

# NICA-SPD PROJECT



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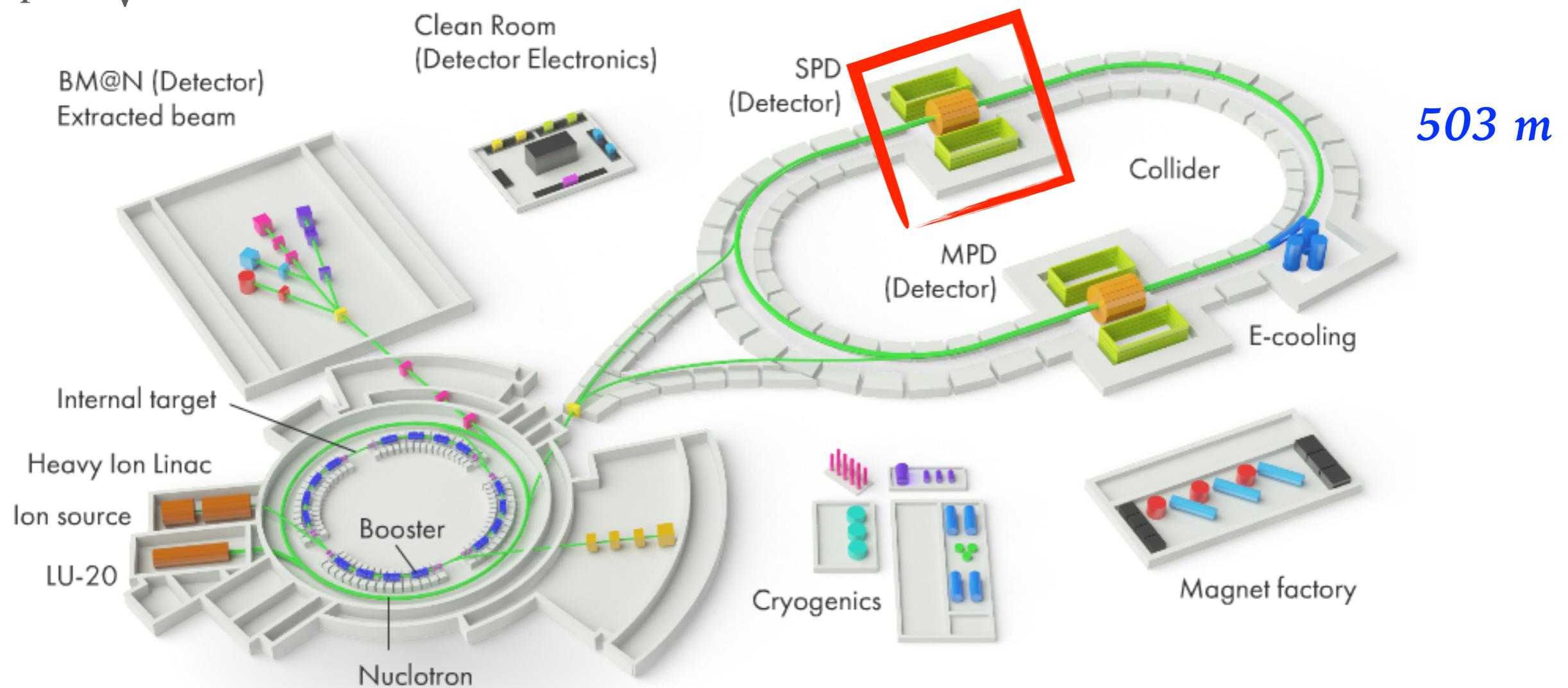
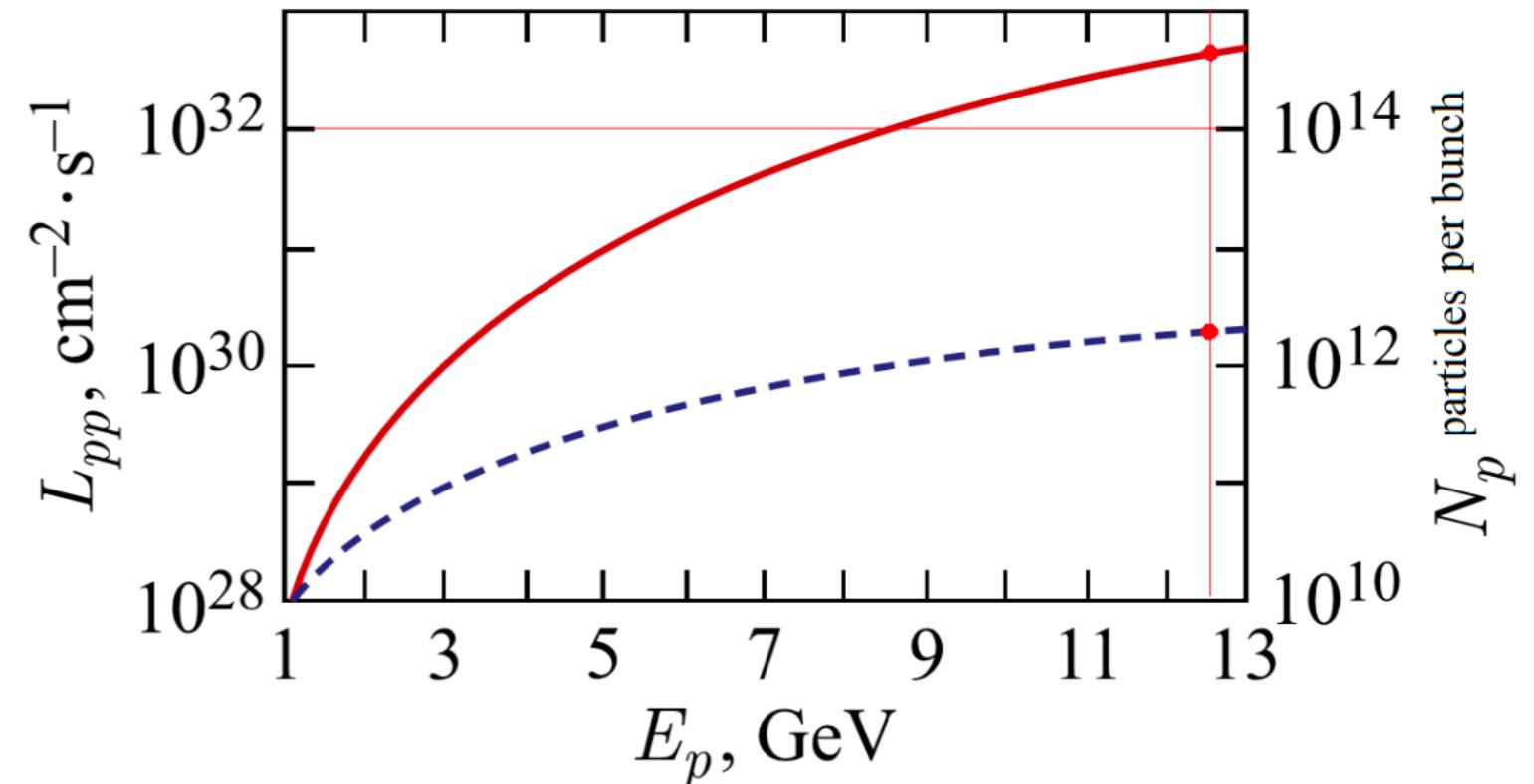
# SPD AT NICA

NICA - Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility

$p^\uparrow p^\uparrow : \sqrt{s} \leq 27 \text{ GeV}$

$d^\uparrow d^\uparrow : \sqrt{s} \leq 13.5 \text{ GeV}$  ***U, L, T***

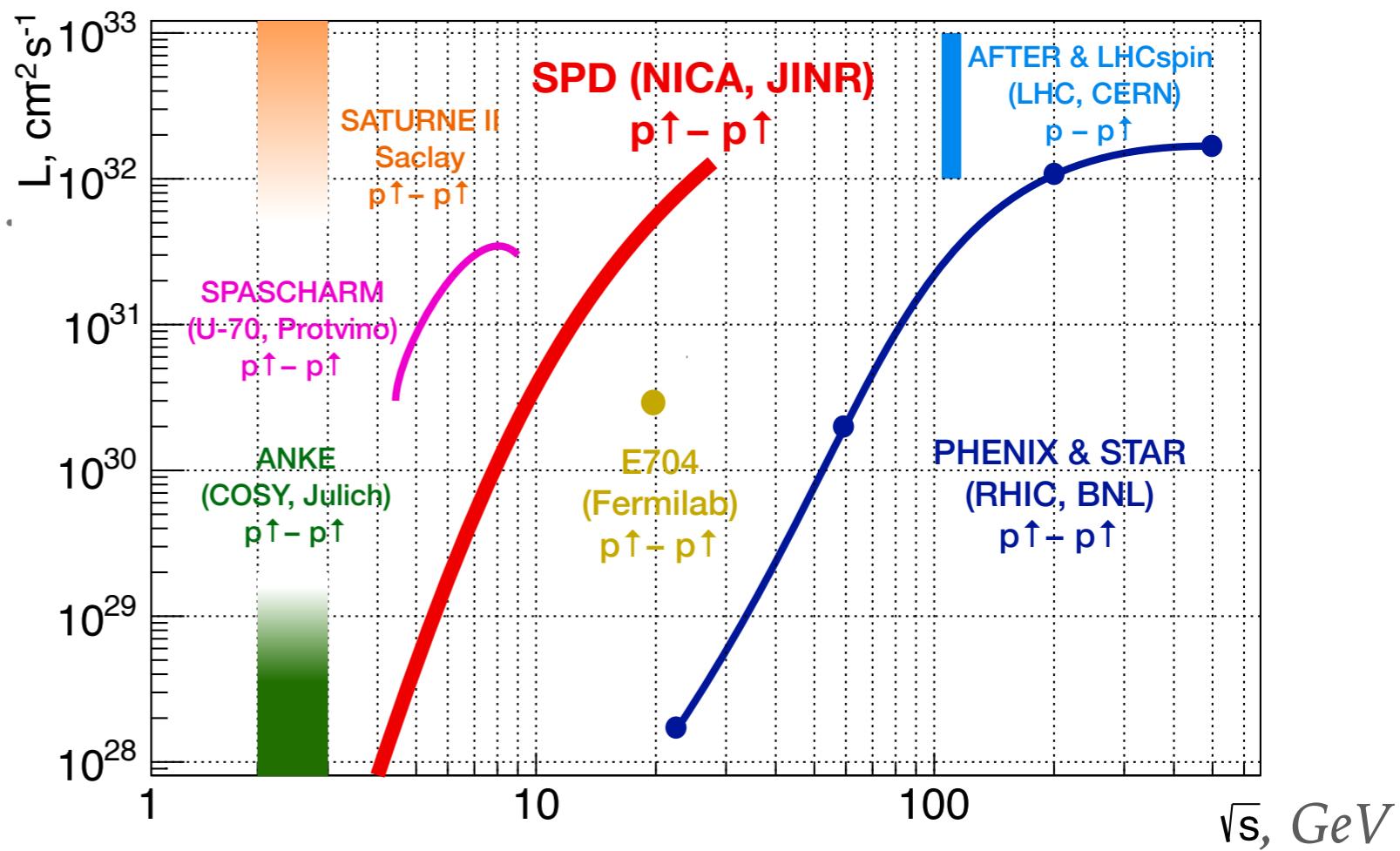
$d^\uparrow p^\uparrow : \sqrt{s} \leq 19 \text{ GeV}$  ***|P| > 70%***





# SPD & OTHERS

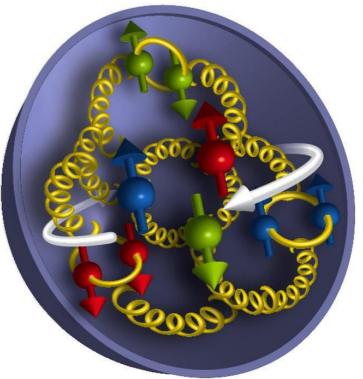
*In the  $p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$  mode:*



Experimental facility	SPD @NICA	RHIC	EIC	AFTER @LHC	LHCspin
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	$\leq 27$ ( $p-p$ ) $\leq 13.5$ ( $d-d$ ) $\leq 19$ ( $p-d$ )	63, 200, 500	20-140 ( $ep$ )	115	115
Max. luminosity, $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$\sim 1$ ( $p-p$ ) $\sim 0.1$ ( $d-d$ )	2	1000	up to $\sim 10$ ( $p-p$ )	4.7
Physics run	>2025	running	>2030	>2025	>2025

