

# Статус эксперимента SPD на ускорительном комплексе NICA

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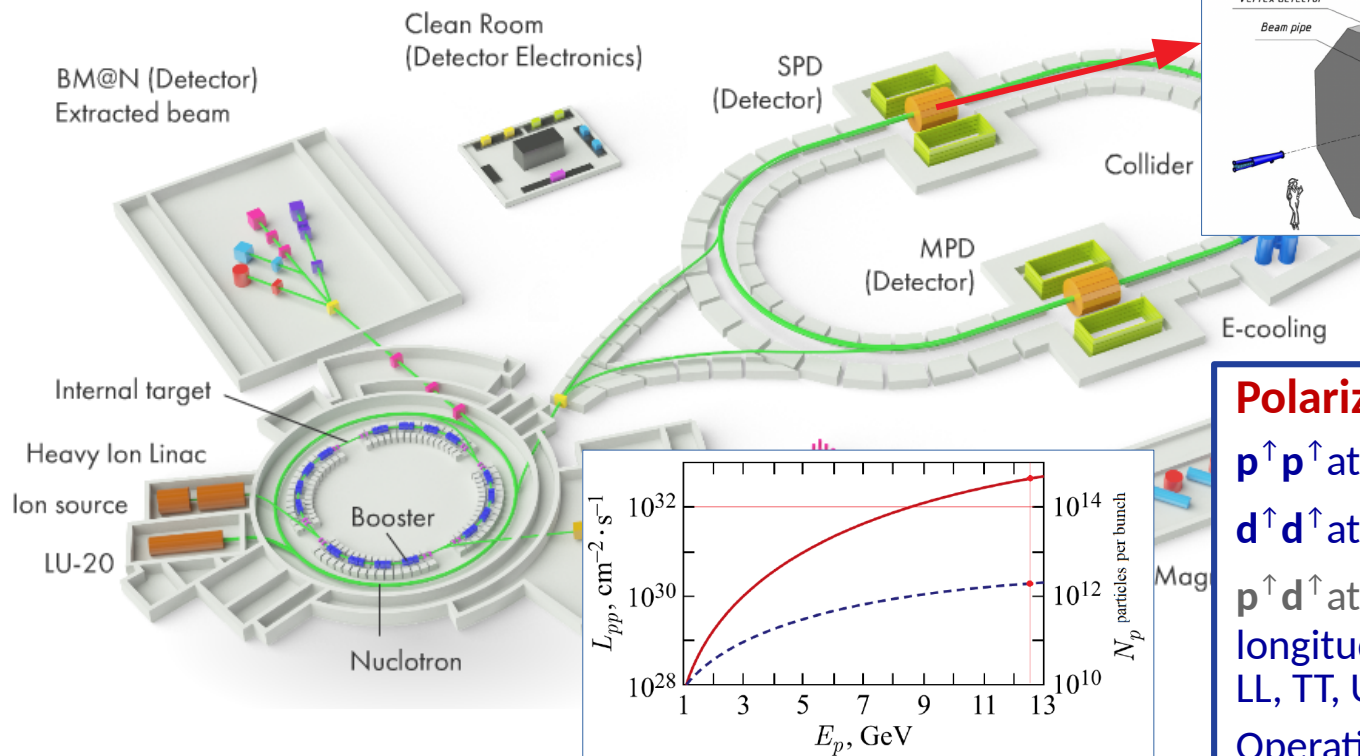
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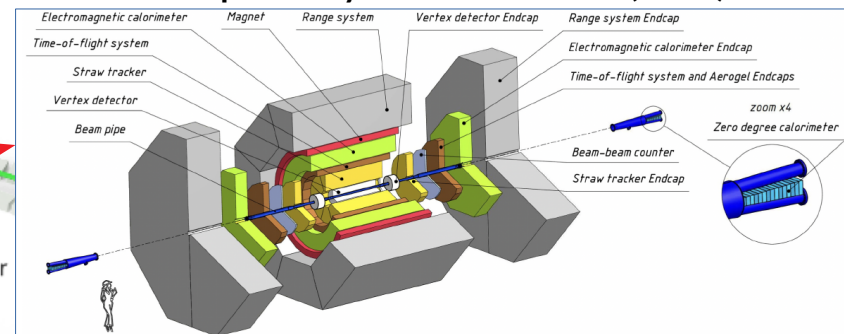


# Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility (NICA)

Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Dubna)



## Spin Physics Detector (SPD)



## Polarized beams

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

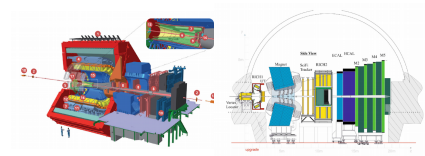
$d^\uparrow d^\uparrow$  at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 13.5$  GeV

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

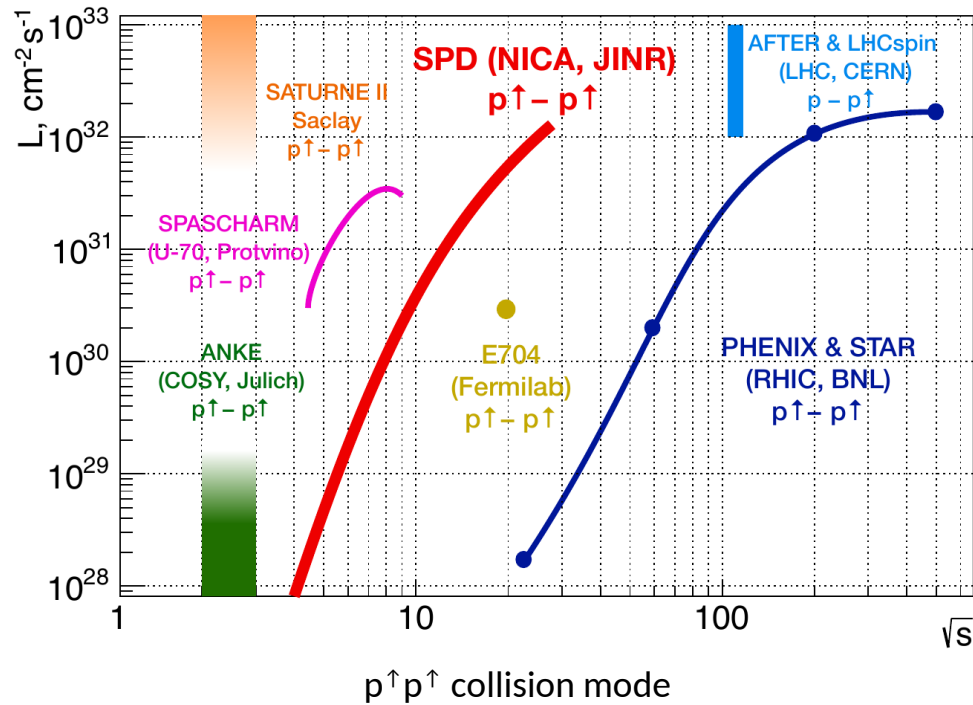
longitudinal and transverse polarization (UU, LL, TT, UT, LT) > 70%

Operation: after 2028

# NICA and other facilities



SPD CDR (arXiv:2102.00442)

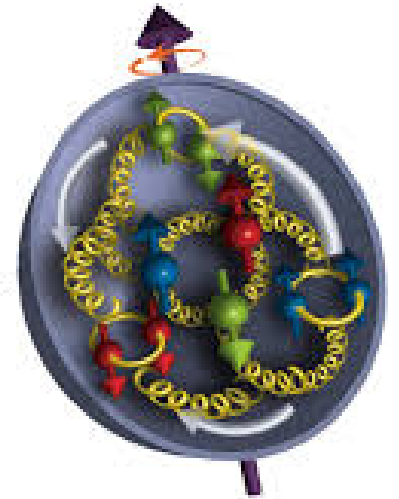


Experimental facility	SPD @NICA [30]	RHIC [29]	EIC [26]	AFTER @LHC [24]	SpinLHC [25]
Scientific center	JINR	BNL	BNL	CERN	CERN
Operation mode	collider	collider	collider	fixed target	fixed target
Colliding particles & polarization	$p^\uparrow - p^\uparrow$ $d^\uparrow - d^\uparrow$ $p^\uparrow - d, p - d^\uparrow$	$p^\uparrow - p^\uparrow$	$e^\uparrow - p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow, {}^3\text{He}^\uparrow$	$p - p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow$	$p - p^\uparrow$
Center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ , GeV	$\leq 27$ ( $p-p$ ) $\leq 13.5$ ( $d-d$ ) $\leq 19$ ( $p-d$ )	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

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

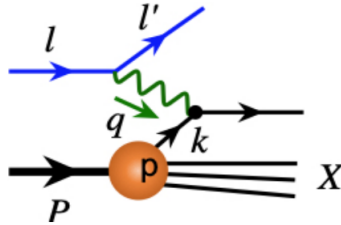
# Hadron structure

- Without understanding how bound states are formed in QCD we can't say we understand this theory.
- Exploring hadron structure is way to understand how hadrons are build in terms of the fundamental degrees of freedom in QCD.
- Nucleons are the fundamental building blocks of nature, which make up essentially all visible matter in the universe.
- Nucleons has complex and dynamic internal structure to be reviled in modern experiments.



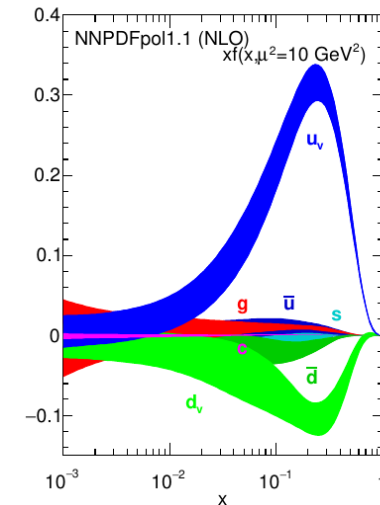
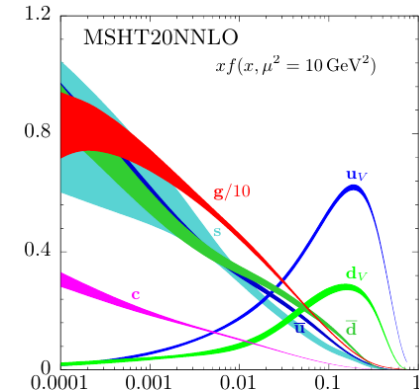


# Collinear nucleon structure



$$E' \frac{d\sigma_{ep \rightarrow e'X}}{d^3l'} \approx \sum_i \int d\xi f_{i/p}(\xi) E' \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ei \rightarrow e'X}}{d^3l'}$$

- DIS process and QCD factorization
- collinear PDFs  $f_{i/p}$  can be interpreted as probability densities of partons (quarks and gluons) carrying momentum fraction  $\xi$  (usually  $x$ ) in hadron
- Polarized PDFs depend on nucleon spin (unpolarized, helicity and transversity PDFs)
  - $\Delta f_i = f_i^{\rightarrow} - f_i^{\leftarrow}$  (longitudinally polarized proton)
  - $h_{1i} = f_i^{\uparrow} - f_i^{\downarrow}$  (transversely polarized proton)



# Spin crises: how spin of nucleon is build from its constituents?

Infinite-momentum frame decomposition  
(Jaffe-Manohar sum rule)

$$J = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + L_q^{JM} + \Delta G + L_G,$$

$q, \bar{q}$  spin    $q, \bar{q}$  gluons   gluons  
(valence and OAM   spin   OAM  
sea)

◦ EMC experiment  $\Rightarrow \int_0^1 dx \Delta\Sigma(x) \approx 0.06$

[E. Leader and M. Anselmino, Z. Phys. C 41, 239 (1988)]

◦ COMPASS, HERMES  $\Rightarrow \int_0^1 dx \Delta\Sigma(x) \approx 0.3$

[V. Y. Alexakhin et al. (COMPASS Collaboration), Phys.Lett. B 647, 8 (2007)]

