

Spin Physics Detector : An Overview

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Plans for the Presentation

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- Physics goals and detector : In stages
- Physics in focus
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- Summary



Spin Physics Detector (SPD) at NICA

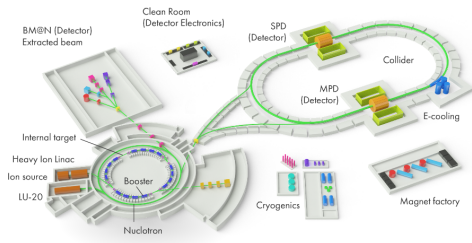


Figure 1: NICA - Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility

Prime focus at SPD : to probe unpolarized and polarized gluon parton distribution functions (PDFs) inside nucleons

- Polarized collisions

- 1 $p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s} = 27$ GeV
- 2 $d^\uparrow d^\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s} = 13.5$ GeV
- 3 $p^\uparrow d^\uparrow$ at $\sqrt{s} = 19$ GeV

- with polarization $|P| \sim 70\%$

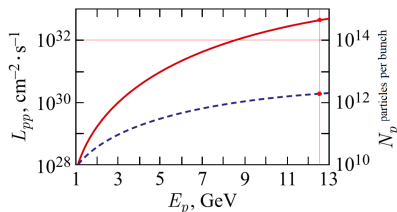


Figure 2: Luminosity and bunch intensity



SPD Stage I : Physics

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

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Figure 3: Physics of Particles and Nuclei
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- Spin effects in pp , dd elastic scattering
- Charmonium production near threshold
- Strange hypernuclei production
- Spin effects in hyperon production
- Multiquark correlations
- Dibaryon production
- Light and intermediate nuclei collisions



SPD Stage I : Detector

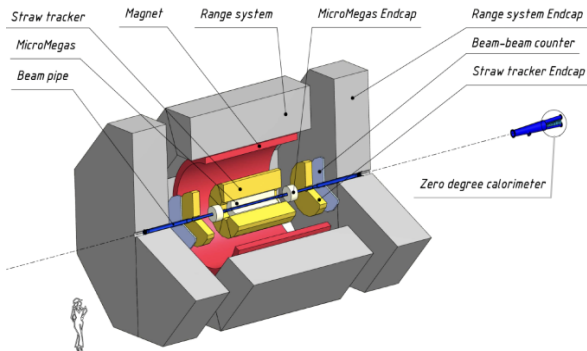


Figure 4: SPD detector in Stage I

- Trackers: charged track and momentum, limited PID
- Range System: rough hadronic calorimeter, muon/hadron separation

- Possible light ion collisions alongside pp, dd
- Up to $\sqrt{s} = 10$ GeV and reduced luminosity
- Solenoidal field $B \sim 1$ T
- BBC and ZDC for online polarimetry
- Micromegas central tracker
- Straw Tracker
 $\delta \sim 150 \mu\text{m}$,
 $\delta(\frac{dE}{dx}) = 8.5\%$





Review

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

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Figure 5: Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 119 (2021), [arXiv:2011.15005](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.15005)

- Primary focus : accessing gluon PDFs
 - ① Unpolarized gluon PDF
 - ② Gluon helicity PDF
 - ③ Gluon transverse momentum dependent (TMD) PDF (Sivers, Boer-Mulders)
 - ④ Transversity and tensor polarized gluon in deuteron (unique result at SPD)
- Test of QCD factorization
- Charmonia production mechanism



SPD Stage II : Detector

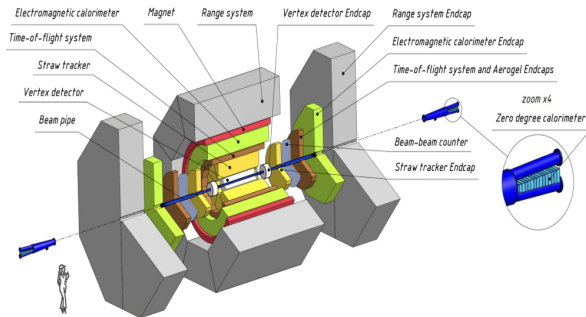


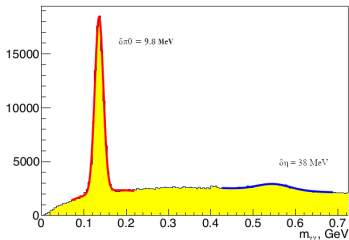
Figure 6: SPD detector in stage II

- Improved vertex detector for short lived particle decays
- TOF+AGel for better PID
- ECAL for γ , e^\pm identification

