

# A study on the pol. Gluon PDF with $\pi^0$ production at RHIC-PHENIX

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# Introduction

Since it is a session for nucleon structure, I'll skip most of the introduction..

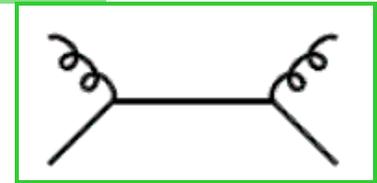
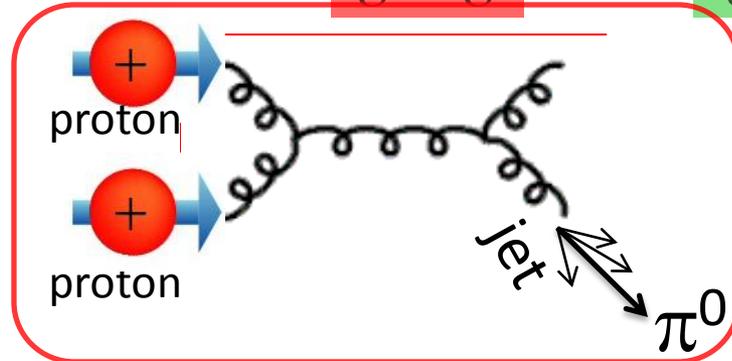
- This study aims at  $\Delta G$   
(gluon spin contribution to the proton)
- Through “Double Helicity Asymmetry” ( $A_{LL}$ ) of  $\pi^0$  in pol  $pp$  collisions
  - gluons participate in leading order. suitable to probe gluon spin!

# $A_{LL}$ of $\pi^0$ in pol. $pp$ collisions

## Theoretically

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} \sim \int dx_1 dx_2 \hat{a}_{LL}^{gg} \frac{\Delta g}{g} \frac{\Delta g}{g} + \hat{a}_{LL}^{qg} \frac{\Delta g}{g} \frac{\Delta q}{q} + \hat{a}_{LL}^{qq} \frac{\Delta q}{q} \frac{\Delta q}{q}$$

Proton's helicity



These two processes dominates  
In our sensitive  $p_T$  region.

**strategy**

- X-section measurement to confirm pQCD applicability
- $A_{LL}$  measurement to extract  $\Delta g$

## Experimentally

$$A_{LL} = \frac{1}{P_1 P_2} \frac{N_{++}^\pi - R \cdot N_{+-}^\pi}{N_{++}^\pi + R \cdot N_{+-}^\pi} \quad R \equiv \frac{L_{++}}{L_{+-}}$$

- $N$ : particle yield
- $P$ : polarization of beams
- $R$ : Relative Luminosity

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## Longitudinal spin program

RUN	$\sqrt{s}$ GeV	FOM = $P^4L$ $10^{-3}\text{pb}^{-1}$	Int. Lumi ( $\text{pb}^{-1}$ )	Pol.
2003 (RUN3)	200	1.9	0.35	27%
2004 (RUN4)	200	3.1	0.12	40%
2005 (RUN5)	200	170	3.4	47%
2006 (RUN6)	200	970	7.5	60%
	62.4	5.3	0.1	48%

## Transverse spin program

RUN	$\sqrt{s}$ GeV	FOM = $P^2L$ $10^{-3}\text{pb}^{-1}$	Int. Lumi ( $\text{pb}^{-1}$ )	Pol.
2002(RUN2)	200	3	0.15	15%
2005(RUN5)	200	33	0.15	47%
2006 (RUN6)	200	290	2.7	57%
	62.4	1	0.02	48%
2008(RUN8)	200	1100	5.2	46%

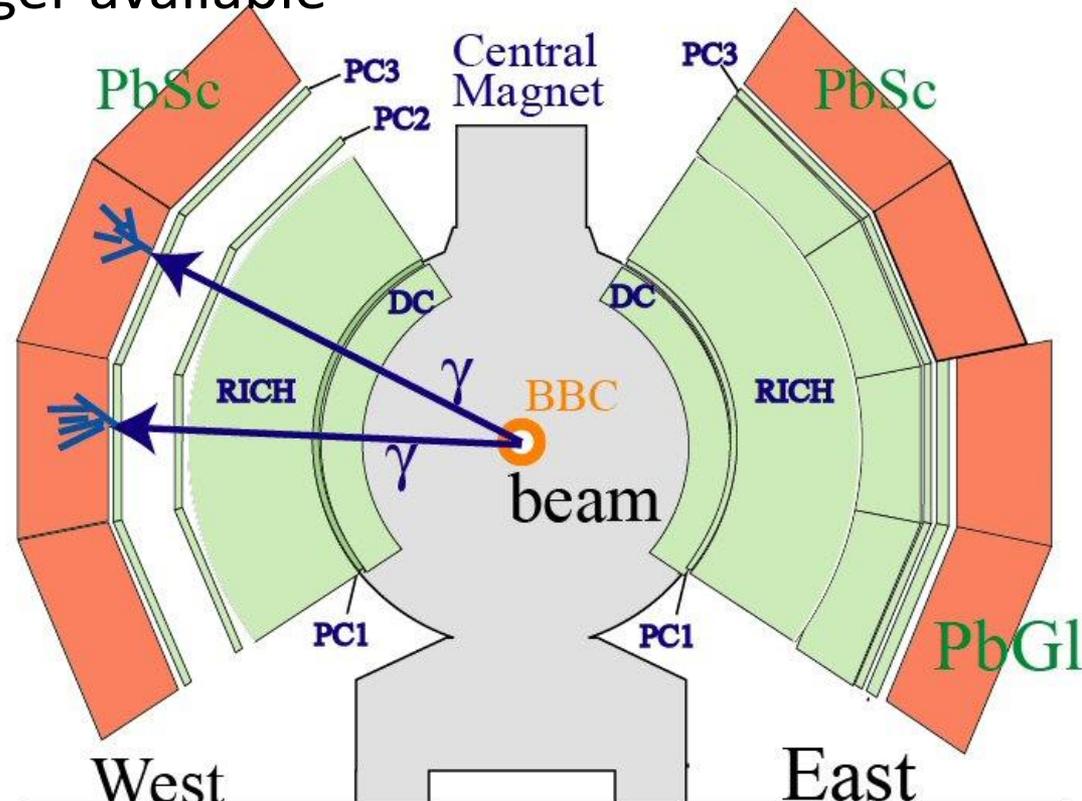
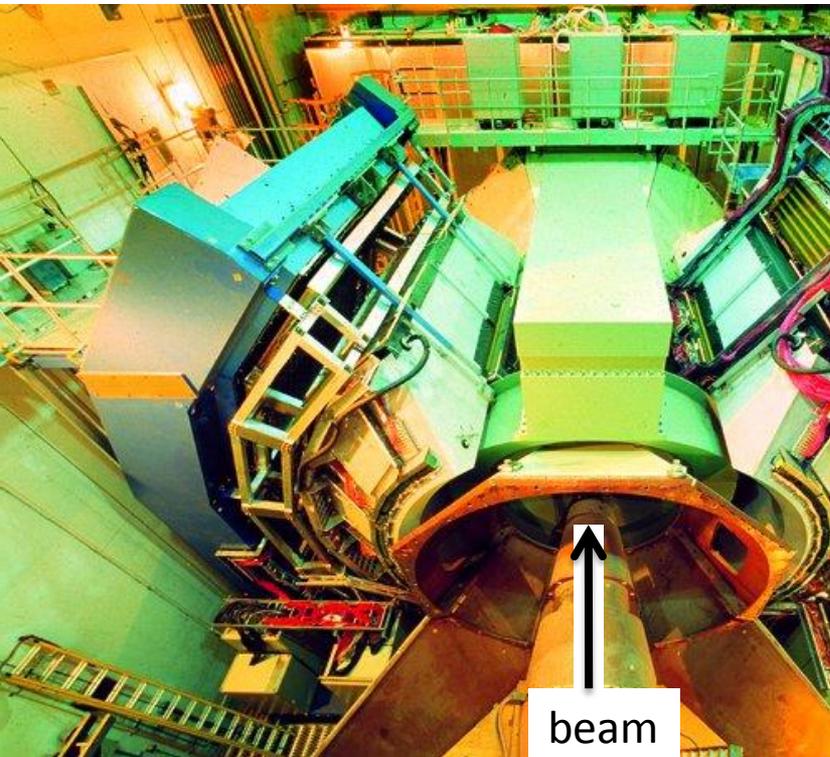
→ We discuss RUN6 improvement, compared to RUN5.

