

# Spin Physics at RHIC

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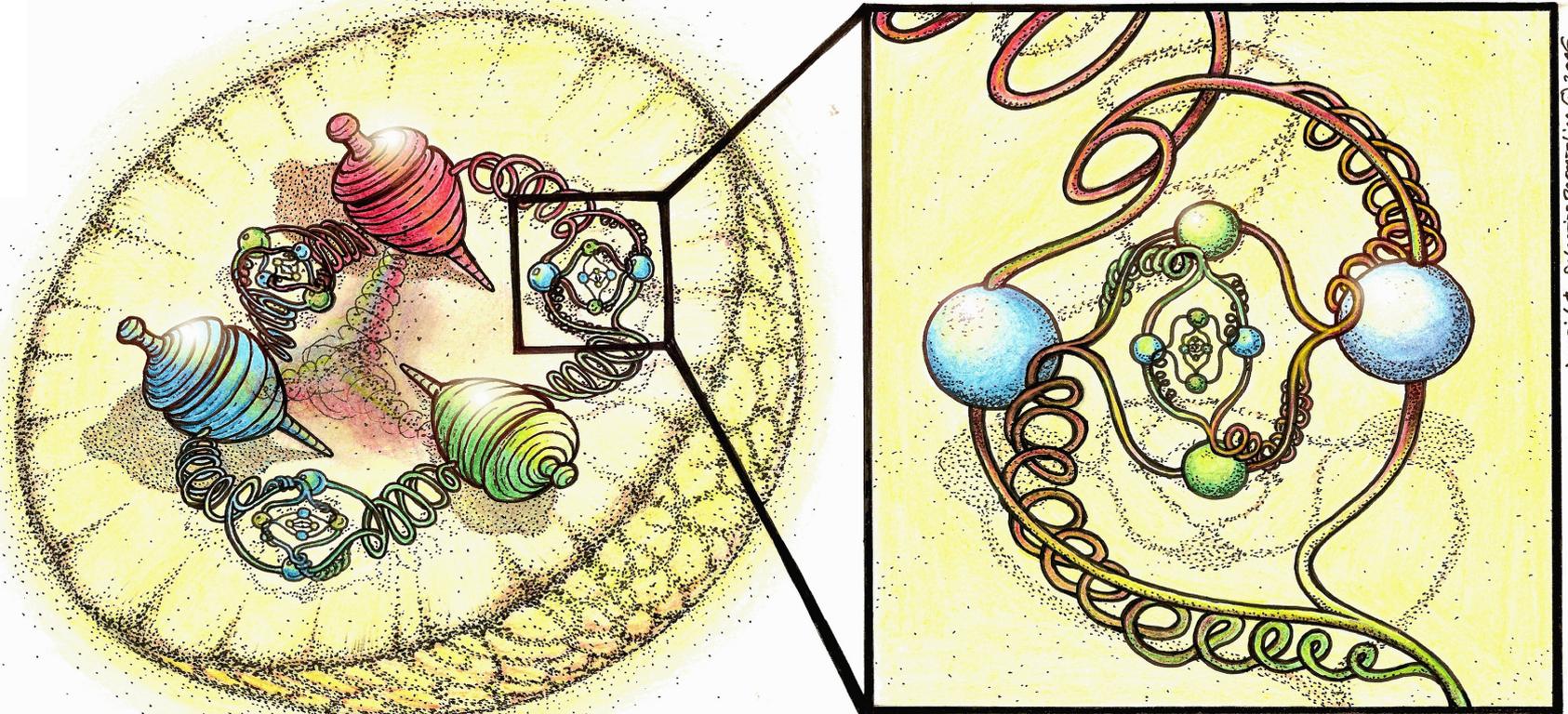
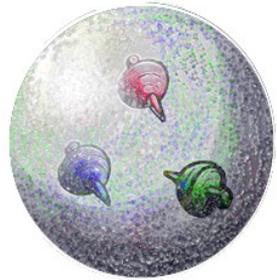


$$1/2 = 1/2 (\Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s) + Lq + \Delta G + LG$$

**RHIC**

relativistic heavy ion collider

# The QCD Proton Picture



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That nucleon has a large anomalous magnetic moment proves that this is not **fundamental** spin 1/2 Dirac particle.

Nucleon Spin is Subtle: Quarks, gluons and their angular momentum caused by their high speed motion within the nucleon are contributors to the Nucleon's spin.

**Spin physics has opened a box full of questions about matter, and it has also laid the groundwork to a plethora of scientific advancements: from the medical field, to astronomy research.**



# What Else Carries the Proton Spin

## Longitudinal Spin Sum Rule:

$$\frac{1}{2} = S_z = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_z$$

W-production  
(pp)

Double Spin  
Asymmetries  
(pp, SIDIS)

Exclusive  
processes  
(DVCS, etc)

## Transverse Spin Sum Rule??

Bakker, Leader, Trueman  
Phys.Rev.D70:114001,2004

$$\frac{1}{2} = S_x = \frac{1}{2} \delta\Sigma + L_x$$

Chiral-odd Fragmentation  
functions (Collins, IFF,  $\lambda$ )

Sivers effect??

$-\Delta G, \Delta\Sigma$  are the probabilities of finding a parton with spin parallel or anti parallel to the spin of a longitudinally polarized nucleon.

$-L_z$ : orbital angular momenta of the quarks and gluons

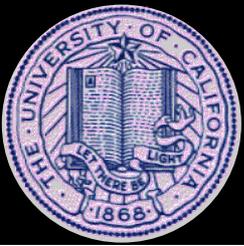
$-\delta\Sigma$ : Difference of quarks with parallel and antiparallel polarization relative to **transversely** polarized proton



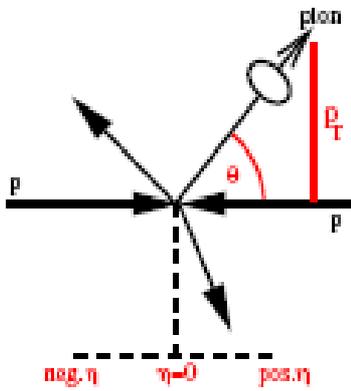
## Polarized proton proton Collisions: RHIC, A QCD LAB



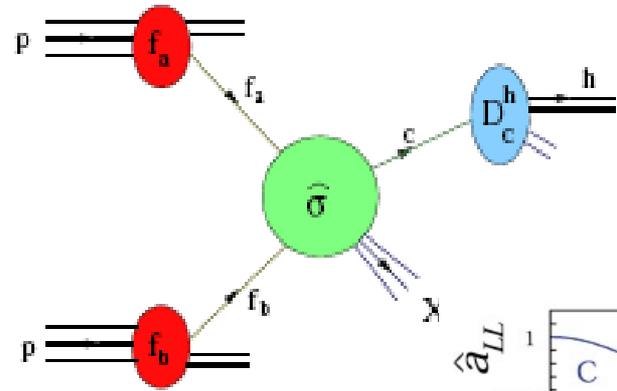
- RHIC provides abundant source of polarized protons and can collide them at high energies.
- Each proton is an ample source of "glue", can be used to probe the gluon's role directly
- RHIC's High Energies keep the interpretation of results clean using pQCD
- We have appropriate detectors to look at such collisions



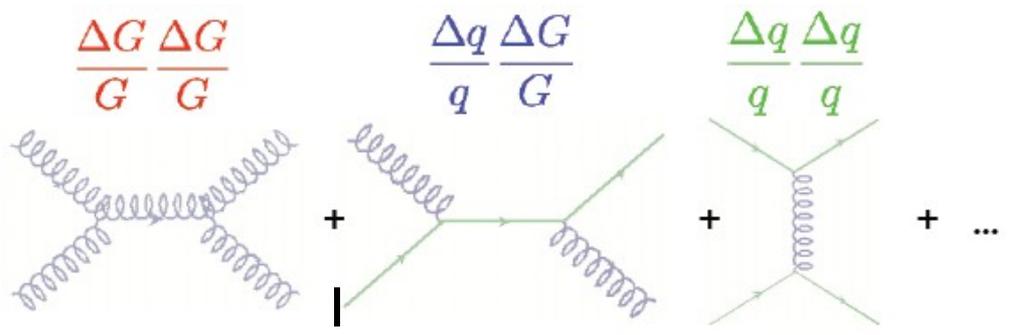
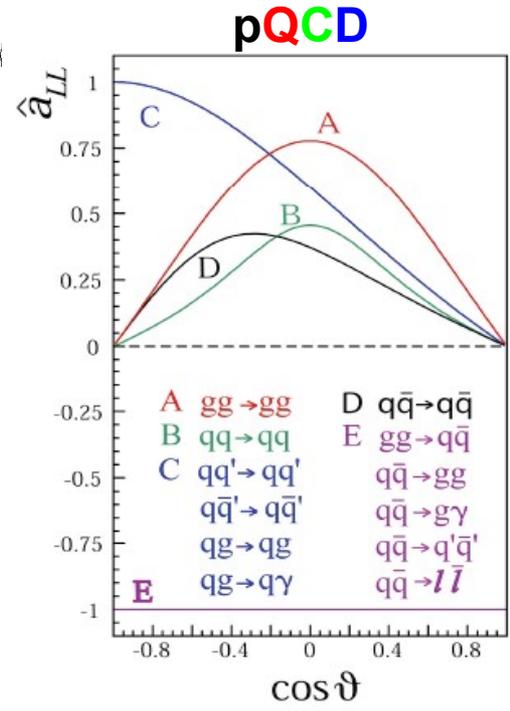
# FACTORIZATION → Accessing $\Delta g$ with Asymmetries



factorization  
→  
theorem



$$A_{LL} = \frac{d\sigma^{++} - d\sigma^{+-}}{d\sigma^{++} + d\sigma^{+-}} = \frac{\sum_{a,b} \Delta f_a \otimes \Delta f_b \otimes d\sigma^{f_a \hat{f}_b \rightarrow fX} \cdot a_{LL}^{f_a \hat{f}_b \rightarrow fX} \otimes D_f^h}{\sum_{a,b} f_a \otimes f_b \otimes d\sigma^{f_a \hat{f}_b \rightarrow fX} \otimes D_f^h}$$



Increasing  $x, p_T$  →

Hard subprocess asymmetries (LO)

- **Parton distribution Functions (PDF's):** Probability density for finding a particle with a certain longitudinal momentum fraction  $x$  at momentum transfer  $Q^2$ . A non-perturbative object, it must be measured!
- **Fragmentation Functions (FF):** The probability for a parton to fragment into a particular hadron carrying a certain fraction of the parton's energy





# Asymmetries: $A_{LL}^{\text{particle or jets}} = \Delta\sigma^{\text{particle or jets}} / \sigma^{\text{particle or jets}}$

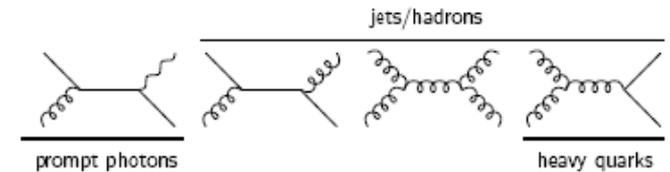
- ❖ For  $\Delta g$  the tools are measurements of helicity cross section asymmetries  $A_{LL}$

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} = \frac{1}{P_b P_y} \frac{N_{++} - RN_{+-}}{N_{++} + RN_{+-}}$$

(N) Particle Yields  
 (R) Relative Luminosity  
 (P) Polarization

Measuring double spin asymmetries in certain final states are the most valuable tool to measure polarized gluon (and quark) distribution functions in the proton.

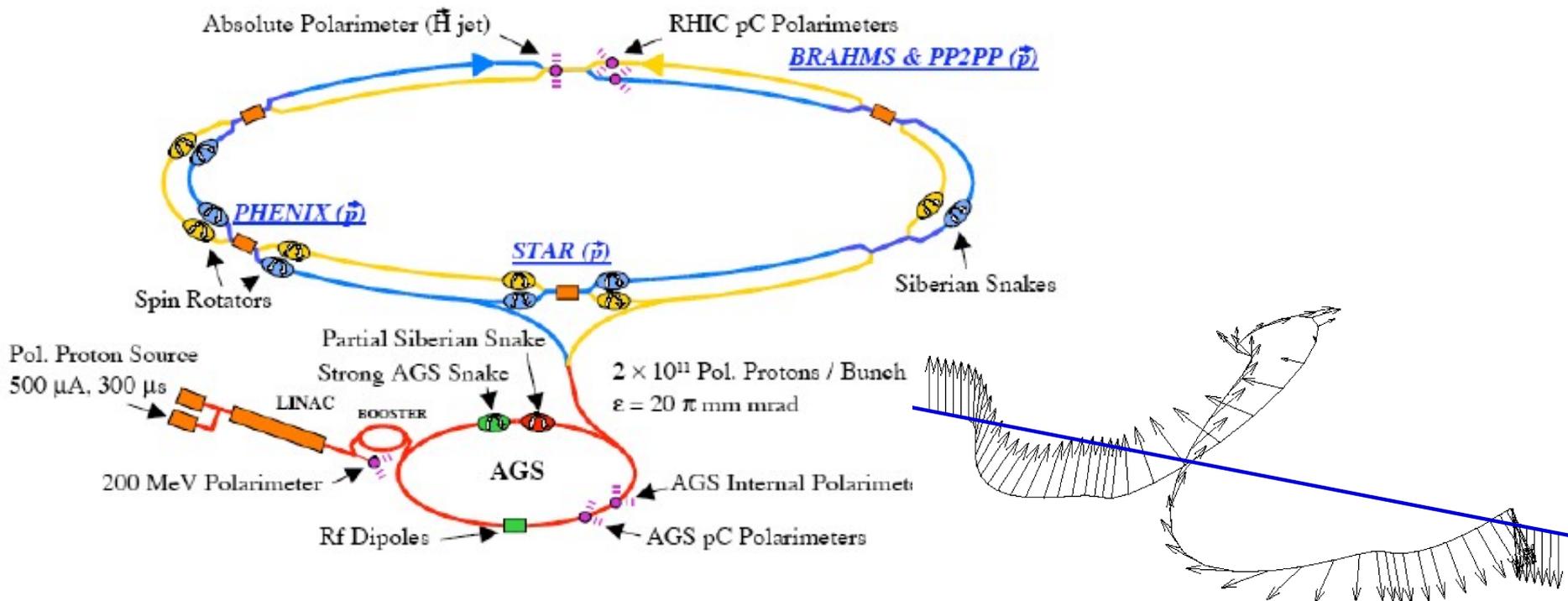
The most accurate way to do so is the study of those processes which can be calculated in the framework of perturbative QCD.



reaction	LO subprocesses	partons probed
$pp \rightarrow \text{jets } X$	$q\bar{q}, qq, qg, gg \rightarrow \text{jet } X$	$\Delta q, \Delta g$
$pp \rightarrow \pi X$	$q\bar{q}, qq, qg, gg \rightarrow \pi X$	$\Delta q, \Delta g$
$pp \rightarrow \gamma X$	$gg \rightarrow q\gamma, q\bar{q} \rightarrow g\gamma$	$\Delta g$
$pp \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}X$	$gg \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}, q\bar{q} \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$	$\Delta g$



# RHIC Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider: A QCD Laboratory

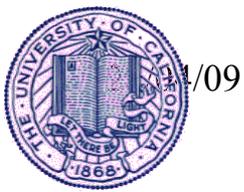


2 **counter** rotating accelerator storage rings with collisions at six interaction points

Siberian Snakes: **Depolarizing** resonances are cancelled out by rotating spin by 180 degrees each turn.

Year	[GeV]	Luminosity [pb <sup>-1</sup> ] (recorded)	Polarization [%]	Figure of Merit P <sup>2</sup> L
2003 *	200	0.35	27	25.5nb-1
2004 *	200	0.12	40	19.2nb-1
2005 *	200	3.4	49	816 nb-1
2006 *	200	7.5	55	2268 nb-1
2006 *	62.4	0.08	48	18.4 nb-1
<b>2009</b>	<b>500</b>	Machine development Begun this year->W Boson		

\*\*The applications of the AGS are not limited to RHIC physics. NASA space science for example, uses AGS beams, to simulate cosmic rays radiobiological effects, to learn about the possible risks to human beings exposed to space radiation. : [http://www.bnl.gov/medical/NASA/NSRL\\_description.asp](http://www.bnl.gov/medical/NASA/NSRL_description.asp)



# RHIC's QCD Detectors

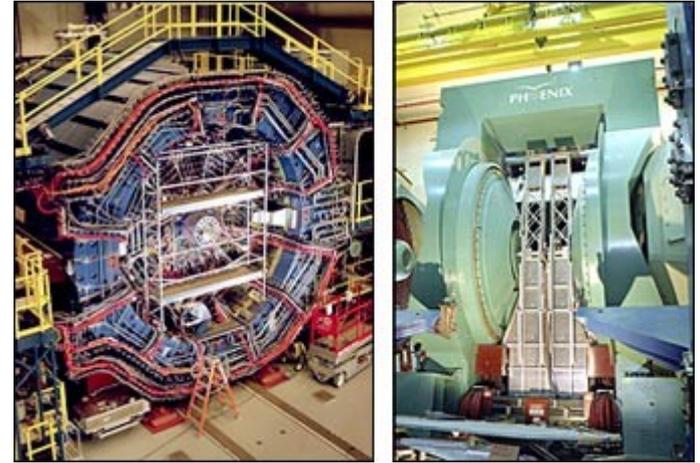
## PHENIX Design philosophy:

Fine Granularity, Mass Resolution

High Data Rate

Good Particle ID

Limited Acceptance in central calorimetry and forward muon detectors



## STAR :

Large acceptance with azimuthal symmetry

Good tracking, particle ID

Central & forward calorimetry

Both have collisions counters and zero-degree-calorimeters to characterize events



<http://www4.rcf.bnl.gov/brahms/WWW/brahms.html>

**Visit:**

<http://www.phy.bnl.gov/rhicspin/>

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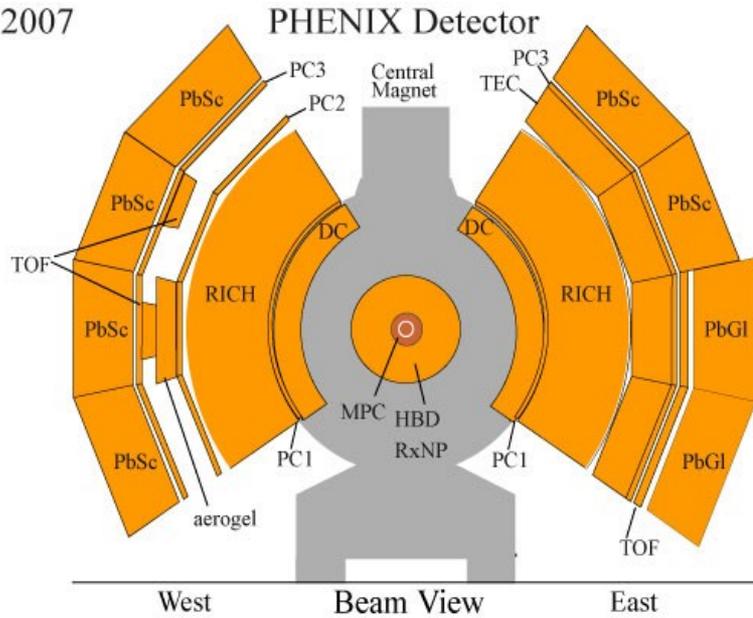
<http://www.star.bnl.gov/central/experiment/>

**For more info on the past present and future of RHIC**



# THE PHENIX DETECTOR

2007



Central Detector *Acceptance*: ( $|\eta| < 0.35$ ,  $\phi = 2 \times \pi/2$ ):

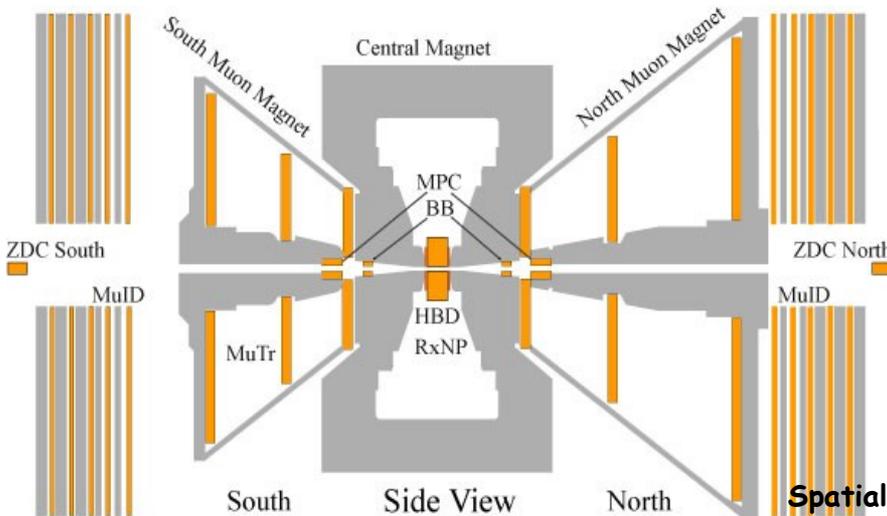
- $\gamma/\pi^0/\eta$  detection
  - Electromagnetic Calorimeter: PbSc + PbGl,  $\eta < |0.35|$ ,  $\phi = 2 \times 90^\circ$
- $\pi^+/\pi^-$ 
  - Drift Chamber
  - Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector

Muon Arms (forward kinematics ( $\sim 1.1 < |\eta| < 2.4$ )):

- $J/\psi$ 
  - Muon ID/Muon Tracker ( $\mu^+\mu^-$ )
- $\pi^0$ 
  - Electromagnetic Calorimeter (MPC)

Global Detectors:

- Relative Luminosity
  - Beam-Beam Counter (BBC)
  - Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)
- Local Polarimetry - ZDC



