

# RESULTS FROM RHIC-SPIN

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# SPIN PHYSICS PROGRAM AT RHIC

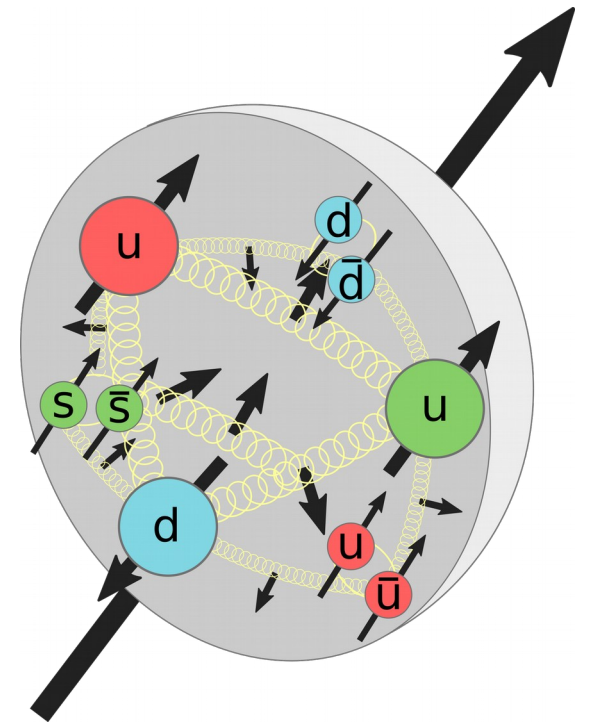
## Goal:

Using spin as a unique probe to unravel the internal structure and the QCD dynamics of nucleons with unprecedented precision

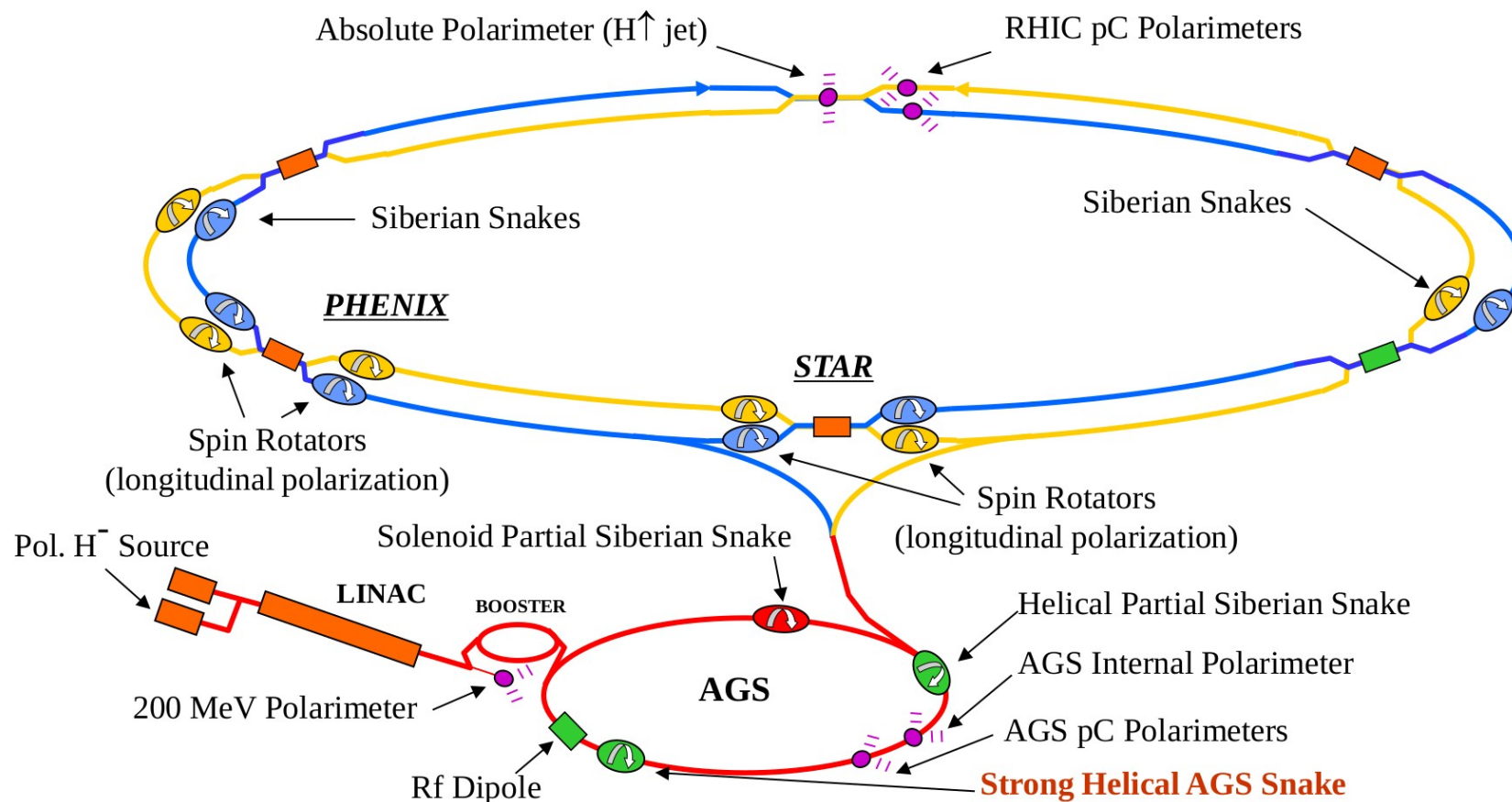
## Questions:

$$S = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_G$$

- How do gluons contribute to the proton spin?
- What is the landscape of the polarized quark-sea in the nucleon?
- What do transverse-spin phenomena teach us about the structure of proton?



# RHIC – POLARIZED PROTON COLLIDER

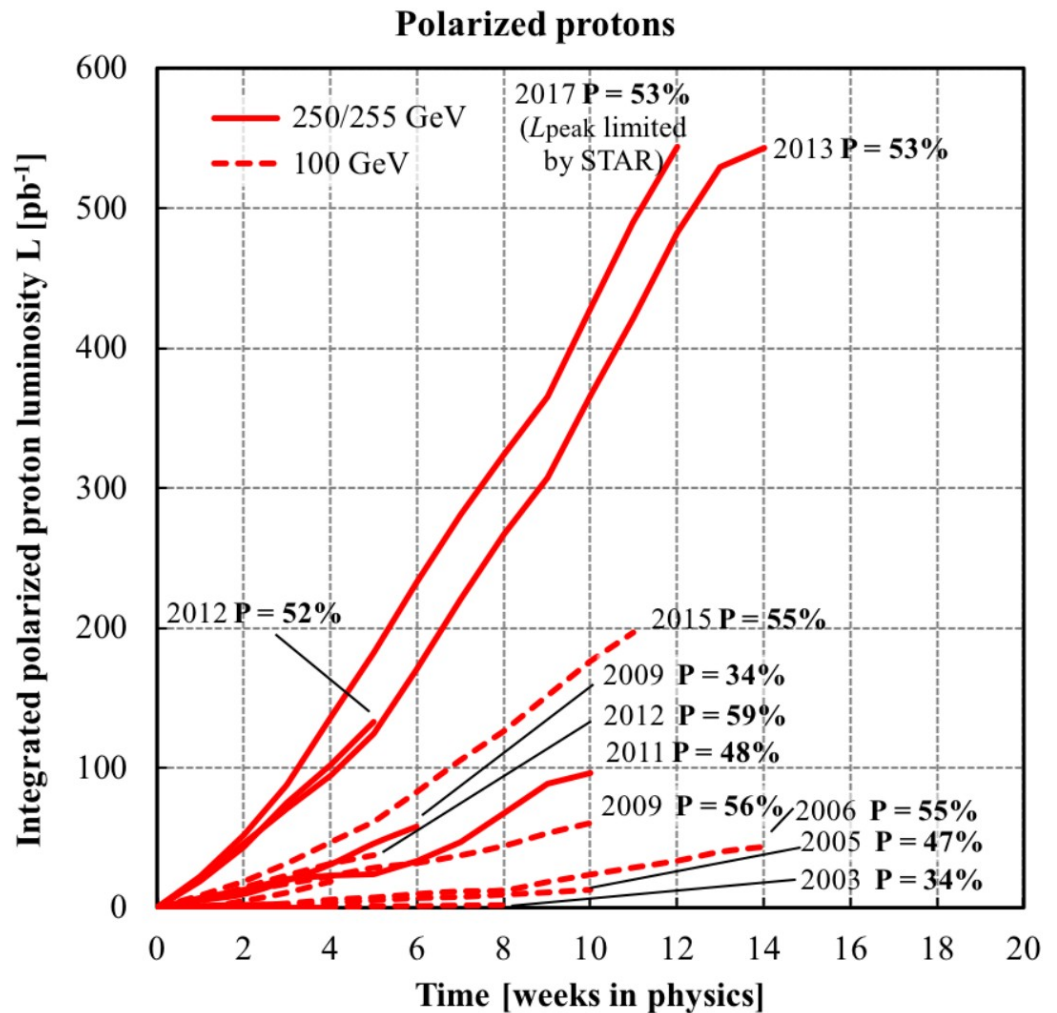


- Polarized proton  $\sqrt{s} = 62, 200, 500$  GeV
- Transverse and longitudinal polarization
- Alternating spin configurations bunch by bunch and fill by fill

**Hard scattering processes with control of systematic effects**

# RHIC – POLARIZED PROTON COLLIDER

Year and $\sqrt{s}$	STAR $L$ [ $\text{pb}^{-1}$ ]	PHENIX $L$ [ $\text{pb}^{-1}$ ]
<b>Longitudinal runs</b>		
<b><math>\sqrt{s} = 200</math> GeV</b>		
2009	25	16
2015	50	-
<b><math>\sqrt{s} = 500/510</math> GeV</b>		
2009	10	14
2011	12	18
2012	82	32
2013	300	155
<b>Transverse runs</b>		
<b><math>\sqrt{s} = 200</math> GeV</b>		
2012	22	10
2015	50	40
<b><math>\sqrt{s} = 500/510</math> GeV</b>		
2011	25	-
2017	320	-



# SOLENOIDAL TRACKER AT RHIC

## Electromagnetic Calorimeter

- $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$ ,  $1 < \eta < 2$
- Barrel ( $|\eta| < 1$ ) and Endcap ( $-1 < \eta < 2$ )
- Energy measurement, trigger

## Time Projection Chamber

- $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$ ,  $|\eta| < 1$ , 0.5 T
- PID, tracking, vertex reconstruction

## Time of Flight Barrel

- $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$ ,  $|\eta| < 1$
- PID

## Forward Meson Spectrometer

- $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$ ,  $2.6 < \eta < 4$
- Energy measurement, trigger

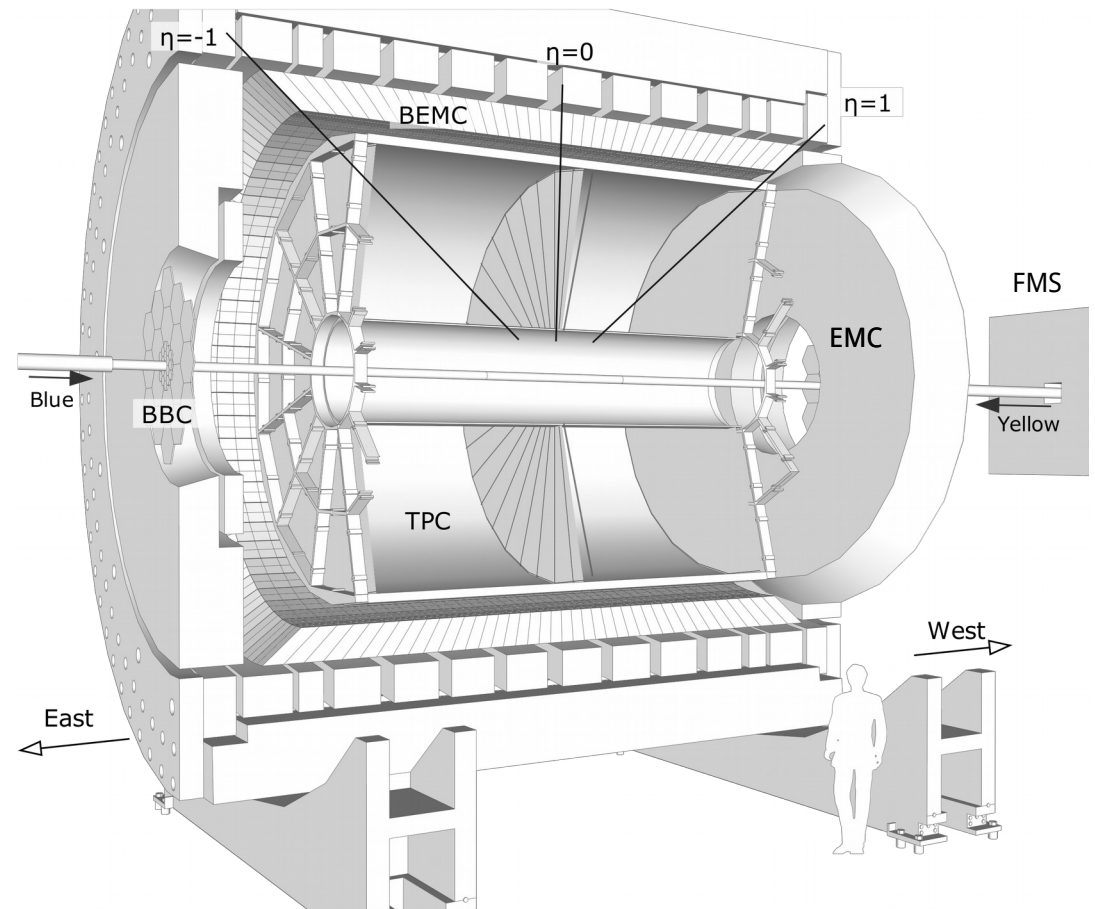
## Beam-Beam Counter

## Vertex Position Detector

- Relative luminosity and MB trigger

## Zero Degree Calorimeter

- Relative luminosity and local polarimetry



## Characteristics

- Large acceptance (PID and calorimetry)
- Good for jets and correlations
- Upgrades: iTPC, EPD, ETOF



# PHENIX DETECTOR

Took data up to 2016

## Central Arm

- $|\eta| < 0.35$ ,  $\Delta\varphi = 2 \times \pi/2$ , 0.78 T
- VTX detector
- Electromagnetic Calorimeter
- Tracking: Drift chambers, Pad chambers
- PID: RICH, ToF

## Muon Arm

- $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$ ,  $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$ , 0.72 T
- Muon PID and Tracking
- PID, tracking, vertex reconstruction

## Muon Piston Calorimeter

- $\Delta\varphi = 2\pi$ ,  $3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9$

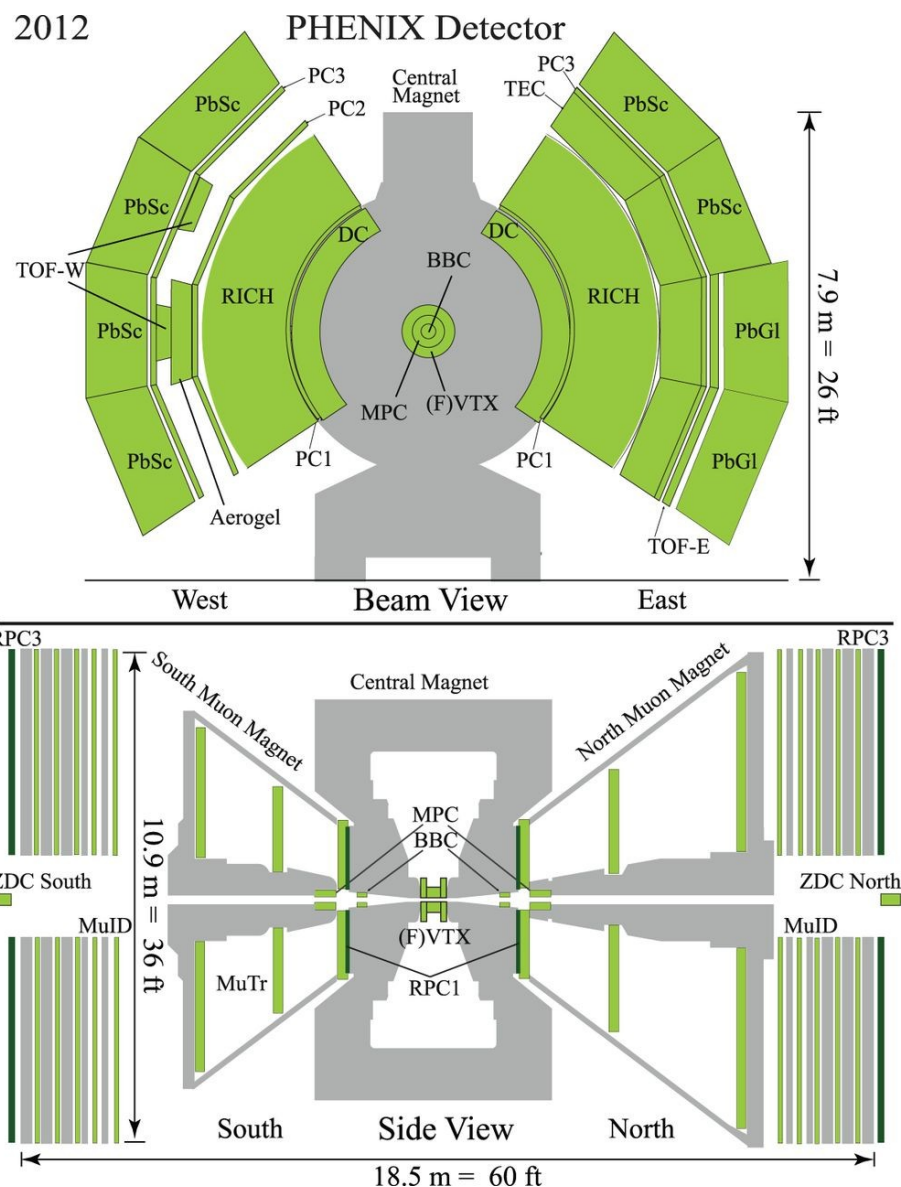
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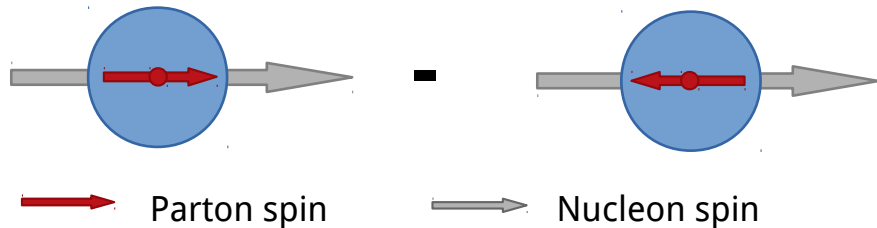
- Relative luminosity

## Characteristics

- High rate capabilities + good resolution
- Central arms:  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$
- Muon arms



# HELICITY STRUCTURE OF PROTON



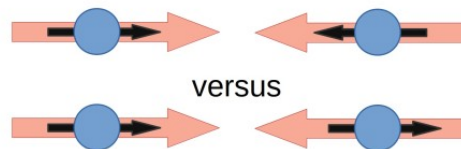
Helicity  $\Delta f(x)$

Density of partons with spin aligned with a longitudinally polarized proton that carry a fraction  $x$  of proton momentum

**How do gluons contribute to the proton spin?**

**Double polarization**

$$\vec{p} + \vec{p} \rightarrow \text{jet/dijet/hadrons} + X$$

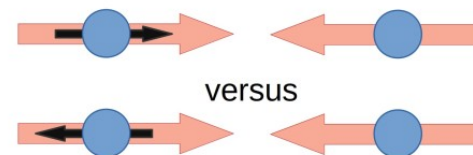


$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}}$$

**What is the landscape of the polarized sea in the proton?**

**Single polarization + weak interaction**

$$\vec{p} + p \rightarrow W^{+/-} \rightarrow e^{+/-} + \nu$$



$$A_L = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-}$$

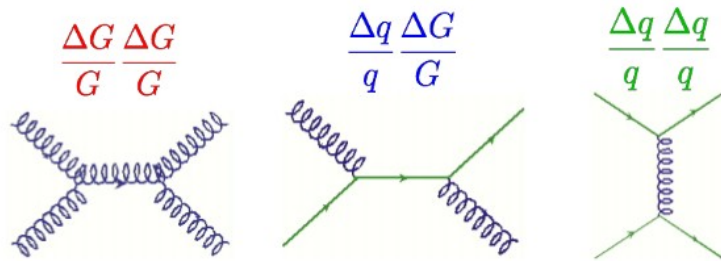
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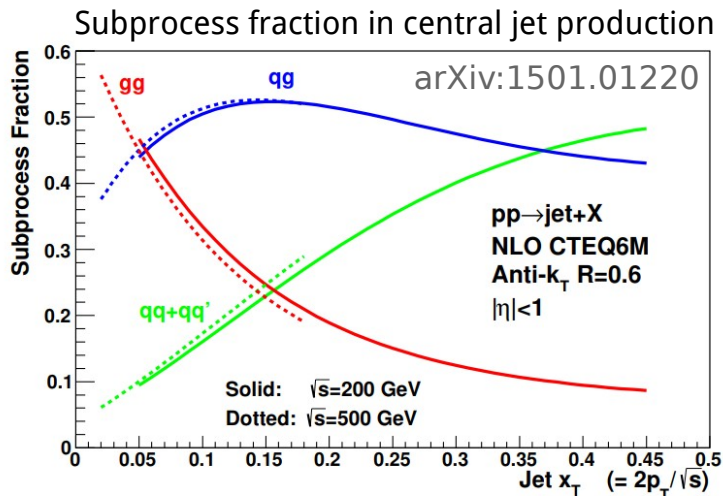
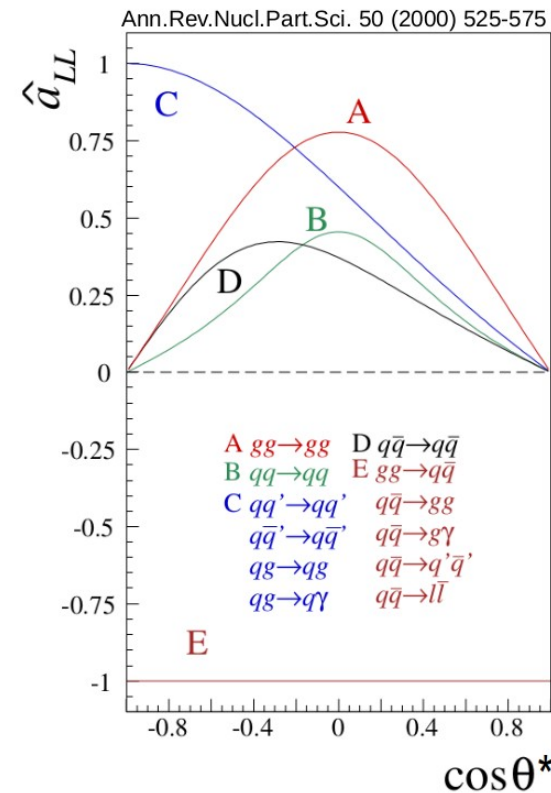
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$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} = \frac{\text{Diagram 1} - \text{Diagram 2}}{\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2}}$$

Which processes dominate at RHIC?