*In the  $d^\uparrow d^\uparrow$  mode at such energy NICA is unique*

# CONCEPT OF THE SPD PHYSICS PROGRAM



**SPD - a universal facility for comprehensive study of polarized gluon content in proton and deuteron at large  $x$**

Charmonia

Open charm

Prompt photons

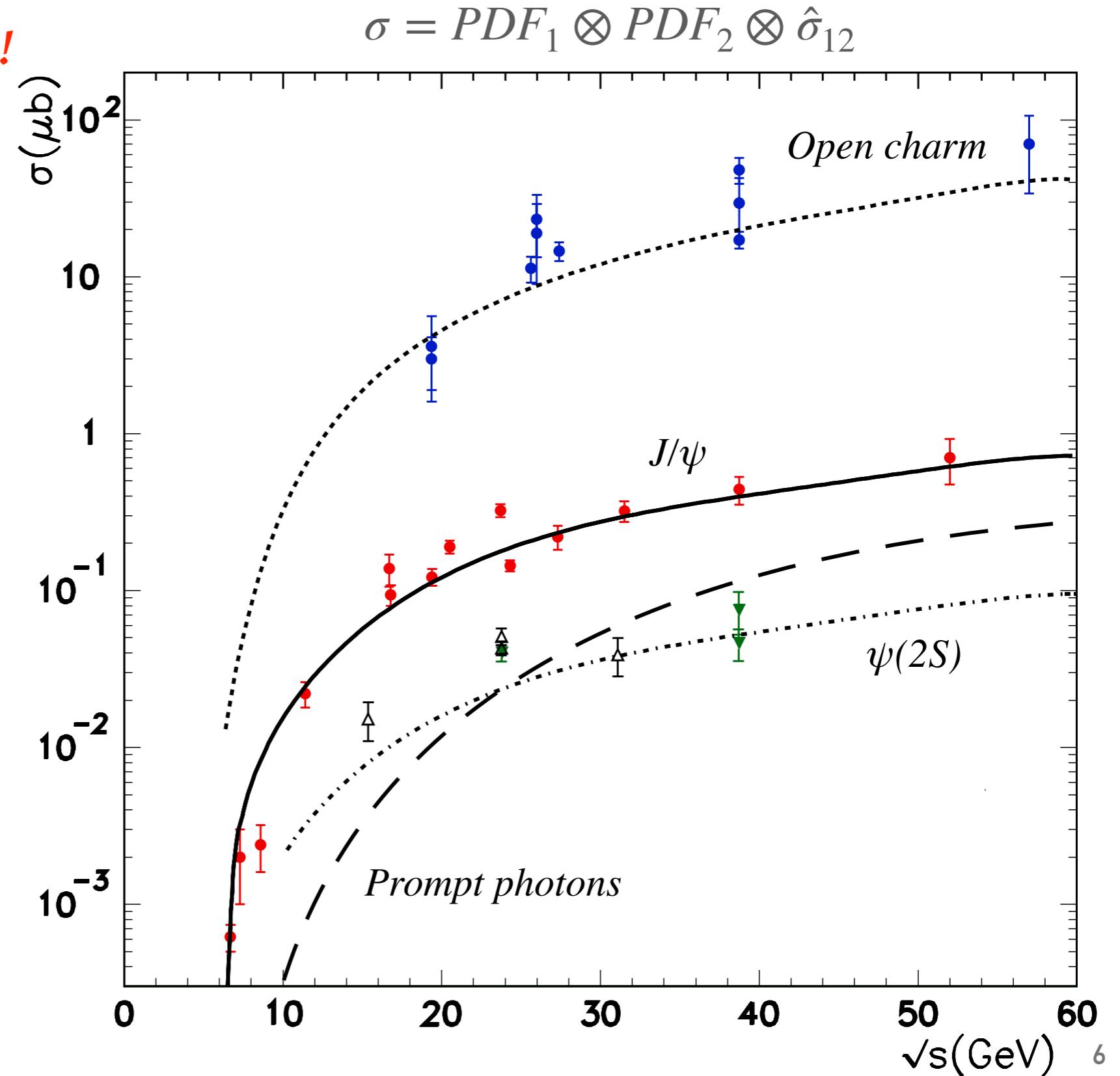
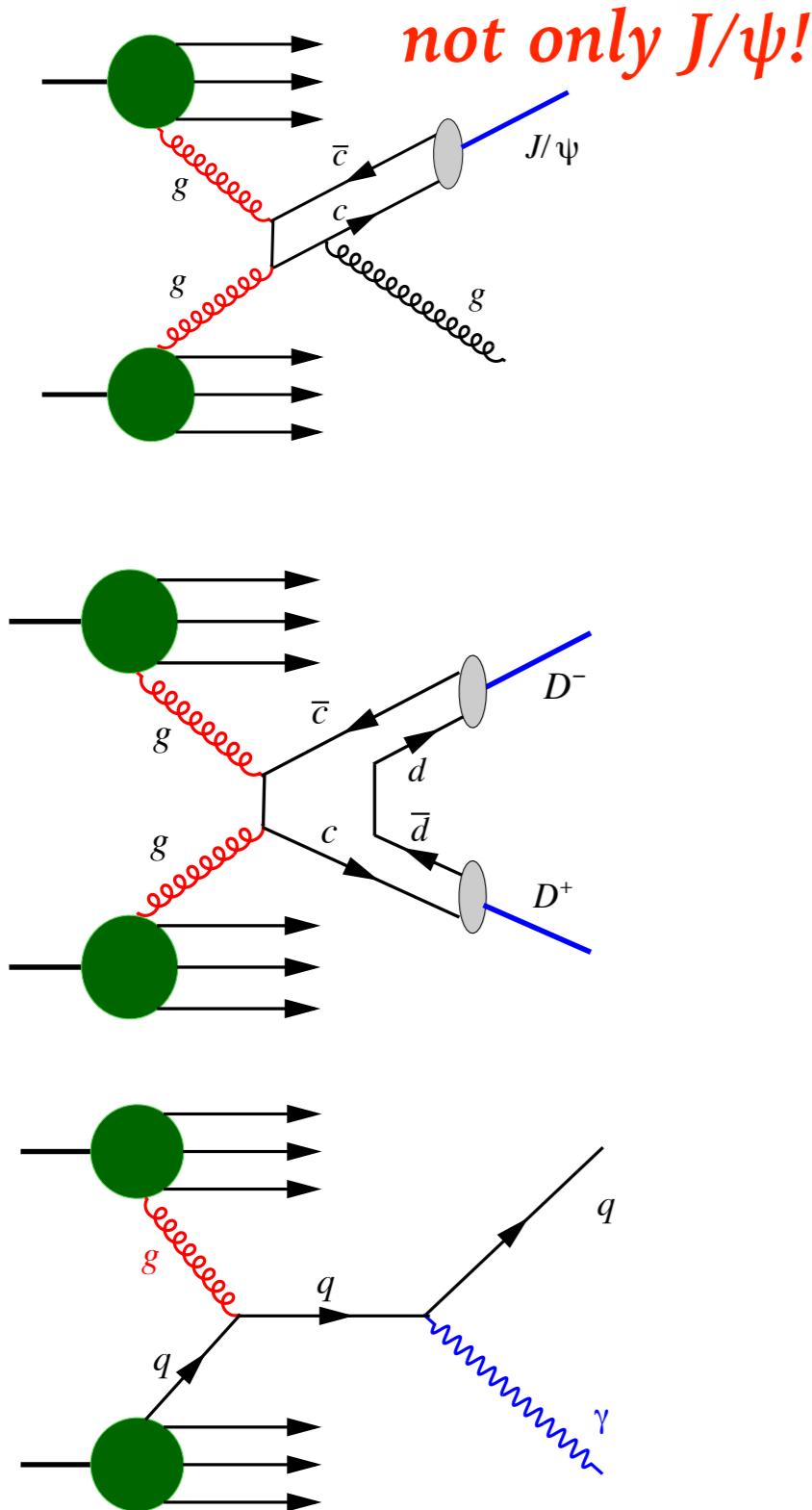
Other spin-related phenomena

Other physics

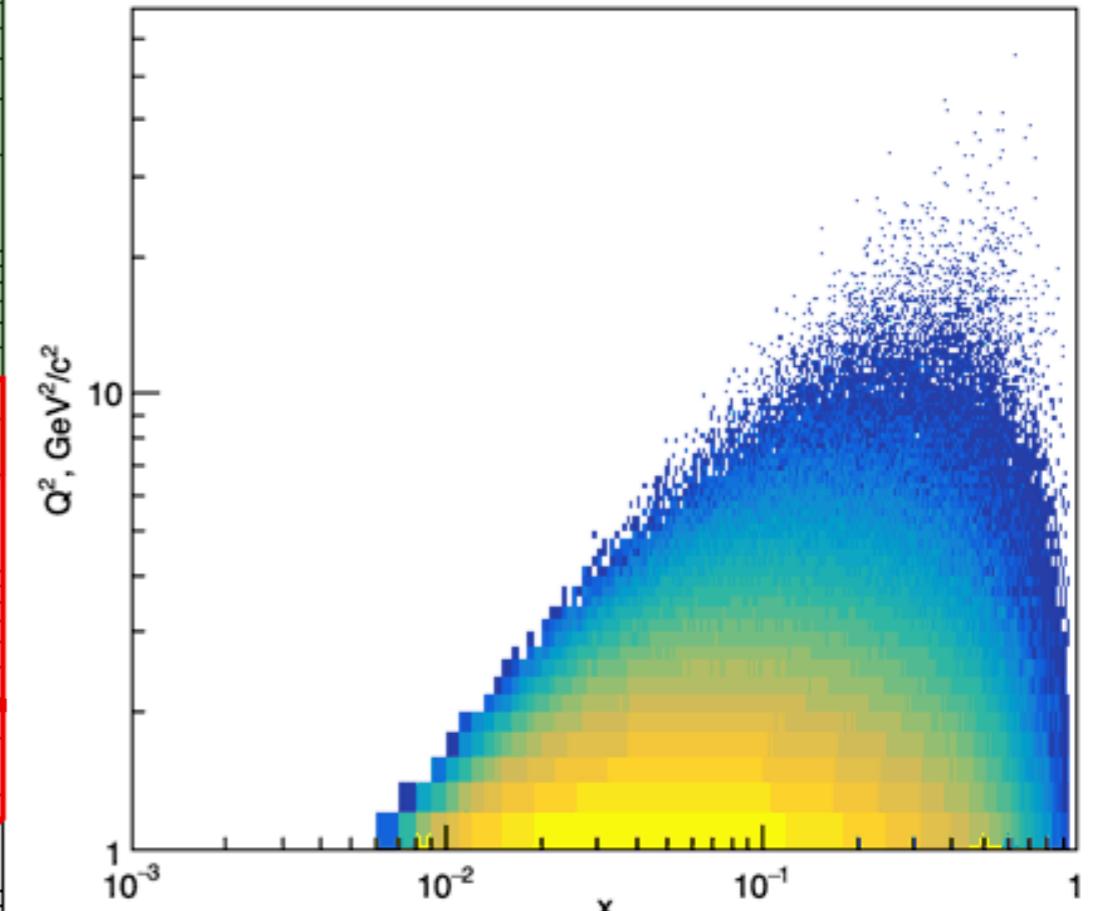
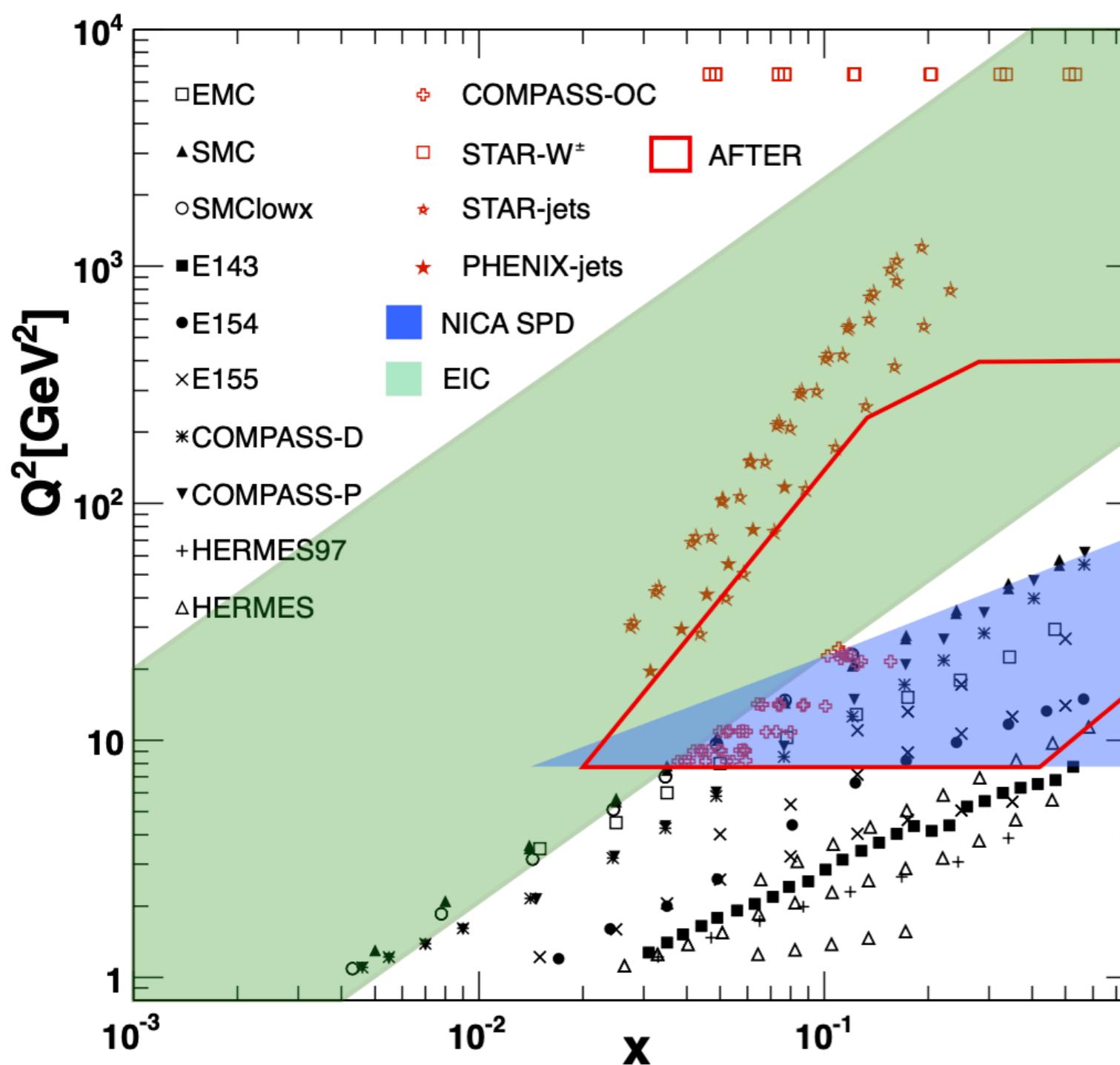
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# GLUON PROBES AT SPD