[A. Airapetian et al. (HERMES Collaboration), Phys.Rev. D 75, 012007 (2007)]

◦ PHENIX, STAR, COMPASS  $\Rightarrow \int_{0.05}^{0.2} dx \Delta G(x) \approx 0.2$

[D. de Florian et al (DSSV Collaboration). Phys Rev. Lett. 113, 012001 (2014)]

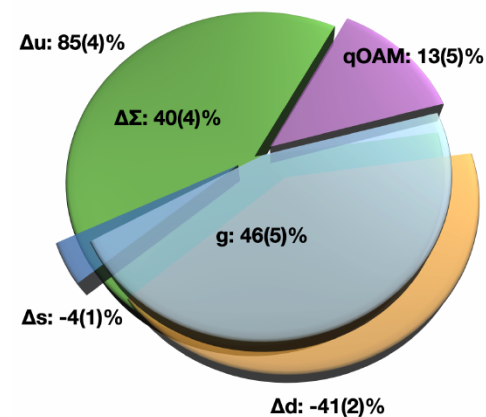
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Frame independent decomposition  
(Ji's sum rule)

$$J = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + L_q^{Ji} + J_G,$$

gluons  
total AM

Lattice calculations  
arXiv:2112.08416

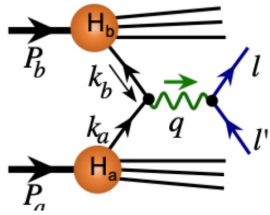
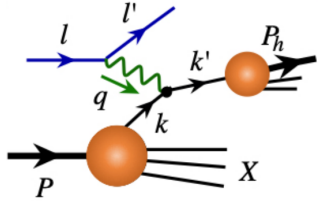


- ~38-46% gluons
- ~13-18% from quark OAM  
(with very large uncertainties)

Most of the slide taken from Lilet Calerdo Dias (IWHSS-CPHI24)

# Nucleon tomography

For quarks:



For gluons see next slides!

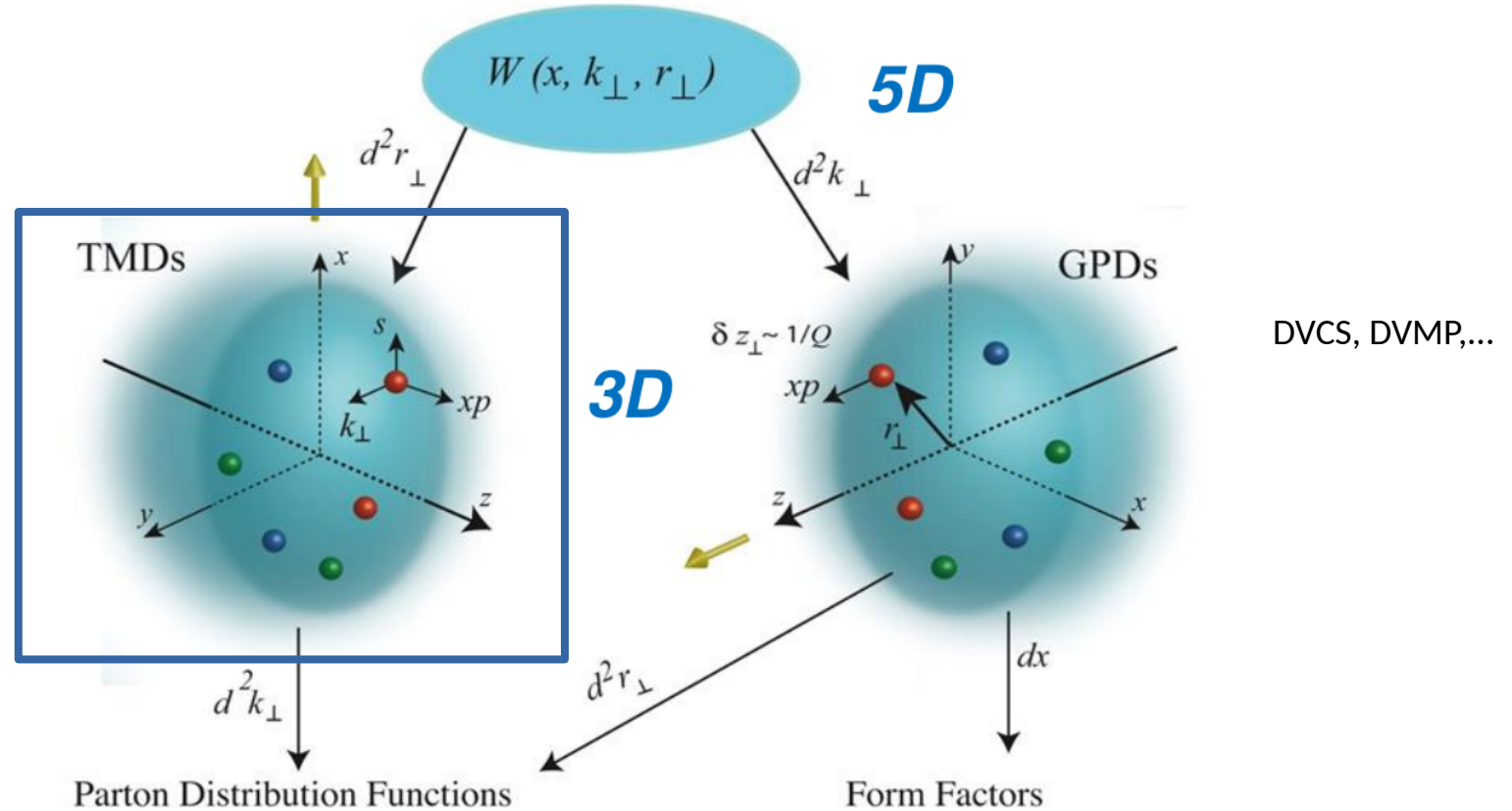


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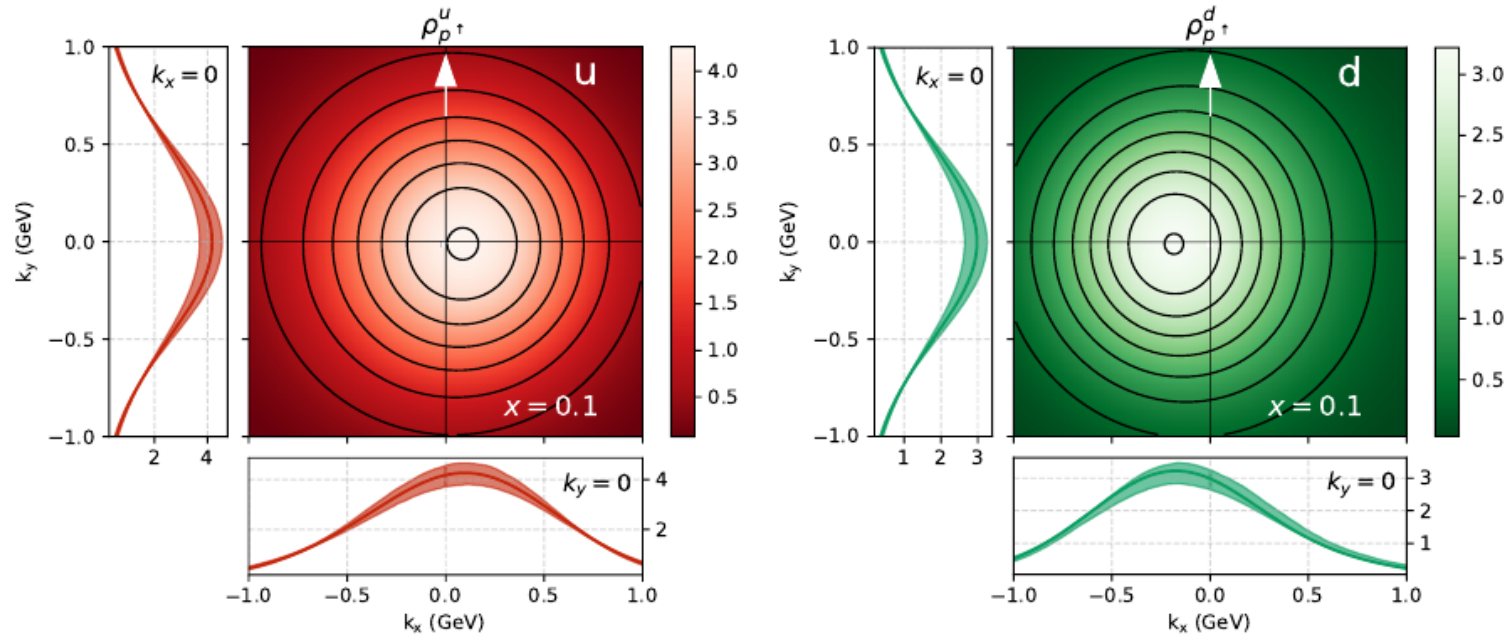
# TMD distributions

- QCD factorization for TMD PDFs is proven for some processes (DY, SIDIS, higgs production,...)
- Significant progress on quark TMDs** over the last decades (for details see e.g. TMD Handbook, PLB 827, 136961 (2022))

Leading Quark TMDPDFs  Nucleon Spin  Quark Spin

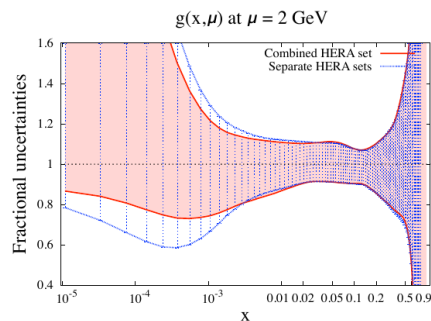
		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \text{Unpolarized}$		$h_1^\perp = \text{Boer-Mulders}$
	L		$g_1 = \text{Helicity}$	$h_{1L}^\perp = \text{Worm-gear}$
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \text{Sivers}$	$g_{1T}^\perp = \text{Worm-gear}$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

# Quark TMDs

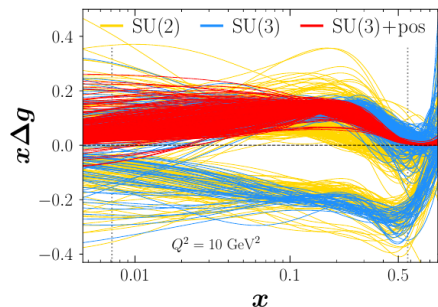


The density distribution of an unpolarized quark with flavor  $a$  in a proton polarized along the +y direction and moving towards the reader as a function of  $(k_x, k_y)$  at  $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$  (PLB 827, 136961 (2022))

# What do we know about gluons?



Uncertainty of unpolarized gluon PDF based on HERA data PRD82, 074024 (2010)



Extraction of gluon helicity distributions by the JAM Collaboration (2022)

Our knowledge on gluon TMD remains rather scarce.

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

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

$h_1^g$  is nonzero only for deuteron.