What are  $a_{LL}$  for these processes?



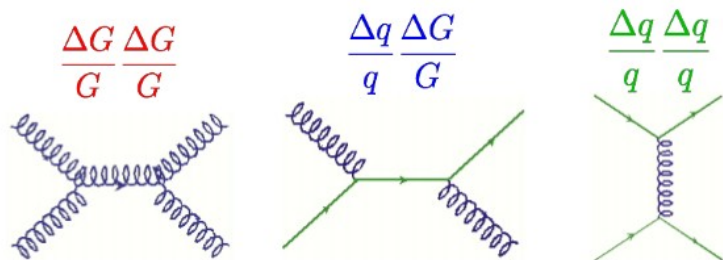
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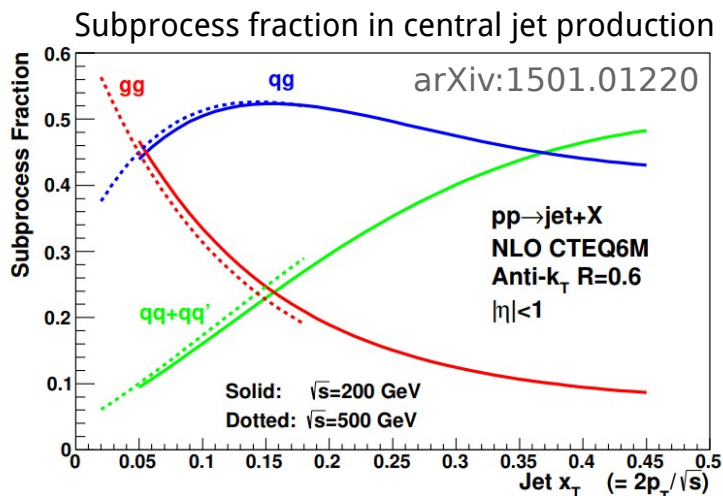
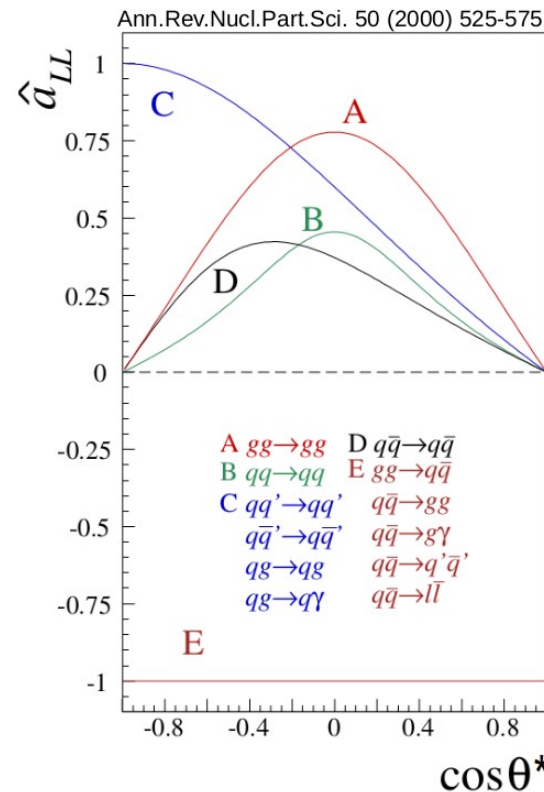
$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} = \frac{\Sigma \Delta f_a \otimes \Delta f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} a_{LL} \otimes D}{\Sigma f_a \otimes f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} \otimes D}$$

LO for illustration

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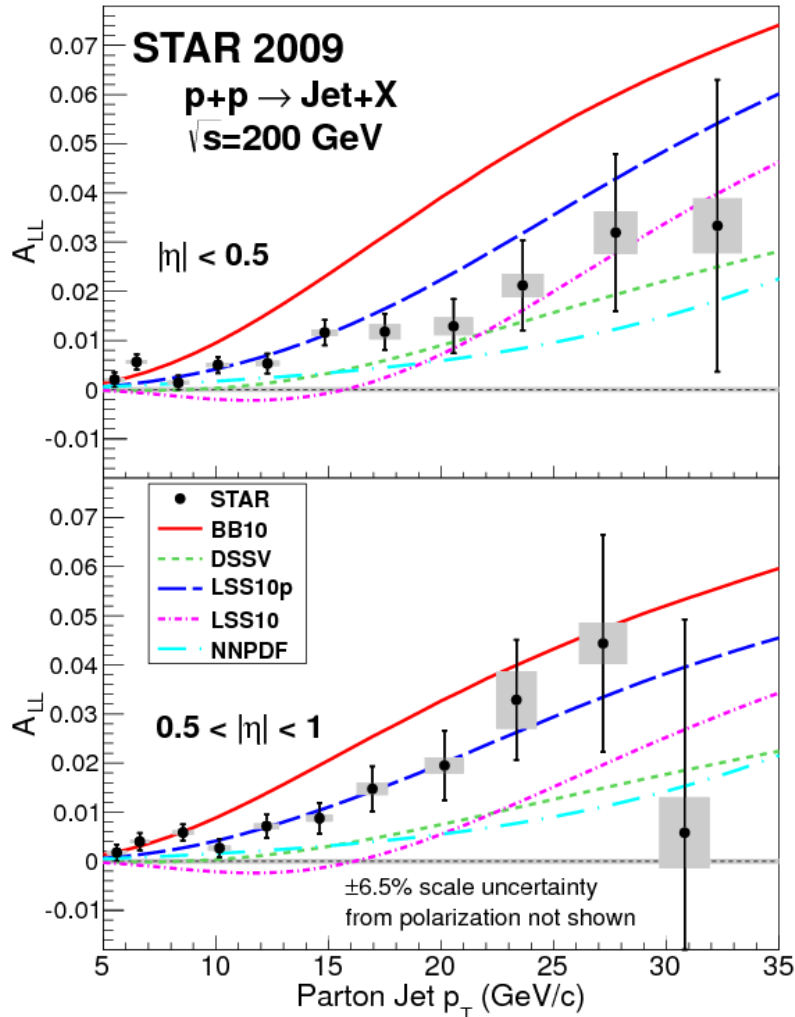


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# STATUS OF $\Delta G$

## Precision $A_{LL}$

PRL 115 (2015) 9, 092002



In the PDF fit also PHENIX  $\pi^0$   $A_{LL}$  included PRD 90, 012007 (2014)

1. Significant advance in respect to old data:
  - About an order in precision
  - Extended kinematic range
  - Initial sensitivity to different  $x_g$  from rapidities

2.  $A_{LL}$  positive for large  $p_T$  - **positive gluon polarization**

3. Included in DSSV and the NNPDF **PDF fits** (NLO)
  - These data drive the constraints on  $\Delta G$  in both fits

DSSV:	$0.20^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ ,	at 90% C.L. , $x > 0.05$
NNPDF:	$0.23 \pm 0.07$ ,	$0.05 < x < 0.5$

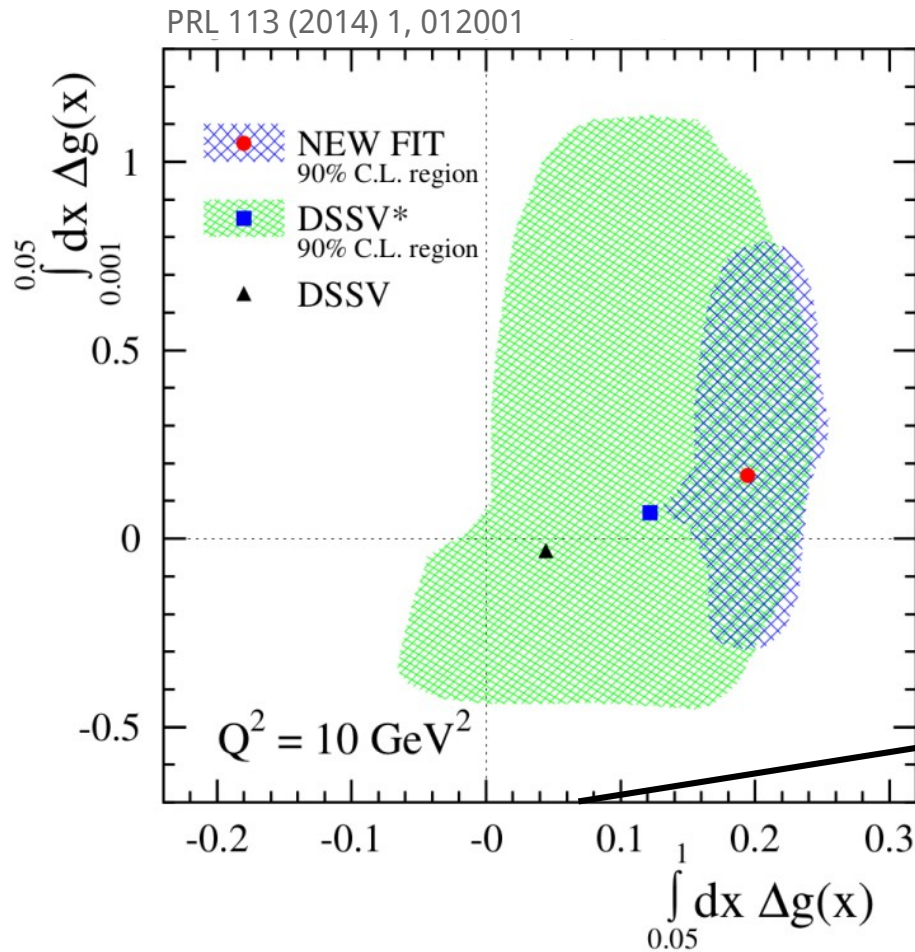
Evidence for **positive gluon polarization** in the  $x$  range  $0.05 < x < 0.2$  and at  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$

Run 2009 -  $25 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

Further precision: Run 2015 -  $50 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

# STATUS OF $\Delta G$

## Impact of $A_{LL}$ from 2009 data on $\Delta G$



### Low-x range

Improving constrain for  $x < 0.05$

Extend sensitivity to smaller  $x_g$ :

- forward rapidity

$$x_g \propto \exp(-\eta)$$

- $\sqrt{s} = 510 \text{ GeV}$  data

$$x_g \propto 1/\sqrt{(s)}$$

### High-x range

Further precision from:

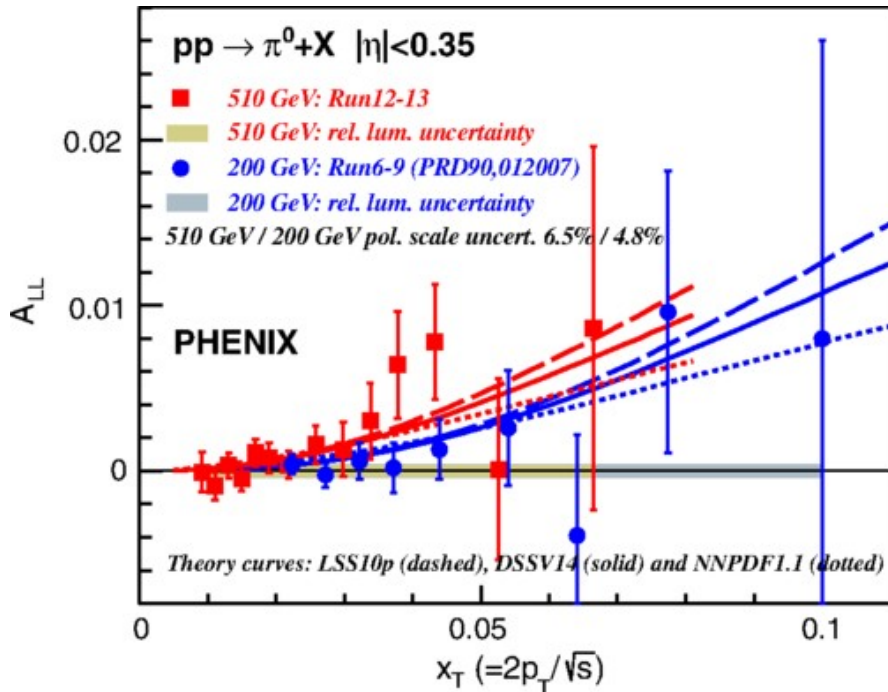
- Jet and neutral pion probes
- Complementary probes

$$\Delta G = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x) dx$$

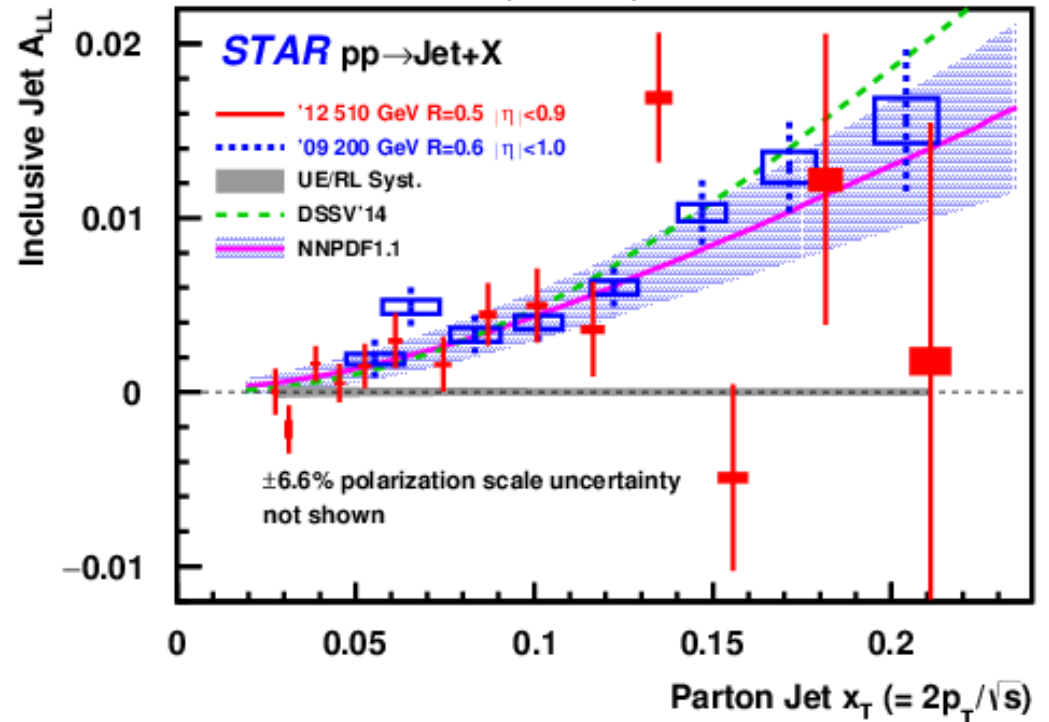
# CENTRAL $\pi^0$ AND JETS AT 510 GEV

Towards smaller  $x_g$

PRD 93 (2016), 011501



arXiv:1906.02740, Accepted for publication in PRD



- Consistent result from both energies and both experiments
- **Higher  $\sqrt{s}$  pushes sensitivity to lower  $x > 0.02$**
- More to come:
  - 2013 data: High luminosity 510 GeV: STAR and PHENIX
  - 2015 data: Double 2009 statistics 200 GeV: STAR

STAR:  $A_{LL}$  of  $\pi^0$  at 510 GeV with FMS ( $2.6 < \eta < 4, x > 0.001$ ) PRD 98 (2018), 032013

STAR:  $A_{LL}$  of  $\pi^0$  at 200 GeV at midrapidity PRD 80 (2009), 111108

# DI-JET MEASUREMENT

## Towards smaller $x_g$ and complementary probes

- Di-jets give stricter constraints to underlying **partonic kinematics**
- May place better constraints on **functional form of  $\Delta g(x)$**
- More-forward production - **lower  $x$  down to 0.01**, 2 – likely gluon, 1 – likely quark
- **Narrow ranges** of initial state partonic momentum tested

$$M = \sqrt{x_1 x_2 s}$$

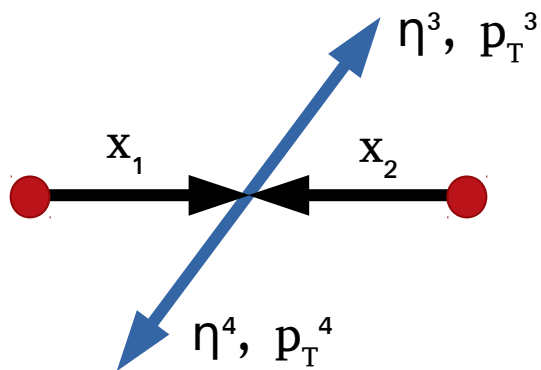
$$\eta_3 + \eta_4 = \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} (p_{T3} e^{\eta_3} + p_{T4} e^{\eta_4})$$

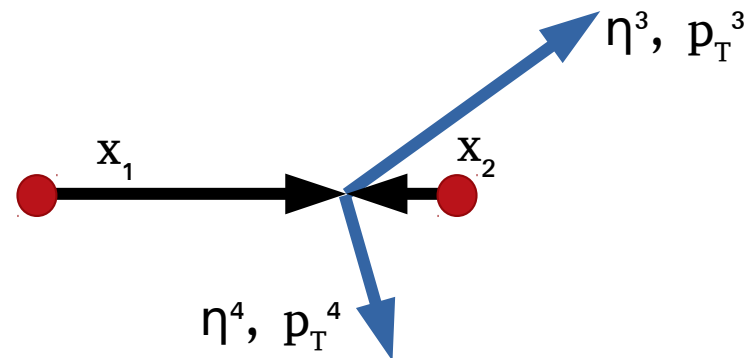
$$x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} (p_{T3} e^{-\eta_3} + p_{T4} e^{-\eta_4})$$

(LO)