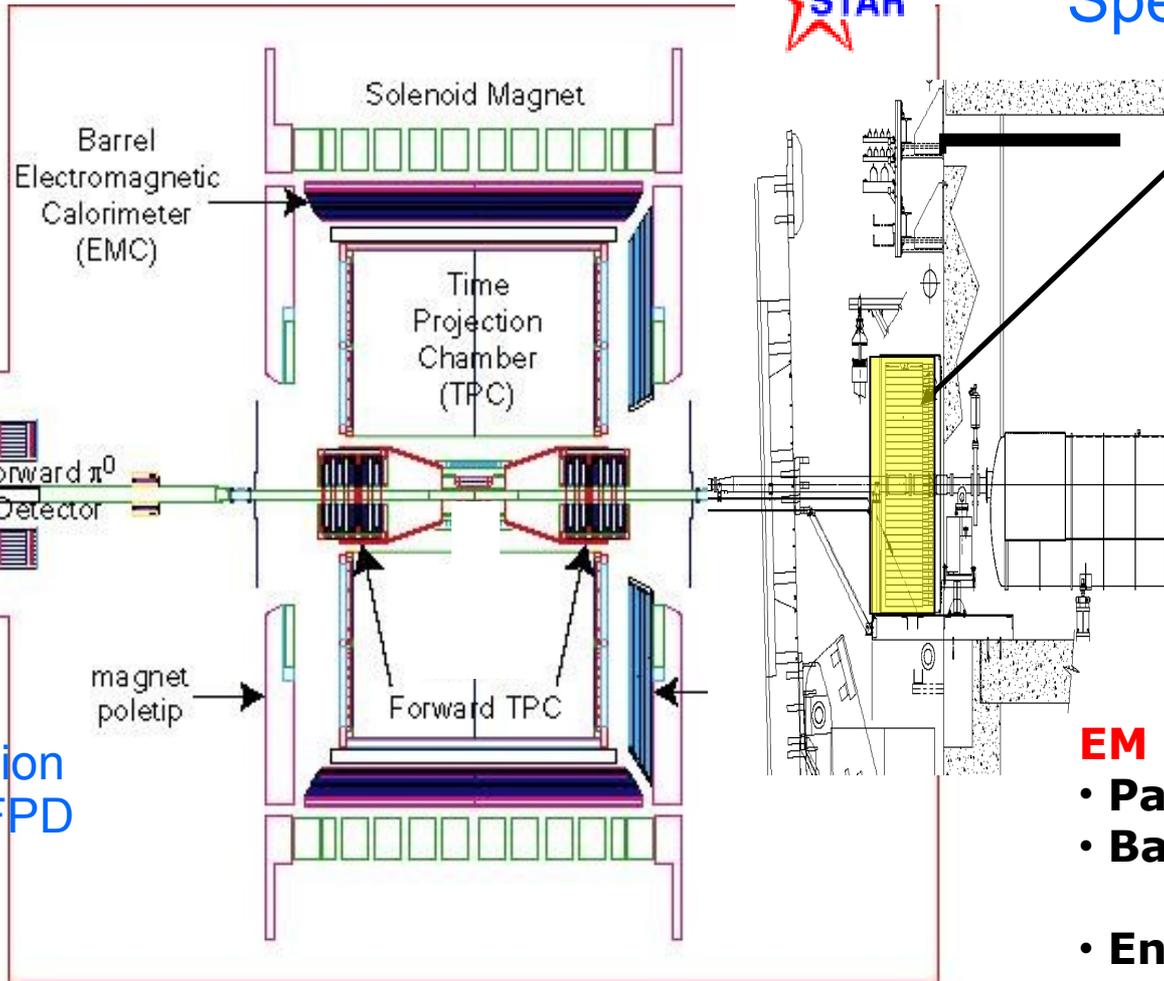
## Pseudorapidity

Spatial coordinate describing the angle of a particle relative to the beam axis it is defined as  $\eta = -\ln(\tan(\theta/2))$  where theta is the angle relative to the beam axis.  $\eta$  does not depend on the energy of the particle, only on the polar angle of its trajectory



# THE STAR DETECTOR

New for Run 8:  
Forward Meson  
Spectrometer (FMS)



**Time Projection Chamber:**

- Charged Tracks  $P_T$
- $-1.4 < \eta < 1.4$

**Beam-Beam Counter:**

- MinBias Trigger
- Relative Luminosities
- $3.4 < |\eta| < 5$

**EM Calorimeter (Pb/Scintillator):**

- Particle Neutral Energy
- Barrel  $0 < \eta < 1$  (2003-2005)  
 $-1 < \eta < 1$  (2006)
- Endcap  $1.09 < \eta < 2.0$

Forward Pion  
Detector-FPD  
(runs 3+)

**Full Azimuthal Coverage**

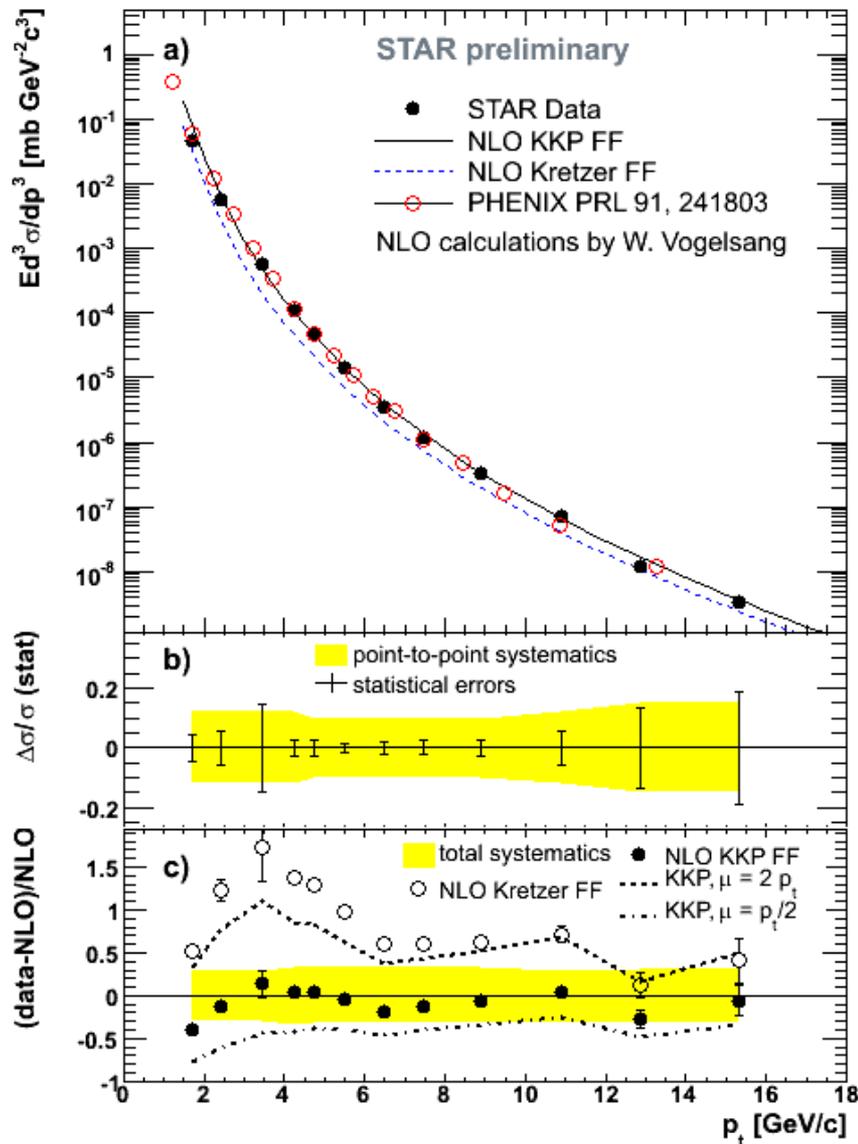


# Asymmetries

- ❖ Accessing  $\Delta g$ : Inclusive channels  $A_{LL}(pp \rightarrow X)$  measurable at RHIC
  - $\pi^0$ : wide  $p_T$  range, mixture with  $gg \rightarrow X$  dominant at low  $p_T$
  - $\eta$ , similar to  $\pi^0$ , different FF's.
  - Jets, di-jets, multiparticle clusters (parts of jets)
  - $\pi^\pm$ , mixture sensitive to  $qg \rightarrow qX$  at high  $p_T$
  - Direct photons:  $p_T$  range 6-20+ GeV/c, dominated by  $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$
  - $J/\psi$ ,  $\mu^\pm$ ,  $e^\pm$  ( $gg \rightarrow cc$ )
- ❖ Other Asymmetries measurements
  - $A_N$  Left-Right Asymmetries of  $\pi^0/\pi^\pm/h^\pm$ ,  $J/\psi$ , forward neutrons
  - $D_{LL}$  Longitudinal spin transfer to Anti- $\Lambda$
  - $k_T$  azimuthal asymmetries of hadron Pairs.



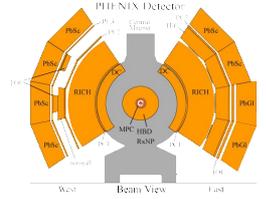
# Are Perturbative Methods Valid at RHIC?



- ❖ Agreement between data and pQCD theory
- ❖ Shows that pQCD and unpolarized PDFs determined in DIS can describe pp data
- ❖ Choice of fragmentation function crucial (dominated by gluon fragmentation)
- ❖ Scale uncertainty still large at lower  $p_T < 5$  GeV

**YES!**



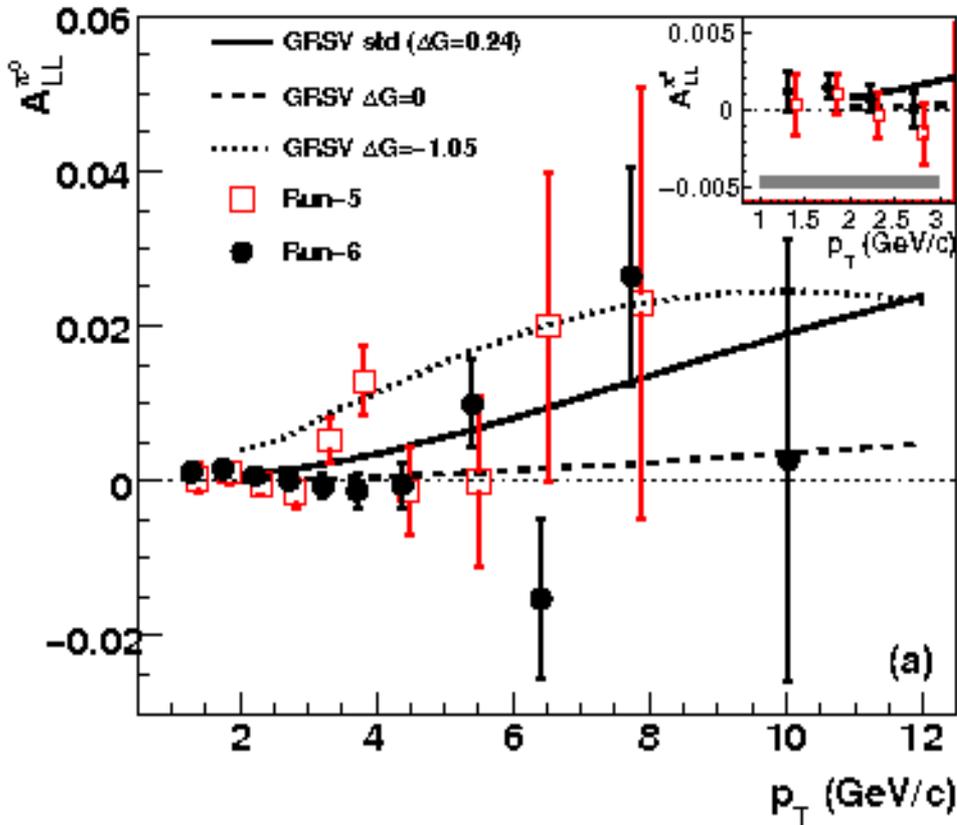


# π<sup>0</sup> Asymmetries

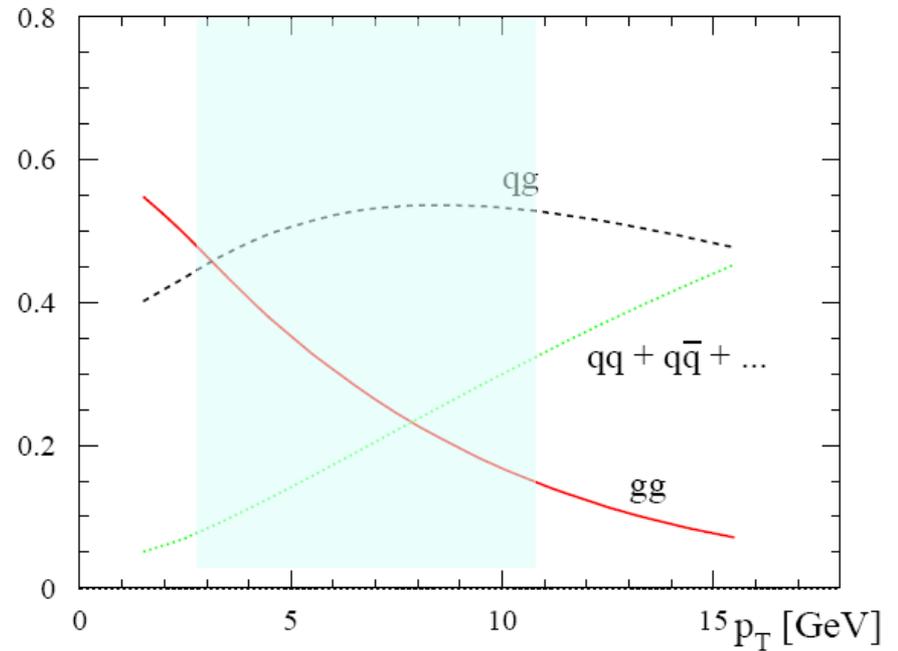
## Measured asymmetries for pp → π<sup>0</sup>X from Run 5, Run 6

Run 3,4,5: PRL 93, 202002; PRD 73, 091102;  
Phys. Rev. D 76, 051106 (2007), arXiv:0810.0694

Initial state parton configurations contributing to unpolarized cross section (Fractions)



Fraction of pion production



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❖ Asymmetry of combinatorial background estimated from sidebands and subtracted

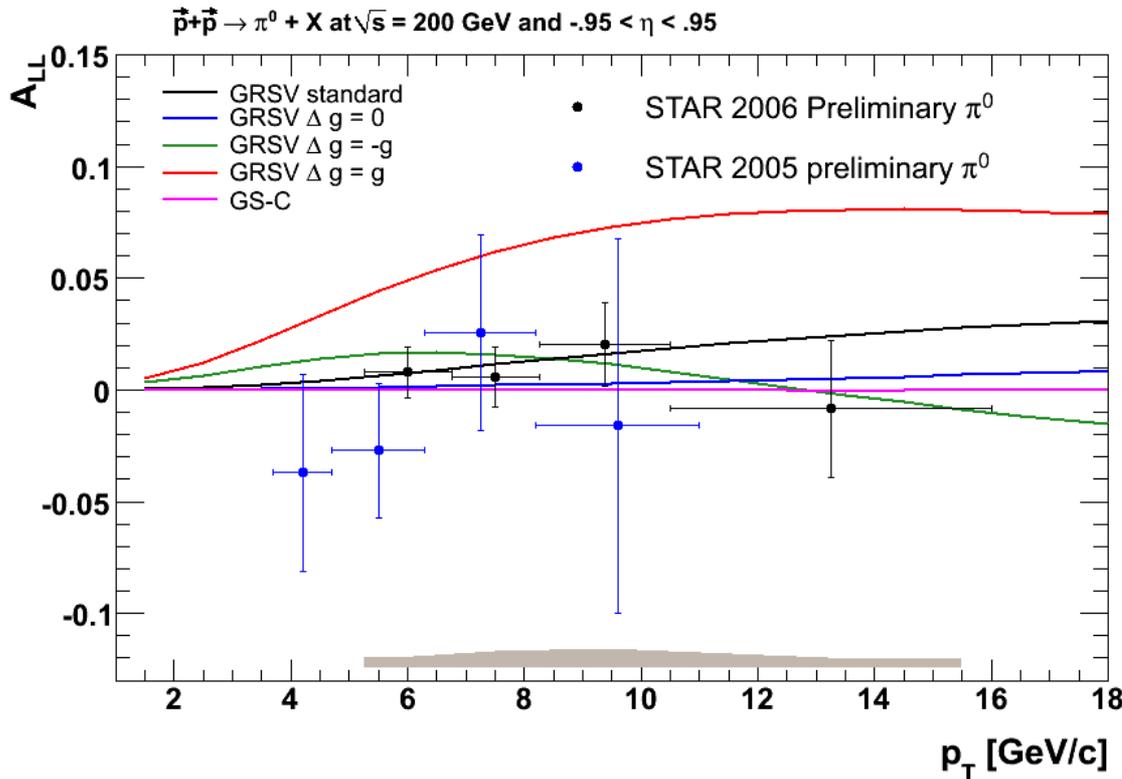
❖ Dominated by gg for p<sub>T</sub> < 5,  
❖ qq for p<sub>T</sub> > 5 GeV/c



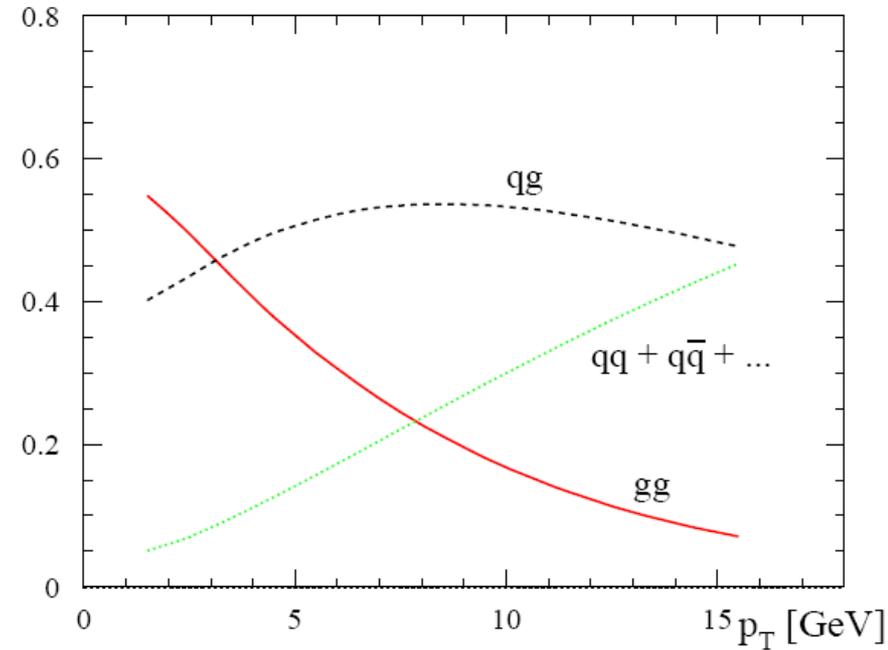
# $\pi^0$ Asymmetries

Measured asymmetries for  $pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X$

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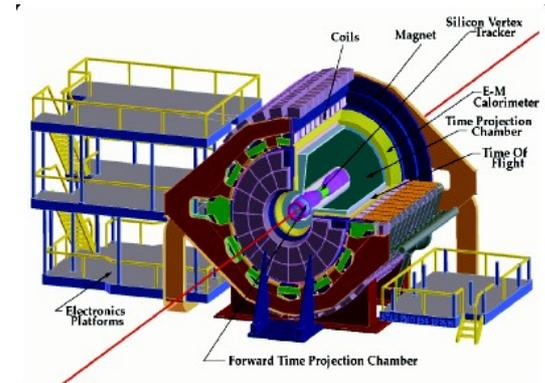


Fraction of pion production



- ❖ BBC, TPC and Barrel EMC.
- ❖ Results consistent between experiments
- ❖ Long p+p run (NOW)----> Expect greater sensitivity.

