

Conceptual Design Report of the SPD

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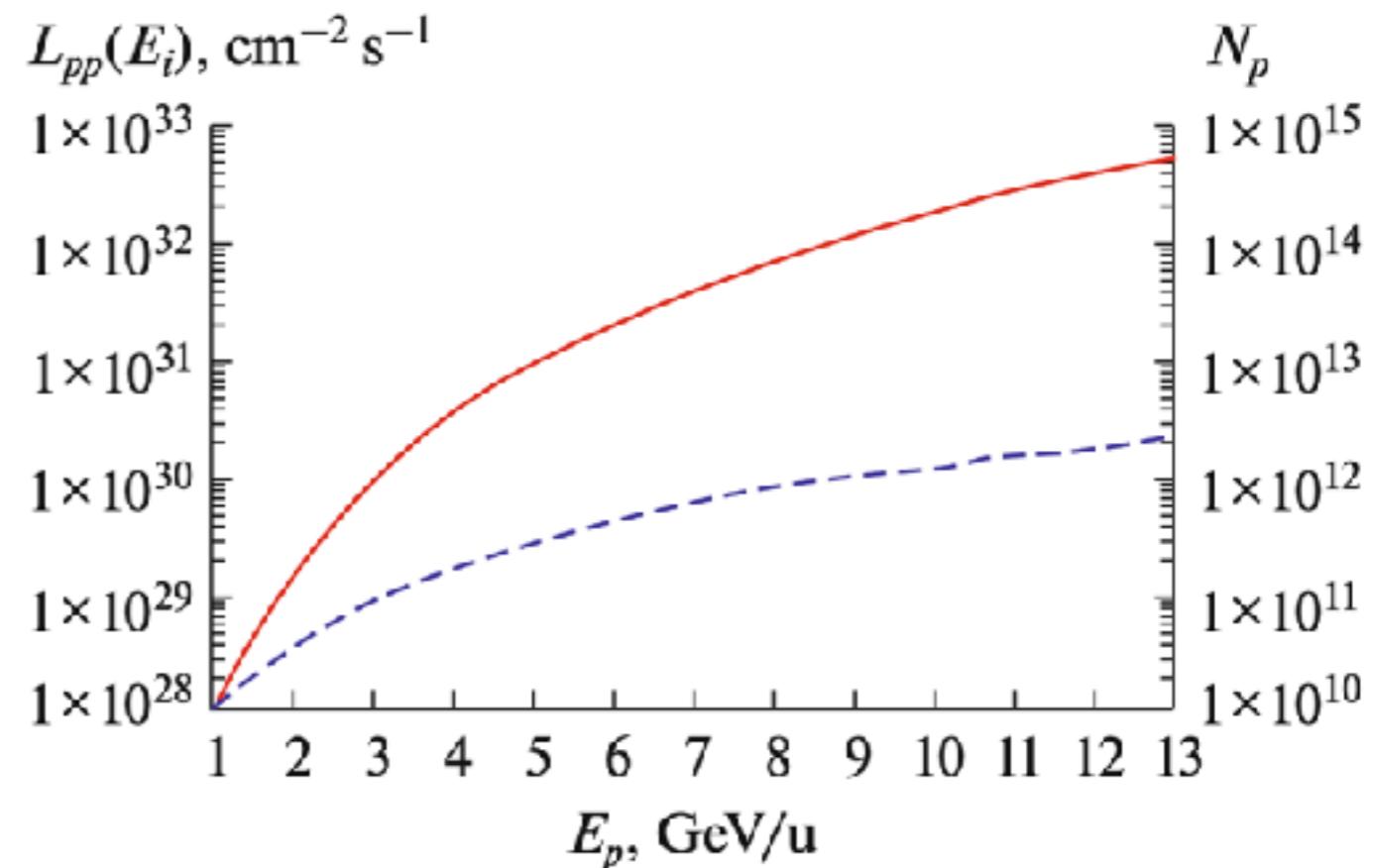
THE NUCLOTRON-BASED ION COLLIDER FACILITY (NICA) PROJECT AT JINR



NICA

SPD - EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

circumference	- 503 m,
number of collision points (IP)	- 2,
beta function β_{\min} in the IP	- 0.35 m,
number of protons per bunch	- $\sim 1 \cdot 10^{12}$,
number of bunches	- 22,
RMS bunch length	- 0.5 m,
incoherent tune shift, Δ_{Lasslett}	- 0.027,
beam-beam parameter, ξ	- 0.067,
beam emittance ε_{nrm} (normalized) at 12.5 GeV, π mm mrad	- 0.15.
$ P > 0.6$	



Beam energies:

$p \uparrow p \uparrow (\sqrt{s_{pp}}) = 12 \div \geq 27 \text{ GeV}$ ($5 \div \geq 12.6 \text{ GeV}$ of proton kinetic energy),
 $d \uparrow d \uparrow (\sqrt{s_{NN}}) = 4 \div \geq 13.8 \text{ GeV}$ ($2 \div \geq 5.9 \text{ GeV/u}$ of ion kinetic energy).

Unique possibility!

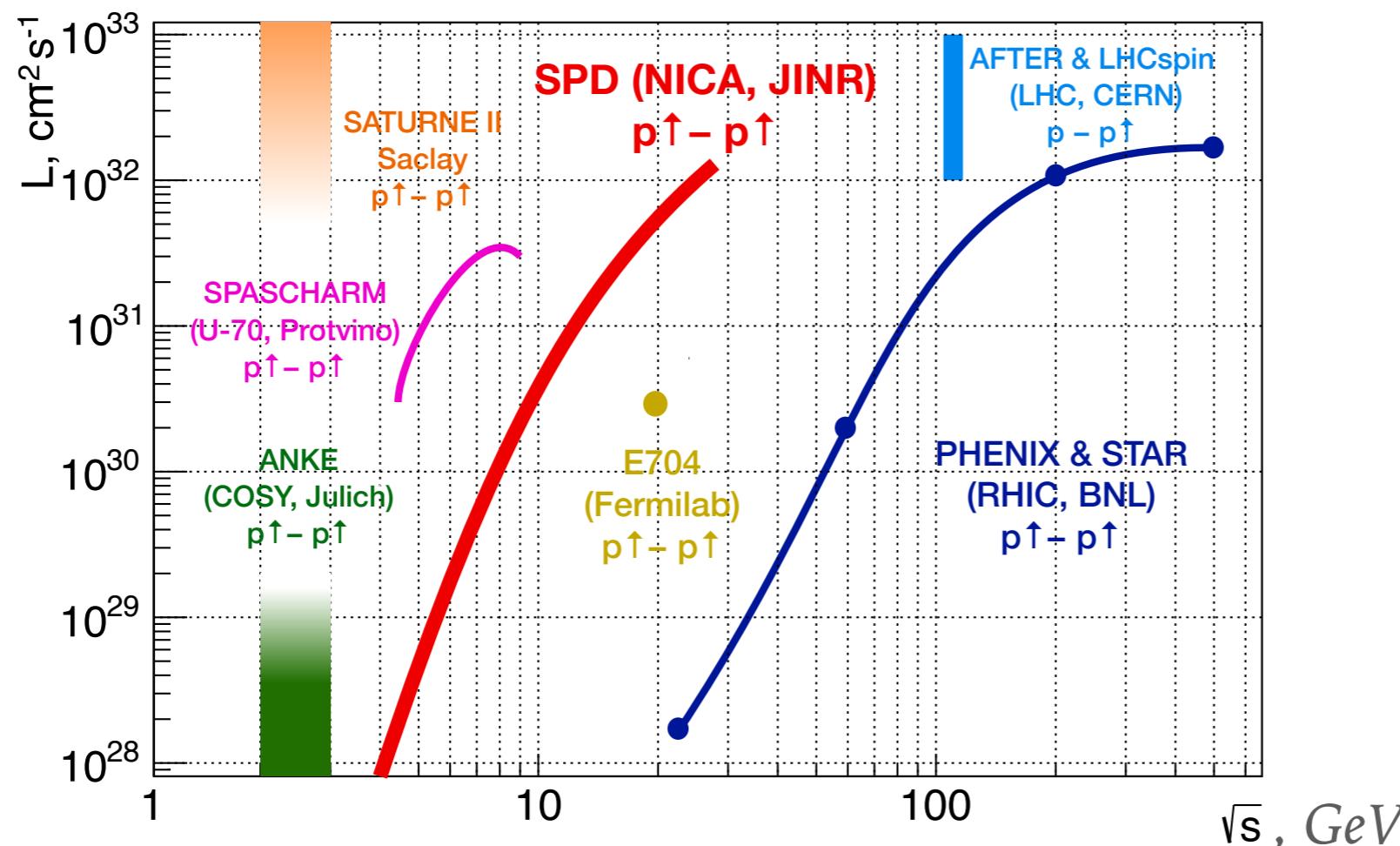
also $p \uparrow d \uparrow$

All combinations of collisions are possible -

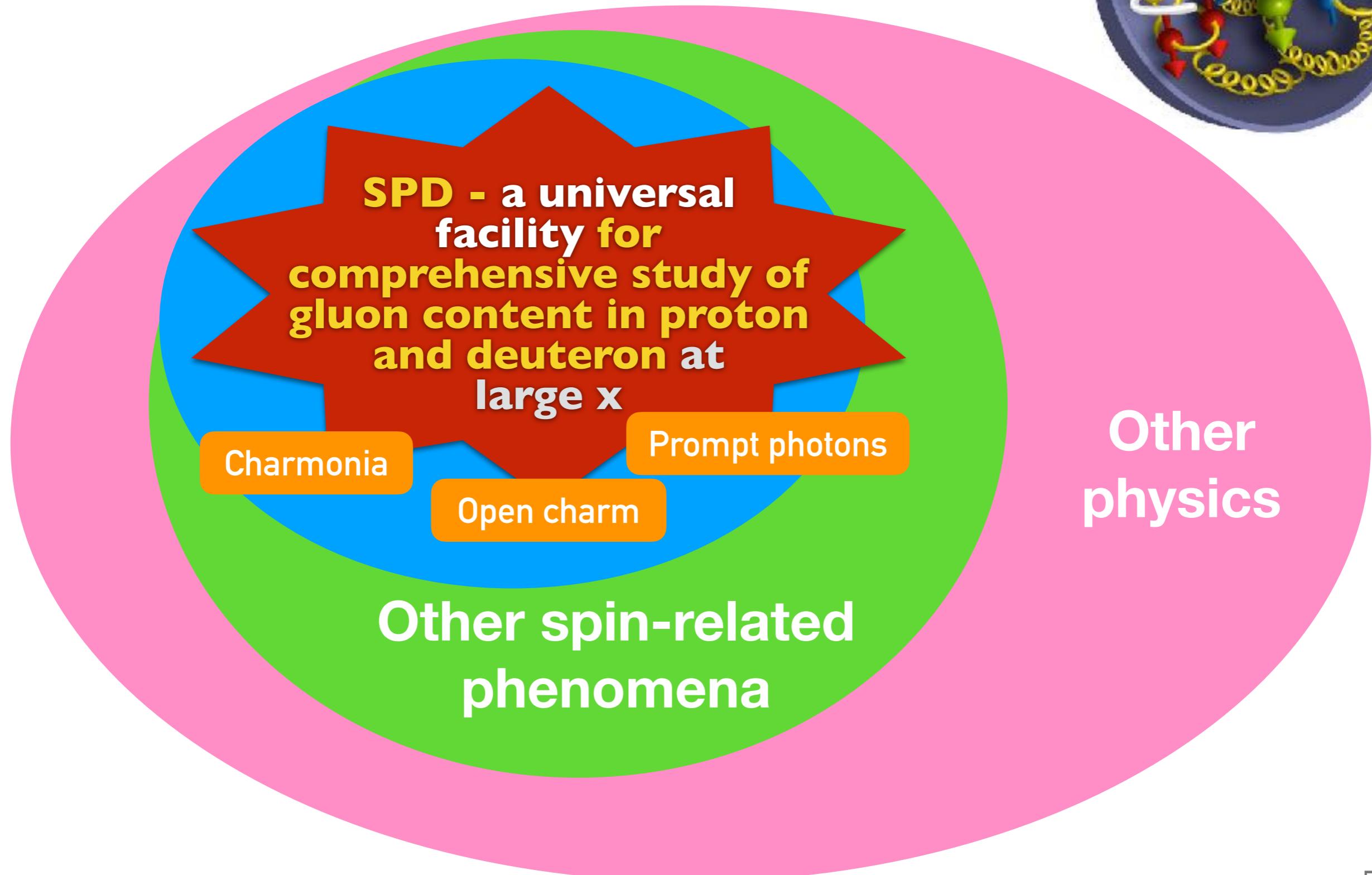
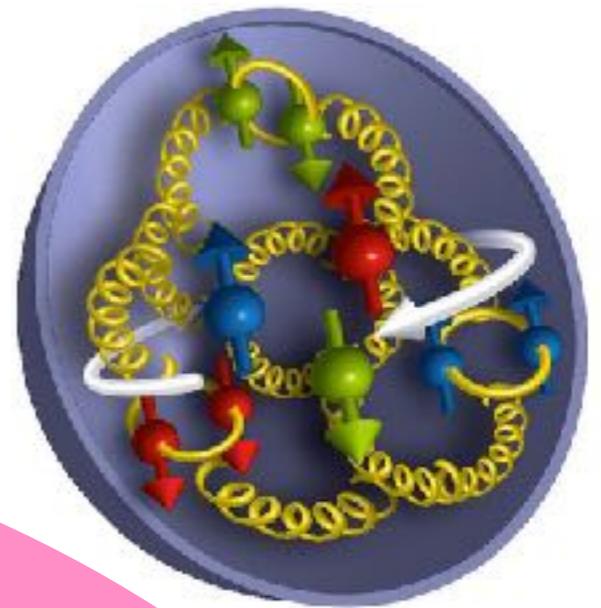
UU, LL, TT, UL, UT, LT

SPD - VS OTHERS

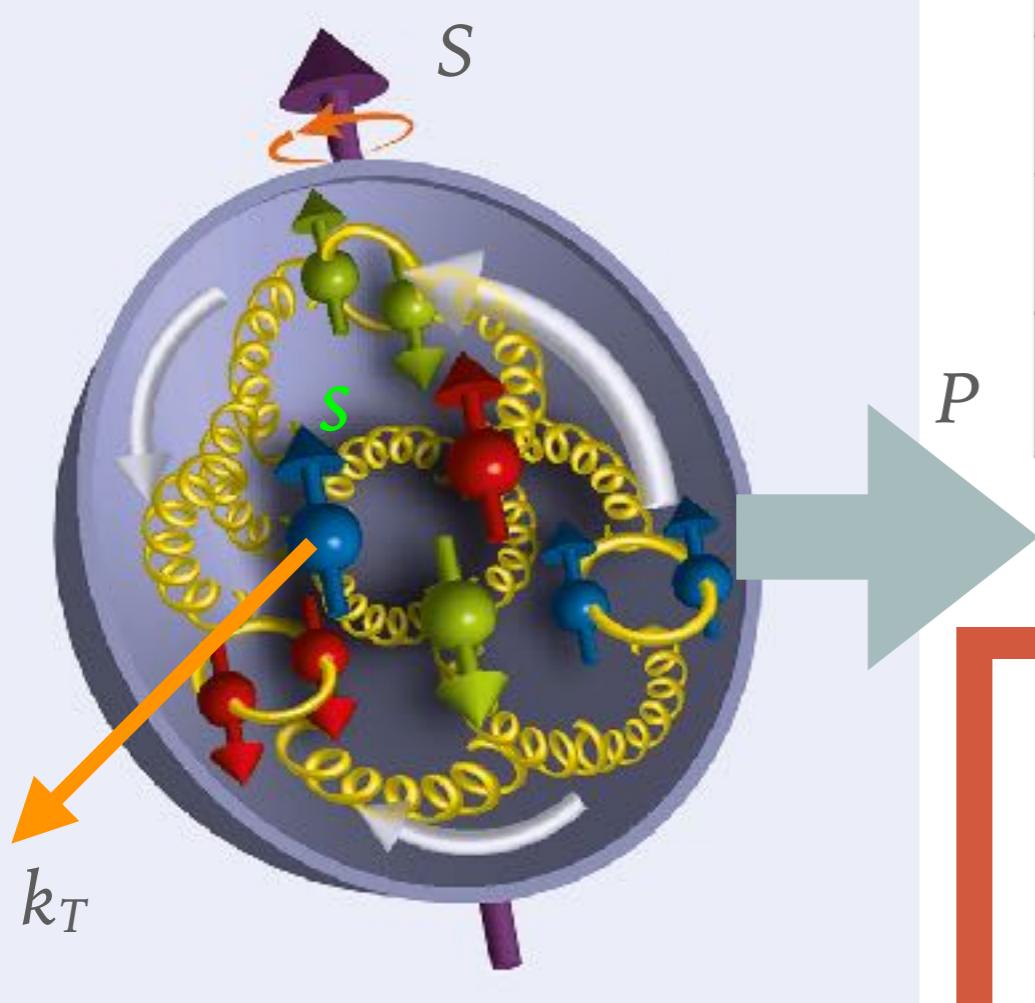
Experimental facility	SPD @NICA	RHIC	EIC	AFTER @LHC	LHCspin
Scientific center	JINR	BNL	BNL	CERN	CERN
Operation mode	collider	collider	collider	fixed target	fixed target
Colliding particles & polarization	$p^\uparrow-p^\uparrow$ $d^\uparrow-d^\uparrow$ $p^\uparrow-d$, $p-d^\uparrow$	$p^\uparrow-p^\uparrow$	$e^\uparrow-p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow, {}^3\text{He}^\uparrow$	$p-p^\uparrow, d^\uparrow$	$p-p^\uparrow$
Center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	≤ 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



CONCEPT OF THE SPD PHYSICS PROGRAM



SPIN STRUCTURE OF NUCLEON



Momentum of proton

Spin of proton

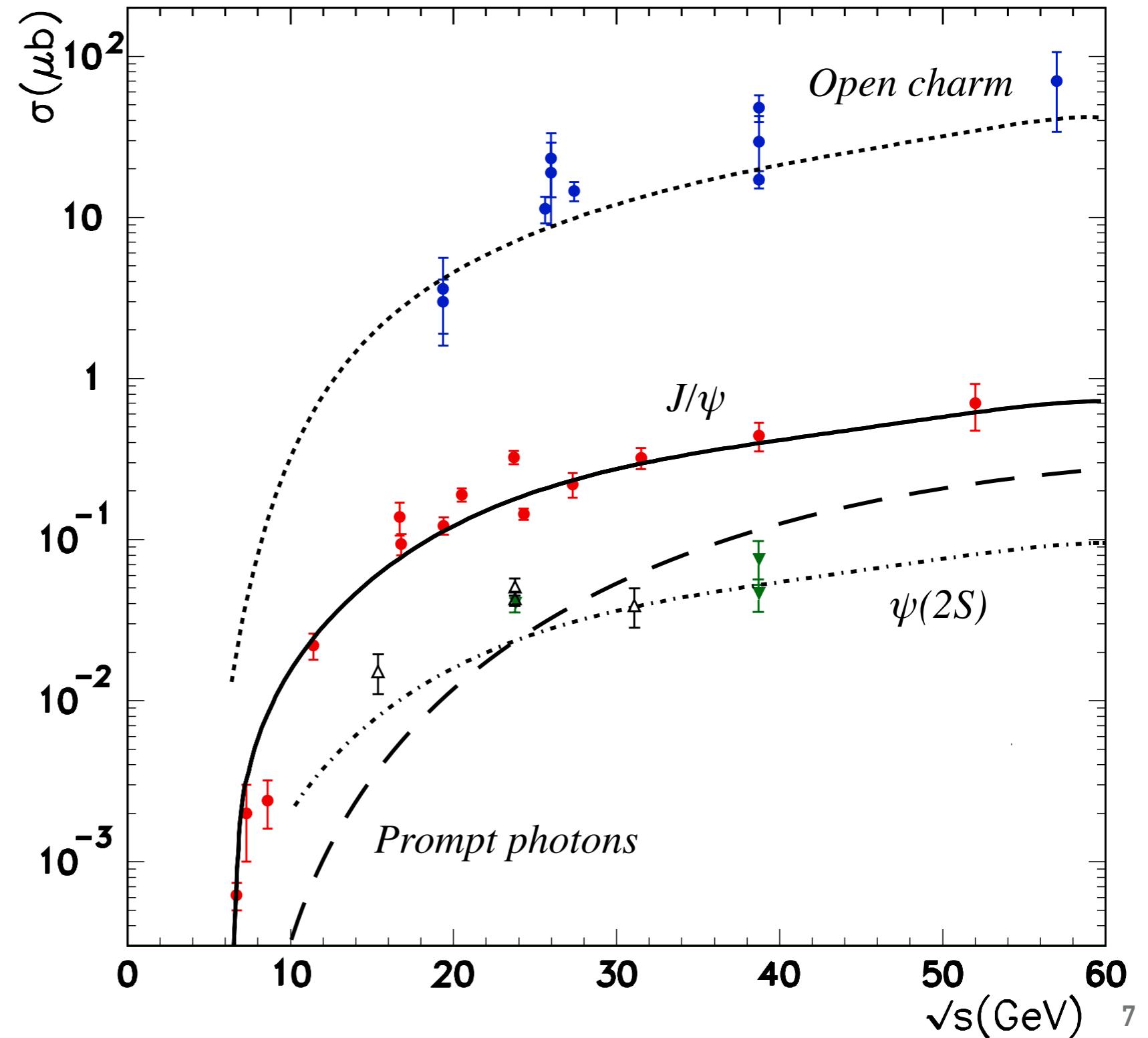
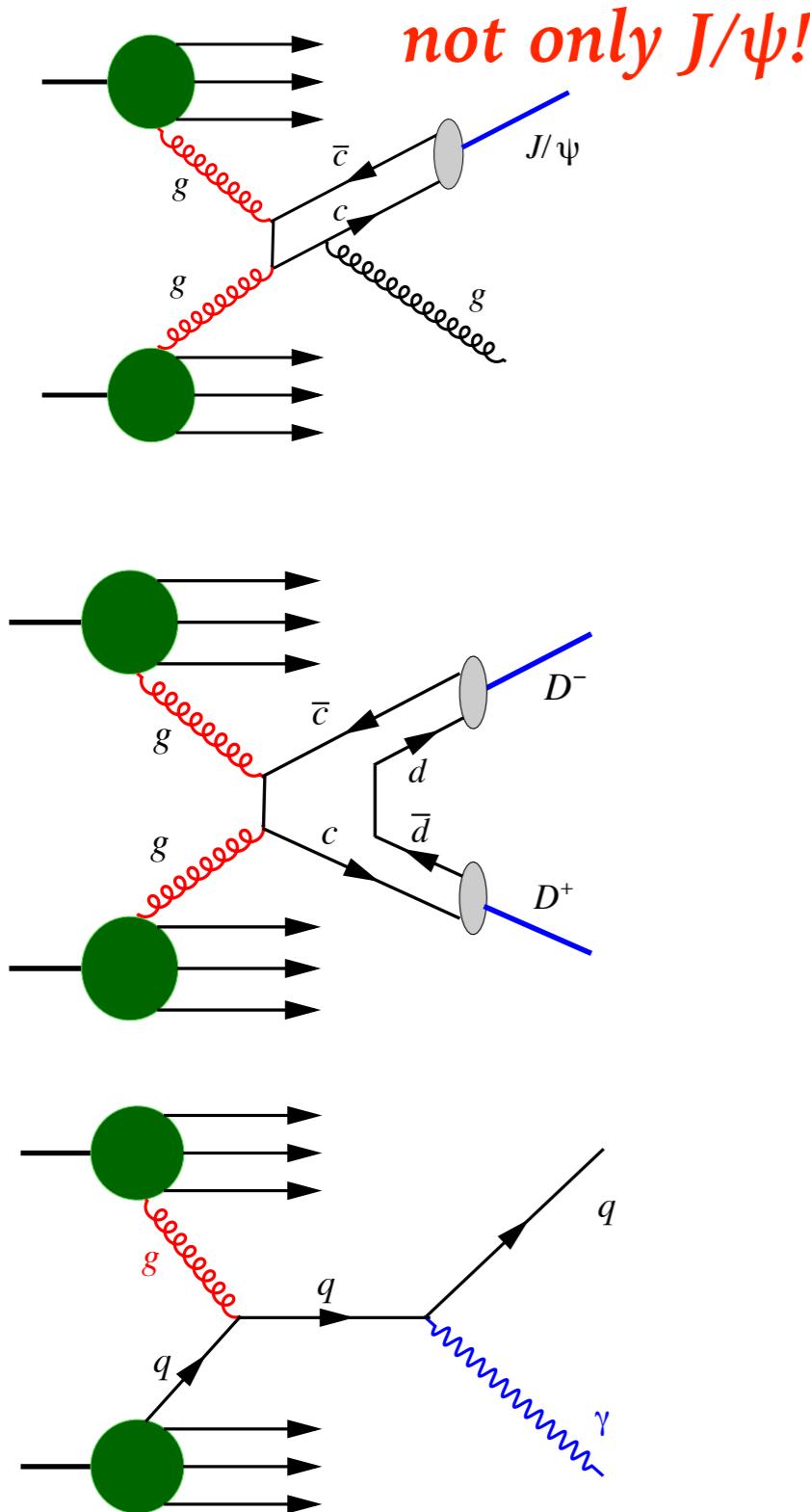
Spin of parton