Unlike-sign topology



Same-sign topology

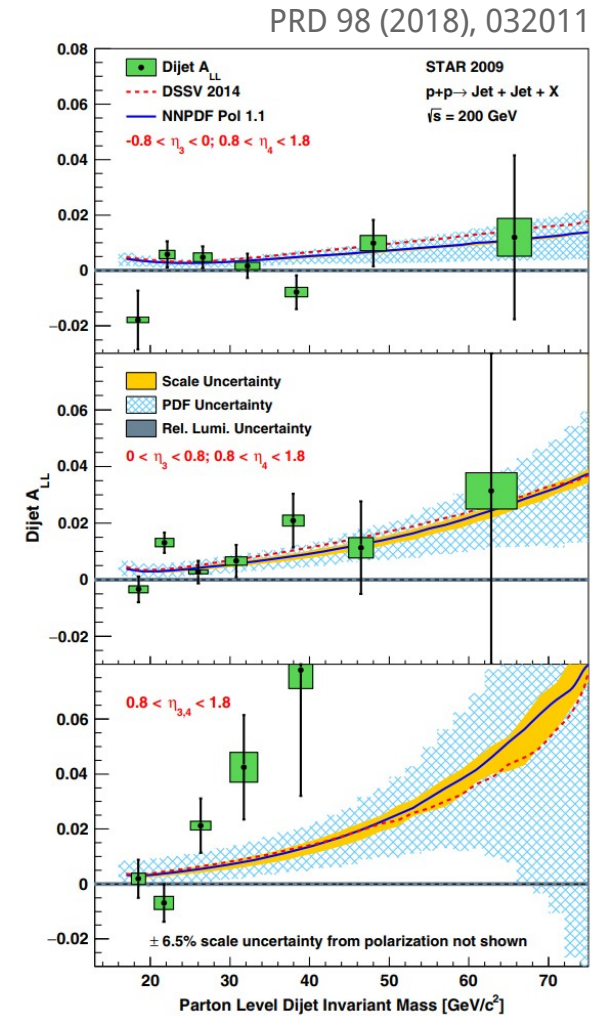
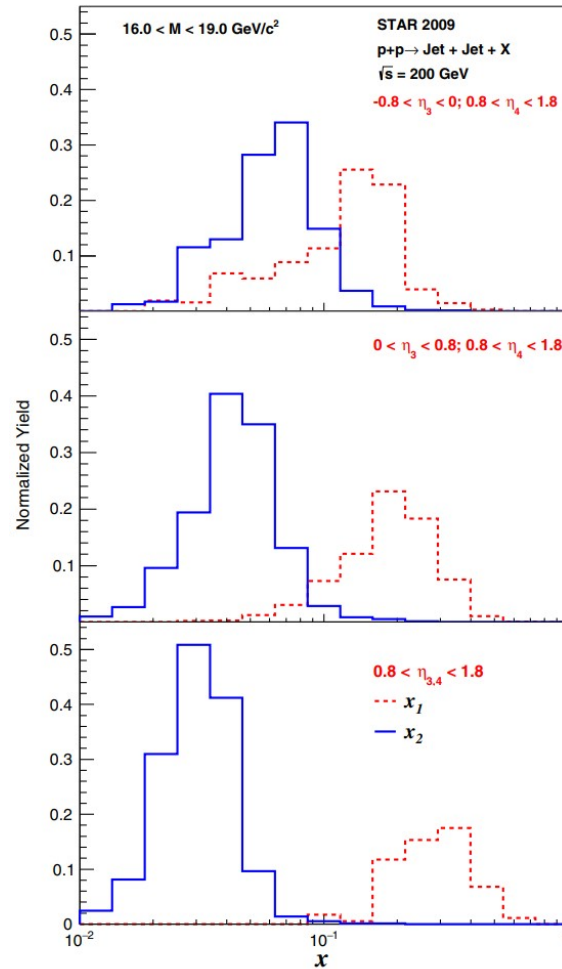
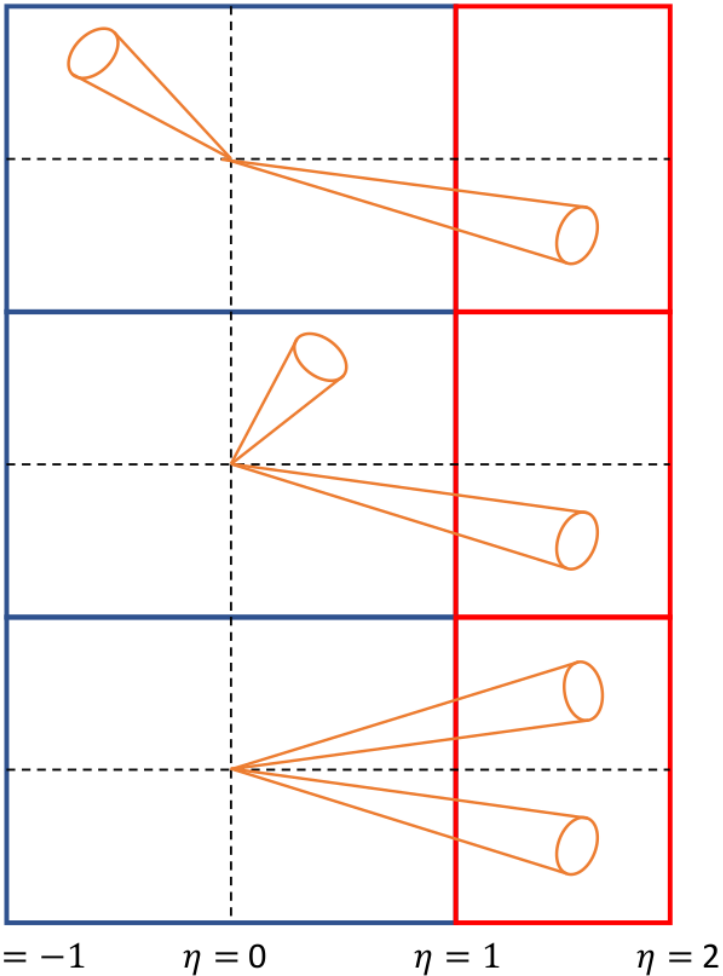


Forward jets probe lower values of  $x_g$



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Towards smaller  $x_g$  and complementary probes



- Central di-jet measurement Run 2009  $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  : PRD 95 (2017), 071103
- Central di-jet measurement Run 2012  $\sqrt{s} = 510 \text{ GeV}$  : arXiv:1906.02740, Accepted for publication in PRD
- Further precision: Run 2015  $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  – x 1.5 statistics

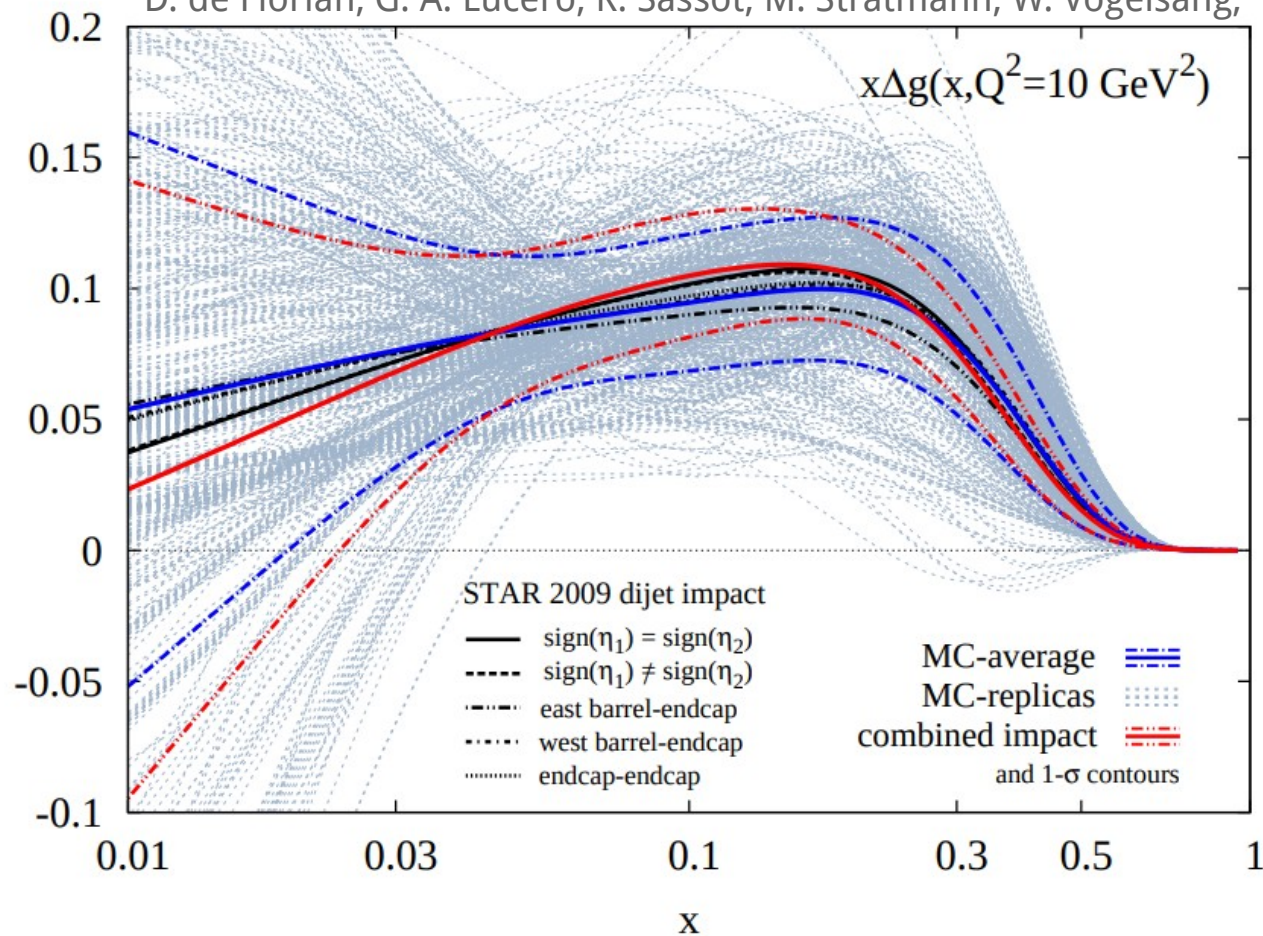


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## Impact on $\Delta g(x)$

arXiv 1902.10548

D. de Florian, G. A. Lucero, R. Sassot, M. Stratmann, W. Vogelsang,



- Influence of central and forward di-jets from 2009 data  $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  on DSSV calculations

# QUARK-SEA HELICITIES

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## Single spin asymmetry and cross sections for W production

**Goal: Constrain the sea-quark helicity**

### Separation of quark flavour

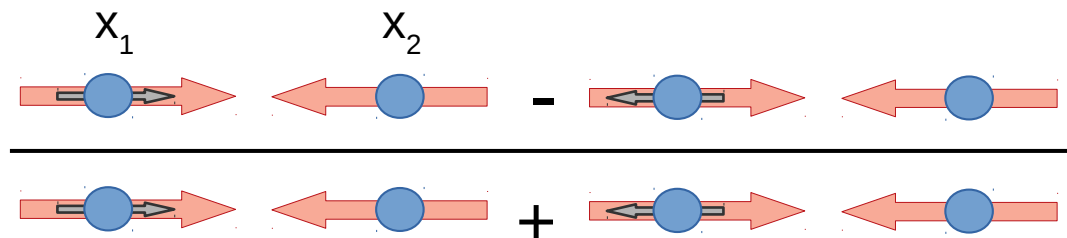
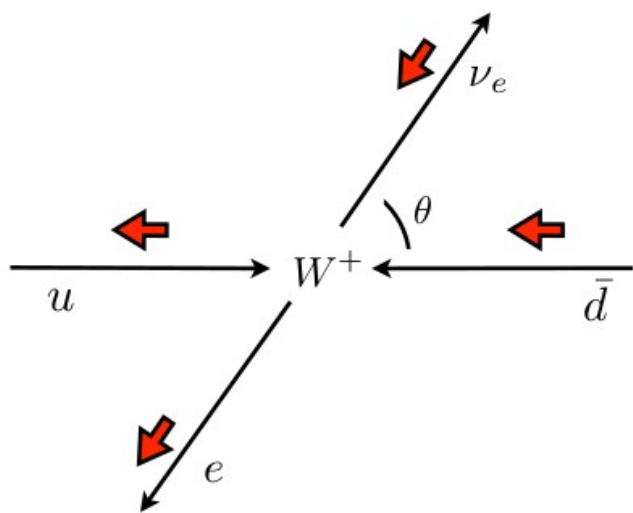
- $W^+(W^-)$ : predominantly  $u(d)$  and  $\bar{d}(\bar{u})$

### Maximal parity violation

- W couples to left-handed particles or right-handed antiparticles

**The decay process is calculable**

**Free from fragmentation function**



$$A_L^{W^+}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2) - \Delta u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2) + u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)} \quad (\text{LO})$$

$$A_L^{W^-}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) - \Delta d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}$$

### Experiment Signature:

- Large  $p_T$  lepton, missing  $E_T$

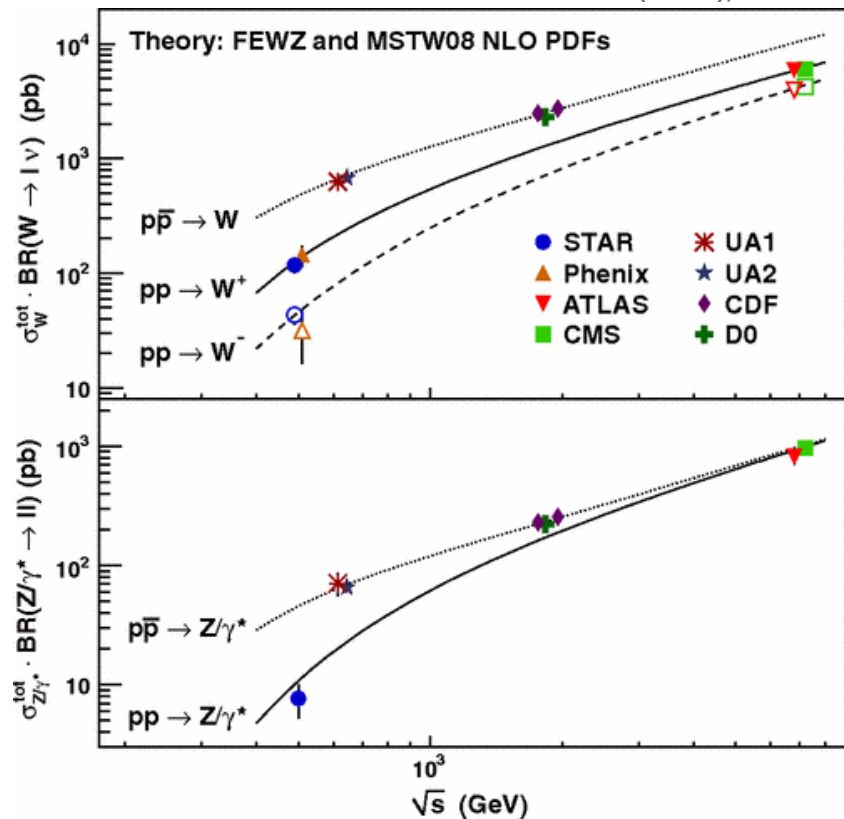
### Experiment Challenges:

- Charge-ID at large  $|\eta|$
- Electron-hadron discrimination
- High luminosity needed

# QUARK HELICITIES

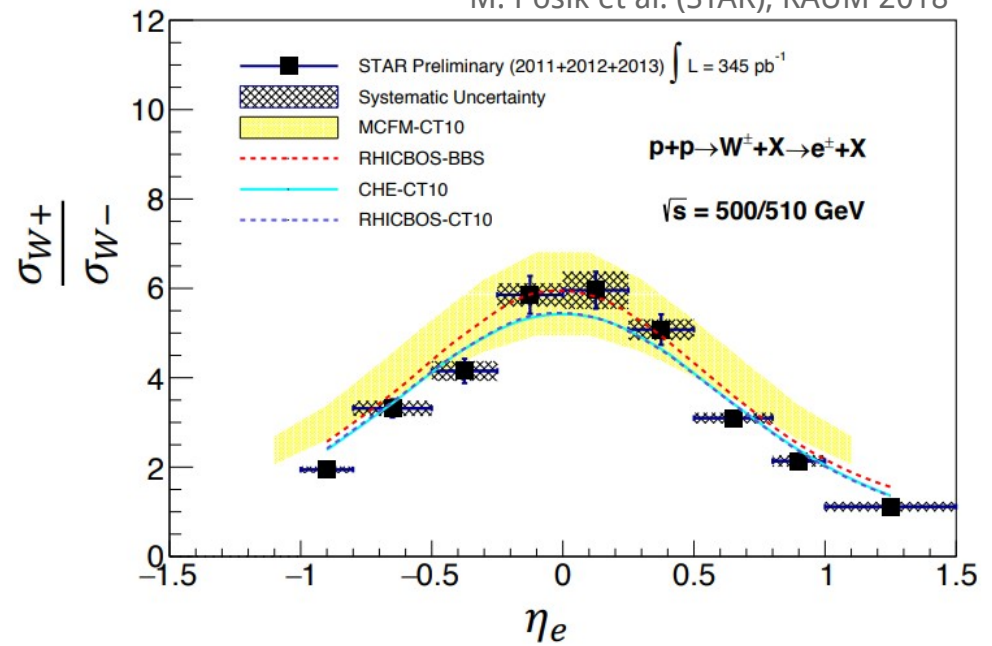
## Cross sections for W production

PRD 85 (2011), 092010



- Agreement with NLO pQCD theory and with other experiments
- Support for the NLO pQCD interpretation of asymmetry measurements

M. Posik et al. (STAR), RAUM 2018



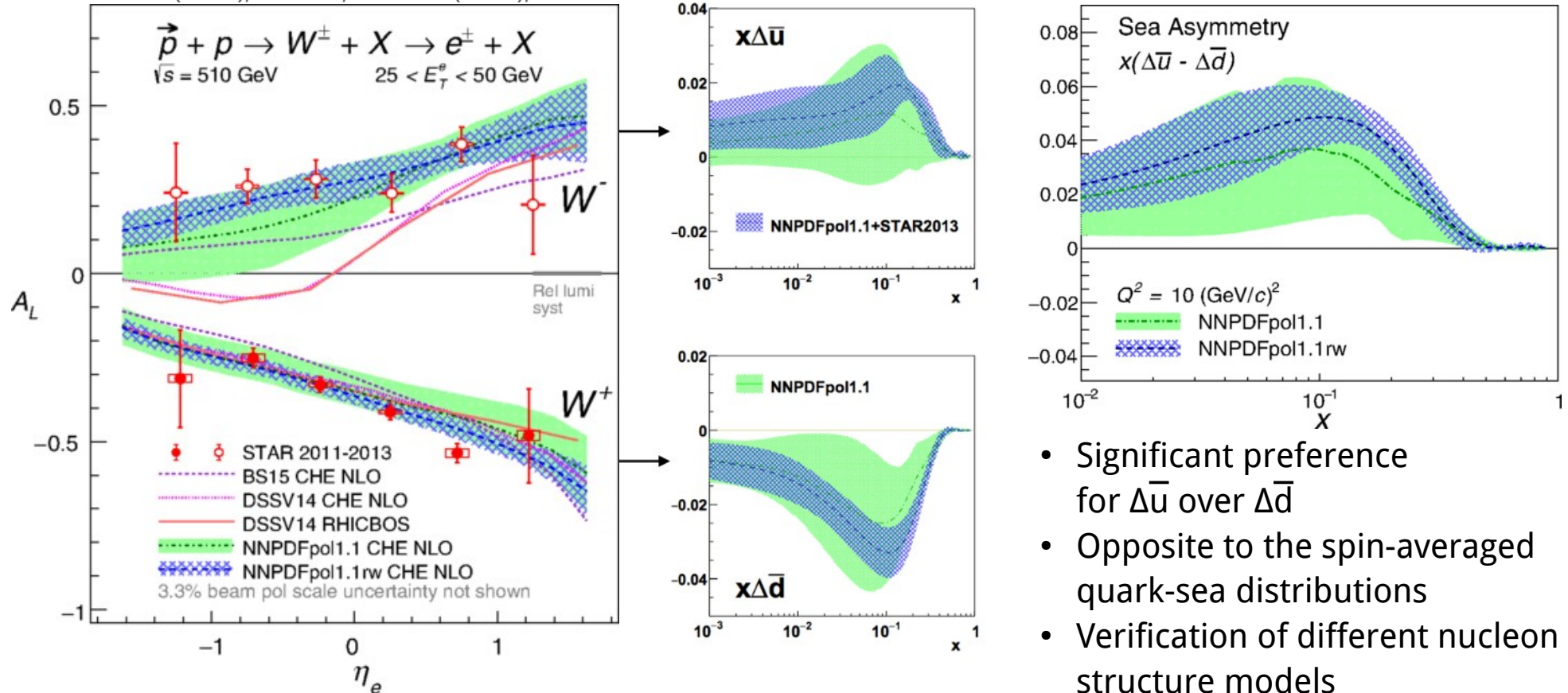
$$\frac{\sigma_{W^+}}{\sigma_{W^-}} \approx \frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + u(x_2)\bar{d}(x_1)}{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2) + d(x_2)\bar{u}(x_1)}$$

- W+/W-: Probing the  $\bar{d}(x)/\bar{u}(x)$  ratio
- Complementary to NA51, E866, and SeaQuest
- STAR data cover  $\sim 0.1 < x < \sim 0.3$ ,  $|\eta_e| < 1$
- Run 17: 350 pb<sup>-1</sup> of polarized data

# QUARK HELICITIES

## Single spin asymmetry for W production at STAR

PRD 99 (2019), 051102; PRL 116 (2016), 132301



For covered lepton  $\eta$ :  $0.05 < x_1 < 0.25$

- Significant preference for  $\Delta\bar{u}$  over  $\Delta\bar{d}$
- Opposite to the spin-averaged quark-sea distributions
- Verification of different nucleon structure models