# KINEMATIC RANGE



$$Q^2 = 1 \text{ } GeV^2/c^2, \langle x \rangle = 0.16$$

$$Q^2 = 10 \text{ } GeV^2/c^2, \langle x \rangle = 0.3$$

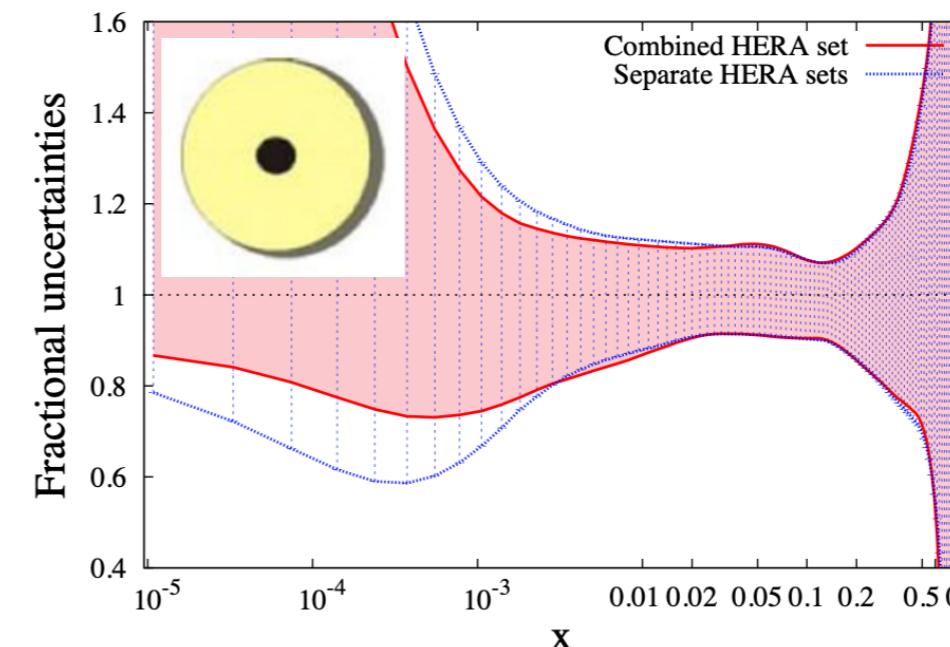
Nucleon Spin Polarization			
	U	L	T
Quark Spin Polarization	$f_1$ Number Density		$f_{1T}^{q\perp}$ Sivers
	$g_{qL}^q$ Helicity	$g_{1T}^{q\perp}$ Worm-Gear T	
T	$h_i^{q\perp}$ Boer-Mulders	$h_L^{q\perp}$ Worm-Gear L	$h_T^q$ Transversity $h_{1T}^{q\perp}$ Pretzelosity

# PARTONIC STRUCTURE OF PROTON

$\sigma(x_F, p_T)$   $A_{LL}(x_F, p_T)$   $A_{TT}(x_F, p_T)$   $A_N(x_F, p_T)$

*Unpolarized gluons in proton at high  $x$ :*

$g(x, \mu)$  at  $\mu = 2$  GeV



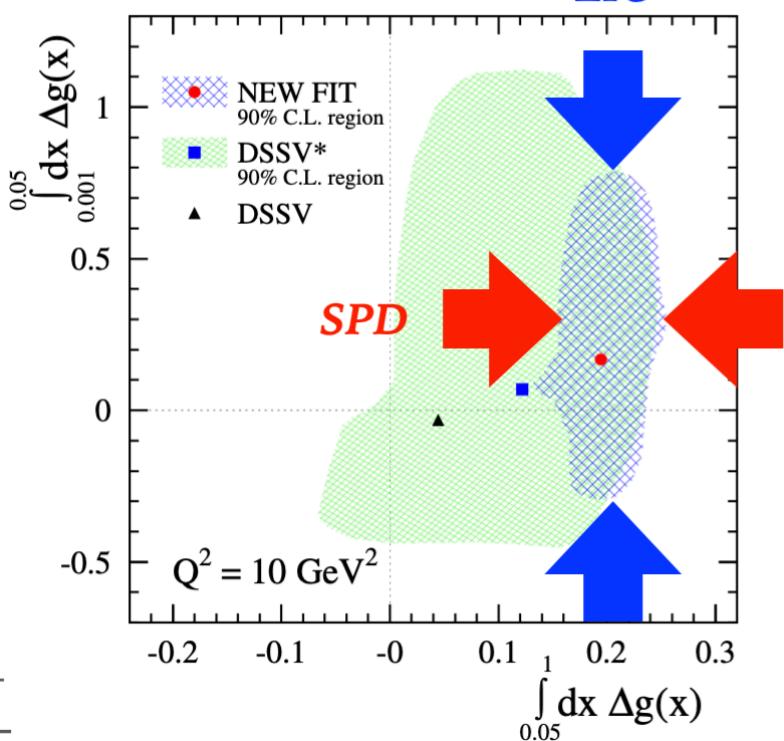
*Spin crisis:*

*Gluon helicity*

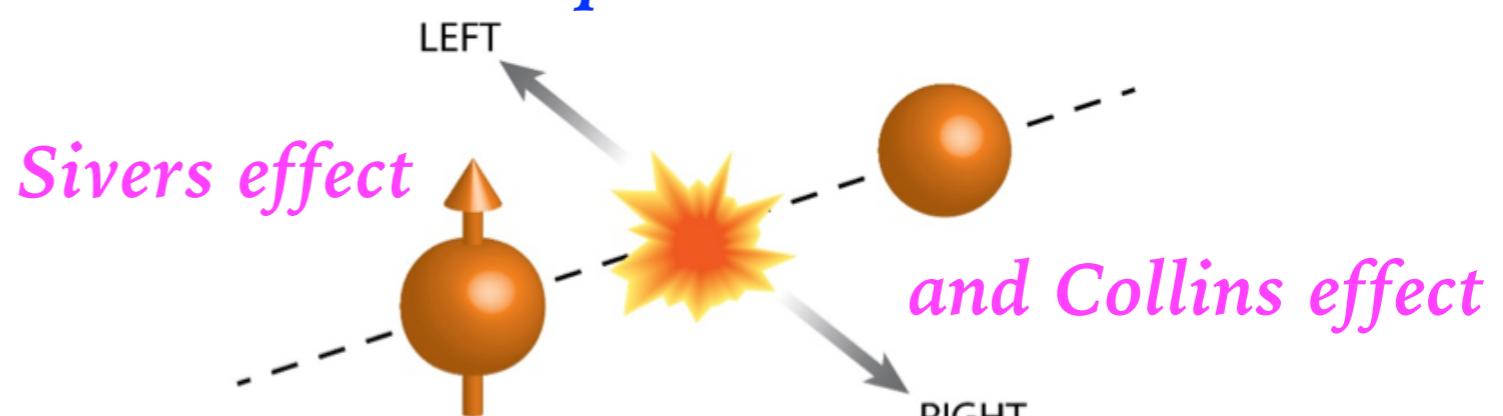


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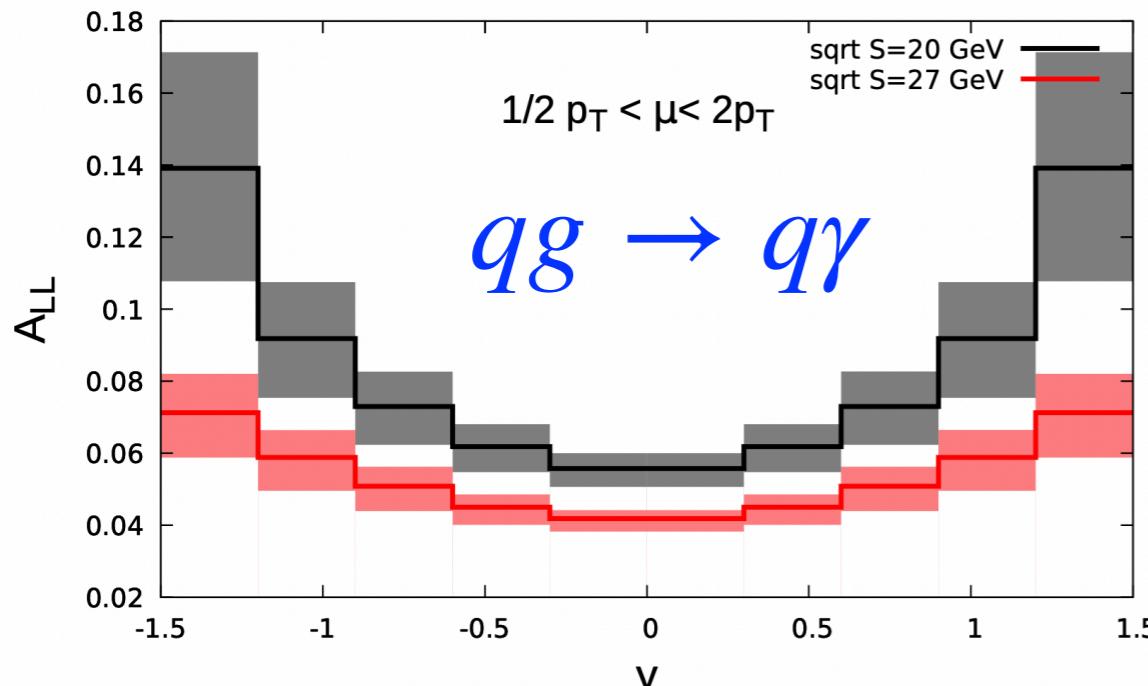


*Gluon and quark TMD PDFs:*

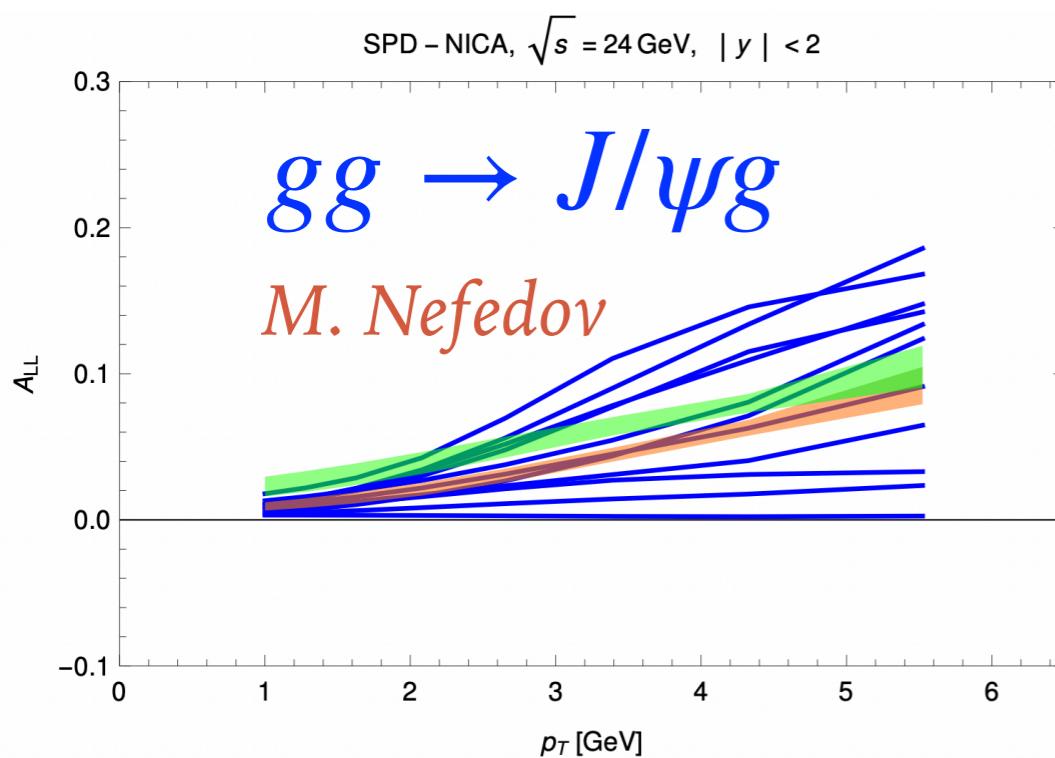
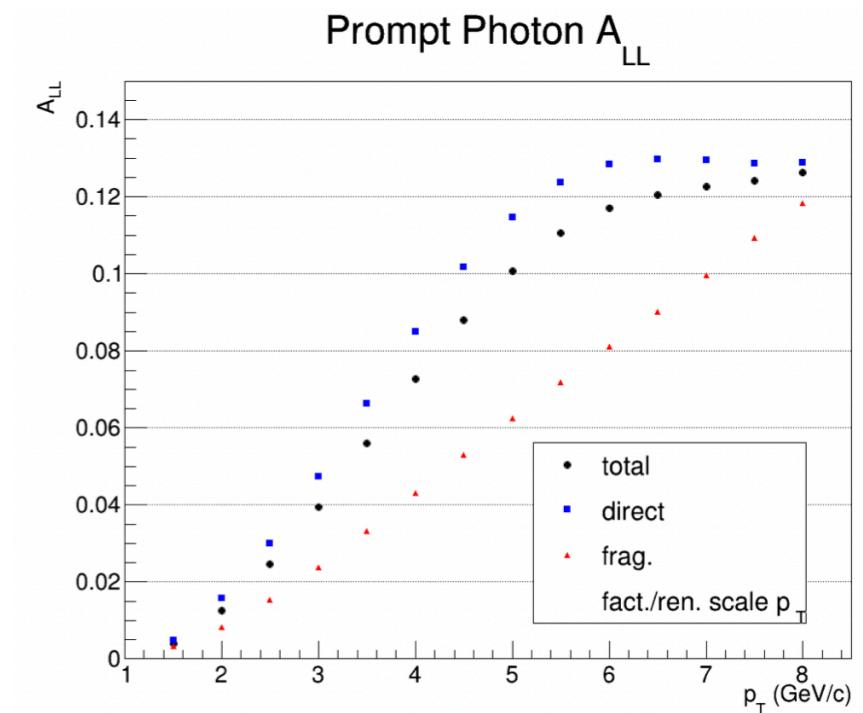