# PHENIX Detector

- PHENIX has ability to detect various final state particles such as  $\pi^0, \pi^{\pm}, \gamma, e^{\pm}$  and  $\mu^{\pm}$ . Here I concentrate on  $\pi^0$  (or  $\gamma$ ) detection.

## Central Arm

- $|\eta| < 0.35, \Delta\phi \sim 2 \times 90\text{deg}$
- EMCal (PbSc, PbGI) for  $\gamma$  measurement.  $\pi^0$  detected via  $\gamma\gamma$  decay.
- High energy photon trigger available

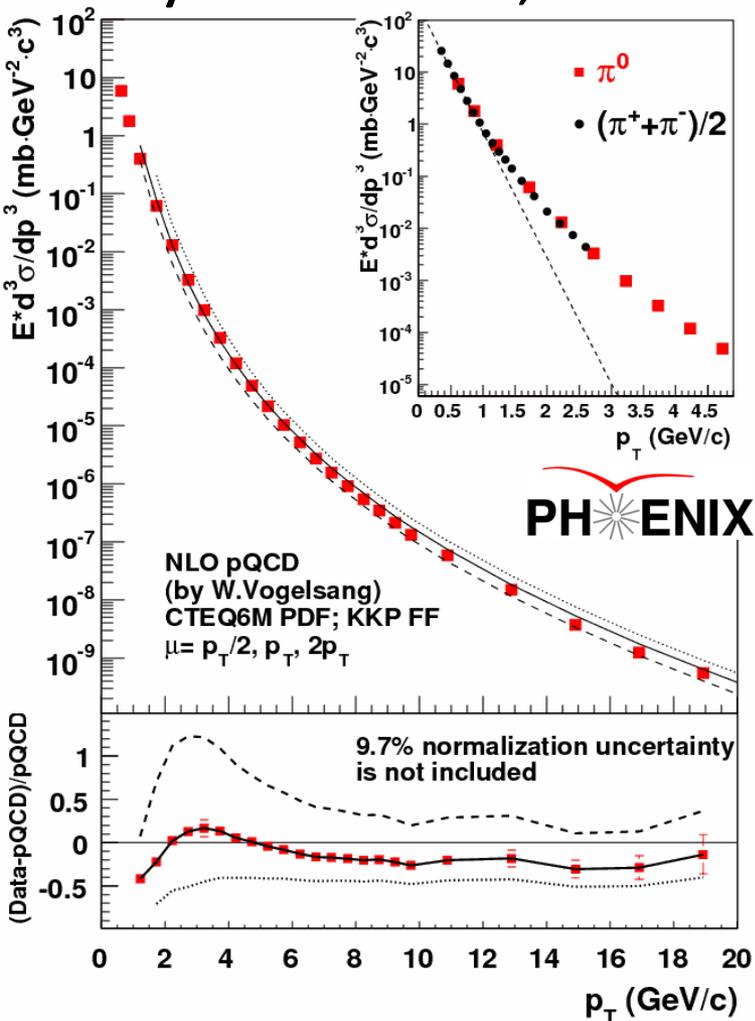


# cross section – pQCD applicability

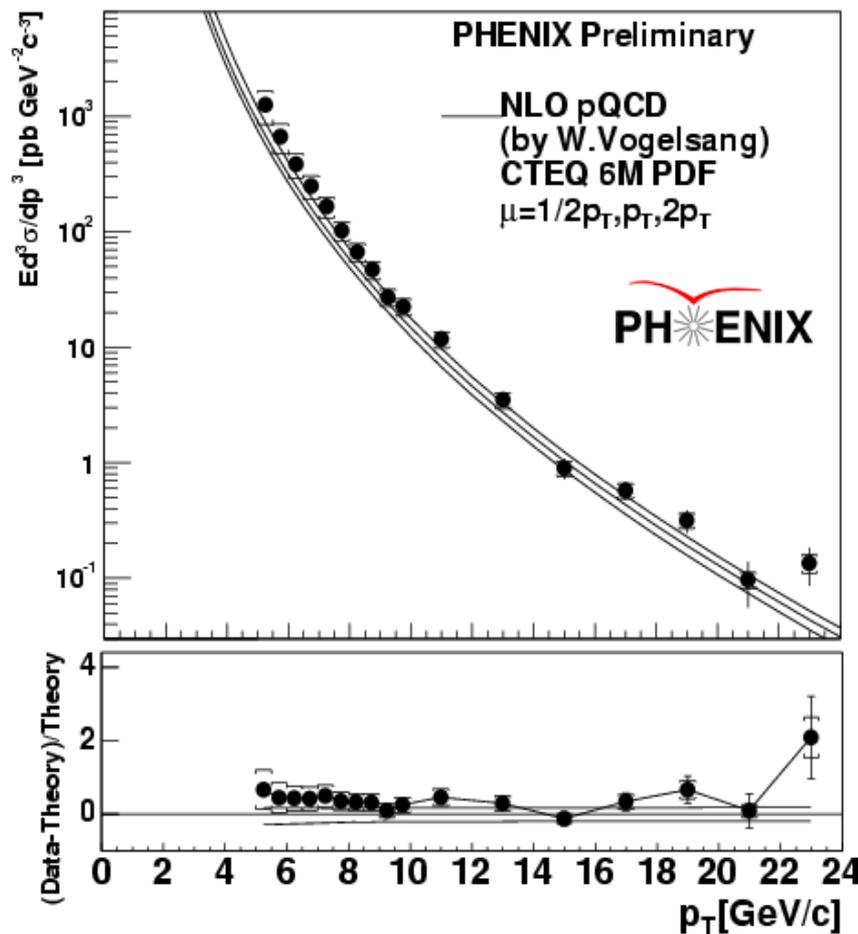
RUN5 200GeV --  $\pi^0$

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RUN5 200GeV – direct  $\gamma$