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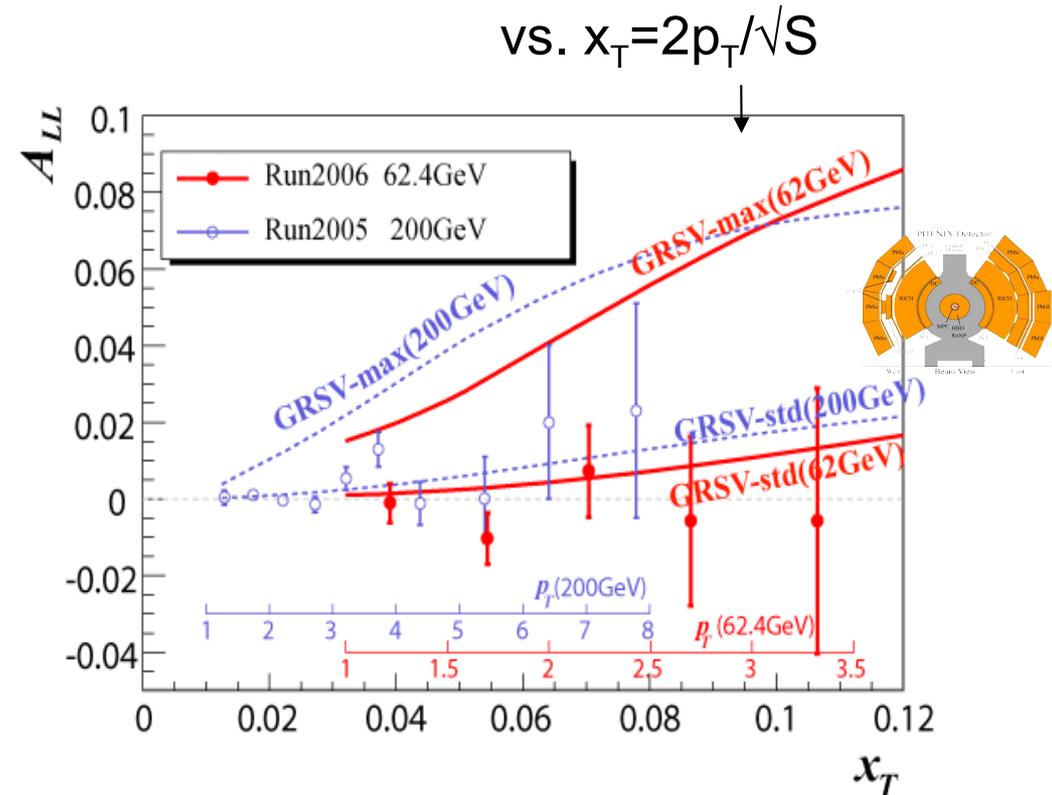
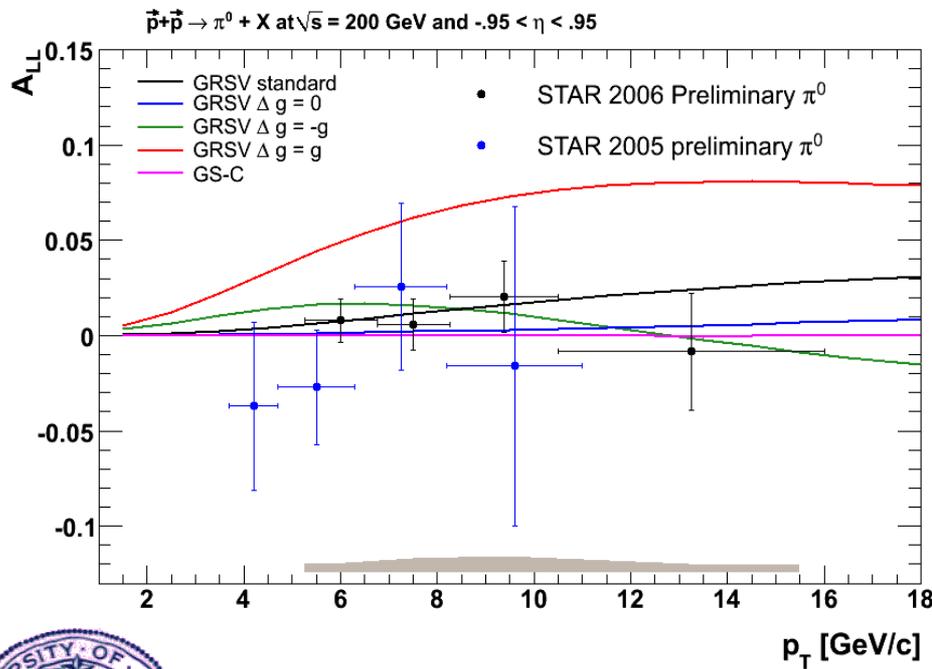


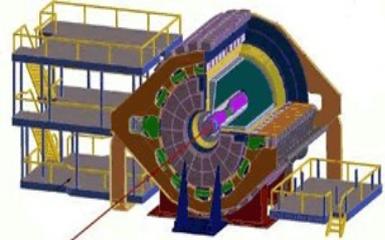
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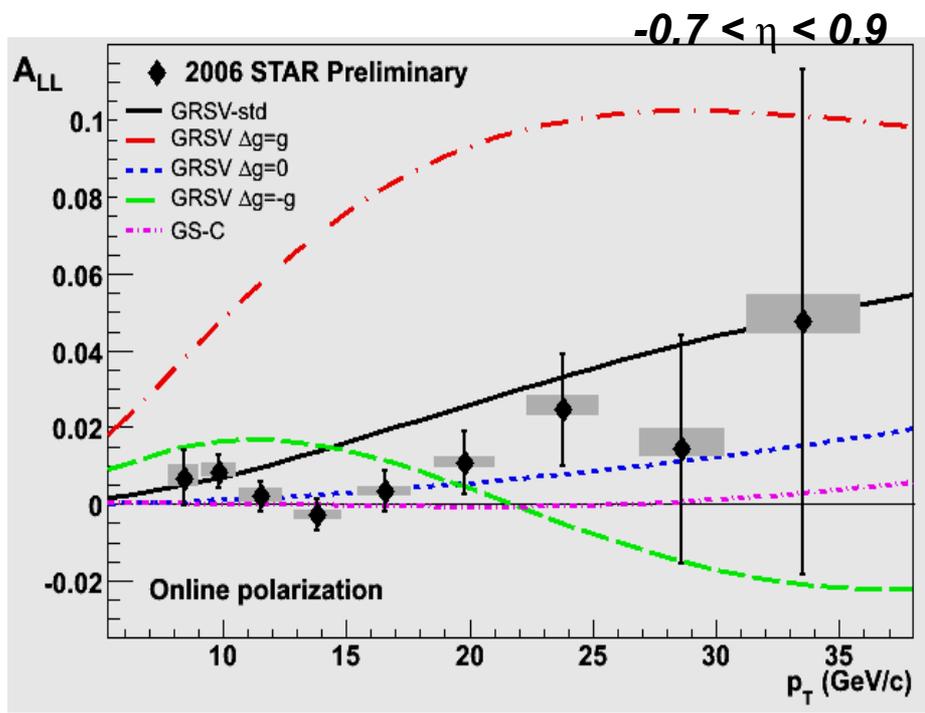
# Information from $\pi^0$ Asymmetries

- ❖ Inclusive  $\pi^0$   $A_{LL}$  cannot access  $\Delta g(x)$  directly
  - Only sensitive to an average over a wide  $x$  range
  - No conclusions about moment of  $\Delta g(x)$  possible without a model for its shape
- ❖ More (indirect) information from varying cms energies
  - Higher (500 GeV)  $\rightarrow$  lower  $x$
  - Smaller (62 GeV)  $\rightarrow$  higher  $x$  (and larger scale uncertainty)
  - Phys. Rev. D 79, 012003 (2009)





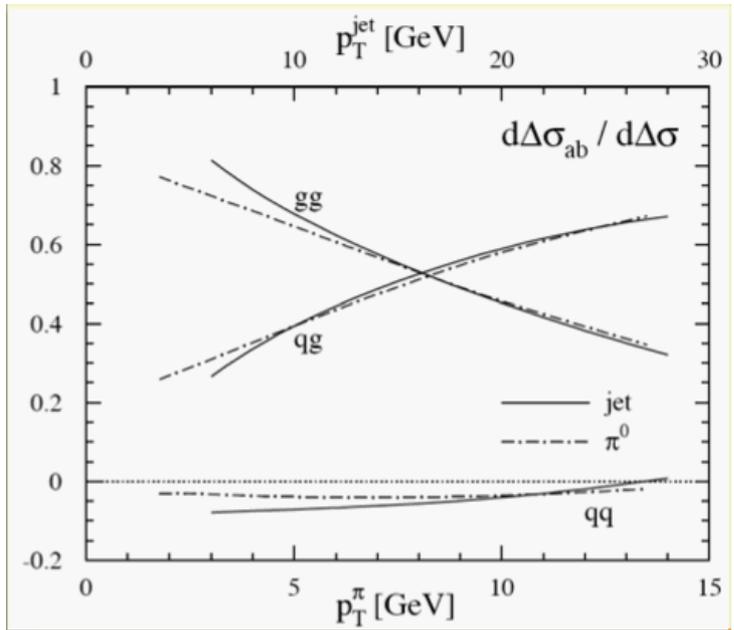
# JET Asymmetries



PRL 100, 232003 (2008)., Spin 2008 Proceedings

$$\Delta G(Q^2) = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx$$

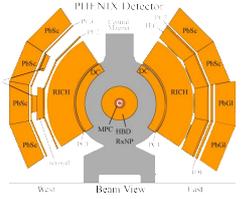
- $\Delta G(Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx 1.8$
- $\Delta G(Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx 0.4$
- $\Delta G(Q^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx 1.0$



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## Mixture of $gg / gq / qq$ scatterings

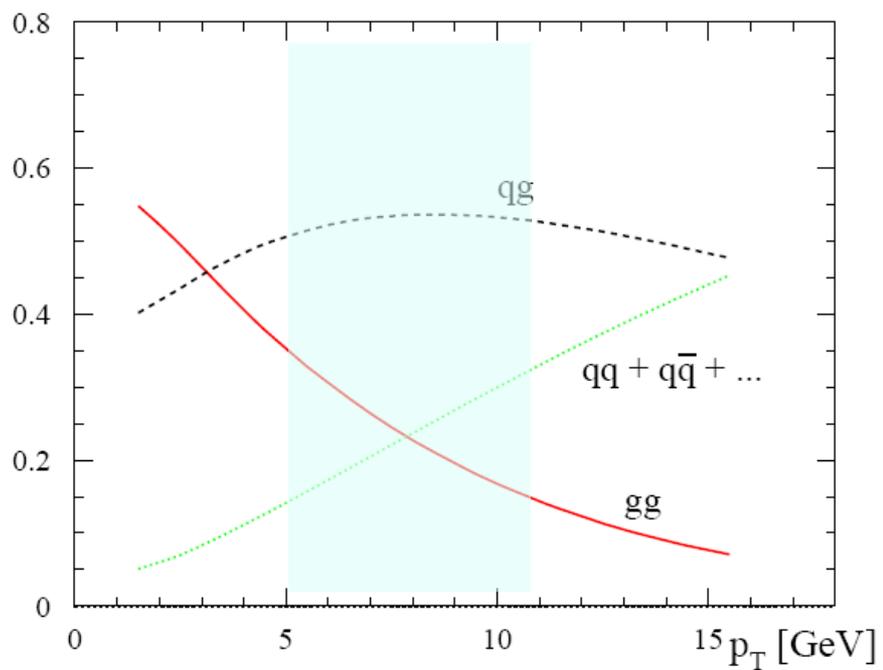
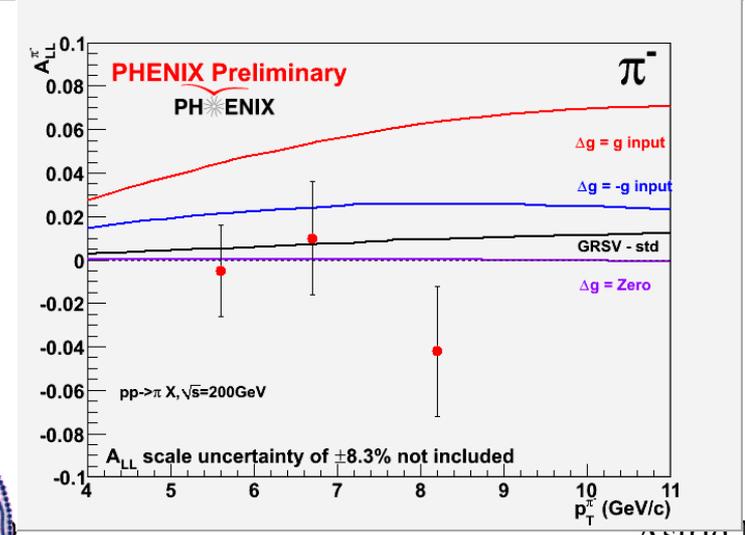
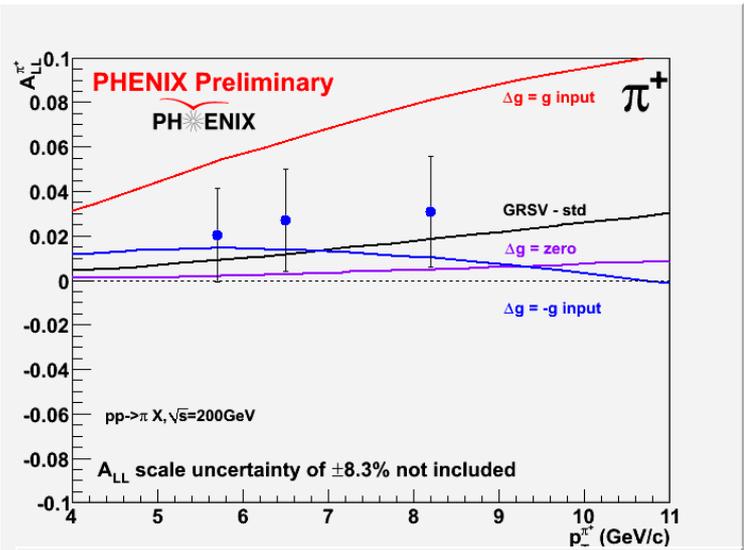
- Inclusive Jet Signal:
- Avoid fragmentation functions
- Sensitive to gluon polarization
- Large Cross-section  $\rightarrow$  high statistics possible.
- STAR reconstructs jets via: Time Projection Chamber  $p_T$  for charged hadrons , EMC  $E_T$  for EM showers



# π<sup>±</sup> Asymmetries



qg starts to dominate for  $p_T > \sim 5\text{GeV}$  and  $D_u^{\pi^+} > D_u^{\pi^0} > D_u^{\pi^-}$   
 Expect sensitivity to sign of  $\Delta G$ , e.g., positive  $A_{LL}^{\pi^+} > A_{LL}^{\pi^0} > A_{LL}^{\pi^-}$



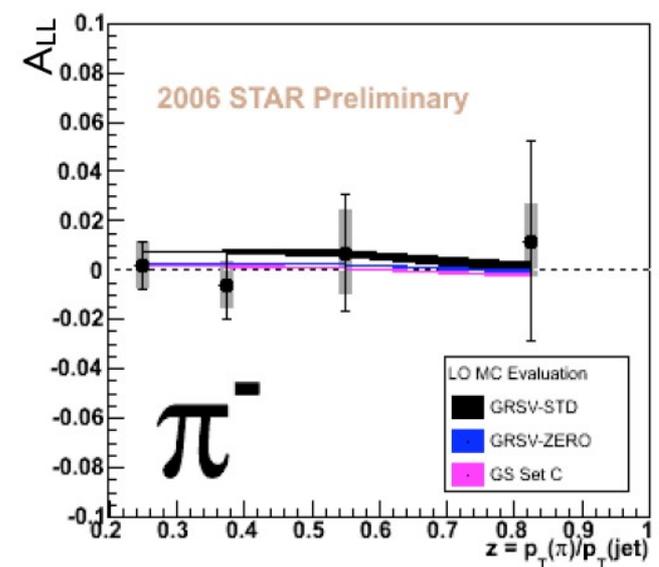
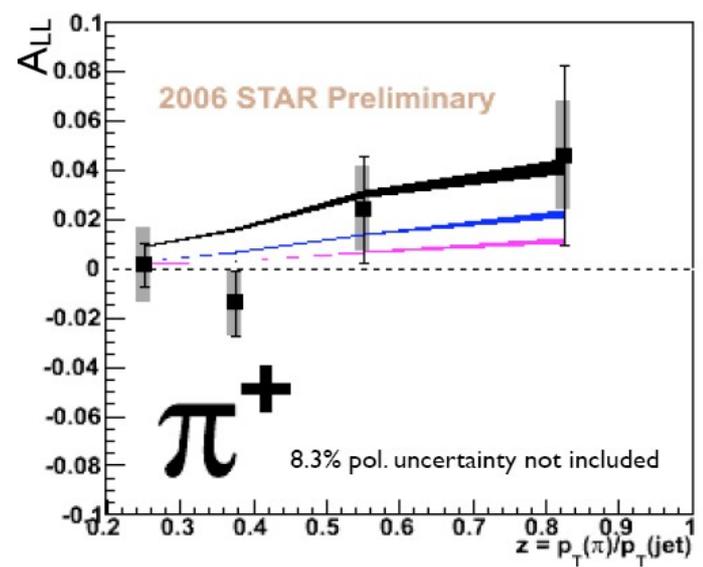
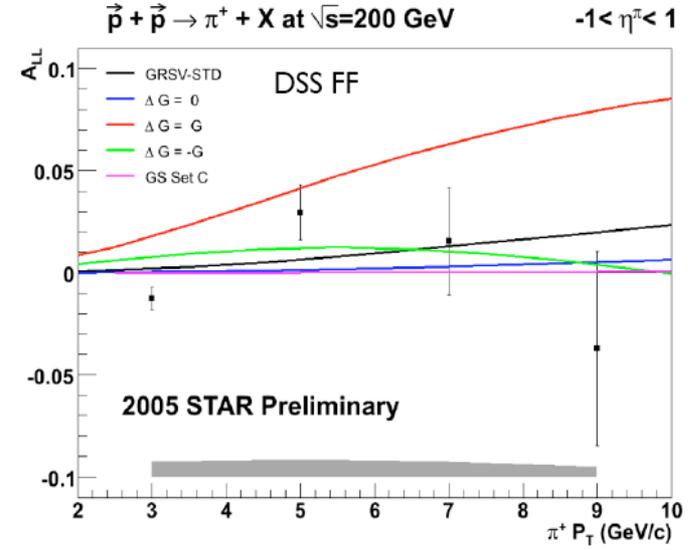
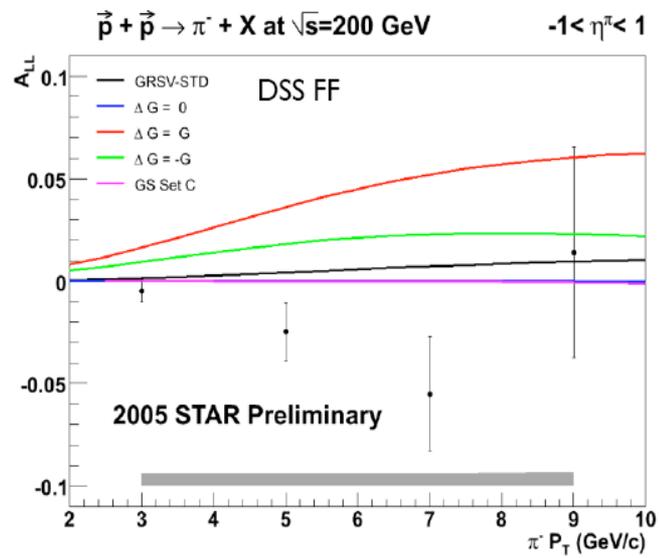
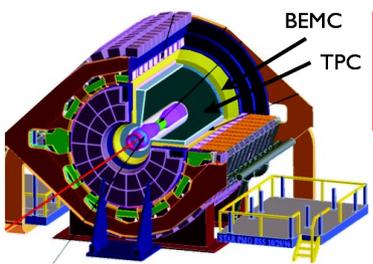
**Charged pions above 4.7 GeV identified with RICH.**  
**At higher  $p_T$ , qg interactions become dominant:  $\Delta q\Delta g$  term.**  
 **$A_{LL}$  becomes significant allowing access to the sign of  $\Delta G$**





# $\pi^{+,-}$ Asymmetries

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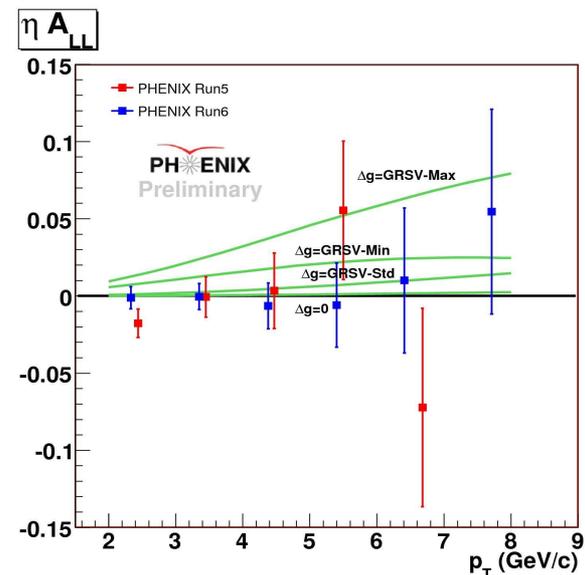
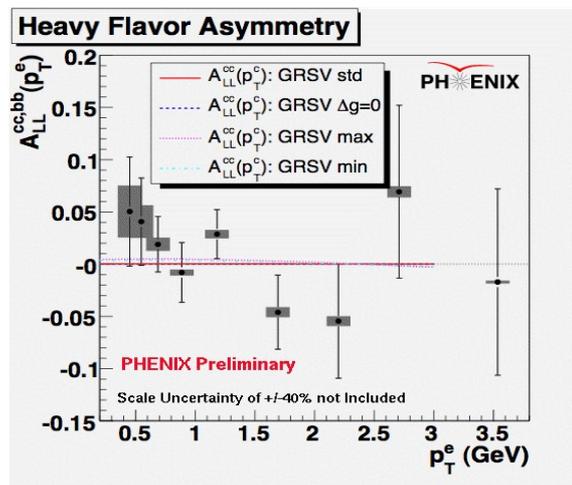
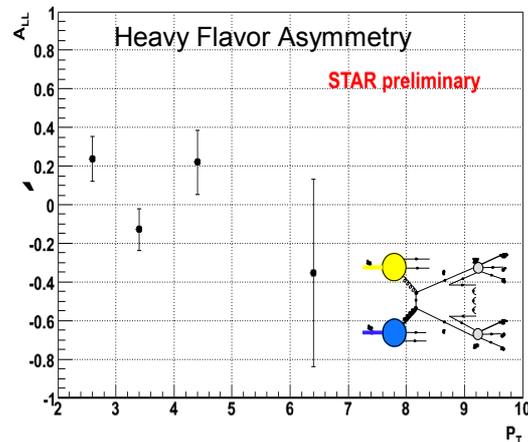
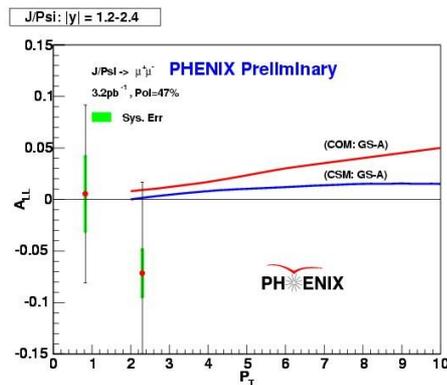
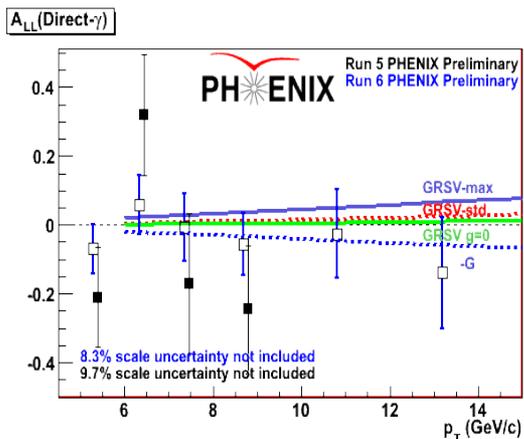
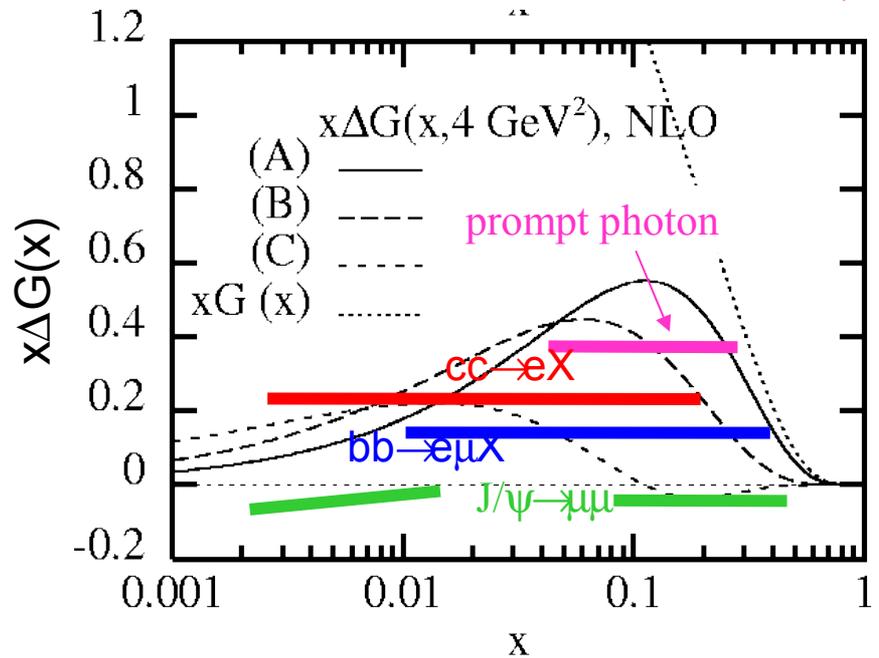
New Technique looks at charged pions from opposite side trigger jet

Compared to LO MC.

