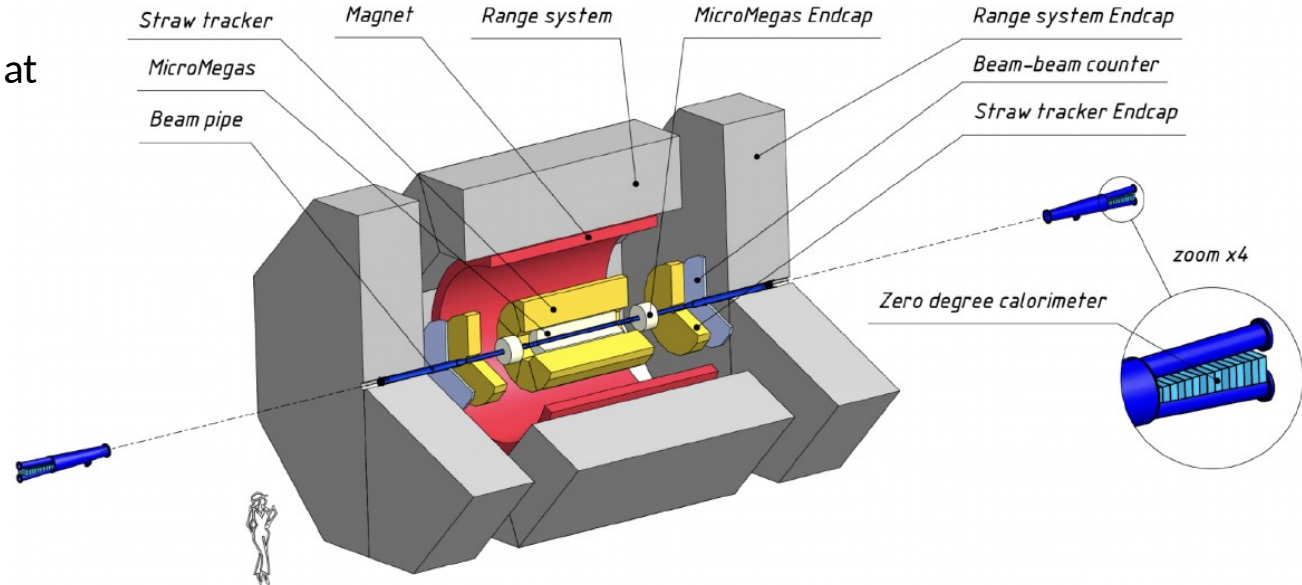


SPD initial stage

The SPD TDR can be found at [arXiv:2404.08317](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.08317)

- Polarized and unpolarized phenomena at **low energies** ($3.4 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{s}_{pp} < 9.4 \text{ GeV}$) and **reduced luminosity**
- p-p, d-d, and ion collisions (up to Ca)
- Simplified detector set-up
- Up to 2 years of data taking

Magnetic field up to **1.2 T**



Range System

muon identification and coarse hadron calorimetry

Straw tracker:

- $\sigma \sim 150 \mu\text{m}$
- $\sigma(dE/dx) = 8.5\%$

Micromegas central tracker:

$\sigma \sim 150 \mu\text{m}$

BBC and **ZDC** for online polarimetry

Physical program:

- spin effects in p-p and d-d scattering
- spin effects in hyperon production
- multiquark correlations (SRC)
- color transparency in quasi elastic pd
- large pT hadron production to study diquark structure of proton
- dibaryon resonances
- hypernuclei
- physics of light and intermediate nuclei collisions
- open charm and charmonia production near threshold
- antiproton production measurements for astrophysics and BSM search
- ...

Possible Studies at the First Stage of the NICA Collider Operation with Polarized and Unpolarized Proton and Deuteron Beams

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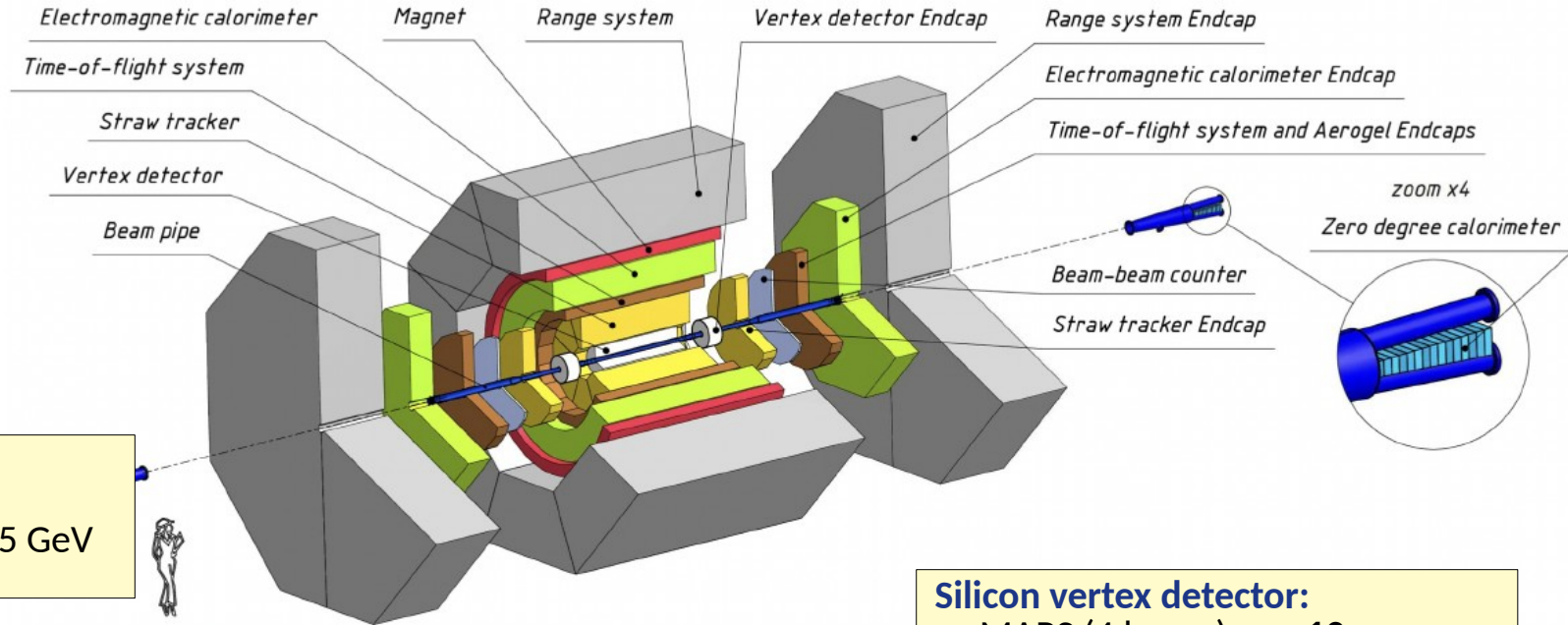
Electromagnetic calorimeter:
 $\sigma E/E = 5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$

Time of flight system:
 $\sigma = 50 \text{ ps}$
 $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation for $p < 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

FARICH in *endcaps* for pion/kaon separation for particle momentum up to **5.5 GeV**

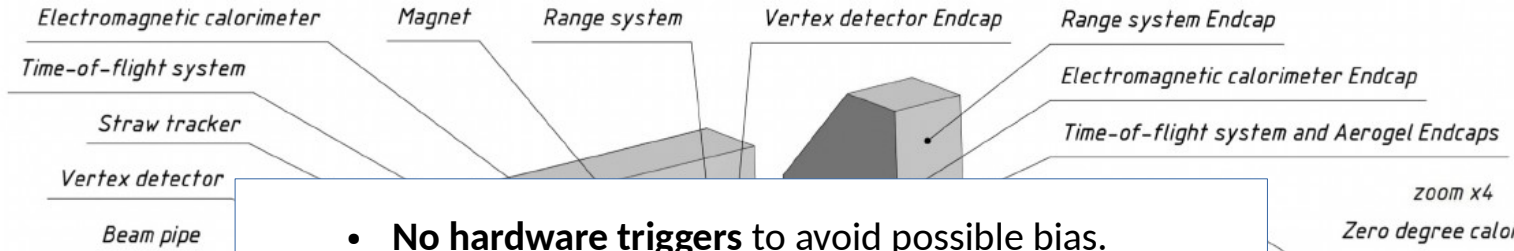
Silicon vertex detector:

- MAPS (4 layers): $\sigma = 10 \mu\text{m}$
- DSSD (3 layers): $\sigma_{\phi} = 27.4 \mu\text{m}$,
 $\sigma_z = 81.3 \mu\text{m}$



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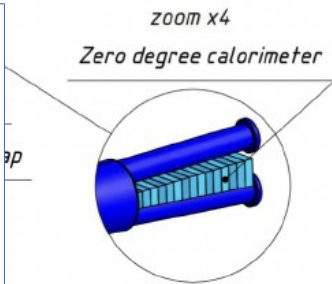
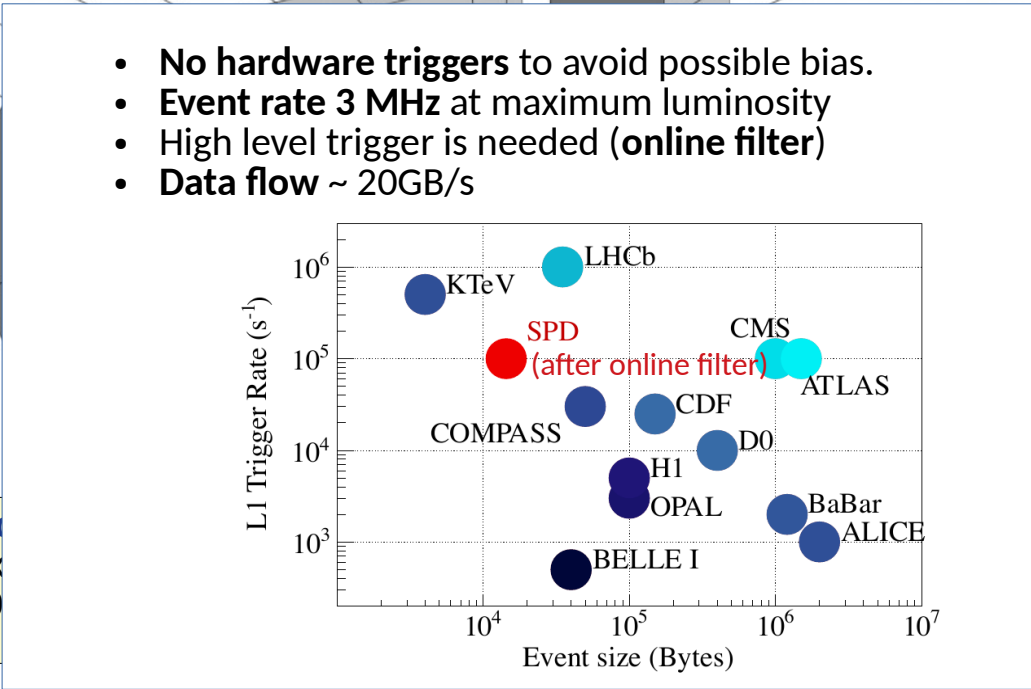
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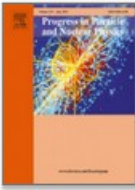
Physical program:

- unpolarized and polarized proton and deuteron structure:
 - gluon helicity
 - gluon TMDs (Sivers and Boer-Mulders)
 - gluon transversity and tensor polarized gluon distribution in deuteron
 - unpolarized proton and deuteron gluon PDF at high x
 - non-nucleonic degrees of freedom in deuteron...
- tests of QCD factorization
- charmonia production mechanisms
- ...



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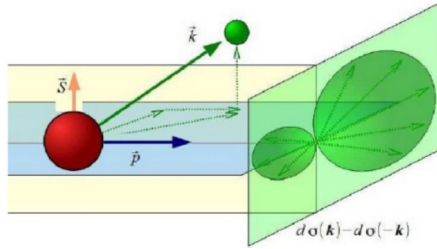


Review

On the physics potential to study the gluon content of proton and deuteron at NICA SPD

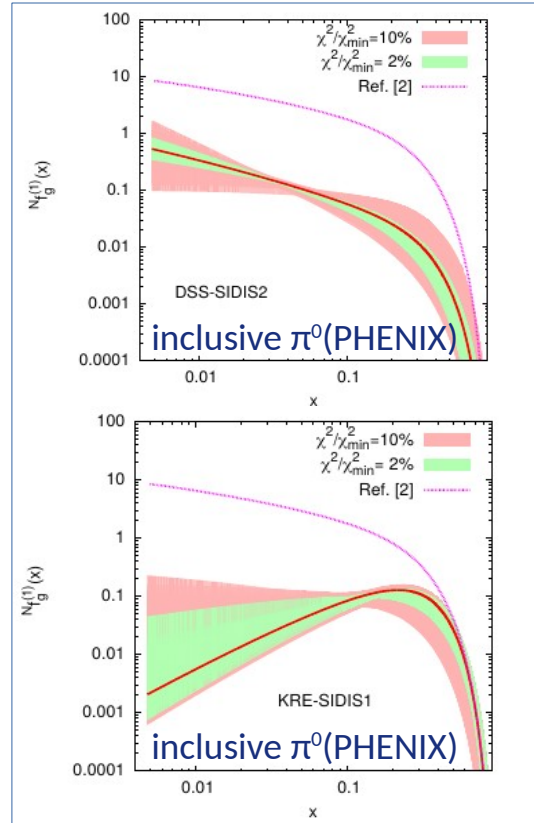
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Gluon Sivers function

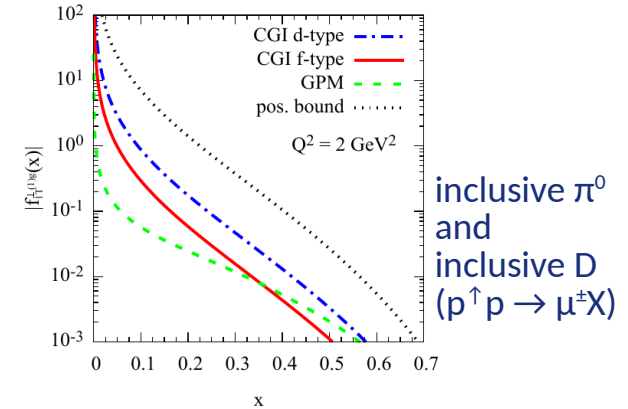


- GSF – correlation between transverse spin and gluon k_T
- Can be indirectly related to gluon OAM
- Probed by TSSA

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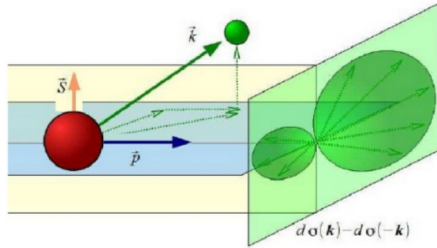


First kT moments for GSF, GPM (JHEP09(2015)119)



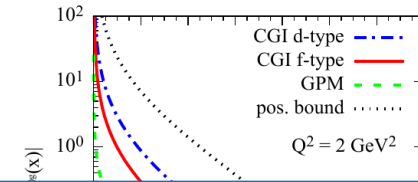
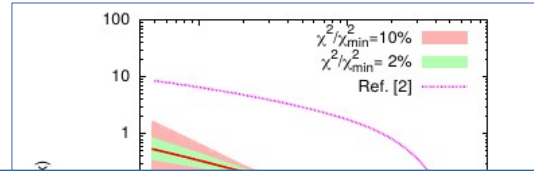
Maximized first kT moments for GSF, CGI-GPM (PRD99, 036013 (2019))