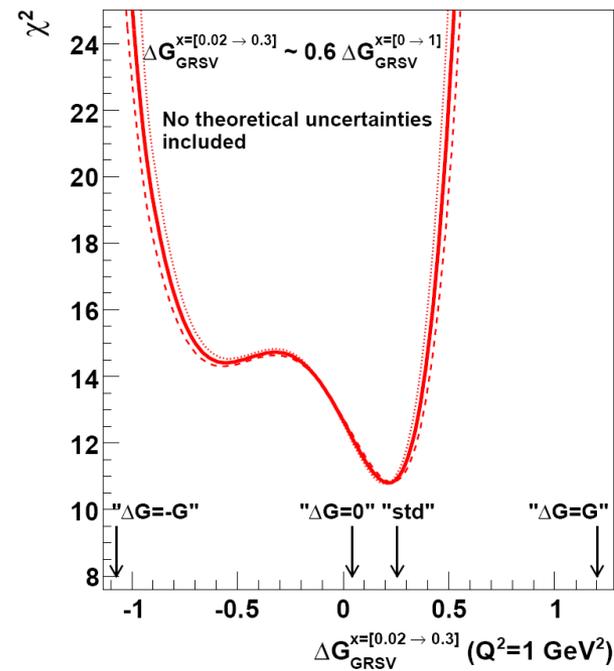
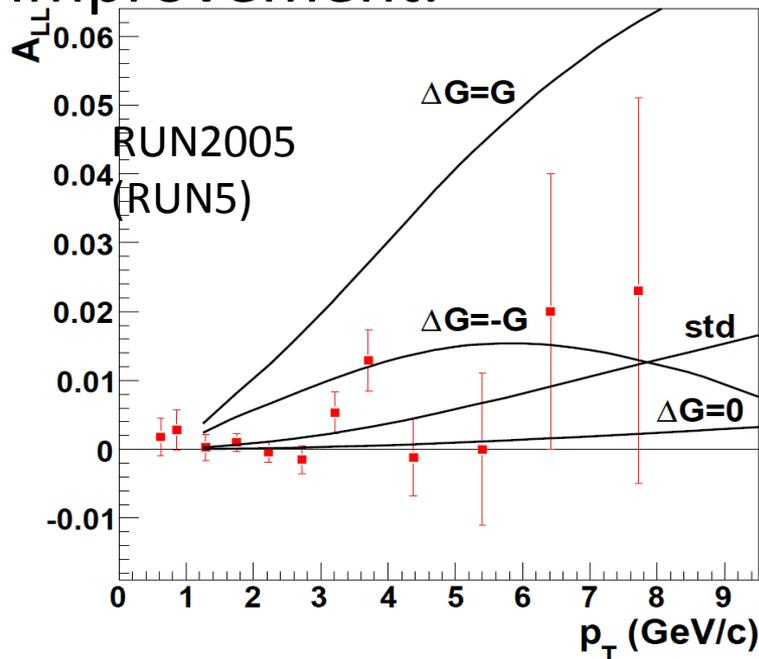


pQCD works



# RUN5 $\pi^0$ results

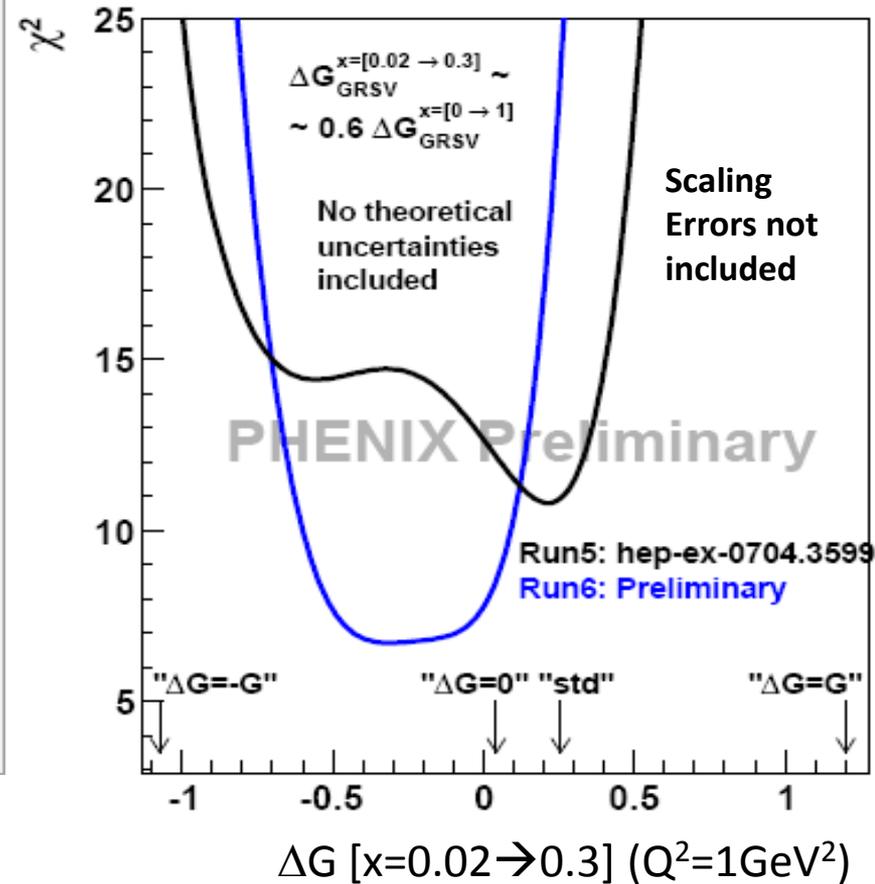
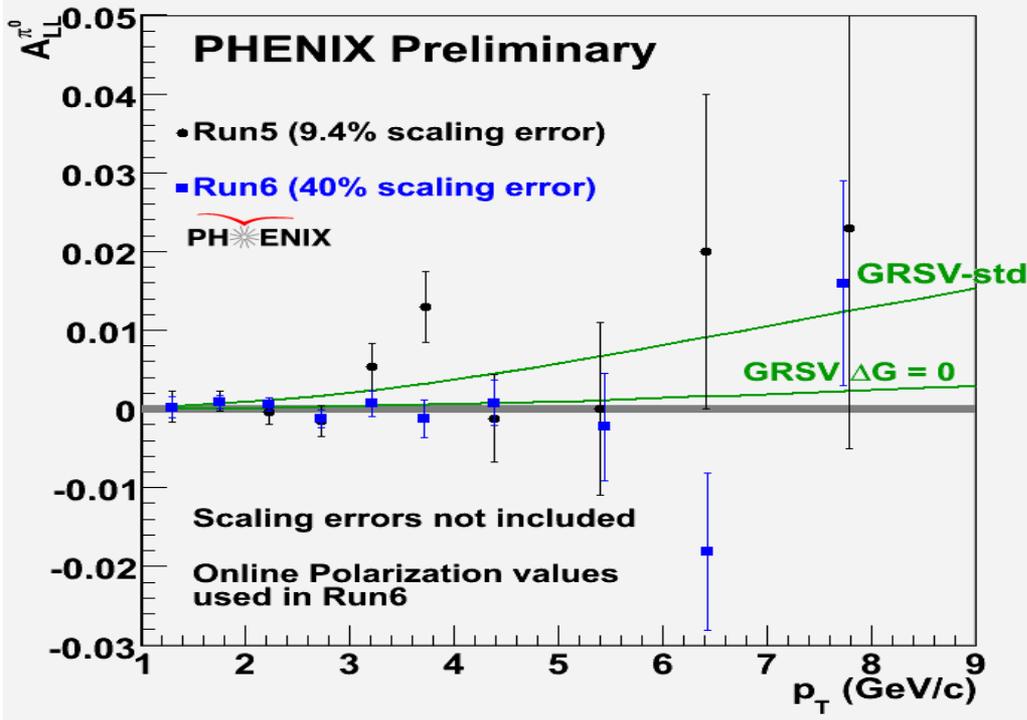
- PHENIX measured  $\pi^0 A_{LL}$  at 200GeV (RUN2005)
  - Among four GRSV models, allowed by DIS,
    - $\Delta G=+G,-G$  are rejected.
  - measured  $x$  range (0.02—0.3)
- Need more statistics (for straight forward) improvement.