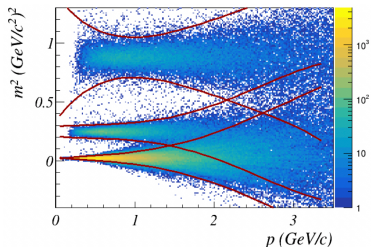
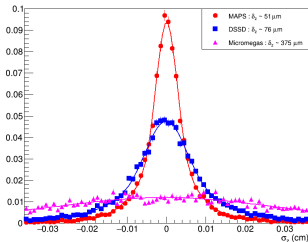
- Event rate at peak luminosity and energy ~ 3 MHz
- Silicon vertex detector : MAPS/DSSD
- Time of flight (TOF) for PID ($\delta_t \sim 50$ ps), π/K separation upto 1.5 GeV/c
- Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) ($\frac{\delta E}{E} = \frac{5\%}{\sqrt{E}} + 1\%$)
- Aerogel counter in endcaps, extends π/K separation upto 2.5 GeV/c



Detector Performance



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



- Clockwise from lower left :
- Resolution of reconstructed D^0 vertex : $\delta_z \sim 50 \mu\text{m}$ for MAPS
- Invariant mass of 2-photons : $\delta_m \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$
- TOF performance: provides a 3σ separation of π/K upto $1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Additionally: $\frac{\delta p_T}{p_T} \sim 2\%$ for $1 \text{ GeV}/c$ tracks with magnetic field $\sim 1 \text{ T}$

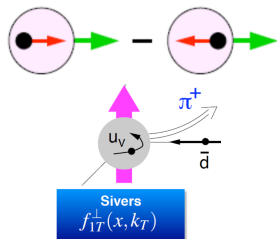


Probing Gluon Spin Distributions at SPD

| | | 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 | $h_1^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$ |

Leading twist gluon TMD PDFs

Figure 7: Various spin distributions of gluon that will be accessible via SPD measurements



- Unpolarized gluon distributions (f_1^g)
- Gluon helicity PDF (g_1^g)
- TMD spin distributions i.e. Sivers ($f_{1T}^{\perp g}$), Boer-Mulders ($h_1^{\perp g}$)
- Transversity (h_1^g) : deuteron



Gluon Helicity $\Delta g(x)$

Important to understand proton spin as a whole (spin puzzle)

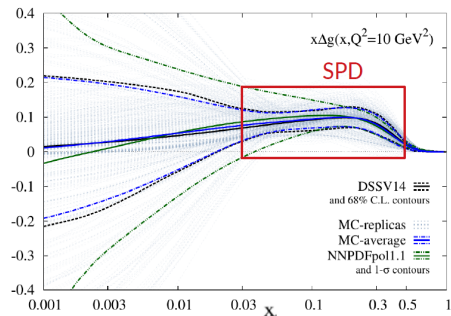


Figure 8: Gluon helicity distribution from DSSV group: PRD100 114027(2019). Highlighted region shows where SPD will make a major impact

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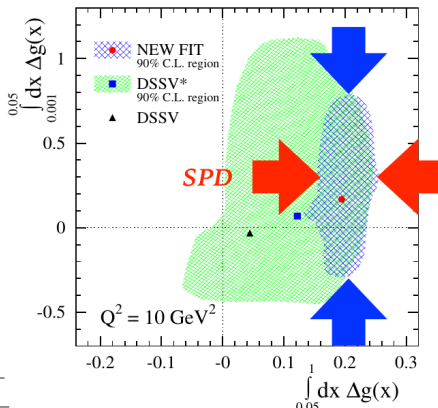