Transverse momentum of parton

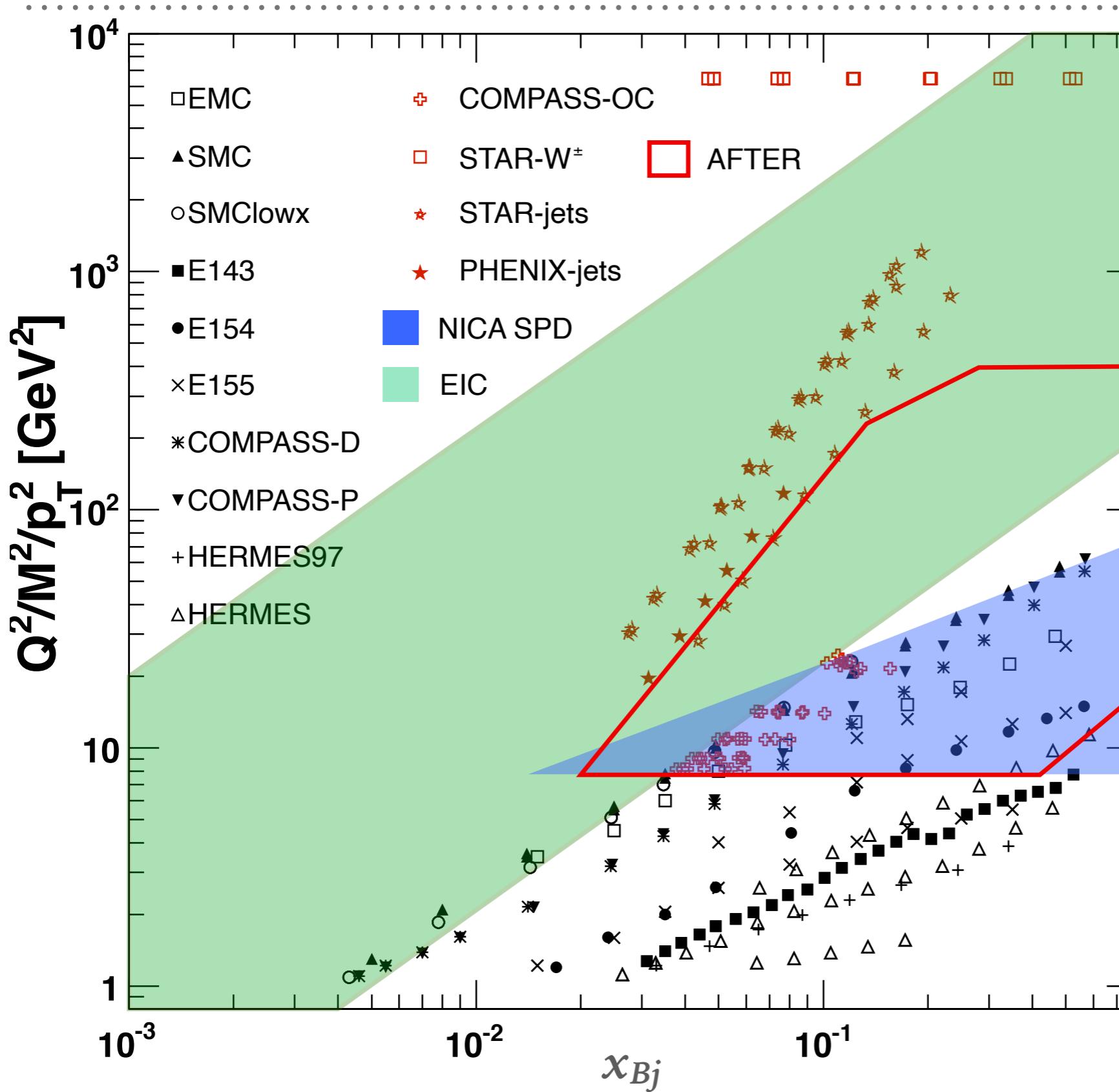
QUARKS	<i>unpolarized</i>	<i>chiral</i>	<i>transverse</i>
U	f_1		h_1^\perp
L		g_{1L}	h_{1L}^\perp
T	f_{1T}^\perp	g_{1T}	h_{1T}, h_{1T}^\perp

GLUONS	<i>unpolarized</i>	<i>circular</i>	<i>linear</i>
U	f_1^g		$h_1^{\perp g}$
L		g_{1L}^g	$h_{1L}^{\perp g}$
T	$f_{1T}^{\perp g}$	g_{1T}^g	$h_{1T}^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$

GLUON PROBES AT SPD



MAIN PLAYERS IN POLARIZED GLUON PHYSICS



SPD can cover this range for polarised gluon studies in p^\uparrow - p^\uparrow interactions!

open charm

charmonia

high- p_T prompt photons

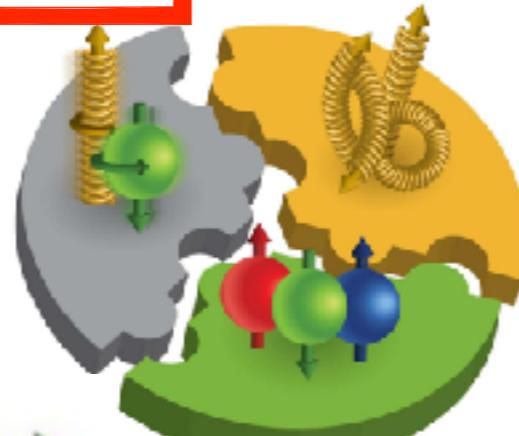
PARTONIC STRUCTURE OF PROTON AND DEUTERON

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

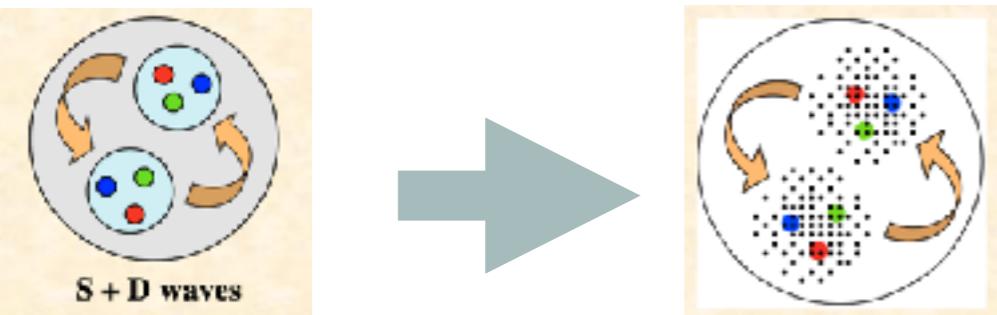
$A_{TT}(x_F, p_T)$ $A_N(x_F, p_T)$

Spin crisis:

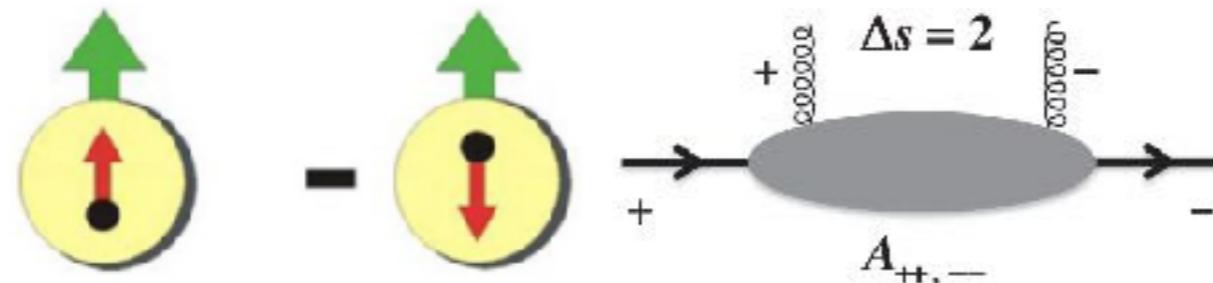
Gluon helicity



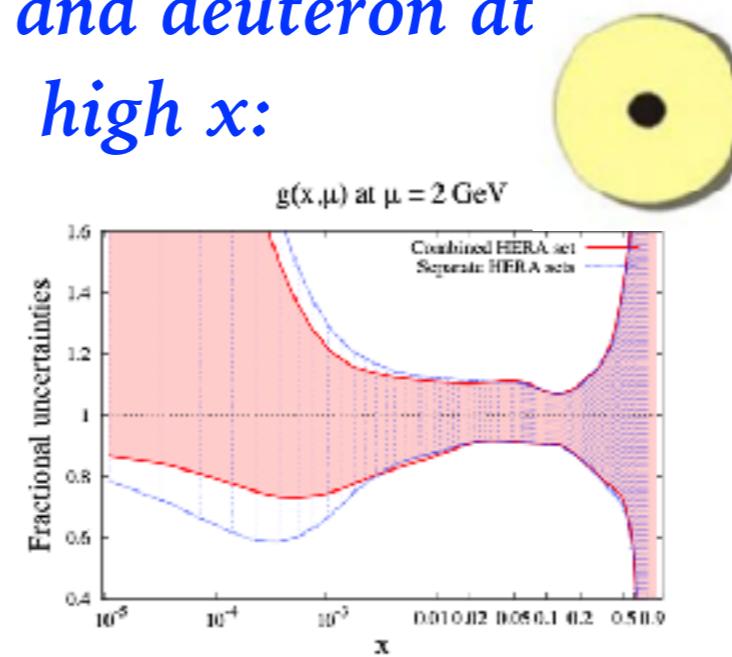
Nonbaryonic content of deuteron:



Gluon transversity



Unpolarized gluons in proton and deuteron at high x :



Tensor structure of deuteron:

Spin-1 System

$m = +1$



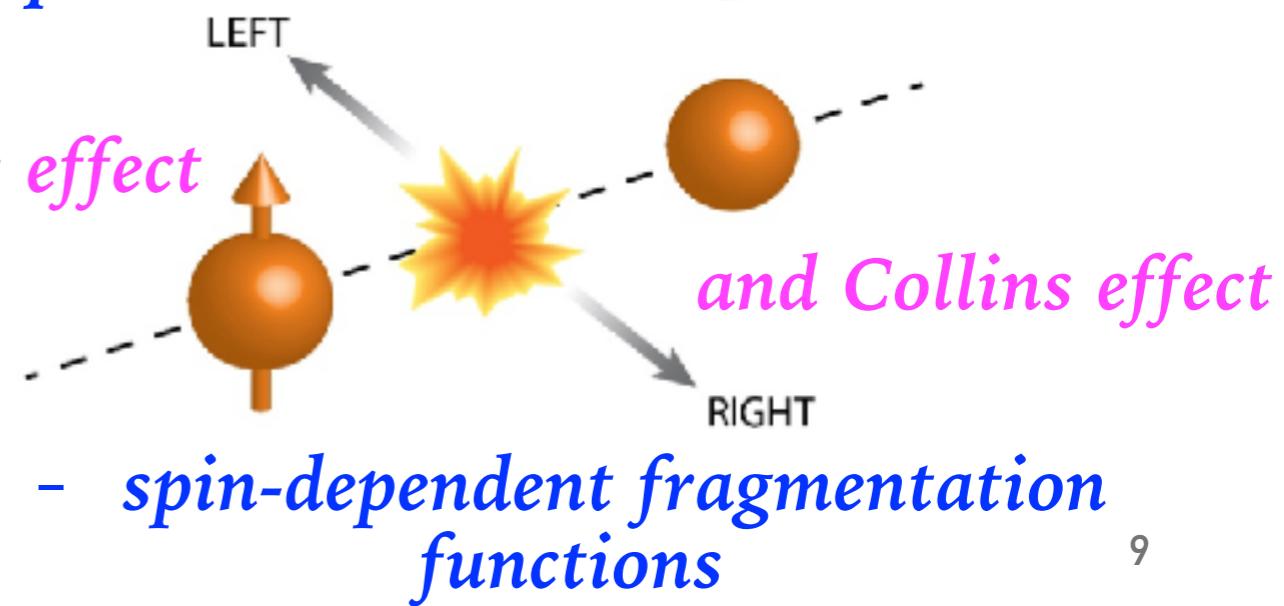
$m = 0$



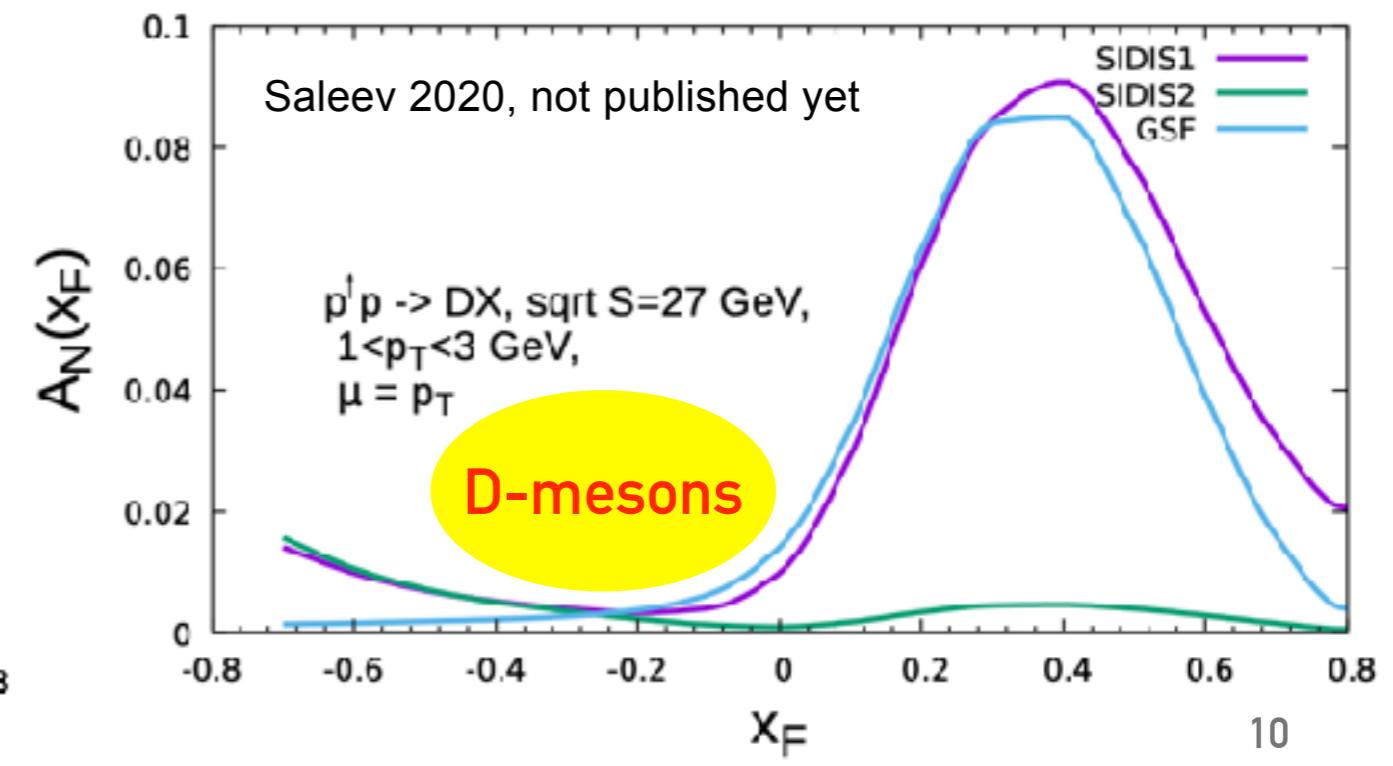
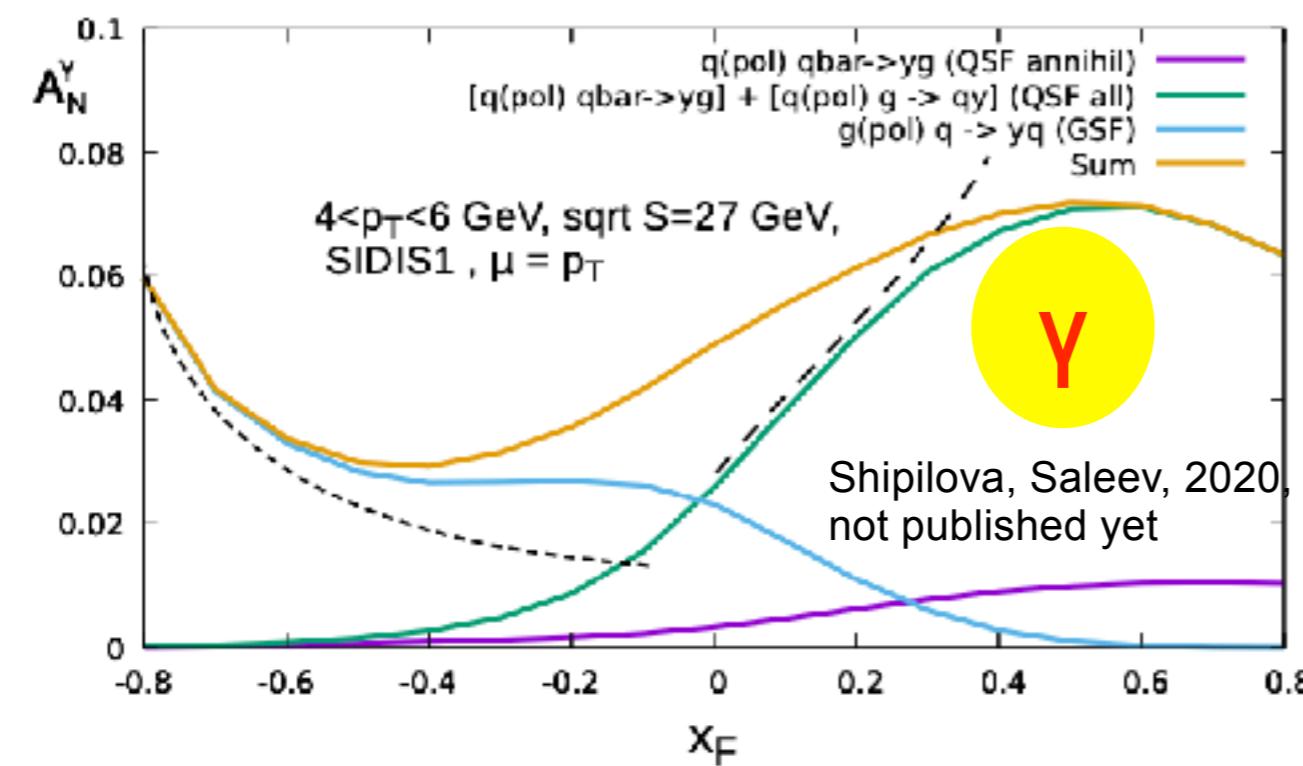
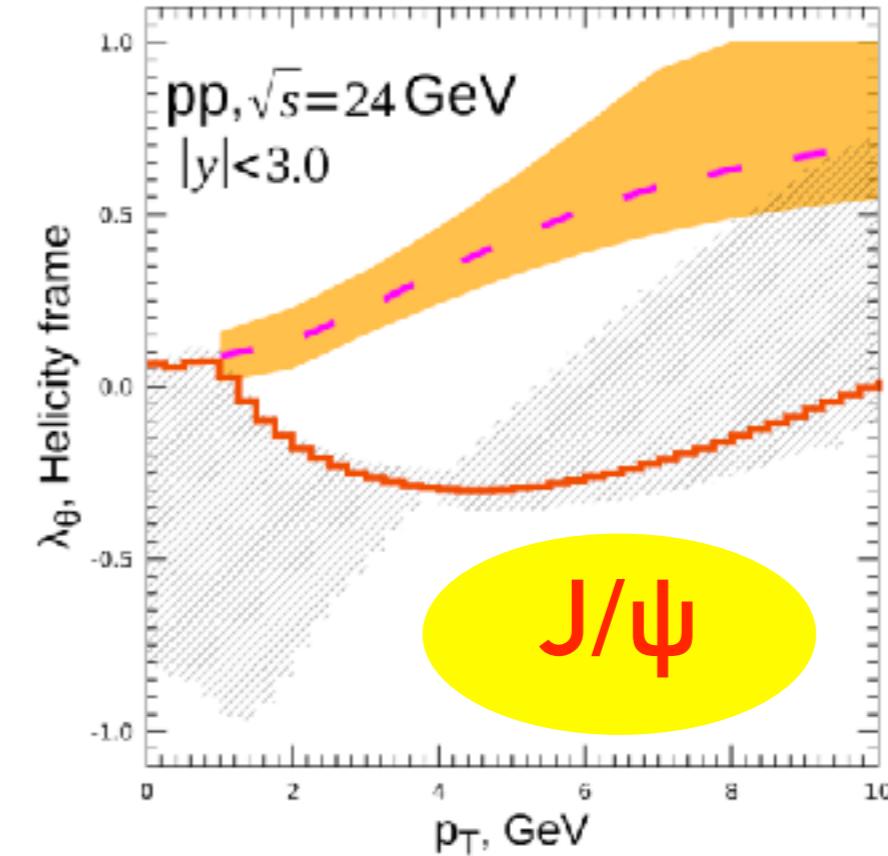
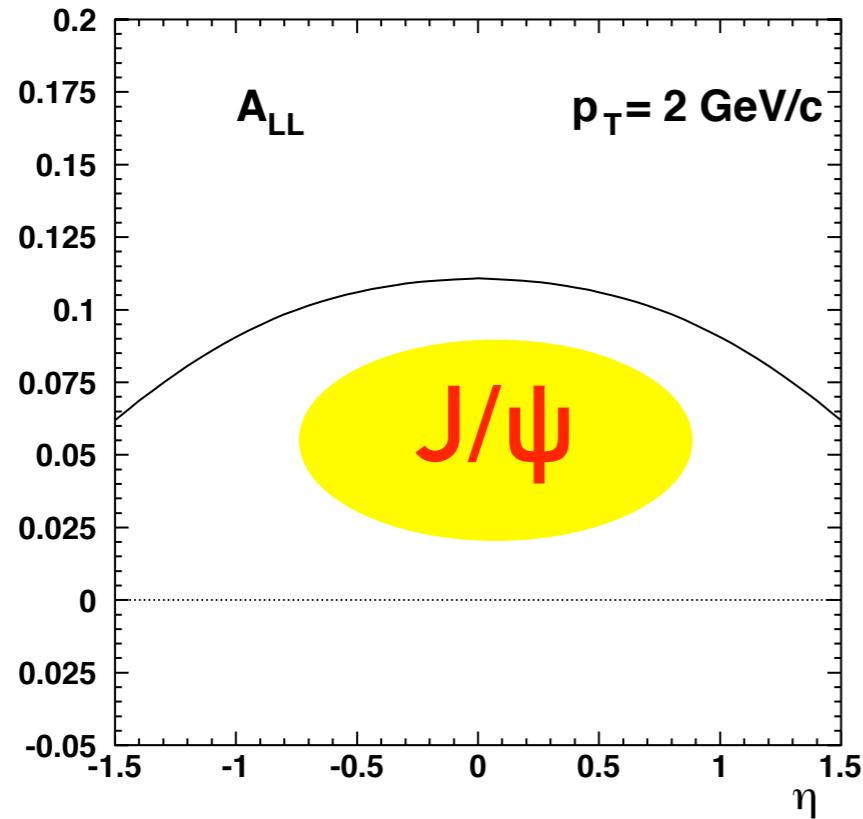
$m = -1$