Alessandro Bacchetta at IWHSS-CPhi24:

- ▶ Good knowledge of  $x$ -dependence of  $f_1$  and  $g_{1L}$
- ▶ Some hints on the  $k_T$  dependence of  $f_1$

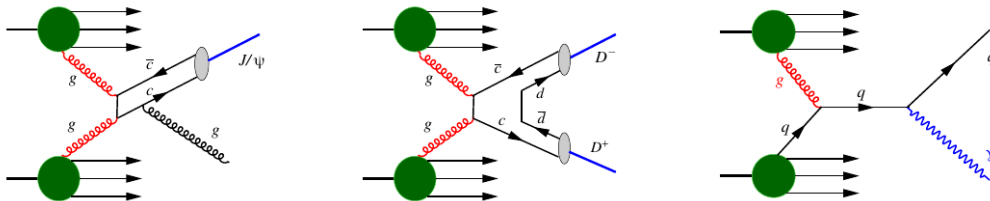


# Gluon TMDs and the SPD experiment



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

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

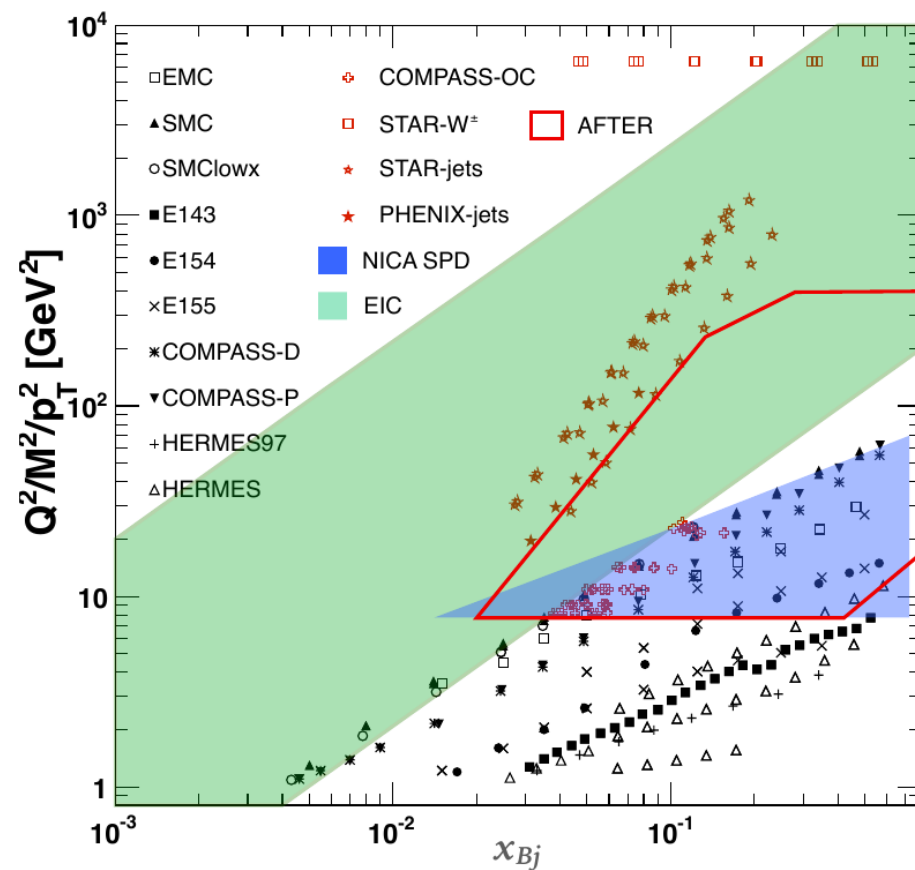
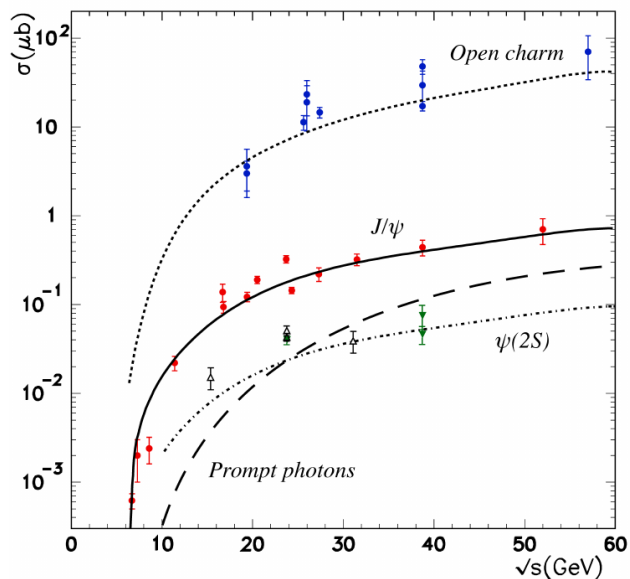
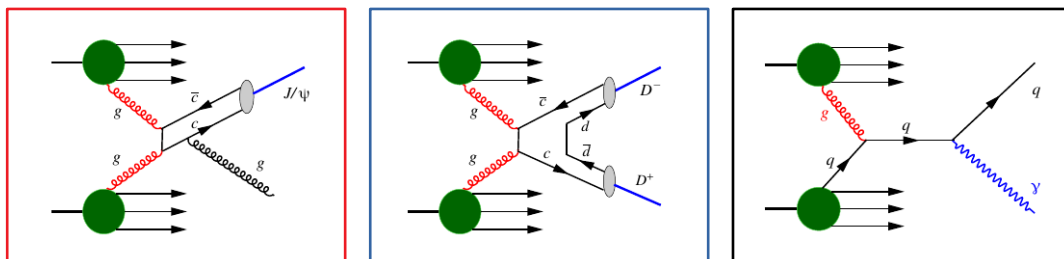


- Measurements at SPD should help to improve our understanding of QCD and resolve spin crisis.
- Many other aspects of QCD to be studied in such collisions.

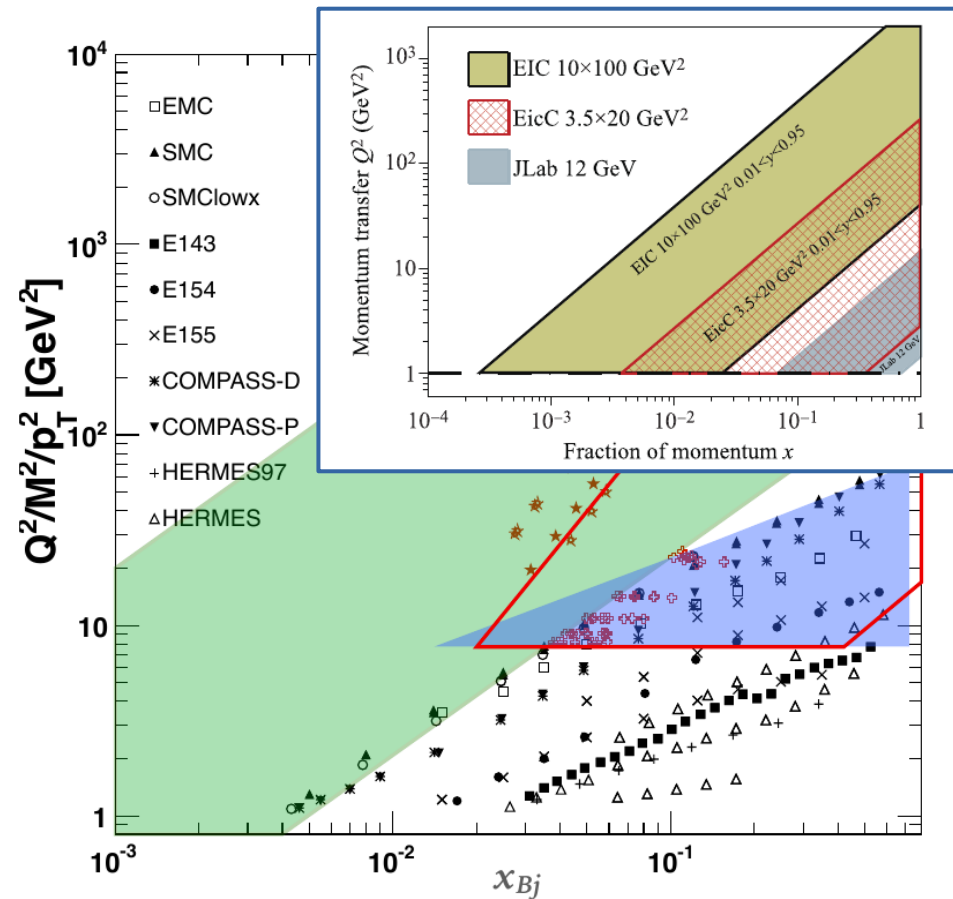
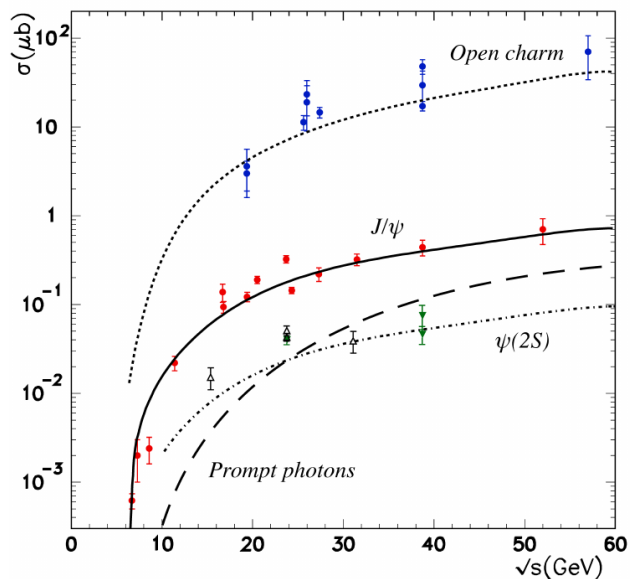
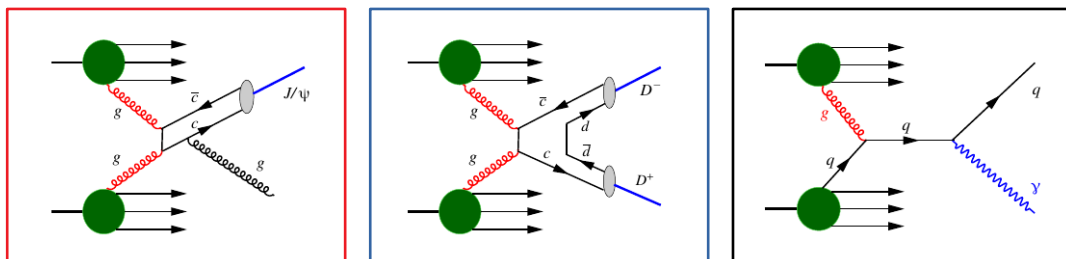
		gluon pol.		
		$U$	circular	linear
nucleon pol.	$U$	$f_1^g$		$h_1^{\perp g}$
	$L$		$g_1^g$	$h_{1L}^{\perp g}$
	$T$	$f_{1T}^{\perp g}$	$g_{1T}^g$	$h_1^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$

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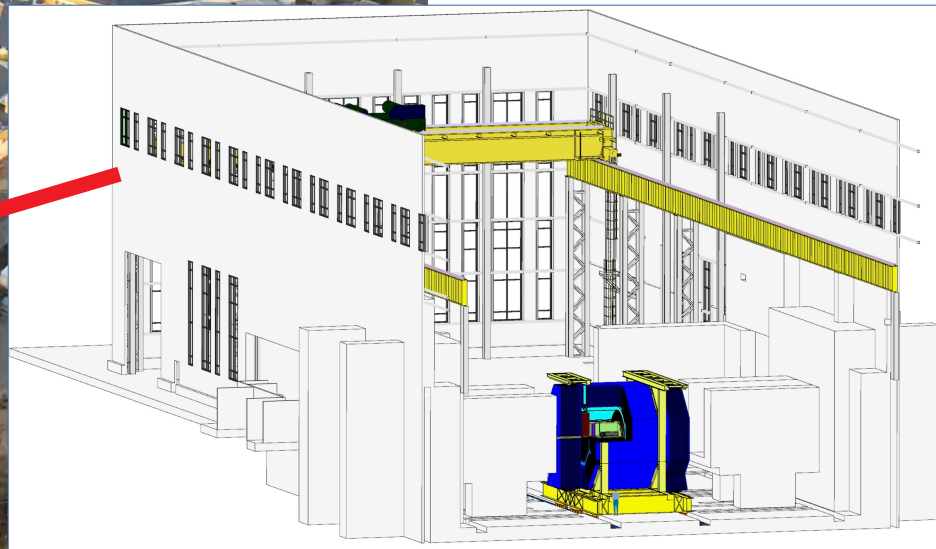
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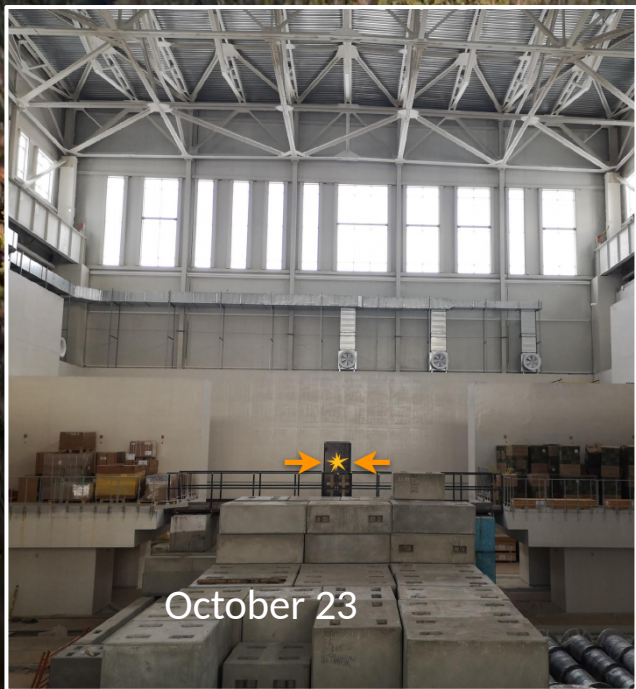