# Information from $\gamma, \mu, \eta, e^{+,-}$ Asymmetries



- ❖ Provide access different x range
  - Thresholds
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$   $\eta$  range (forward arms)
  - Prompt  $\gamma$ : no fragmentation  $z=1$
  - could help disentangle the contributions from the different quarks and the gluons.
  - Rare channels with large background
  - **Need more luminosity**



**MANY OTHER PROBES!**



# Global Analysis of Polarized PDF's.

- ❖ Results from various channels combined into single results for  $\Delta G(x)$
- ❖ Correlations with other PDFs for each channel properly accounted
- ❖ Every single channel result is usually smeared over  $x \Rightarrow$  global analysis can do deconvolution (map of  $\Delta G$  vs  $x$ ) based on various channel results
- ❖ NLO pQCD framework can be used
- ❖ Global analysis framework already exist for pol. DIS data and being developed to include RHIC pp data, by different groups

One of the attempts of global analysis by  
AAC Collaboration using PHENIX  $\pi^0$   
-Preliminary data

Now Run5\* and Run6- $\pi^0$  and Jet data are  
available. \*Preliminary has now been used in  
DSSV Global Fits



# $\Delta G(x)$ Global Analysis Latest Results

RHIC data set significantly  
constraints on the gluon helicity  
distribution

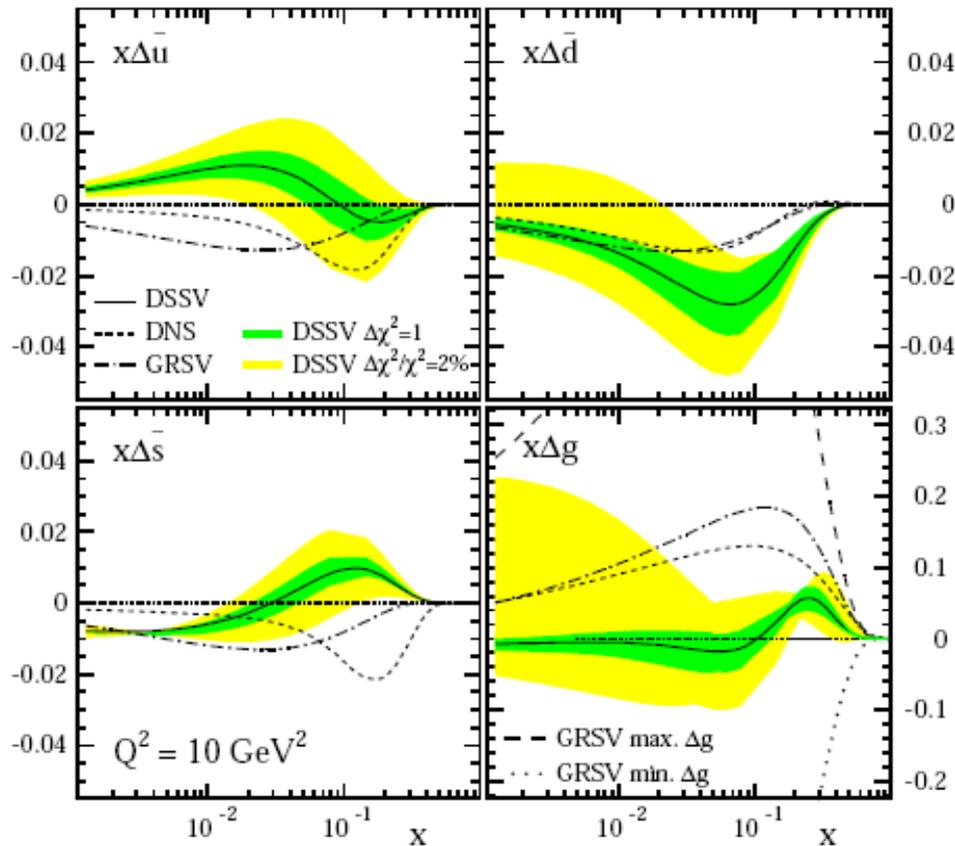


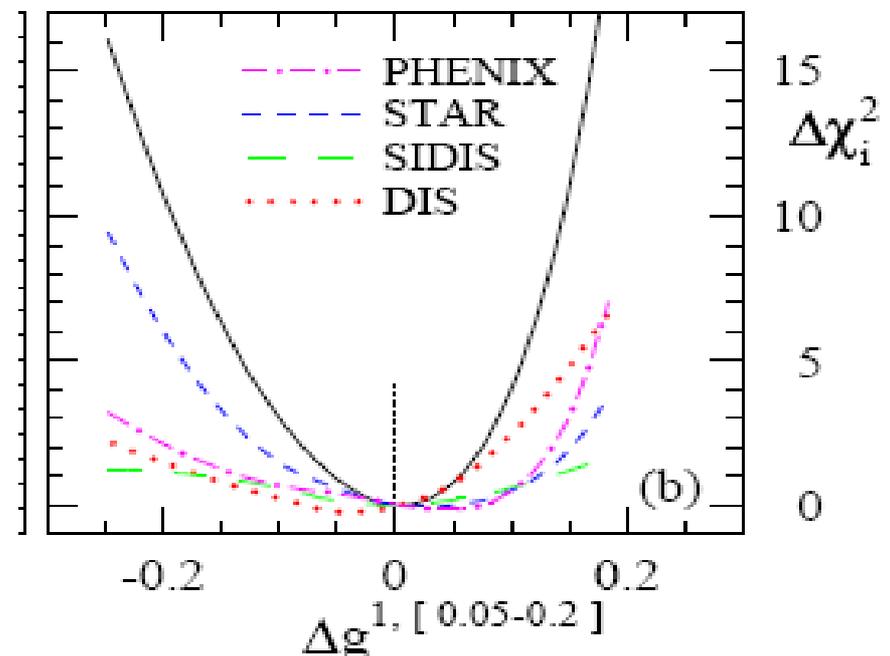
FIG. 2: Our polarized sea and gluon densities compared to previous fits [6, 8]. The shaded bands correspond to alternative fits with  $\Delta\chi^2 = 1$  and  $\Delta\chi^2/\chi^2 = 2\%$  (see text).

A first demonstration that p-p data can be included in a consistent way in a NLO pQCD calculation.

–"Inclusion of theoretical uncertainties and the treatment of experimental ones should and will be improved"–

**–Flavor dependence of the sea. SU3 symmetry breaking. ??**

**Machine development for this program completed a few weeks ago → W Boson**



# Transverse Spin: Origin of the $A_N$ Single Spin Asymmetries.?

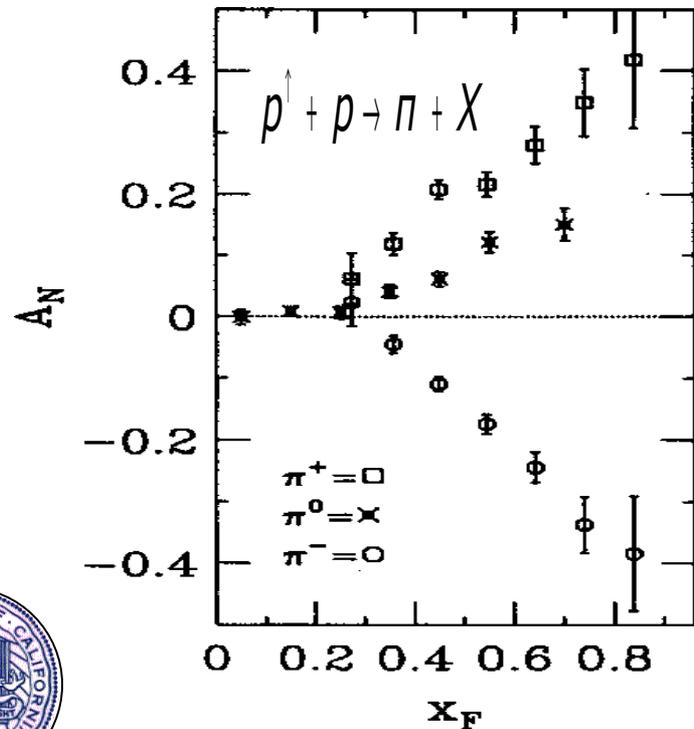
**(Sivers effect)**  
Transversely asymmetric  $k_t$  quark distributions

**(Collins effect)**  
spin-dependent fragmentation functions

**(Twist-3)**  
quark gluon field Interference  
 $\delta q, f_{1T}^{\perp q}, L$

$\sqrt{s}=19.4$  GeV,  
 $p_T=0.5-2.0$  GeV/c

**Huge  $A_N$  measured at E704-FNAL!!!**



- $\pi^0$  – E704, PLB261 (1991) 201.
  - $\pi^{+/-}$  - E704, PLB264 (1991) 462
- Increase linearly with Feynman x ( $x_F$ ).

•Extremely bigger than expectation!

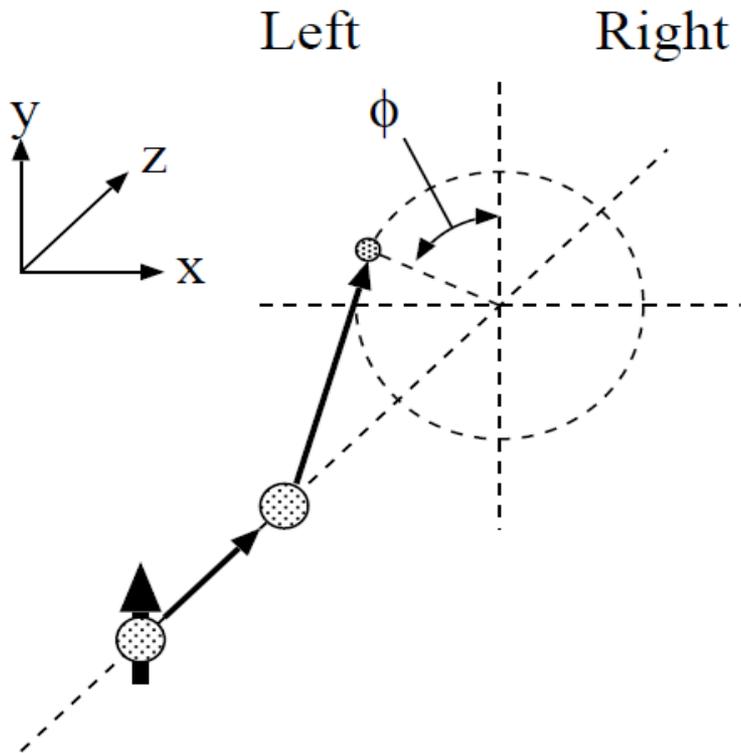
•What is the  $p_T$  dependence?

•Measure at RHIC?  $\sqrt{s} = 62, 200$ GeV.

$$x_F = \frac{p_{z,\pi}}{p_{z,1}} \approx \frac{2E_\pi}{\sqrt{s}}$$



# How to measure $A_N$ ? \*Borrowed from H. Okada

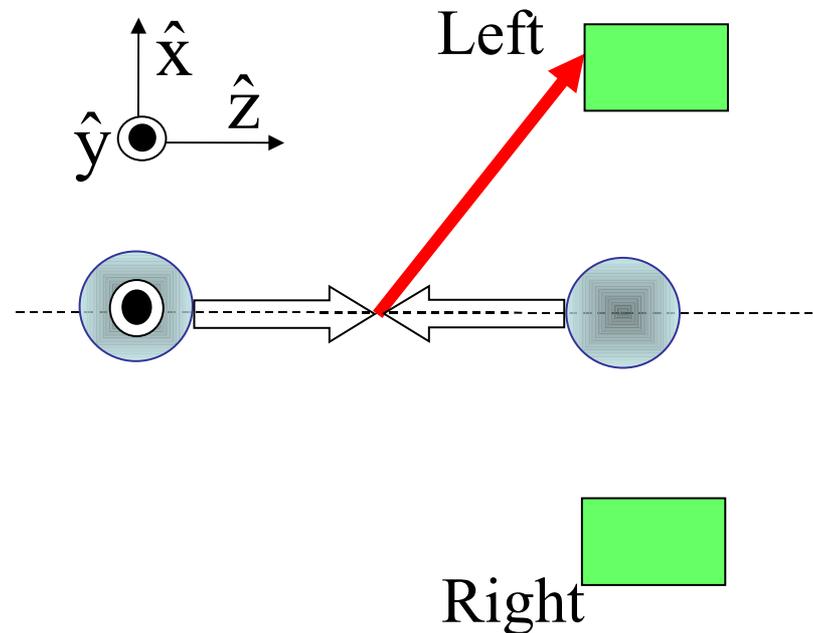


Azimuthal asymmetry is measured by **Double** arms detector (Left-Right)

$$A_N = \frac{1}{\text{pol.}} \frac{\sqrt{N_{\uparrow}^L N_{\downarrow}^R} - \sqrt{N_{\uparrow}^R N_{\downarrow}^L}}{\sqrt{N_{\uparrow}^L N_{\downarrow}^R} + \sqrt{N_{\uparrow}^R N_{\downarrow}^L}}$$

Square-root-formula

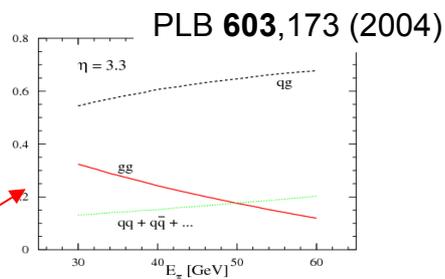
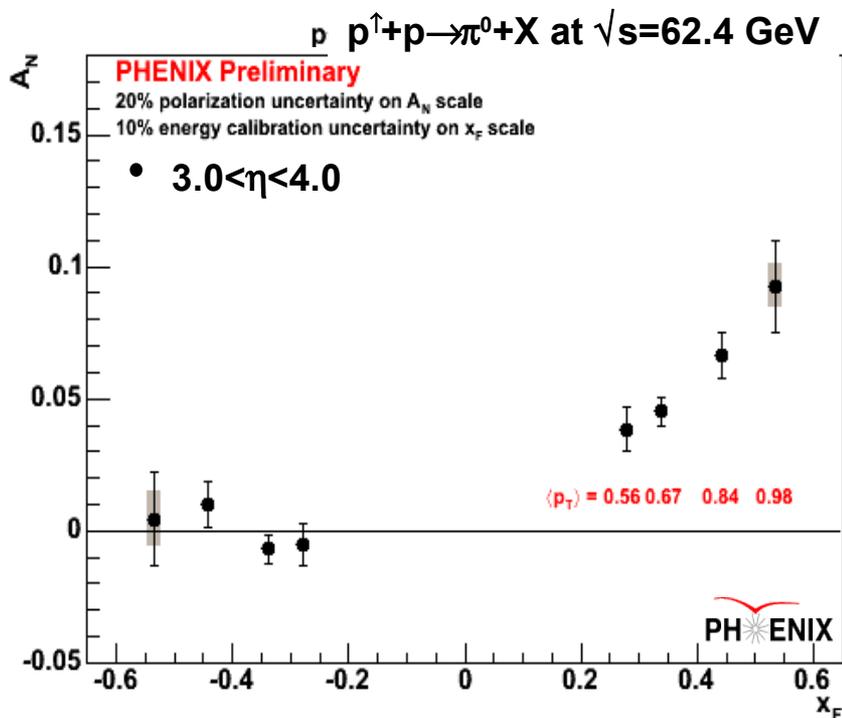
Top view



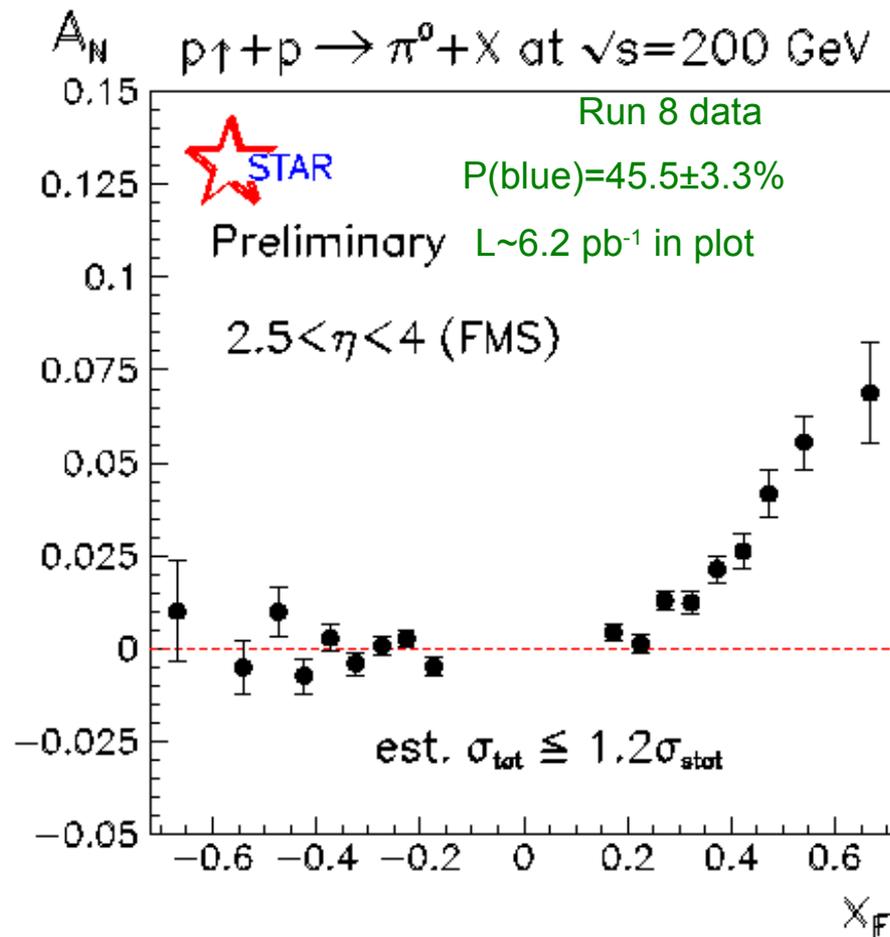
- **Normalized by beam polarization**



# Transverse Spin $\pi^0$ $A_N$ at large $x_F$



process contribution to  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta=3.3$ ,  $\sqrt{s}=200$  GeV