# $\pi^0 A_{LL}$ at 200GeV – RUN6 improvement

200GeV RUN5 2.5pb<sup>-1</sup> (47%) ~10weeks  
 200GeV RUN6 6 pb<sup>-1</sup> (60%) ~6weeks

- $\chi^2$  test based on GRSV

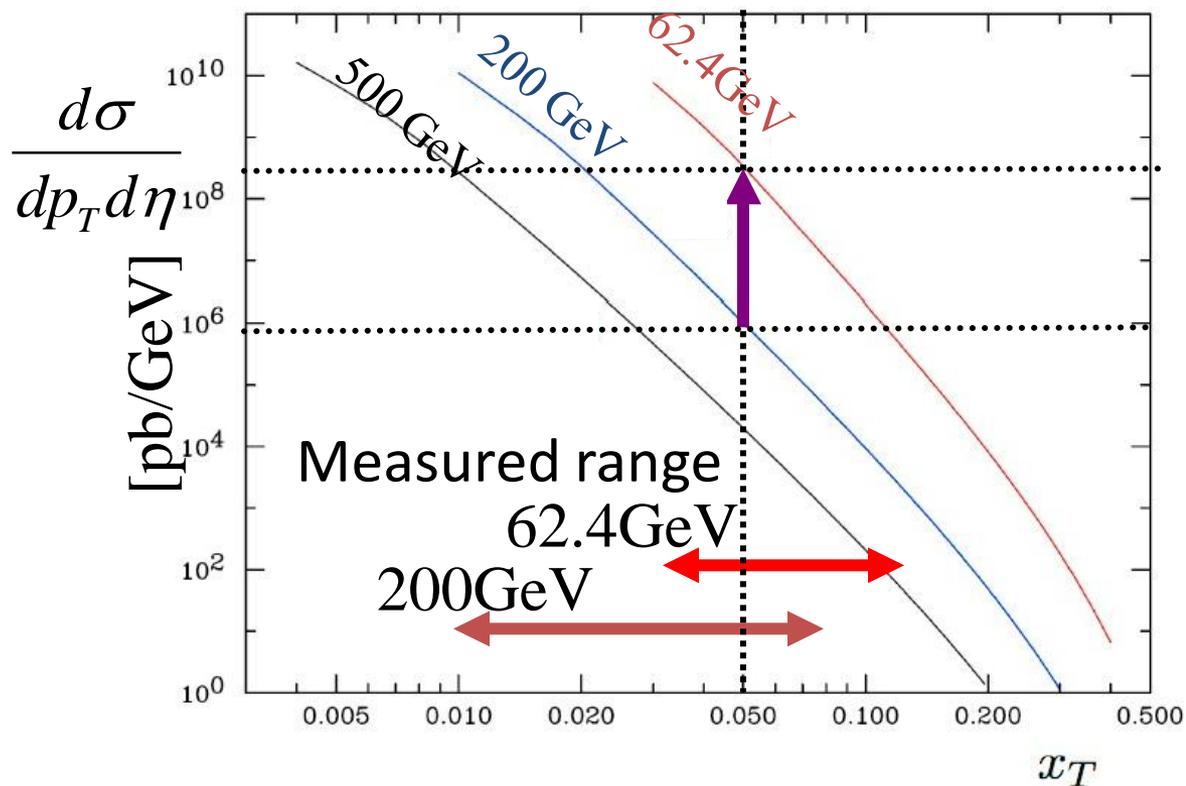


- GRSV theory curves
  - Std: best fit to DIS data - rejected
  - $\Delta G=0$  still allowed

# Another way to improve access high $x$ with lower energy

- Probed  $x$  scales with  $x_T$ .
- At fixed  $x_T$ ,  $x$ -sec is 2 orders of magnitude higher at 62.4GeV than at 200GeV.  $\rightarrow$  easier to access high  $x$

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

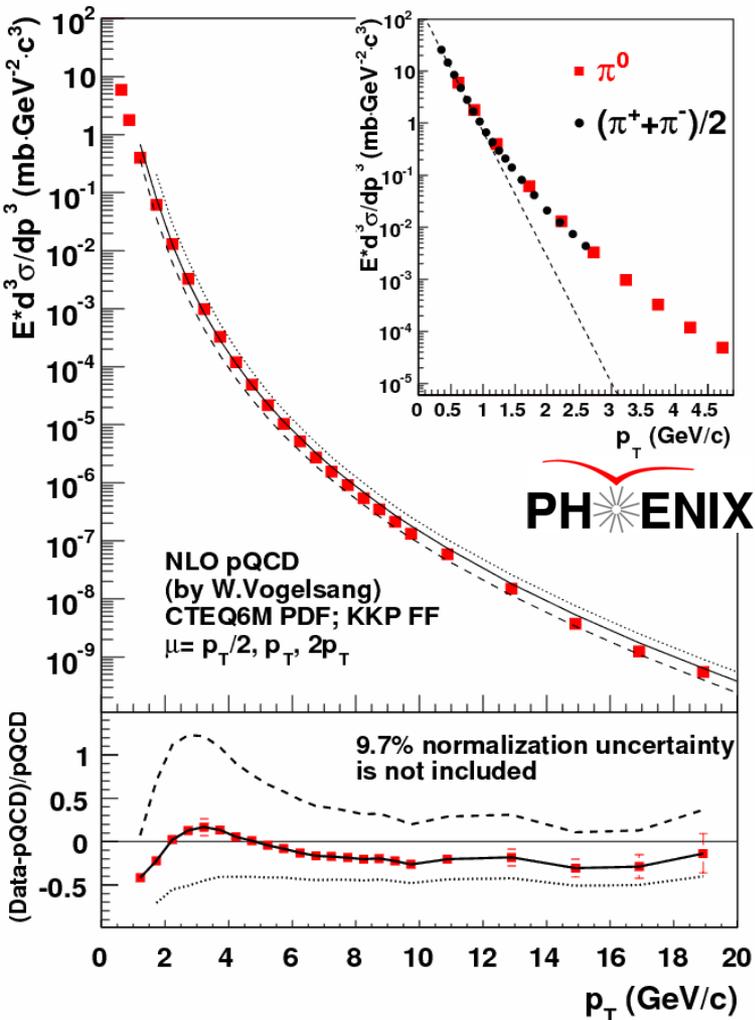


# cross section – pQCD applicability

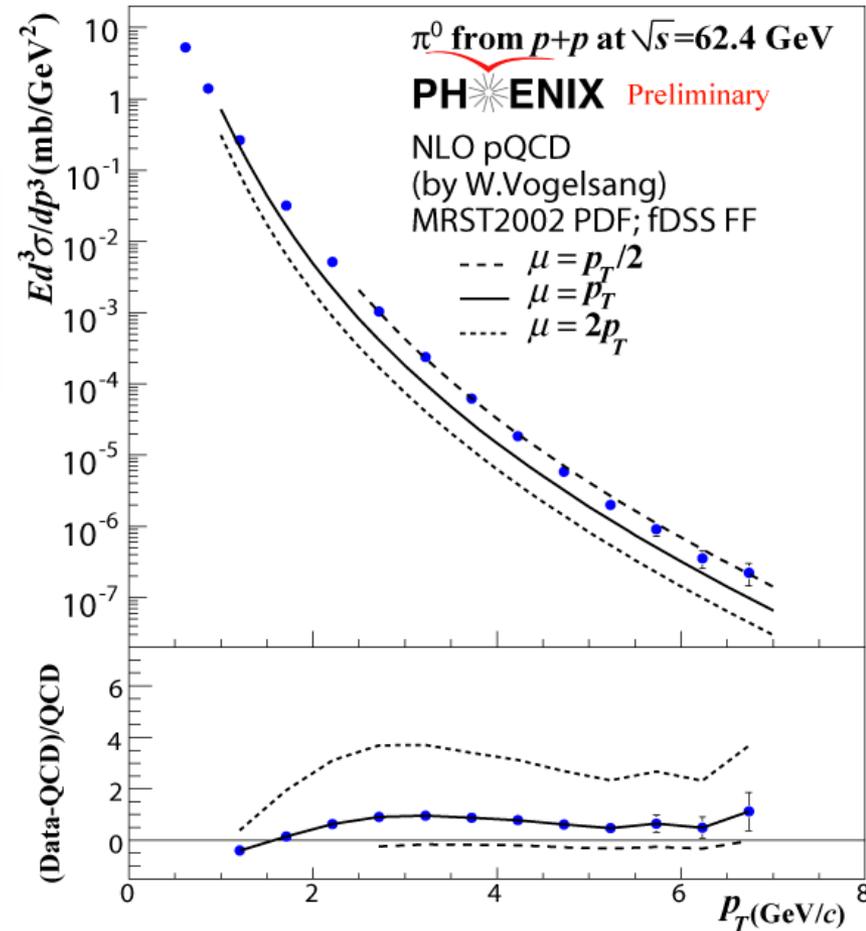
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RUN6 62.4GeV --  $\pi^0$