Gluon and quark TMD PDFs:



EXPECTATIONS FOR SPD ENERGIES



MORE DETAILS ABOUT GLUON PHYSICS AT SPD:

[arXiv:2011.15005](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.15005)

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

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PHYSICS OF THE FIRST STAGE OF **SPD** RUNNING

- Spin effects in p-p, p-d and d-d elastic scattering
- Spin effects in hyperons production
- Multiquark correlations
- Dibaryon resonances
- Physics of light and intermediate nuclei collision
- Exclusive reactions
- Open charm and charmonia near threshold
- Auxiliary measurements for astrophysics
- ...

SPD SETUP: GENERAL CONDITIONS

Detector mass must be kept below 1500 ton together with lodgement and moving system

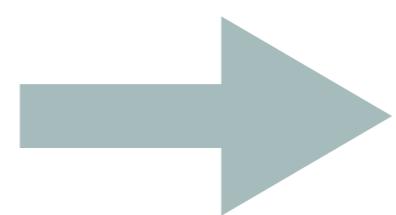
No effective muon ID with muon system with $< 4 \lambda_I$

Strong limitation to geometrical size of the setup

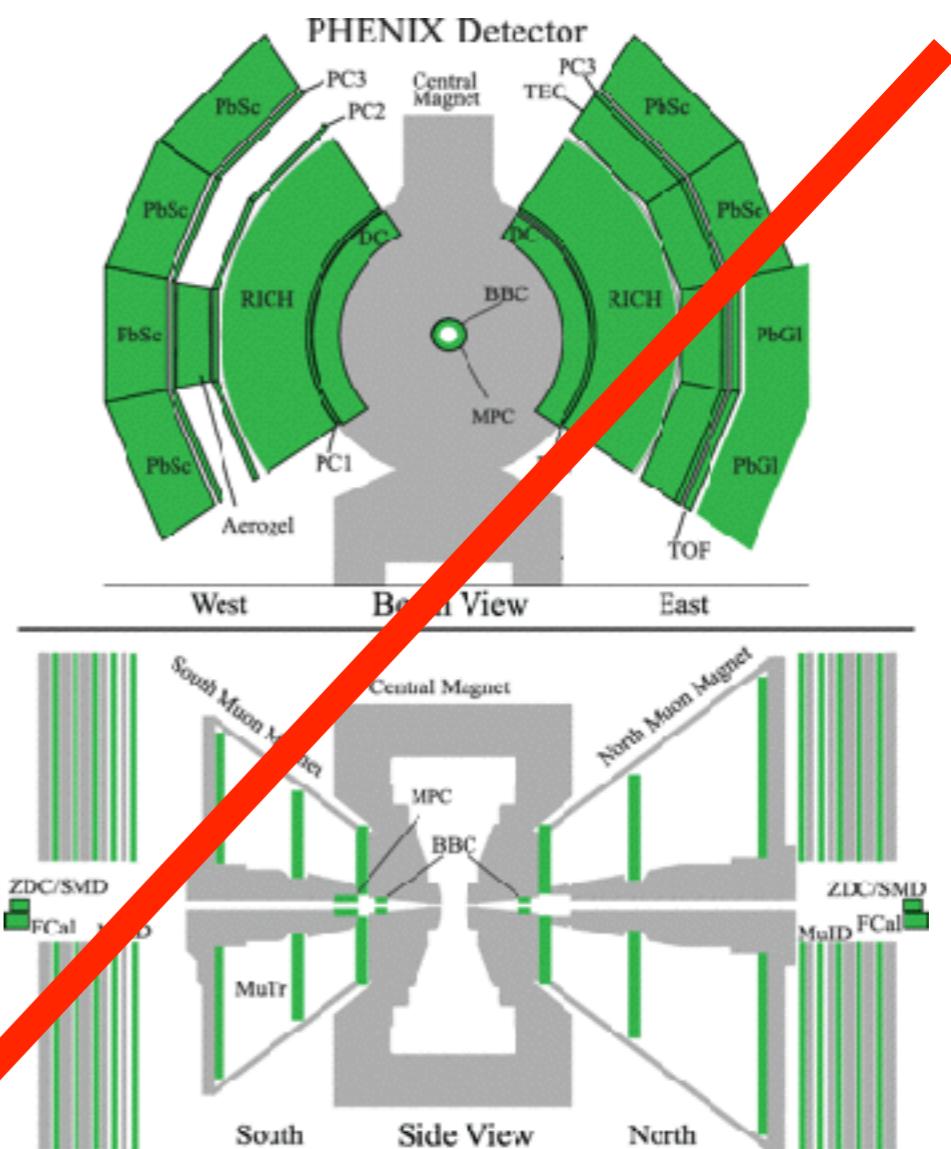
Tiny cross-sections of signal processes

+ No sizable boost for produced signal heavy particles like J/ψ , $D \dots$

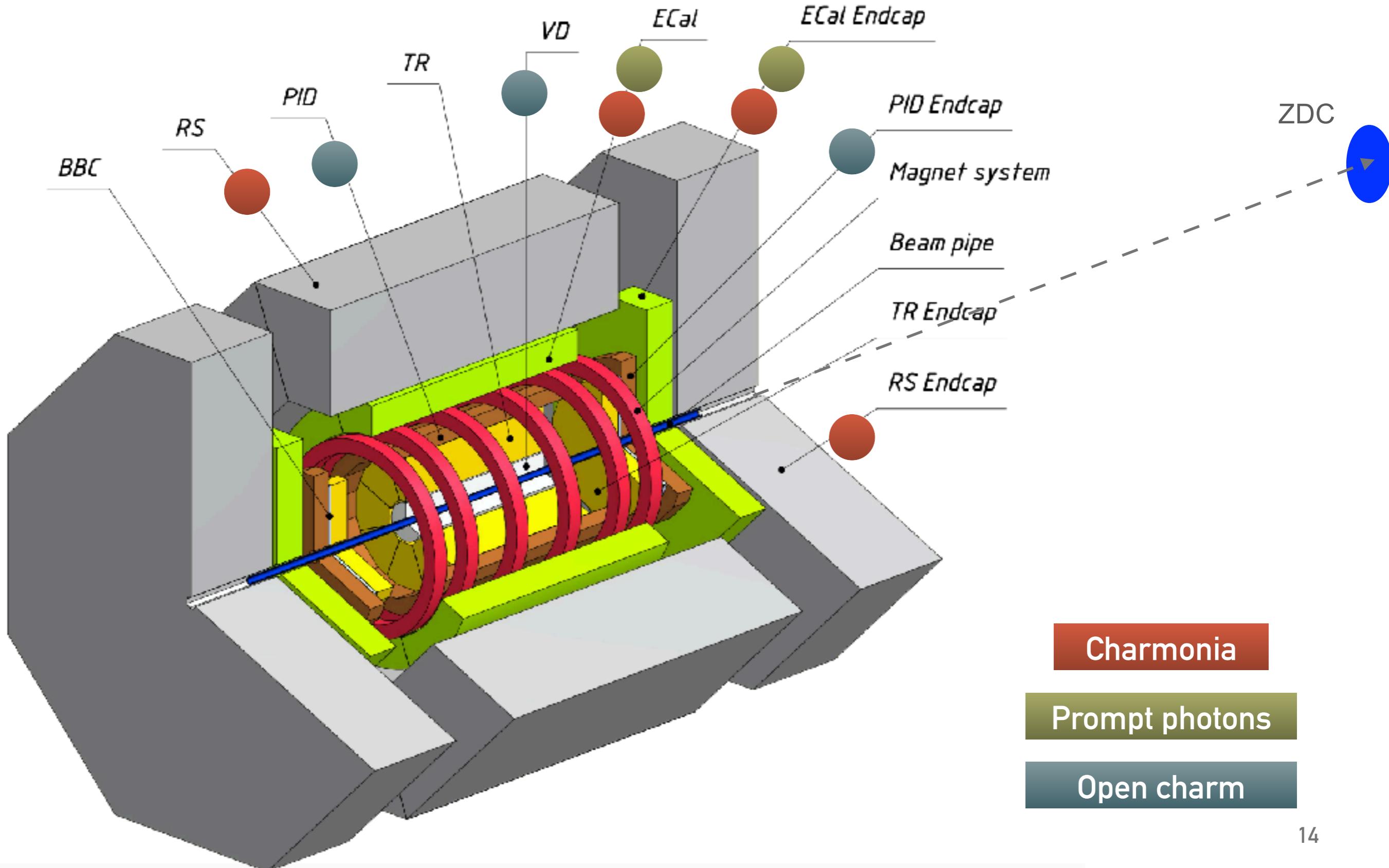
$\sim 4\pi$ geometry for all subsystems



Interaction rate up to 4 MHz at 27 GeV



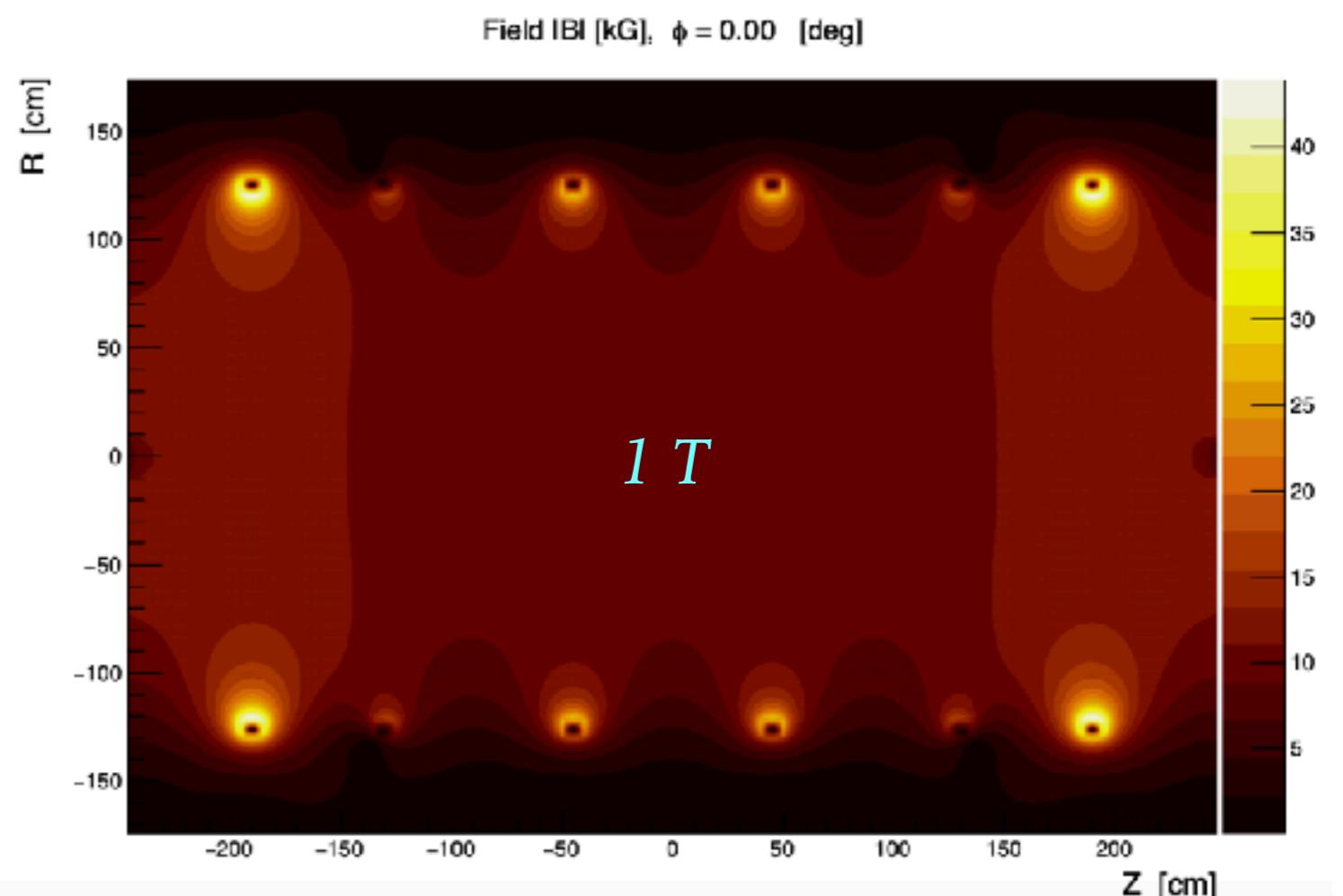
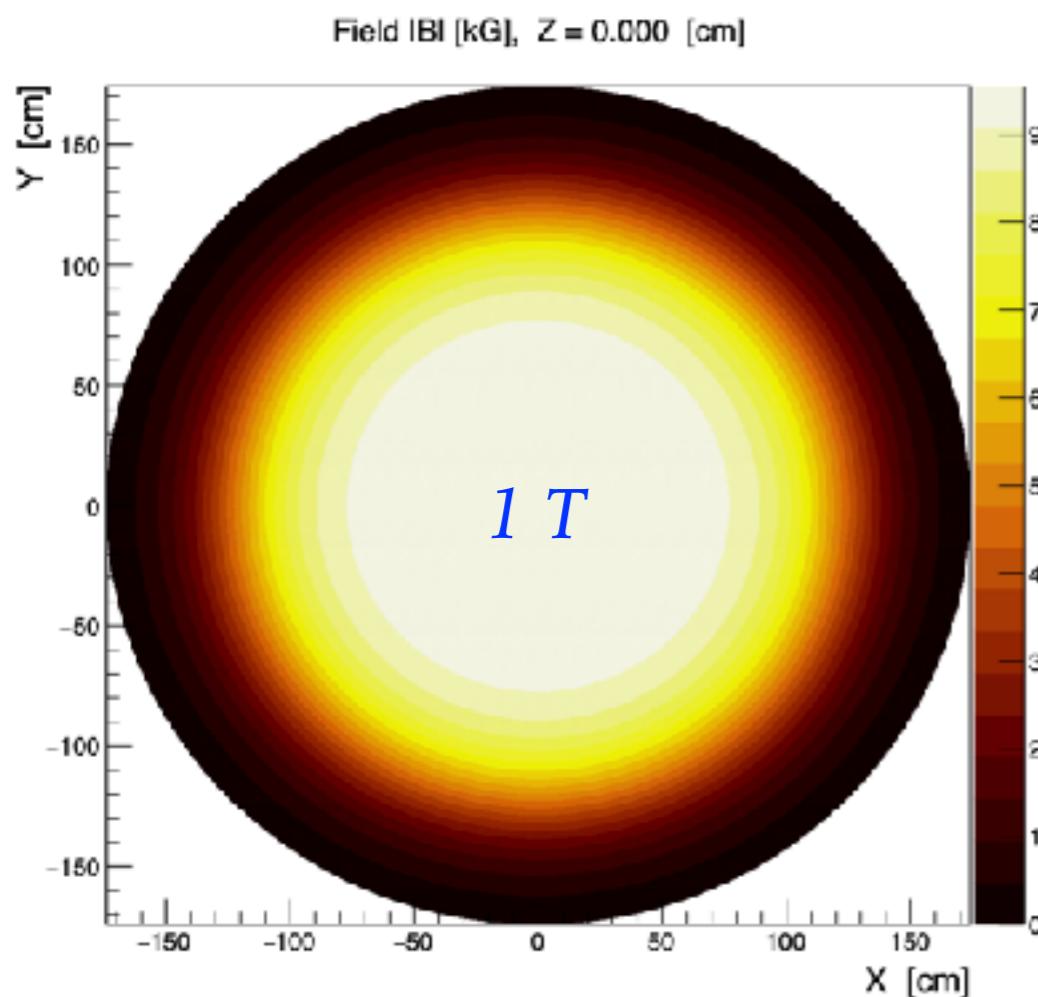
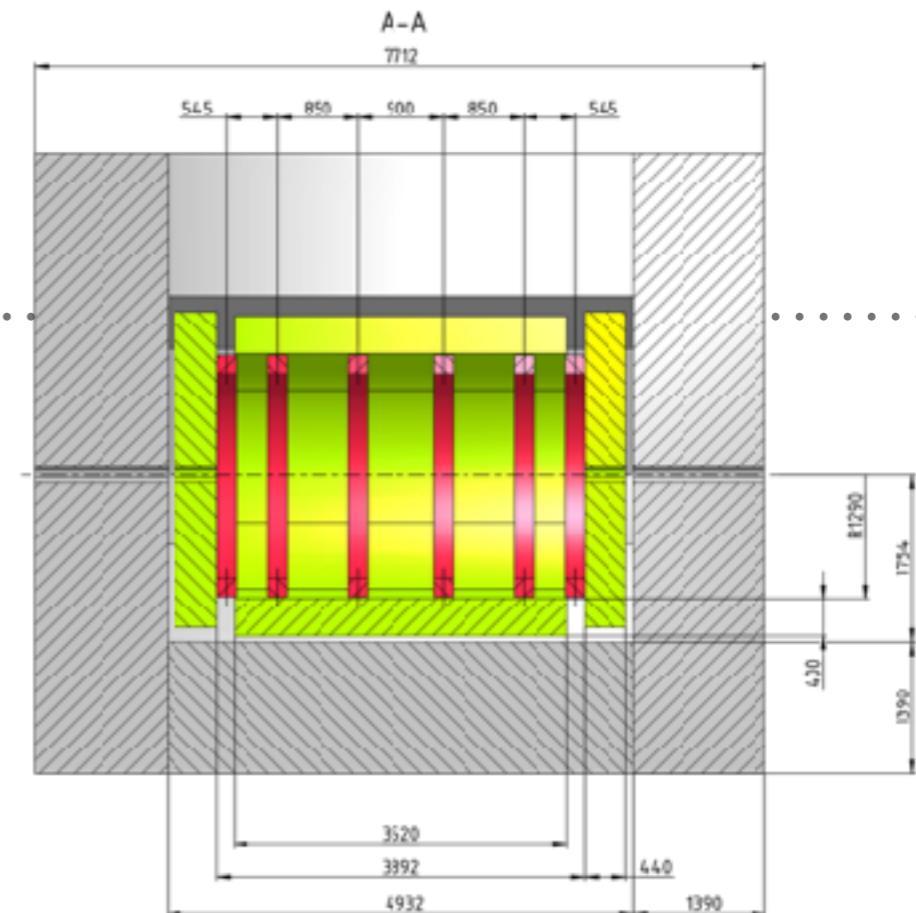
DETECTOR: GENERAL OVERVIEW