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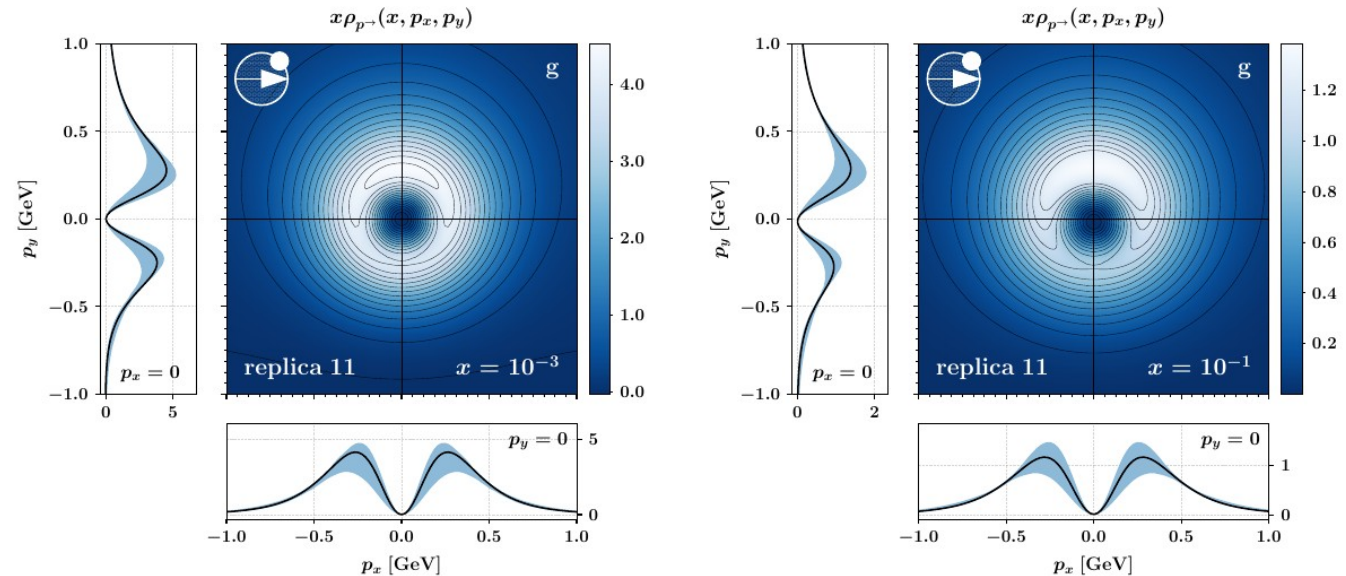


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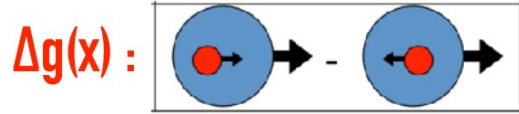


Spectator model calculations

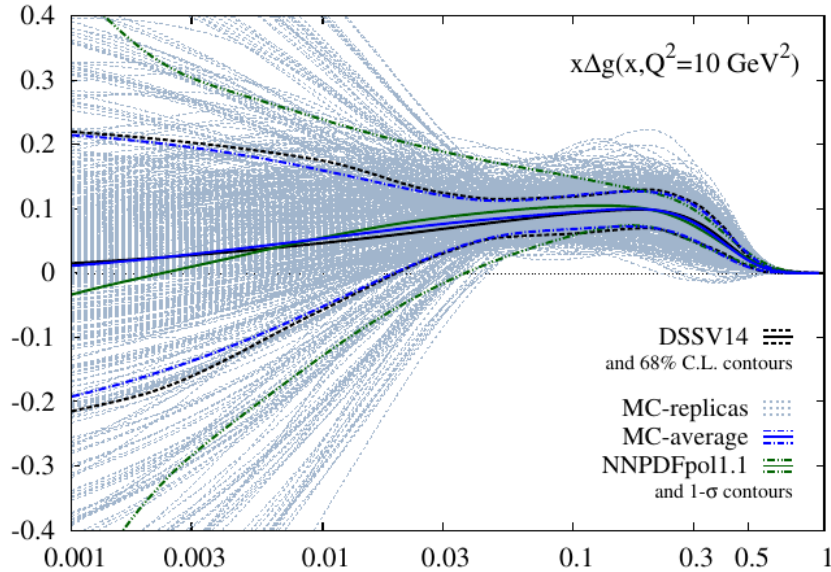


Unpolarized gluon density for a transversely polarized nucleon along X-axis, ($Q=1.64$ GeV) in the **spectator model** - Bacchetta, Celiberto, Radici (EPJC 84 (2024) 6, 576)

Gluon helicity distribution

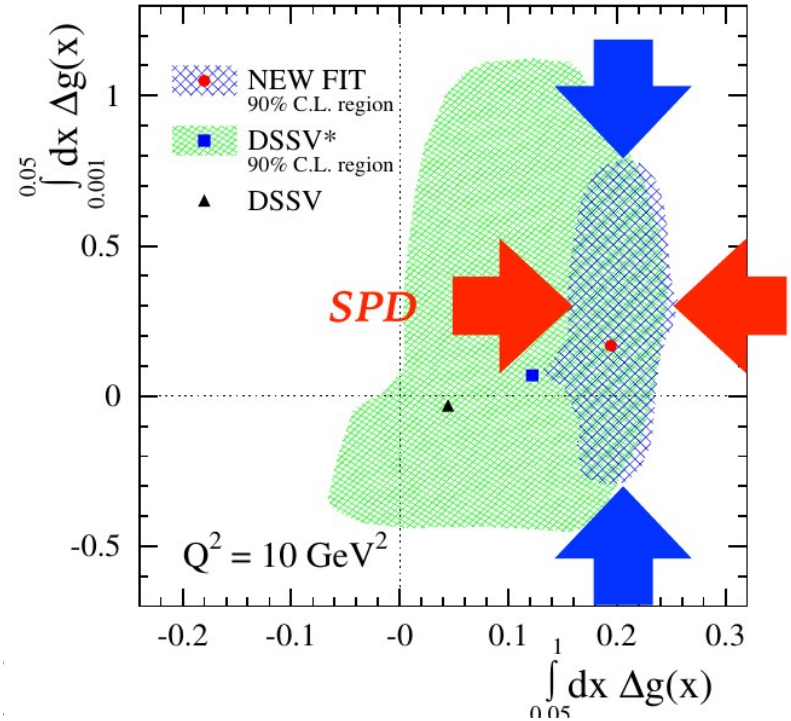


$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++} + \sigma^{+-}}$$



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Other extractions: LSS15, JAM17

Charmonia production as a probe of gluon TMD PDFs

Charmonia production

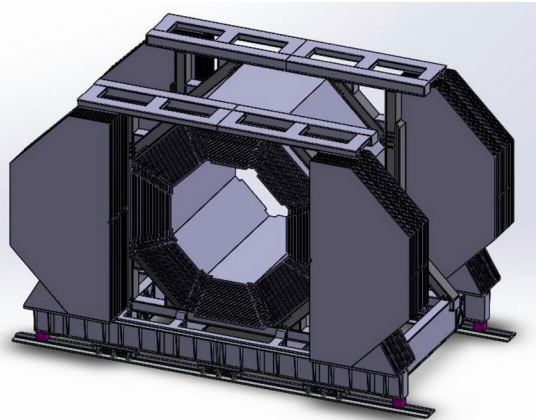
- dominated by gluon-gluon fusion
- high cross-section
- J/ψ can be easily reconstructed from the $\mu^+\mu^-$ decay, $\psi(2S)$ and χ_{cJ} can be reconstructed based on this decay
- hadronization of $c\bar{c}$ pair is not well understood theoretically:
 - (Improved) Color Evaporation Model
 - CSM
 - NRQCD
- TMD factorization does not always hold
- η_c might be the best probe, but its observation is challenging experimentally
- the J/ψ signal is “contaminated” by feed-down contributions

Charmonia production at SPD

- High statistics, wide kinematic coverage
- Ability to measure also production properties of $\psi(2S)$, χ_{c1} and χ_{c2}
- Strategy is to obtain all possible measurements in the wide kinematic range
- Constrain both theoretical approaches and PDFs
- Our p_T are mostly below $M_{J/\psi}$
- NRQCD LDME \rightarrow shape functions (Echevarria, 2019)