Figure 9: Truncated moments of $\Delta g(x)$ illustrates SPD impact on high- x and future EIC impact in low- x region



Gluon TMD : Sivers

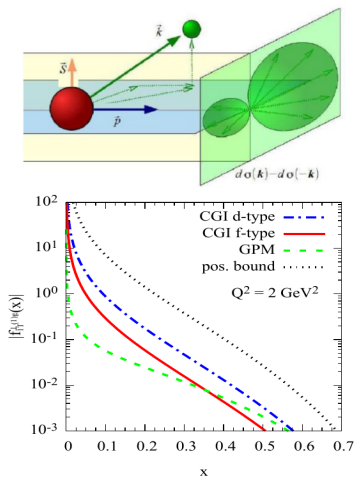


Figure 10: First k_T moment of gluon Sivers for GPM and CGI-GPM (PRD99, 036013 (2019))

- Sivers function can be described as a correlation between parton k_T and hadron transverse spin
- Transverse single spin asymmetries (A_N) are sensitive to the gluon Sivers function
- Extracted in generalized parton model(GPM), color gauge invariant GPM(CGI-GPM) descriptions of partonic structure
- Unlike gluon helicity PDF, there has not been extraction of gluon Sivers from global analysis, SPD can provide much needed data points



SPD : Measurements

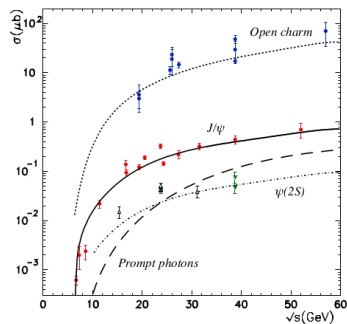


Figure 11: Partonic sub-process cross-sections from $p + p$ vs. collision energy : SPD CDR

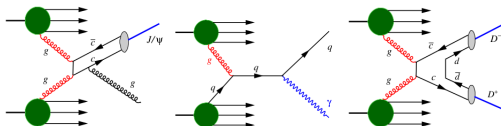


Figure 12: Sub-process diagrams

- Flagship probes at SPD accessing gluon content :

- 1 gluon fusion to charmonia (J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$, $\chi_{c1/c2}$), primarily via dimuon decay channel
- 2 quark-gluon to prompt-photons, cleanest channel for interpretation
- 3 gluon fusion to open-charm mesons, highest statistics but also very high background



Various SPD Probes

| 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- γ ($p_T > 3\text{ GeV}/c$) | 35 | 2 | 35 | 0.2 |
| J/ψ $\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ | 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 | |
| η_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 |

Figure 13: Expected statistics for probes for one year of data at SPD



Charmonia Measurements

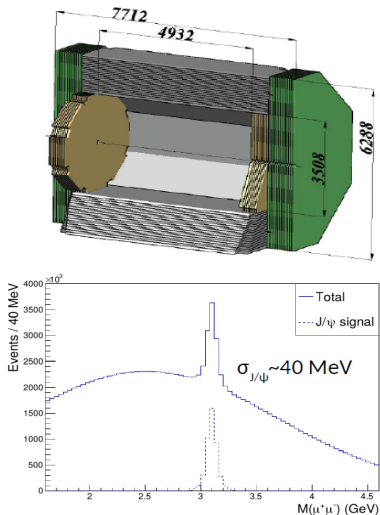
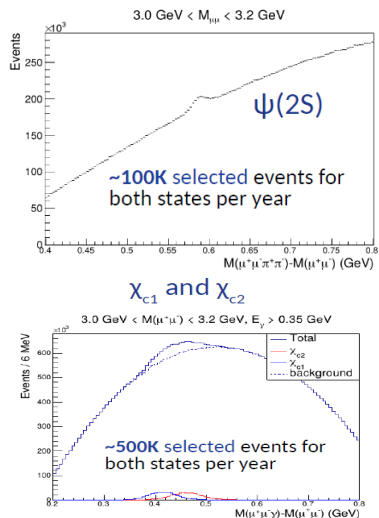