MAGNETIC SYSTEM

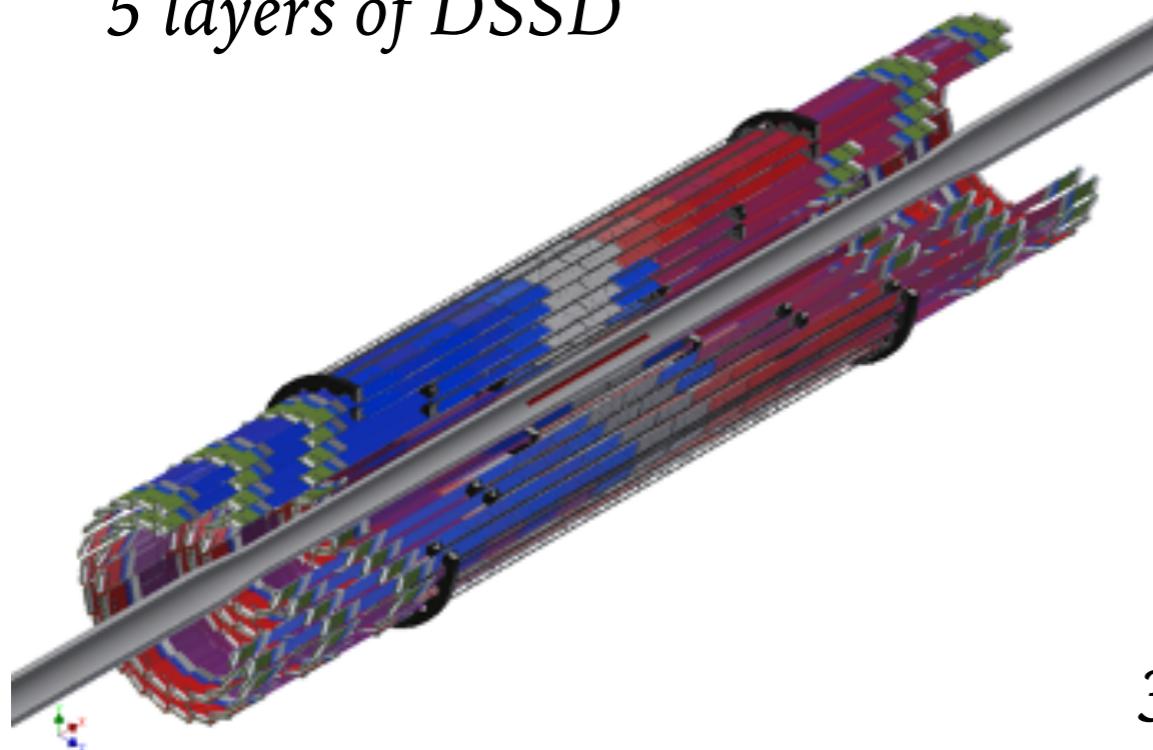
6 solenoidal coils inside the ECAL:

- *compact*
- *1 T at the beam axis*
- *Z-optimization*

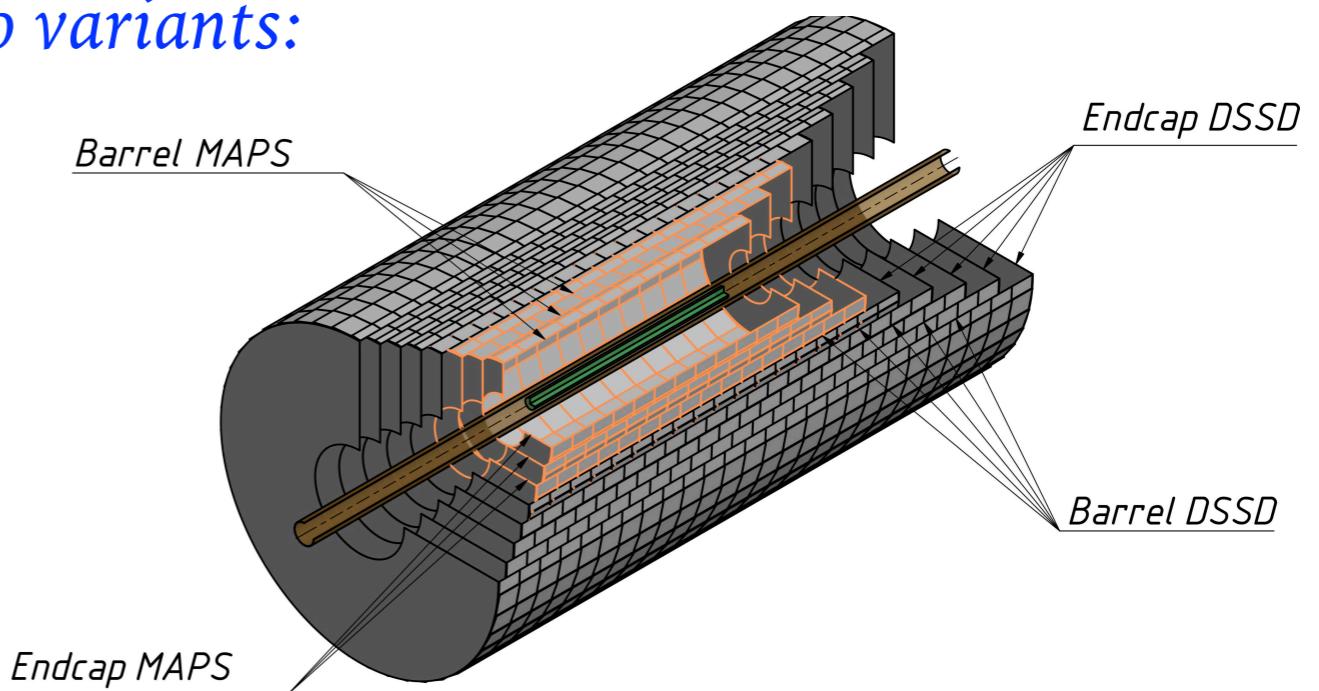


VERTEX DETECTOR

5 layers of DSSD



Two variants:



3 internal layers in barrel replaced by MAPS

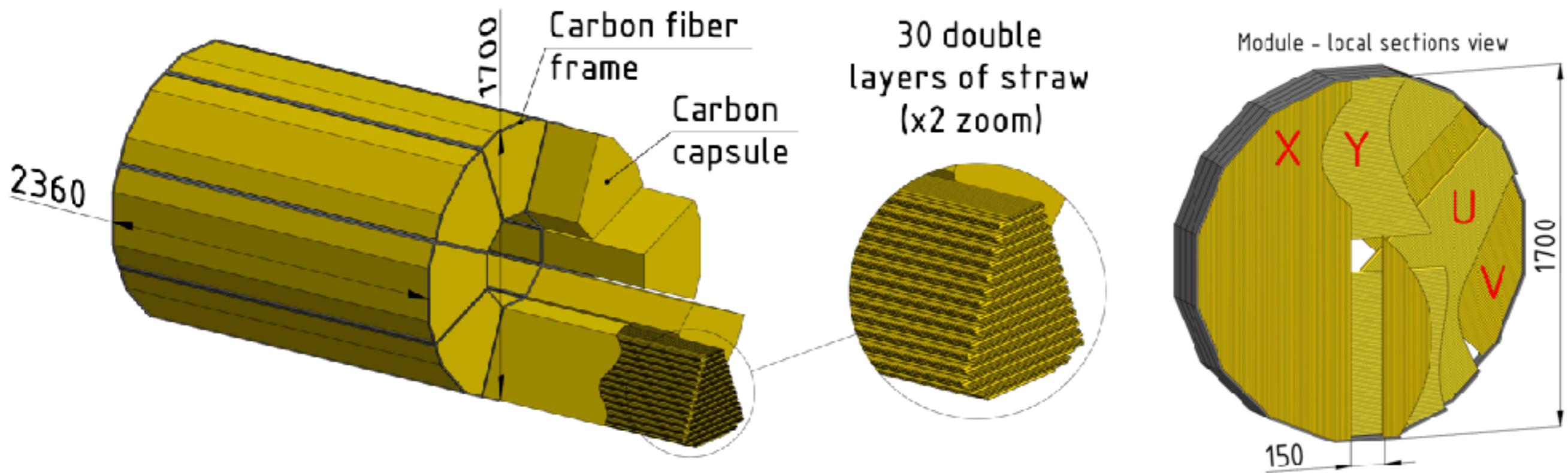
Goals:

- Reconstruction of secondary vertices for D-mesons decay
- Participation in track reconstruction and momentum measurement

Requirements:

- Spatial resolution $< 100 \mu\text{m}$
- Low material budget
- Has to be installed as close as possible to the IP

STRAW TRACKER



Goals:

- Track reconstruction and momentum measurement
- Participation in PID via dE/dx measurement

Requirements:

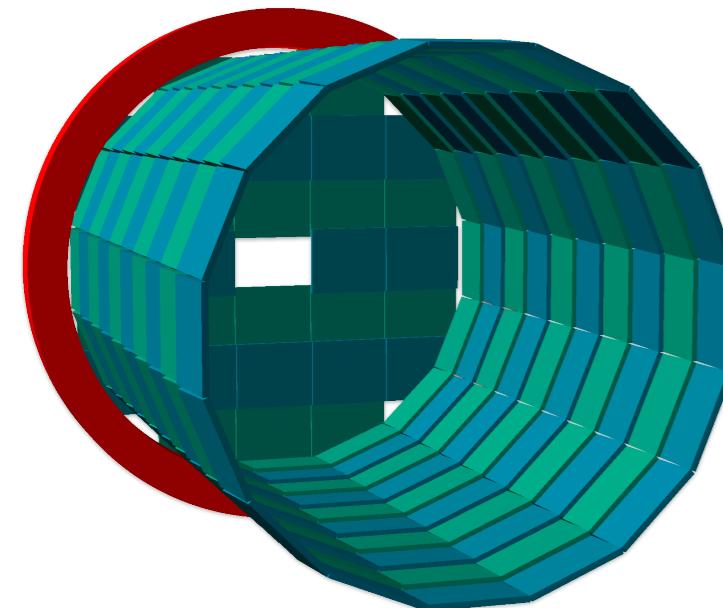
- Spatial resolution $\sim 150 \mu\text{m}$
- Low material budget
- Operation in magnetic field of about 1 T

some R&D is still needed

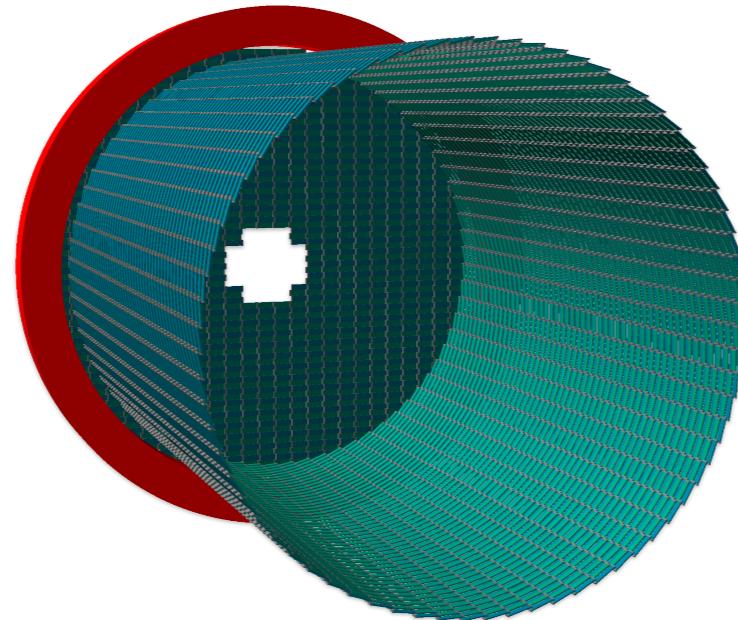
PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

TOF system

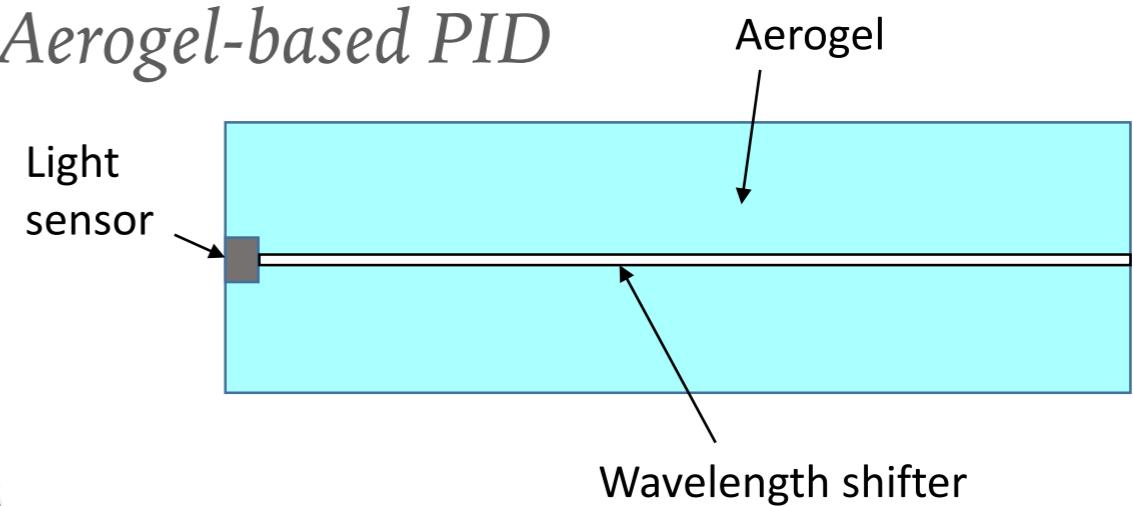
mRPC-based



Scintillator-based



Aerogel-based PID

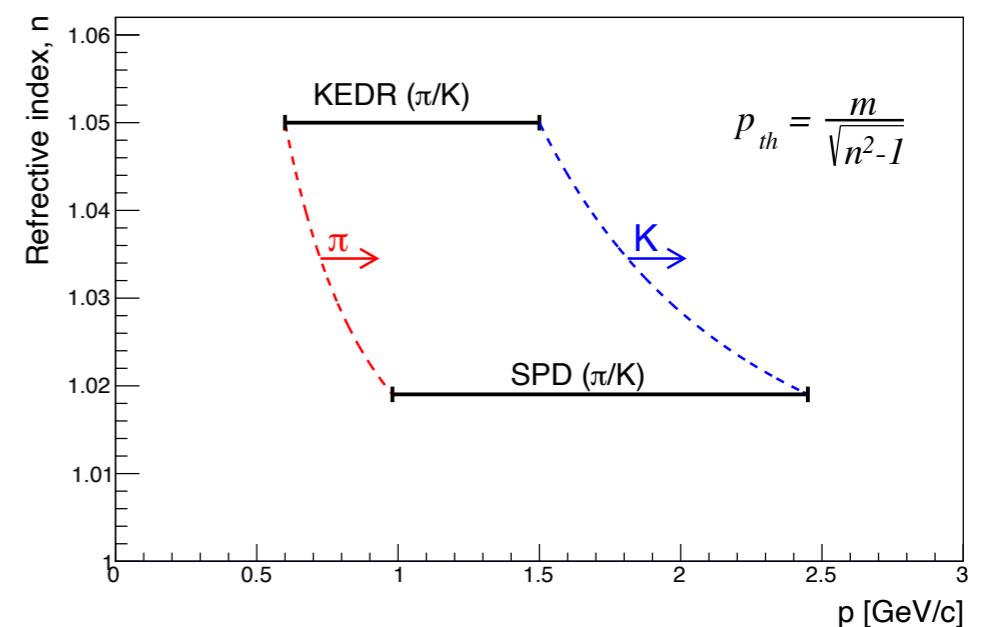


Goals:

- π/K separation up to ~ 1.5 GeV
- K/p separation
- t_0 determination

Requirements:

- Time resolution $\sim 60\text{-}70$ ps



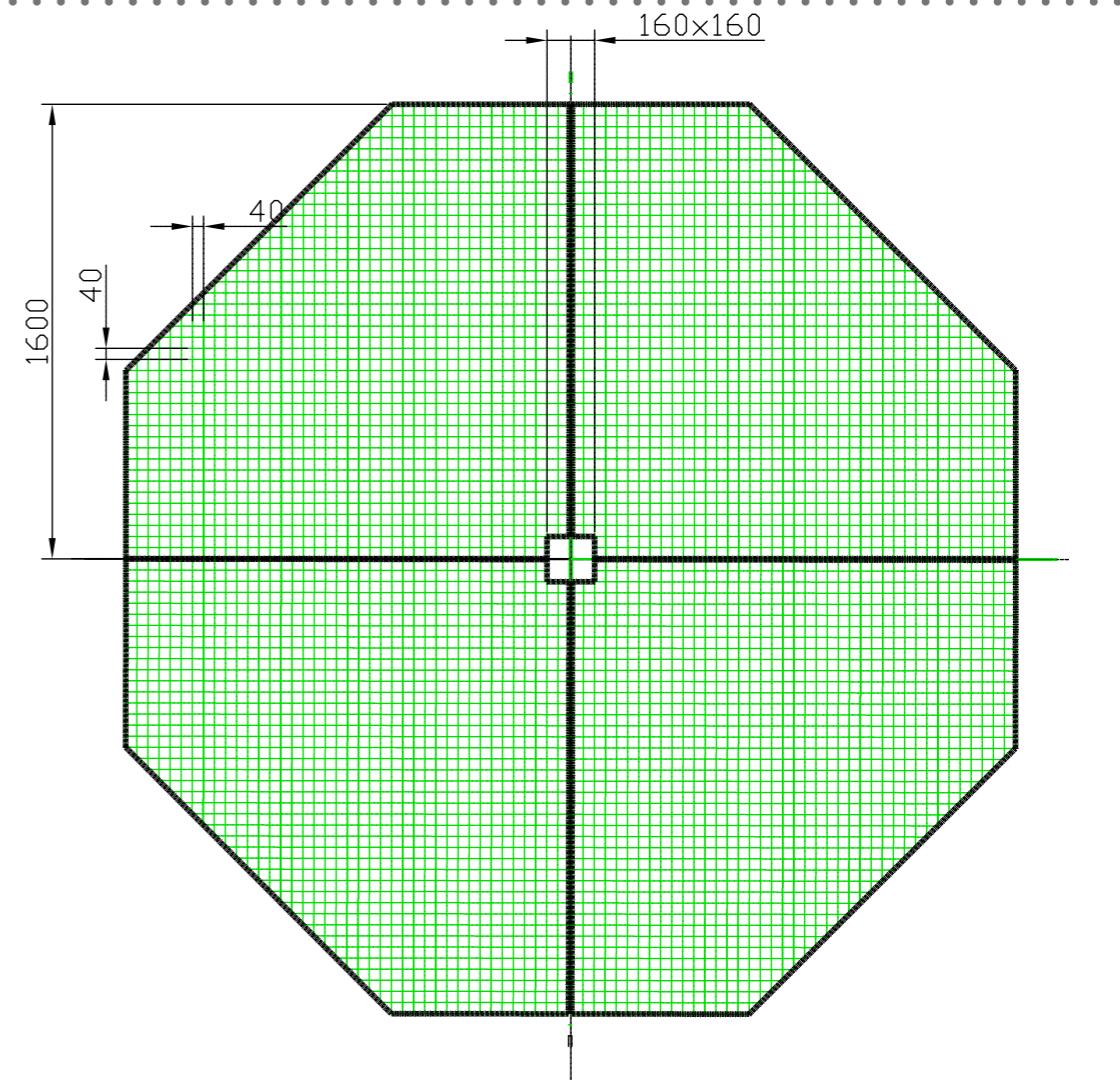
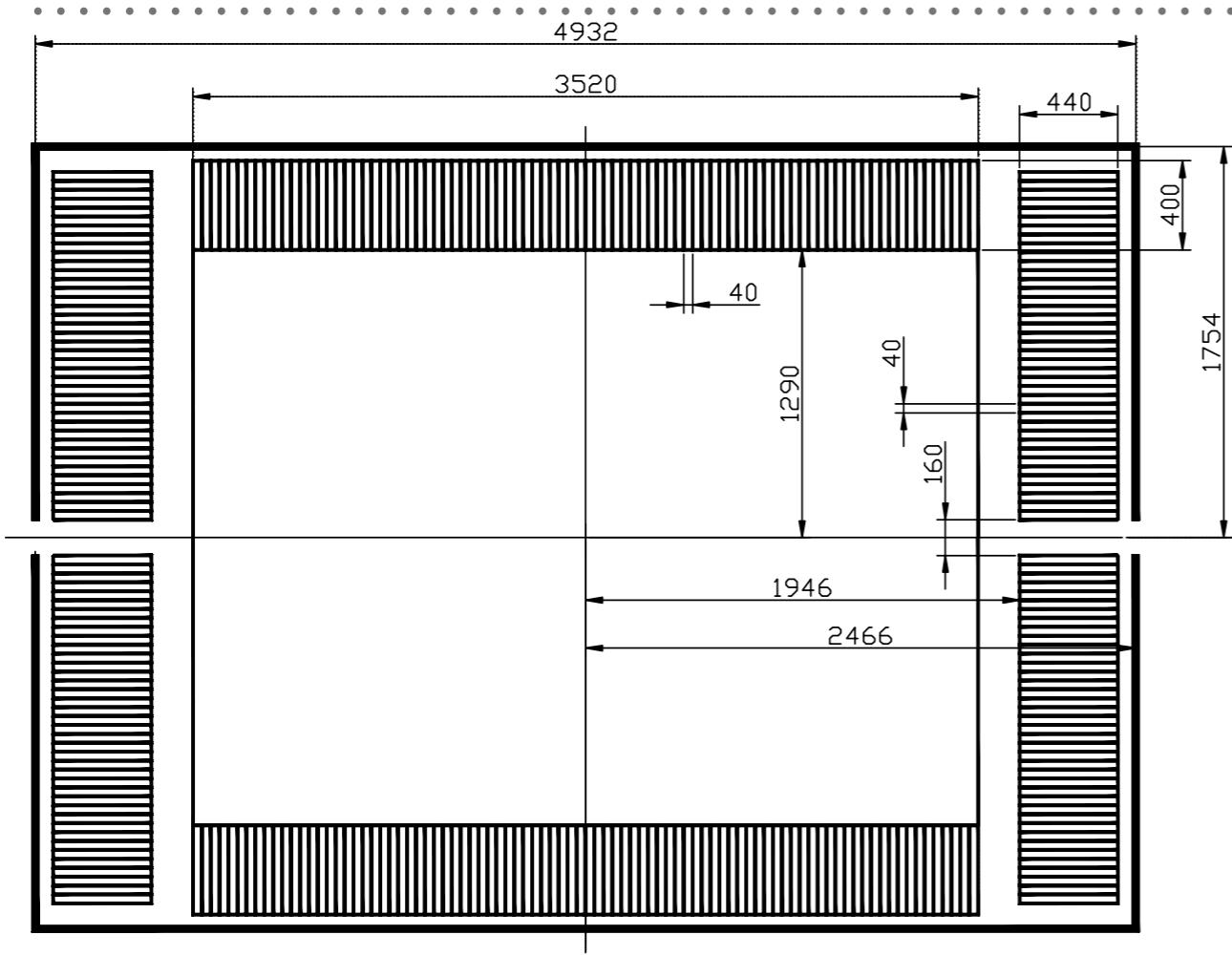
Goals:

- π/K separation up to 2.5 GeV range

Requirements:

- We should have enough light!

ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER



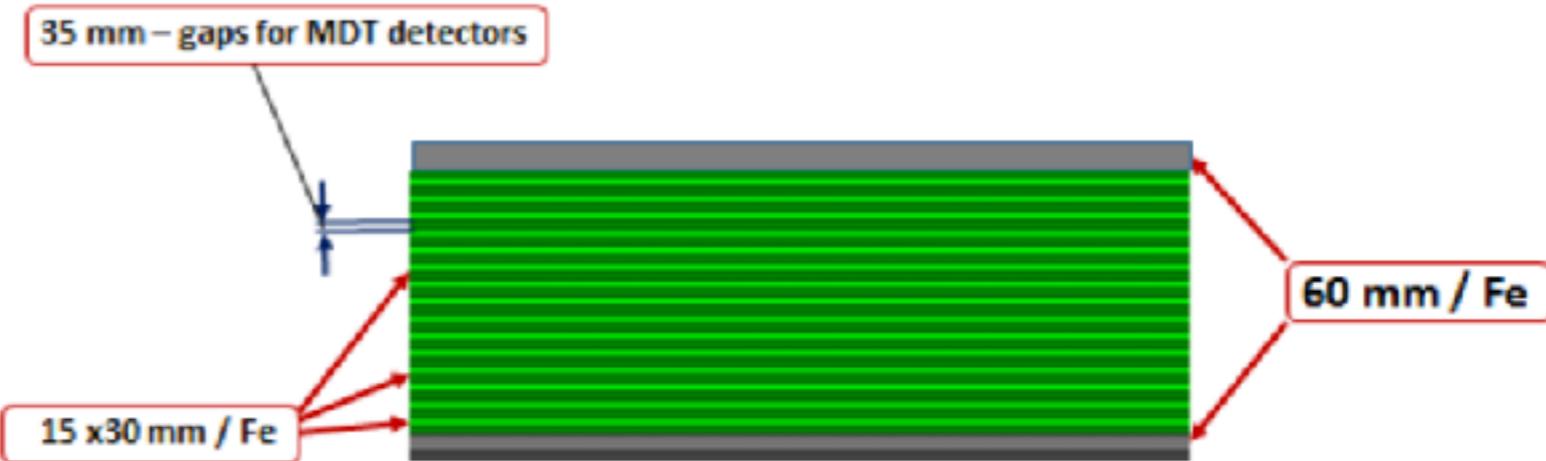
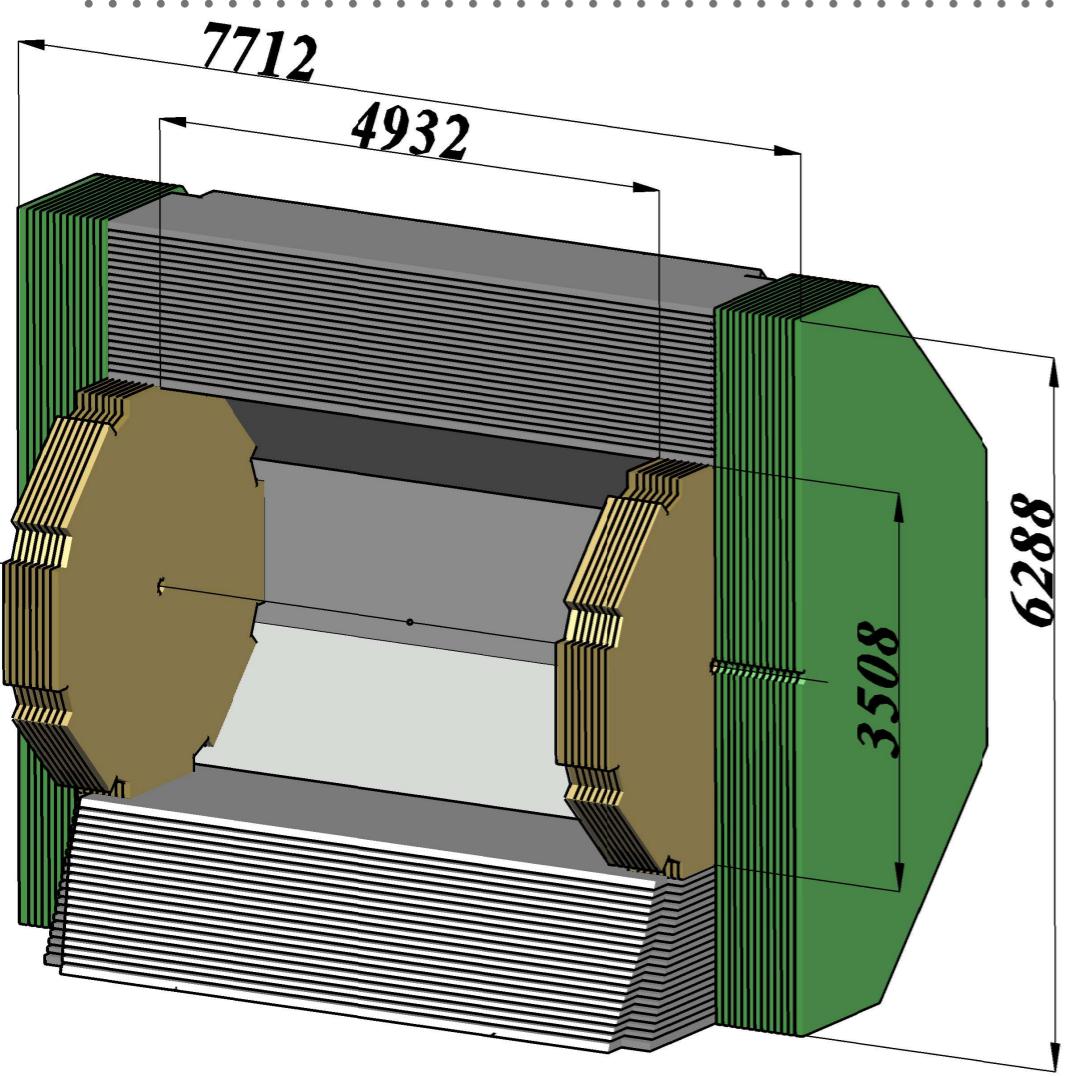
Goals:

- Detection of prompt photons, photons from π^0 , η and χ_c decays
- Identification of electrons and positrons, participation in muon identification

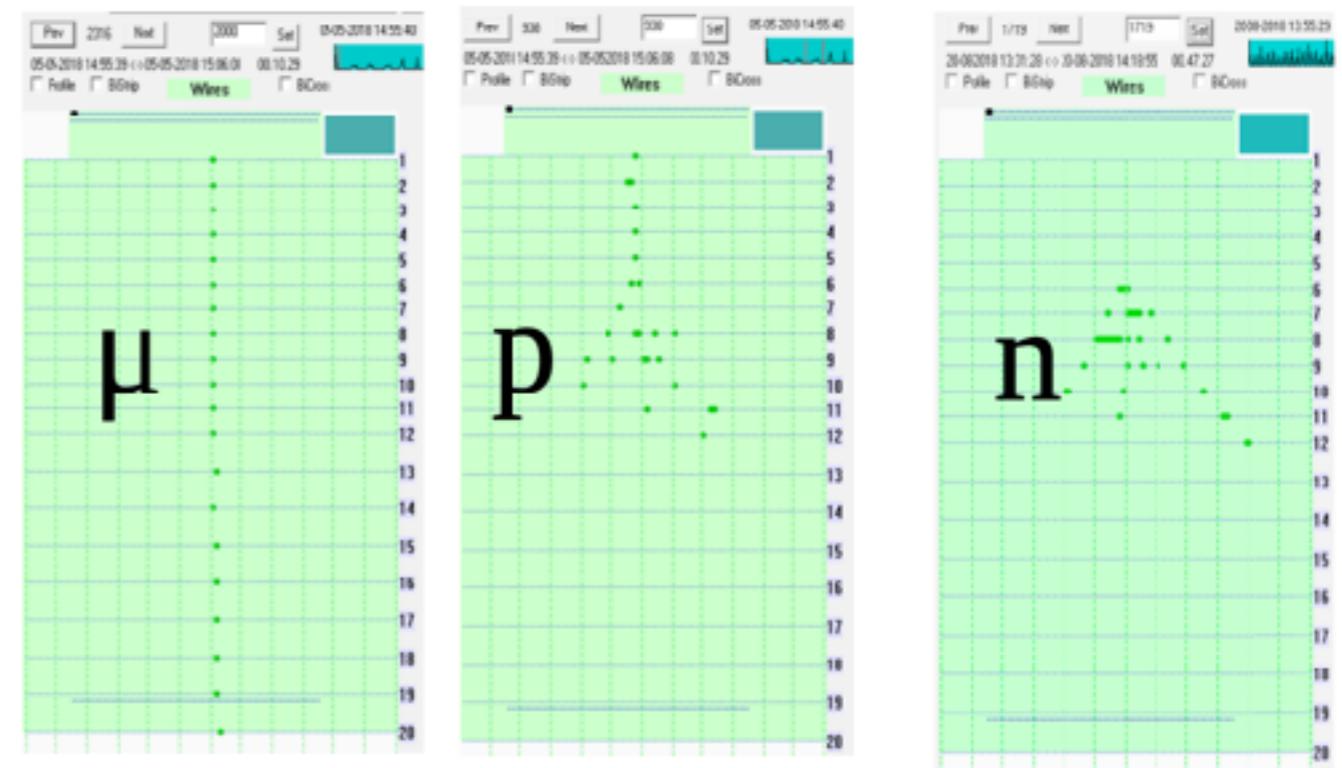
Requirements:

- Granularity ~ 4 cm
- Low energy threshold (~ 50 MeV)
- Energy resolution $\sim 5\% / \sqrt{E}$

RANGE (MUON) SYSTEM



Event examples at 5 GeV/c



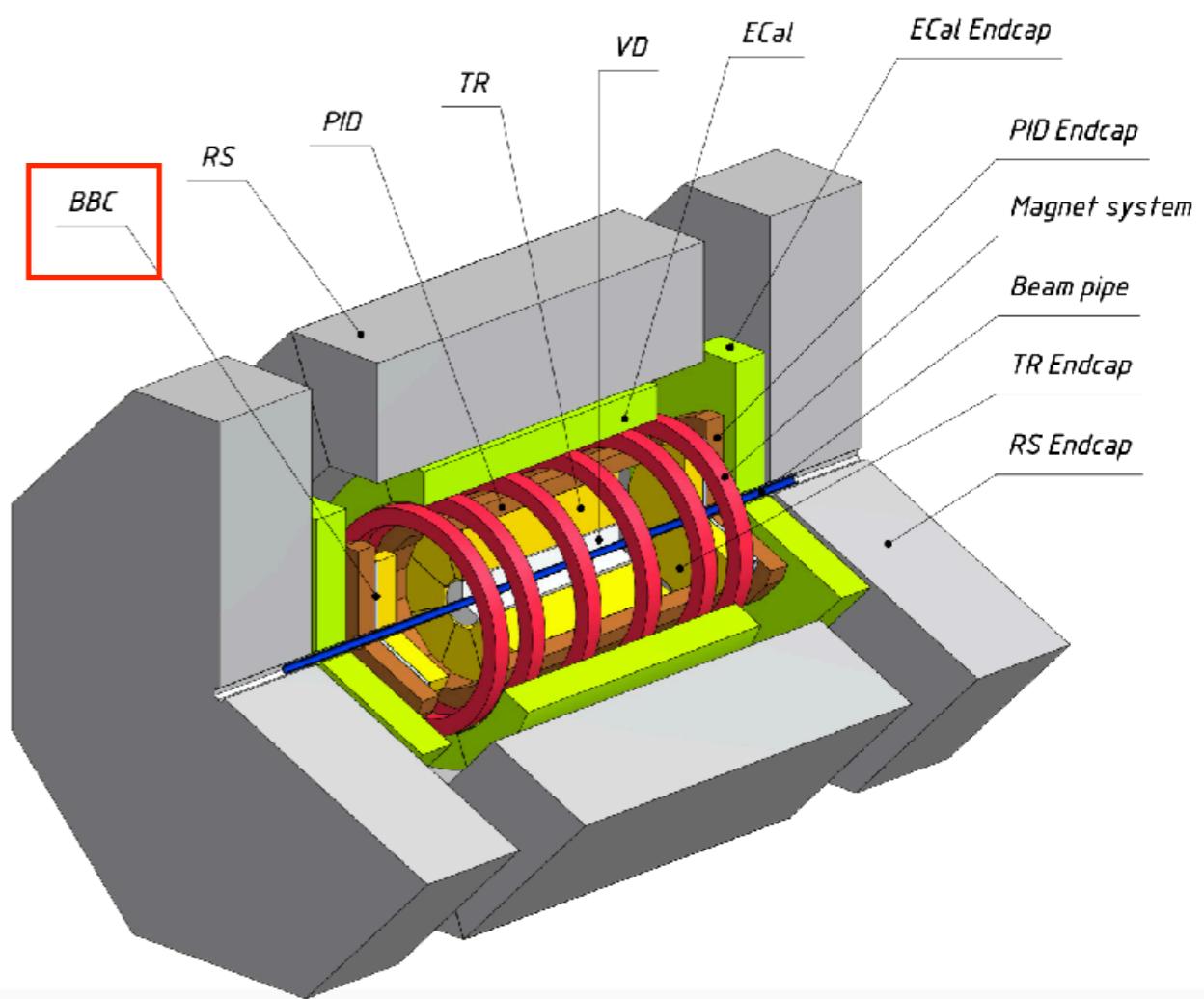
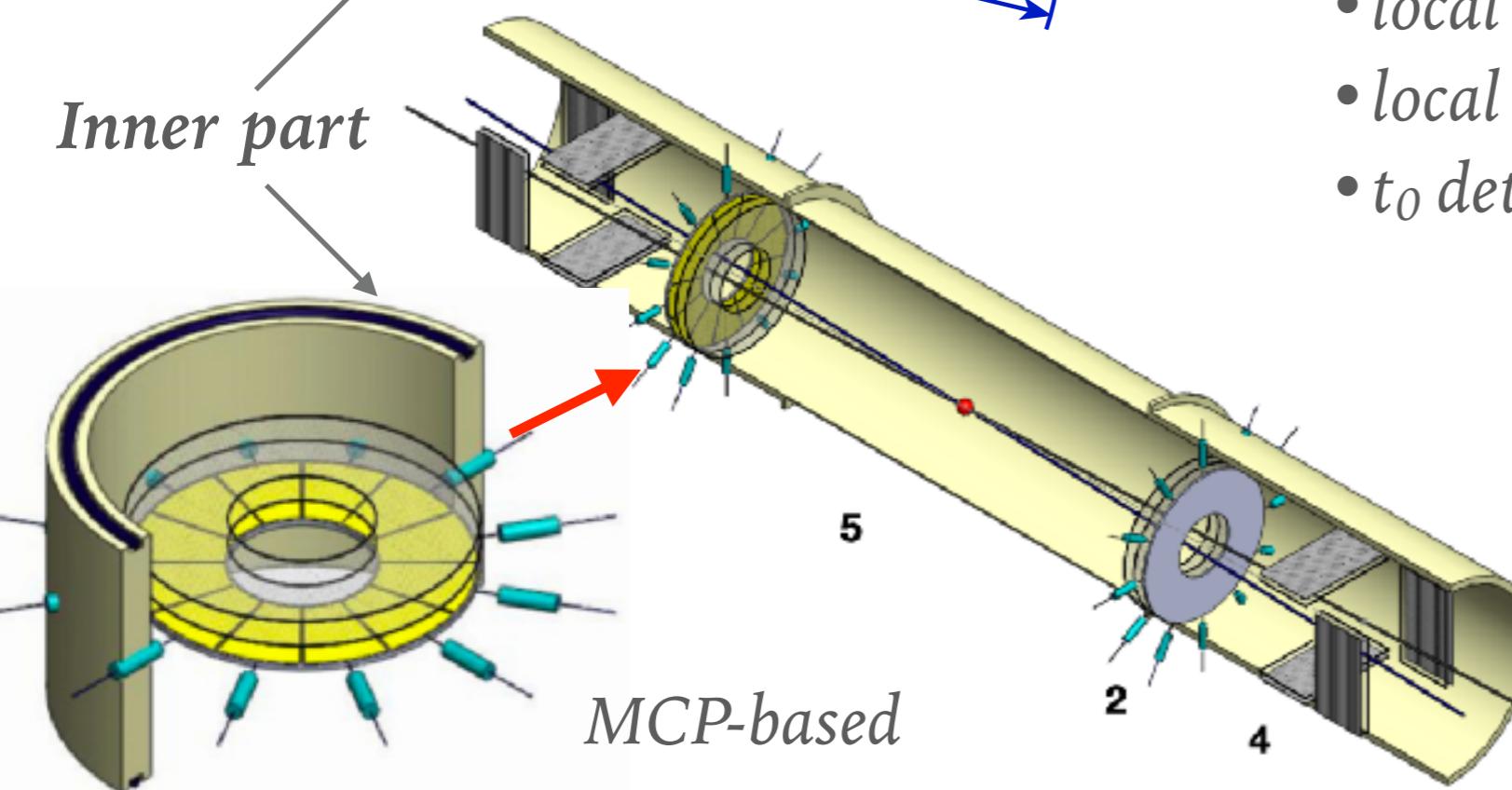
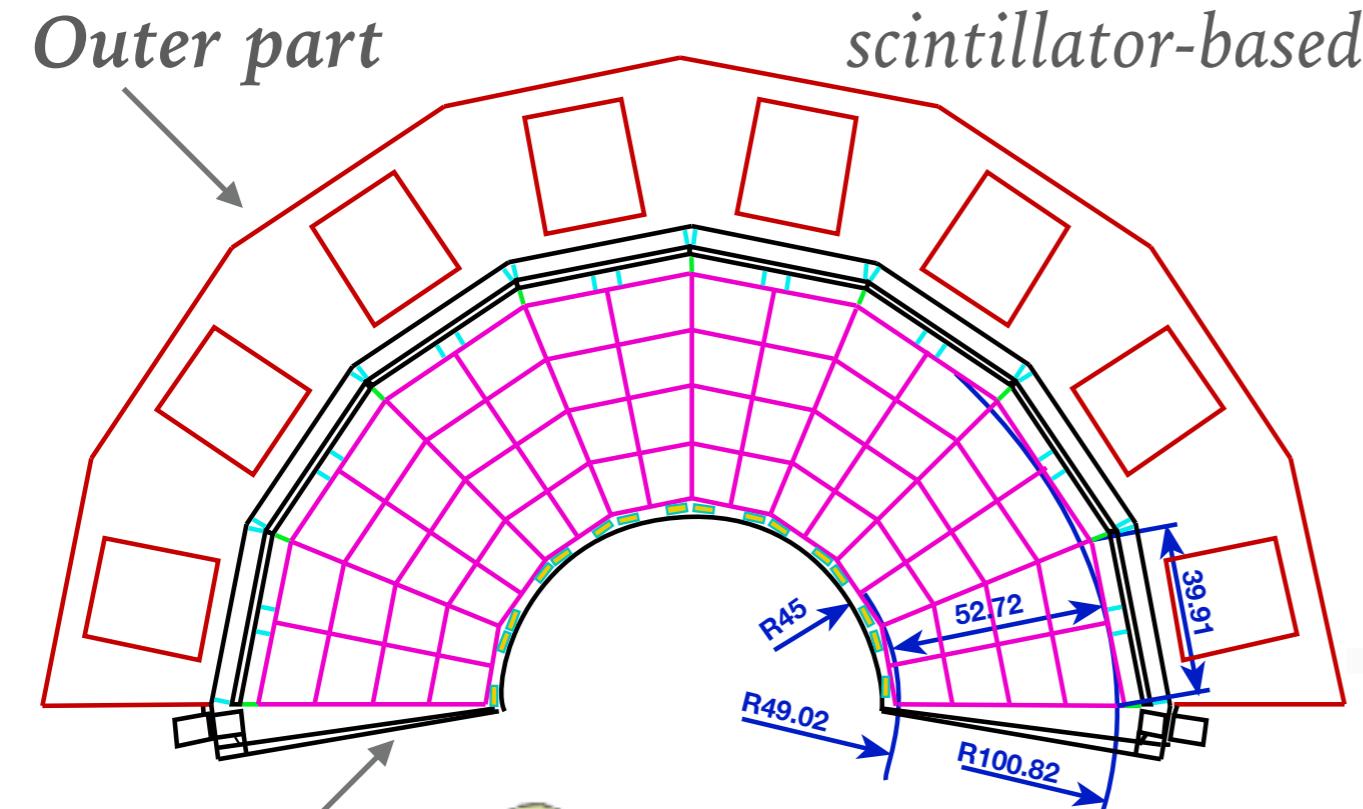
Goals:

- Muon identification
- Rough hadron calorimetry

Requirements:

- should have at least $4\lambda_I$

BEAM-BEAM COUNTERS



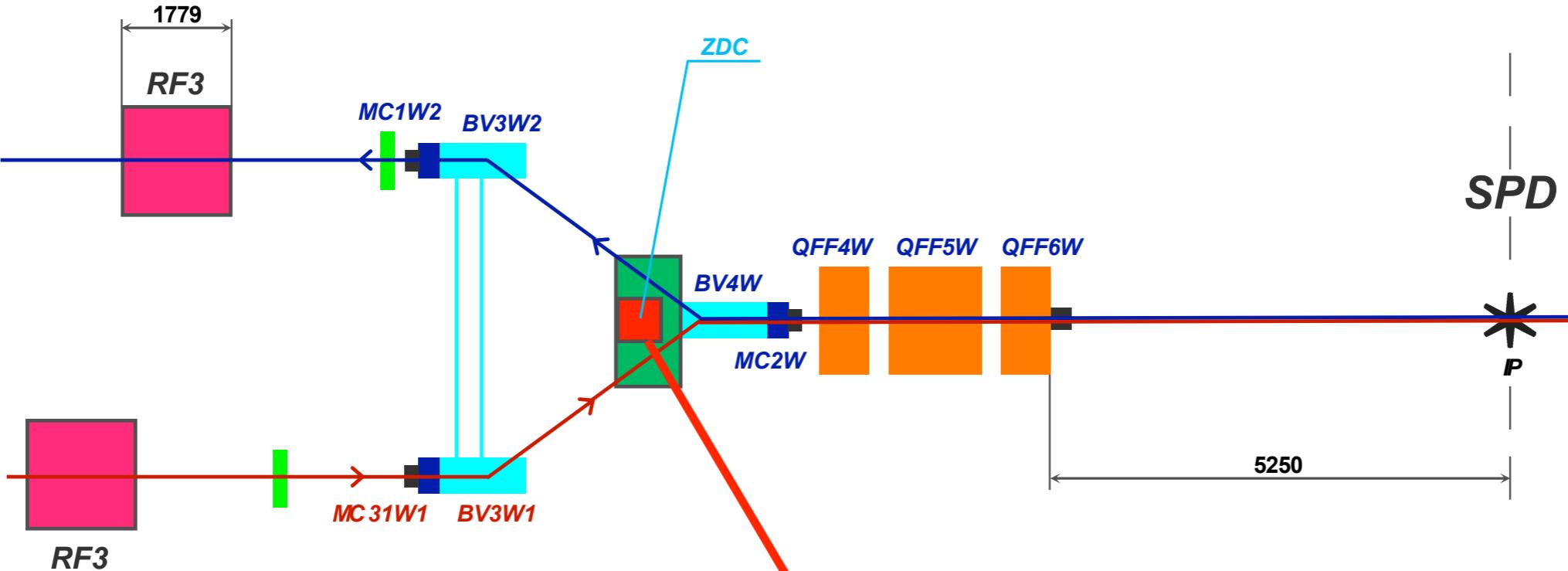
Goals:

- local (online) polarimetry
- local (online) luminosity monitor
- t_0 determination

Requirements:

- Operation inside the beam pipe (inner part)
- Time resolution $\sim 1 \text{ ns}$ (inner) and $\sim 400 \text{ ps}$ (outer part)

ZERO-DEGREE CALORIMETERS

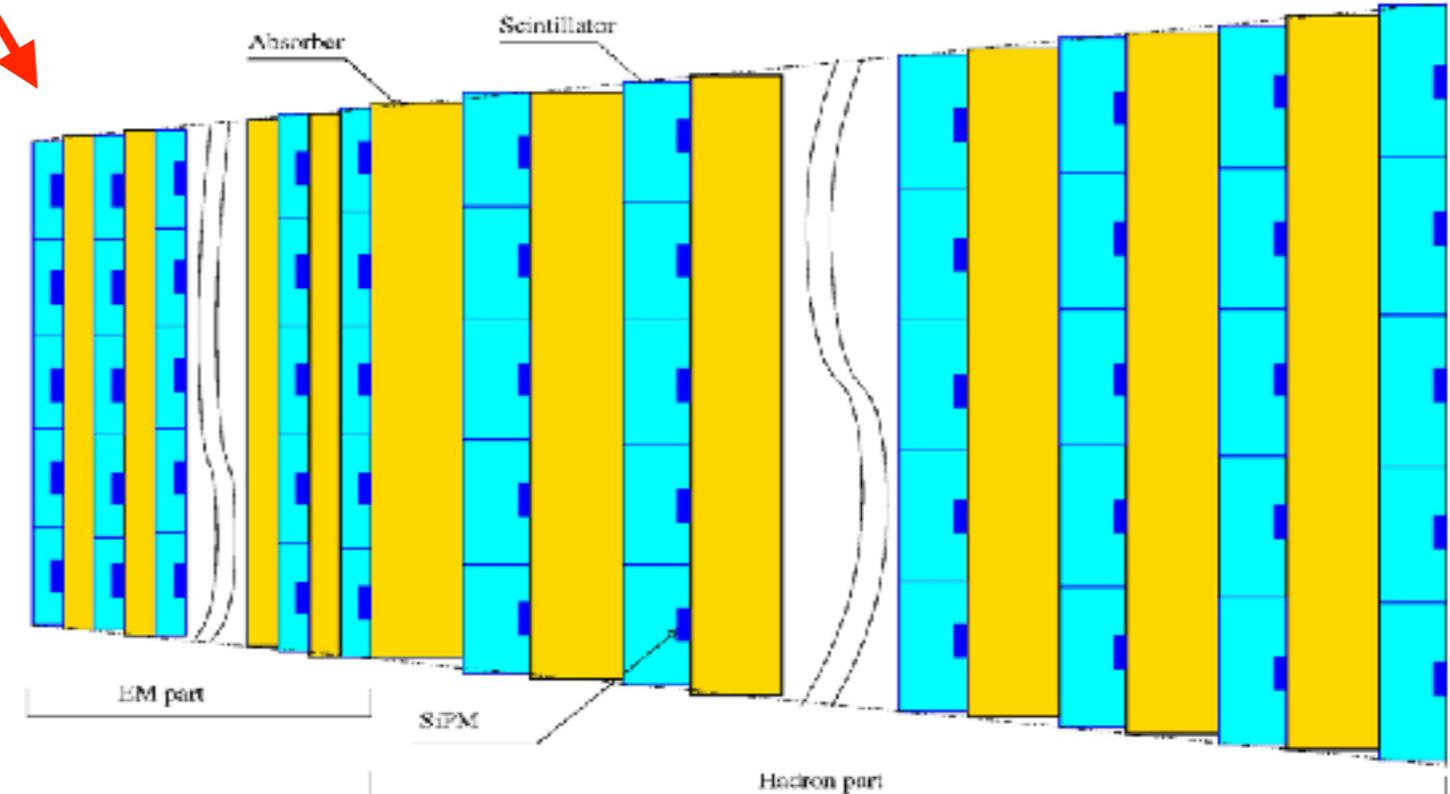


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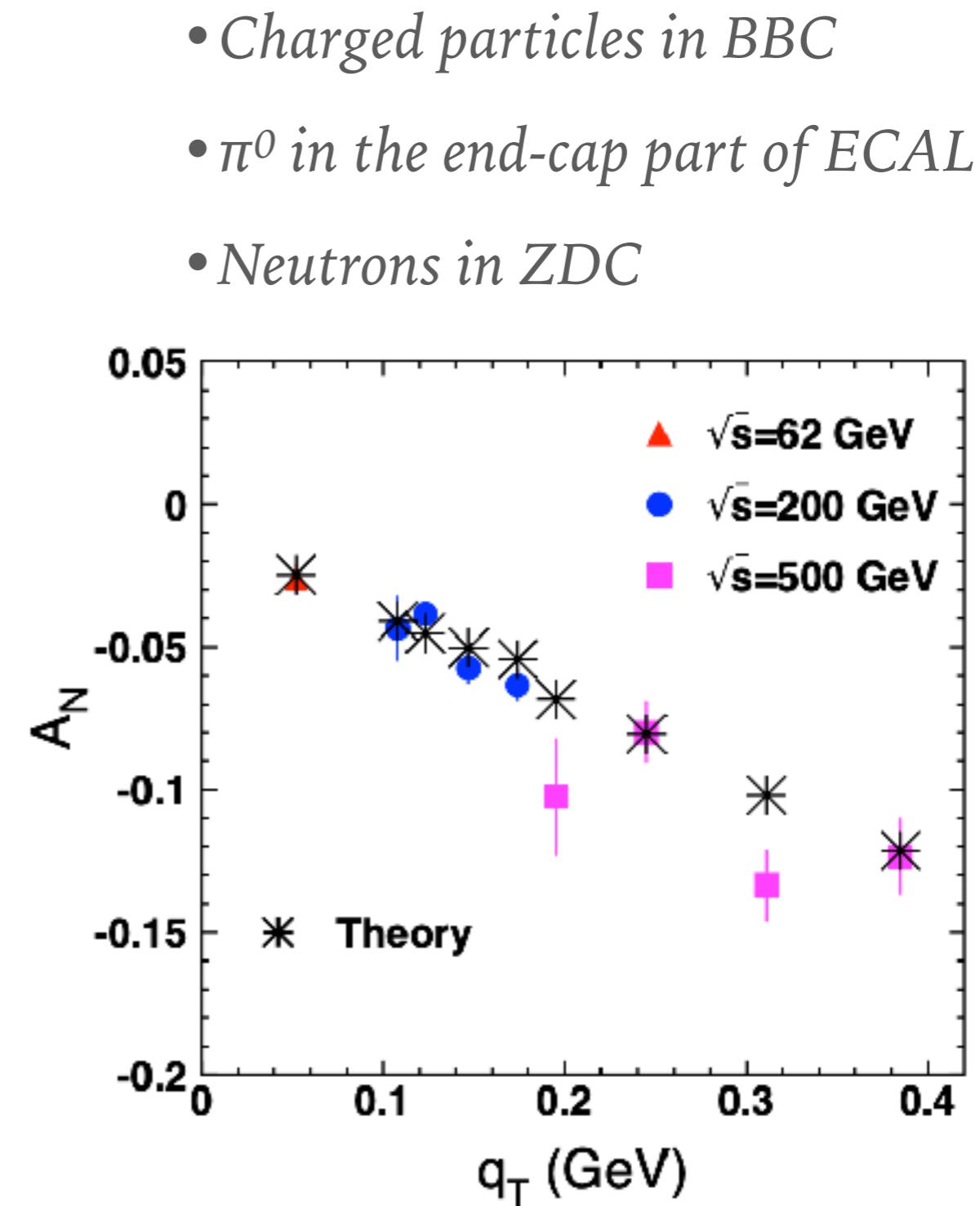
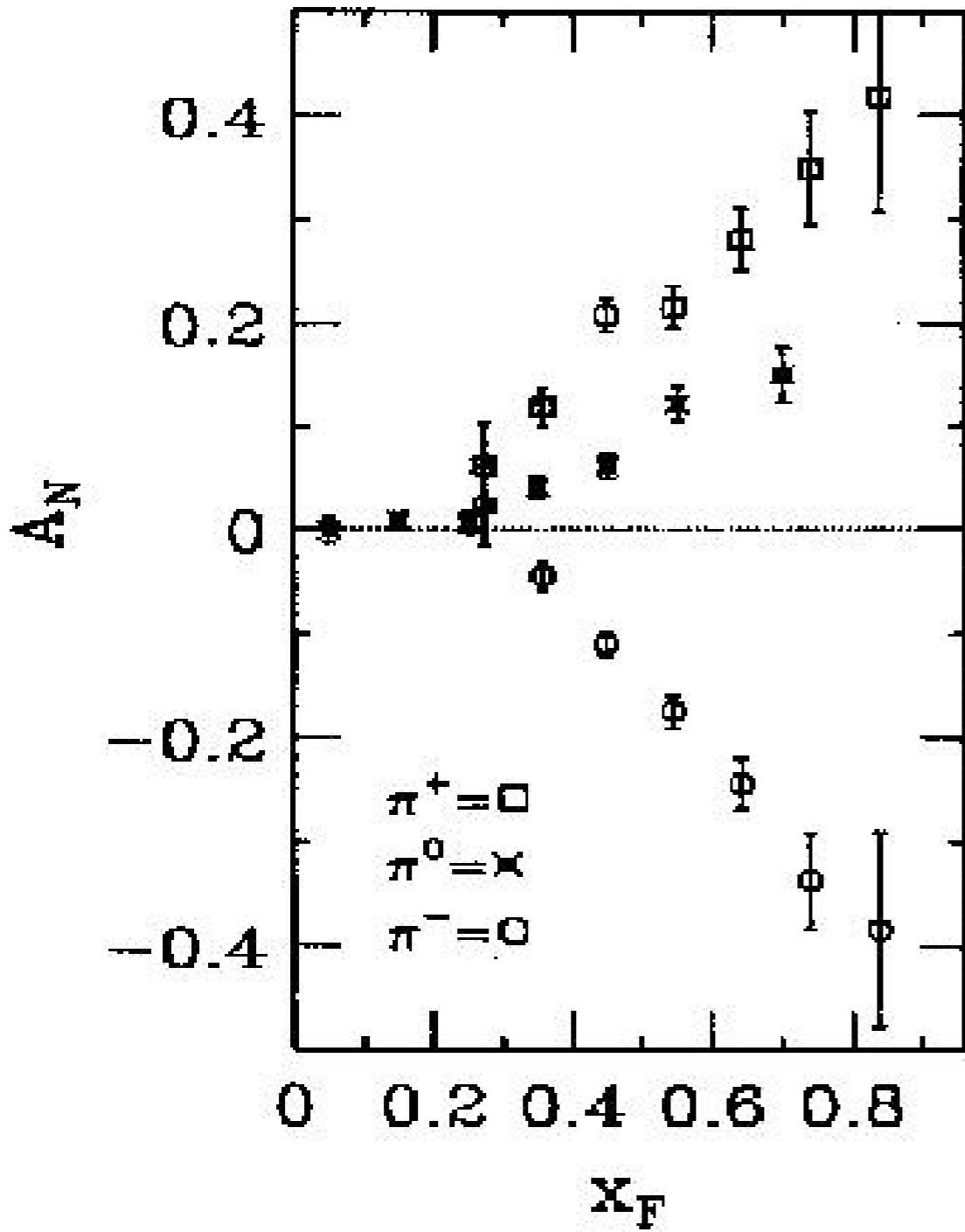
- Luminosity monitor
- n/γ detection

Requirements:

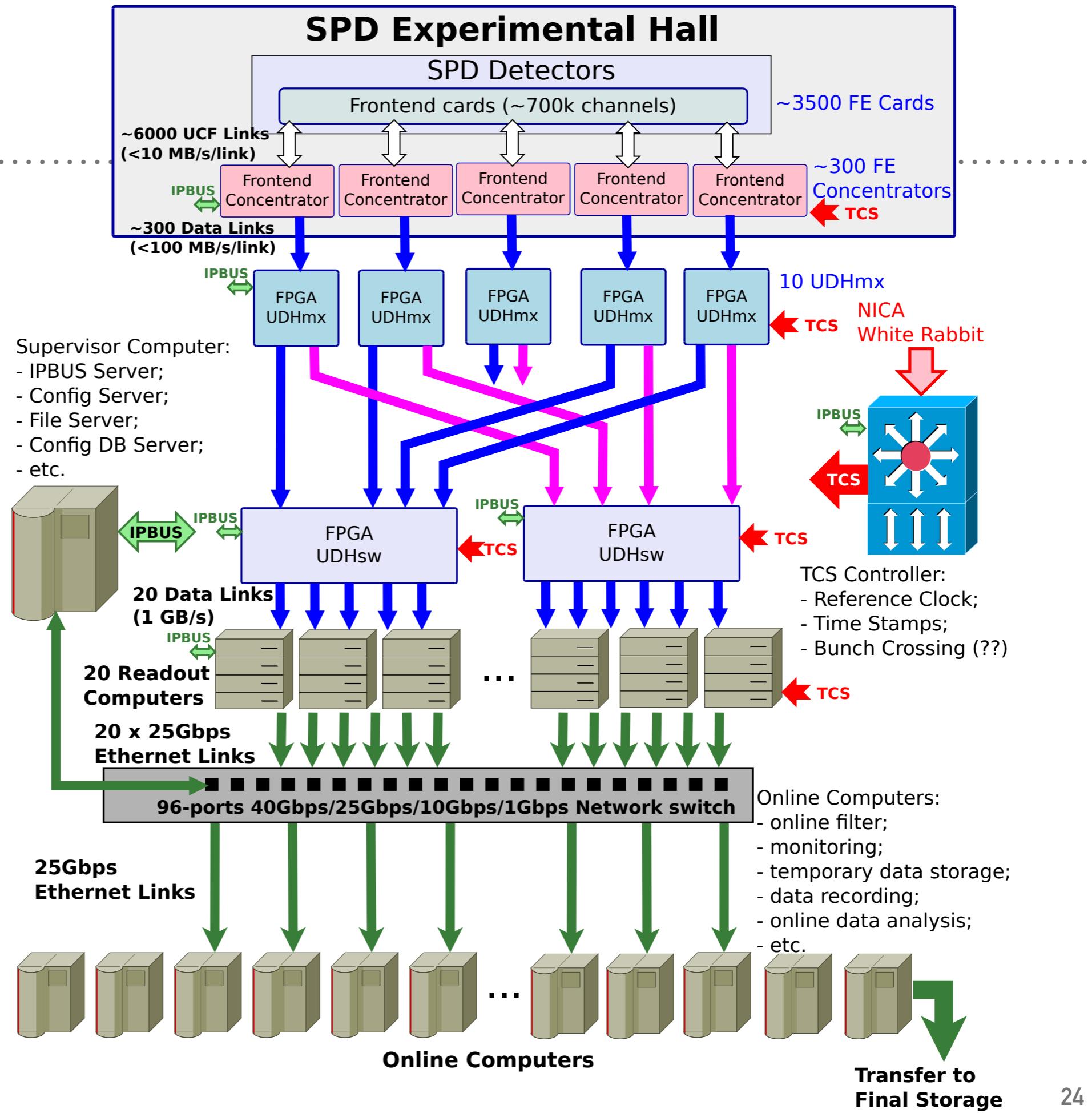
- $13X_0$ for EM-part and $2.9\lambda_I$ for hadron part
- Energy resolution
 $50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 30\%$ for hadrons
 $and 20\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 9\%$ for γ
- Time resolution $\sim 150\text{ ps}$