- 2013 data ( $300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ ) – Most precise data to date
- Combined precision (full available data set) – **important constraint on sea asymmetry**
- Predictions from DSSV and NNPDF agree with data
- Data agrees with DIS results in the valence region

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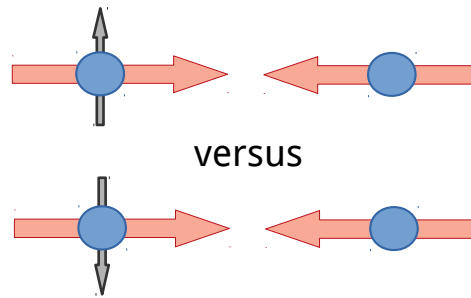
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For a complete picture of nucleon spin structure at leading twist: **transversity**



## Methods to access it at RHIC

Single spin asymmetries of the azimuthal distributions  $A_{UT}$



## Spin-dependent modulation of hadrons in jets Collins function (TMD FF)

Correlation of transverse spin of fragmenting quark and transverse momentum kick given to fragmentation hadron

## Di-hadron correlation measurements "interference FF" (collinear framework)

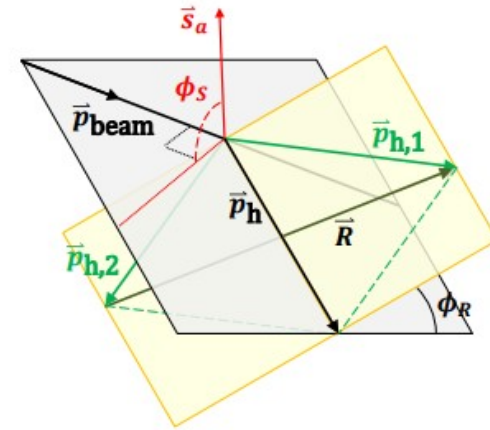
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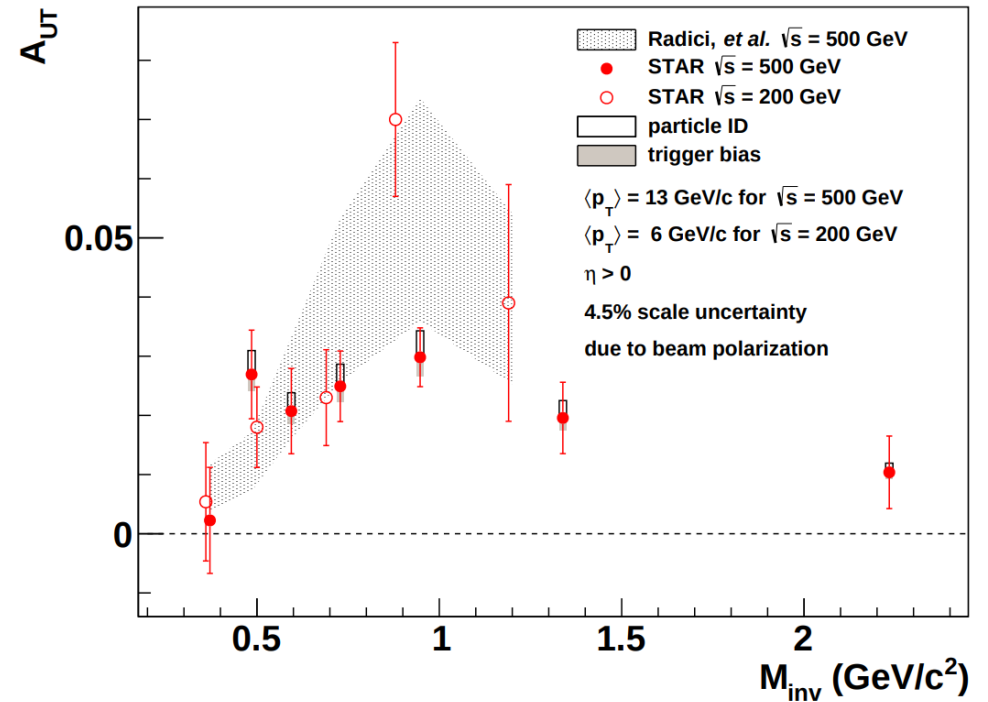
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## Interference Fragmentation Function (IFF)

- The angle  $\varphi_{RS} = \varphi_R - \varphi_S$  modulates the asymmetry due to the product of transversity and the IFF by  $\sin(\varphi_{RS})$
- First **significant transversity signal** measured in the central detector in pp collisions
- Well described by **recent IFF asymmetry calculations** incorporating SIDIS and Belle  $e^+e^-$  data
- **Global analysis** including the IFF results from 200 GeV pp collisions  
M. Radici and A. Bacchetta, PRL 120, (2018) 192001
  - Reduction of the uncertainty for  $h_1^u$
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PLB 780 (2018), 332

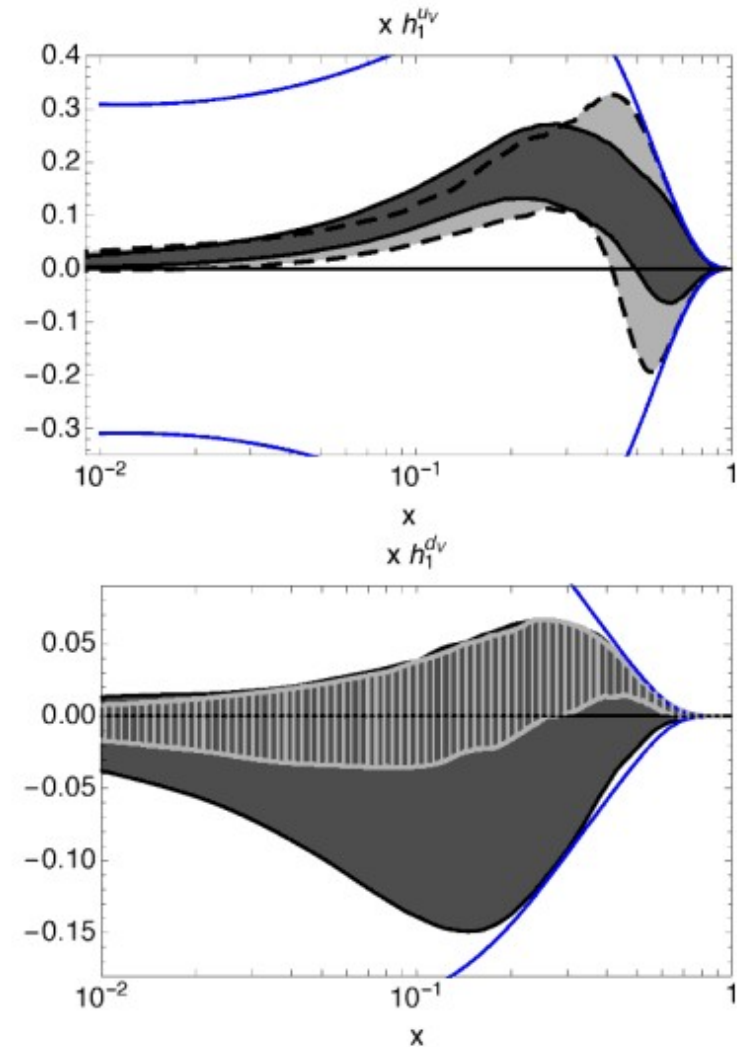


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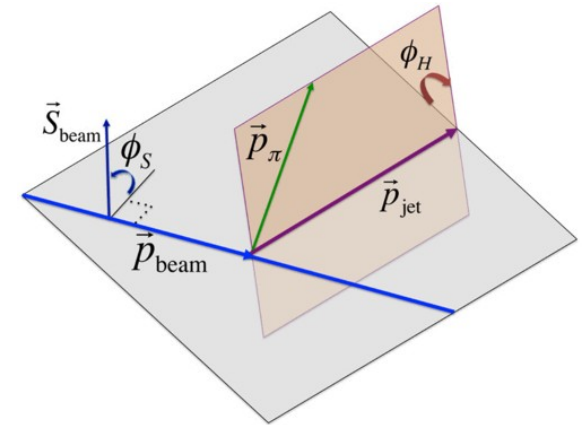
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## Collins asymmetry

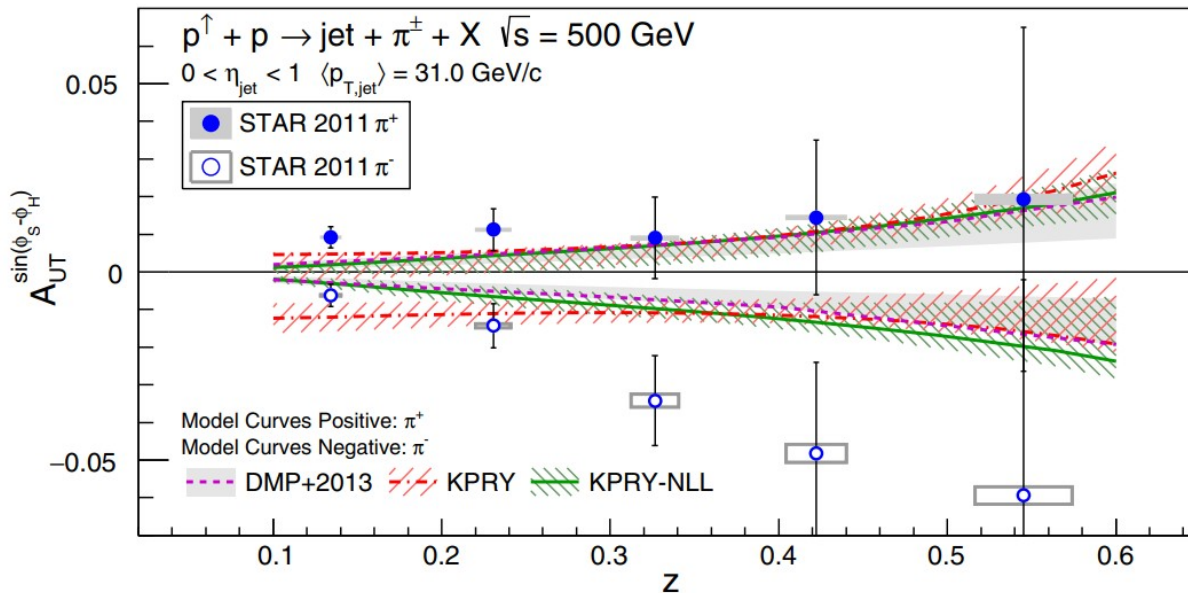
### Transversity x Collins

$$d\sigma_{UT} \sim d\sigma_{UU} [1 + A'_{UT} \sin(\phi_S - \phi_H) + A''_{UT} \sin(\phi_S - 2\phi_H)]$$

The angle  $\phi_{SH} = \phi_S - \phi_H$  modulates the asymmetry due to the product of transversity and the Collins function by  $\sin(\phi_{RS})$



PRD 97 (2018), 032004



D'Alesio, Murgia & Pisano  
PLB 773 (2017), 300

Kang, Prokudin, Ringer & Yuan,  
PLB 774 (2017), 635  
without and with evolution

- Theory predictions using transversity and Collins FF extracted from SIDIS and  $e^+e^-$
- TMD Evolution effects appear to be small

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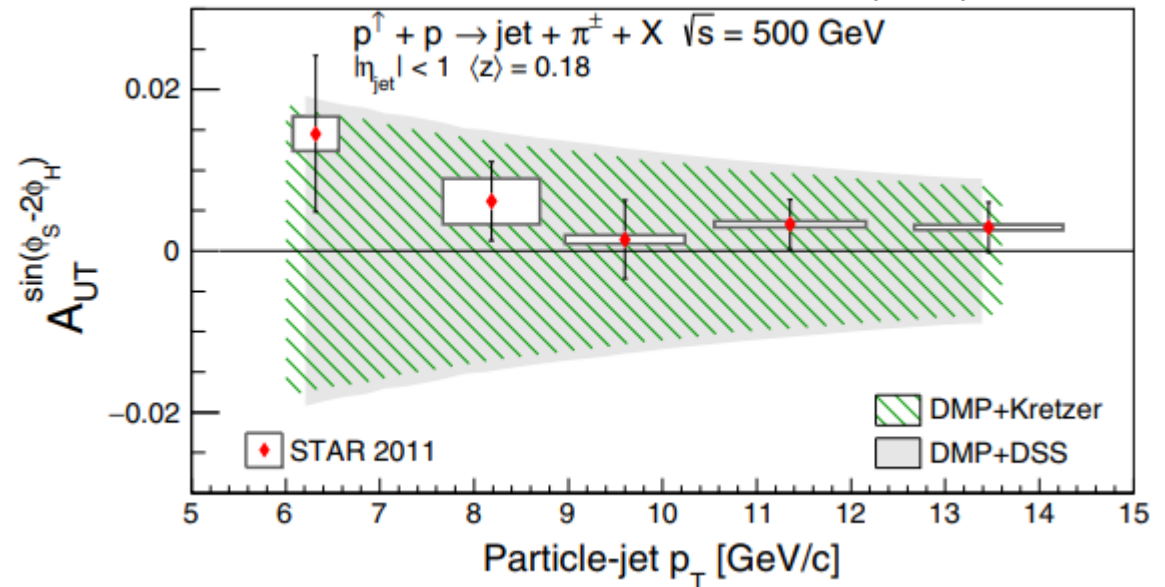
## Collins-like Asymmetry

- First ever measured Collins-like Asymmetry
- First limit on linearly polarized gluons in a polarized proton
- Best sensitivity at low  $p_T$
- First input to constrain models

Linearly polarized gluons x Collins-like

$$d\sigma_{UT} \sim d\sigma_{UU} [1 + A'_{UT} \sin(\phi_s - \phi_h) + A''_{UT} \sin(\phi_s - 2\phi_h)]$$

PRD 97 (2018), 032004



### More from STAR on IFF and Collins

- Collins results from 2012 200 GeV being finalized
- 200 GeV data from 2015 (x 2 more than 2012)
- 500 GeV data from 2017 (x 12 more)

Precision data at fixed  $x$  and different  $\sqrt{s}$  → ideal to constrain TMD evolution

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## Transverse spin structure

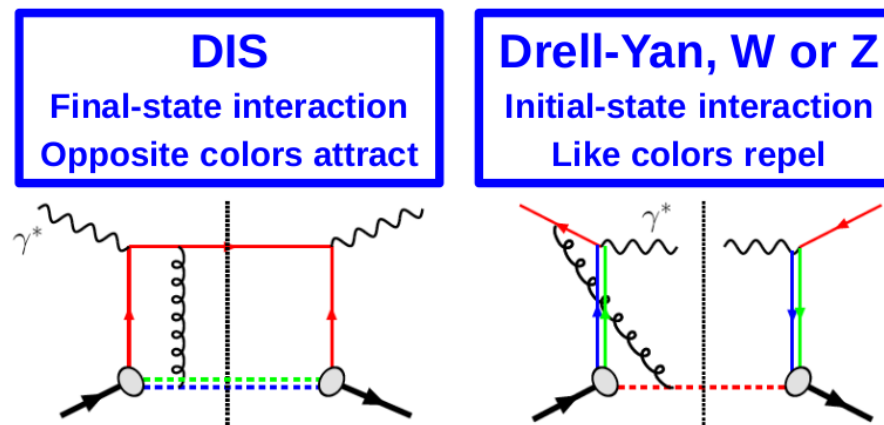
- Most observables in pp only related through **Twist-3 formalism**: collinear quark-gluon-quark correlations (1 hard scale needed, e.g.,  $p_T$  of hadron or jet)
- **TMD parton distributions**: e.g. Collins or Sivers functions (require 2 scales, e.g.,  $p_T$  and  $M$  of  $W$ )

**Sivers function** - describes correlation between parton's **transverse momentum** inside the proton with proton **transverse spin** (initial state TMD)

## Not universal in hard scattering

Rescattering of the stuck parton in the color field of the remnant of polarized proton

$$\text{Sivers}_{\text{DIS}} = - \text{Sivers}_{\text{DY/W/Z}}$$



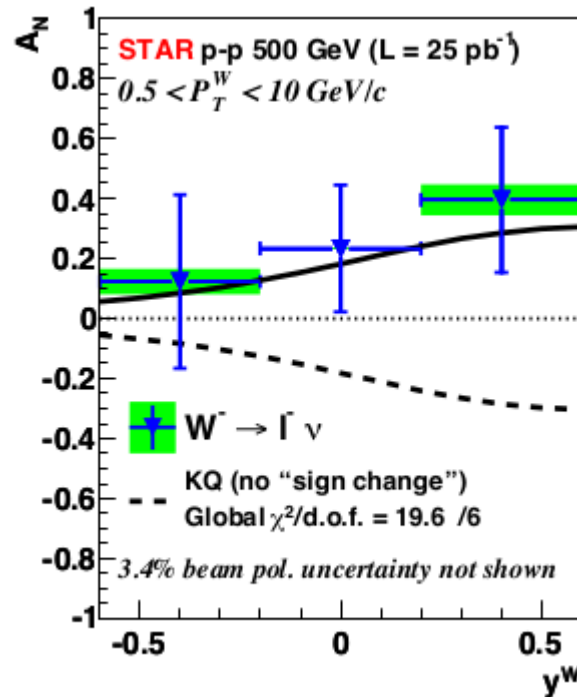
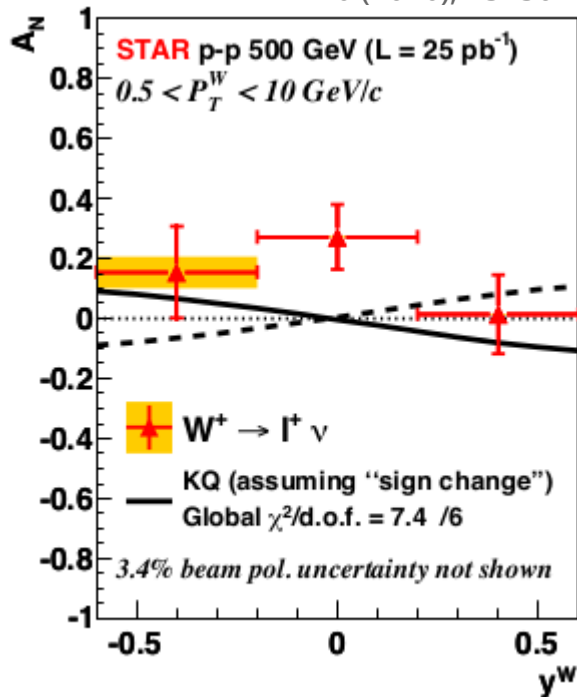
Fundamental prediction about the nature of QCD

# SIVERS FUNCTION – SIGN CHANGE

Nonuniversality of Sivers function in QCD:  $\text{Sivers}_{\text{DIS}} = -\text{Sivers}_{\text{DY/W/Z}}$

→ Critical test of  $k_T$  factorization

PRL 116 (2016), 132301



- STAR:  $A_N$  for W production with 25  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  of data – W kinematics fully reconstructed
- **2017 results** will be based on 350  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  data – more definite test
- **Other opportunities**, e.g. photons (sign change in the Twist-3 formalism), Drell-Yan
- Gradual **upgrades** to existing STAR forward instrumentation

- Fit based on Kang-Qiu (KQ) model Z. Kang and J. Qiu, PRL 103 (2009), 172001
- Results **favor sign change** if evolution effects are not large

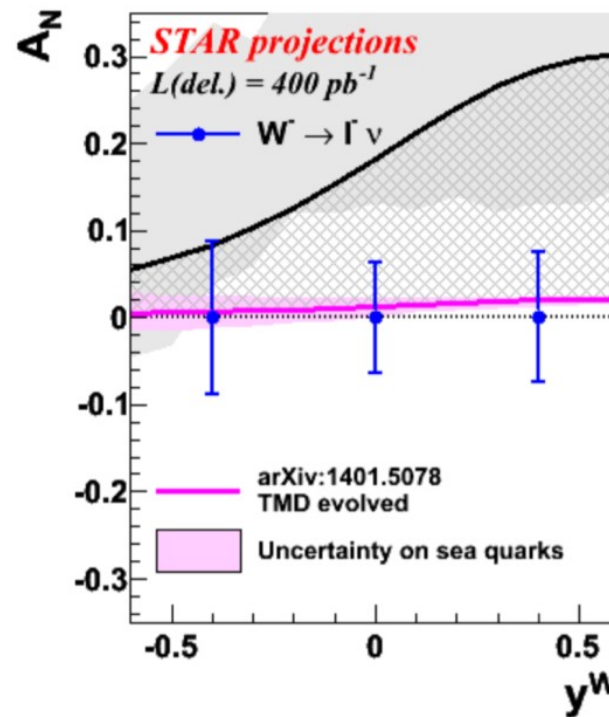
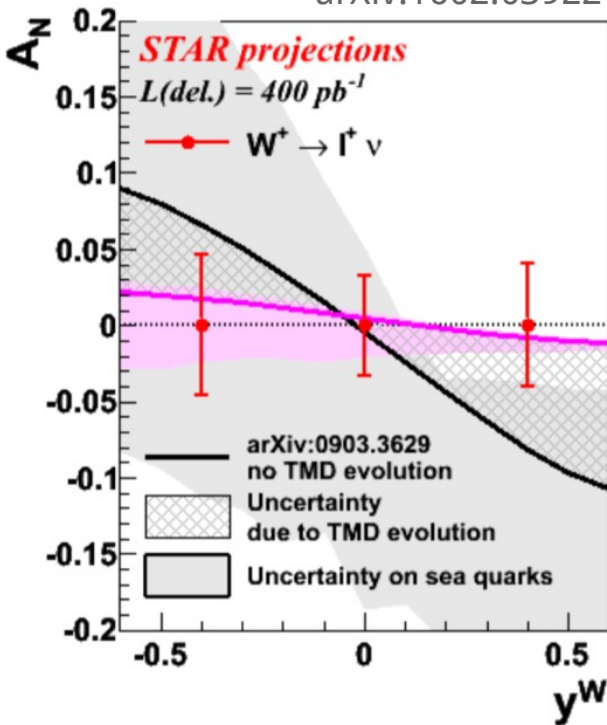