pQCD works

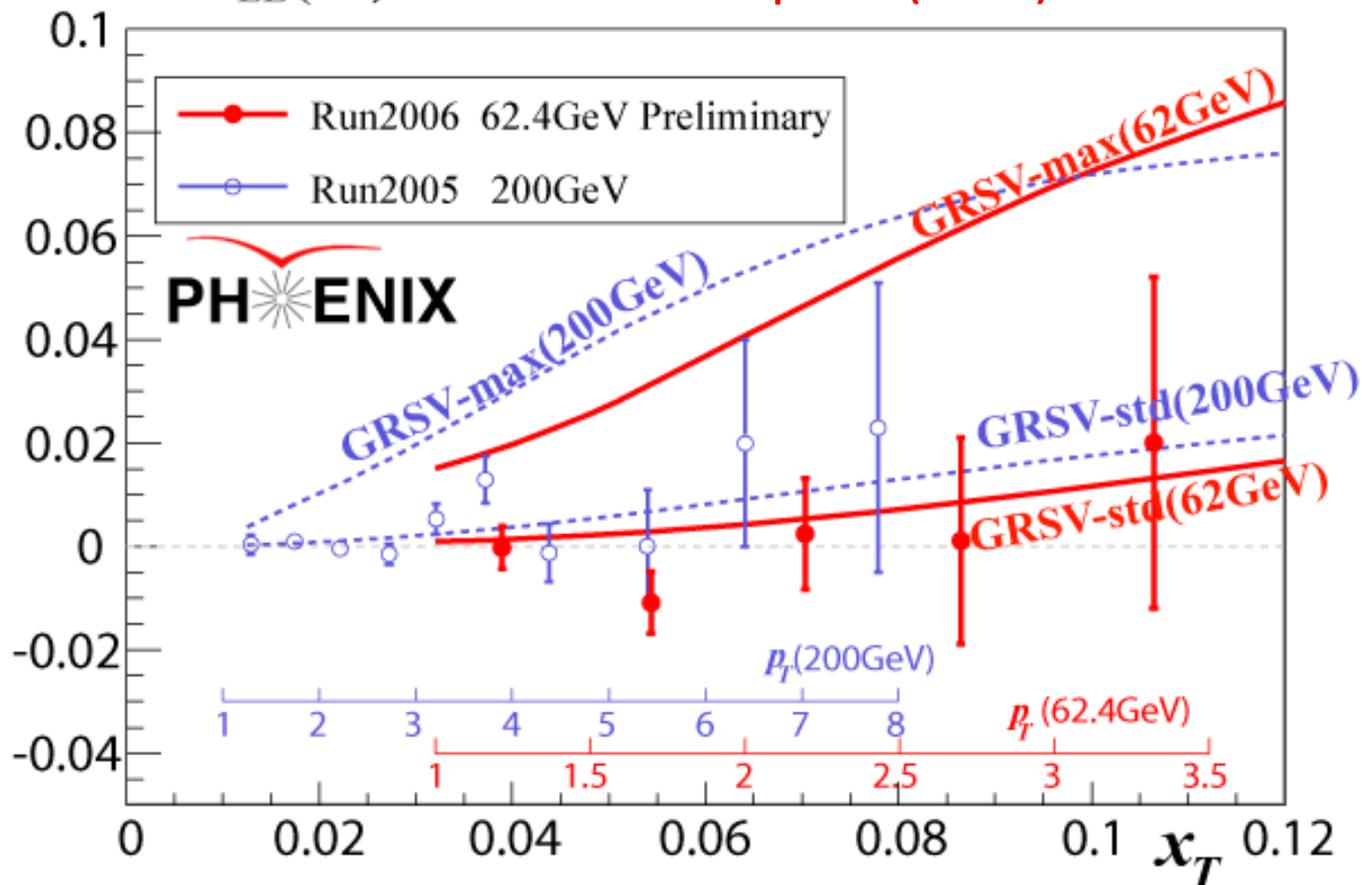


# $\pi^0 A_{LL}$ at 62.4GeV

- Significant statistical improvement in high  $x_T$  even with short data taking period ( and small int.lumi )

$A_{LL}(\pi^0)$  200GeV 2.5pb<sup>-1</sup> (47%) ~10weeks  
 62.4GeV 0.04 pb<sup>-1</sup> (48%) ~ 1week

GRSV – max is rejected also in higher  $x_T$ .