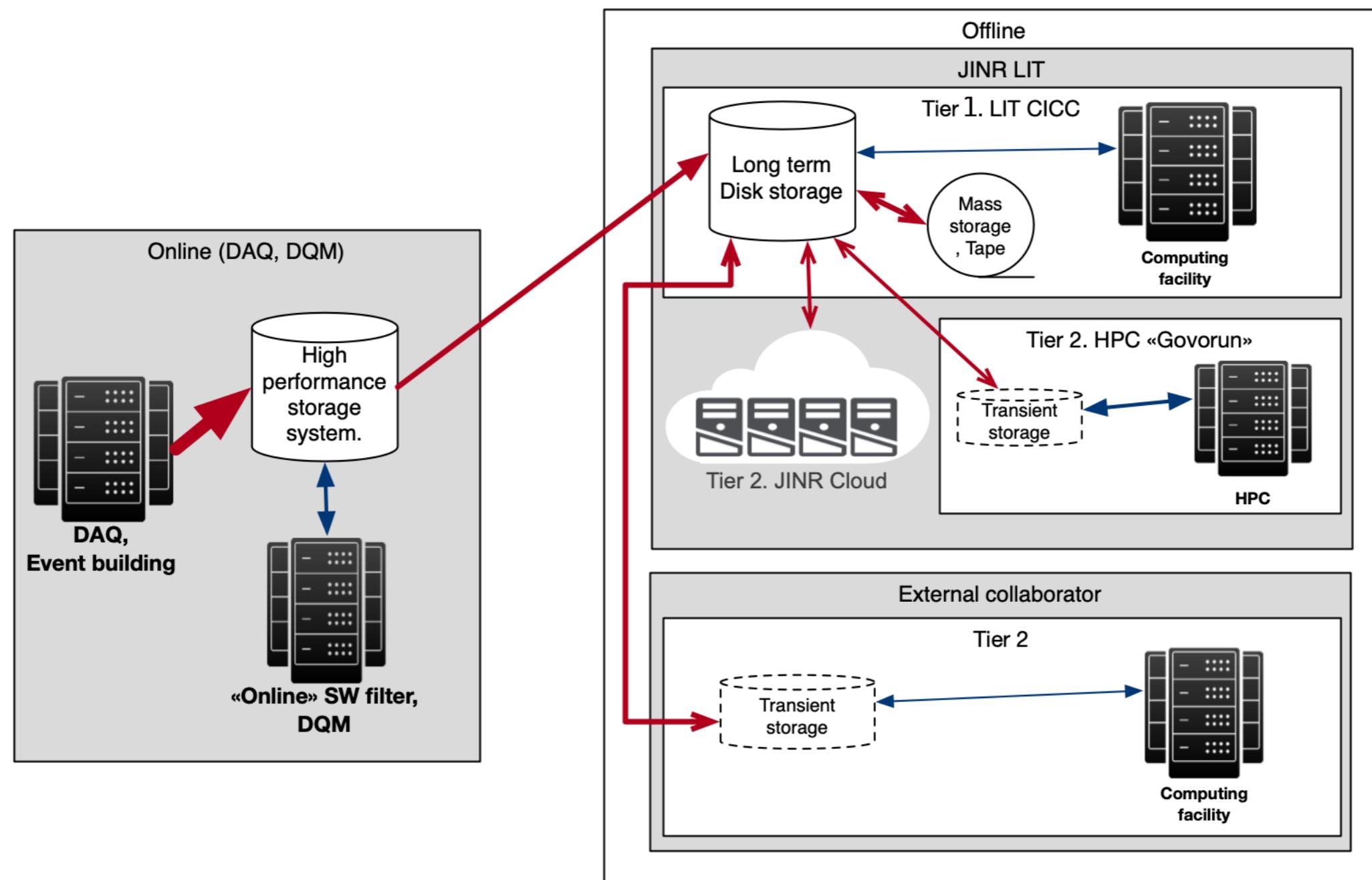
LOCAL ONLINE POLARIMETRY



*No hardware
triggers to avoid
possible bias!*

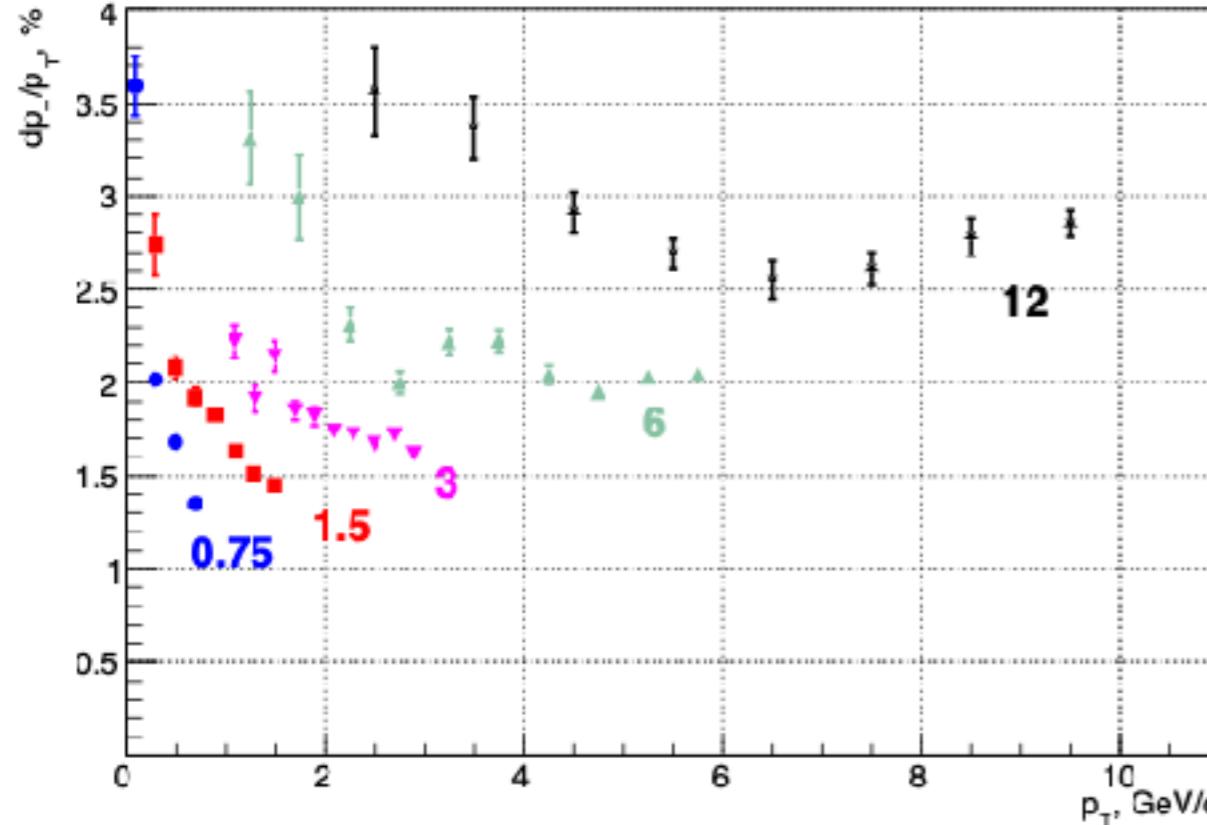


COMPUTING

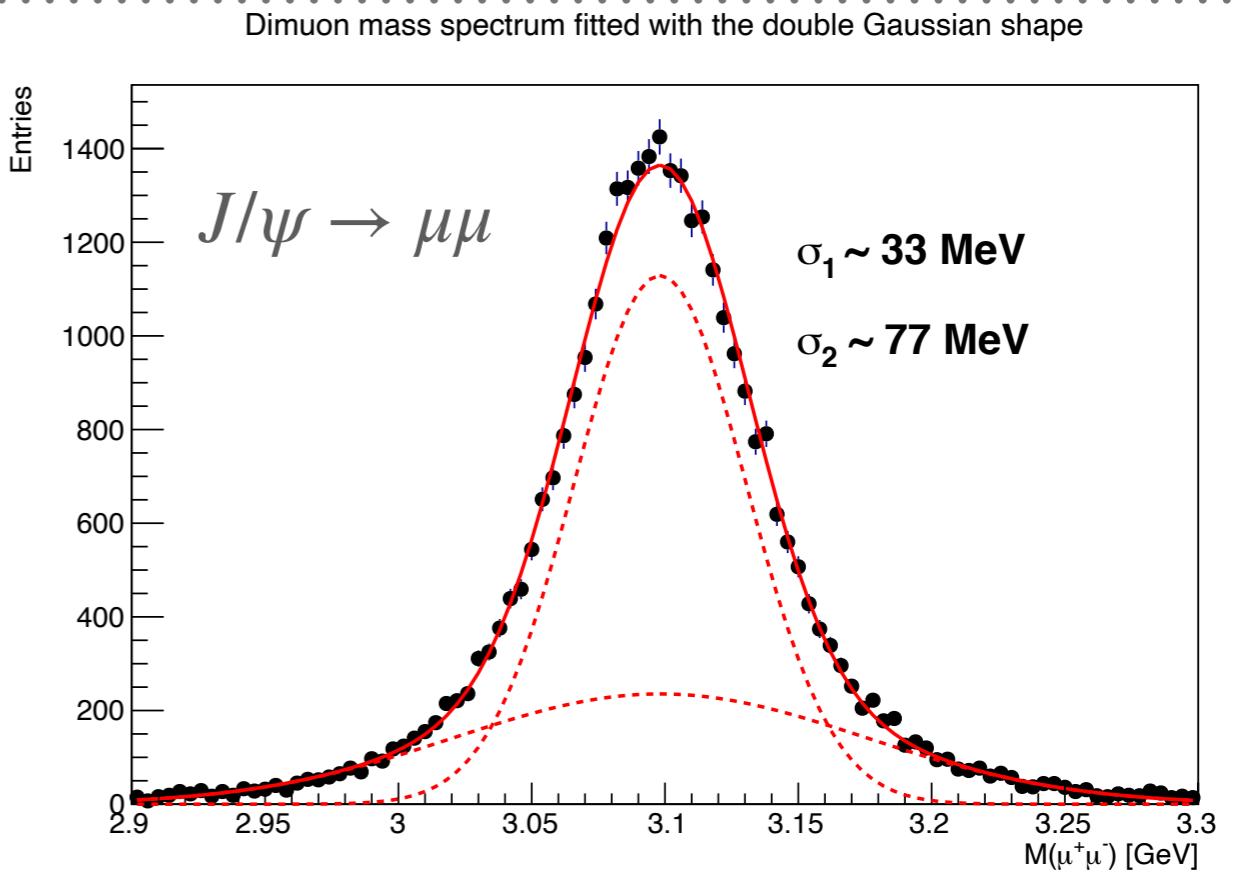


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Offline computing	30000	5	9 per year

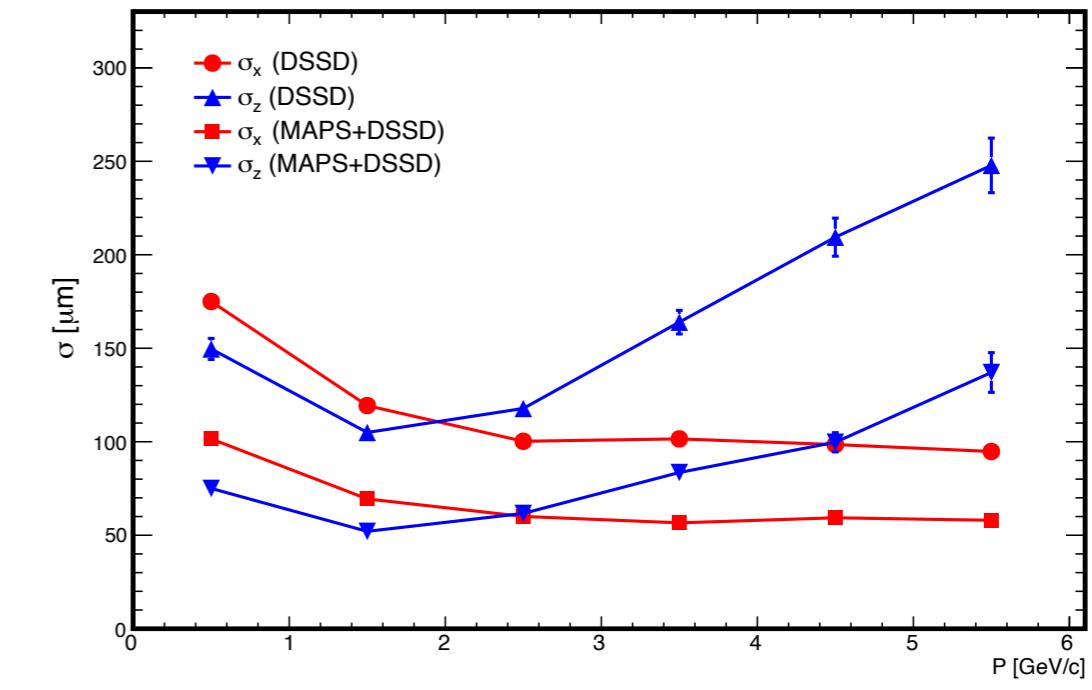
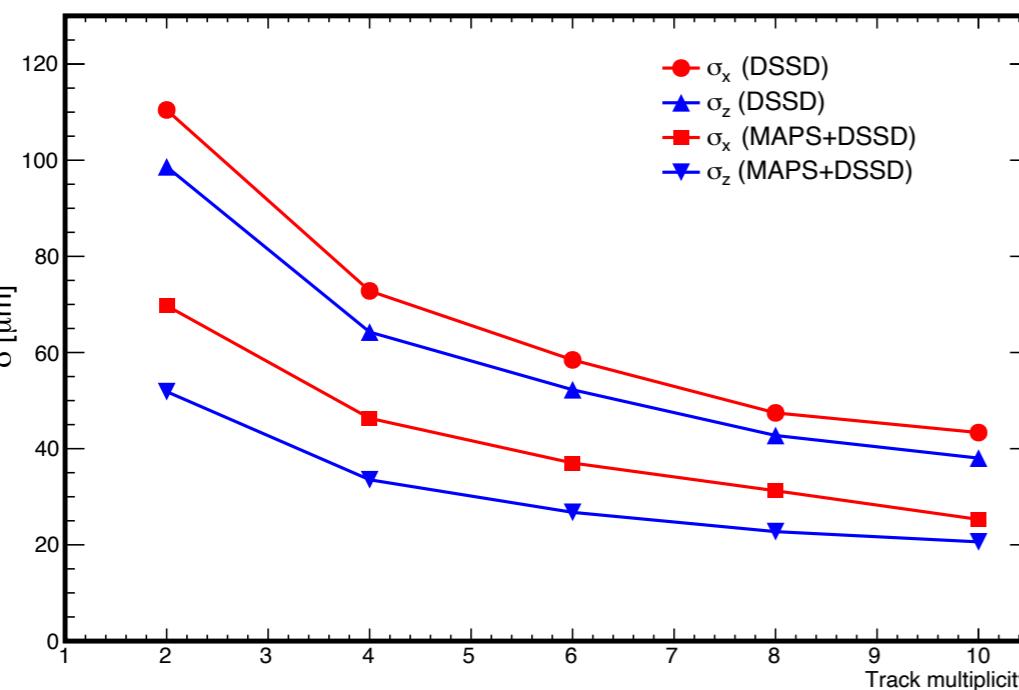
PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: TRACKING AND VERTEXING



Spatial resolution for primary vertices

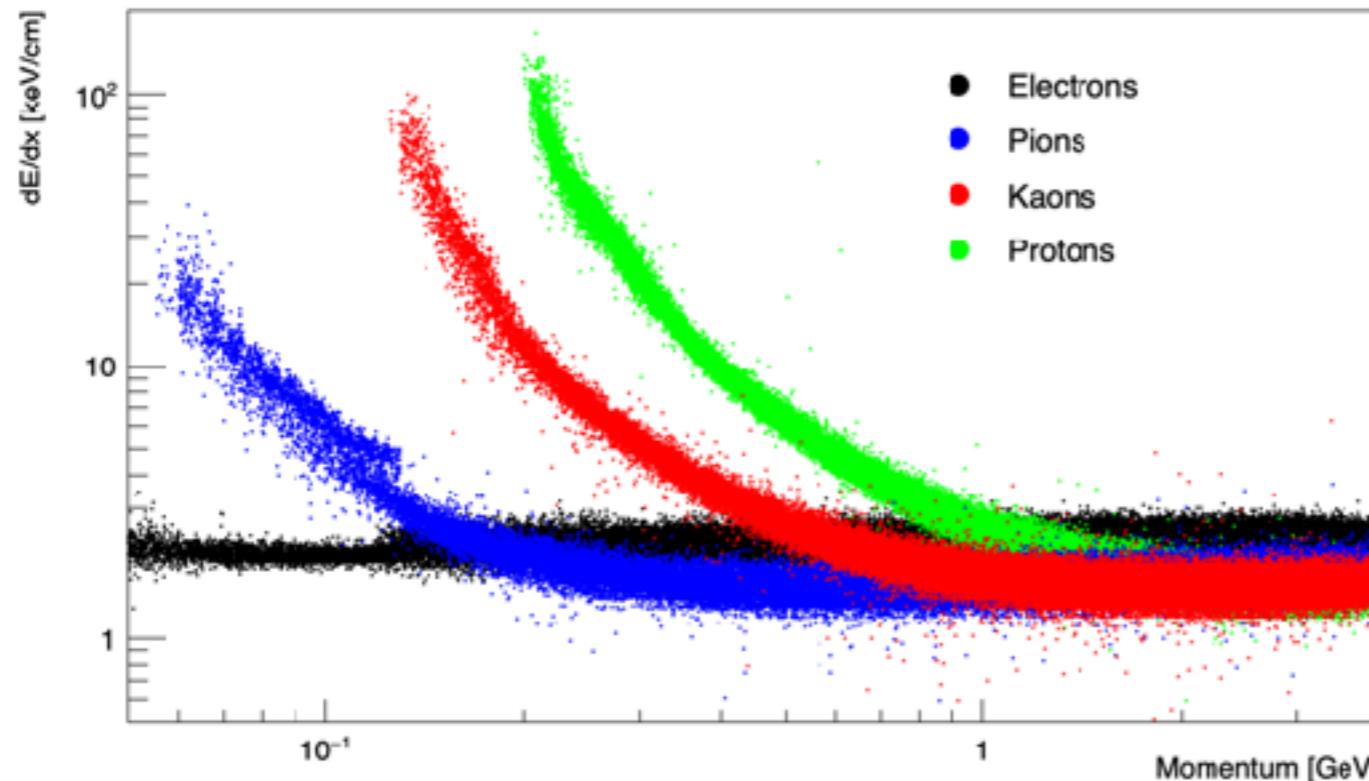
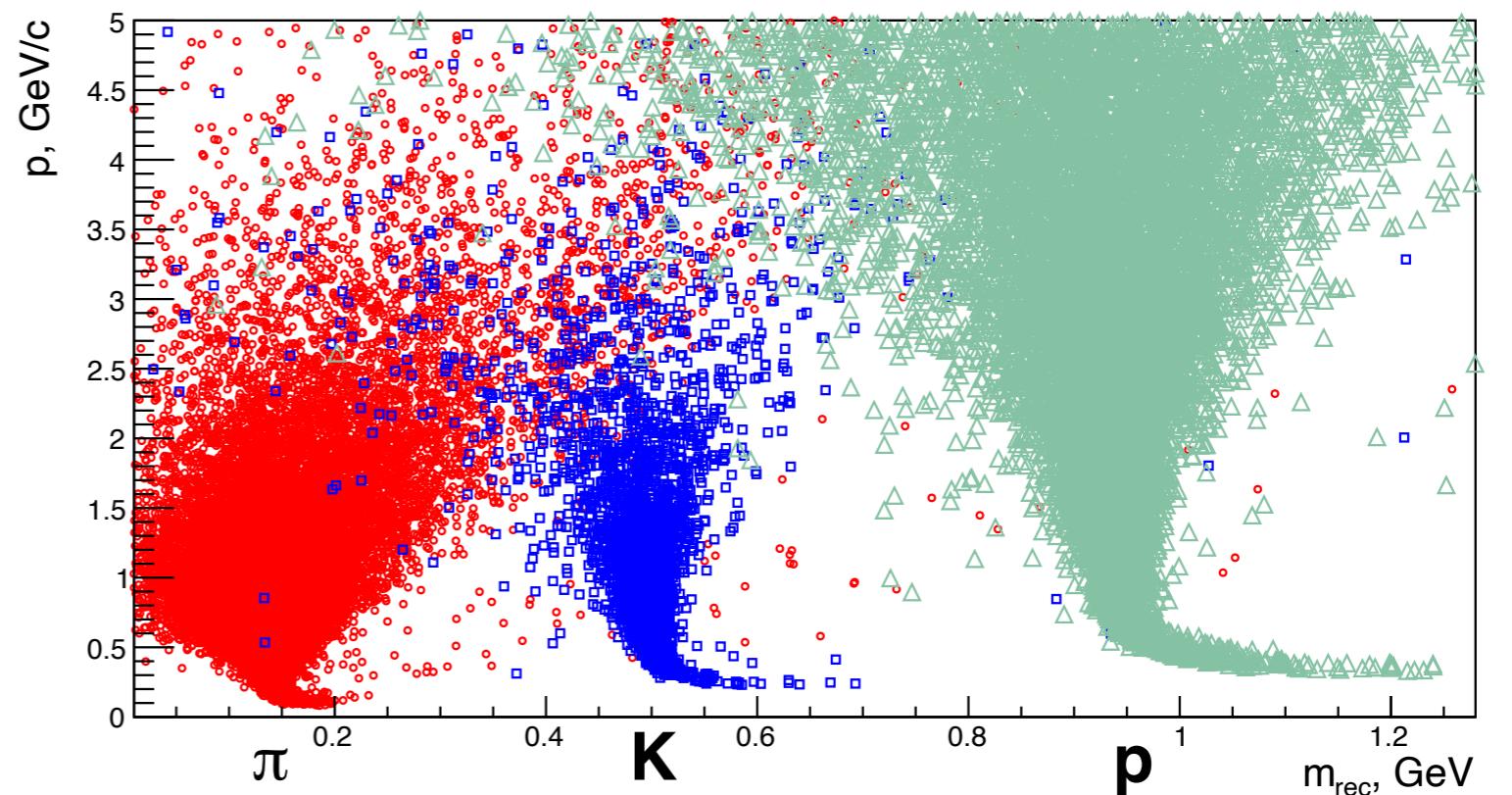
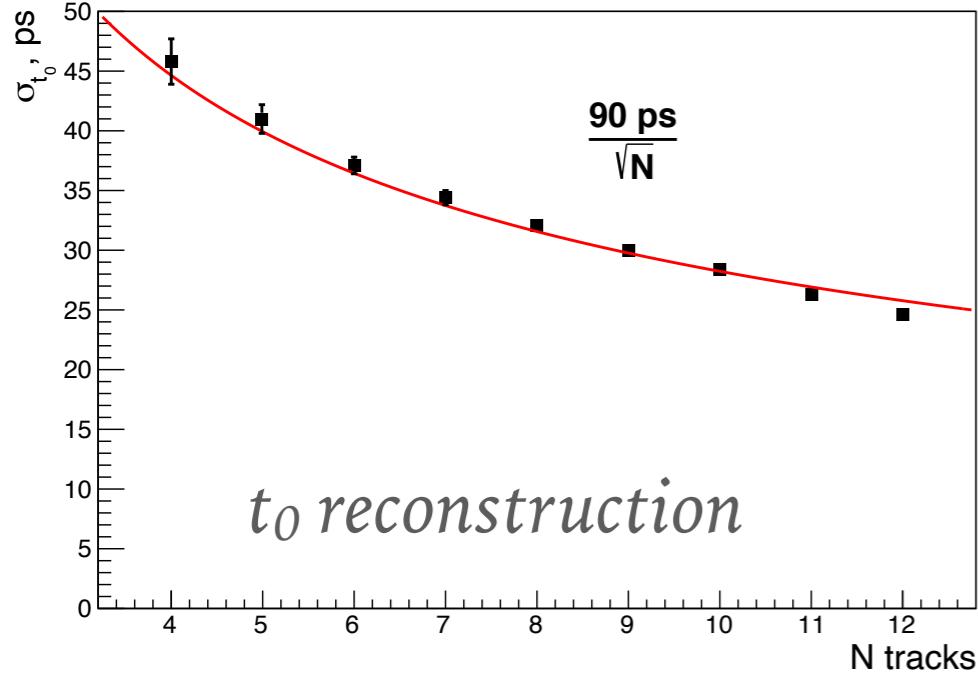