# GLUON HELICITY FUNCTION $\Delta g(x)$ : EXPECTATIONS FOR $A_{LL}$

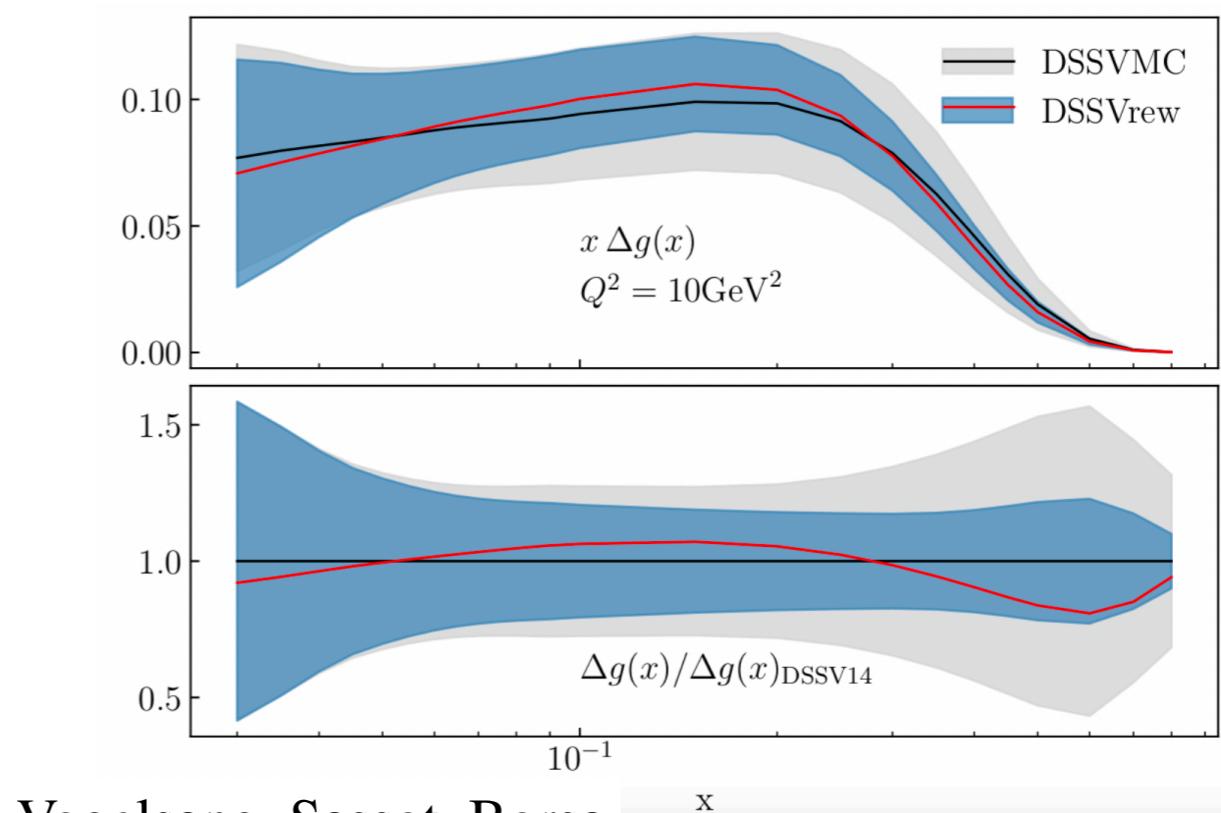
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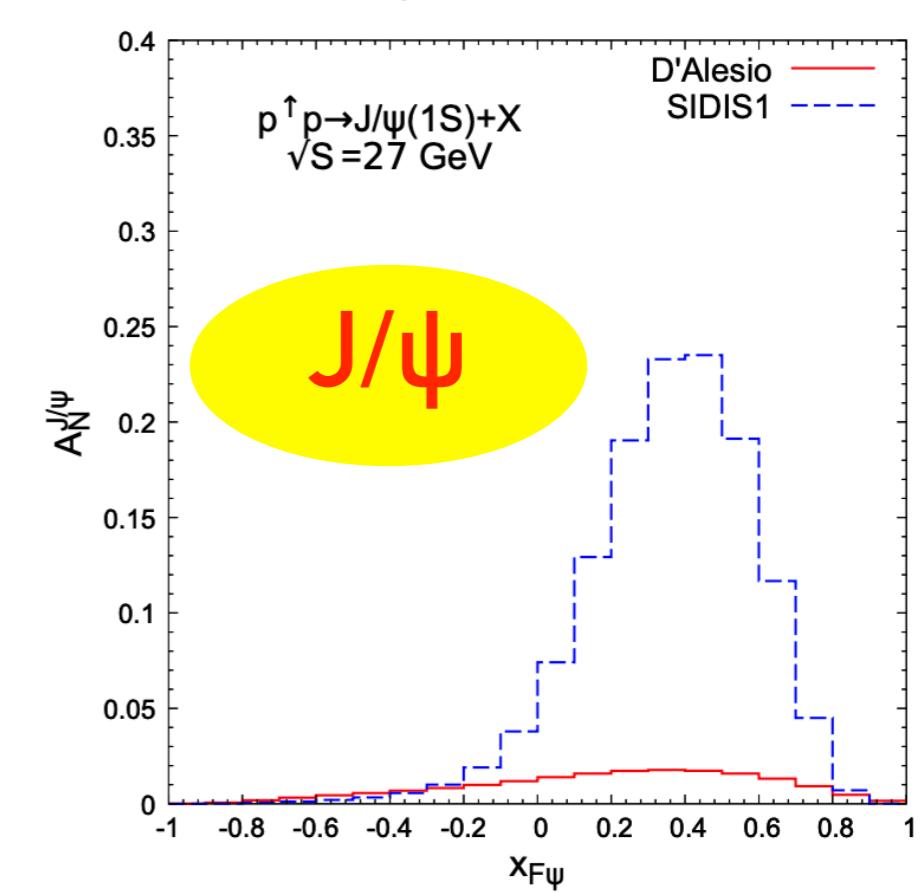
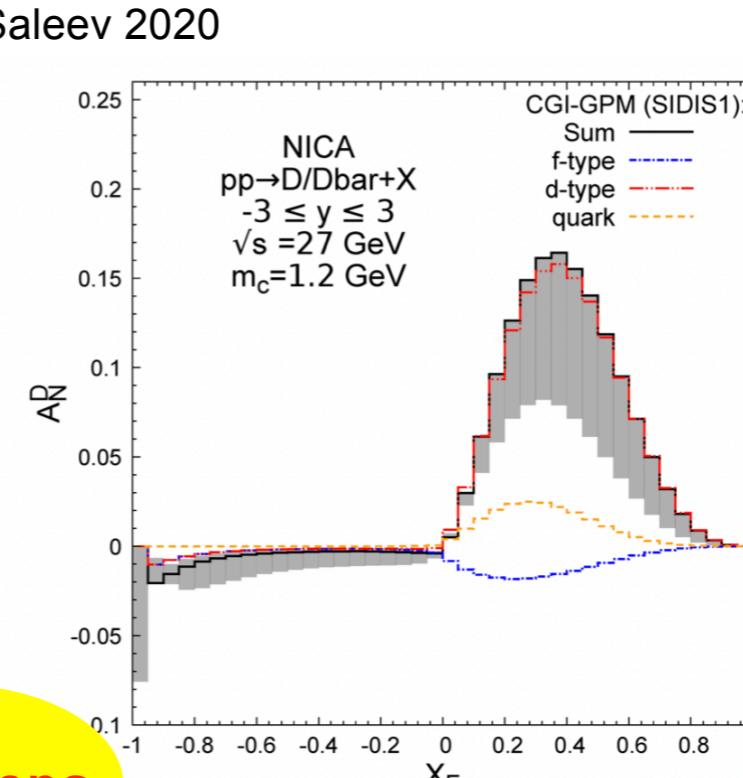
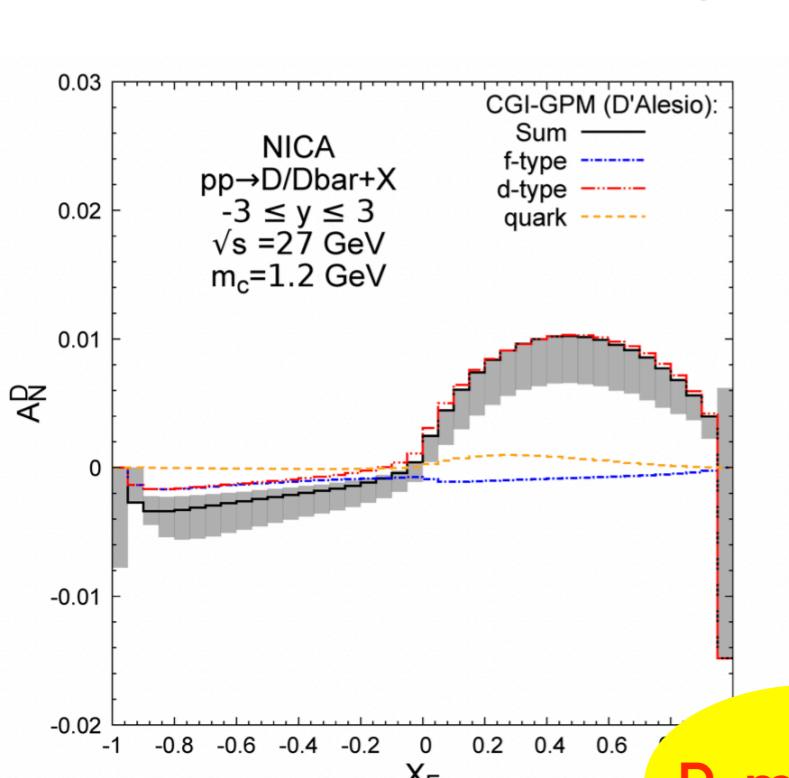
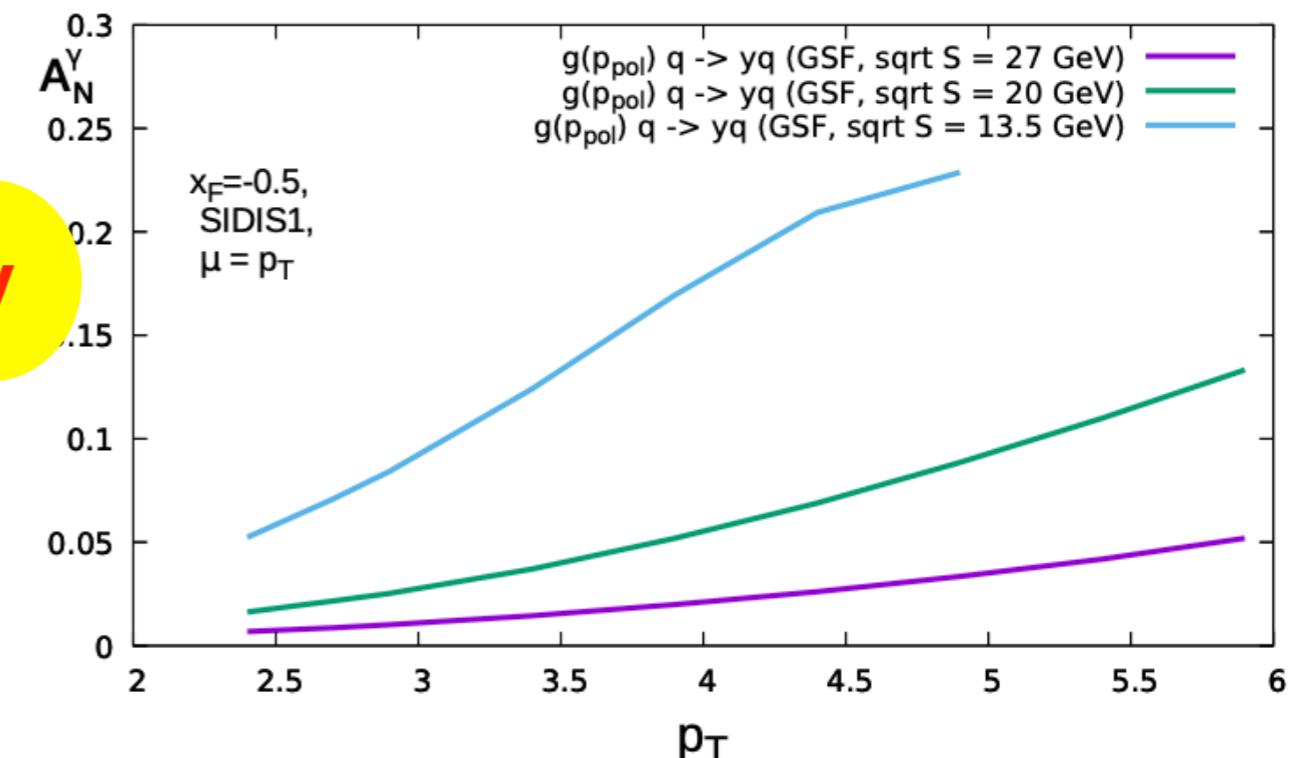
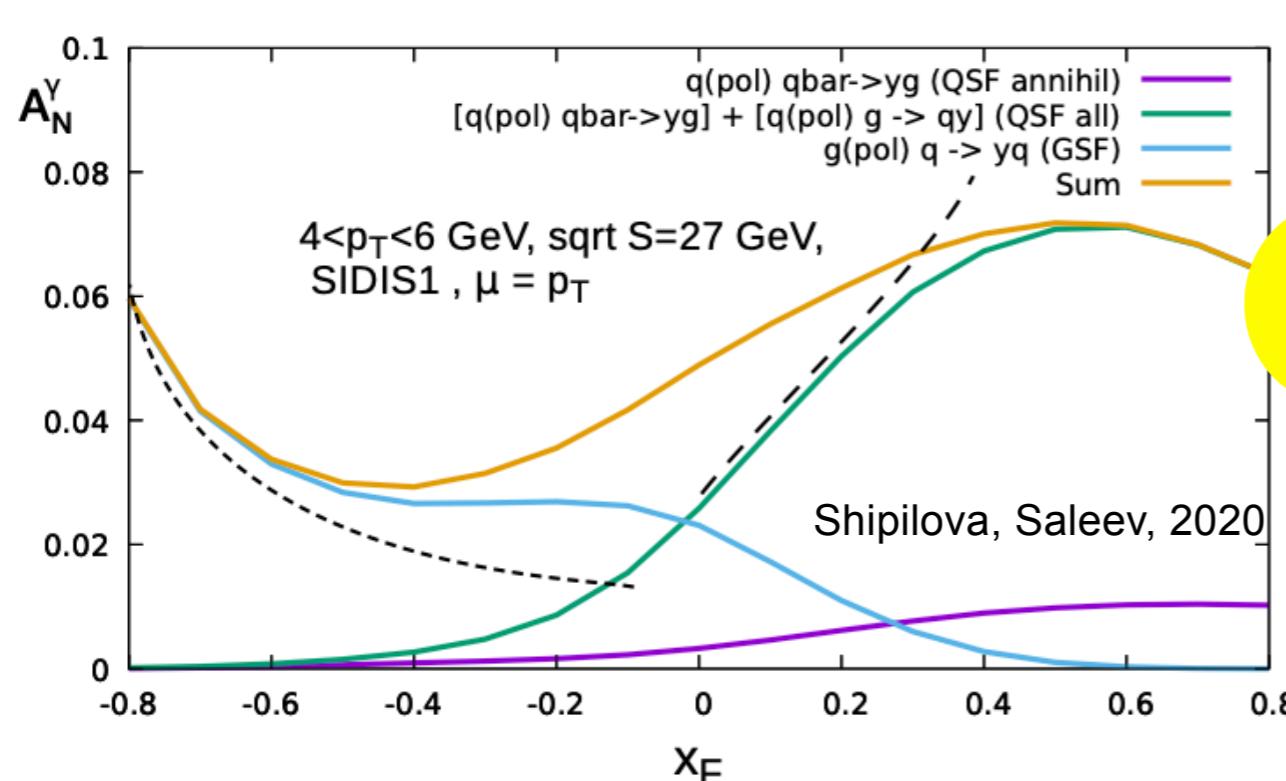


