optimizing the goals of the Spin Program with 6 weeks of p+p

→ a little more of the same vs. a first look at something new



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Long term goals of PHENIX Spin Program



 Precision measurement + flavor separation of Δq(x), Δq(x) in W-production requires 500 GeV polarized p+p NB: RIKEN milestone for first W observation in 2011



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for 6 week run: 500 GeV p+p

- Best for long-term health of Spin Program develop machine, experimental capabilities allow some new measurement
- Operational Goals
 - demonstrate 500 GeV collisions
 - establish 250 GeV polarimetry in both p-C and H-Jet polarimeters
 - develop new EMCAL gains
- Physics goals (3 pb⁻¹/week recorded, P = 0.5)
 - measure cross section for neutral pions & photons
 - compare to pQCD, publish!
 - first look at $W \to e \pm$
 - measure J/ψ and Y
 - first look at muon backgrounds for W



some numbers

• assumptions

- 2 weeks machine setup + studies at 200 GeV
- 1 week machine setup at 500 GeV
- 2 weeks "physics" includes some experiment setup time projections for 1 week of data taking
- performance
 - 3 pb⁻¹/week recorded
 - 200 GeV luminosity x 2.5 for emittance shrinkage with "efficiency factor" = 25%

Polarization = 0.5



$\sqrt{s}=500 \text{ GeV}: \pi^0$



Projection for 1 week of data taking error bars < symbol size

- Cross section measurements up to p_T~30 GeV/c
- pQCD test
- *x_T* scaling test



$\sqrt{s}=500$ GeV: direct γ



√s=500 GeV: heavy quarkonium

(COM + CTEQ PDF calculations)

• J/Psi expectation

Same arm dimuons; scale run-5 $\sigma(J/\psi) = 2x \sigma(200 \text{ GeV}) = 5.2 \mu b$ $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

16K J/ $\psi \rightarrow \mu + \mu -$ for 3 pb⁻¹

• Upsilon expectation

Same arm and back-to-back dimuons $\sigma(Y) = 2x \sigma(200 \text{ GeV}) = 4 \text{ nb}$ 4 nb x 2.2%(BR) x accept*eff \rightarrow 5 Y pb⁻¹ 15 Y $\rightarrow \mu + \mu$ - for 3 pb⁻¹



 $\sqrt{s=500 \text{ GeV}: W} \rightarrow e$

RHICBOS MC:

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~20 W<sup>+</sup> and 3 W<sup>-</sup>/pb<sup>-1</sup> in PHENIX Central Arm (W\rightarrow e)
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1 week (3 weeks) of physics: recorded 3 pb⁻¹ (9 pb⁻¹) with P=0.5 $\checkmark \sim 60$ (180) W⁺ \Rightarrow cross section measurement PV asymmetry expectation A_L~0.25-0.40; statistical $\delta(A_L) \sim 0.18$ (0.10), based on event generator





 $\sqrt{s=500 \text{ GeV: W}} \rightarrow \mu$

- Many fake high p_T tracks due to muons from light hadron decays inside the tracker.
- Critical to study how to reduce this background for W measurements.



200 GeV p+p in Run-8?

• assume: 1.2 pb⁻¹/week recorded, P = 0.5 3-4 weeks data taking \rightarrow 3.6 – 4.8 pb⁻¹ insufficient to impact A_{LL} goal

• how about transversely polarized running?

 forward physics with MPC

 π⁰ in both MPC's, but don't see how to add anything compelling to existing knowledge
 charged pion single spin asymmetry Run-6 2.5 pb⁻¹ is currently being analyzed

 Sivers, Interference Fragmentation Function some numbers follow



√s=200 GeV: Sivers

- Central-Central correlations
 - Run-6 analysis uses 1.9 pb⁻¹
 - ERT triggers
 - Run-8 expects 2.4 pb⁻¹ sampled (2 week projection)
 - Not really much of a help
- Central-Muon correlations
 - Run-6 analysis uses 1D muon triggers
 - New for Run-8 "1H" hadron trigger
 - Should be a better jet trigger
- No good argument for central-central correlations
 - Sensitivity is still below STAR's PRL99, 142003
 - :. Only benefit: central-muon correlations
 - 1H trigger adds benefit beyond additional statistics
 - Needs more study to quantify improvement
 - Not compelling reason for 200 GeV running

$\sqrt{s}=200$: Interference Fragmentation Fn.



Estimate of asymmetries based on:

Transverse distribution from global analysis: Anselmino et al hep-ph/0701006
 Interference Fragmentation Function (IFF) modeled by Tang/Jaffe: PRL 80 (1998) 166



Summary

- PHENIX Spin physics goals best addressed by 6 weeks of p+p at 500 GeV
- Driven by where the compelling measurements are
- 200 GeV goals Spin starved for luminosity not possible to address in Run-8, without 9MHz cavity so, let's provide opportunity for some new measurements by running at 500 GeV
- How about splitting the time?



we are happy to switch over to p+p earlier than Feb.1!
need ≥ 2 weeks physics running at 500 GeV
usable 200 GeV run would also need ≥ 2 weeks physics
this would imply 7 weeks of p+p! seems unlikely

• backup slides





Spin: the surprises continue!

arXiv 0704.3599 (accepted yesterday)





node or no node?



will be useful to run at lower √s



forward $\pi^0 R_{dA}$ with the MPC



From our previous Run-7 request



Run-8 polarized p+p



Weeks in physics production

Comparison of IFF and Collins FF Interference fragmentation function $H_1^{<}(z, M_{\pi\pi}^2)$ J. Collins S. Heppelmann, G. Ladinsky, Nuclear Physics B, 420 (1994) 565 R. Jaffe, X. Jin, J. Tang, Physical Review Letters, 80 (1998) 1166 Quark spin quark quark

Collins fragmentation function H_1^{\perp}







 $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV: Sivers

- Central-Central correlations
 - Plots show projected errors on raw qty asymmetry
 - Errors assume combining Run-6 and Run-8





$\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV: Sivers

- Central-Muon correlations
 - Errors assume combining Run-6 and Run-8
 - No enhancement assumed for 1H trigger
 - Needs further study, could be significant



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