Figure 14: Above: Range System at SPD
Below: di-muon invariant mass spectra for J/ψ

- Dominated by gg fusion at SPD kinematics
- Reconstructed from di-muon decay channel using Range System as muon identifier
- Hadronization poorly understood (various models : CSM, CEM, NRQCD)
- TMD factorization not always applicable
- J/ψ most abundant ~ 12 M events expected in one year of data in this channel



Other Charmonia Probes



- $\Psi(2S)$ via di-muon decay channels ($\mu^+\mu^-\pi^+\pi^-$, $\mu^+\mu^-$) : ~ 700 K events/year
- χ_{c1}, χ_{c2} via di-muon decay channel ($\gamma\mu^+\mu^-$) : ~ 2.4 M events/year
- Double J/Ψ production : both J/Ψ into dileptonic decay channel ~ 100 events/year
- Limited η_c measurements could be possible

Figure 15: Di-muon invariant mass spectra for other charmonia probes



J/ψ Double Helicity Asymmetry (A_{LL})

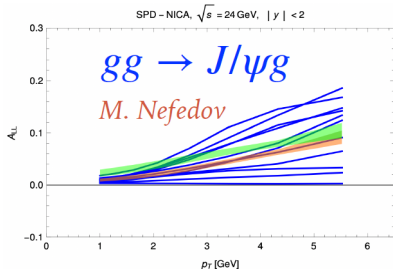


Figure 16: Estimated $A_{LL}^{J/\psi}$ for different PDF replicas

- $A_{LL}^{J/\psi} \approx \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \otimes \frac{\Delta g(x_2)}{g(x_2)} \otimes \hat{a}_{LL}^{gg \rightarrow J/\psi + X}$
- Sensitive to gluon helicity PDF
- SPD kinematic will probe $x_{Bjorken} \sim 0.03 - 0.5$

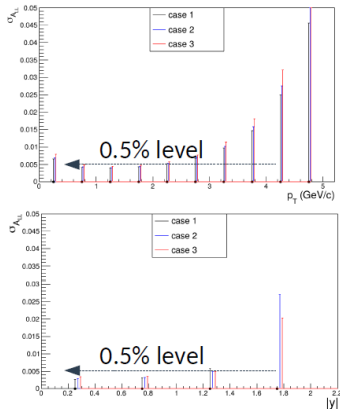


Figure 17: Projected statistical uncertainties for $A_{LL}^{J/\psi}$ measurements in one year of data at SPD in p_T (above) and rapidity y (below)



J/ψ Single Transverse Spin Asymmetry (A_N)

Projected stat. uncertainties and predictions from P RD104, 016008 (2021)

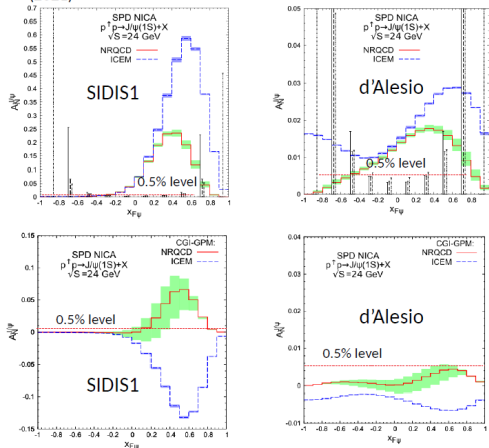


Figure 18: $A_N^{J/\psi}$ predictions for SPD kinematics and projected uncertainties for one year of recorded data

- Various combinations of PDF and hadronization models illustrate the heavy model dependence and therefore our present limited understanding
- For example, asymmetry predictions using SIDIS1 and d'Alesio parametrizations are different by almost an order of magnitude
- SPD measurements and precision can be crucial in restricting such model dependence in future