Discussed in details by Cristian Pisano on Tuesday

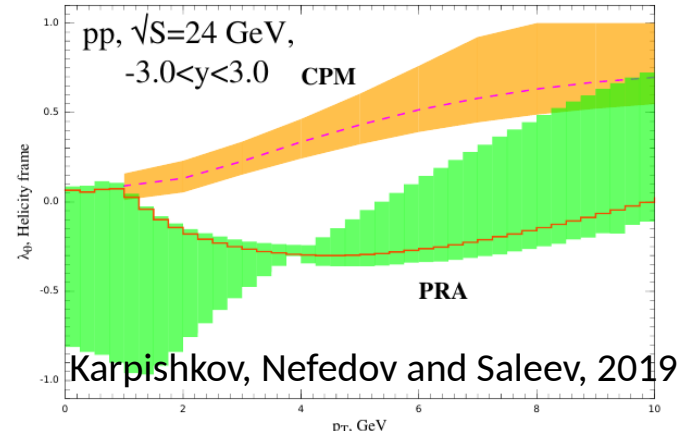
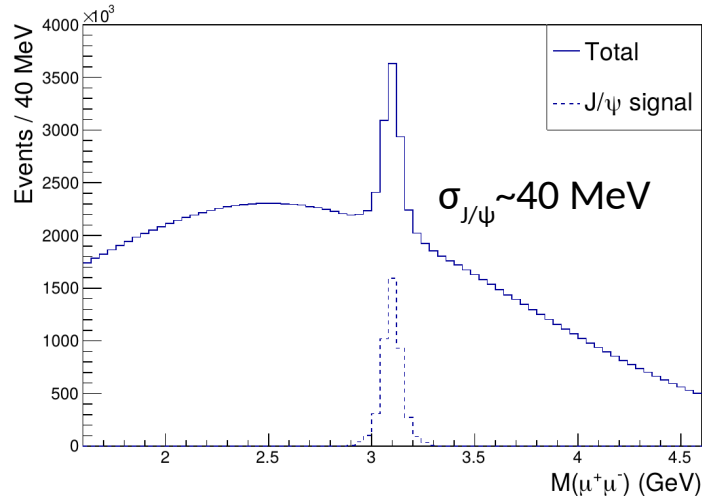
Inclusive J/ψ measurements



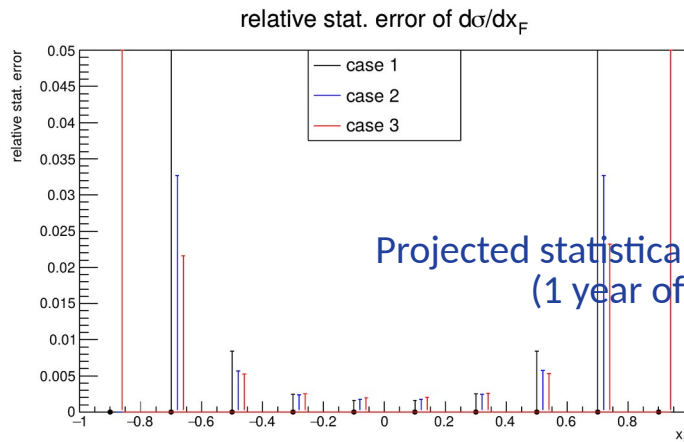
- Reconstruction efficiency: ~40%
- Statistics: ~ 4.5–5.0 M (selected events) per year
- Large background due to pion decays and muon misidentification in RS

Observables:

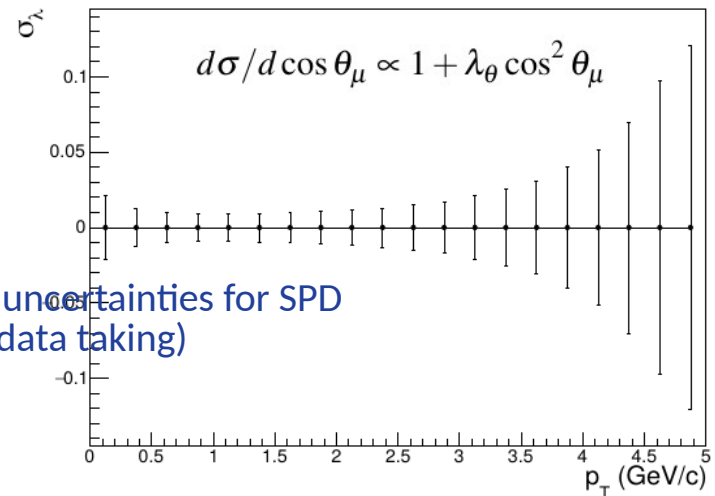
- cross-section, p_T -, x_F -dependencies
- polarization
- asymmetries



Karpishkov, Nefedov and Saleev, 2019

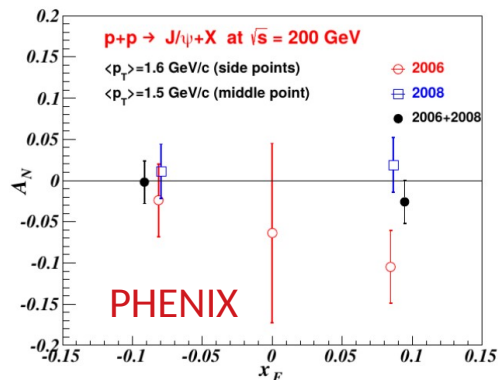


Projected statistical uncertainties for SPD
(1 year of data taking)



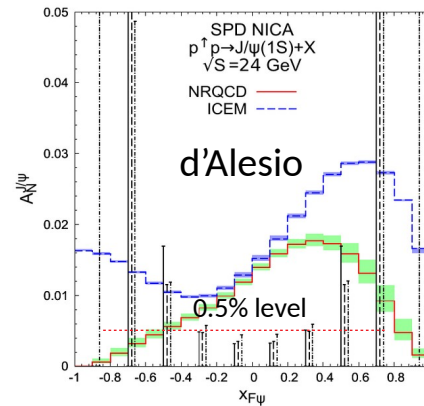
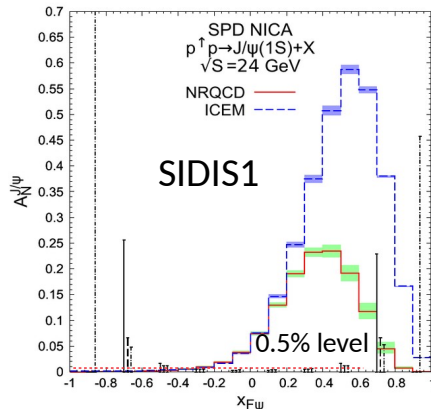
A_N for inclusive J/ψ production

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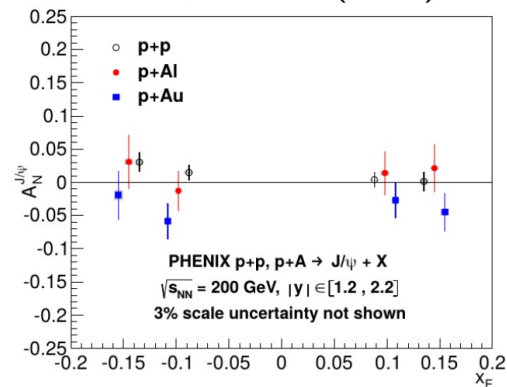