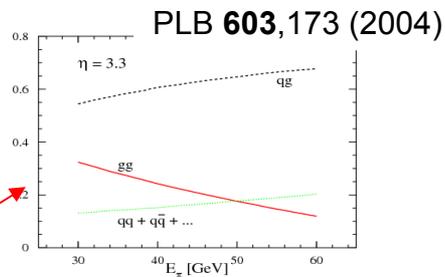
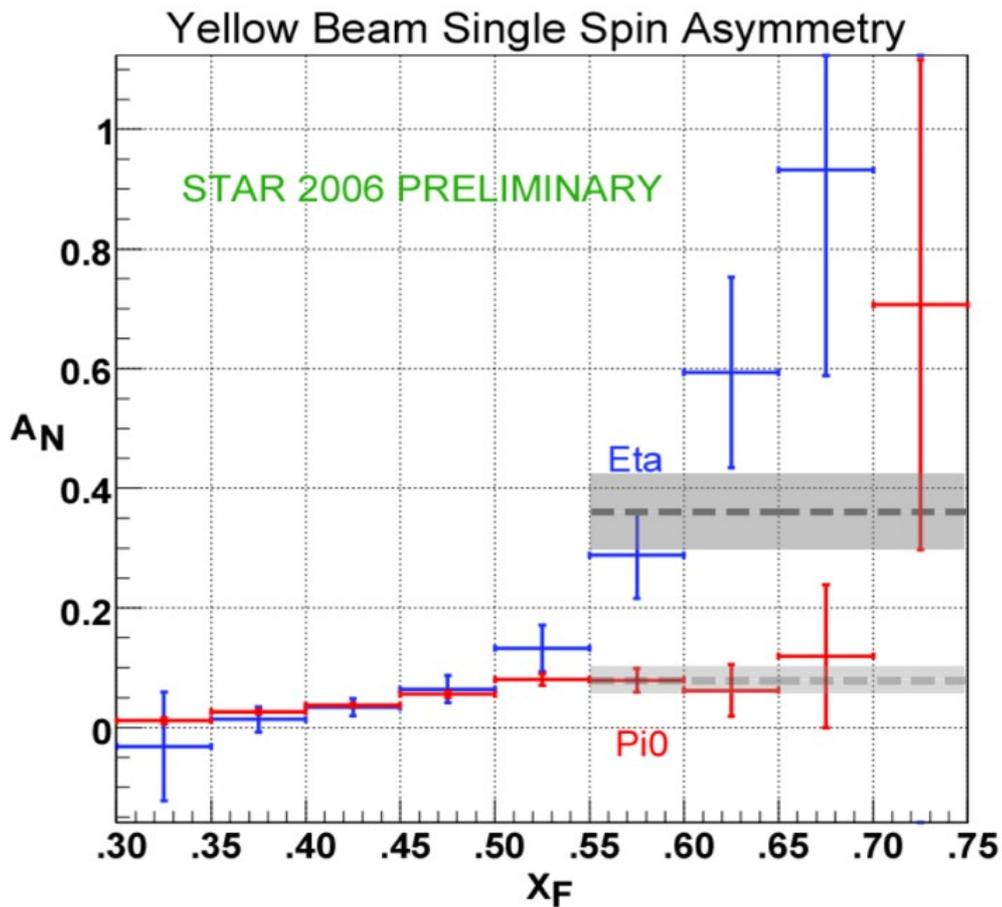
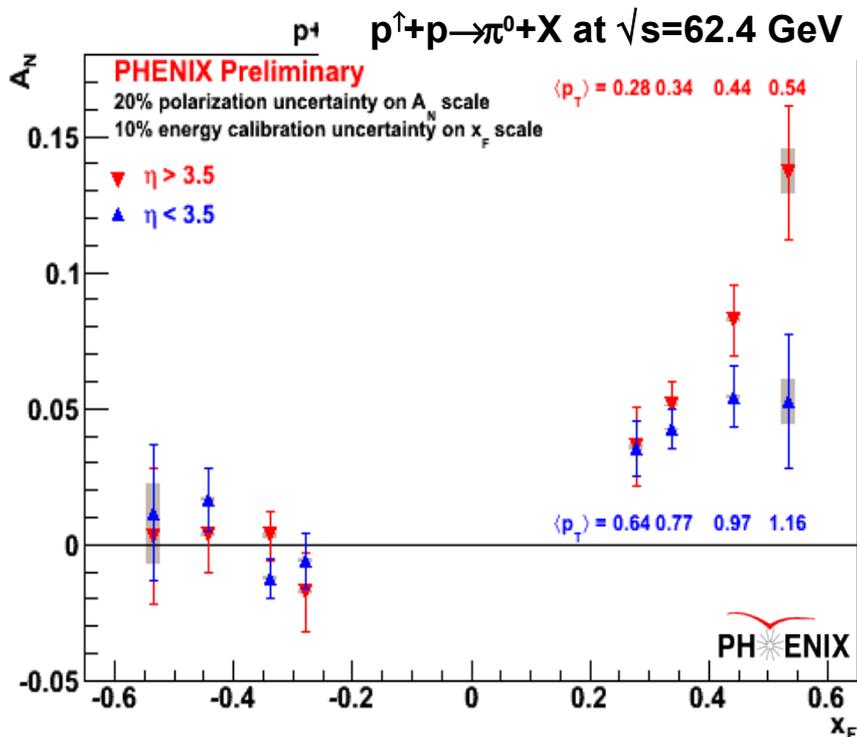
$A_N$  as a function of  $x_F$  integrated over the FMS acceptance.

Plots from Nikola Poljak, for STAR collaboration, "Spin-dependent Forward Particle Correlations in p+p Collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV," hep-ex/0901.2828, to be published as Spin 2008 conference proceedings.

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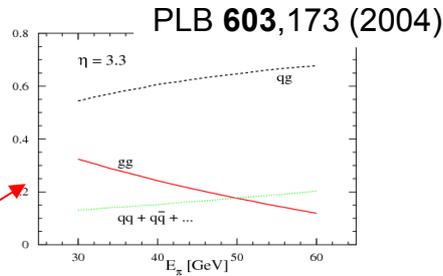
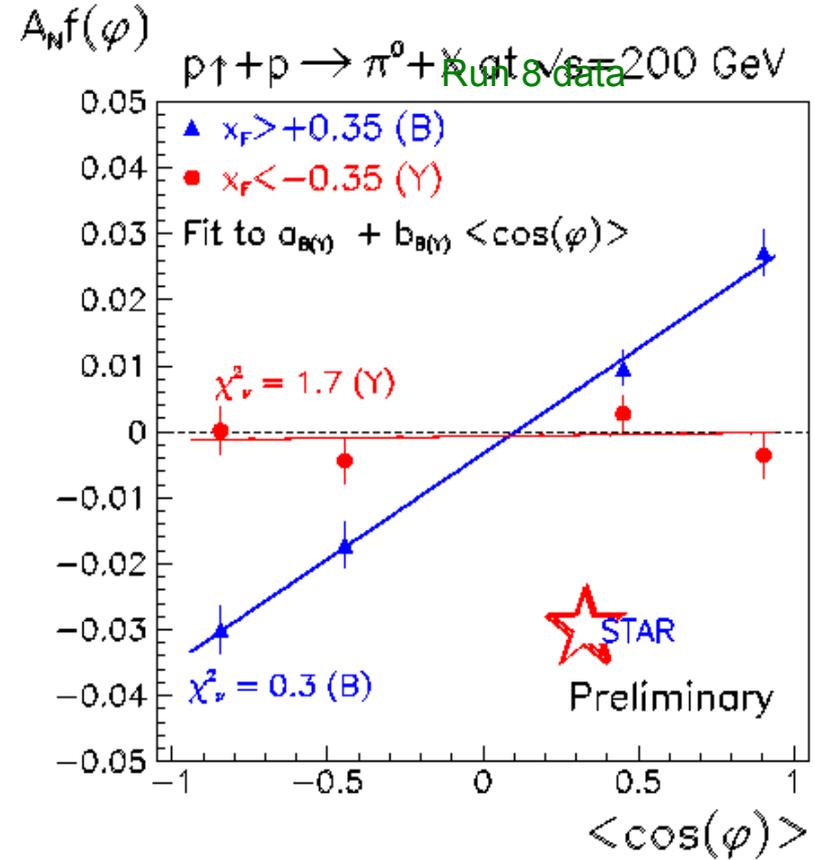
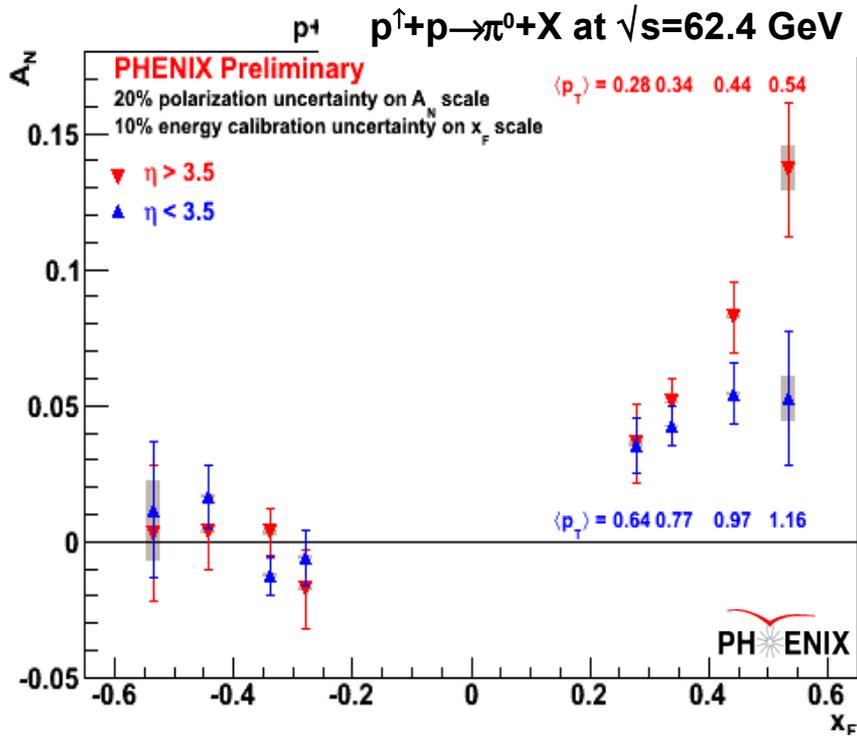
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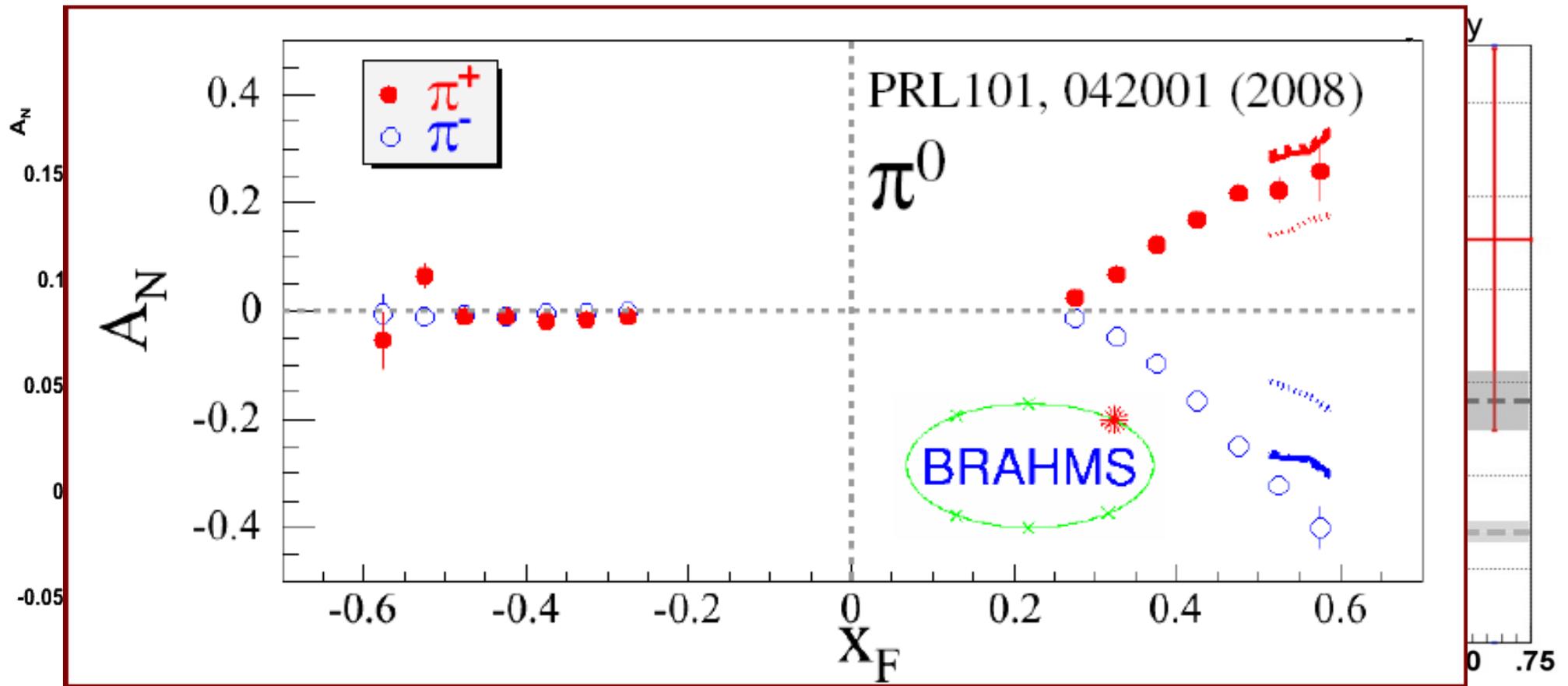
$A_N$  versus  $\langle \cos \phi \rangle$  for positive (blue beam) and negative (yellow beam)  $x_F$

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# Transverse Spin $\pi^0$ $A_N$ at large $x_F$



BRAHMS Collaboration (I. Arsene et al.)

"Single Transverse Spin Asymmetries of Identified Charged Hadrons in Polarized p+p Collisions at  $s = 62.4$  GeV"

Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 042001 (2008)

arXiv:0801.1078

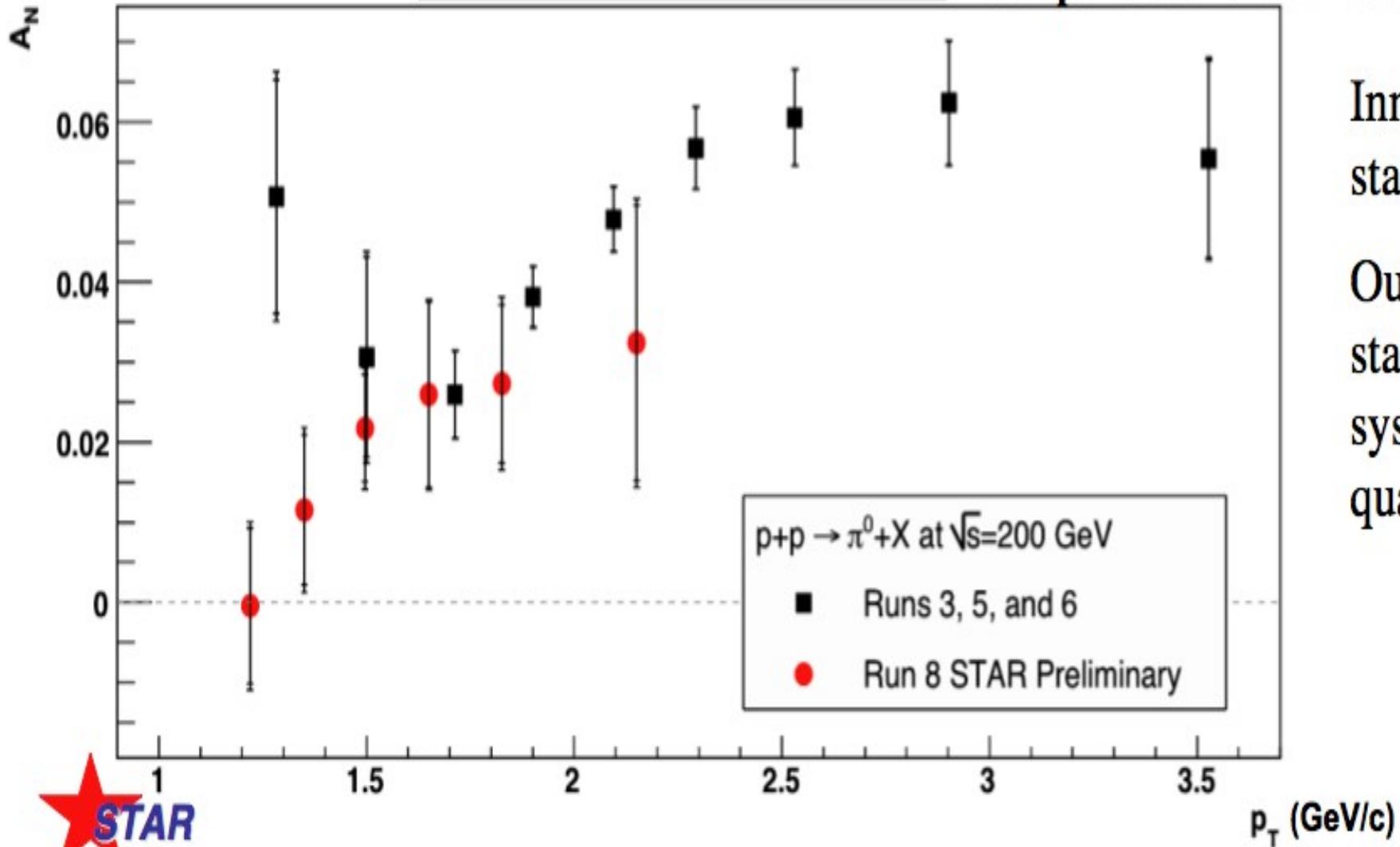
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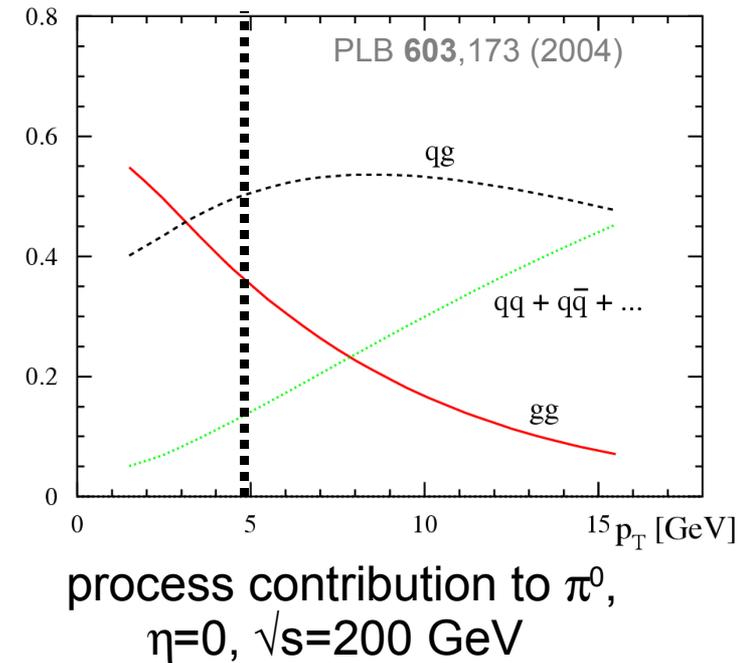
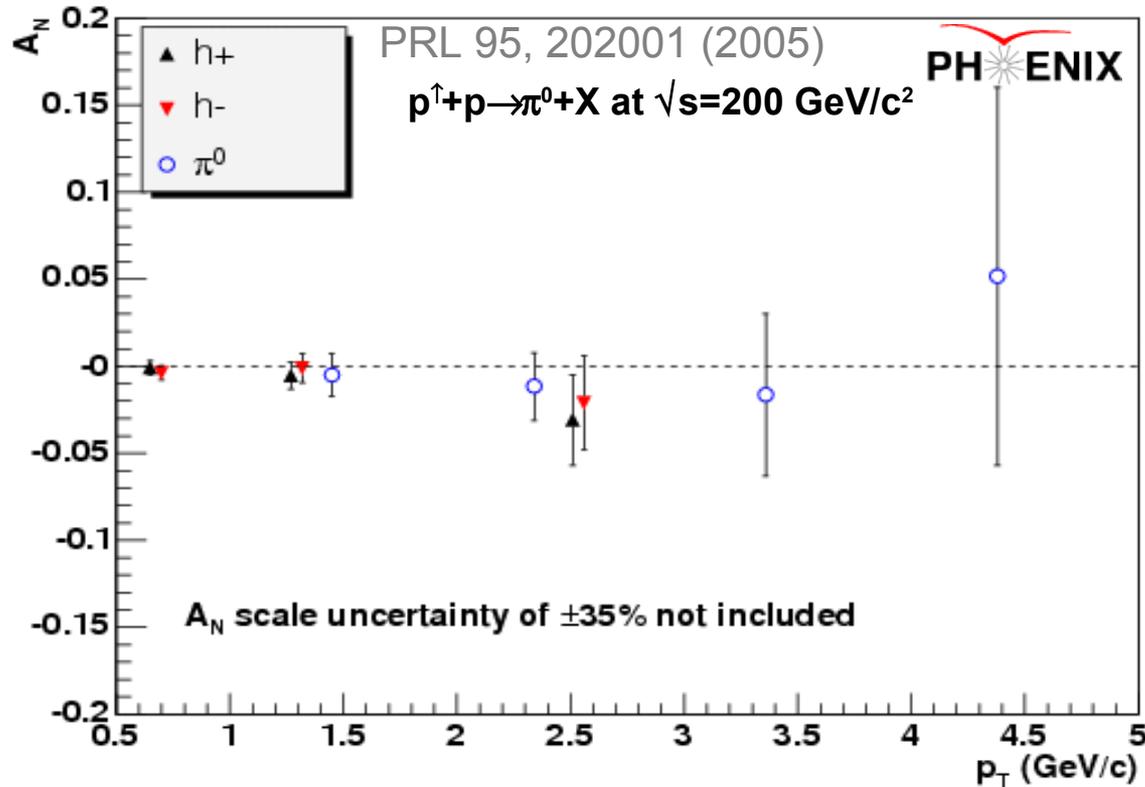
$A_N$  vs.  $p_T$  for  $x_F > 0.4$  GeV