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# GLUON-INDUCED TMD EFFECTS: EXPECTATIONS FOR $A_N$

*Sivers effect contribution*



D-mesons

# ... AND DEUTERON

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

Nonbaryonic content of deuteron:

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

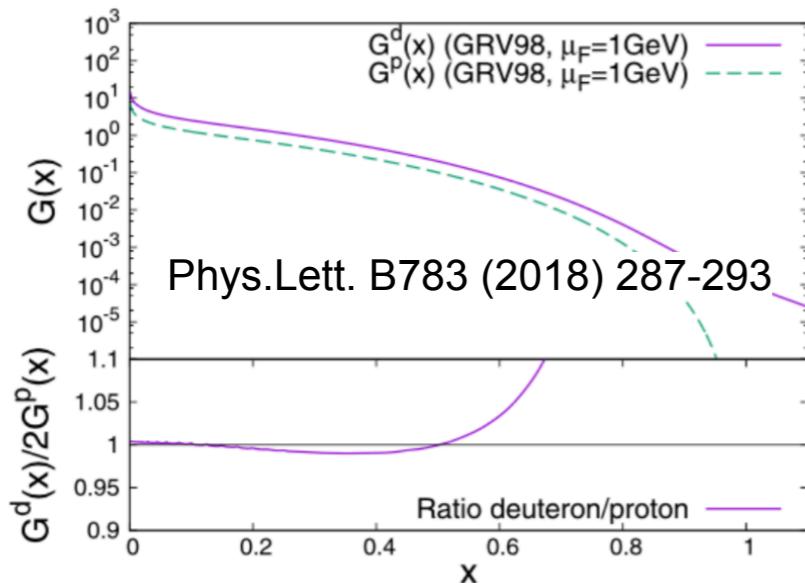
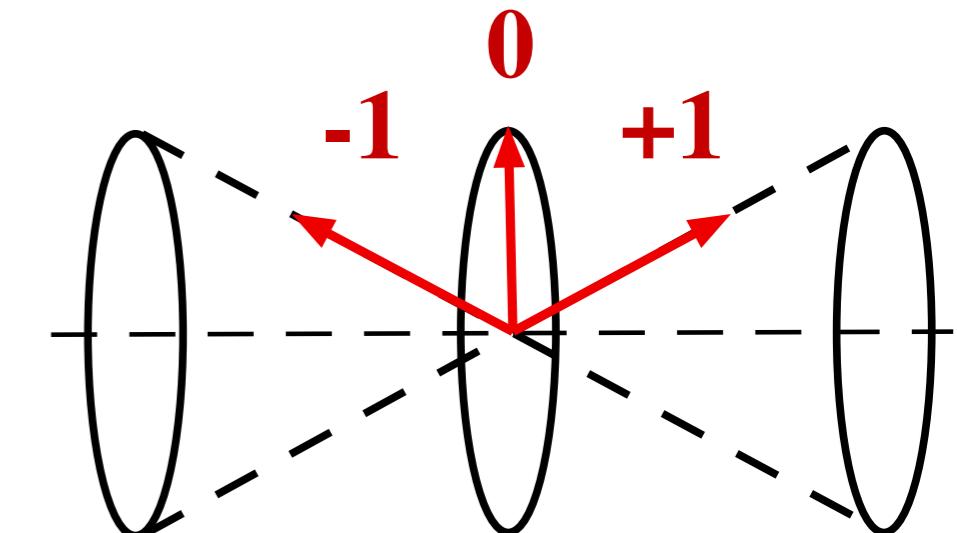
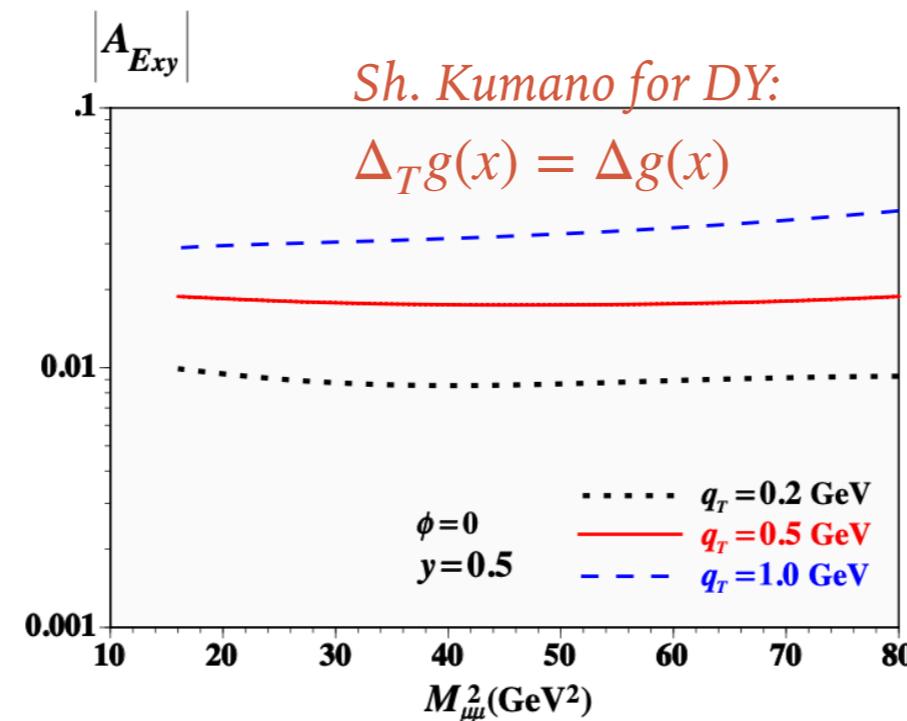
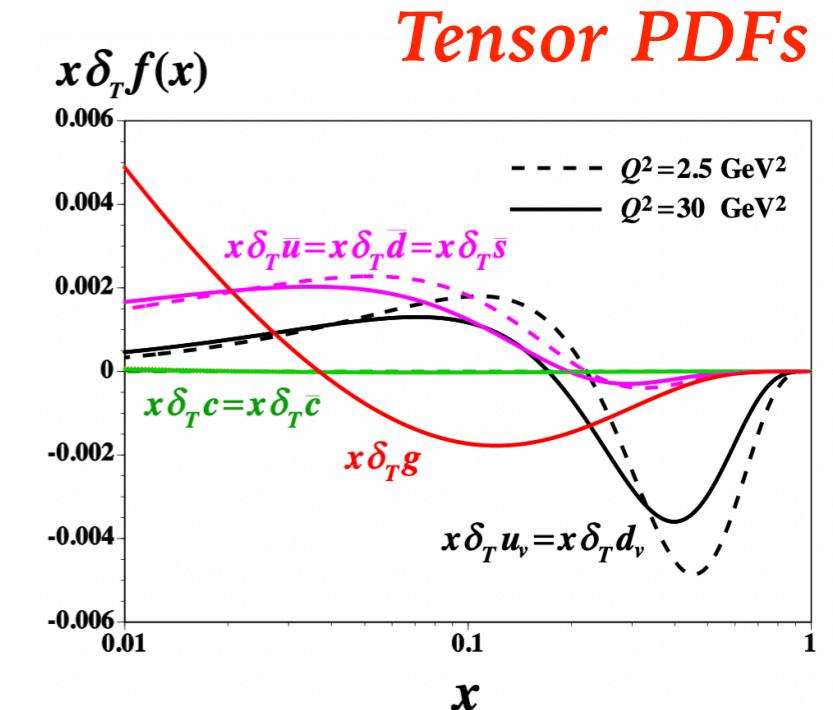
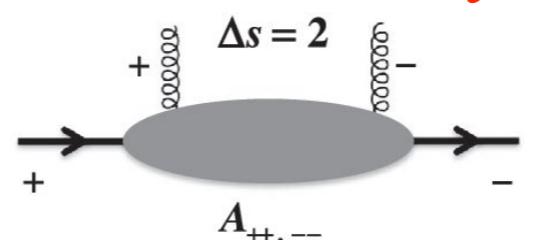


Fig. 6. Gluon PDF in the deuteron and in the nucleon.

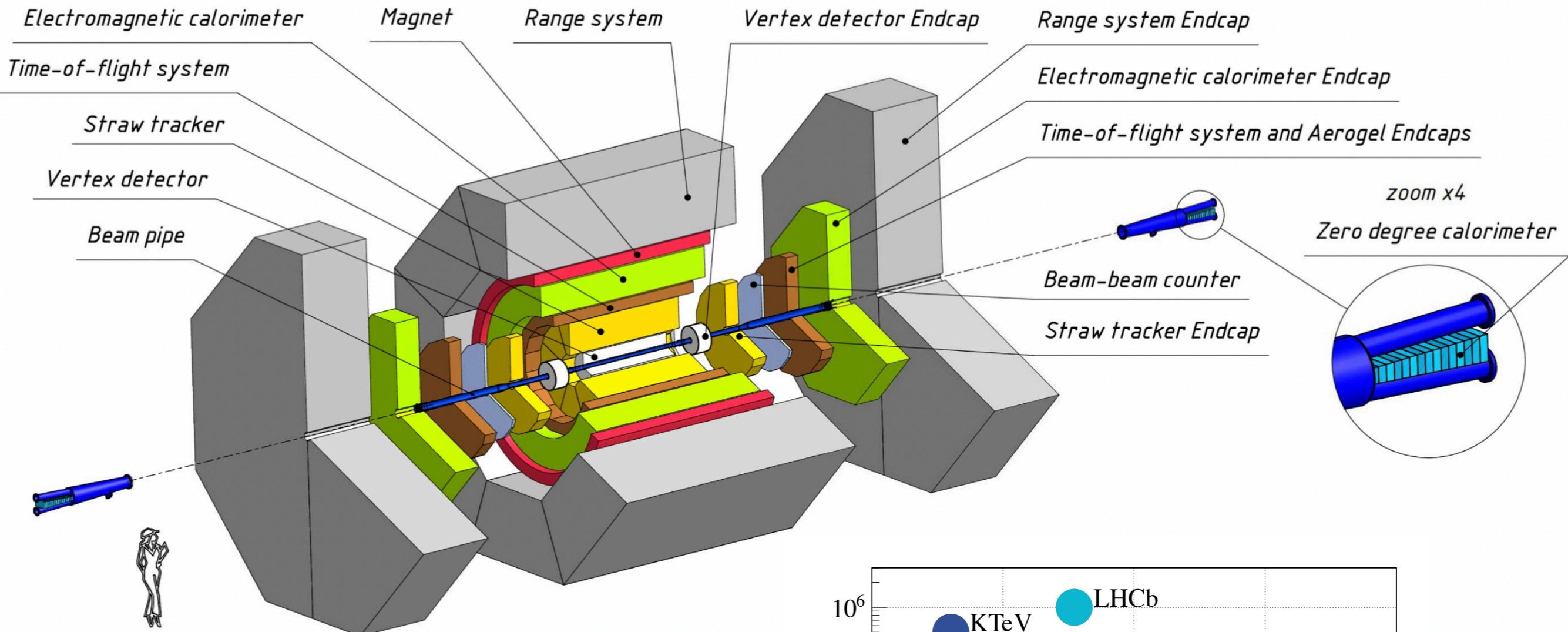
Unpolarized  
gluons at high  $x$ :