# SIVERS FUNCTION – SIGN CHANGE

Nonuniversality of Sivers function in QCD:  $\text{Sivers}_{\text{DIS}} = - \text{Sivers}_{\text{DY/W/Z}}$

→ Critical test of  $k_T$  factorization

arXiv:1602.03922



- STAR:  $A_N$  for W production with 25  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  of data – W kinematics fully reconstructed
- **2017 results** will be based on 350  $\text{pb}^{-1}$  data – more definite test
- **Other opportunities**, e.g. photons (sign change in the Twist-3 formalism), Drell-Yan
- Gradual **upgrades** to existing STAR forward instrumentation

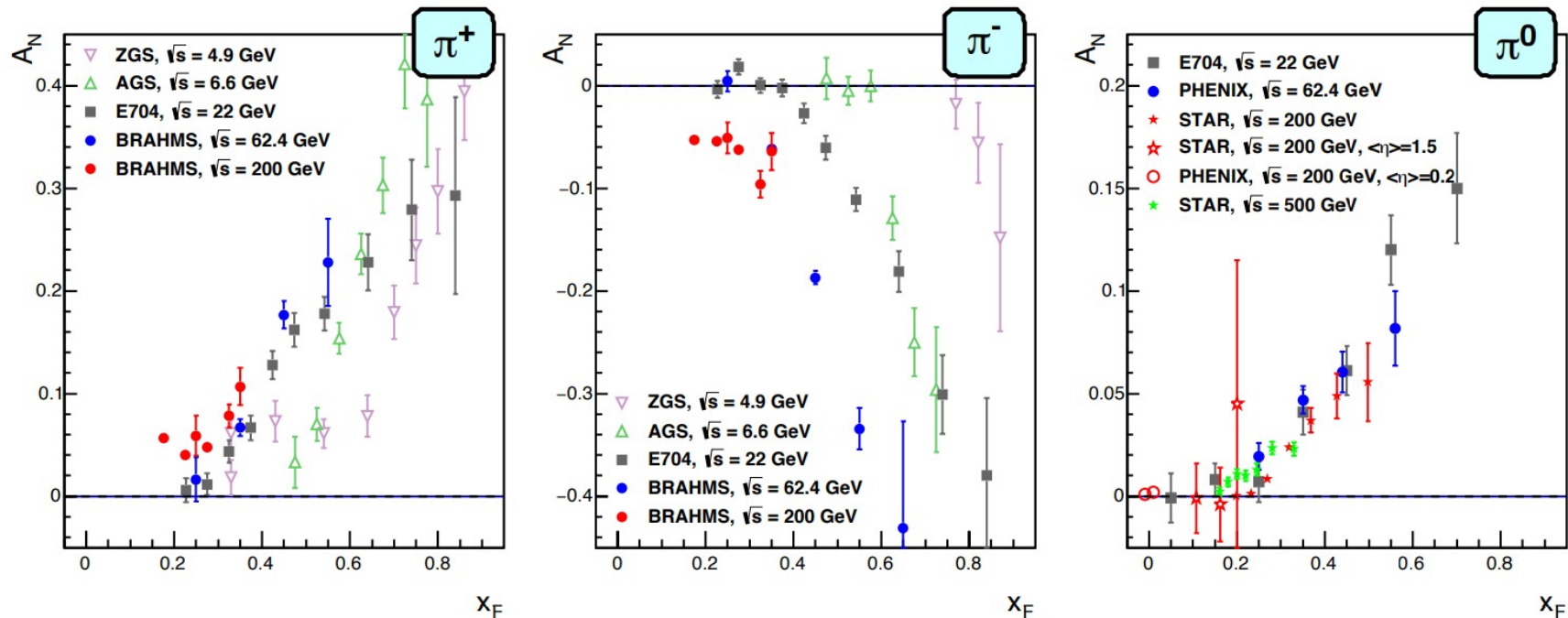
- Kang-Qiu (KQ) model Z. Kang and J. Qiu, PRL 103 (2009), 172001  
 → No TMD evolution
- EIKV model M. Echevarria, A. Idilbi, Z. Kang and I. Vitev, PRD 89 (2014), 074013  
 → TMD evolved

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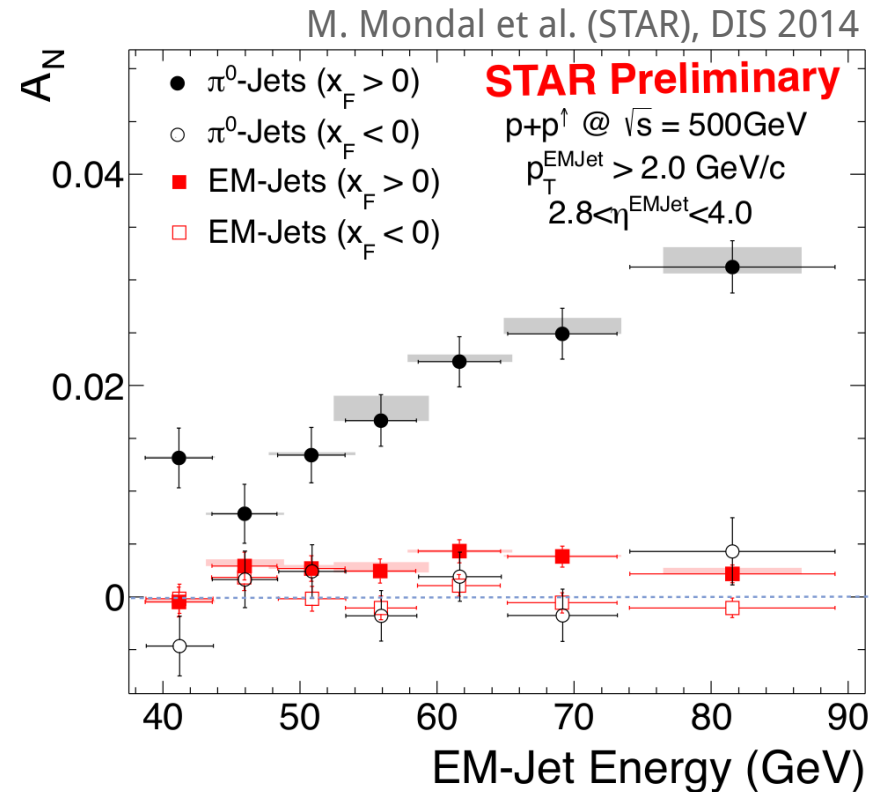
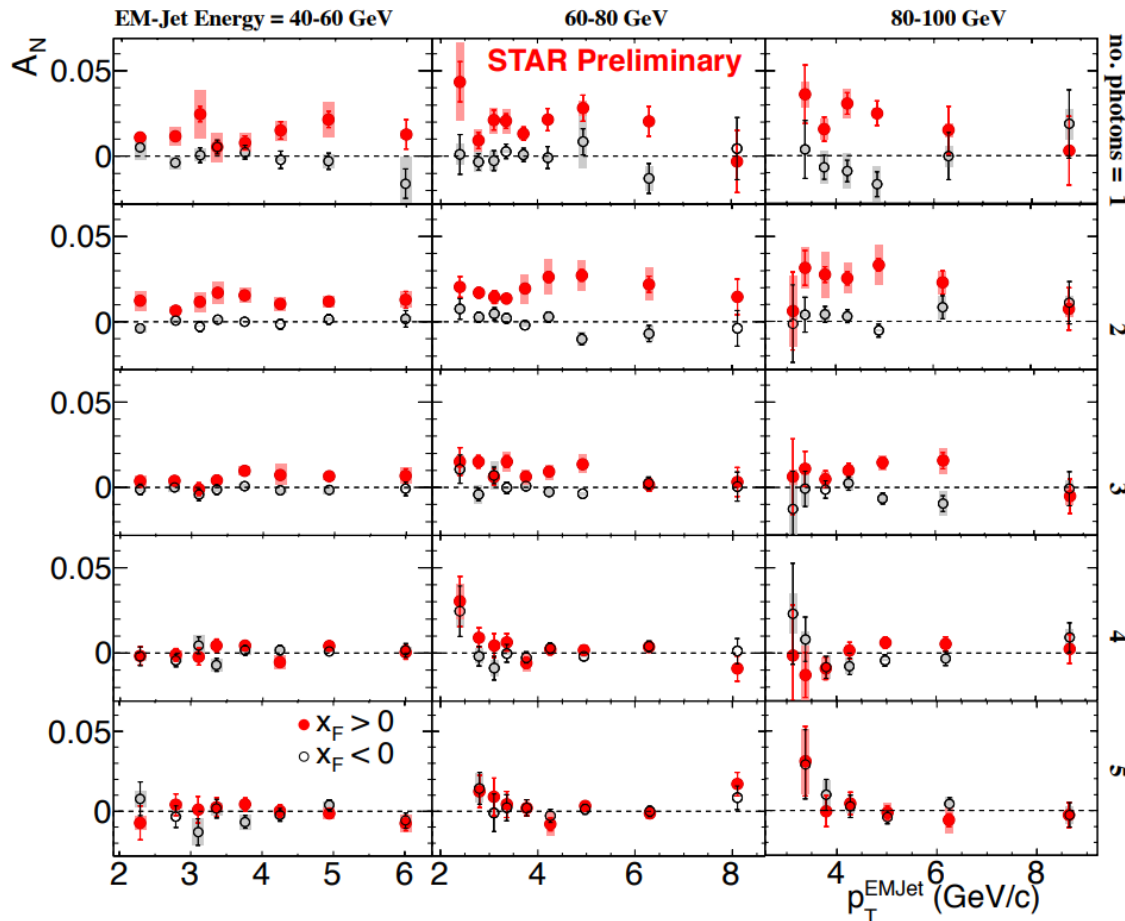
## Puzzle since E704

arXiv:1602.03922



- Large asymmetries nearly independent on  $\sqrt{s}$  (especially  $\pi^0$ )
- Interpretations within Twist-3 formalism:
  - K. Kanazawa, Y. Koike, A. Metz and D. Pitonyak, PRD 89 (2014), 111501(R) – 3-parton collinear FF fit to RHIC data + soft-gluon pole term fixed – good description of  $\pi A_N$
  - L. Gamberg, Z.-B. Kang, and A. Prokudin, PRL 110 (2013), 232301 – description of forward jet  $A_N$  from  $A_N$ DY Collaboration, PLB 750 (2015), 660 – Twist-3 parton correlation function for u and d valence quarks cancel - opposite sign but equal magnitude of Sivers functions from SIDIS

# ORIGIN OF LARGE FORWARD $A_N$



- Description of  $A_N$  beyond pQCD  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process
- Low-multiplicity observation suggests diffraction mechanism
- STAR Roman Pots + FMS ( $2.6 < \eta < 4$ ) – direct access to diffractive  $A_N$

# NUCLEAR DEPENDENCE OF $A_N$

## Very forward neutron

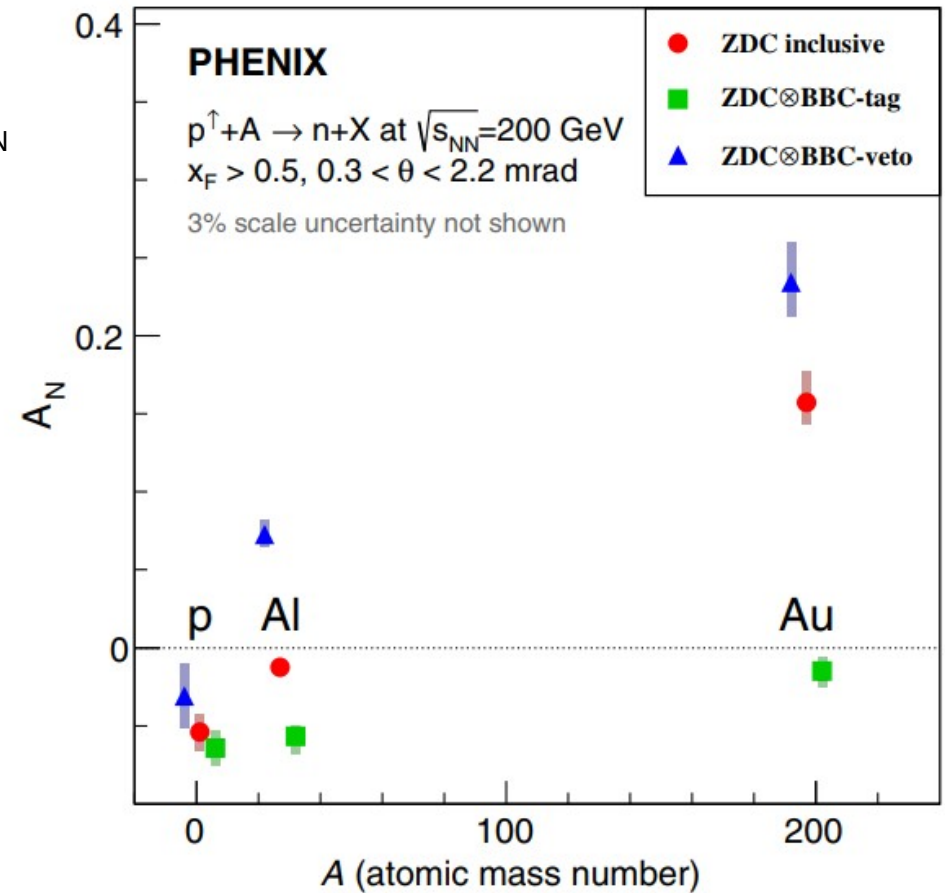
In the **perturbative** region:

- color-glass-condensate models: hadronic  $A_N$  should decrease with increasing  $A$   
e.g. Y. V. Kovchegov and M. D. Sievert, PRD 86, 034028 (2012)
- Some approaches based on pQCD factorization:  $A_N$  would stay approximately the same  
J.-W. Qiu, in Proceedings of the RIKEN/RBRC Workshop: Forward Physics at RHIC, 2012

No studies in **nonperturbative** region or diffractive scattering

Possible explanation:

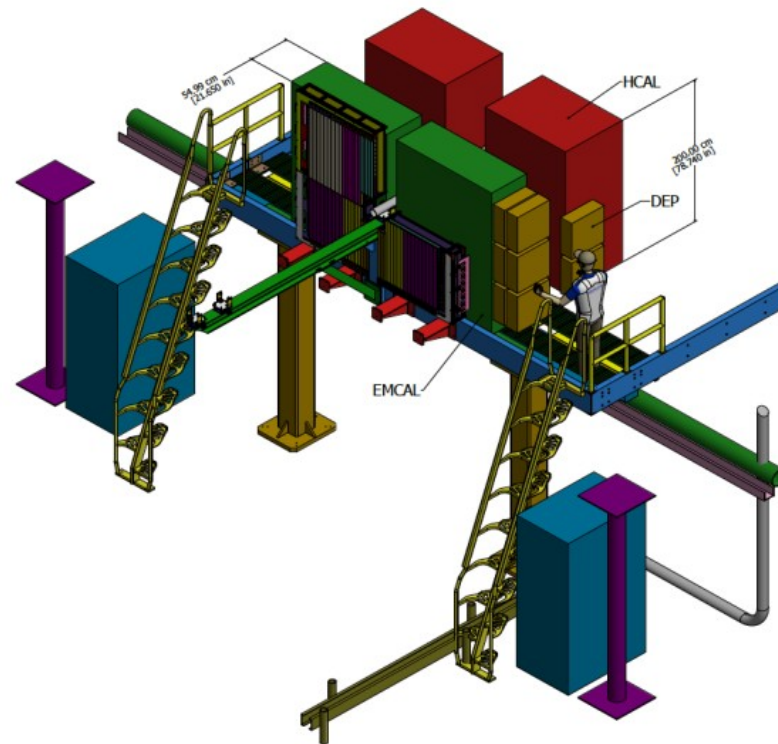
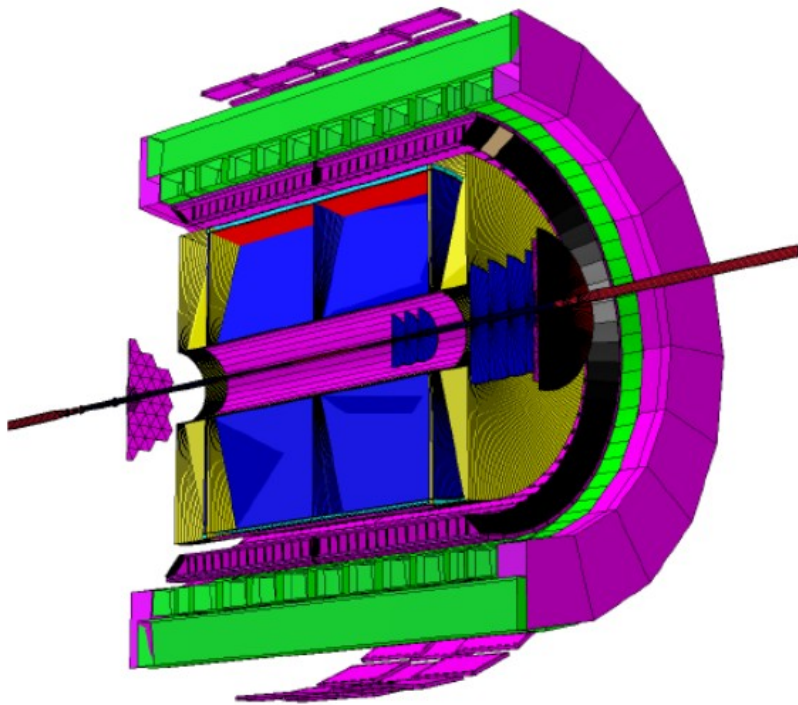
- EM processes important at large  $Z$
- nonresonant photo- $\pi^+$  production and  $n$  from photonucleon excitation -  $\Delta$  resonance



# OUTLOOK

## STAR Forward Upgrade

- Access to the charged hadron asymmetries up to the highest  $\sqrt{s}$  at RHIC
- Full jets in forward direction at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  and 500 GeV - TMDs at low and high  $x$  and  $\Delta g(x)$  at small  $x$
- Precision  $A_N$  (Drell-Yan) to complete the Sivers measurements
- **Tracking:** Si disks + small Thin Gap Chambers
- **Calorimetry:** hadronic and electromagnetic



<https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0648>



# SUMMARY

RHIC - critical and complimentary role in resolving the spin structure of the proton.