GPM

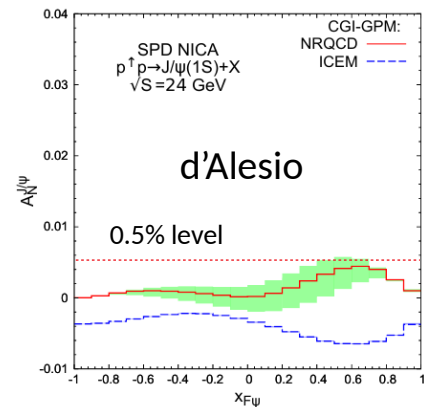
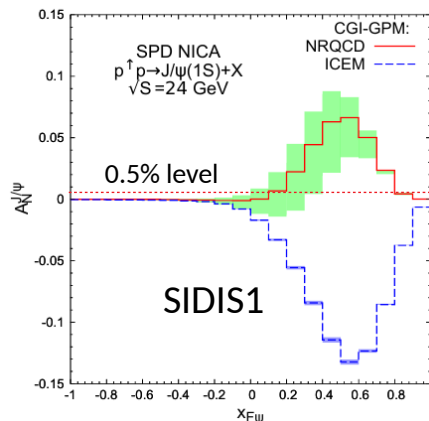
Projected stat. uncertainties and predictions from PRD104, 016008 (2021)



PRD82, 112008 (2010)



CGI-GPM



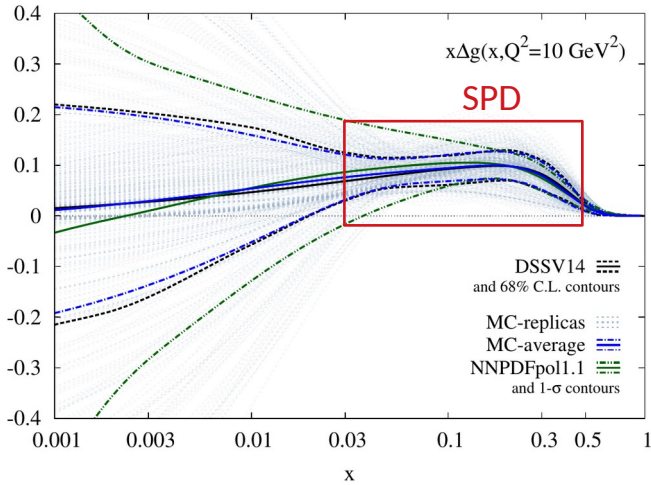
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Here and in the following $P = 0.7$ and is assumed constant during the run.

A_{LL} for inclusive J/ψ production

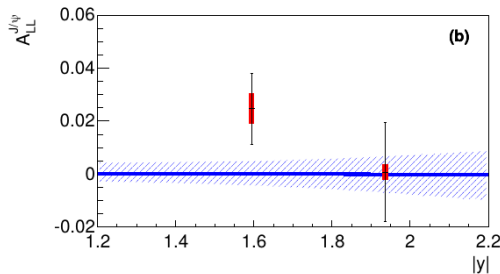
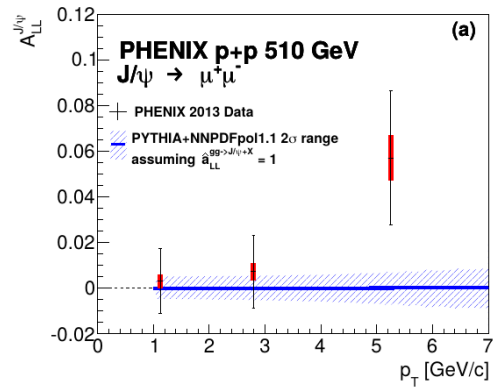
$$A_{LL}^{J/\psi} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++} + \sigma^{+-}}$$

$$A_{LL}^{J/\psi} \approx \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \otimes \frac{\Delta g(x_2)}{g(x_2)} \otimes \hat{a}_{LL}^{gg \rightarrow J/\psi + X}$$



PRD100 114027 (2019)

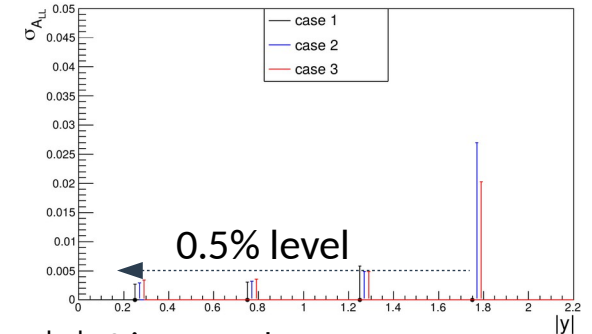
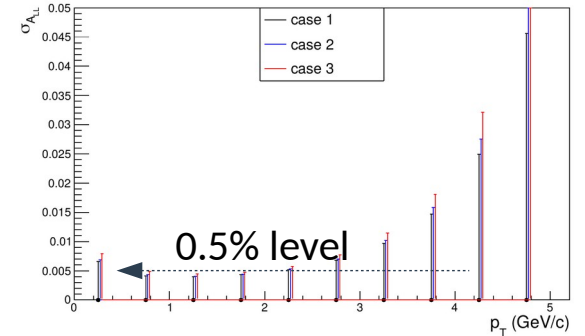
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$$x_1 \sim 5 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$x_2 \sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

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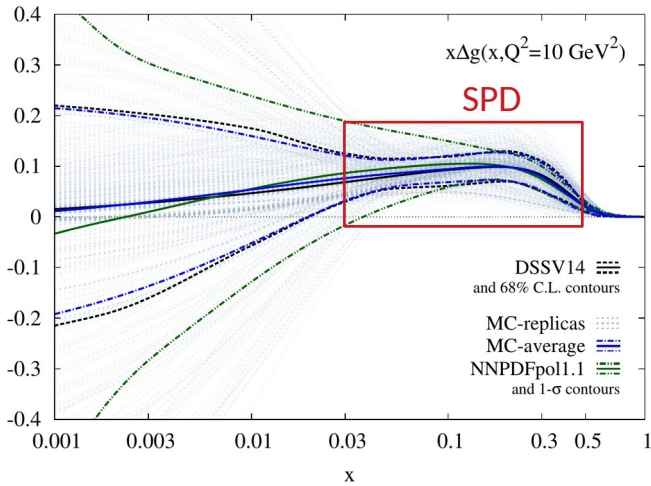


- $|y| < 2$ is covered
- At SPD both $\Delta g(x_1)$ and $\Delta g(x_2)$ are expected to be close to the maximum
- A measurable A_{LL} of the order of 1-10% can be expected

A_{LL} for inclusive J/ψ production (impact of SPD measurements)

$$A_{LL}^{J/\psi} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++} + \sigma^{+-}}$$

$$A_{LL}^{J/\psi} \approx \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \otimes \frac{\Delta g(x_2)}{g(x_2)} \otimes \hat{a}_{LL}^{gg \rightarrow J/\psi + X}$$

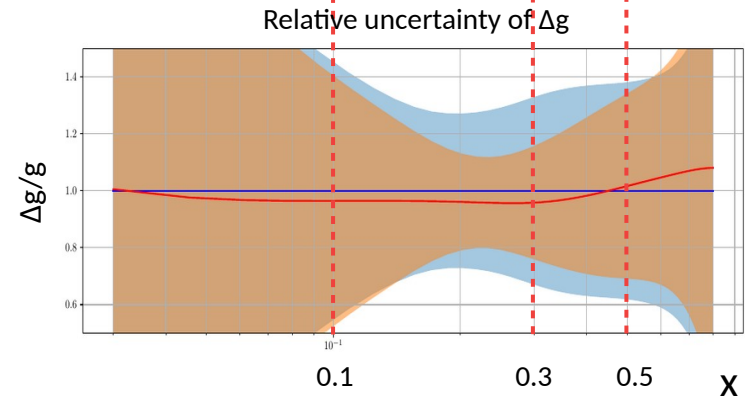
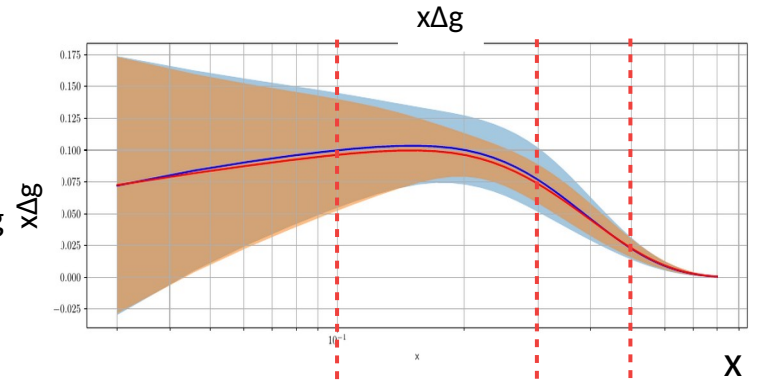