$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$



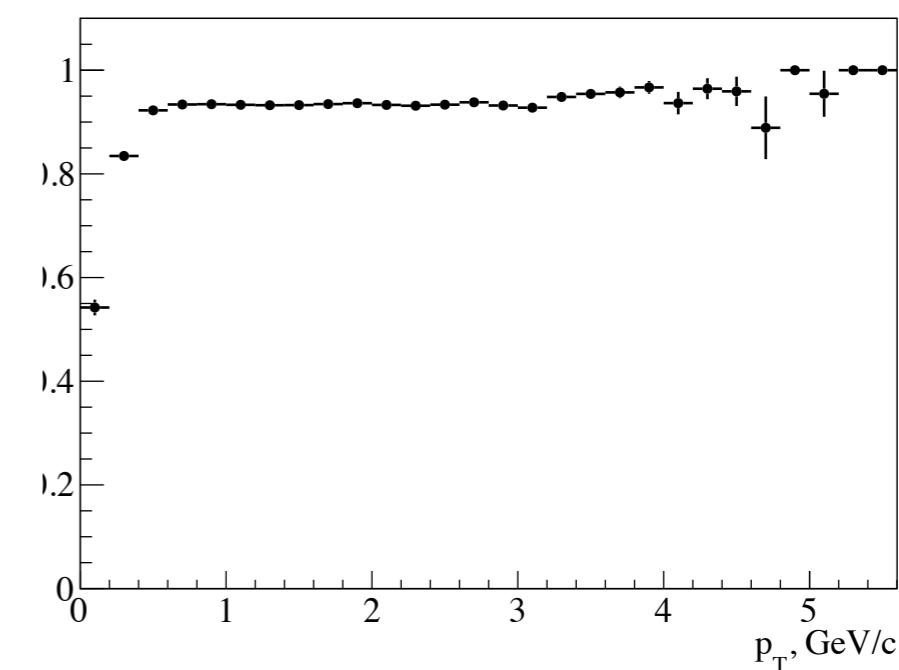
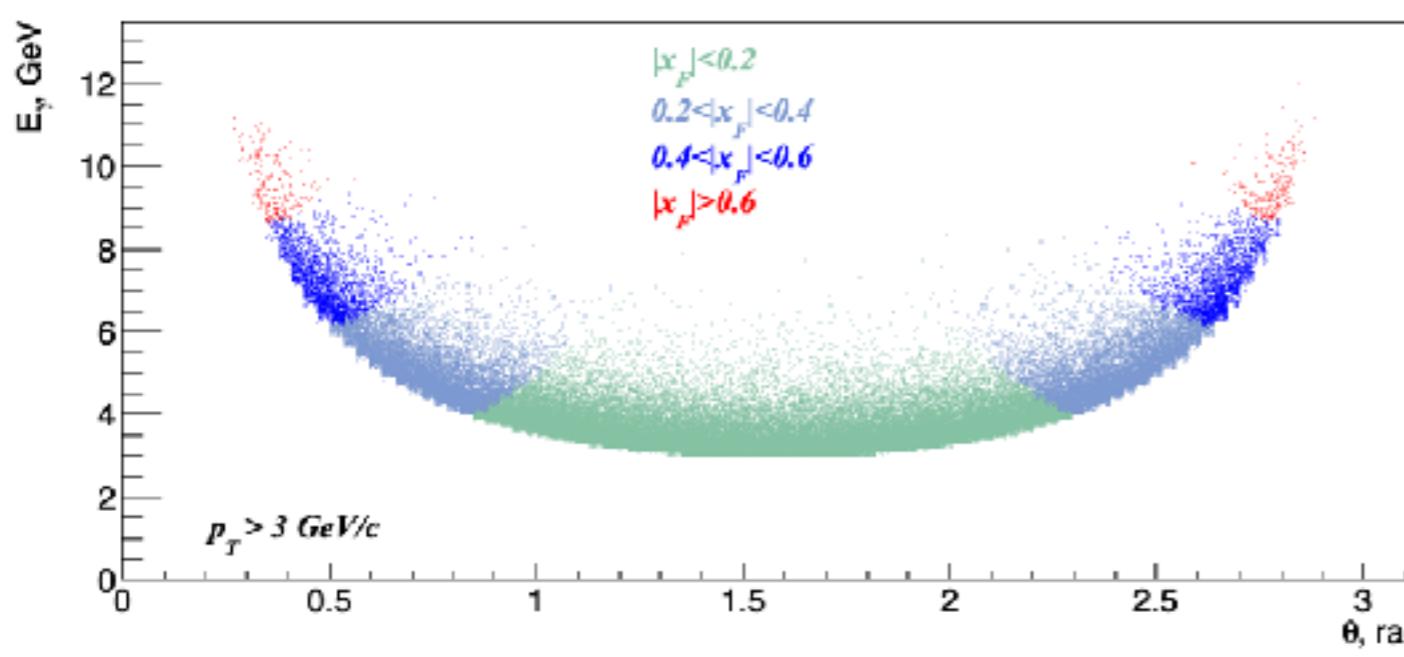
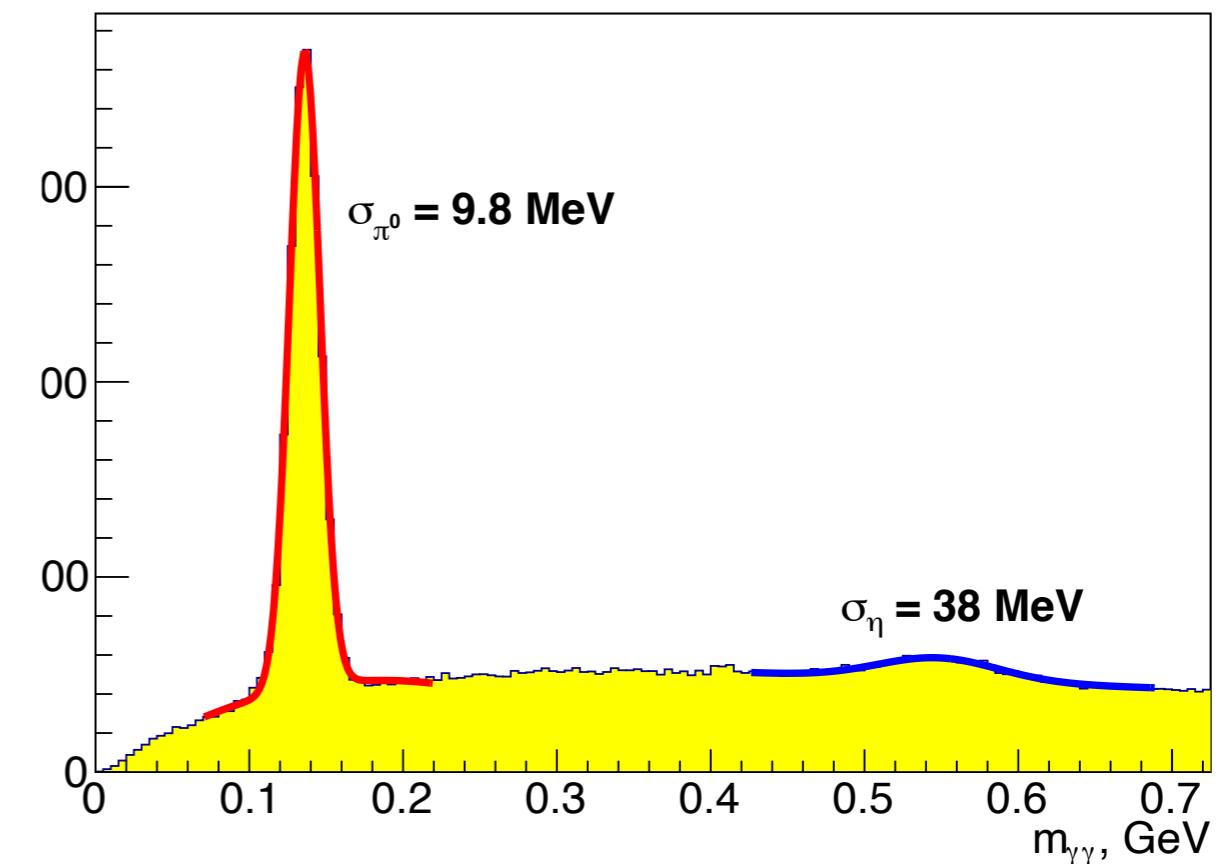
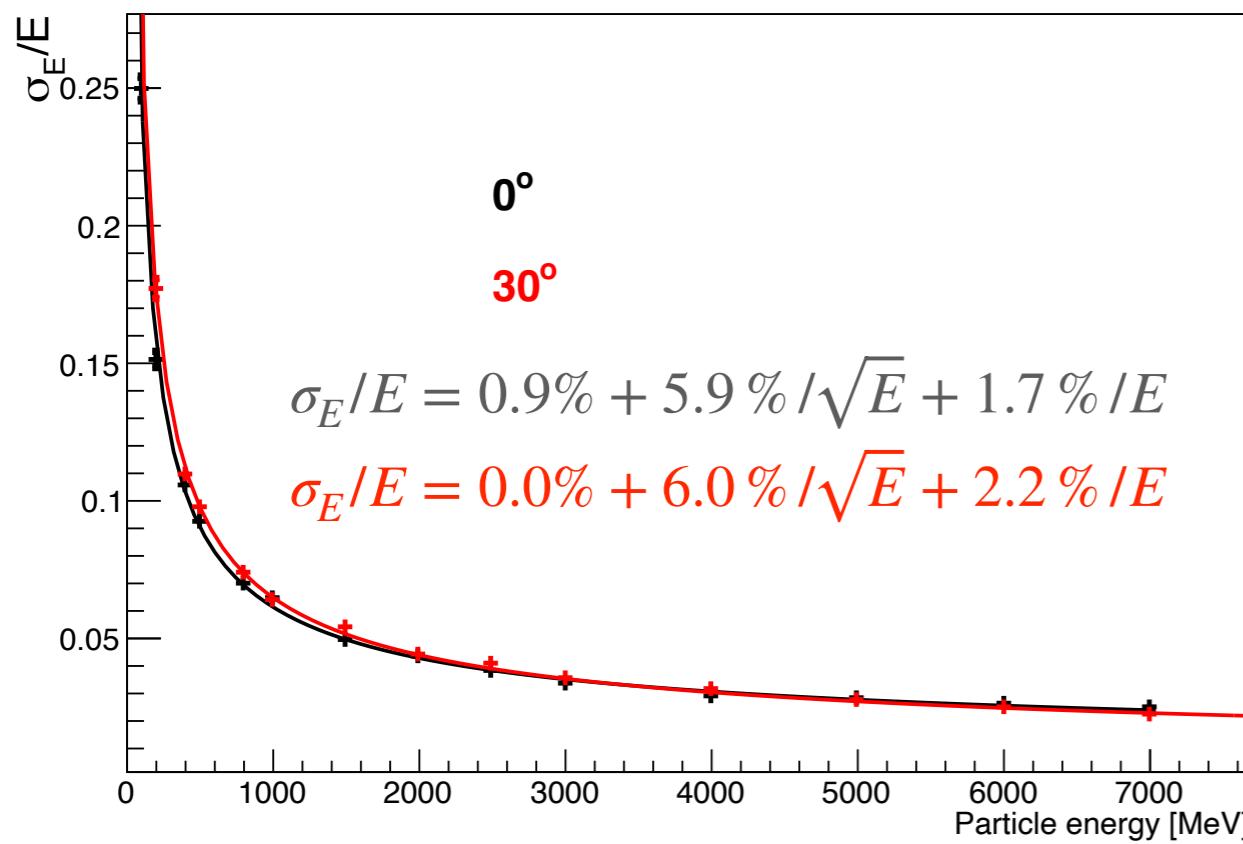
PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: PID

TOF ($\sigma_T=70$ ps)



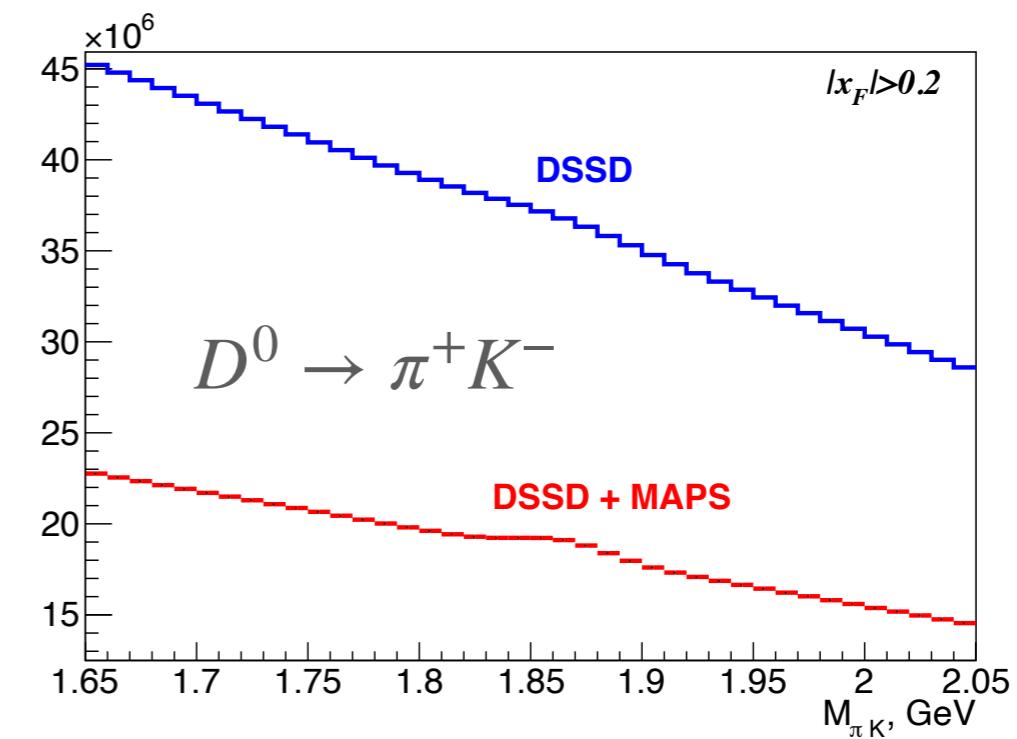
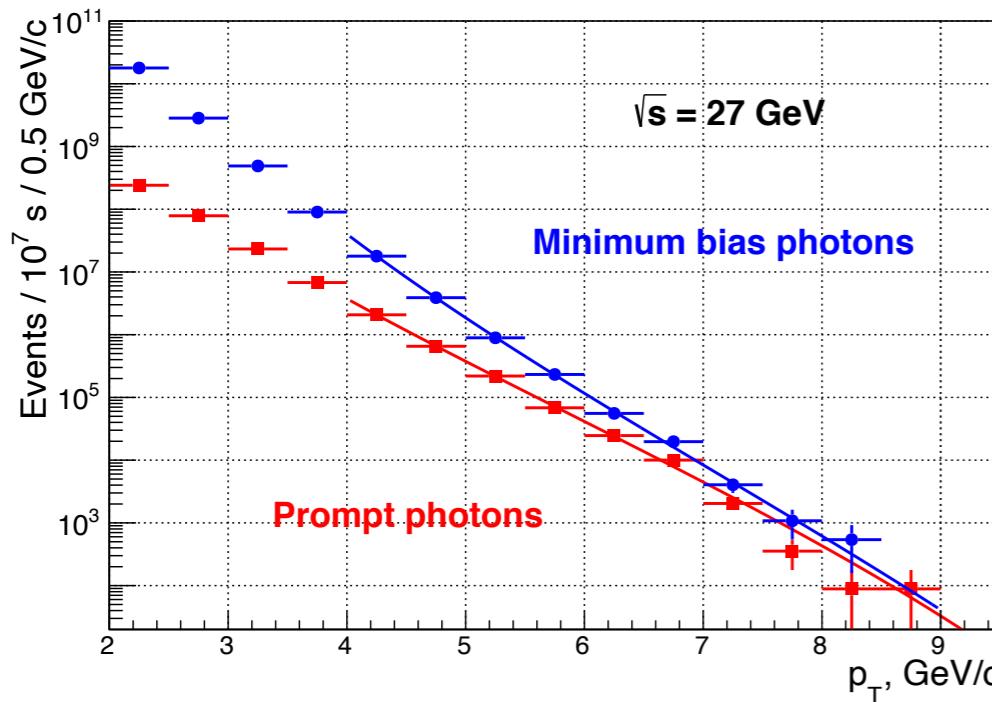
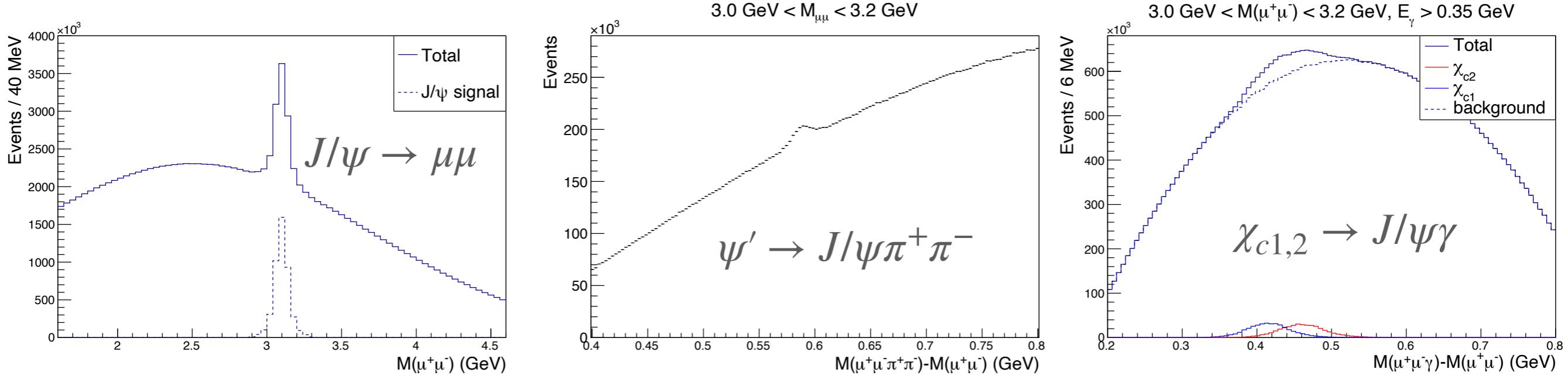
*dE/dx in Straw Tracker
(truncated average method)*

PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: CALORIMETRY

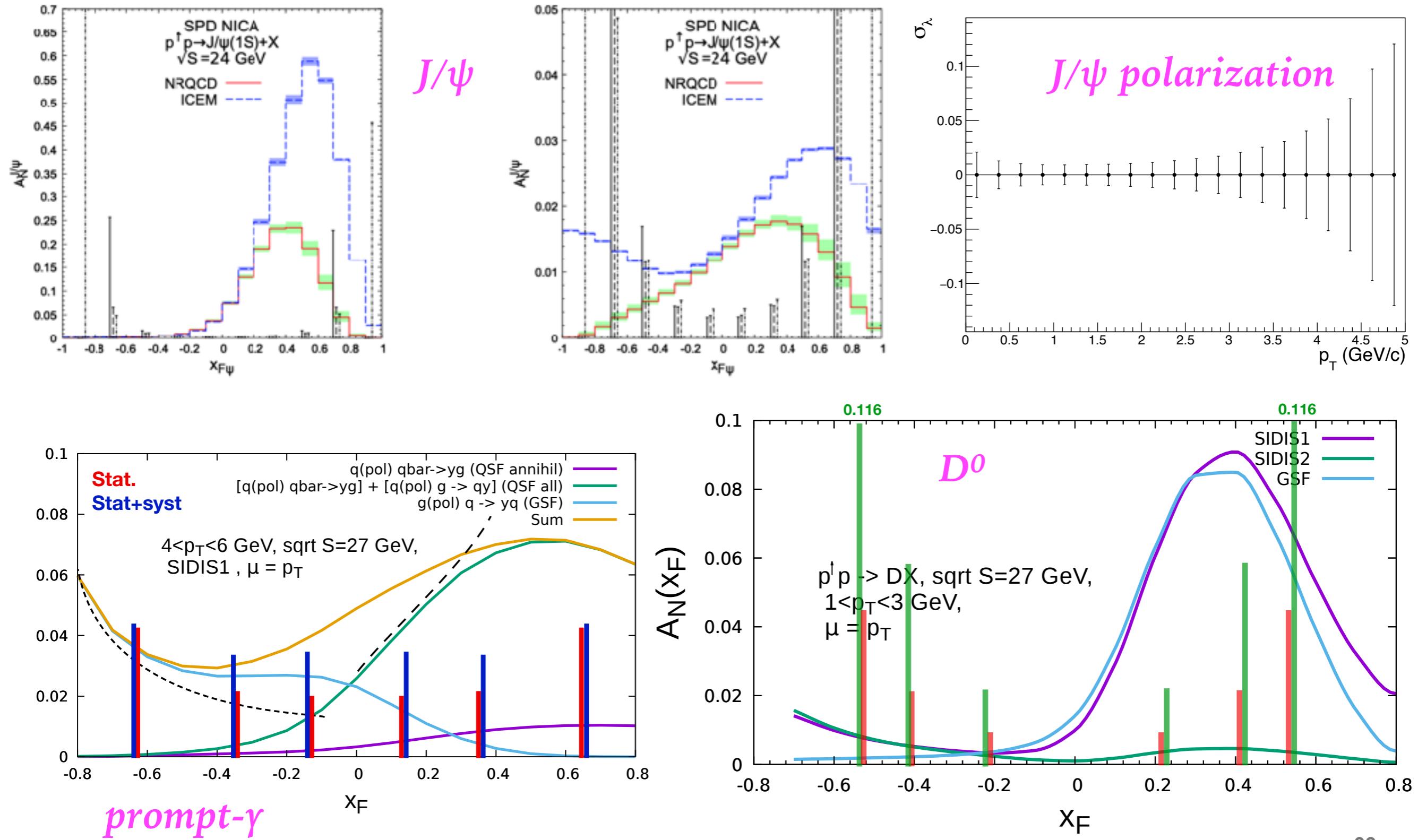


PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: GLUON PROBES

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PHYSICS PERFORMANCE: ACCURACIES



TENTATIVE RUNNING PLAN

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

**≥ 5 years
of data taking**

COST ESTIMATION

	Subsystem	Option	Cost, M\$
SPD setup	Vertex detector: – DSSD – DSSD+MAPS	VD1 VD2	9.4+6.5 (FE) 9.4+7.0 (FE)
	Straw tracker		2.4
	PID system: – RPC-based TOF – Scintillator-based TOF – Aerogel PID system	PID1 PID2 PID3	5 4 5
	Electromagnetic calorimeter		21.1
	Range system		14.2
	ZDC		2
	BBC		0.4
	Magnetic system		10
	Beam pipe		2
General infrastructure			5
Slow control system			0.8
Data acquisition system			1.6
Computing			10
TOTAL COST	VD2+PID2+PID3		94.9

+4.5 per year

SUMMARY

- We plan 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** (up to $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$) and **d-d** collisions at $\sqrt{s} \leq 27 \text{ GeV}$. The wide physics program is also prepared for the first period of running with reduced energy and luminosity.
- Complementing main probes such as **charmonia** (J/ψ and higher states), **open charm** and **prompt photons** will be used for that.
- The physics program dictates the layout of the setup: we propose the SPD as a universal 4π detector equipped with the **silicon vertex detector**, **straw tracker**, **PID system** based on TOF and/or aerogel Cherenkov detector, **electromagnetic calorimeter**, **muon (range) system**, two beam-beam counters and two zero degree calorimeters.
- The performed Monte Carlo study shows that the proposed **detector** meets the **requirements of the physics program**.
- The proposed physics program covers **at least 5 years of data taking**.
- Preliminary estimation for cost of the SPD setup is **95 M\$**.
- The first version of the Conceptual Design Report is **almost ready** and **will be presented in January 2021** at the winter session of the PAC.