# Construction site





# SPD hall



# SPD initial stage

SPD TDR: Natural Science Review 1 1 (2024) (arXiv: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

## Range System

muon identification and coarse hadron calorimetry

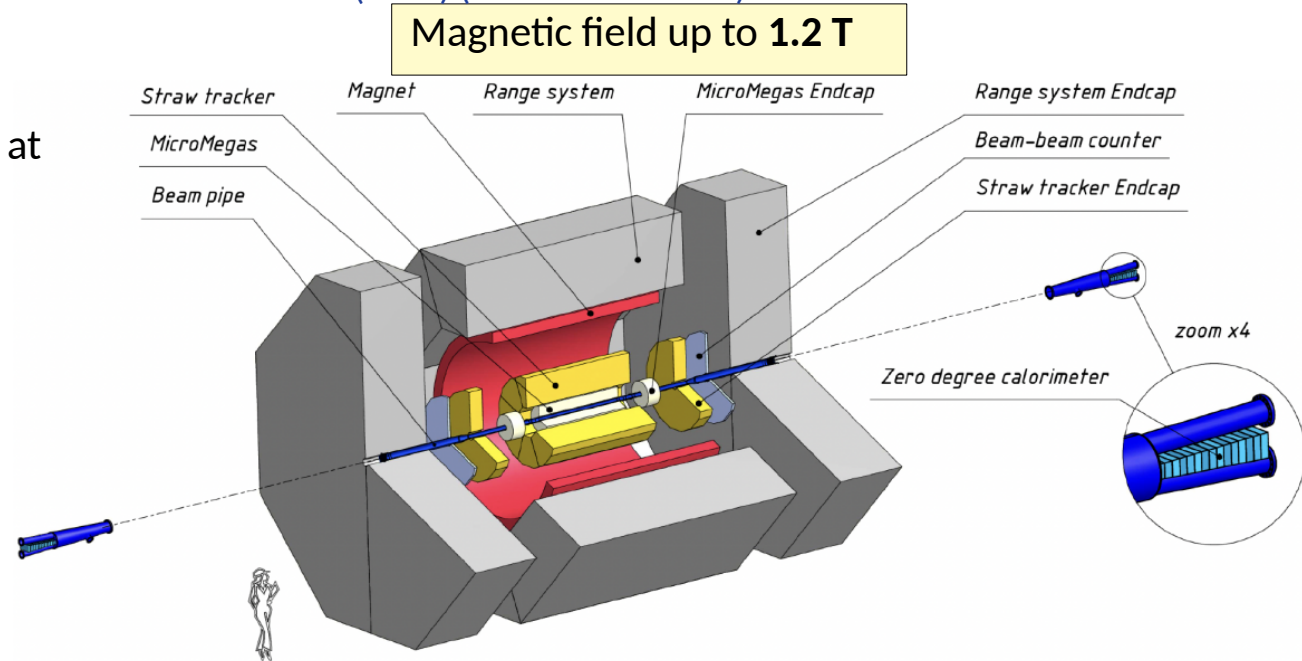
### Straw tracker:

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

### 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
- 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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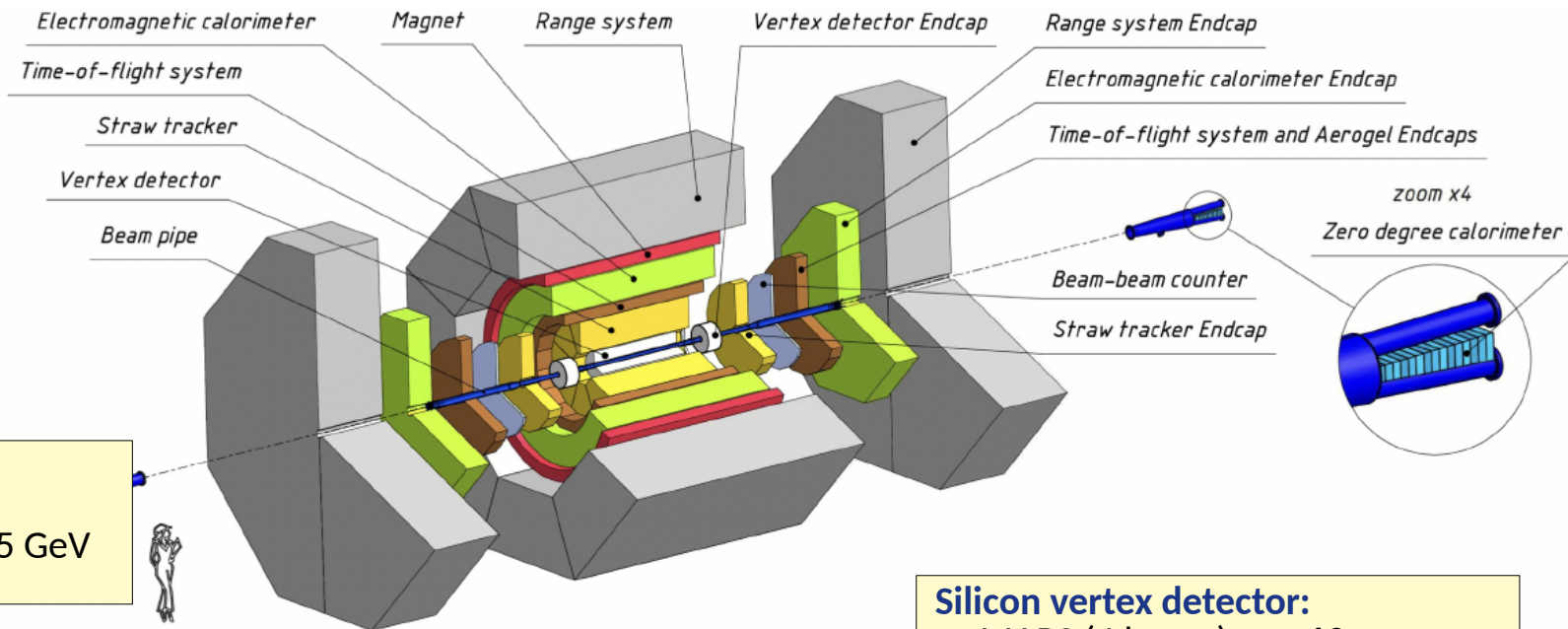
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# SPD final layout

SPD TDR: Natural Science Review 1 1 (2024) (arXiv:2404.08317)



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

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

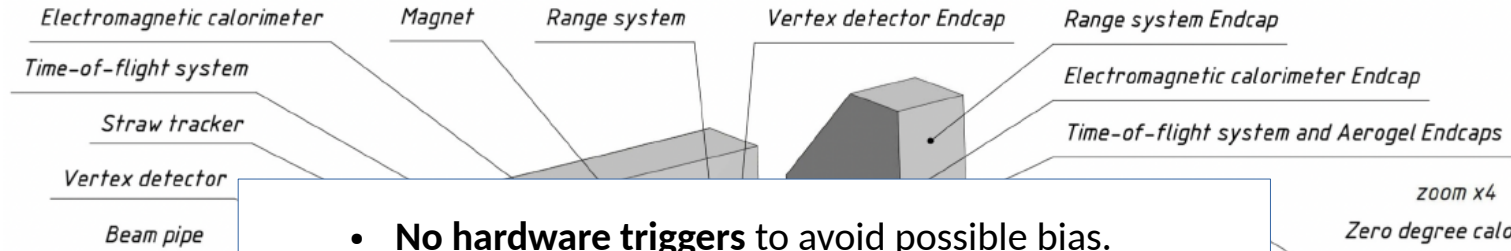
**FARICH** in endcaps for pion/kaon separation for particle momentum up to **5.5 GeV**

## 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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SPD TDR can be found at <http://spd.jinr.ru/spd-cdr/>

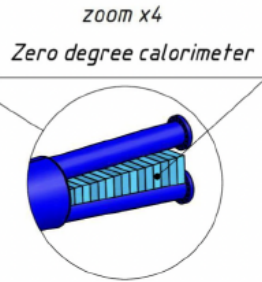
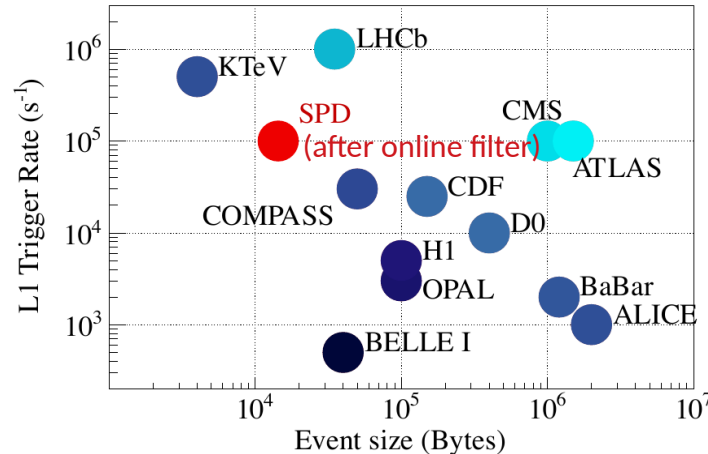


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**Threshold**  
 for pion k  
 range 1.0

- **No hardware triggers** to avoid possible bias.
- **Event rate 3 MHz** at maximum luminosity
- High level trigger is needed (**online filter**)
- **Data flow ~ 20GB/s**



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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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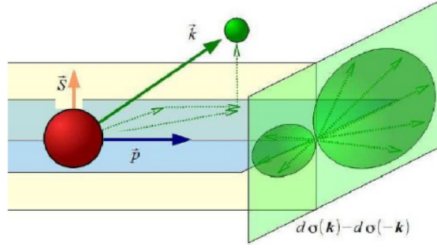