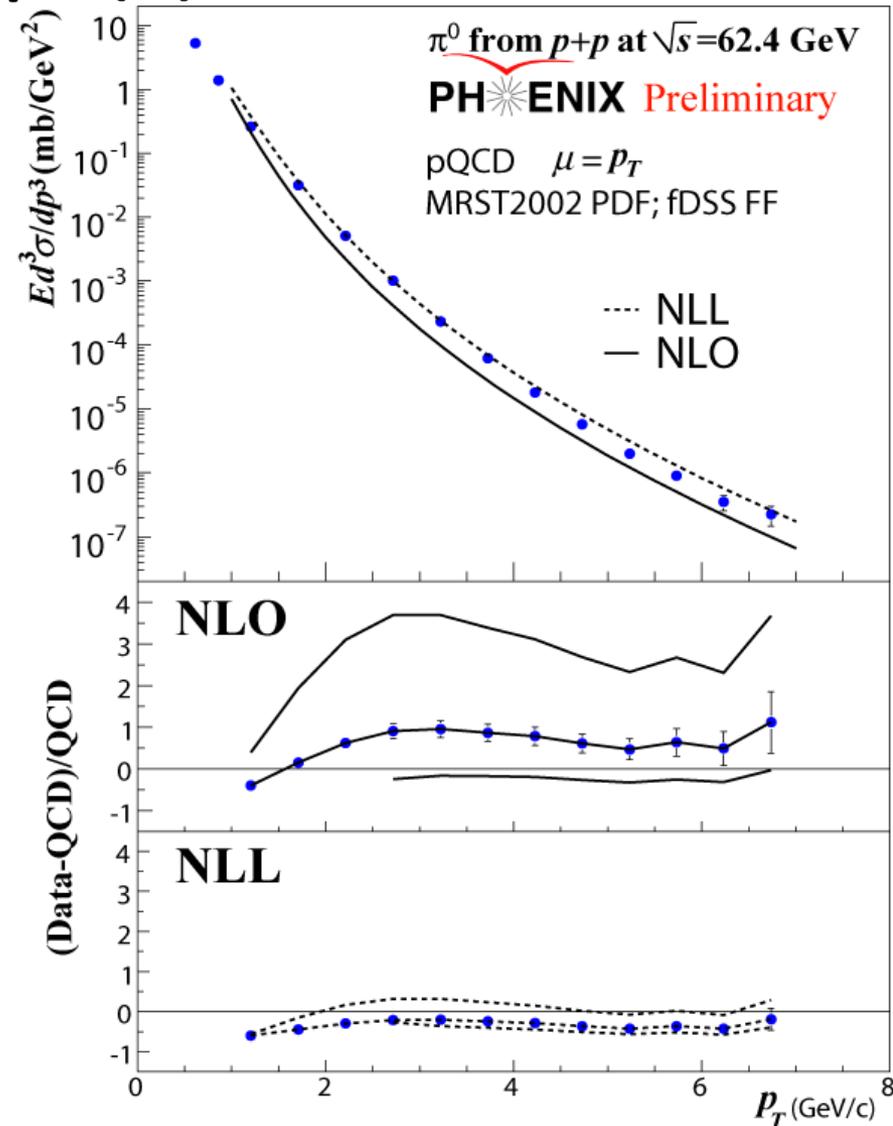
Scaling variable

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

# Theoretical progress

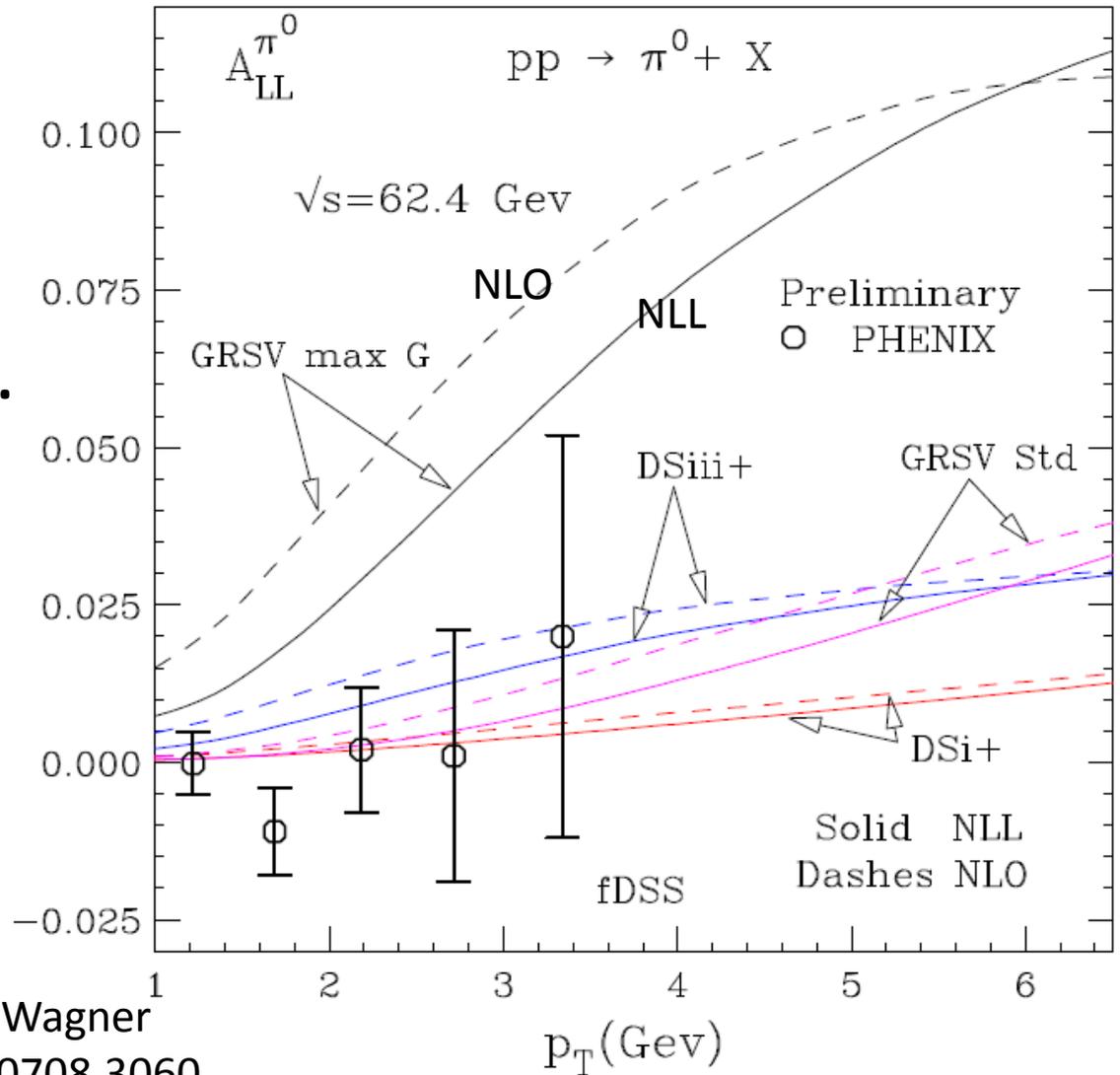
## NLO and NLL at $\sqrt{s}=62.4\text{GeV}$

- NLL (Next-to-Leading Log) theory calculation available
- Improved agreement btw data and theory.
- Reduced scale dependence
- In Both NLO and NLL cases, data and theory agrees within theoretical uncertainty.



# $\pi^0 A_{LL}$ at 62.4 GeV - NLL

- When we go NLL accuracy, GRSV-max  $A_{LL}$  decreases slightly.
- Still inconsistent with our data.



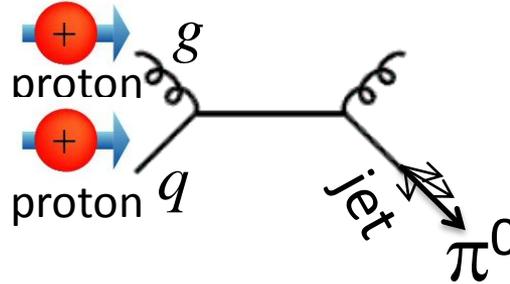
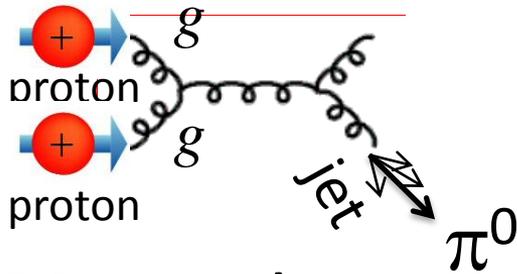
# summary

- Double Helicity Asymmetry  $A_{LL}$  of  $\pi^0$  production is utilized for measurement of  $\Delta G$
- RUN2005  $\pi^0$   $A_{LL}$  at  $\sqrt{s}=200\text{GeV}$  put constraint on  $\Delta G$ .
  - Needs more statistics for further improvement.
- Improvement obtained in RUN2006 in two ways
  - 200GeV: Collect more stat.
    - put significant constraint on  $\Delta G$
  - 62.4GeV : Lower energy to access higher  $x$ .
    - Improved higher  $x$  sensitivity with short data taking period
    - GRSV-max is rejected also in high  $x_T$  region in NLO.
    - Theory update - NLL
    - Our data is inconsistent with GSRV-max even in NLL.
- We are preparing a paper for 62.4GeV. Close to submission.