From **longitudinal** polarized p+p collisions RHIC has provided unique insight into:

- The **polarized sea quark** distributions via W/Z production.
- Constraints on the **polarized gluon distribution** through jet and di-jet  $A_{LL}$ 
  - Towards lower x: high luminosity 2013 data at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV
  - Towards precision in current x region: 2015 data at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV

**Transverse** polarized p+p collisions at RHIC have accessed the transverse spin processes:

- **Sivers' sign-change** from W-boson data
  - Sivers' measurements with W-bosons, Drell-Yan, and photons in 2017 (x 12 more data)
- **Transverity** sensitive quantities through the **Collins asymmetry and IFF**
- **Gluon linear polarization** through the first measurement of the **Collins-like asymmetry**
  - More data from 2015 run (x 1.5 for  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV and x 12 for 510 GeV)

## Ongoing forward upgrades to STAR

- Aiming for complete upgrade for potential polarized pp run at 500 GeV in 2022 and future data taking periods



# THANK YOU



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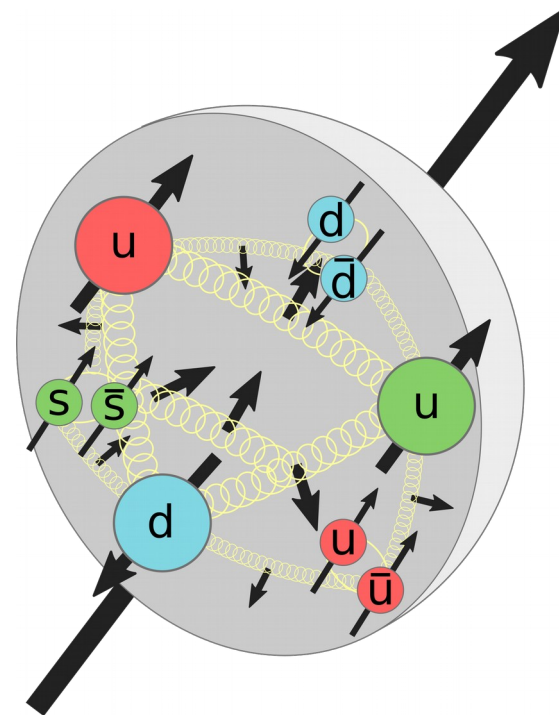


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# PLANS

RHIC cold-QCD plan for 2017-2023 (arXiv:1602.03922):

	Year	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Delivered Luminosity	Scientific Goals	Observable	Required Upgrade
Scheduled RHIC running	2017	$p^\dagger p @ 510$	400 pb <sup>-1</sup> 12 weeks	Sensitive to Sivers effect non-universality through TMDs and Twist-3 $T_{q,F}(x,x)$ Sensitive to sea quark Sivers or ETQS function Evolution in TMD and Twist-3 formalism  Transversity, Collins FF, linearly pol. Gluons, Gluon Sivers in Twist-3  First look at GPD $Eg$	$A_N$ for $\gamma$ , $W^\pm$ , $Z^0$ , DY  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-2\phi_h)}$ $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-\phi_h)}$ modulations of $h^\pm$ in jets, $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s)}$ for jets  $A_{UT}$ for J/ $\Psi$ in UPC	$A_N^{DY}$ : Postshower to FMS@STAR  <b>None</b>  <b>None</b>
	2023	$p^\dagger p @ 200$	300 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	subprocess driving the large $A_N$ at high $x_F$ and $\eta$  evolution of ETQS fct. properties and nature of the diffractive exchange in p+p collisions.	$A_N$ for charged hadrons and flavor enhanced jets  $A_N$ for $\gamma$ $A_N$ for diffractive events	Yes Forward instrum.  <b>None</b> <b>None</b>
	2023	$p^\dagger Au @ 200$	1.8 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	What is the nature of the initial state and hadronization in nuclear collisions  Nuclear dependence of TMDs and nFF  Clear signatures for Saturation	$R_{pAu}$ direct photons and DY  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-\phi_h)}$ modulations of $h^\pm$ in jets, nuclear FF  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	$R_{pAu}(DY)$ : Yes Forward instrum.  <b>None</b>  Yes Forward instrum.
	2023	$p^\dagger Al @ 200$	12.6 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	A-dependence of nPDF,  A-dependence of TMDs and nFF  A-dependence for Saturation	$R_{pAl}$ : direct photons and DY  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-\phi_h)}$ modulations of $h^\pm$ in jets, nuclear FF  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	$R_{pAl}(DY)$ : Yes Forward instrum. <b>None</b>  Yes Forward instrum.

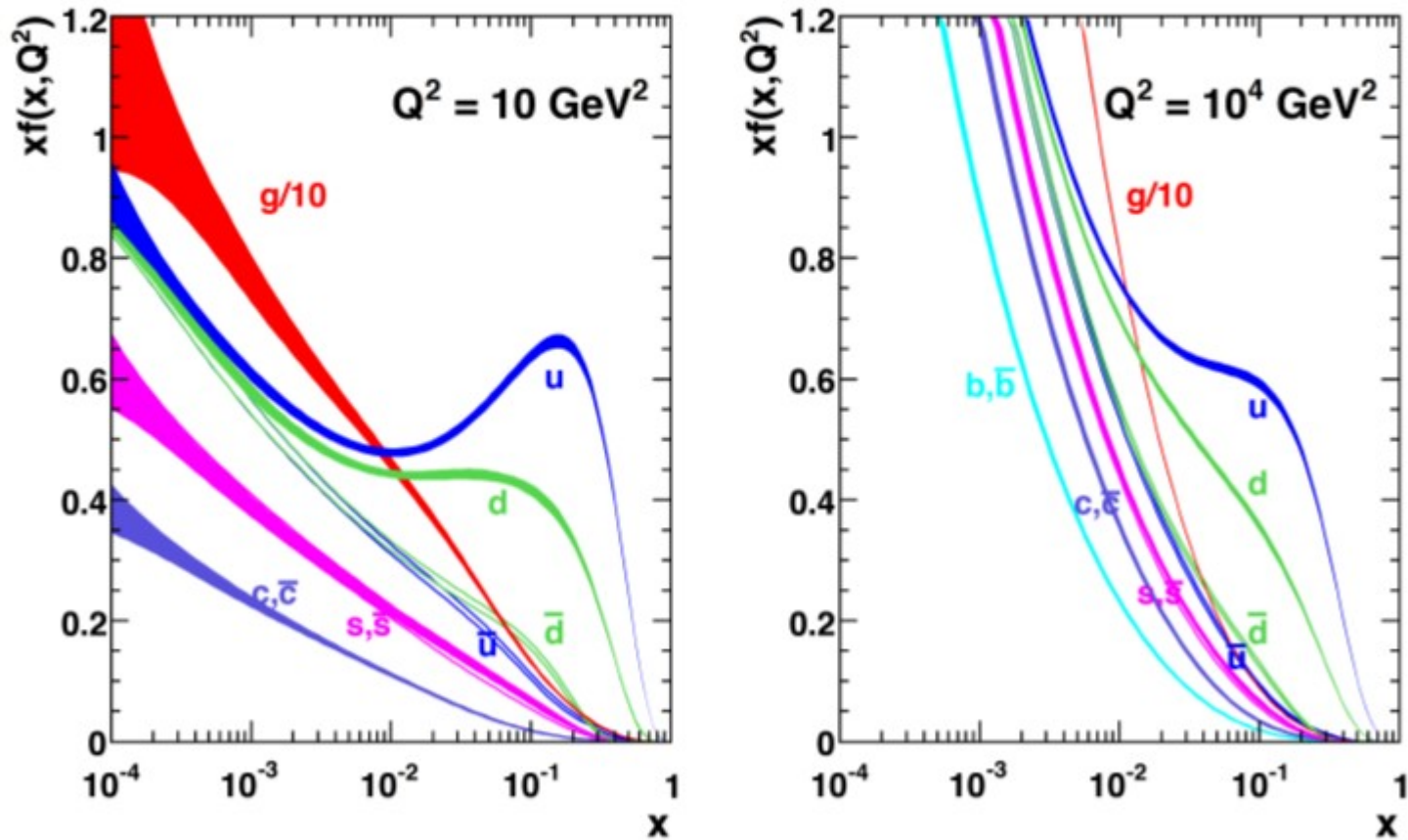
# PLANS

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Scheduled RHIC running	2023	$p^{\uparrow}p @ 200$	$300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 8 weeks	Subprocess driving the large $A_N$ at high $x_F$ and $\eta$	$A_N$ for charged hadrons and flavor enhanced jets	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
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	2023	$p^{\uparrow}Al @ 200$	$12.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 8 weeks	A-dependence of nPDF, A-dependence for Saturation	$R_{pAl}$ : direct photons and DY  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
Potential future running	2021	$p^{\uparrow}p @ 510$	$1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 10 weeks	TMDs at low and high $x$	$A_{UT}$ for Collins observables, i.e. hadron in jet modulations at $\eta > 1$	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
	2021	$p^{\uparrow}p @ 510$	$1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 10 weeks	$\Delta g(x)$ at small $x$	$A_{LL}$ for jets, di-jets, h/ $\gamma$ -jets at $\eta > 1$	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal

# UNPOLARIZED PDFs

MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs (68% C.L.)

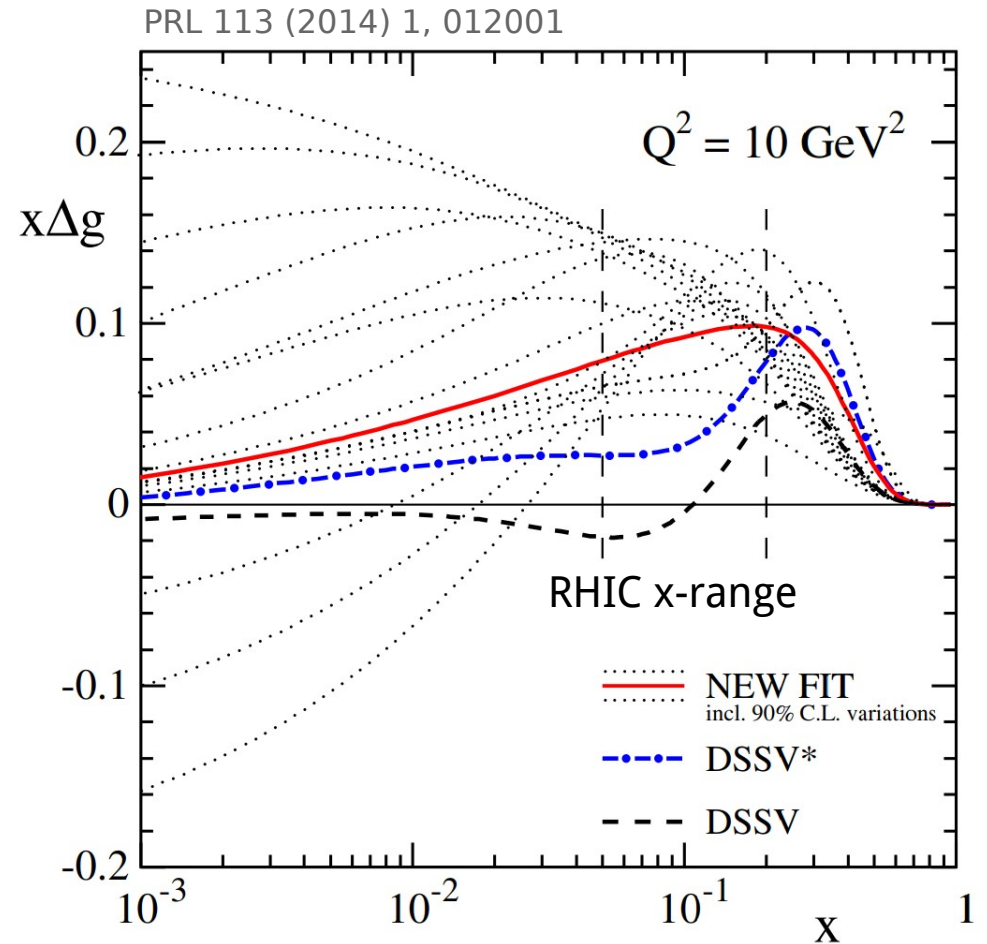
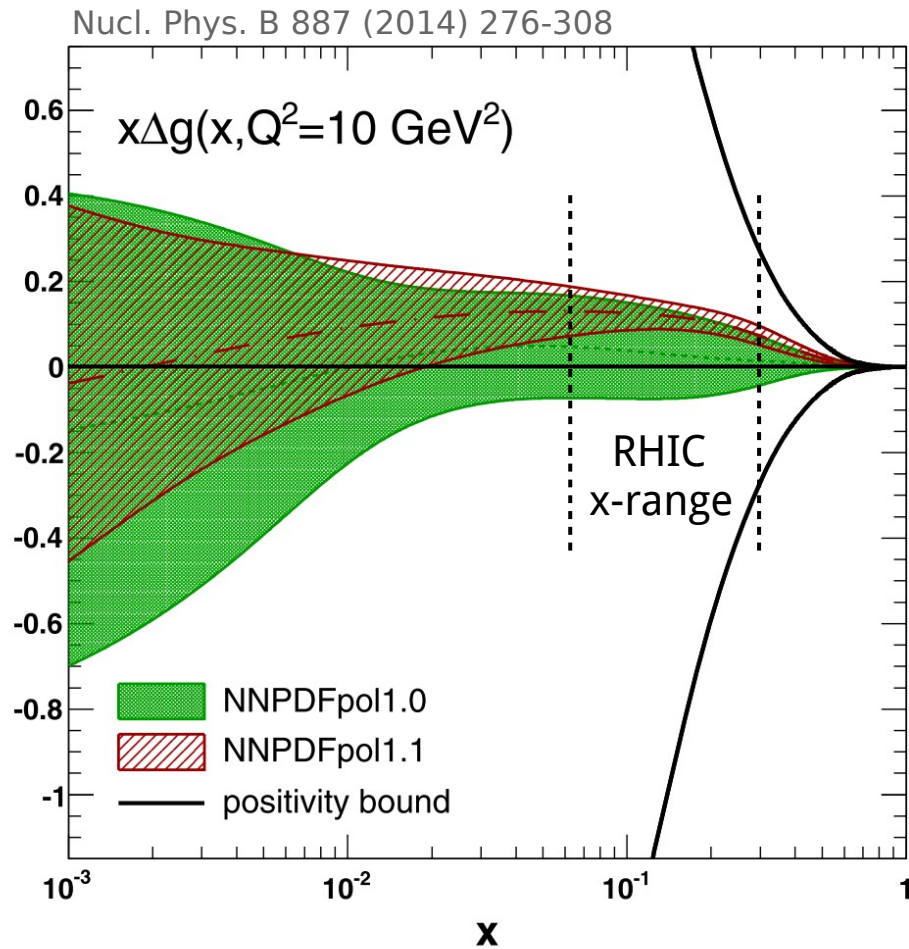






# STATUS OF $\Delta G$

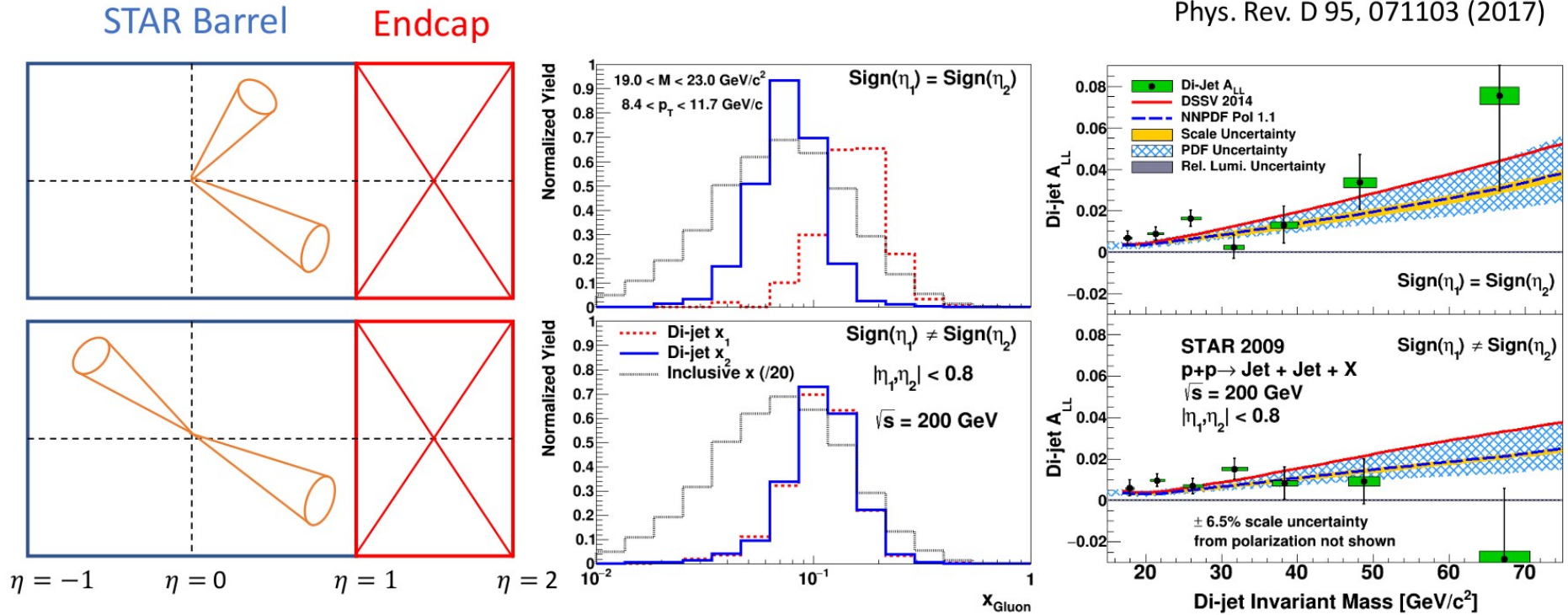
## Impact of ALL from 2009 data on $\Delta G$



# DI-JETS MEASUREMENT

Towards smaller  $x_g$  and complementary probes

- Di-jets give stricter constraints to underlying **partonic kinematics**
- May place better constraints on **functional form of  $\Delta g(x)$**
- Much narrower ranges of initial state partonic momentum tested
- Different di-jet topologies enhances sensitivity of the data to selected  $x$



2015 data at 200 GeV (2x statistics)



# DI-JET MEASUREMENT

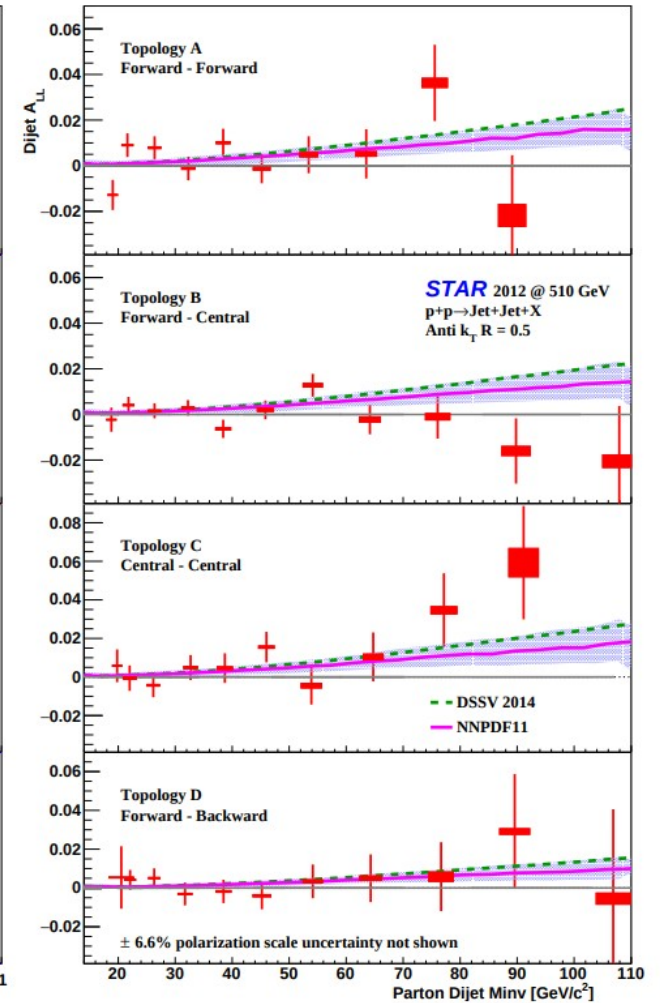
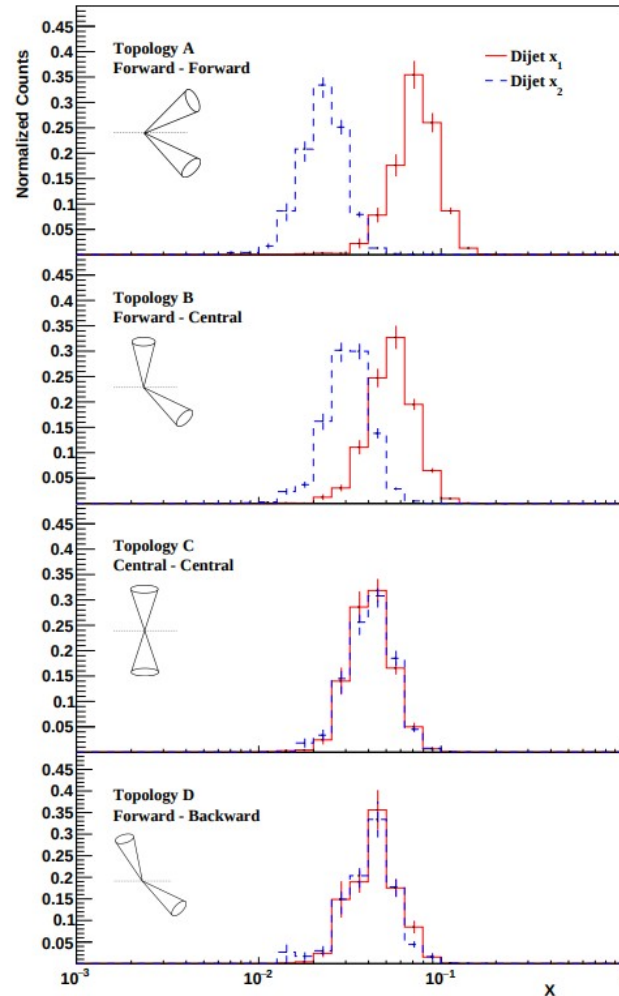
Towards smaller  $x_g$  and complementary probes:  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV

ArXiv:1906.02740, Accepted to publication in PRD

## Used topology

$\eta_3$ and $\eta_4$ Regions	Physics Description
$0.3 <  \eta_{3,4}  < 0.9; \eta_3 \cdot \eta_4 > 0$	Forward-Forward
$ \eta_{3,4}  < 0.3; 0.3 <  \eta_{4,3}  < 0.9$	Forward-Central
$ \eta_{3,4}  < 0.3$	Central-Central
$0.3 <  \eta_{3,4}  < 0.9; \eta_3 \cdot \eta_4 < 0$	Forward-Backward