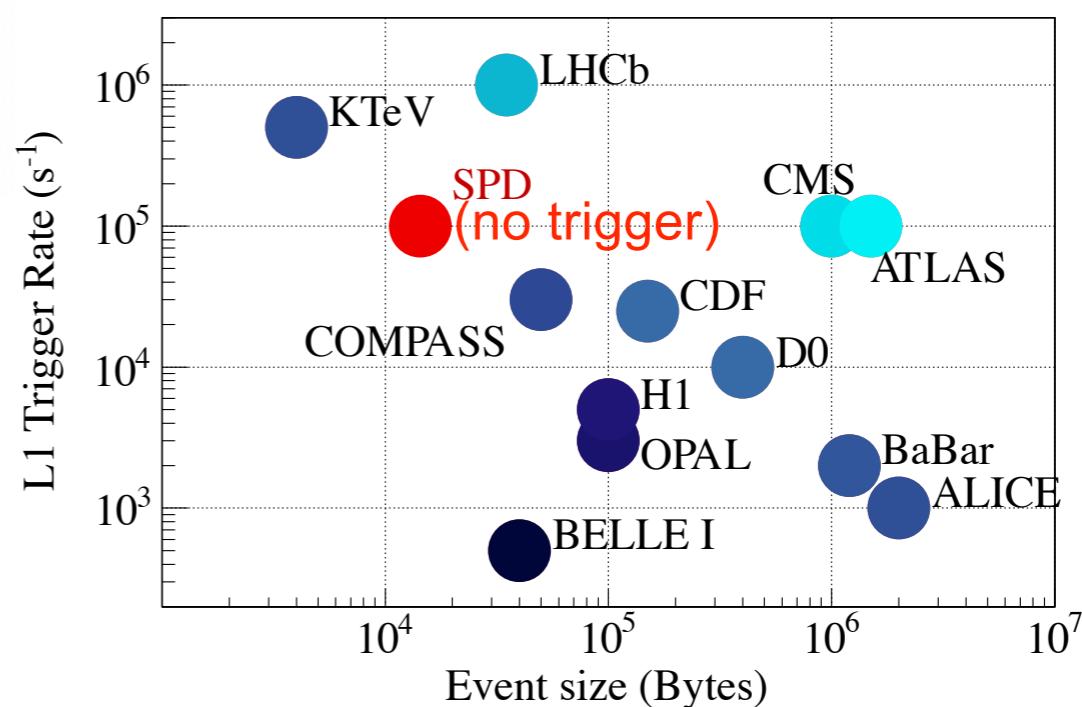
Gluon transversity



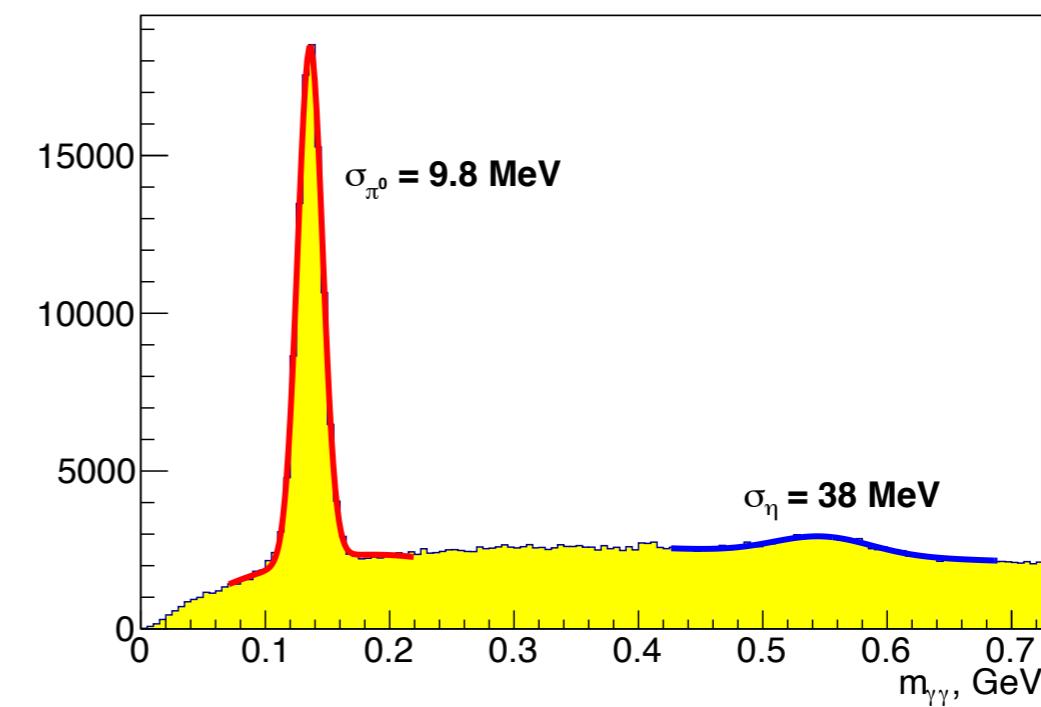
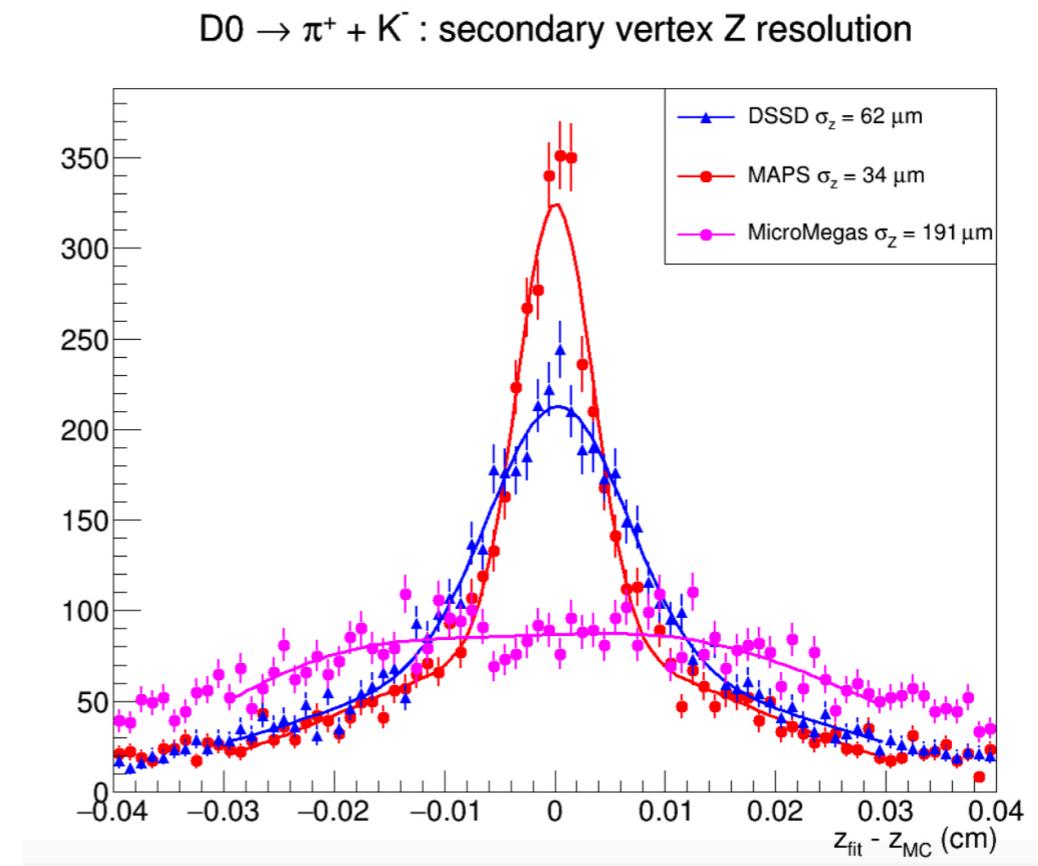
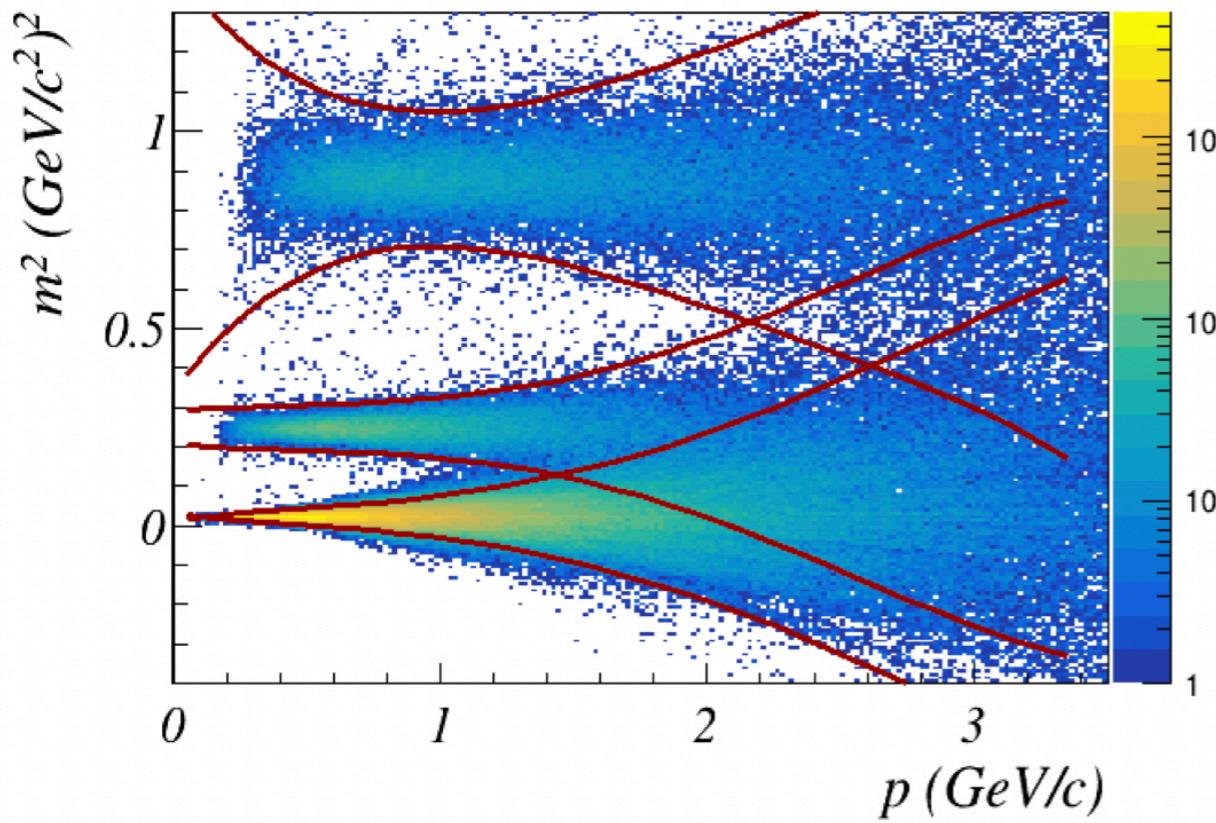
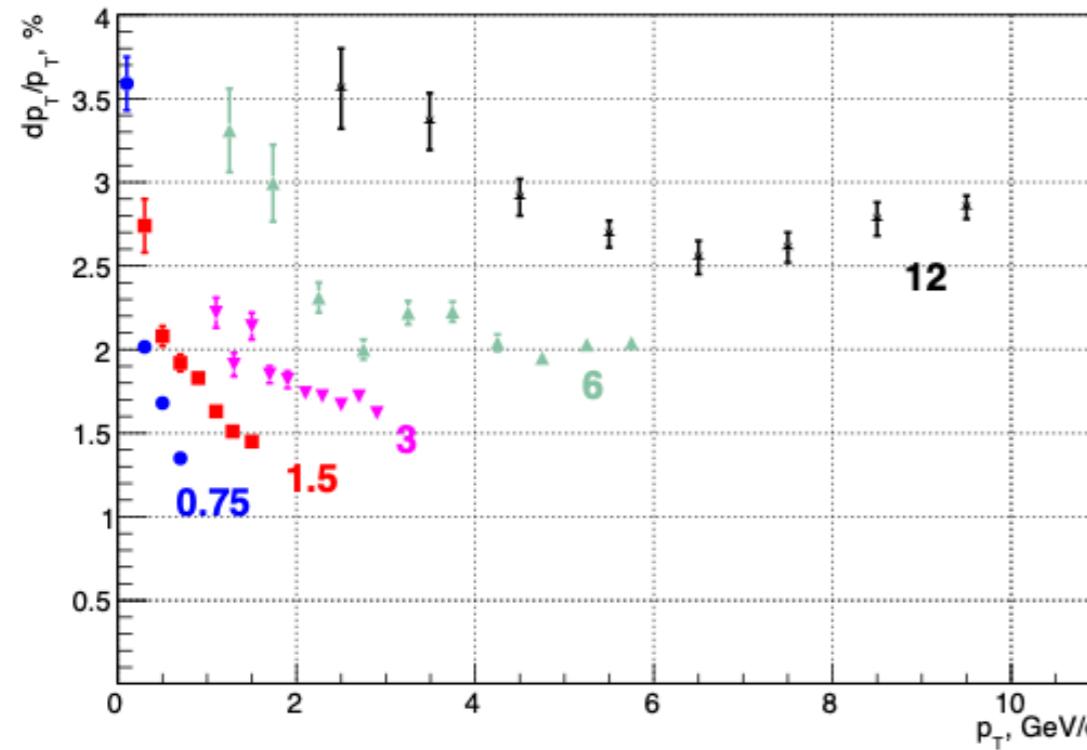
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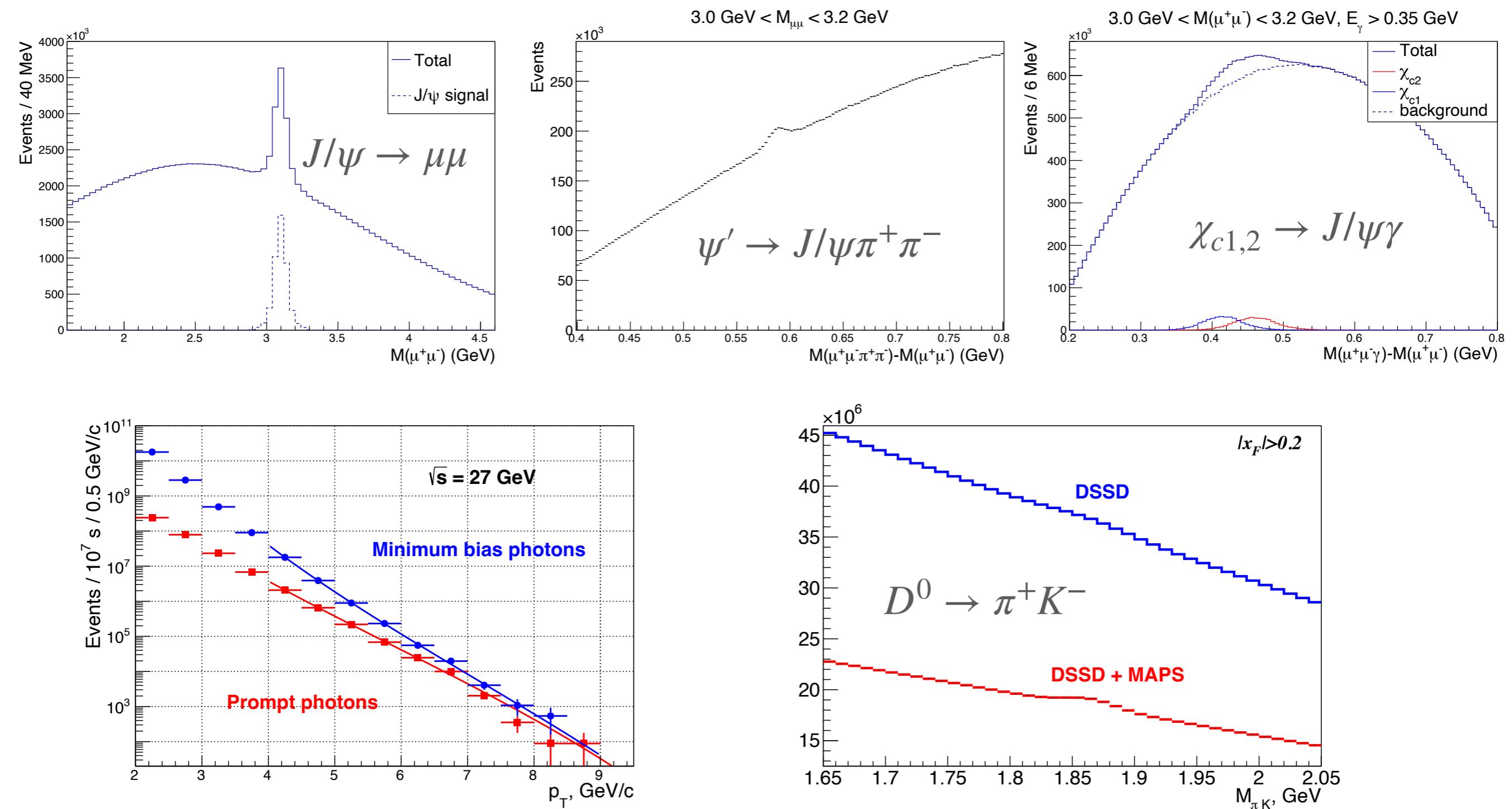
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avoid possible bias!*