Black points: *arXiv:0801.2990v1 [hep-ex]*



# Transverse Spin

Mid-rapidity  $A_N$  of  $\pi^0$  and  $h^\pm$  for  $y \sim 0$  at  $\sqrt{s}=200\text{GeV}$



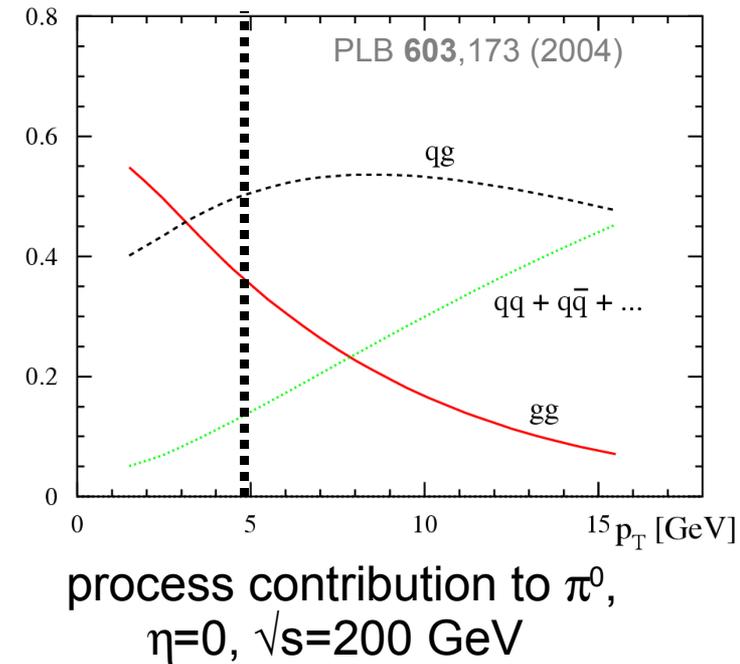
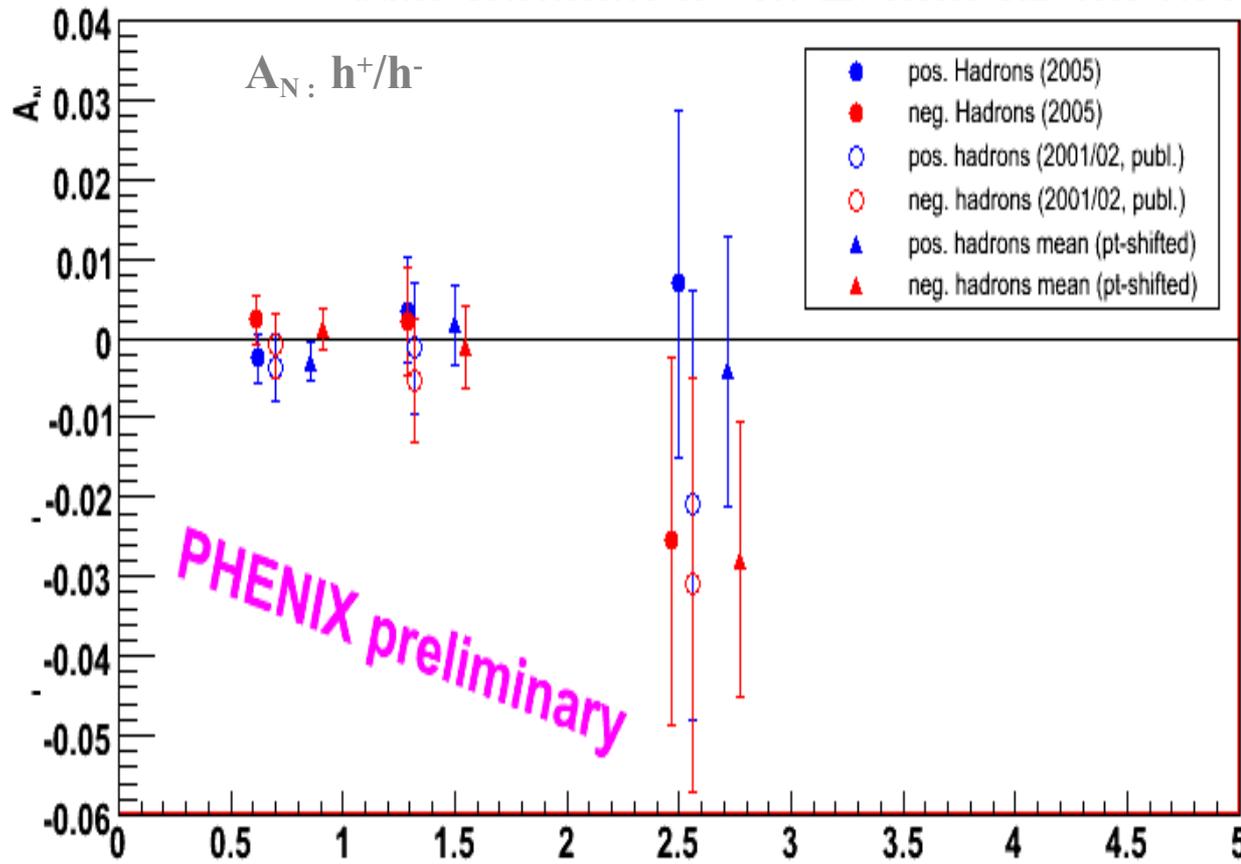
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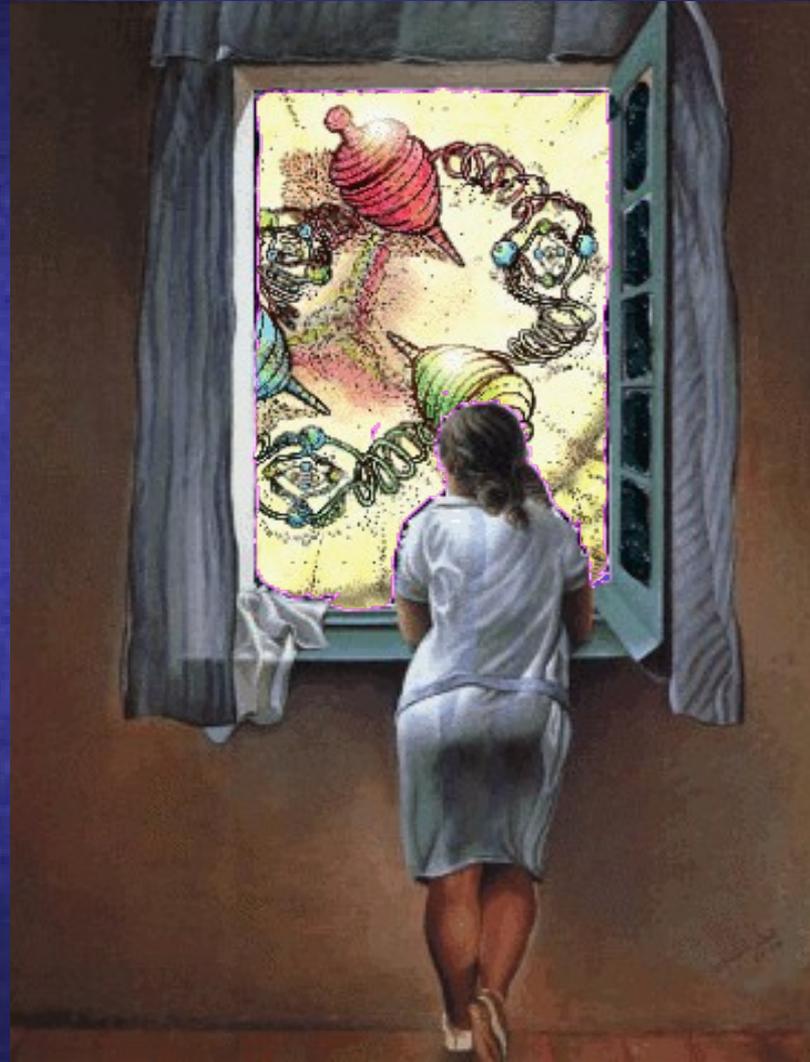


# Summary

- ❖ RHIC is well suited to the study of spin physics with a wide variety of probes.
  - Inclusive  $\pi^0$  and **Jet** data for  $A_{LL}$  has reached statistical significance to constrain  $\Delta G$  in a limited x-range ( $\sim 0.02-0.3$ ).
- ❖ **Need** more statistics (RHIC running time) to explore different (rare) channels for
  - Different gluon kinematics
  - Different mixtures of subprocesses
- ❖ Global Analysis of many channels together with DIS, SIDIS data will give us a more accurate picture of  $\Delta g(x)$
- ❖ Upcoming **W program** will give more information about anti-quarks, quarks.
- ❖ PHENIX+STAR have an upgrade program that will give us the triggers and vertex information that we need for precise future measurements of  $\Delta G$ ,  $\Delta q$  and new physics at higher luminosity and energy

Nuclear spin physics is a worthwhile endeavour we can all benefit from.  
Theory-Experiment Development: Discovery: Society->Applications.

# Thank You for Listening



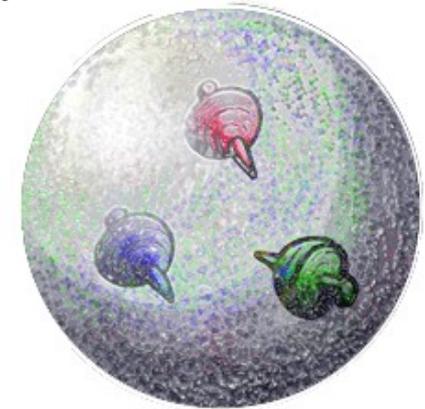
# Intrinsic Spin Violates our intuition:

How can an elementary particle such as the  $e^-$  be point like and have perpetual angular momentum?



The Proton also has violated our intuition.  
The Proton is composed of quarks, gluons and anti quarks.

We should expect the proton's spin to be predominately carried by its 3 valence quarks



But as the EMC\* Collaboration Found in 1980's  
The 3 quarks are only responsible for a small part.  
Which means the Proton is a more complicated object.

\*Nucl. Phys. B238, 1 (1990); Phys. Lett. B206,364 (1988).

# SPIN Dependant Parton Density Functions

In a proton with positive helicity we can find a parton:

$$g(x, Q^2) = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2}$$

$$q(x, Q^2) = \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4}$$

• We then Define  $\Delta g$ ,  $\Delta q$ , ( $\Delta f$ ) as the probability of finding a quark, gluon or antiquark with spin parallel or anti parallel to the spin of the nucleon.

$$\Delta q(x, Q^2) = \text{Diagram 5} - \text{Diagram 6}$$

$$\Delta g(x, Q^2) = \text{Diagram 7} - \text{Diagram 8}$$

These integrals of  $\Delta f$  multiplied by the spin of the parton  $f$  will give the amount of spin carried by each parton\*.

\*i.e for gluons : **Amount of carried spin  $\sim \Delta g * 1$**

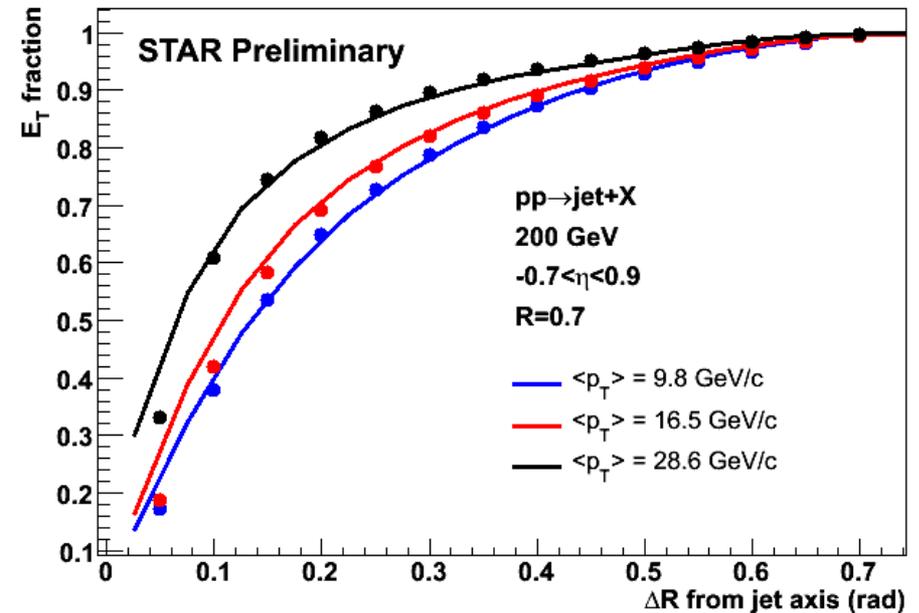
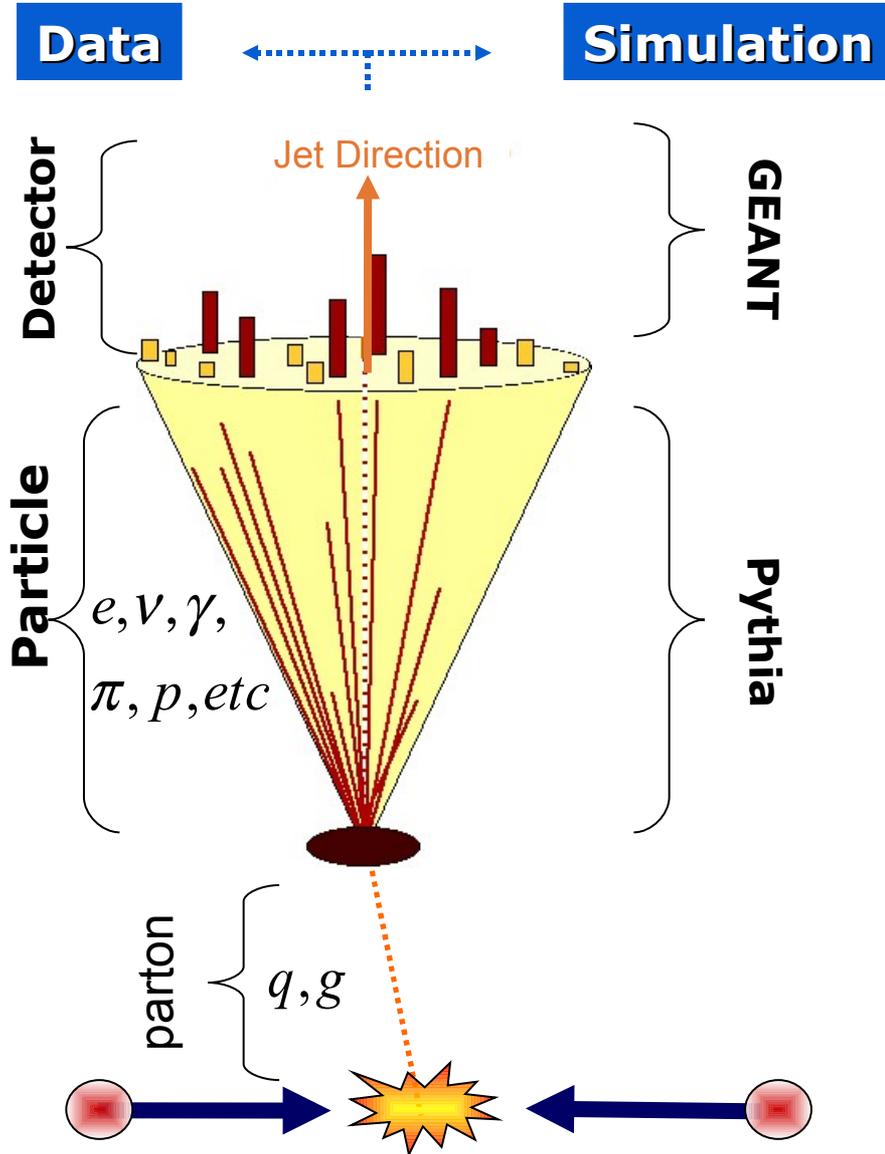


# STAR Jet Reconstruction

## midpoint-cone algorithm\*

- Adapted from the Tevatron
- 0.5 GeV seed energy, split/merge fraction = 0.5
- Cone Radius:

= 0.4 (2003-2005)  
 = 0.7 (2006)



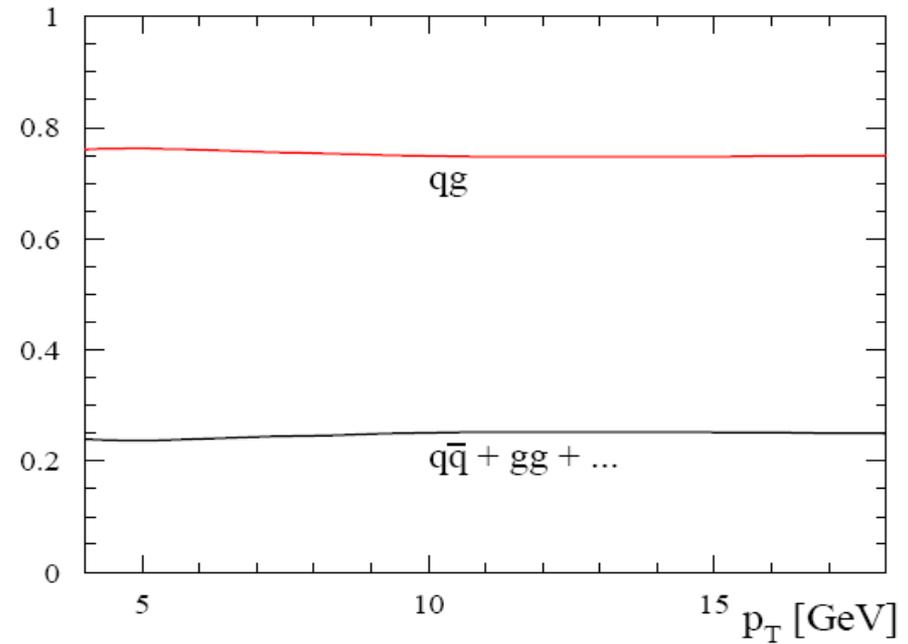
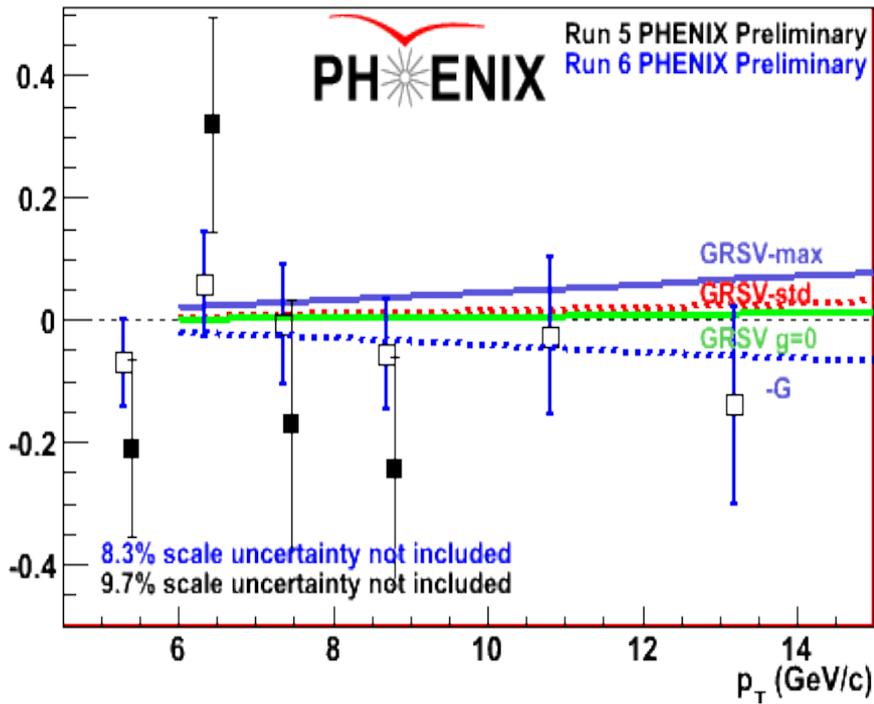
## correct data to theory

- Use Pythia+GEANT to quantify detector response
- Estimate corrections to go from "**detector**" to the "**particle**" level



# $\gamma$ -Asymmetries: The Golden Channel

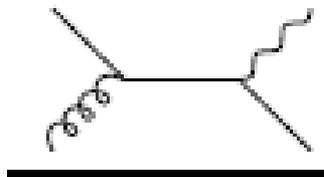
$A_{LL}(\text{Direct-}\gamma)$



Dominated by  $qg$  Compton:

- Small uncertainty from FFs
- Better access to sign of  $\Delta G$  ( $\Delta q \Delta G$ )
- Clean "Golden Channel".