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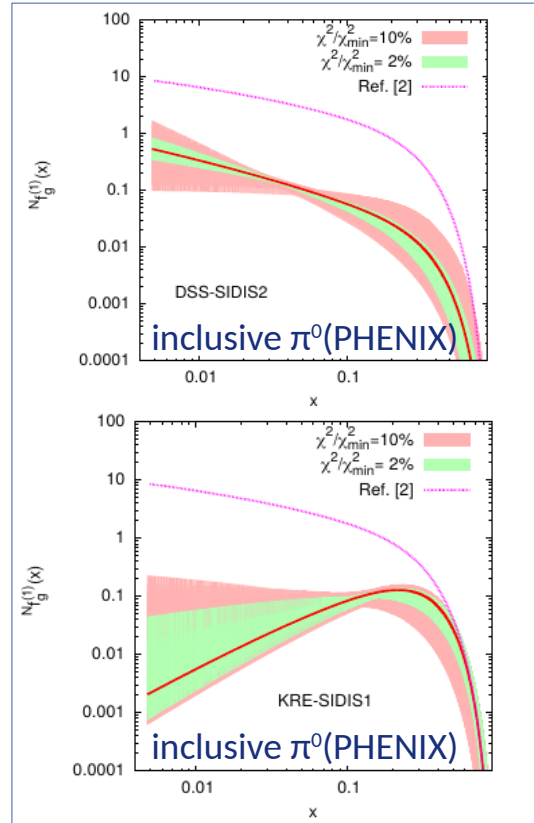
## On the physics potential to study the gluon content of proton and deuteron at NICA SPD

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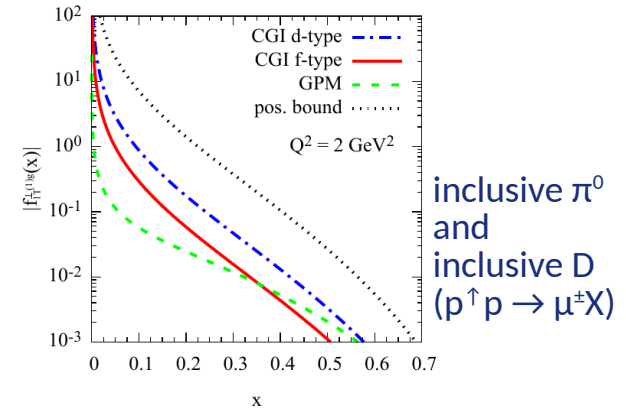
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- Can be indirectly related to gluon OAM
- Probed by TSSA
 
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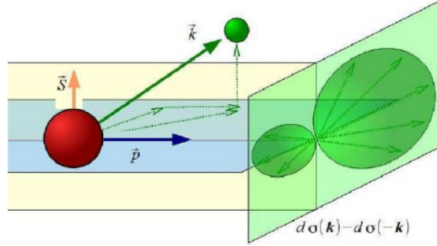


First kT moments for GSF, GPM (JHEP09(2015)119)

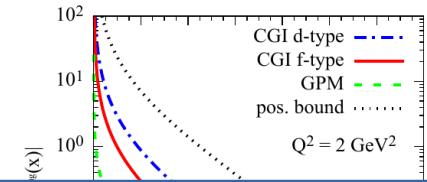
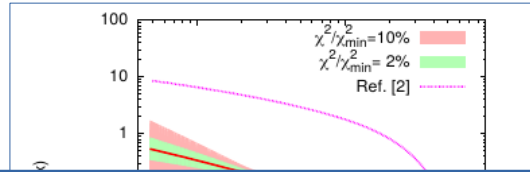


Maximized first kT moments for GSF, CGI-GPM (PRD99, 036013 (2019))

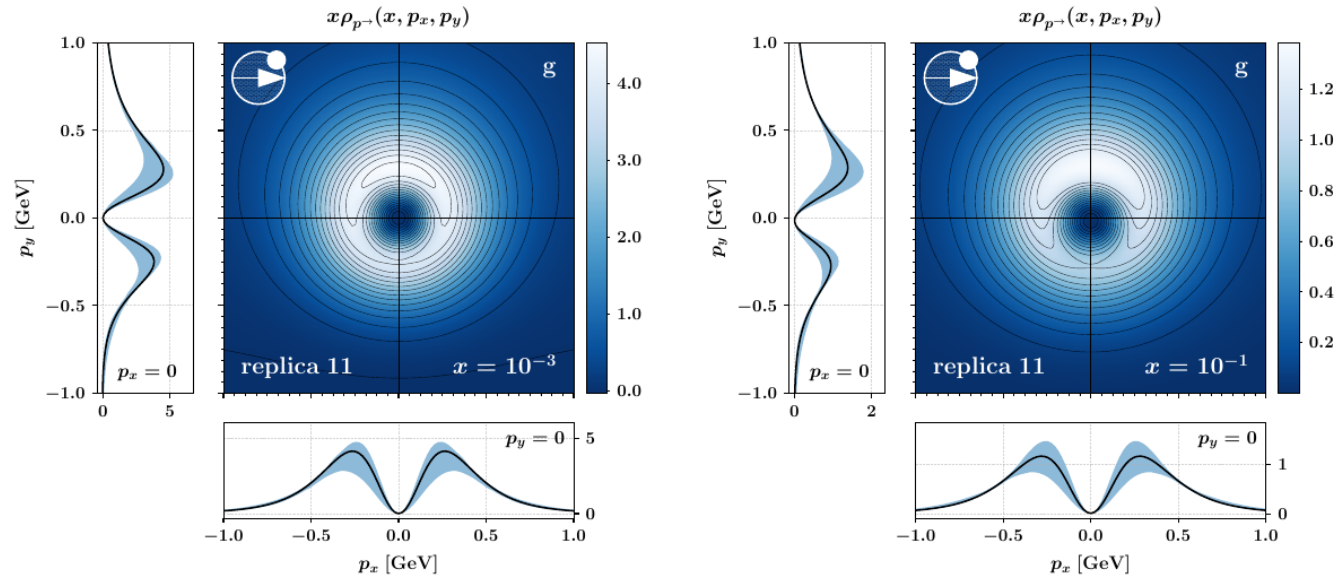
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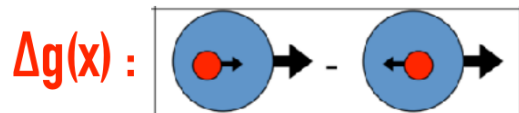
## Spectator model calculations



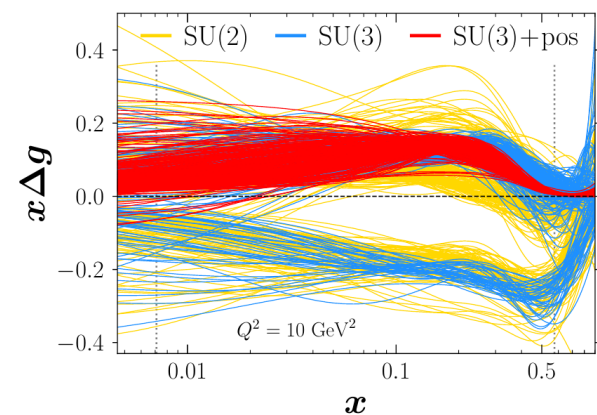
Unpolarized gluon density for a transversely polarized nucleon along X-axis, ( $Q=1.64$  GeV) in the **spectator model** - Bacchetta, Celiberto, Radici (EPJC 84 (2024) 6, 576)



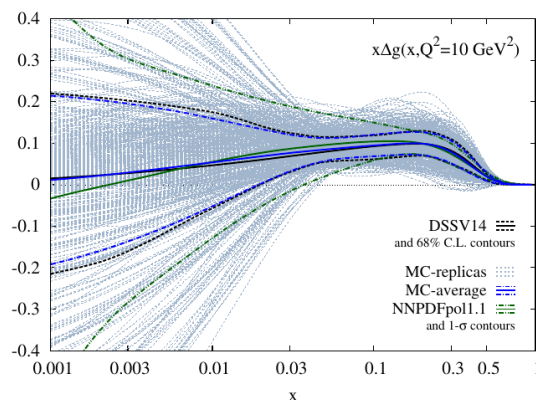
# Glun helicity distribution



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



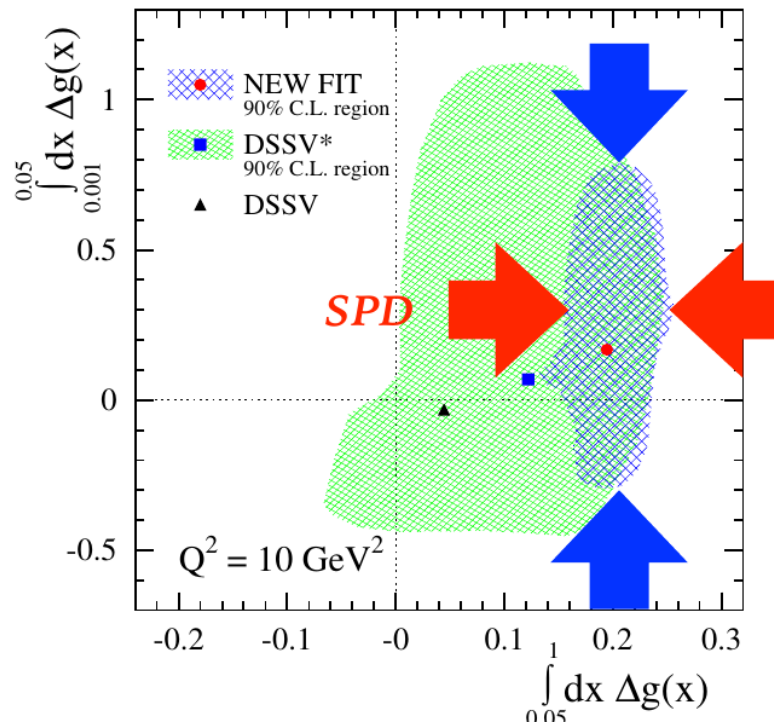
JAM Collaboration (2022)



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Other extractions: LSS15, JAM17

# Charmonia production as a probe of gluon TMD PDFs

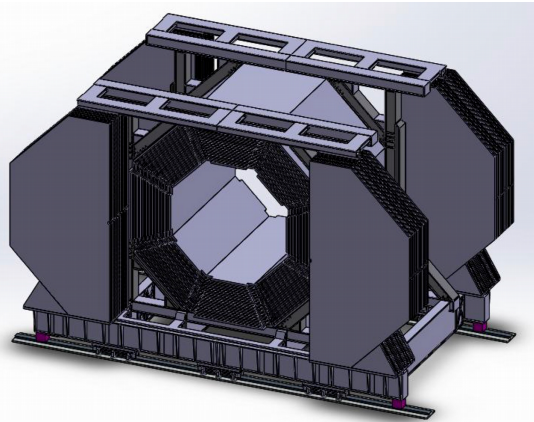
## Charmonia production

- dominated by gluon-gluon fusion
- high cross-section
- $J/\psi$  can be easily reconstructed from the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decay,  $\psi(2S)$  and  $\chi_{cJ}$  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
- $\eta_c$  might be the best probe, but its observation is challenging experimentally
- the  $J/\psi$  signal is “contaminated” by feed-down contributions

## Charmonia production at SPD

- High statistics, wide kinematic coverage
- Ability to measure also production properties of  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\chi_{c1}$  and  $\chi_{c2}$
- 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)

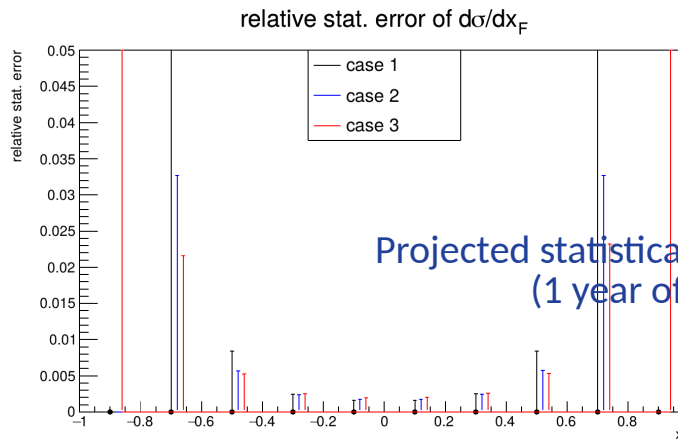
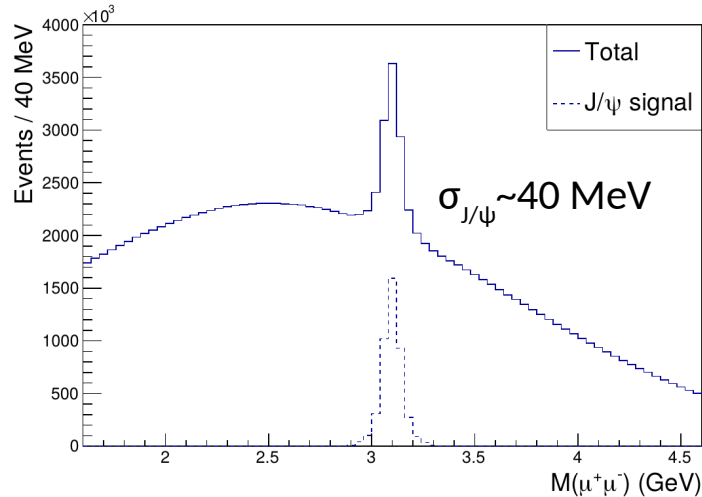
# Inclusive J/ψ measurements