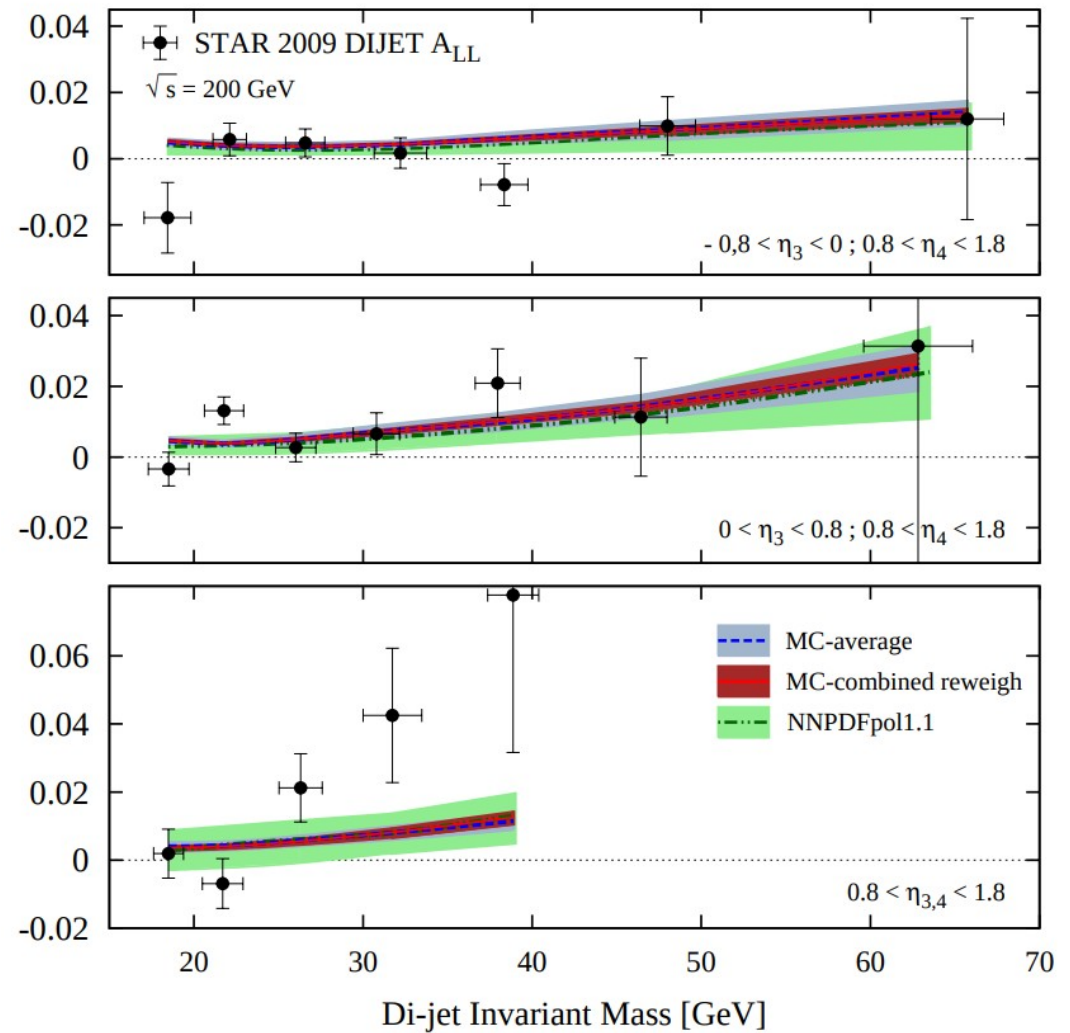
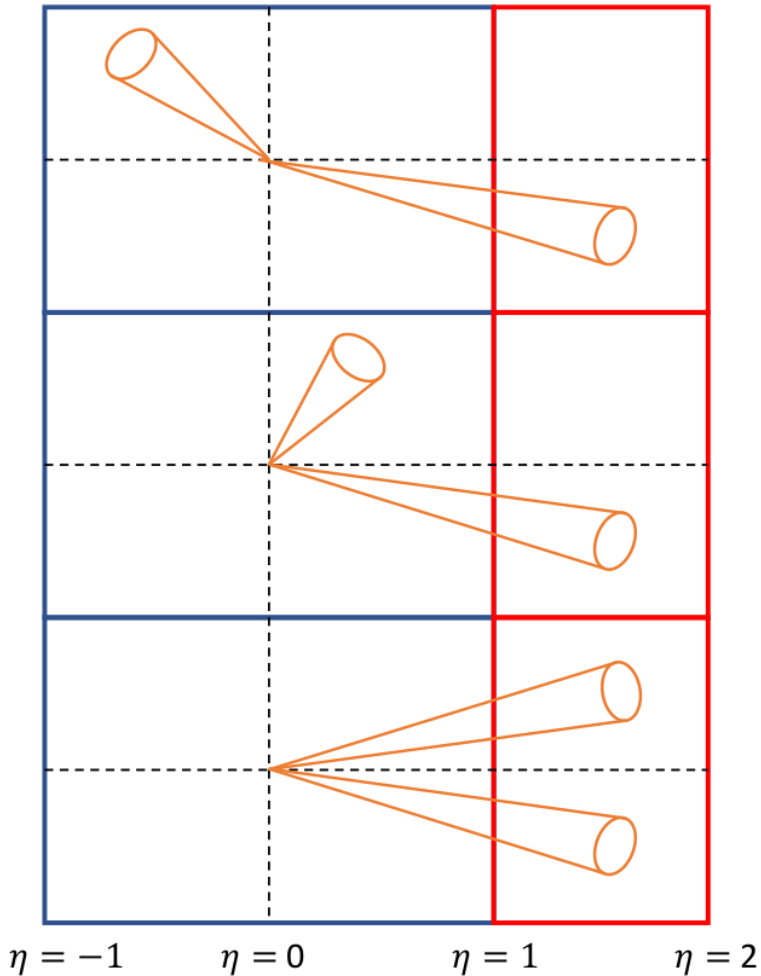
- Analysis with 2013 data - high luminosity 510 GeV: ongoing



# DI-JET MEASUREMENT

## Impact on $\Delta g(x)$

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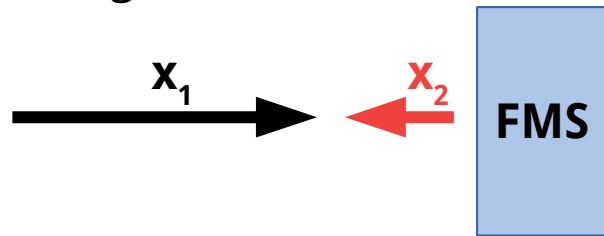


- Influence of central and forward di-jets from 2009 data  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV on DSSV calculations

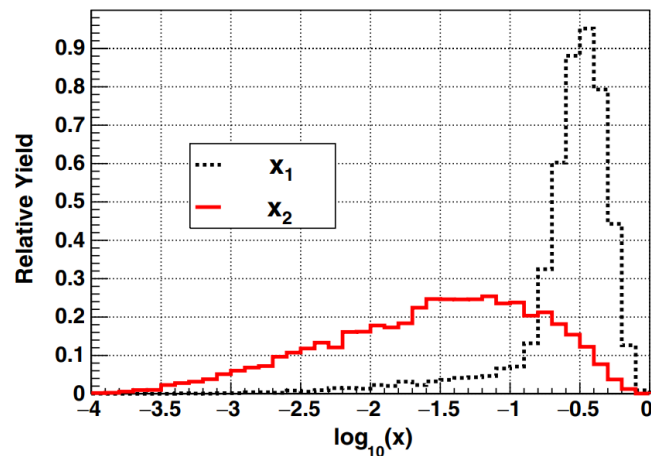
# FORWARD PION PRODUCTION

## Towards smaller $x_g$ and complementary probes

- $A_{LL}$  of neutral pions at 510 GeV
- Measured with FMS ( $2.6 < \eta < 4$ )
- Access to gluons  $x > 0.001$

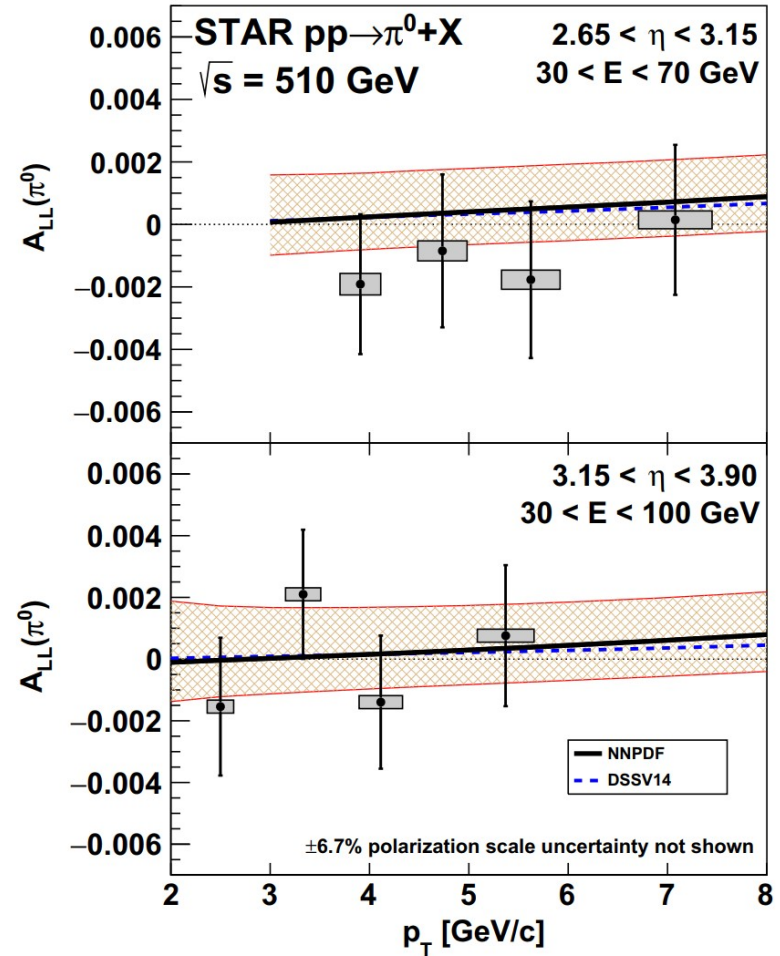


1 – likely quark, 2 – likely gluon



- All available 510 GeV analyzed: run 2012 (82 pb<sup>-1</sup>) and 2013 (300 pb<sup>-1</sup>)
- Run 2015 at 200 GeV (50 pb<sup>-1</sup>) – analysis underway. Can probe  $x > 0.0025$ .

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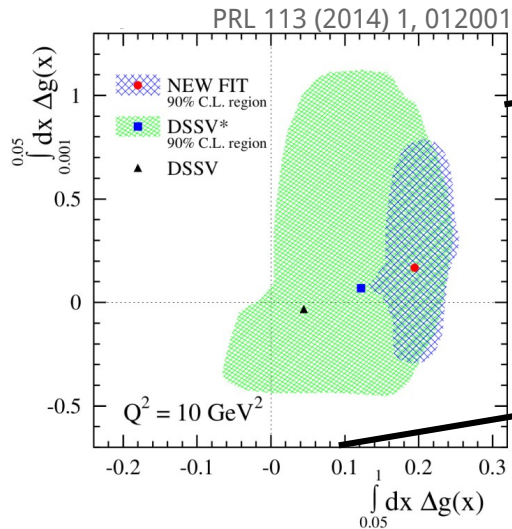


# HELICITY OUTLOOK

## Helicity structure of proton from STAR

1. Non-perturbative sea-quark polarization at W-mass scale, free of fragmentation uncertainties

2. Insight into gluon polarization:



### Low-x range

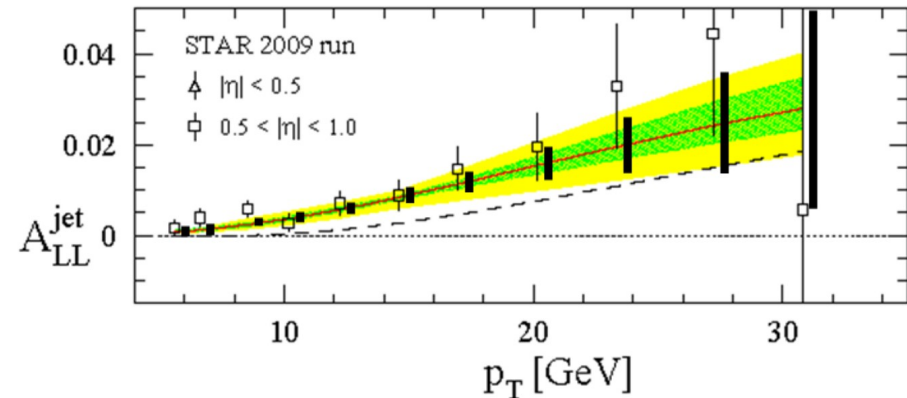
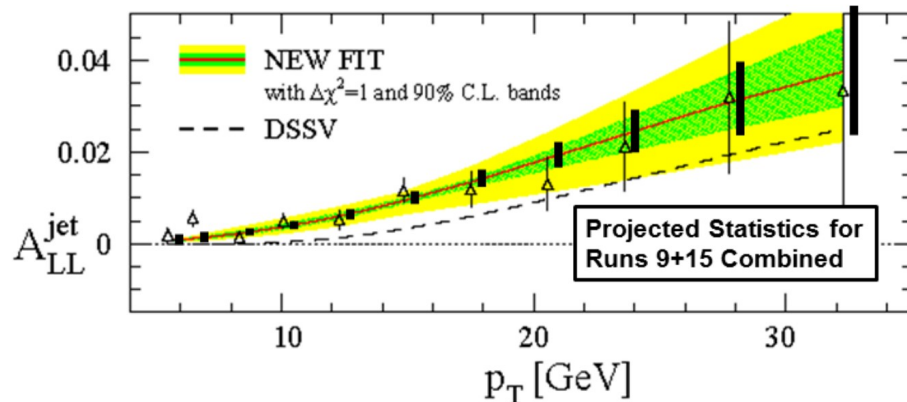
- Inclusive jets at 510 GeV
- Di-jets at 510 GeV in mid-rapidity region
- Forward pion measurements with FMS

### High-x range

Run 2015 at 200 GeV (50 pb<sup>-1</sup>)

Further precision:

- Central inclusive jet measurement
- Central di-jet measurement

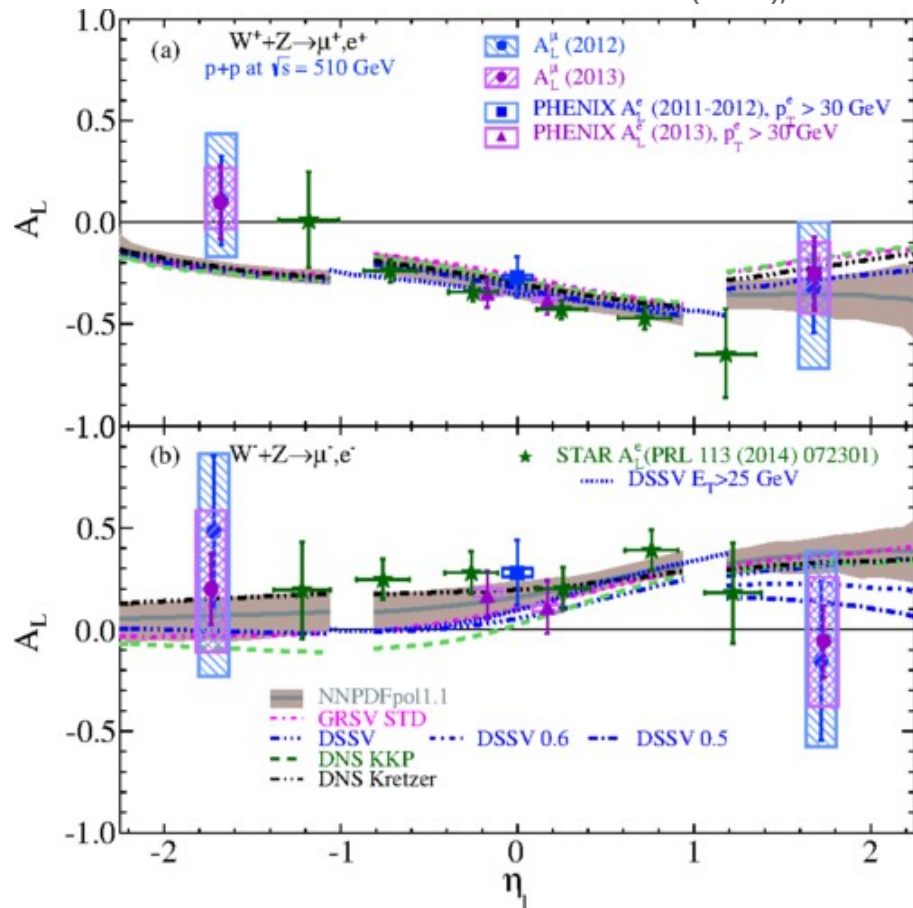




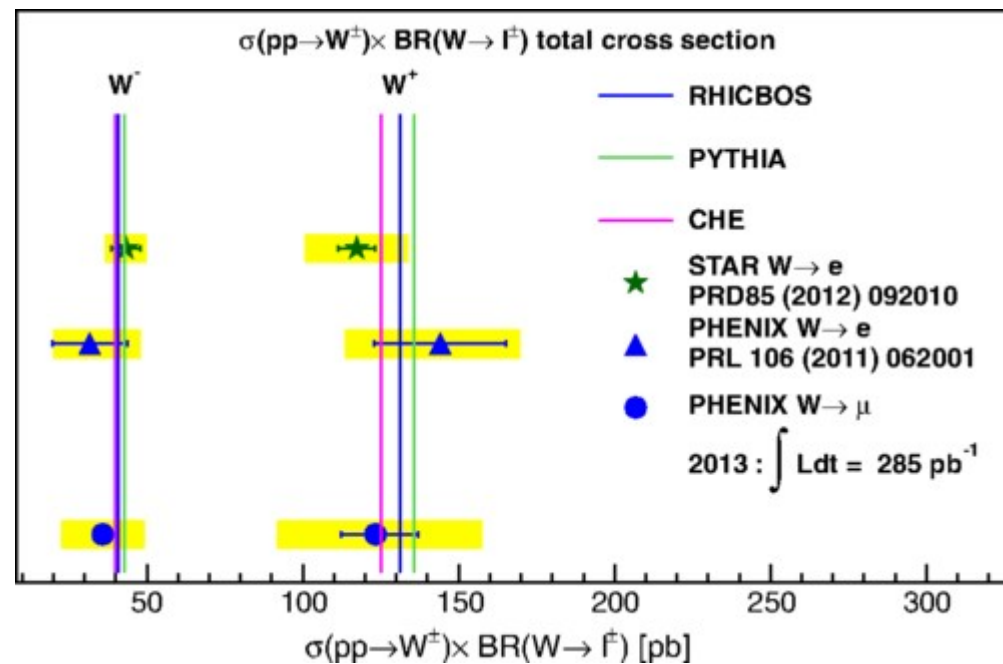
# QUARK HELICITIES

## Single spin asymmetry and cross sections for W production

PRD 98 (2018), 032007



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- Cross sections well-described by NLO pQCD theory (FEWZ + MSTW08),
- Support NLO pQCD interpretation of the asymmetry measurements

- PHENIX:  
 $W \rightarrow \mu A_L$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$ , PRD98, 032007 (2018)  
 $W \rightarrow e A_L$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.35$ , PRD93, 051103 (2016)  
 $W \rightarrow e \sigma$ , PRL106 062001 (2011)
- STAR:  
 $W \rightarrow e A_L$ ,  $|\eta| < 1$ , PRL113, 072301 (2014)  
 $W \rightarrow e \sigma$ , PRD85 092010 (2011)

# TRANSVERSE SPIN MEASUREMENTS

## TMD formalism

**Sivers function** – correlation between parton transverse momentum and nucleon transverse spin

$$T_{q,F}(x, \boldsymbol{x}) = - \int d^2 k_{\perp} \frac{|k_{\perp}|^2}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_{\perp}^2)|_{SIDIS}$$