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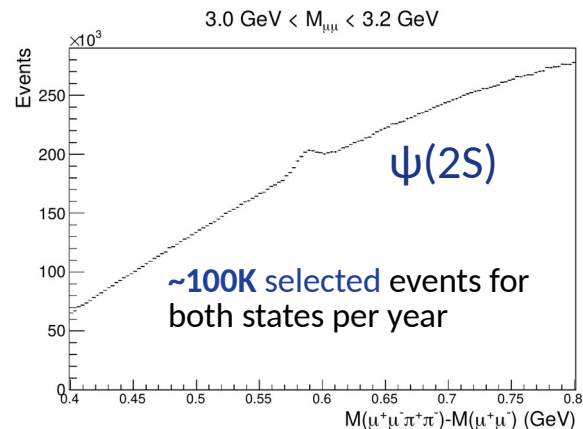
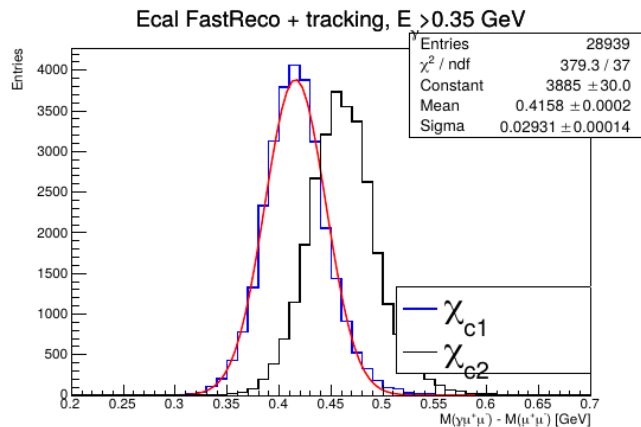
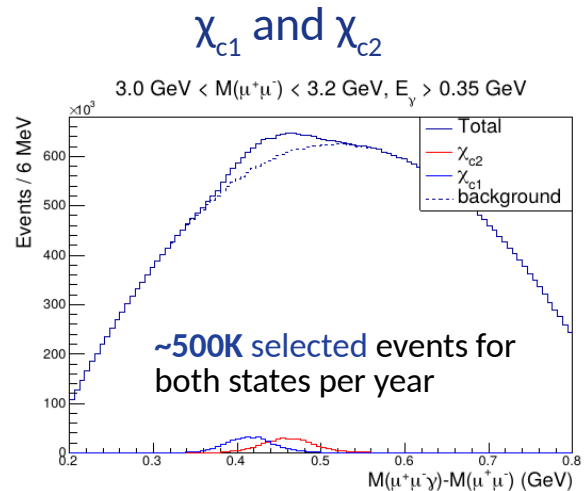
Impact of SPD data is estimated by

- generating “SPD data” according to [NNPDFpol1.1](#)
- prescribing **stat. errors** estimated for 1 year data taking at SPD with $\sqrt{s} = 27$ GeV
- Bayesian reweighing of MC replicas

The relative uncertainty decreases by a factor of ~ 2 for $x \sim 0.2-0.3$.

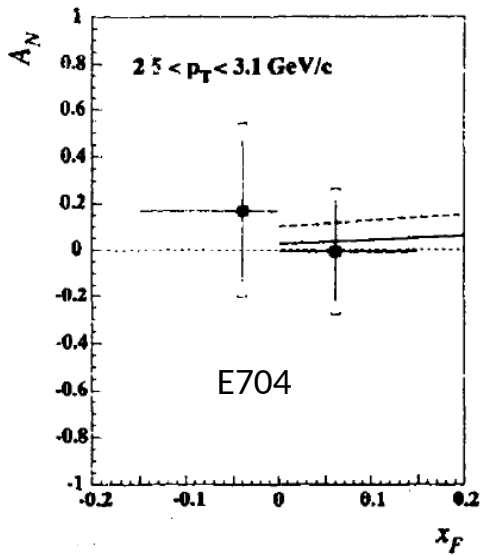


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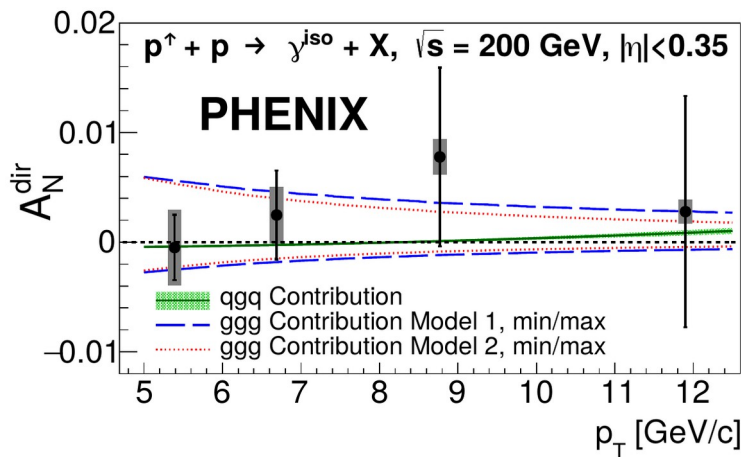
- $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}, \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \phi\phi?$
 - 500K selected events for $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}$
 - huge background
- Double J/ψ production
 - 50-100 events/year for both J/ψ dilepton decay modes
 - p_T dependence complimentary to high energy experiments
- J/ψ : limited statistics and large background

Prompt photons: A_N

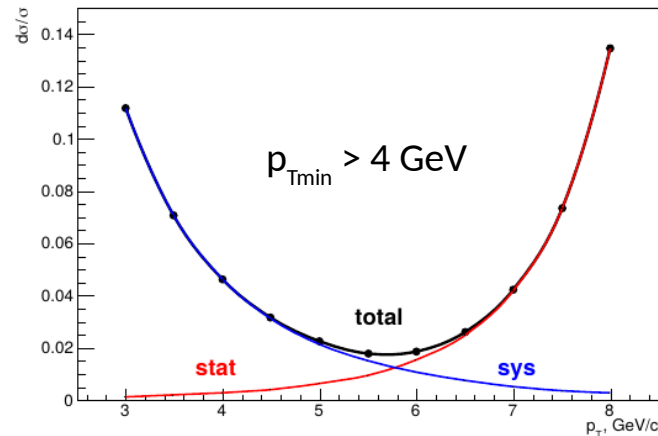


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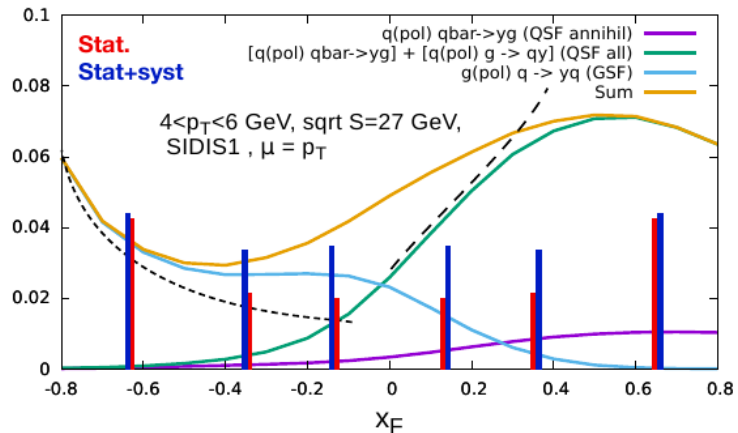
- Straightforward theoretical interpretation
- **very challenging experimentally**