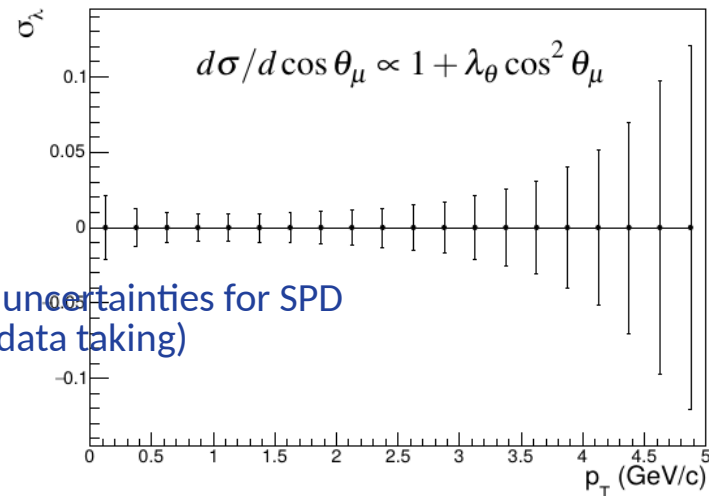
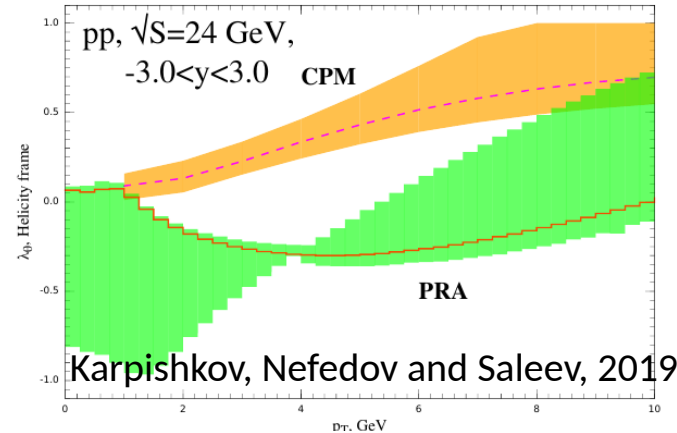
- Reconstruction efficiency: ~40%
- Statistics: ~ 4.5–5.0 M (selected events) per year
- Large background due to pion decays and muon misidentification in RS

## Observables:

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

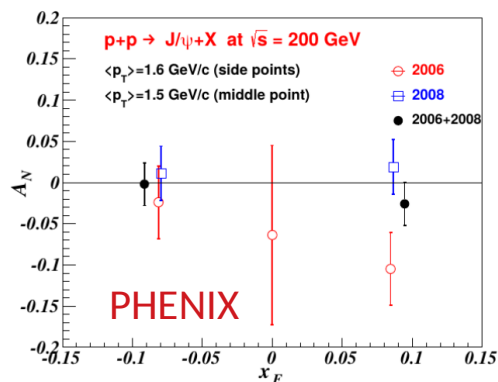


Projected statistical uncertainties for SPD  
(1 year of data taking)



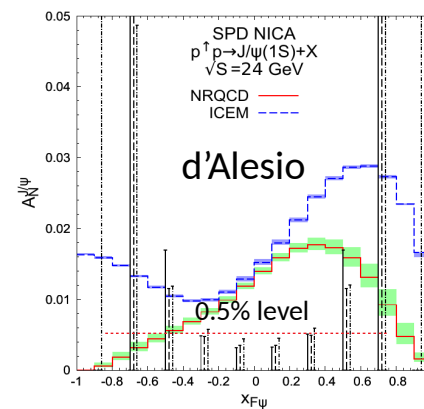
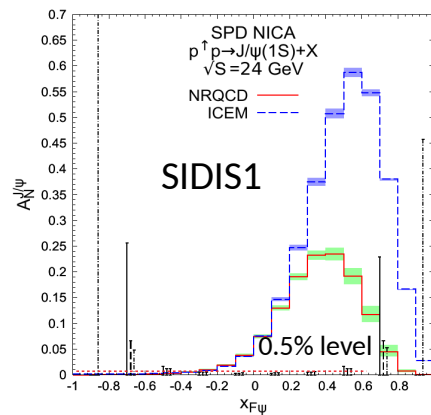
# $A_N$ for inclusive $J/\psi$ production

$$\sigma(\phi) \propto 1 + P \cdot A_N \sin(\phi_{\text{pol}} - \phi)$$

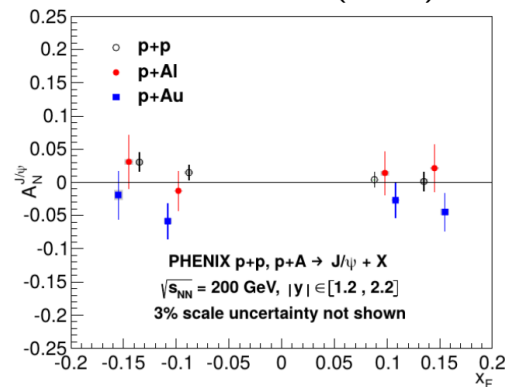


GPM

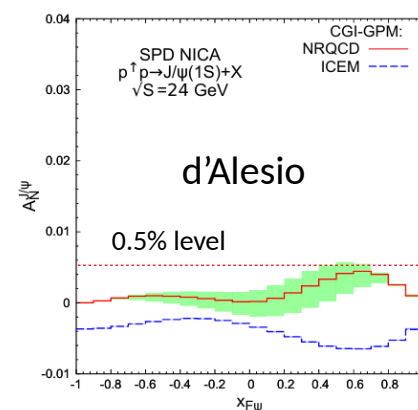
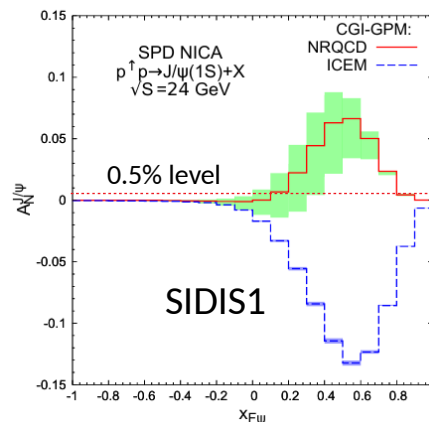
Projected stat. uncertainties and predictions from PRD104, 016008 (2021)



PRD82, 112008 (2010)



CGI-GPM



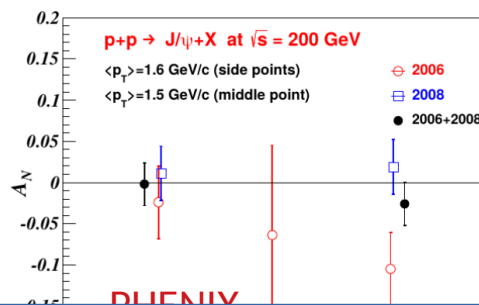
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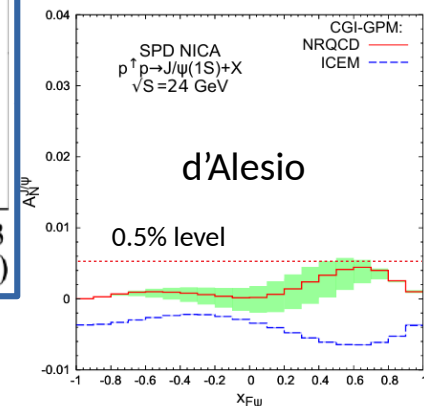
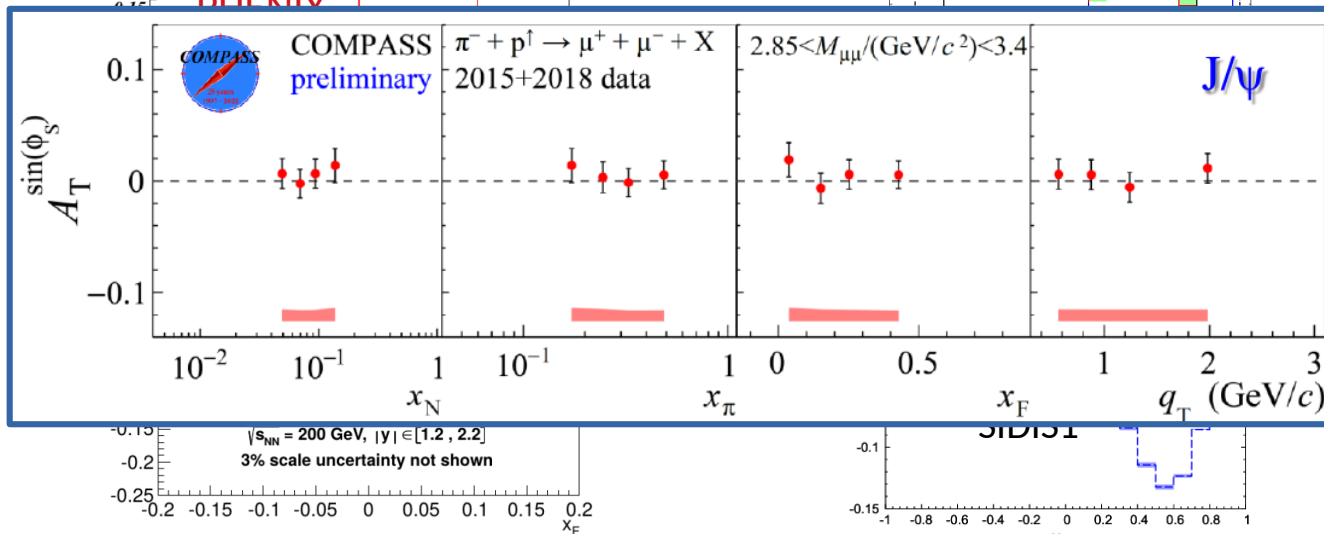
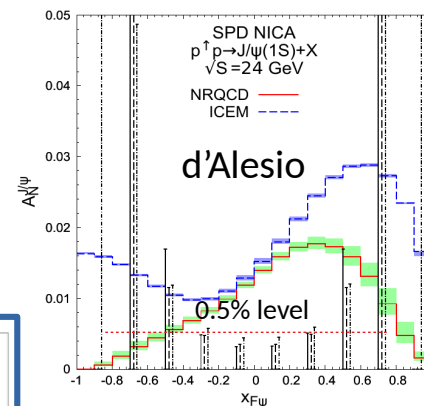
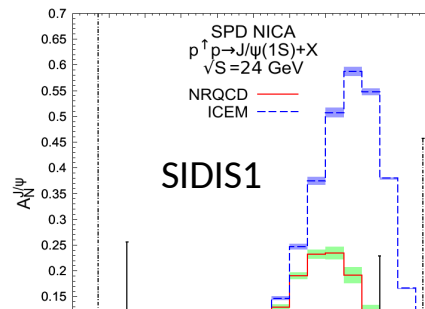
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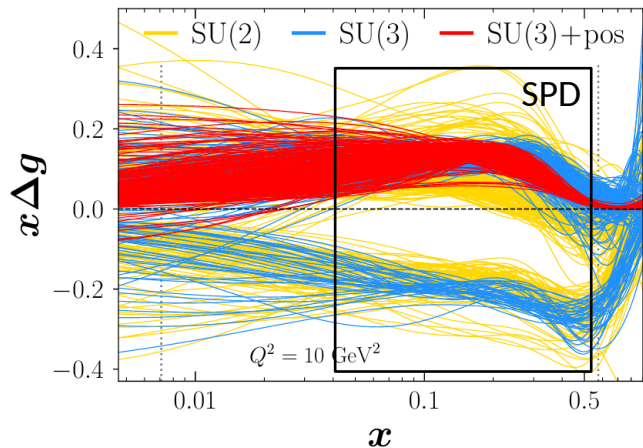
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# $A_{LL}$ for inclusive $J/\psi$ production