**Collins function** – correlation of the transverse spin of a fragmenting quark and the transverse momentum of a hadron

Requires **2 scales**: hard scale  $Q^2$  and soft scale  $p_T$

Where:  $\lambda_{\text{QCD}} < p_T \ll Q$

**Observables**: azimuthal dependences of hadrons within a jet, Drell-Yan, W/Z

## Twist-3 formalism

**ETQS function** – transverse momentum integrated distribution Twist-3 analog

Twist-3 analog fragmentation function

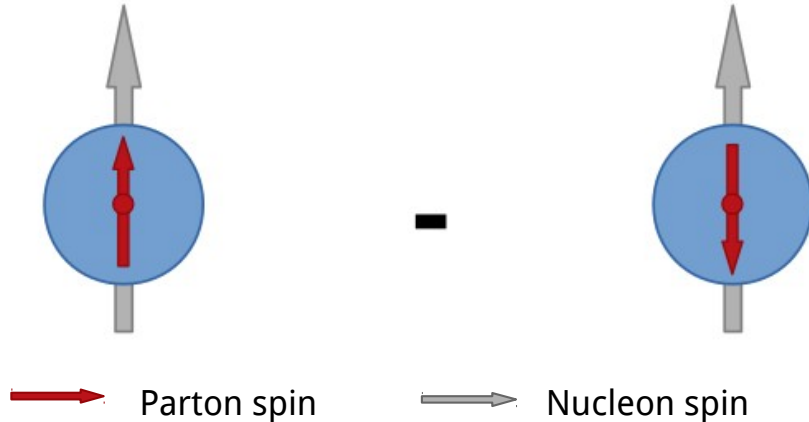
Requires **1 scale**:  $Q^2$  or  $p_T$

Where:  $\lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll p_T, Q$

**Observables**: Inclusive  $A_N$  ( $\pi^0$ ,  $\gamma$ , jet, charmed mesons)

# TRANSVERSITY

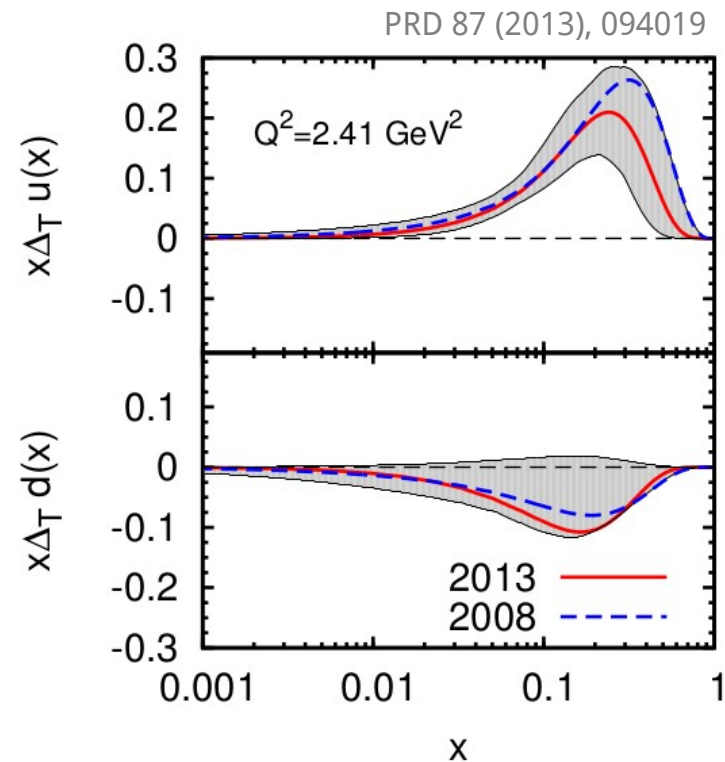
For a complete picture of nucleon spin structure at leading twist: transversity



**Transversity:**  $\delta q(x)$

Net density of quarks with spin aligned with the transversely polarized nucleon

- Difficult to access - **chiral-odd nature**
- Couples to chiral-odd fragmentation functions
- Much less data than for helicity
- Before observed in SIDIS combined with  $e^+e^-$
- First **global analyses:** simultaneously the transversity and polarized FF
  - Phys. Rev. D 87, 094019 (2013)
  - Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 012001 (2011)
- All show large uncertainties

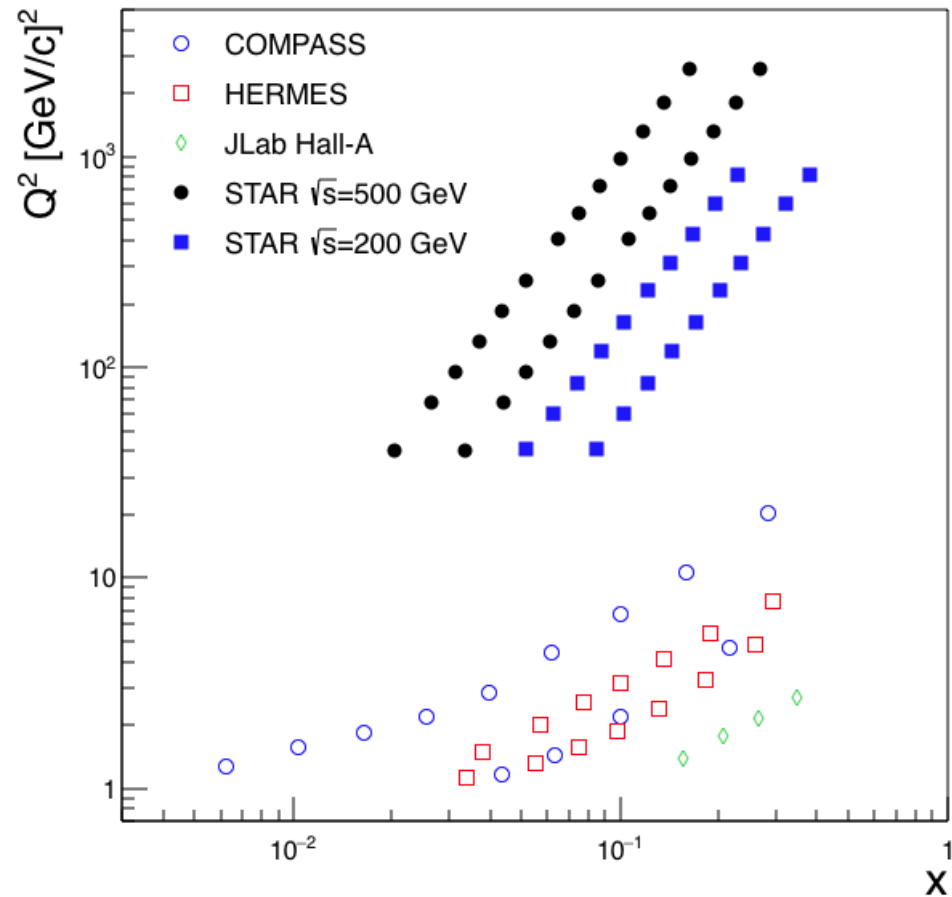
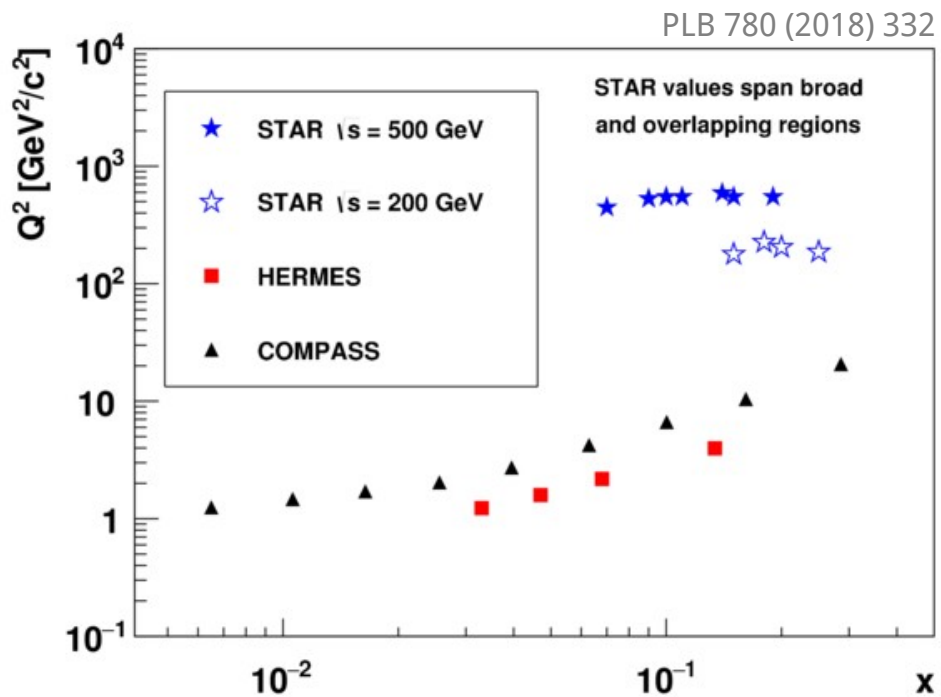




# STAR: KINEMATIC COVERAGE

## IFF and Collins asymmetry

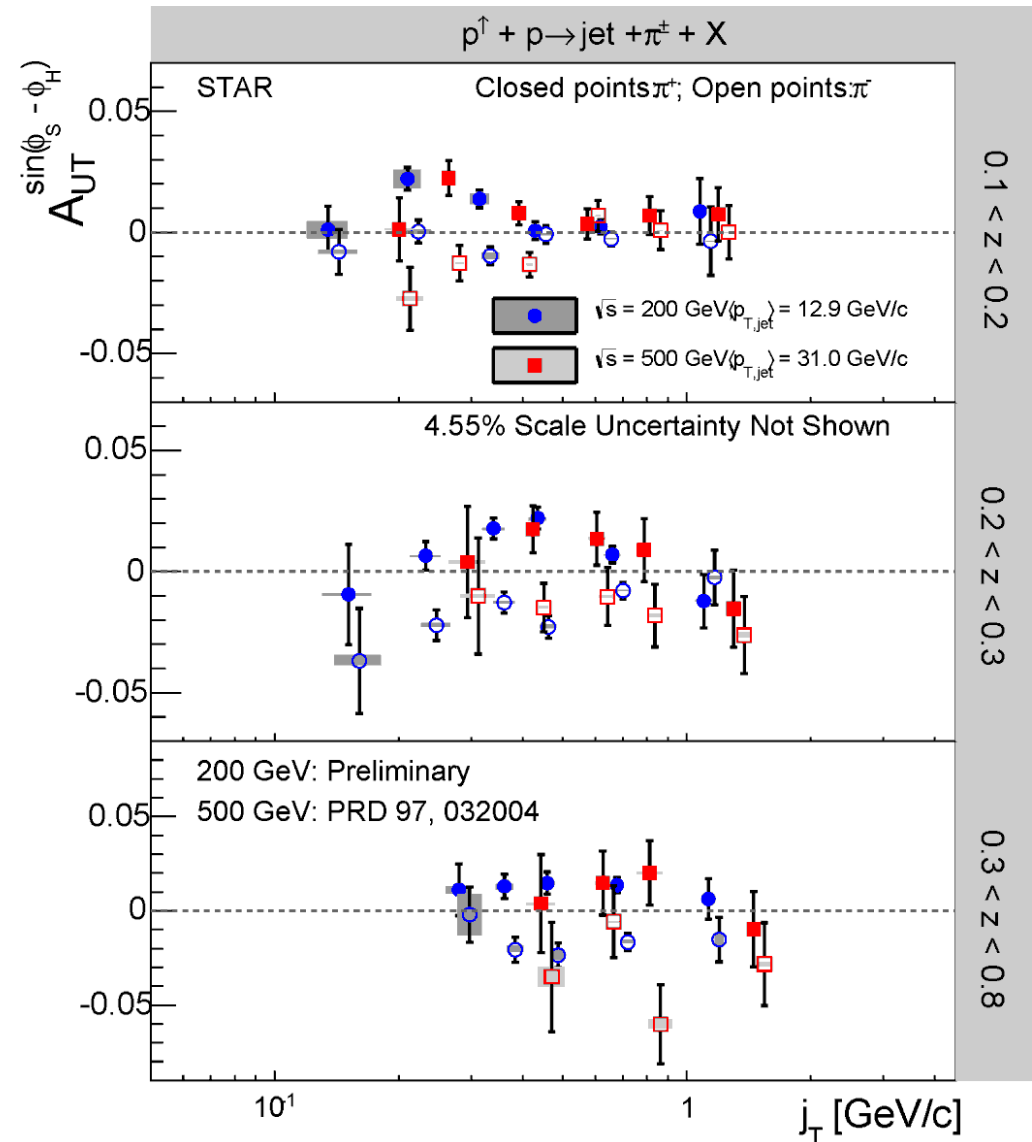
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# TRANSVERSITY

## Collins asymmetry

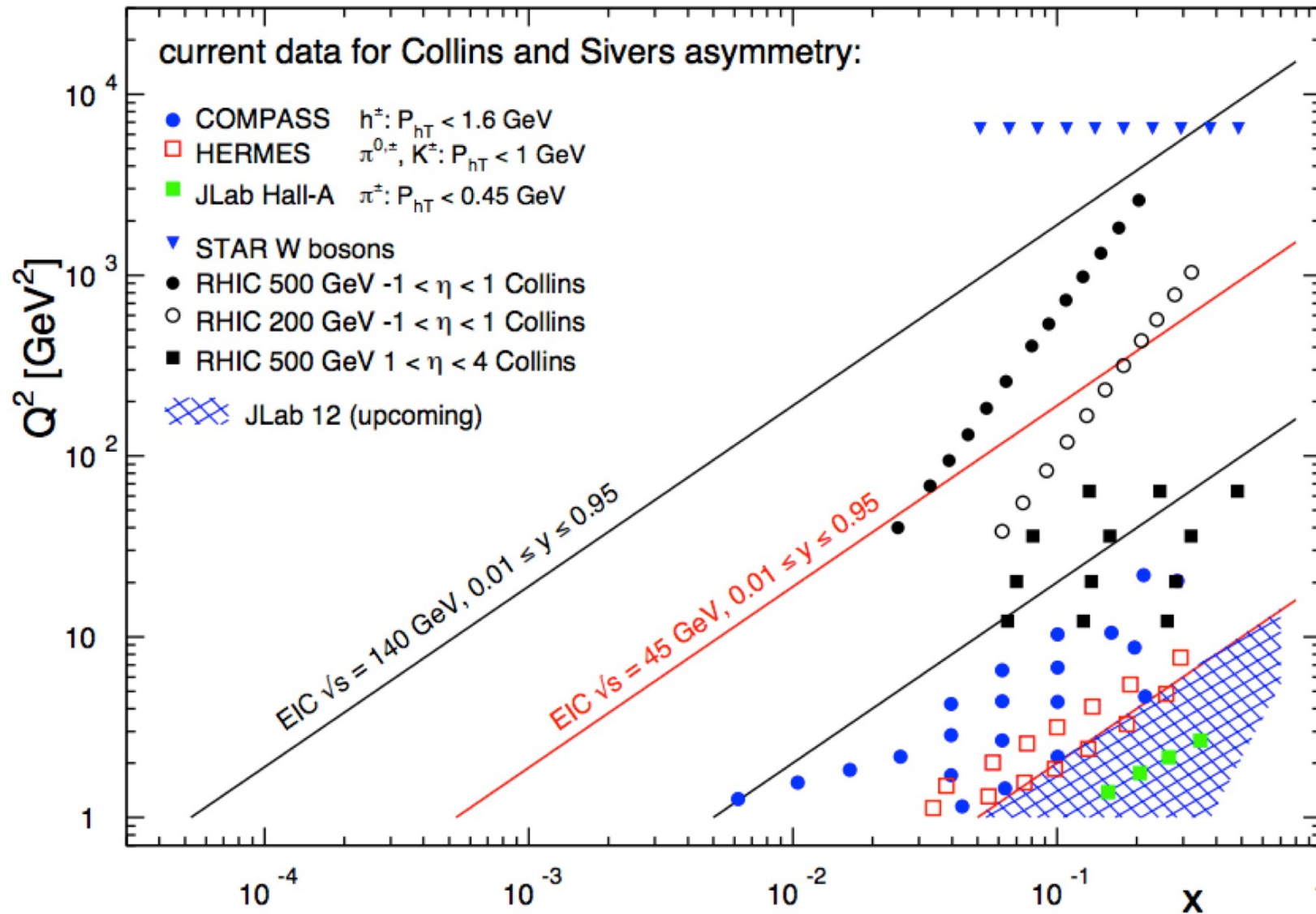
- 500 GeV pp results hinted the  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s - \phi_H)}$  peak shifts to higher  $j_T$  as  $z$  increases
- Preliminary 200 GeV pp results show similar behavior
- Hadron  $j_T$  is independent of initial state transverse momentum
- Additional statistics for both 200 (x 2.5) and 500 GeV (x 12) available



# RHIC KINEMATIC

## Collins and Sivers asymmetry

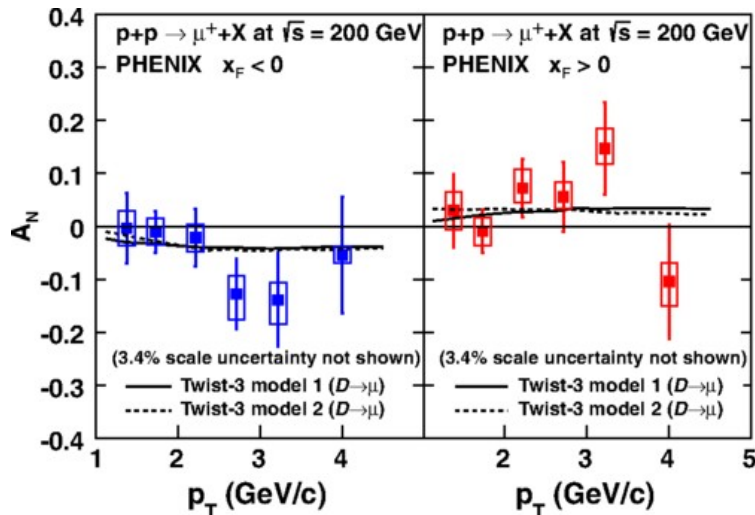
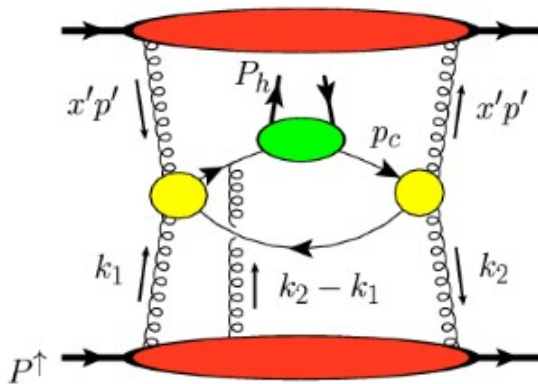
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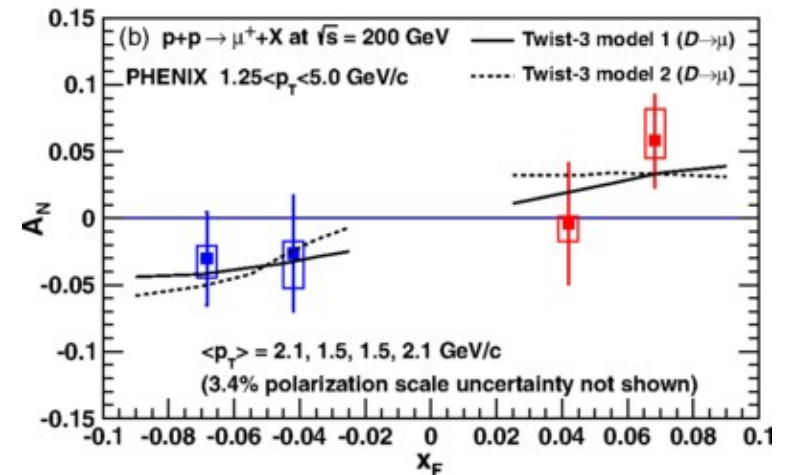
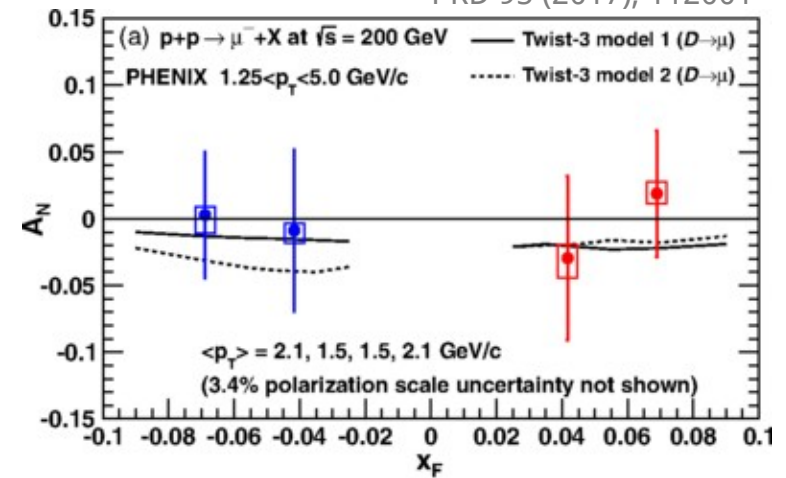
# TWIST-3

## Heavy flavor $A_N$

- PHENIX:  $A_N$   $\mu$  asymmetries from open heavy-flavor decays at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV.
- Heavy flavor asymmetries sensitive to twist-3 tri-gluon correlator



PRD 95 (2017), 112001



Asymmetries were found to be small and in agreement with model calculations for twist-3 ( $D \rightarrow \mu$ )