Prompt Photon A_{LL}

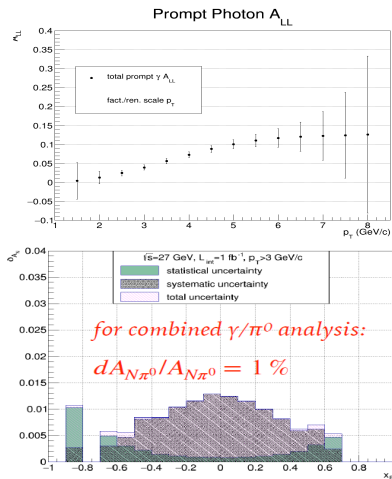


Figure 19: Above: predictions of A_{LL}^γ as function of p_T (W. Vogelsang), Below: estimation of uncertainty due to background

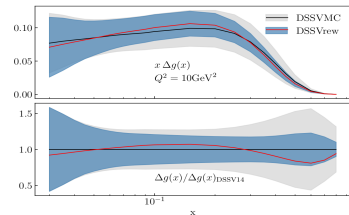


Figure 20: Impact of SPD A_{LL}^γ : Vogelsang, Sassot, Borsa

- A clean channel for interpretation
- Challenge : background photons from π^0 decays
- Estimates show SPD can reduce uncertainty at high $x_{Bjorken}$



Prompt Photon A_N

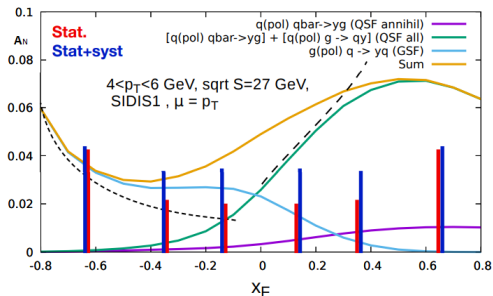


Figure 21: Predicted A_N^γ vs. x_F from V. Saleev, A. Shipilova with projected uncertainties for one year of data at SPD

- Prompt photon is an excellent channel to probe gluon as it does not require fragmentation function/parameterizations
- Challenge to remove stray photons from neutral light meson decays
- Uncertainties arising from photons from π^0 decays are estimated as systematics on lower left plot



Open Charm Measurements

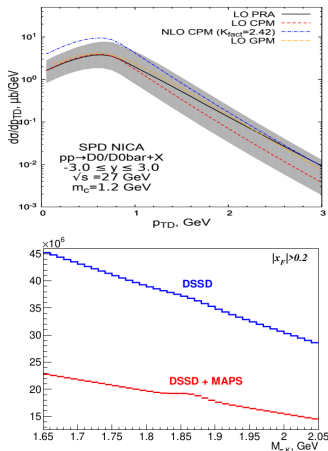


Figure 22: Above: inclusive D^0, \bar{D}^0 cross-section prediction (A. Karpishkov), Below: $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-$ invariant mass in MC

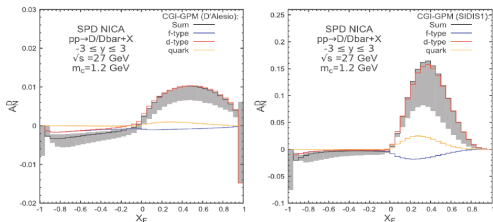


Figure 23: Predicted A_N at SPD kinematics

- Sensitive to gluon spin distributions
- Expected high A_N at $x_F \geq 0.2$
- Challenging measurement due to very high background ($B/S \sim 10^5$)
- Ongoing MC study to reduce background



Deuteron at SPD

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

Nonbaryonic content of deuteron:

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

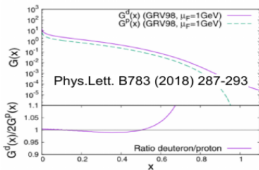
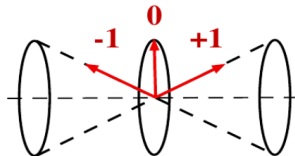
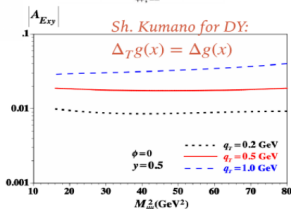
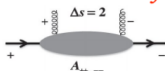


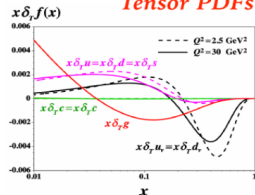
Fig. 6. Gluon PDF in the deuteron and in the nucleon.