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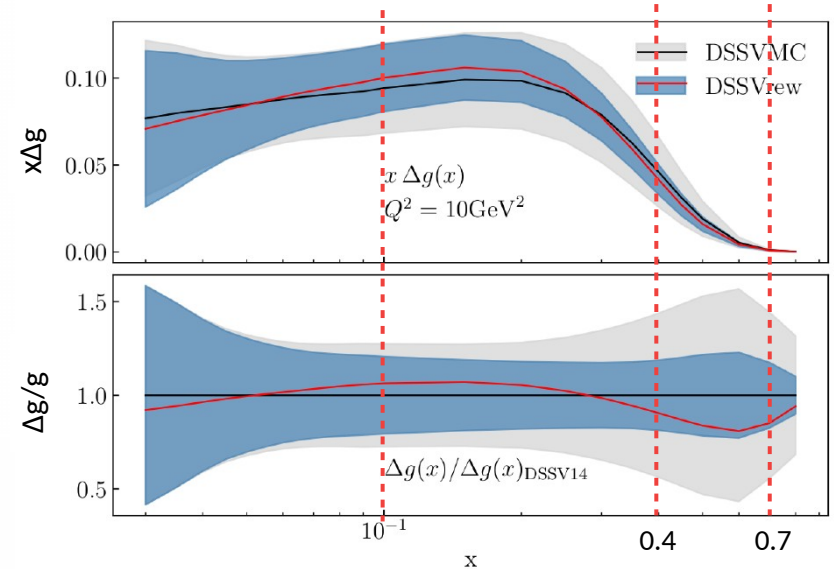
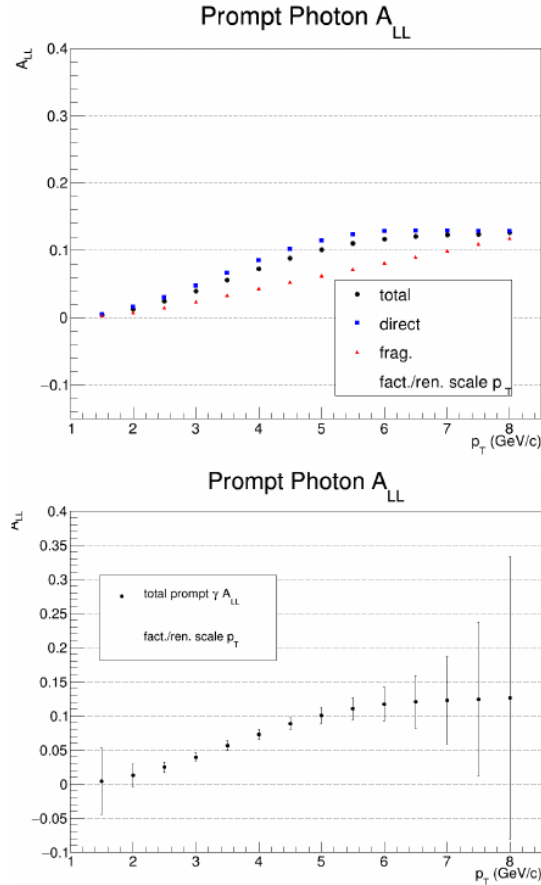
Predictions: Saleev, Shipilova, 2020

Prompt photons: A_{LL}^{γ}

$$A_{LL}^{\gamma} \approx \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \otimes A_{1p}(x_2) \otimes \hat{a}_{LL}^{gq(\bar{q}) \rightarrow \gamma q(\bar{q})} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

Impact of SPD data is estimated by

- generating “SPD data” according to current PDFs (NLO, NNPDF3.0, DSSV2014) – W. Vogelsong, 2021
- prescribing errors estimated for 1 year data taking at SPD with $\sqrt{s} = 27$ GeV
- Bayesian reweighing of MC replicas

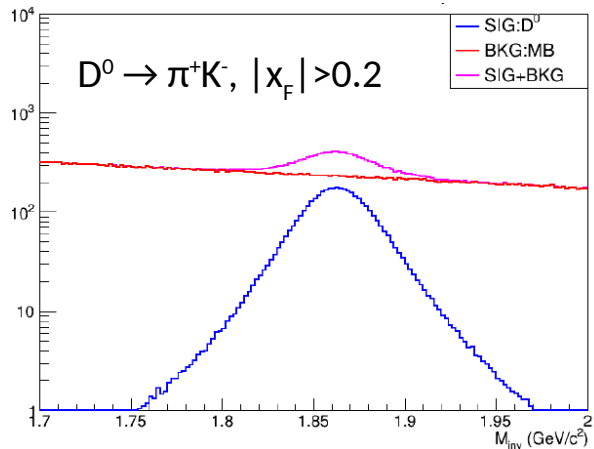
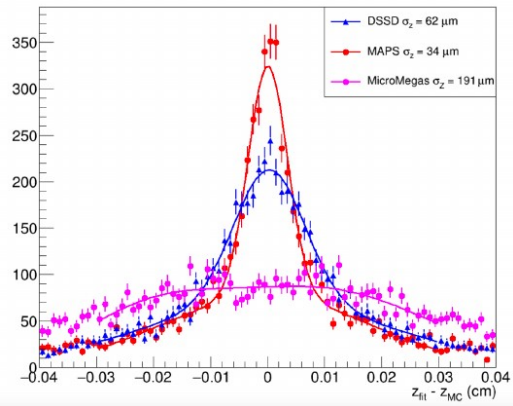


Predictions with new “data” added (top) and ratio of the uncertainties (bottom).
Courtesy R. Sassot, I. Borsa, 2021.

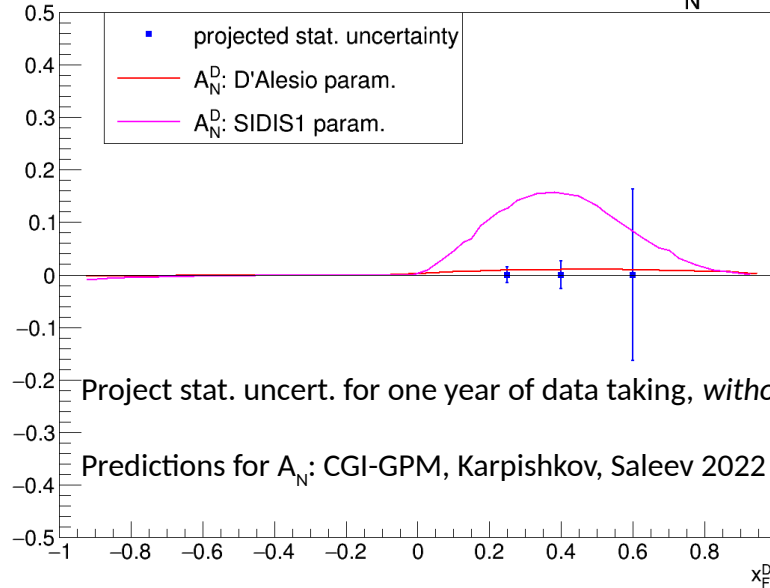
Uncertainties are reduced by factor of 2 for $0.4 < x < 0.7$

Measurements with D mesons

$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + K^-$: secondary vertex Z resolution



Projected Statistical Uncertainty of $A_N^{D^0}$



Project stat. uncert. for one year of data taking, *without FARICH PID*

Predictions for A_N : CGI-GPM, Karpishkov, Saleev 2022

- The largest production cross-section (almost two orders of magnitude larger than for J/ψ)
- Small D-meson boost at our energies
- Interpretation requires c-quark FF
- Projected uncertainties shown for D^0 only
- D meson pair production – probe for Boer-Mulders function