# Various channels available at PHENIX to explore gluon pol.

- Jet ( or a component of jet )



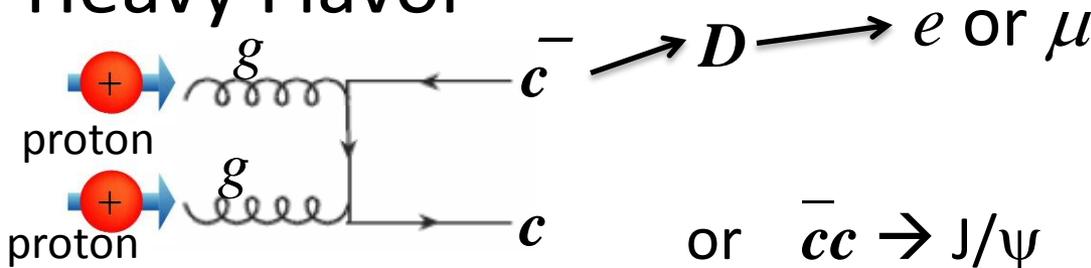
- $\pi^0, \eta$  ( $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )
- $\pi^{+-}$
- jet-like cluster

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- $\gamma$

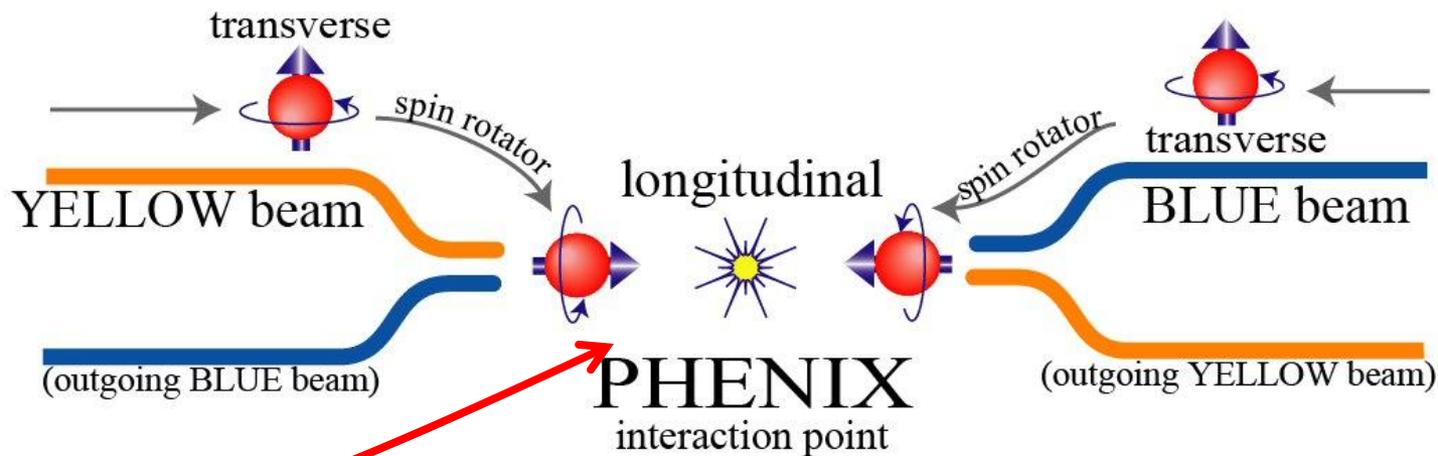
- Heavy Flavor



- $e^{+-}$
- $\mu^{+-}$

- $J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-)$

# RHIC beam at PHENIX IP



- Two independent beams (Blue / Yellow)
- Bunch structure (120 bunches in  $\sim 106$  ns interval)
- Transverse  $\rightarrow$  Longitudinal at IP (when we need it)

• Spin pattern

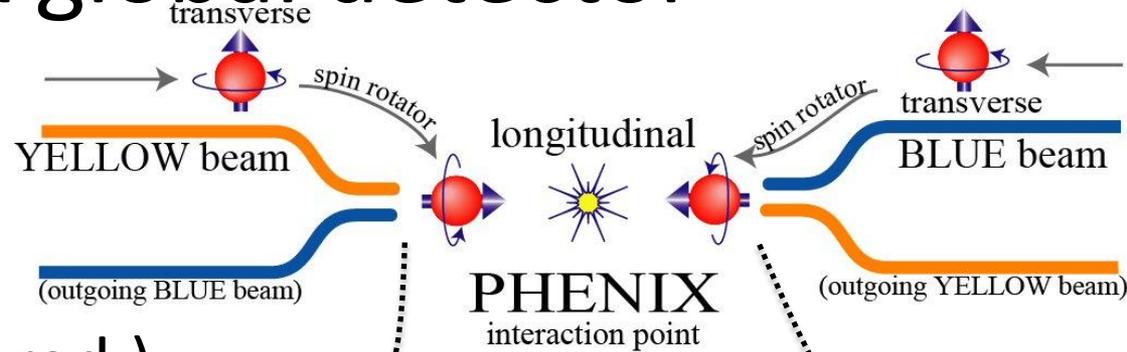
BLUE : + + - - ....

Yellow: + - + - ....

$\rightarrow$  We can get all possible Collision patterns.

– Syst. uncertainty from time-dep. of the det. eff. avoided.

# PHENIX global detector



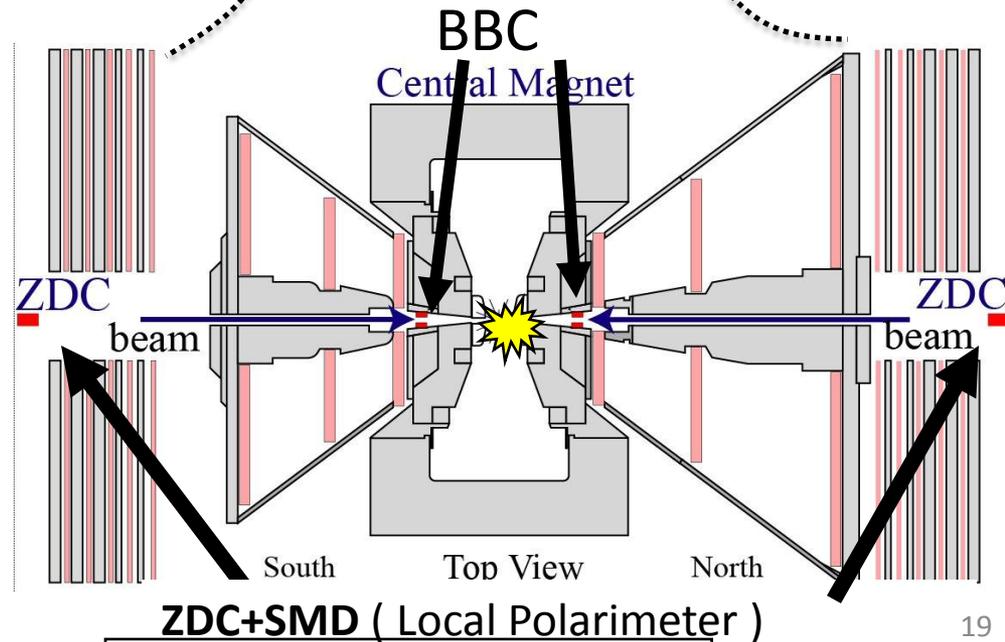
## Luminosity Measure

- BBC  $3.0 < |\eta| < 3.9$ 
  - Quartz Cherenkov det.
- ZDC  $|\eta| > 6.6$  (+/- 2.8mrad.)
  - Hadron Calorimeter

These two independent lumi. measure are compared to find out uncertainty on Relative Lumi.

## Local Polarimetry

- SMD (+ ZDC).
  - Scintillator hodoscopes.
  - Measures transverse component of beam through  $A_N$  of neutron.