# DETECTOR PERFORMANCE



# PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: GLUON PROBES (1 YEAR=10<sup>7</sup> S)

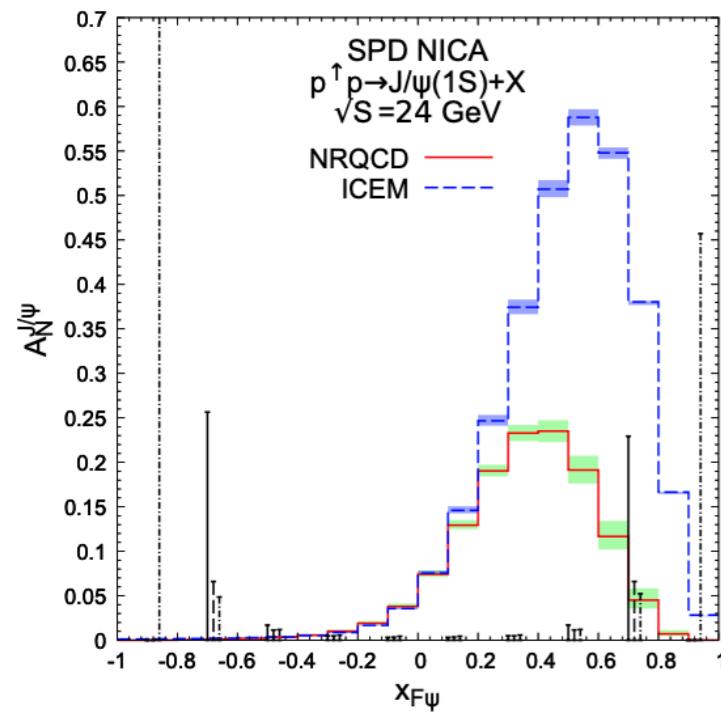


# RATES FOR MAIN PROBES

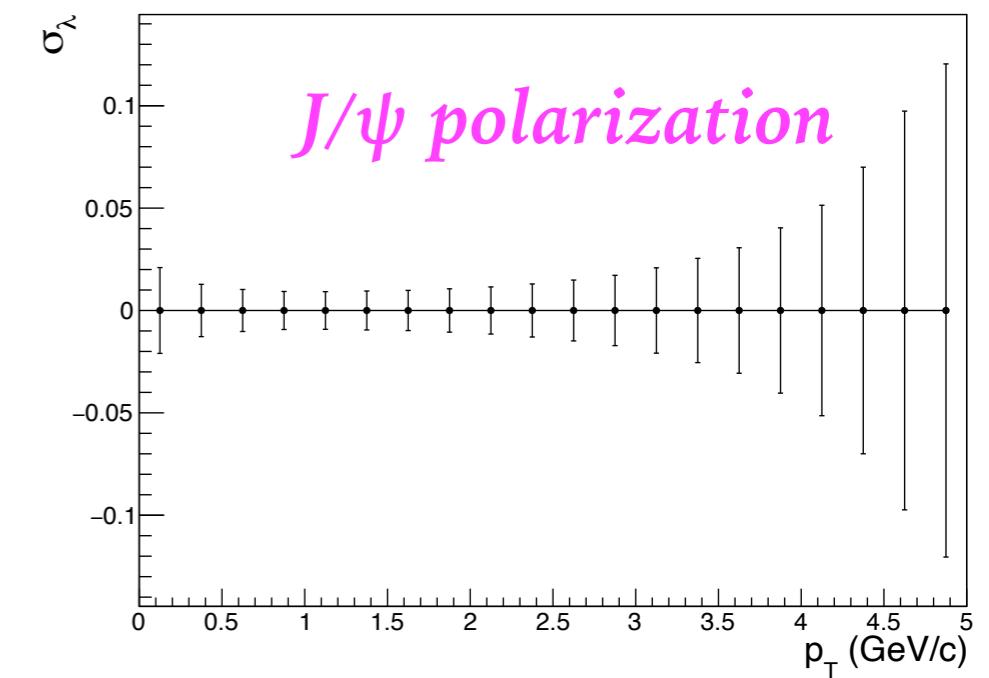
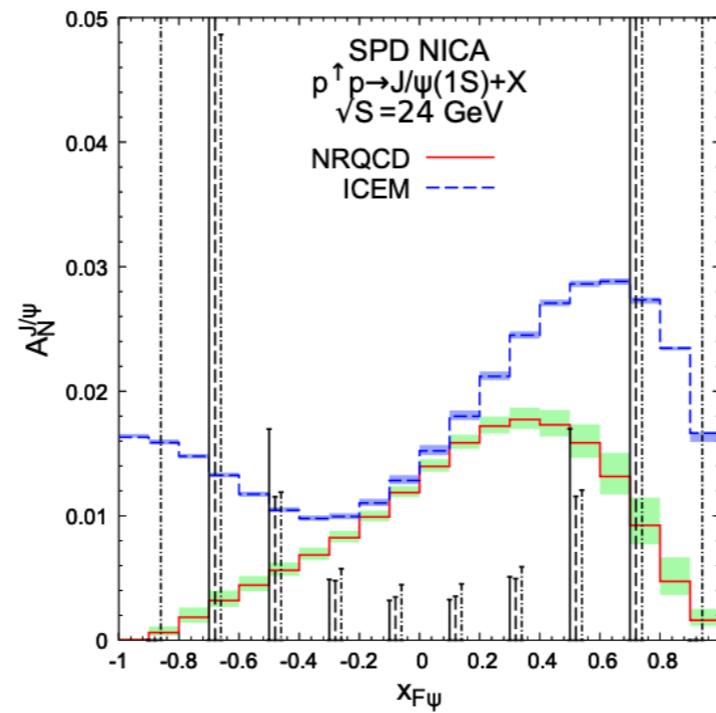
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Probe	$\sigma_{27\text{ GeV}},$ nb ( $\times \text{BF}$ )	$\sigma_{13.5\text{ GeV}},$ nb ( $\times \text{BF}$ )	$N_{27\text{ GeV}},$ $10^6$	$N_{13.5\text{ GeV}},$ $10^6$
Prompt- $\gamma$ ( $p_T > 3$ GeV/c)	35	2	35	0.2
$J/\psi$ $\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	200 12	60 3.6	12	0.36
$\psi(2S)$ $\rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$ $\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	25 0.5 0.2	5 0.1 0.04	0.5 0.2	0.01 0.004
$\chi_{c1} + \chi_{c2}$ $\rightarrow \gamma J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$	200 2.4		2.4	
$\eta_c$ $\rightarrow p\bar{p}$	400 0.6		0.6	
Open charm: $D\bar{D}$ pairs	14000	1300		
Single $D$ -mesons				
$D^+ \rightarrow K^- 2\pi^+$ ( $D^- \rightarrow K^+ 2\pi^-$ )	520	48	520	4.8
$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ ( $\bar{D}^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ )	360	33	360	3.3