Unpolarized
gluons at high x:

Gluon transversity



Tensor PDFs



SPD : International Collaboration



*32 institutes from 14 states,
~300 members*



Figure 24: International Members of SPD Collaboration



SPD : Present Status

- Conceptual Design Report (CDR) was published ([arXiv:2102.00442](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.00442)) last year (updated early this year)
- CDR has been approved by the JINR Program Advisory Committee (PAC) in Jan, 2022
- Technical Design Report (TDR) is being prepared and will be presented in the first half of 2023



NICA : A Bird's Eye View



Figure 25: NICA complex with ongoing constructions



SPD : Constructions

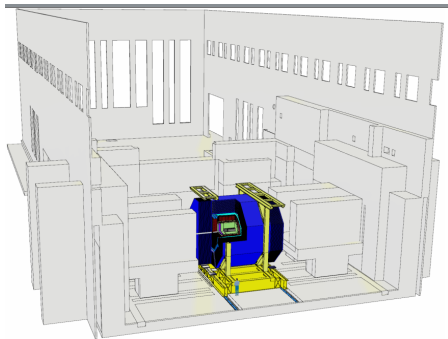


Figure 26: Schematic of SPD detectors in the experimental hall



Figure 27: SPD experimental hall under construction

SPD Tentative Schedule

| 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 , $7 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{s} < 27$ 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 |



- Expected data acquisition for stage I in 2028 and stage II in 2032
- Due to different luminosity and multiplicity requirements, SPD and MPD typically will operate consecutively at NICA



Summary and Outlook

- **Spin Physics Detector (SPD)** at the NICA facility in JINR will be a unique facility that will **focus on studying the unpolarized and polarized gluon distributions** inside protons and deuterons from $p + p$ and $d + d$ collisions upto $\sqrt{s} = 27$ GeV
- In the **first stage**, SPD physics program : spin effects in p-p, p-d, d-d elastic scattering, hyperon and hypernuclei production, threshold production of charmonia and more
- In the **second stage** the experiment will probe **charmonia** (J/Ψ , $\Psi(2S)$, χ_c), **prompt-photon** and **open-charm (D-meson)** productions and asymmetries
- SPD measurements will be sensitive to
 - ① unpolarized gluon PDF
 - ② gluon helicity
 - ③ gluon TMD (Sivers, Boer-Mulders)
 - ④ gluon transversity in deuteron
- **SPD** contribution to the polarized gluon distributions will be complementary to similar existing and future collider (**RHIC, EIC**) and fixed target (**AFTER, LHC-Spin**) experiments



Thank You



Backup



SPD Kinematics

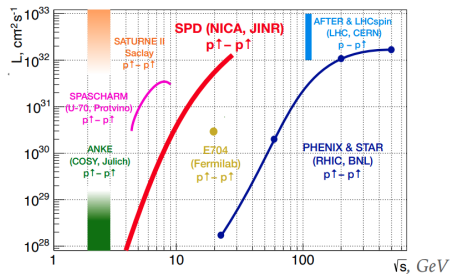


Figure 28: Luminosity and energy chart

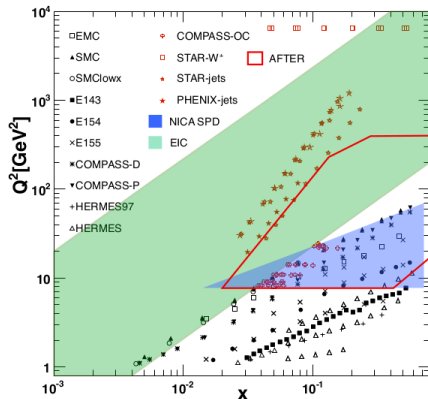


Figure 29: Kinematics chart