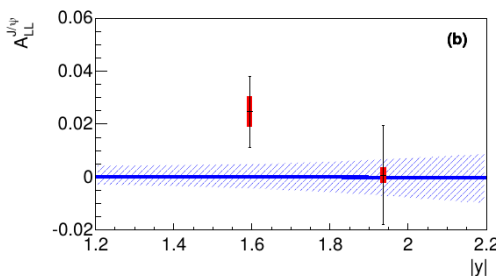
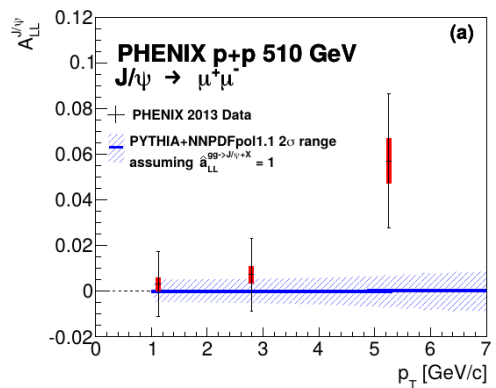
$$A_{LL}^{J/\psi} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++} + \sigma^{+-}}$$

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



JAM (2022)

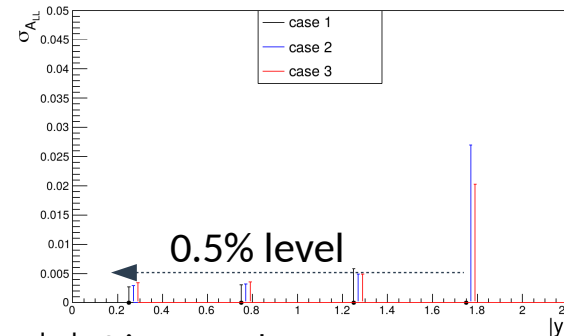
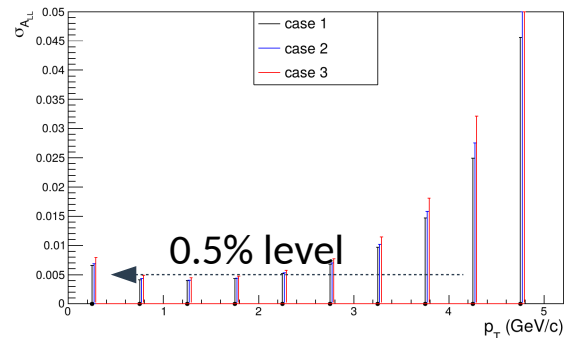
PRD94 112008 (2016)



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

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

Projected statistical uncertainties for SPD



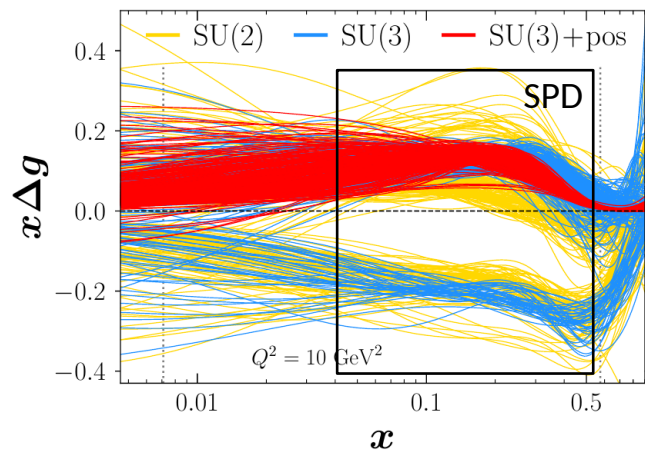
- $|y| < 2$  is covered
- At SPD both  $\Delta g(x_1)$  and  $\Delta g(x_2)$  are expected to be close to the maximum
- A measurable  $A_{LL}$  of the order of 1-10% can be expected



# $A_{LL}$ for inclusive $J/\psi$ production (impact of SPD measurements)

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

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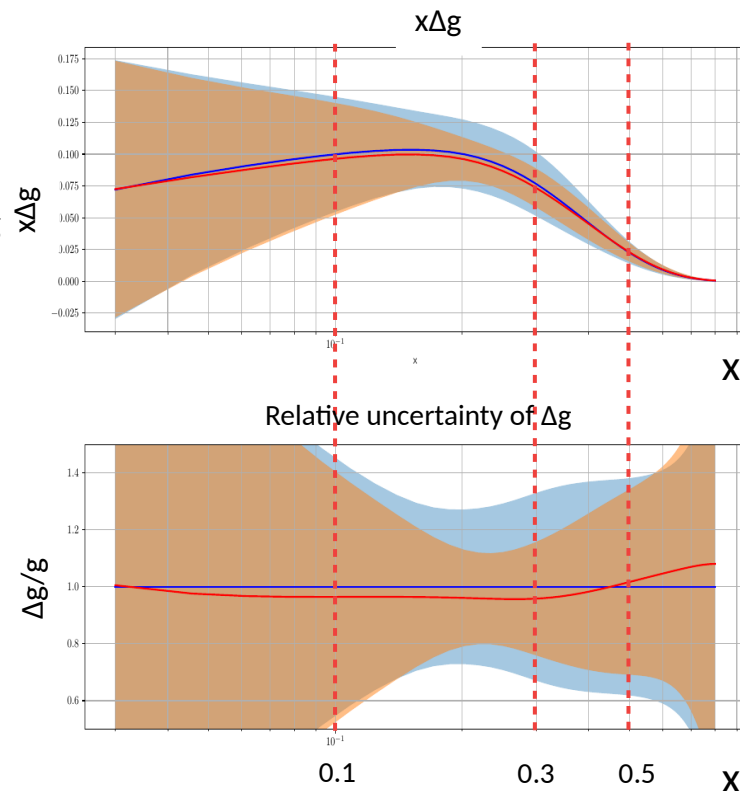


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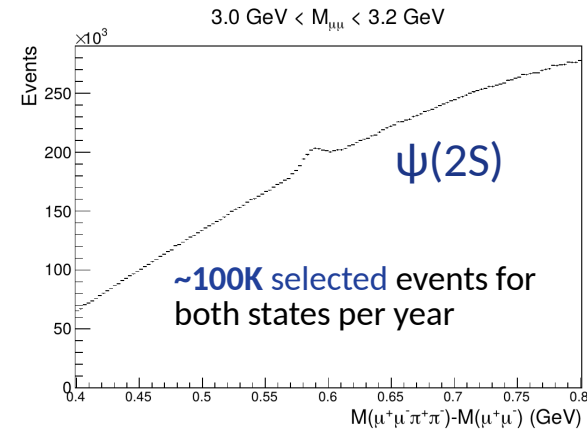
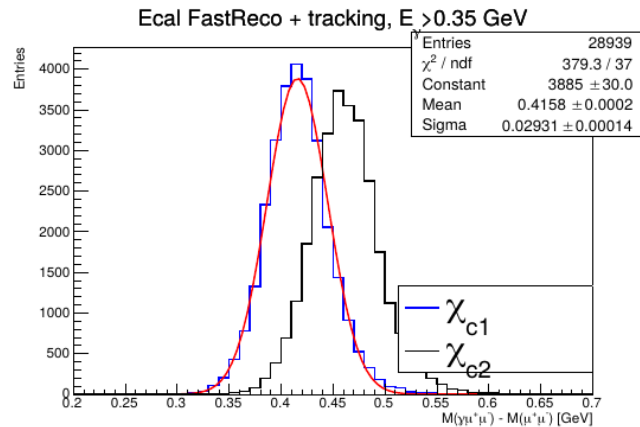
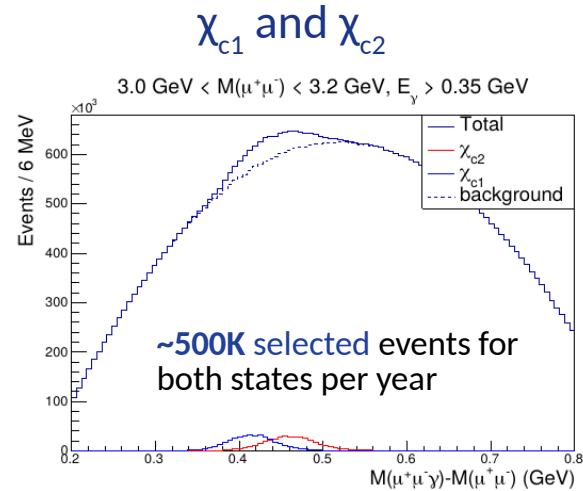
Impact of SPD data is estimated by

- 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  $\sim 2$  for  $x \sim 0.2-0.3$ .

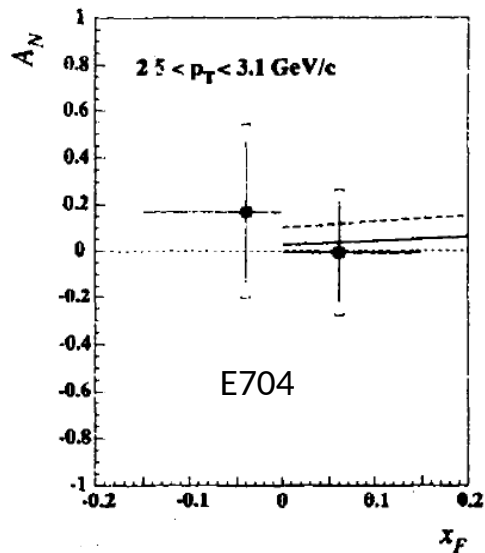


# On other measurements with charmonia



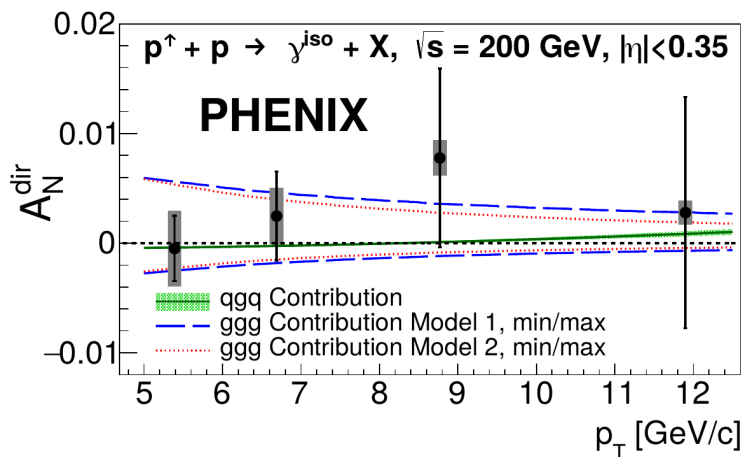
- $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}, \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \phi\phi?$ 
  - 500K selected events for  $\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}$
  - huge background
- Double  $J/\psi$  production
  - 50-100 events/year for both  $J/\psi$  dilepton decay modes
  - pT dependence complementary to high energy experiments
-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