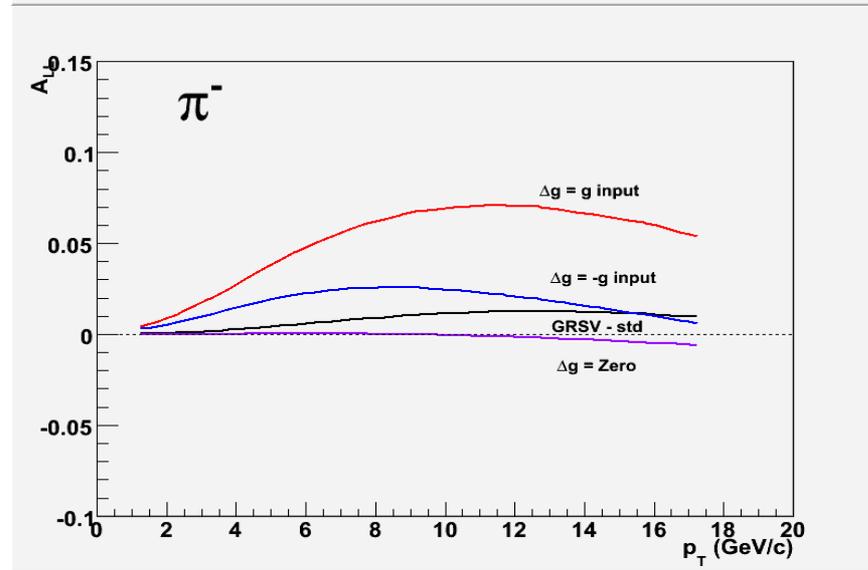
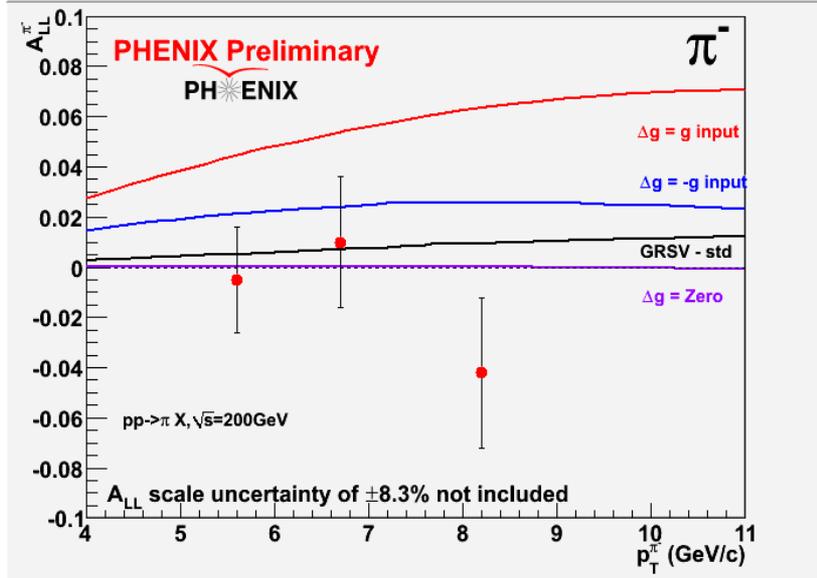
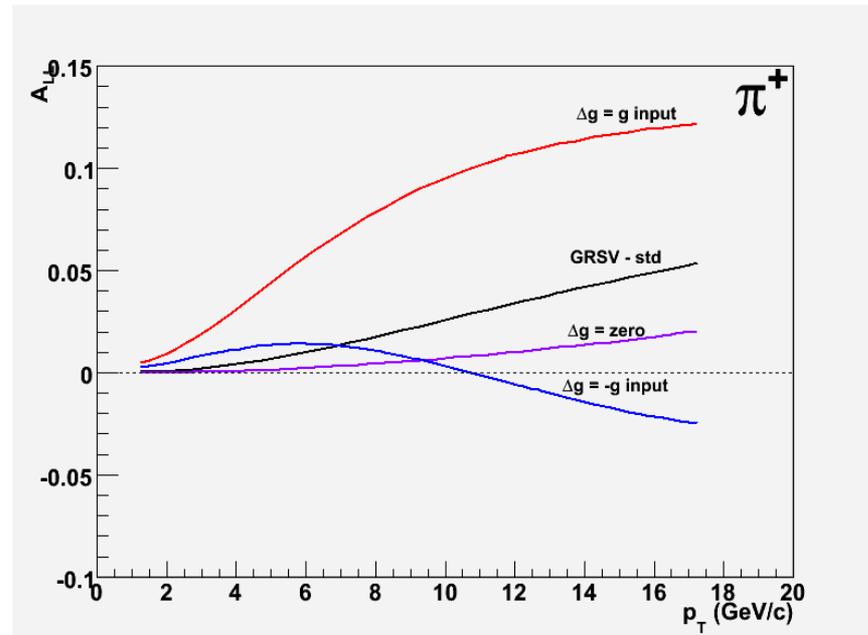
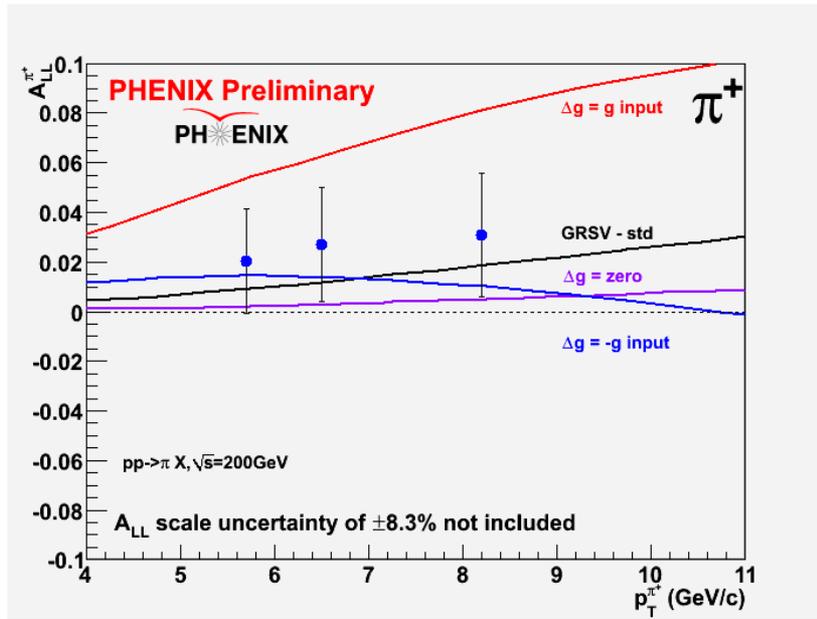
**-Rare Probe:Luminosity Hungry**



prompt photons



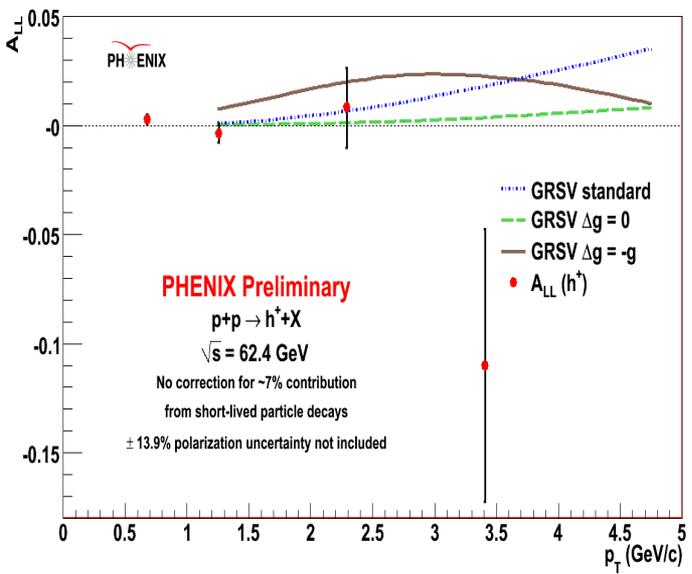
# Information from $\pi^{+,-}$ Asymmetries



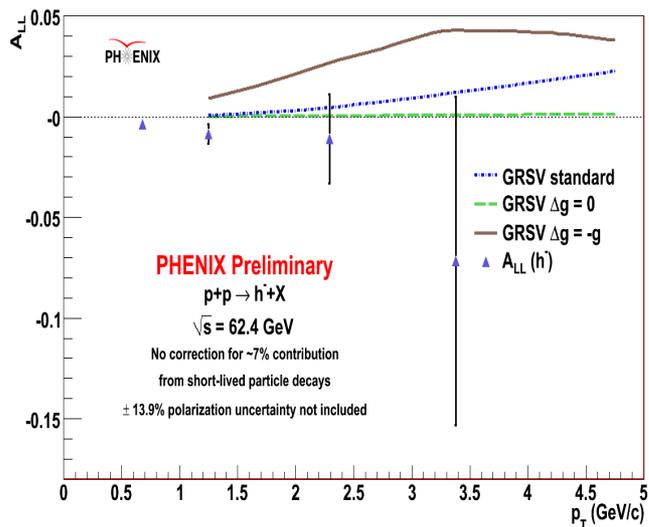
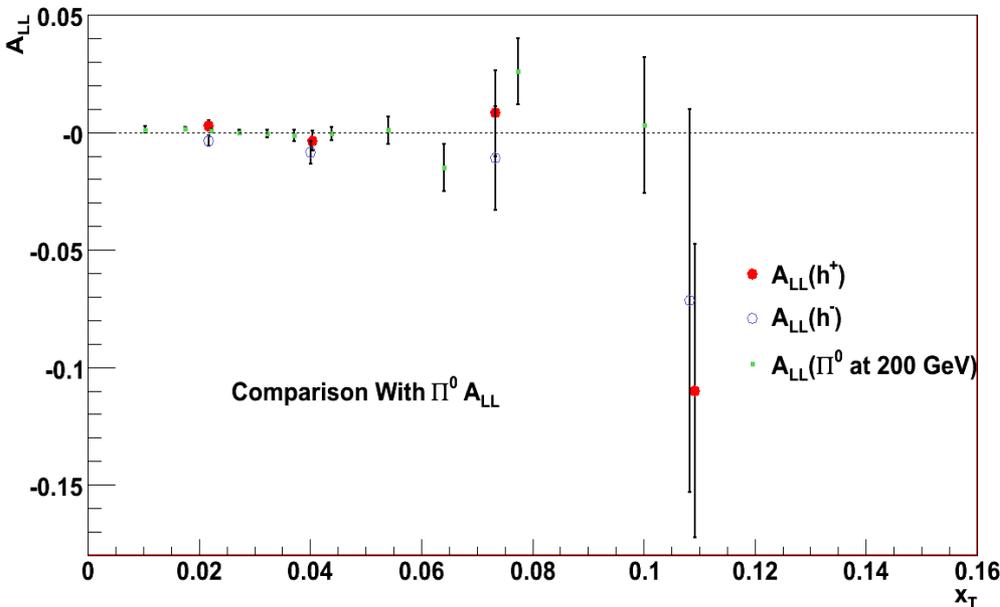
- ❖ Inclusive  $\pi^{+,-,0}$   $A_{LL}$  has access to sign  $\Delta g(x)$  directly
- ❖ “Model independent” conclusion possible once enough data is available.



# Accessing Different Energies with Charged Hadrons



$$x_T = \frac{2p_T}{\sqrt{s}}$$



-Comparison with  $x_T$  scaling of  $\pi^0 A_{LL}$ .  
 -Consistency of asymmetries with results at different center of mass energy.



# Sivers effect and/or Collins- Heppelmann effect?

Theoretical approaches to explain huge SSAs:

- **Sivers** effect ( $k_q^\perp$  is connected to quark orbital angular momentum).
- **Collins** effect (Analyzer of transversity  $\delta q$ ).
- **Twist3** effect which is related to both initial and final states. Relation of Twist3 to Sivers effect is introduced.

Available Probes at RHIC		
1	$p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow h+X$	Both mix
2	$p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow \text{di-jet}+X$	Sivers?
3	$p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow h+h+X$ (far side)	Separate?
4	$p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow h+h+X$ (near side) $p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow \text{jet}+X$	Collins Sivers
5	$p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow \text{direct } \gamma+X$	Sivers
6	$p^\uparrow+p \rightarrow l^+l^-$ (Drell-Yan)	Sivers

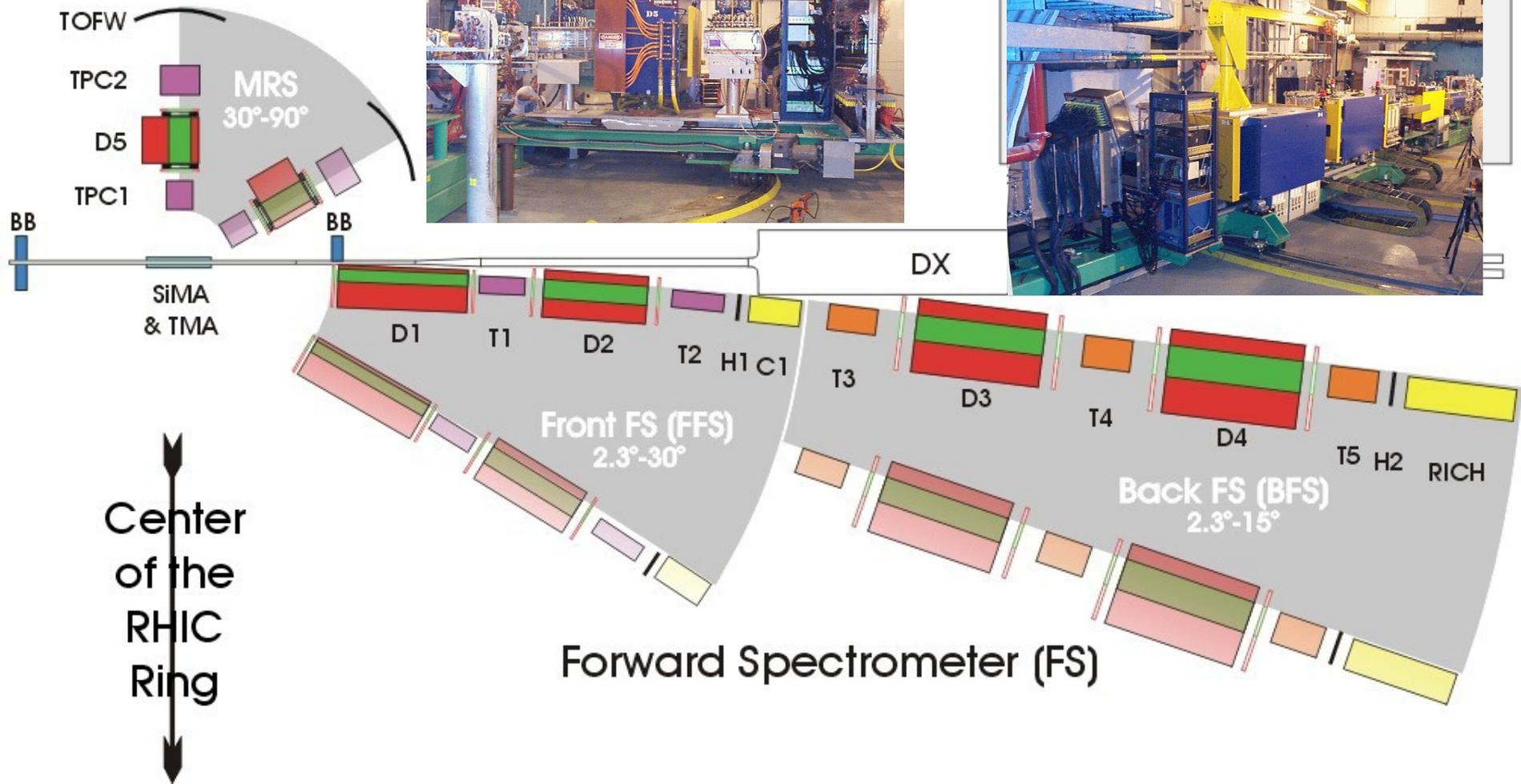
Relevance of **Twist3** and **Sivers effect** is studied.

PRL97, 082002 (2006)

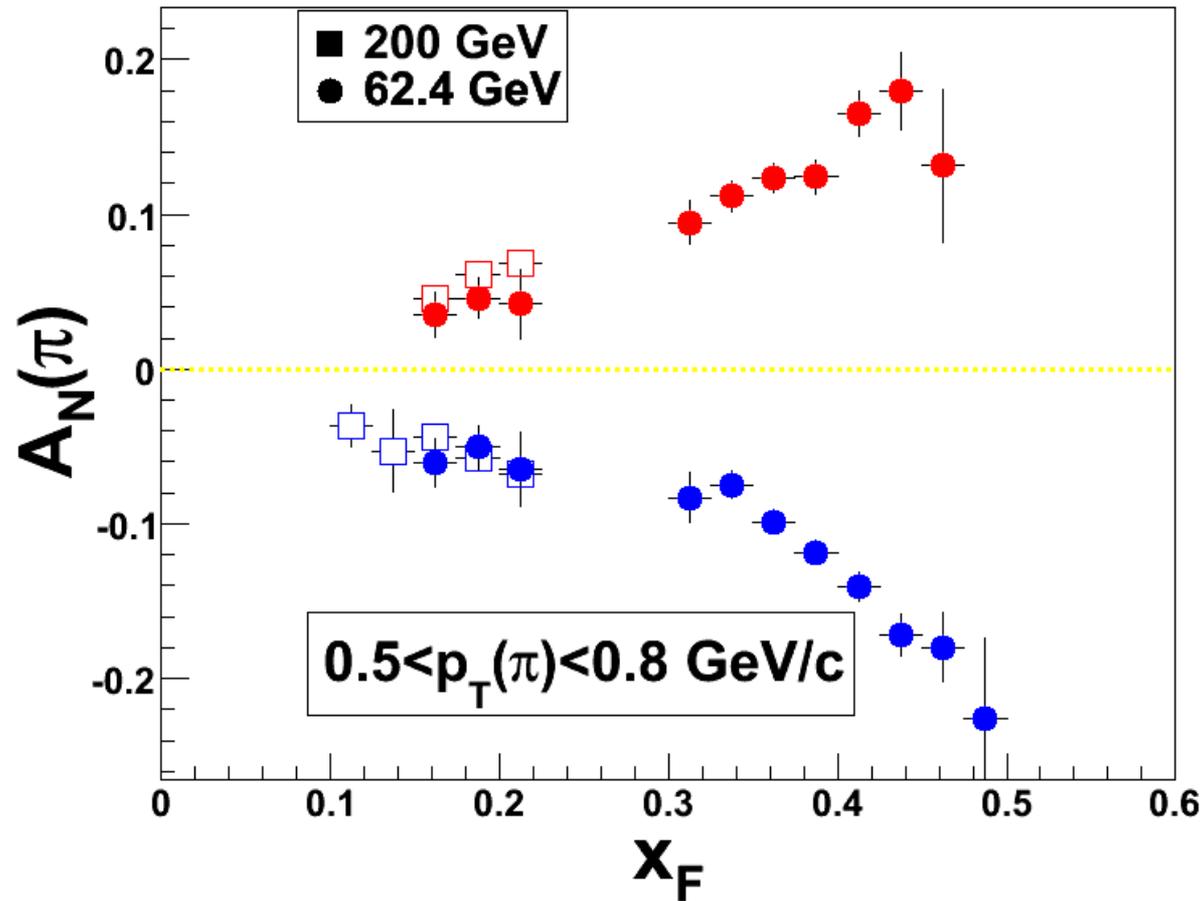
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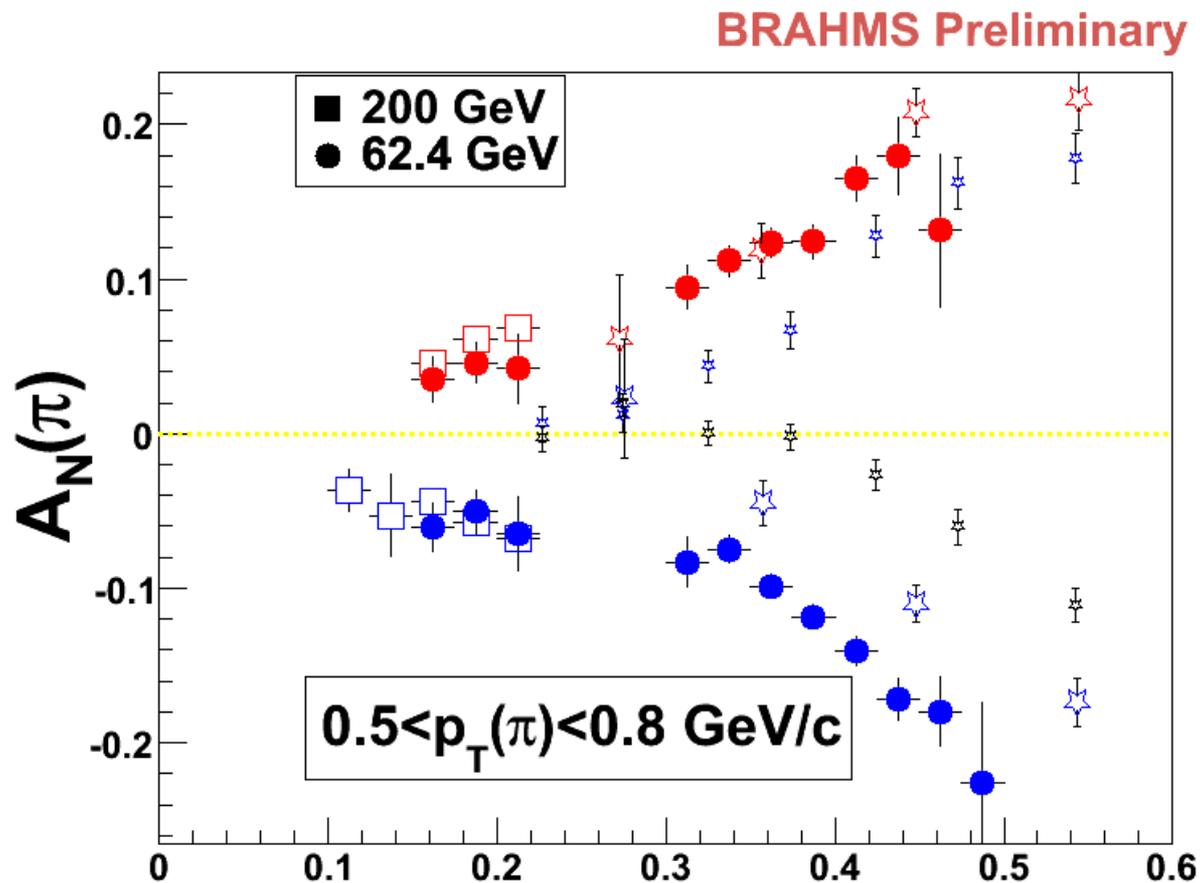
# BRAHMS Experimental Setup