Deuteron gluon structure

$\sigma(x_F, p_T)$, vector and tensor angular asymmetries

Nonbaryonic content of deuteron:

$$|6q\rangle = c_1 |NN\rangle + c_2 |\Delta\Delta\rangle + c_3 |CC\rangle$$

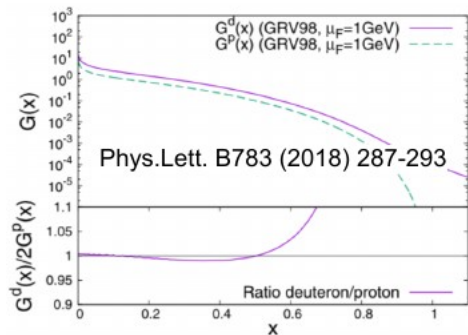
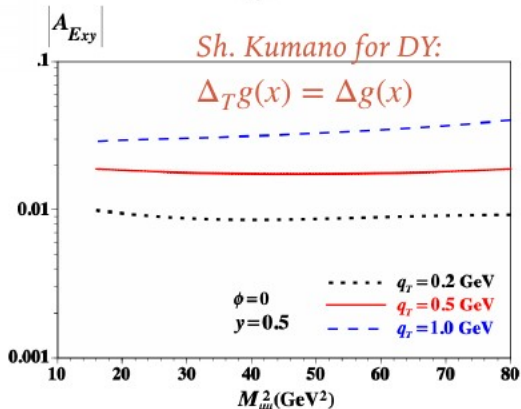
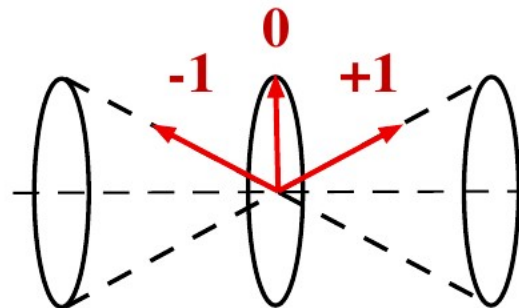
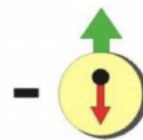
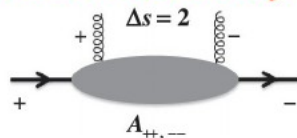


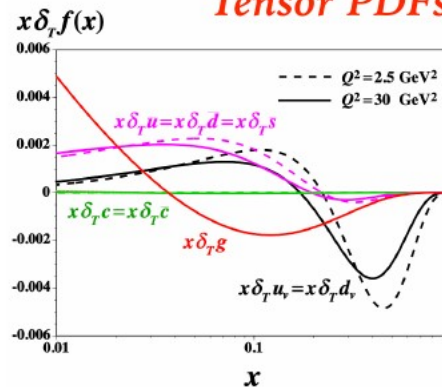
Fig. 6. Gluon PDF in the deuteron and in the nucleon.

Unpolarized
gluons at high x :

Gluon transversity



Tensor PDFs



Running strategy

Physics goal	Required time	Experimental conditions
First stage		
Spin effects in p - p scattering dibaryon resonances	0.3 year	$p_{L,T}$ - $p_{L,T}$, $\sqrt{s} < 7.5$ GeV
Spin effects in p - d scattering, non-nucleonic structure of deuteron, \bar{p} yield	0.3 year	d_{tensor} - p , $\sqrt{s} < 7.5$ GeV
Spin effects in d - d scattering hypernuclei	0.3 year	d_{tensor} - d_{tensor} , $\sqrt{s} < 7.5$ GeV
Hyperon polarization, SRC, ... multiquarks	together with MPD	ions up to Ca
Second stage		
Gluon TMDs, SSA for light hadrons	1 year	p_T - p_T , $\sqrt{s} = 27$ GeV
TMD-factorization test, SSA, charm production near threshold, onset of deconfinement, \bar{p} yield	1 year	p_T - p_T , $7 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{s} < 27 \text{ GeV}$ (scan)
Gluon helicity, ...	1 year	p_L - p_L , $\sqrt{s} = 27$ GeV
Gluon transversity, non-nucleonic structure of deuteron, "Tensor polarized" PDFs	1 year	d_{tensor} - d_{tensor} , $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 13.5$ GeV or/and d_{tensor} - p_T , $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19$ GeV

SPD CDR

SPD Collaboration

VII SPD Collaboration meeting, Almaty, May 2024



Overall > 30 institutes, ~400 members
<https://spd.jinr.ru>

MoU under preparation:

- NRC “Kurchatov Institute”, Moscow (NRC KI)
- Higher Institute of Technologies and Applied Sciences, Havana
- iThemba LABS, SA
- HSE University, Moscow
- Cairo University, Cairo

MoU has been signed with

- A.I. Alikhanyan National Science Laboratory (Yerevan Physics Institute), Yerevan
- NRC “Kurchatov Institute” - PNPI, Gatchina
- Samara National Research University (Samara University), Samara
- Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University St. Petersburg
- Saint Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg
- Skobeltsyn Institute of Nuclear Physics, Moscow State University, Moscow
- Tomsk State University, Tomsk
- Belgorod State University, Belgorod
- Lebedev Physical Institute of RAS, Moscow
- Institute for Nuclear Research of the RAS, Moscow
- National Research Nuclear University MEPhI, Moscow
- Institute of Nuclear Physics (INP RK), Almaty
- Institute for Nuclear Problems of BSU, Minsk
- Budker Institute for Nuclear Physics, Novosibirsk

SPD project timeline and tentative operating plan

2007: Idea of SPD project included to NICA activities at JINR

2014: SPD Lol approved by JINR PAC

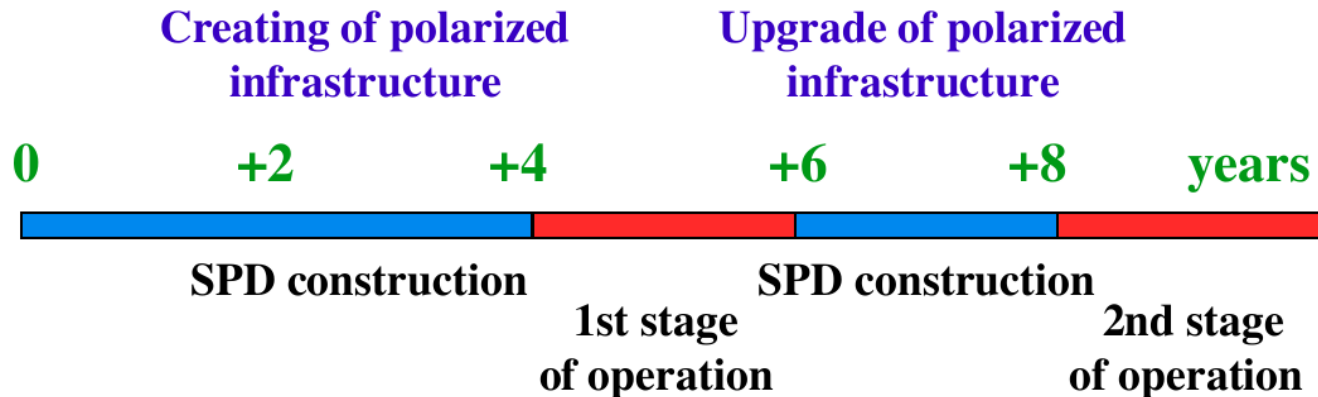
2020: Completion of SPD CDR (arXiv:2102.00442v3)

2021: SPD Collaboration is established, preparation of TDR is started

Jan 2023: 1-st version of SPD TDR presented JINR PAC

Jun 2024: DAC recommended to approve the updated version of TDR (arXiv:2404.08317)

The **first phase** of the SPD project is included into JINR's 7 year topical plan (2024-2030)



Summary

- The SPD experiment is a comprehensive facility to study **polarized** and **unpolarized gluon content of proton and deuteron** at **high x** in p-p and d-d collisions with **\sqrt{s} up to 27 GeV**. The detector is optimized for three complementary probes: **charmonia production**, **prompt photons**, and **D-meson production**.
- SPD can contribute to:
 - gluon TMD (Sivers and Boer-Mulders)
 - gluon helicity PDF
 - gluon transversity in deuteron
 - unpolarized gluon PDFs of proton and deuteron
 - ...
- The SPD Collaboration is active and growing.
- Apart from that, the SPD physics program covers large variety of different aspects of QCD during the initial and final stages of the experiment.
- The physical program of SPD experiment with respect to nucleon gluon content is complementary to those of experiments at RHIC, EIC, and proposed fixed target program at LHC (AFTER, LHC-Spin) and EicC.