# Prompt photons: $A_N$

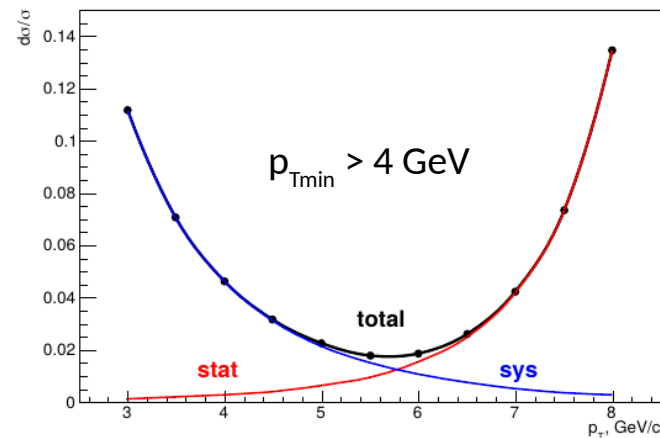


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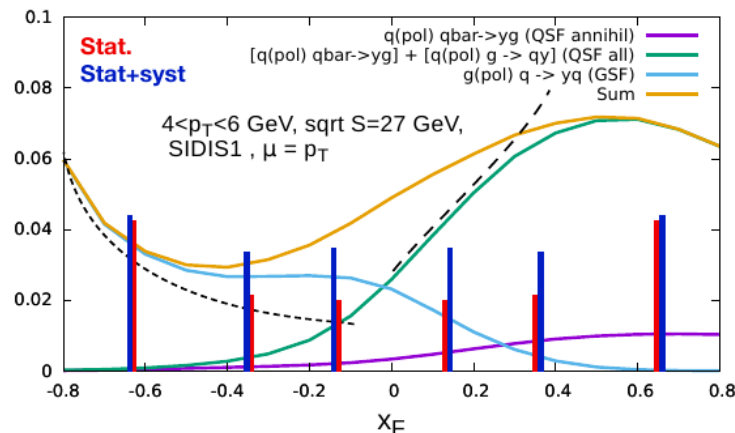
- Straightforward theoretical interpretation
- Sensitive to  $\Delta g$  sign
- **very challenging experimentally**



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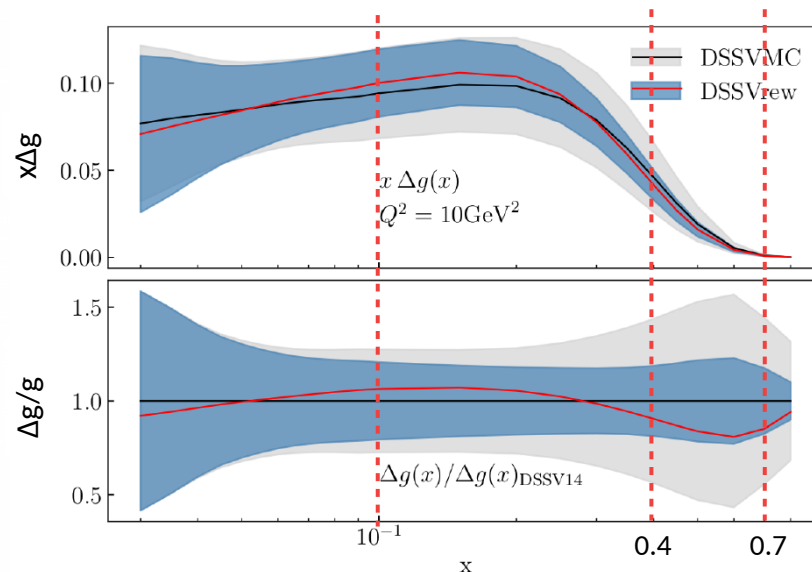
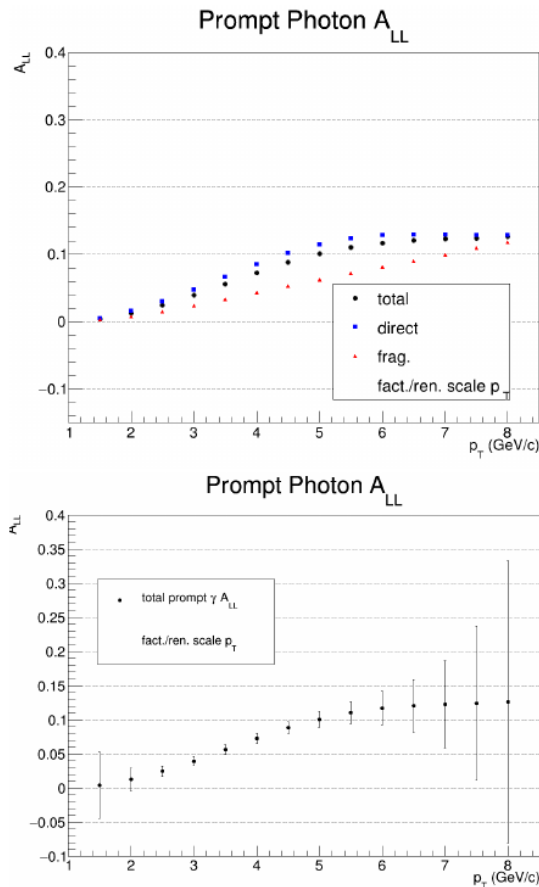
Predictions: Saleev, Shipilova, 2020

# Prompt photons: $A_{LL}$

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

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

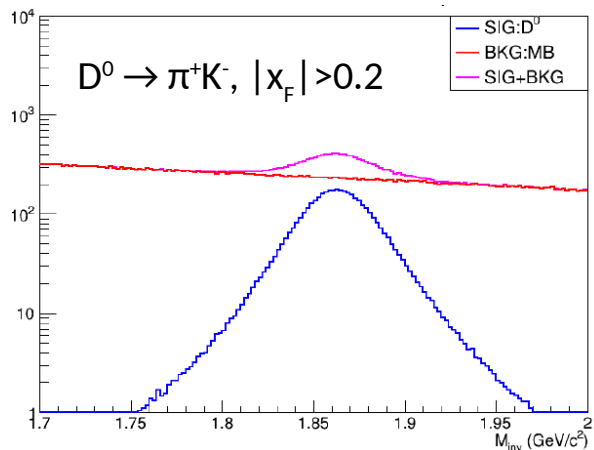
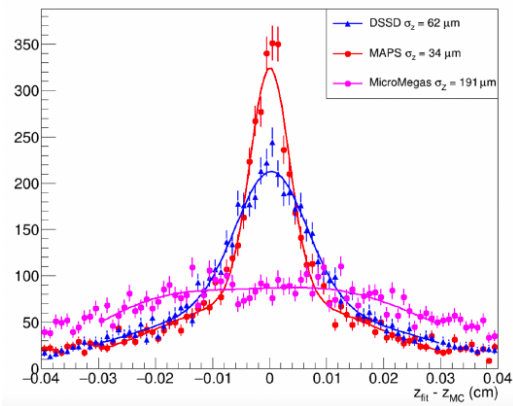


Predictions with new “data” added (top) and ratio of the uncertainties (bottom).  
Courtesy R. Sassot, I. Borsa, 2021.

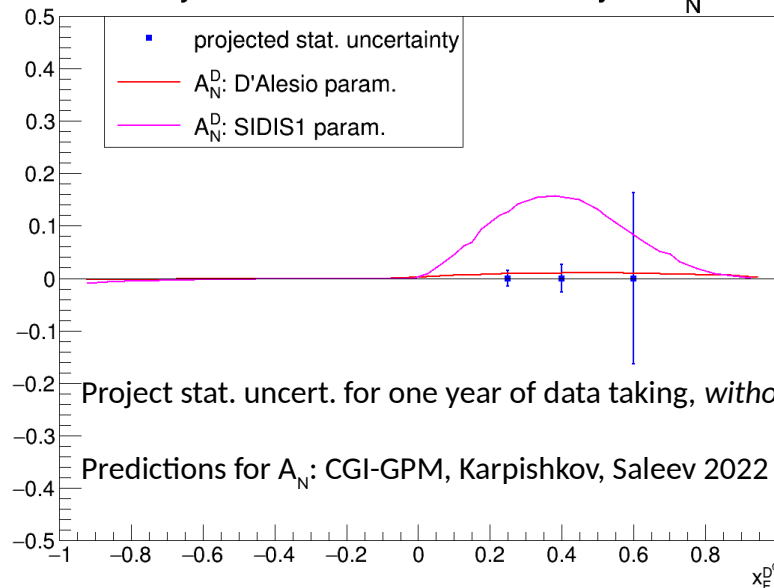
Uncertainties are reduced by factor of 2 for  $0.4 < x < 0.7$

# 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  $J/\psi$ )
- 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:

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

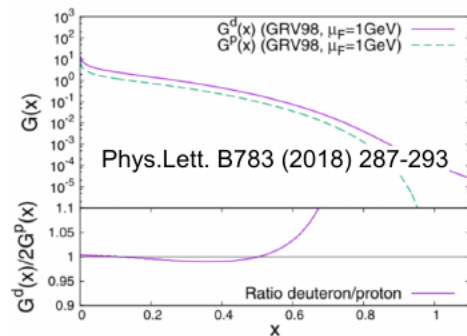
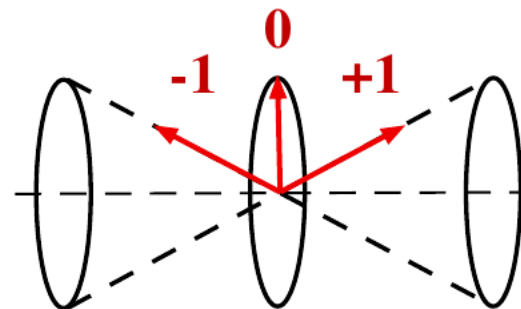
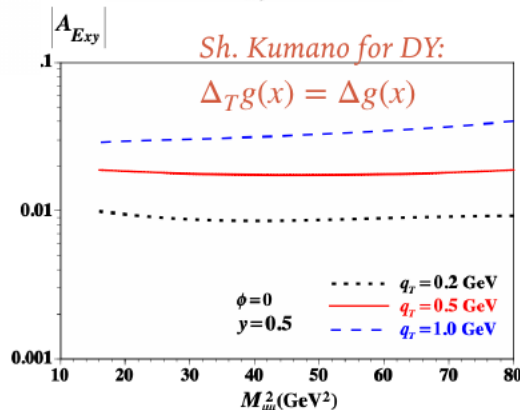
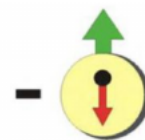
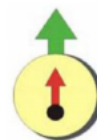
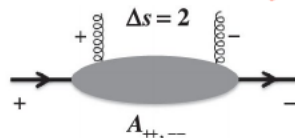


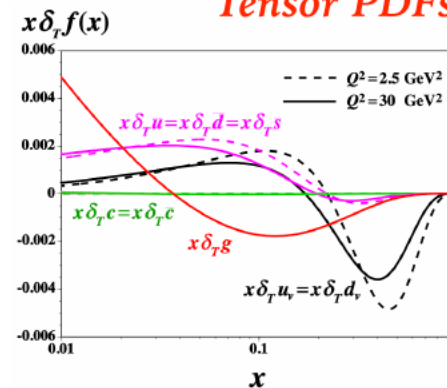
Fig. 6. Gluon PDF in the deuteron and in the nucleon.

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



VIII SPD Collaboration meeting, Dubna, November 2024

Overall > 30 institutes, ~400 members

<https://spd.jinr.ru>

## MoU under preparation:

- NRC “Kurchatov Institute”, Moscow (NRC KI)
- 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
- Higher Institute of Technologies and Applied Sciences, Havana

# 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.
- **We are extremely interested in new people (especially students) to be involved physics simulation, development of reconstruction algorithms, software development!**