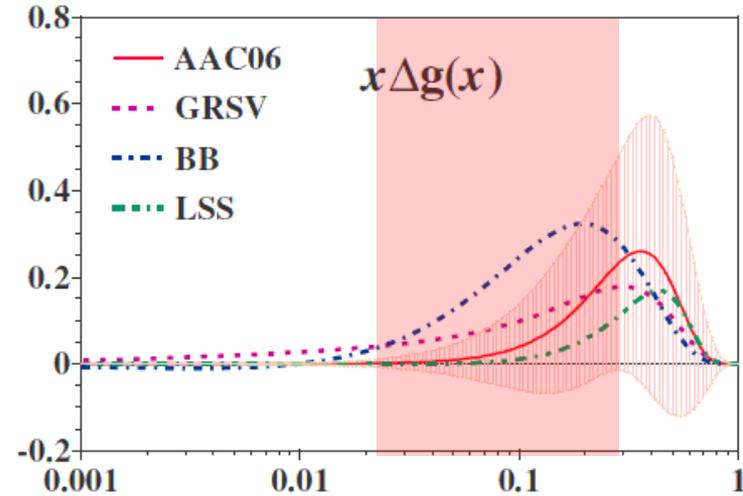


**ZDC+SMD ( Local Polarimeter )**

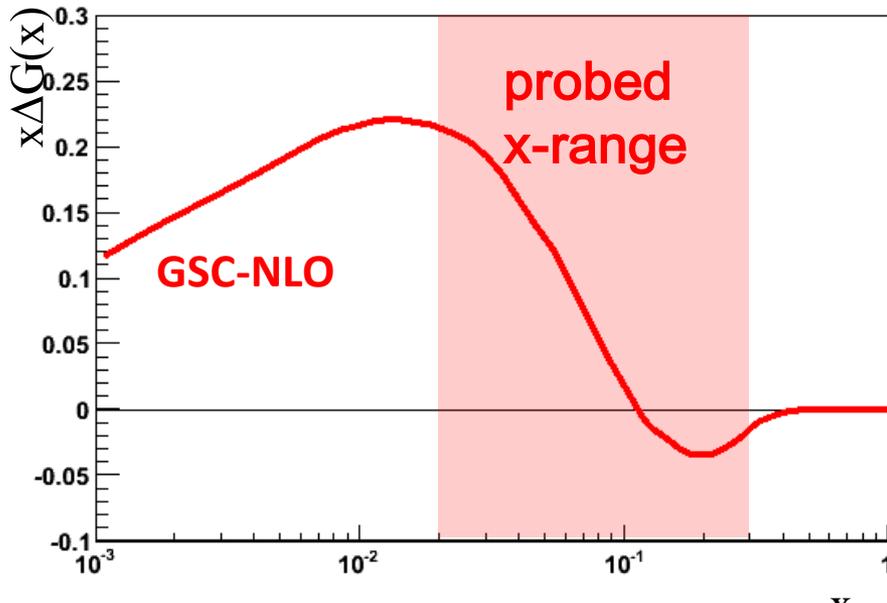
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# other PDF models

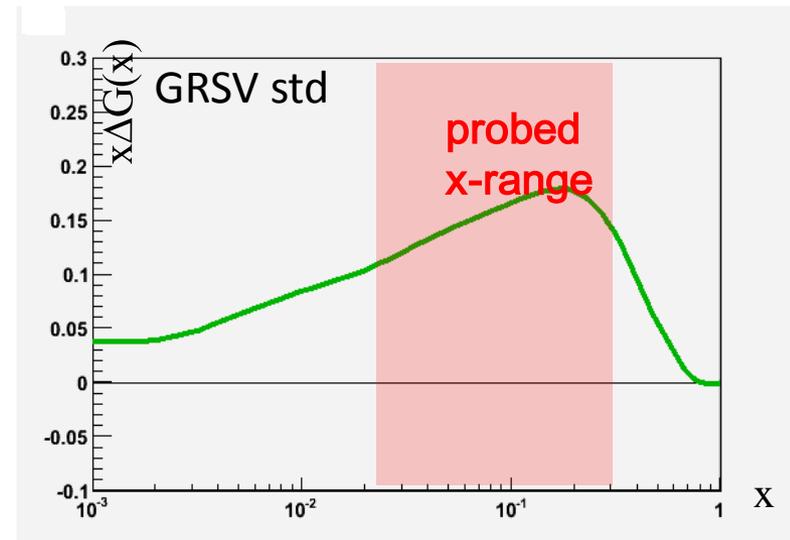
Should not satisfied with measured  $x$  range  
for model independent determination.  
For further improvement,  $x$  range should  
be extended.



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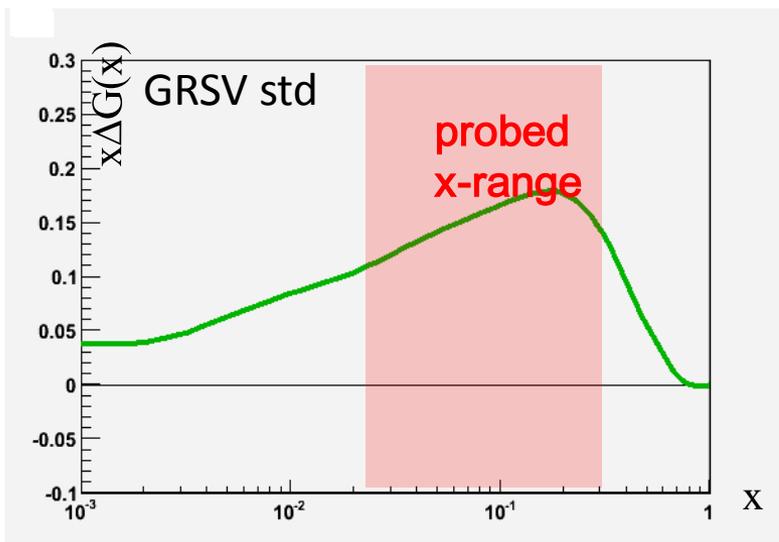


**GSC-NLO:  $\Delta G \stackrel{0.3}{=} \int_{0.02}^X \Delta G(x) dx \sim \text{small} \rightarrow 0$**

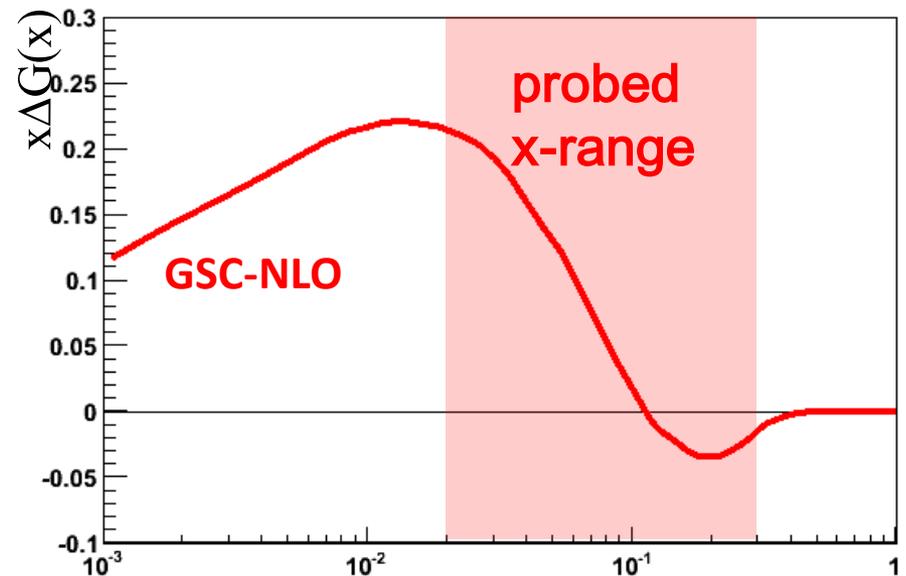


# other PDF models

- Should not be satisfied with measured x range for model independent determination.
- Measure different x region by
  - Go to different kinematics → Seishi's talk
  - Change sqrt(s): low energy – high x, high energy - low x
    - Sqrt(s)=500GeV for coming run.
    - We have sqrt(s)=62.4GeV in RUN2006



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