## Mid Rapidity Spectroscopy

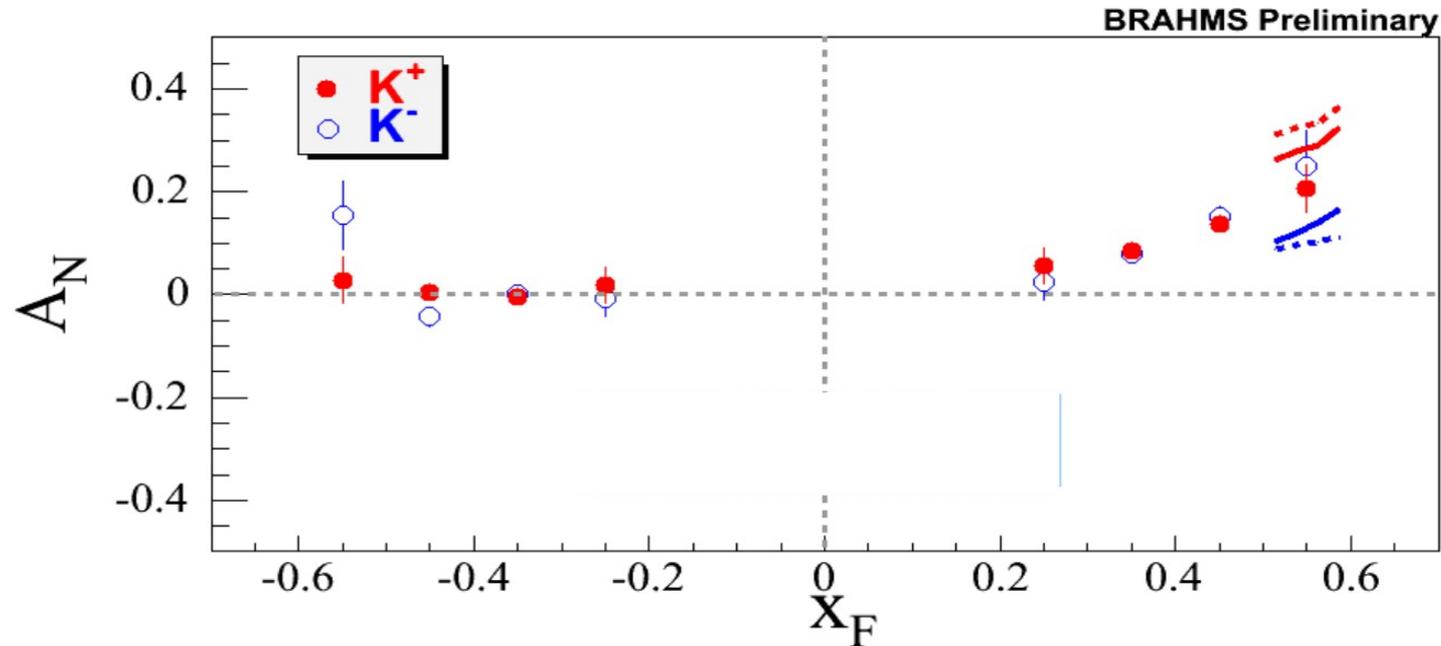


BRAHMS Preliminary

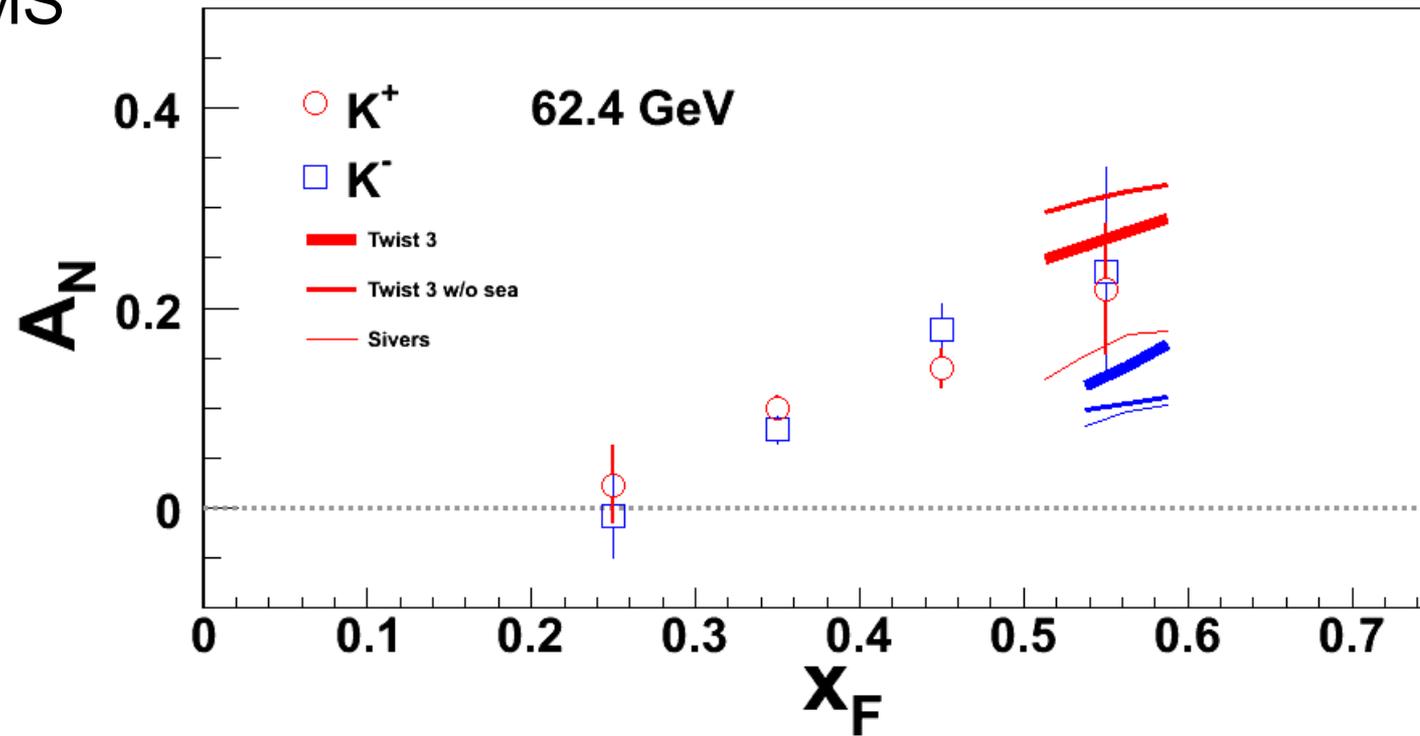




E704 data – all pt (small star) pt>0.7 red star.



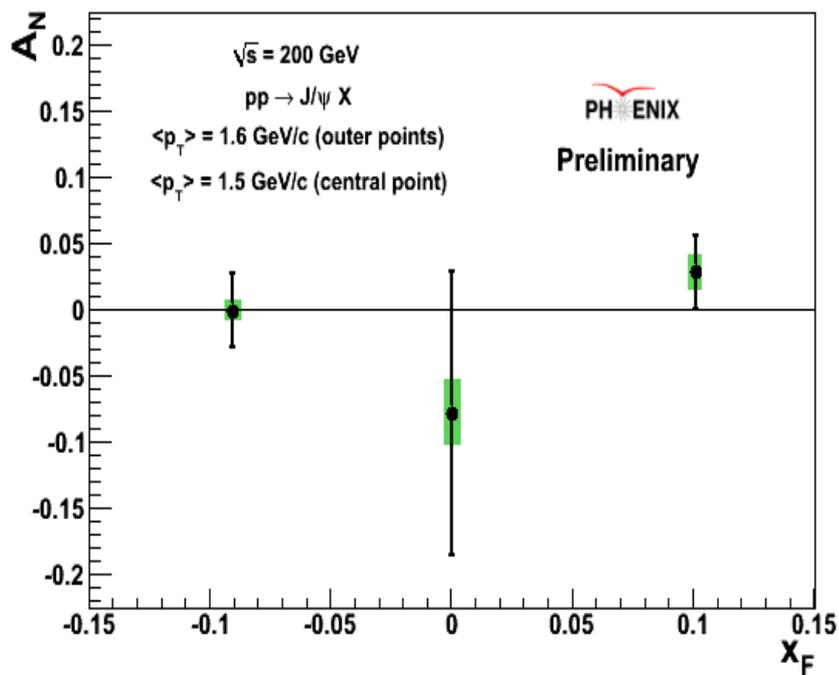
- $A_N \sim 0$  at negative  $x_F$
- $A_N(K^+) \sim A_N(K^-)$ : positive  $\sim 20\%$  at  $x_F < 0.5-0.6$



- If main contribution to  $A_N$  at large  $x_F$  is from valence quark:  $A_N(K^+) \sim A_N(\pi^+)$  and  $A_N(K^-) \sim 0$
- Observation clearly different
- Show different models comparisons (only  $p_T > 1$ )

# Transverse Spin

$A_N$  of  $J/\psi$  at  $\sqrt{s}=200\text{GeV}$

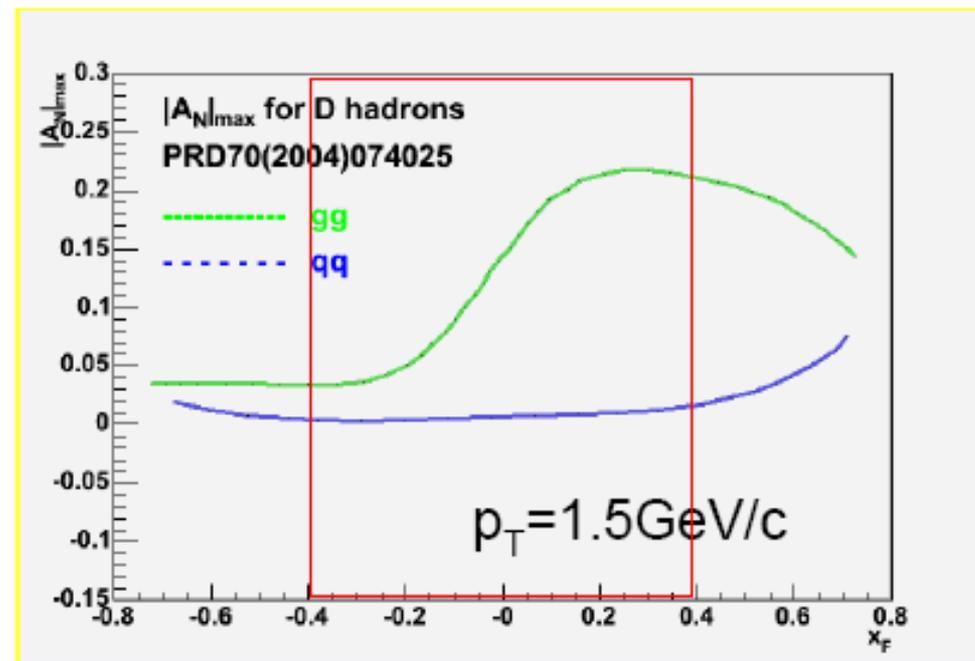


## Theoretical prediction:

For **open charm** production

- quark Sivers function set to its maximum
- gluon Sivers function set to 0
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- quark Sivers function set to 0

- ❖ May provide insight to J/Psi production mechanism,
- ❖ Sensitive to gluon Sivers as produced through g-g fusion
- ❖ Charm theory prediction is available
  - How does  $J/\psi$  production affect prediction?



Phys. Rev. D 78, 014024 (2008)

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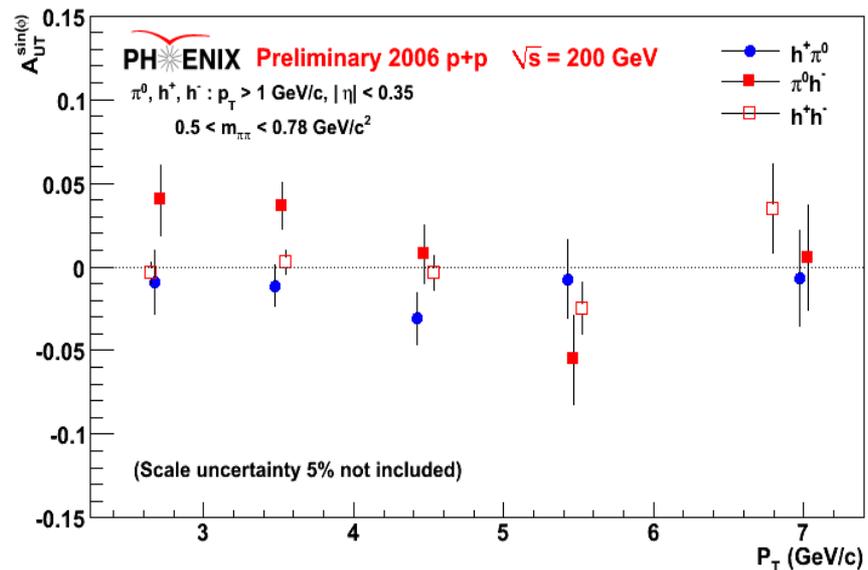
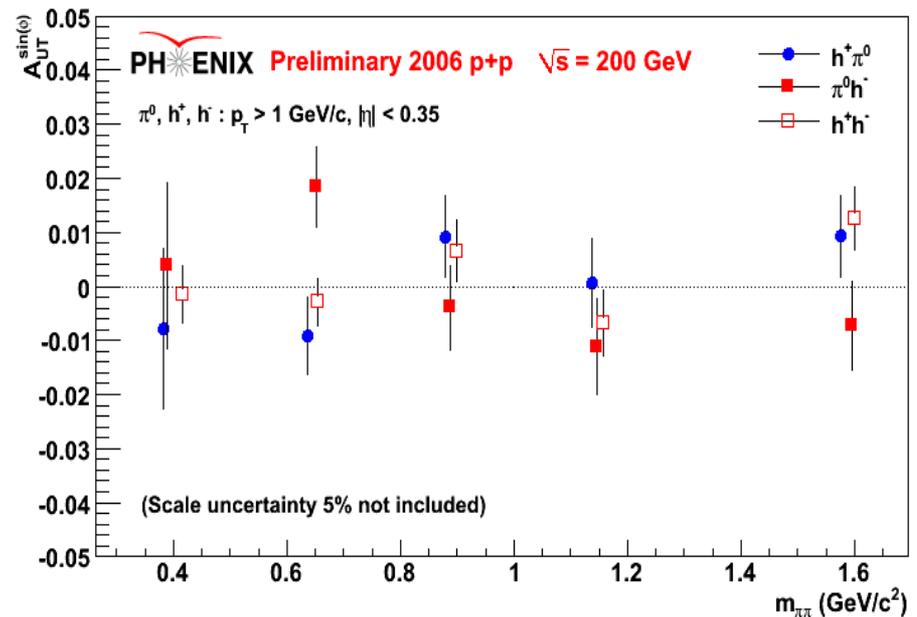
# First Look at Transversity with IFF (Interference Fragmentation Function)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 80, 1166 - 1169 (1998), Nuclear Phys. B 420 (1994)565

- Find all hadron pairs  
 $(h^+/\pi^0), (h^-/\pi^0), (h^+/h^-)$   
 on the same side of the detector
- Assume all hadrons have a pion mass  
 $\pi^0: p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c, h: 1 < p_T < 4.7 \text{ GeV}/c$

- Calculate the asymmetry and the analyzing power:

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi)} = \frac{1}{P} \frac{N_{hh}^{\uparrow}(\phi) - RN_{hh}^{\downarrow}(\phi)}{N_{hh}^{\uparrow}(\phi) + RN_{hh}^{\downarrow}(\phi)} = A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi)} \sin \phi$$

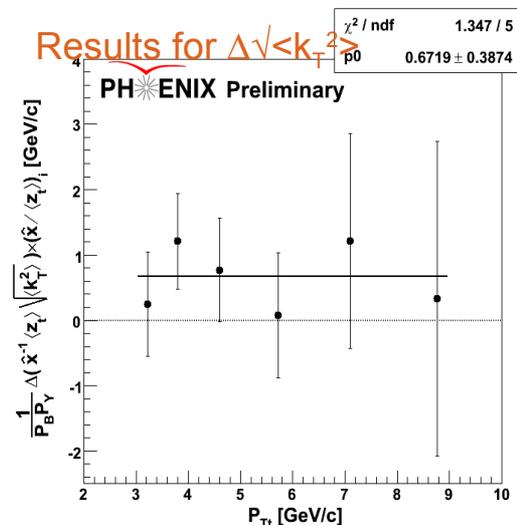
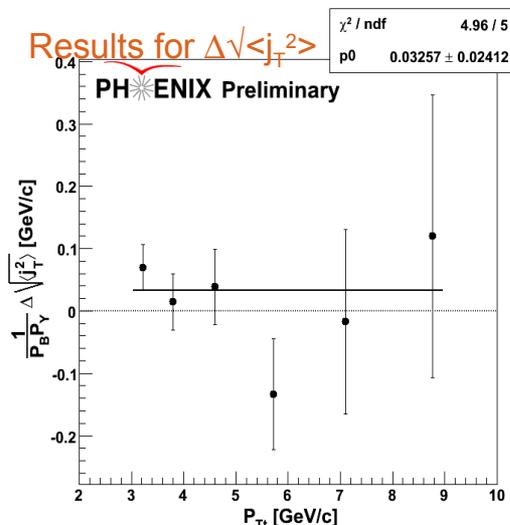
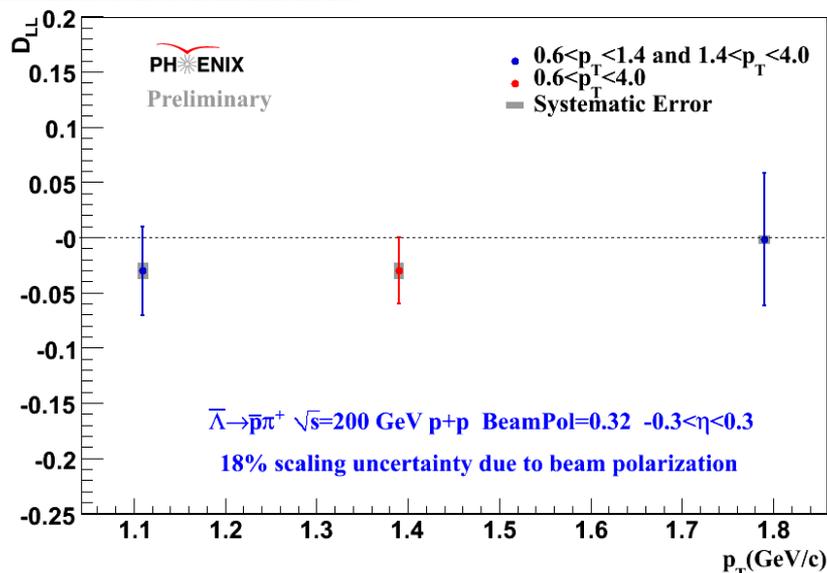
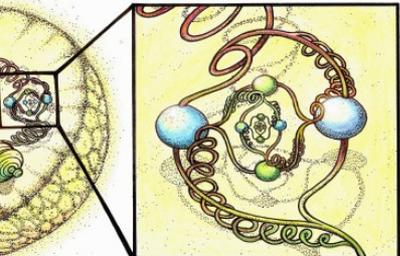


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# Transverse Spin

## Other asymmetries at $\sqrt{s}=200\text{GeV}$



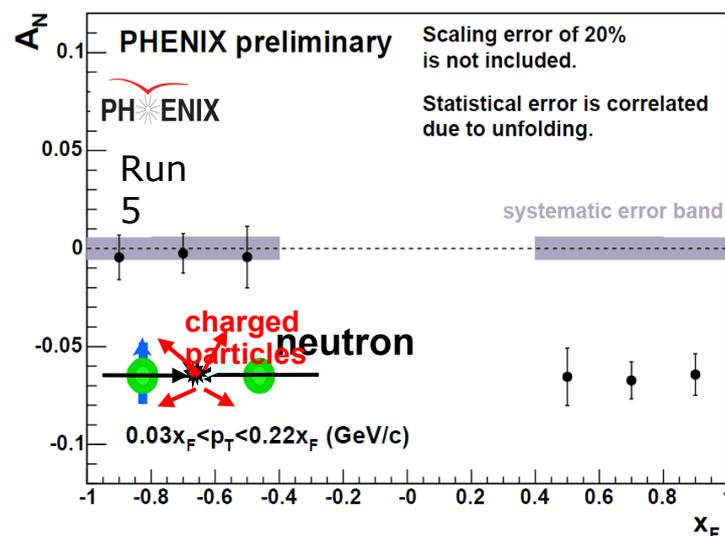
### ❖ Strange quark Components via Spin Transfer

❖ In PHENIX the Self-analyzing decay channel (anti- $\Lambda$ ) has been found to be sensitive to the polarization of the anti-strange sea of the nucleon (See: hep-ph/0511061)

❖ Probing Orbital angular Momentum with  $k_T$  Asymmetries (See: Phys. Rev. D 74, 072002 (2006))

❖ Neutron asymmetries. (See: AIP Conf.Proc.915:689-692,2007 )

Neutron asymmetry  $x_F$  distribution with neutron trigger & MinBias



# LUMINOSITY

**Luminosity** is the number of particles per unit area per unit time times the

Opacity of the target, usually expressed in either the cgs units  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  or  $\text{b}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ .

*The integrated luminosity* is the integral of the luminosity with respect to time.

The luminosity is an important value to characterize the performance of an accelerator.

$$L = \rho v$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = L\sigma$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d^2 N}{d\Omega dt}$$

Where

$L$  is the Luminosity.

$N$  is the number of interactions.

$\rho$  is the number density of a particle beam, e.g. within a bunch.

$\sigma$  is the total cross section.

$d\Omega$  is the differential solid angle.

$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  is the differential cross section

For an intersecting storage ring collider: 
$$L = fn \frac{N_1 N_2}{A}$$

$f$  is the revolution frequency

$n$  is the number of bunches in one beam in the storage ring.

$N_i$  is the number of particles in each beam

$A$  is the cross section of the beam.