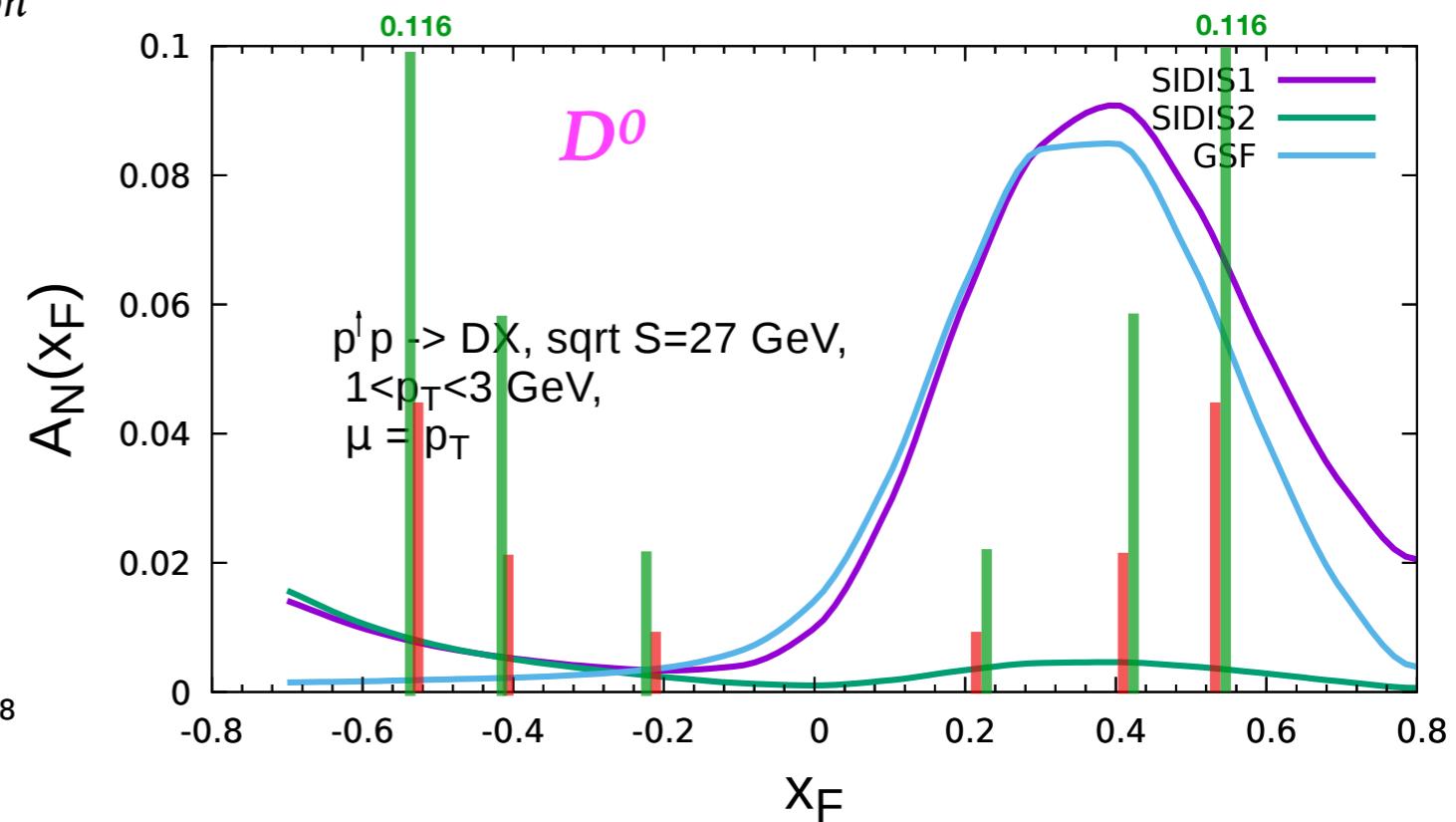
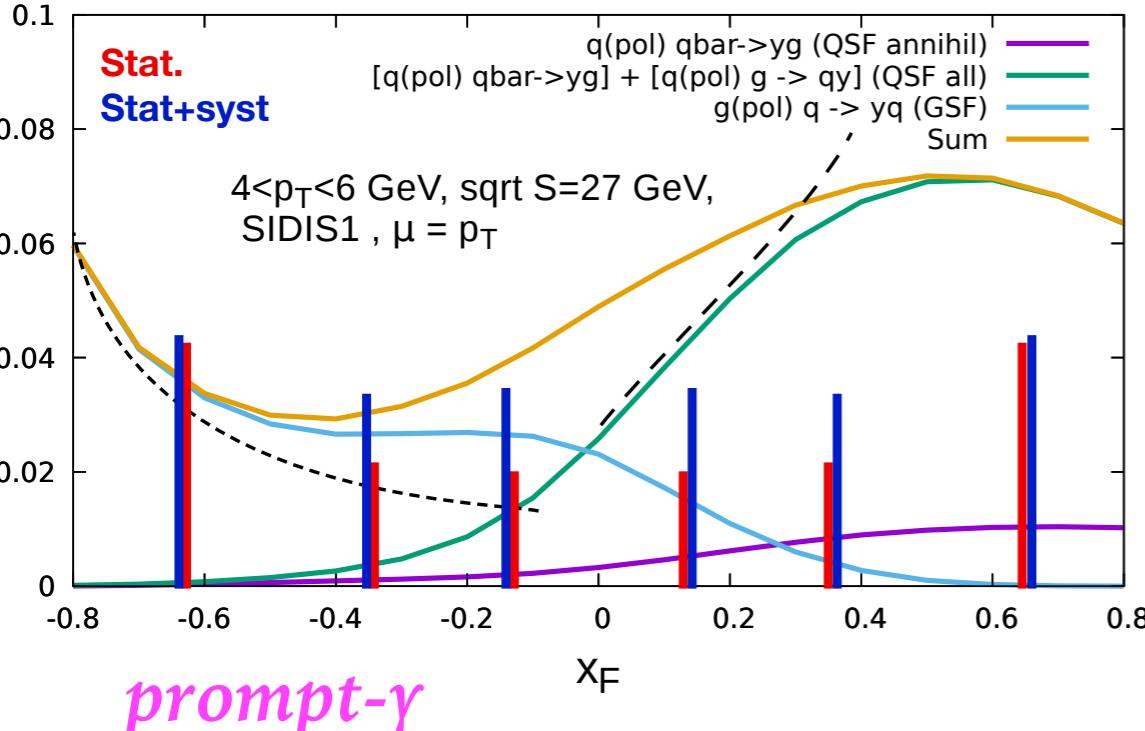
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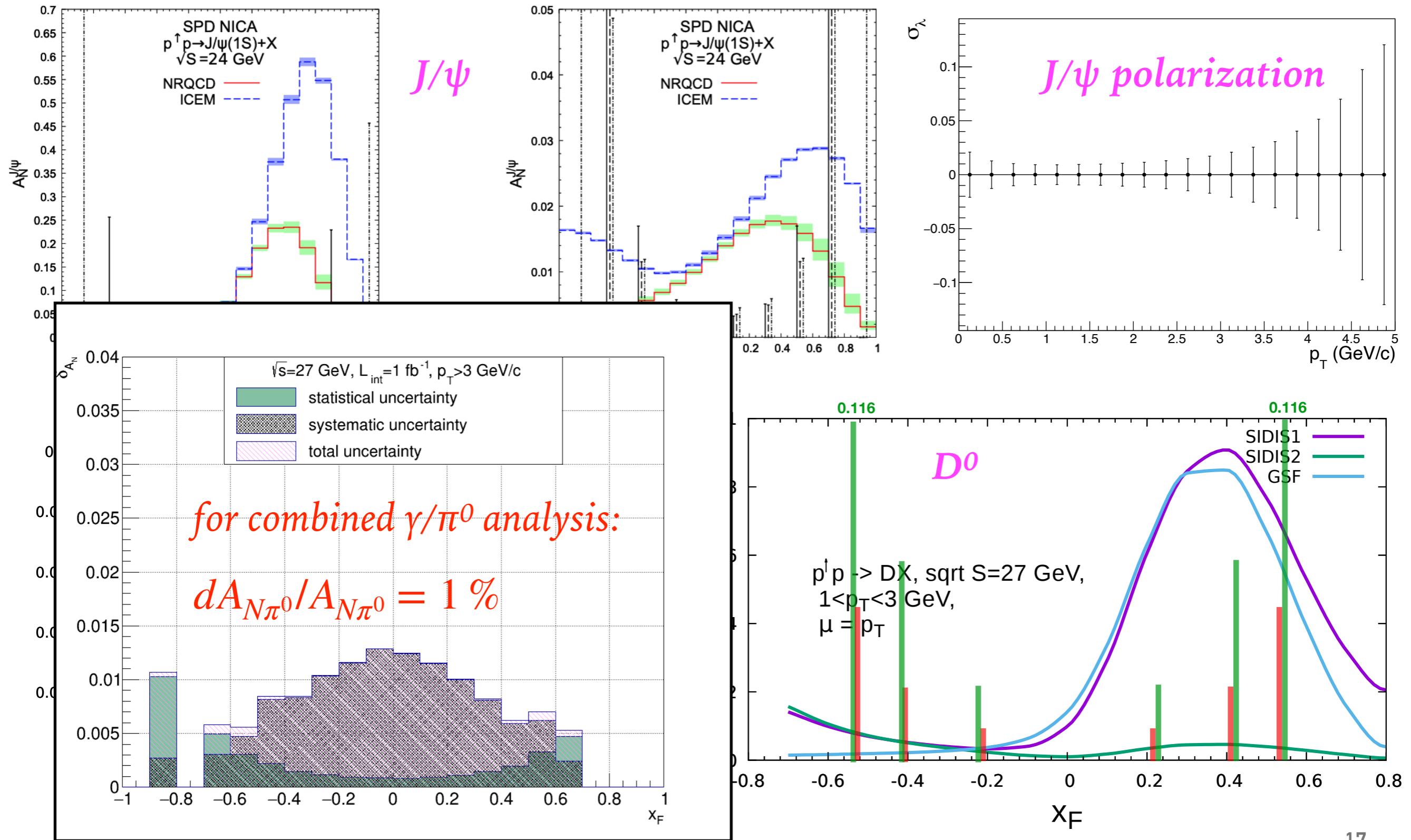
*J/ $\psi$*



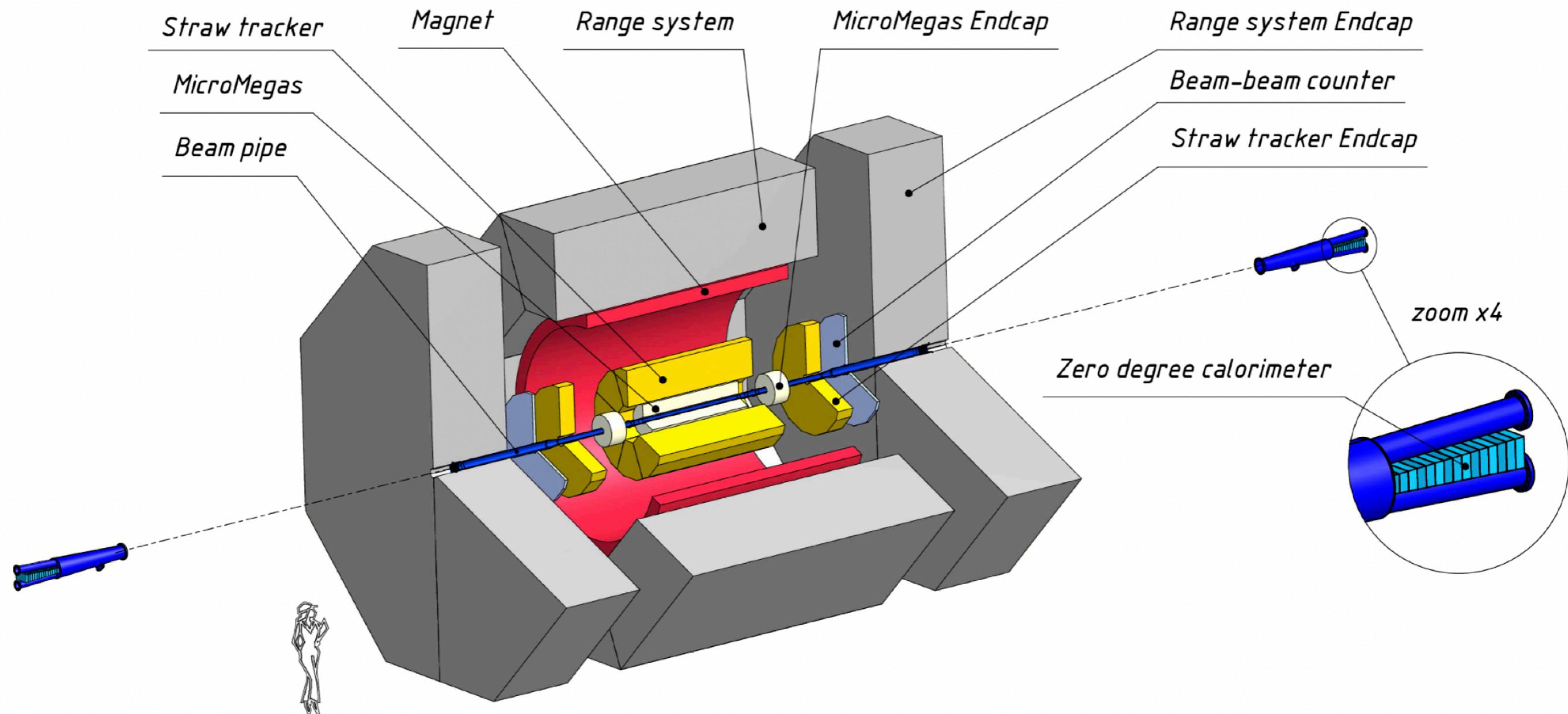
*Different inputs for gluon Sivers function*



# PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: ACCURACIES



# SPD: PHASE-I



*Running with reduced beam energy and luminosity*

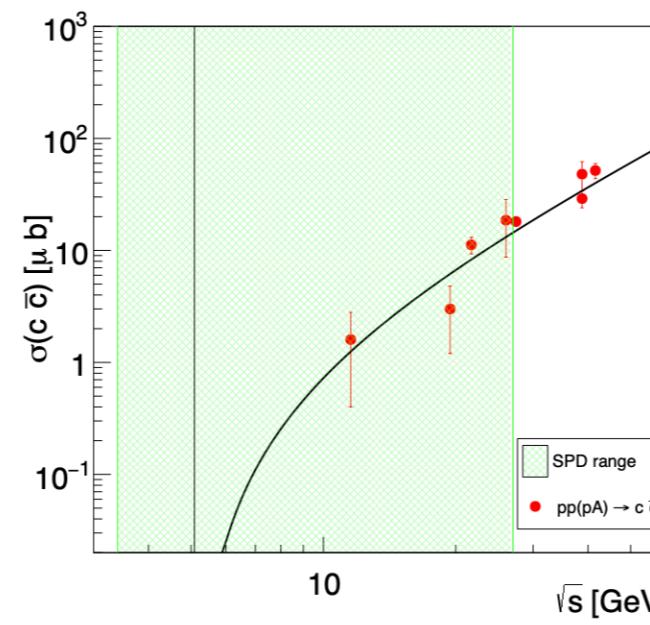
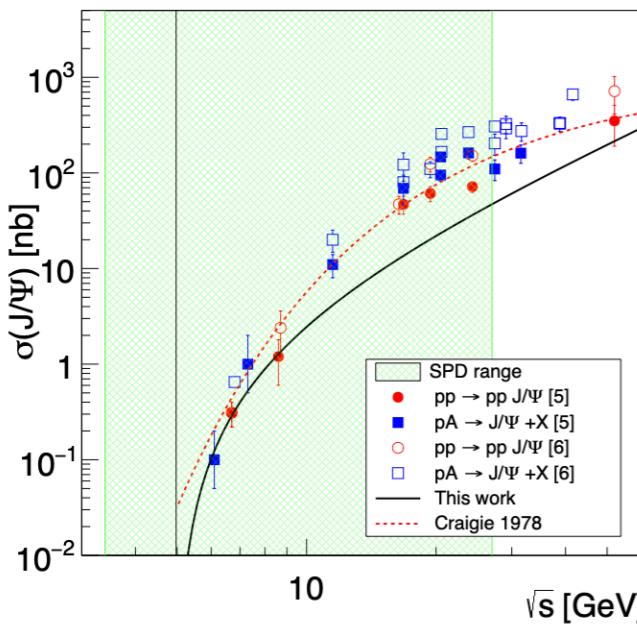
# PHYSICS OF THE FIRST STAGE OF SPD RUNNING

## Non-perturbative QCD

## Perturbative QCD

- Spin effects in p-p, p-d and d-d elastic scattering
- Spin effects in hyperon production
- Multiquark correlations
- Dibaryon resonances
- Physics of light and intermediate nuclei collisions
- Exclusive reactions
- Hypernuclei
- Open charm and charmonia near threshold

$$pp \rightarrow (6q)^* \rightarrow NN \text{ Mesons}$$



$\sqrt{s}$

*Reduced luminosity  
and beam energy*

- Auxiliary studies for astrophysical experiments
- ...

# SUMMARY

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- The **Spin Physics Detector** at the NICA collider is a universal facility for comprehensive study of polarized and unpolarized **gluon content of proton and deuteron**; in polarized high-luminosity **p-p** and **d-d** collisions at  $\sqrt{s} \leq 27 \text{ GeV}$ ;
- Complementing main probes such as **charmonia** ( $J/\psi$  and higher states), **open charm** and **prompt photons** will be used for that;
- SPD can contribute significantly to investigation of
  - gluon helicity;
  - gluon-induced TMD effects (Sivers and Boer-Mulders);
  - unpolarized gluon PDFs at high-x in proton and deuteron;
  - gluon transversity in deuteron;
  - ...
- Comprehensive physics program for the **first period of data taking**: spin effects in p-p, p-d and d-d elastic scattering, spin effects in hyperon production, multiquark correlations, dibaryon resonances, physics of light and intermediate nuclei collisions, exclusive reactions, hypernuclei, open charm and charmonia near threshold, etc.;
- The **SPD gluon physics program is complementary** to the other intentions to study the gluon content of nuclei (**RHIC**, **AFTER**, **LHC-Spin**, **EIC**, **JLab experiments**) and mesons (**AMBER**, **EIC**);
- SPD CDR could be found at [arXiv:2102.00442](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.00442) for more details;
- More information could be found at <http://spd.jinr.ru>.