

# Overview of RHIC Longitudinal Spin Physics Program

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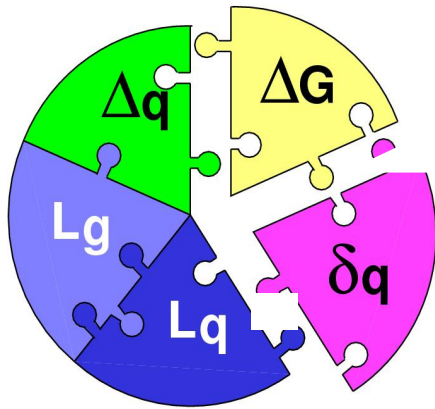
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Many thanks to the PHENIX and STAR collaborations for providing the latest results

# Three Decades of the Proton Spin Puzzle

- Early expectation: large gluon polarization



$$\Delta\Sigma' = \Delta\Sigma - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \cdot \Delta G$$

$$\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \cdot \Delta G = 0.3 \pm 0.1$$

Axial anomaly  
Cheng & Li, PRL (1989)

**EMC, 1980s**

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta q + L_q^z + \Delta G + L_g^z$$

$$\Delta q \sim 30\% \quad (SIDIS/DIS)$$

$$\Delta G \sim 40\% \quad (RHIC)$$

$$L \sim ? \quad (RHIC, FNAL?)$$

	Quark Spin	Gluon Spin
SLAC -> 2000	E80 – E155	
CERN ongoing	EMC, SMC, COMPASS	
DESY ->2007	HERMES	
JLab ongoing	Hall A,B,C	
RHIC ongoing	(BRAHMS), (PHENIX), STAR	



SIDIS/DIS

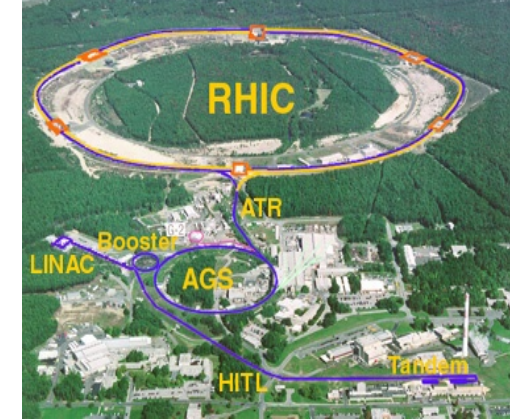
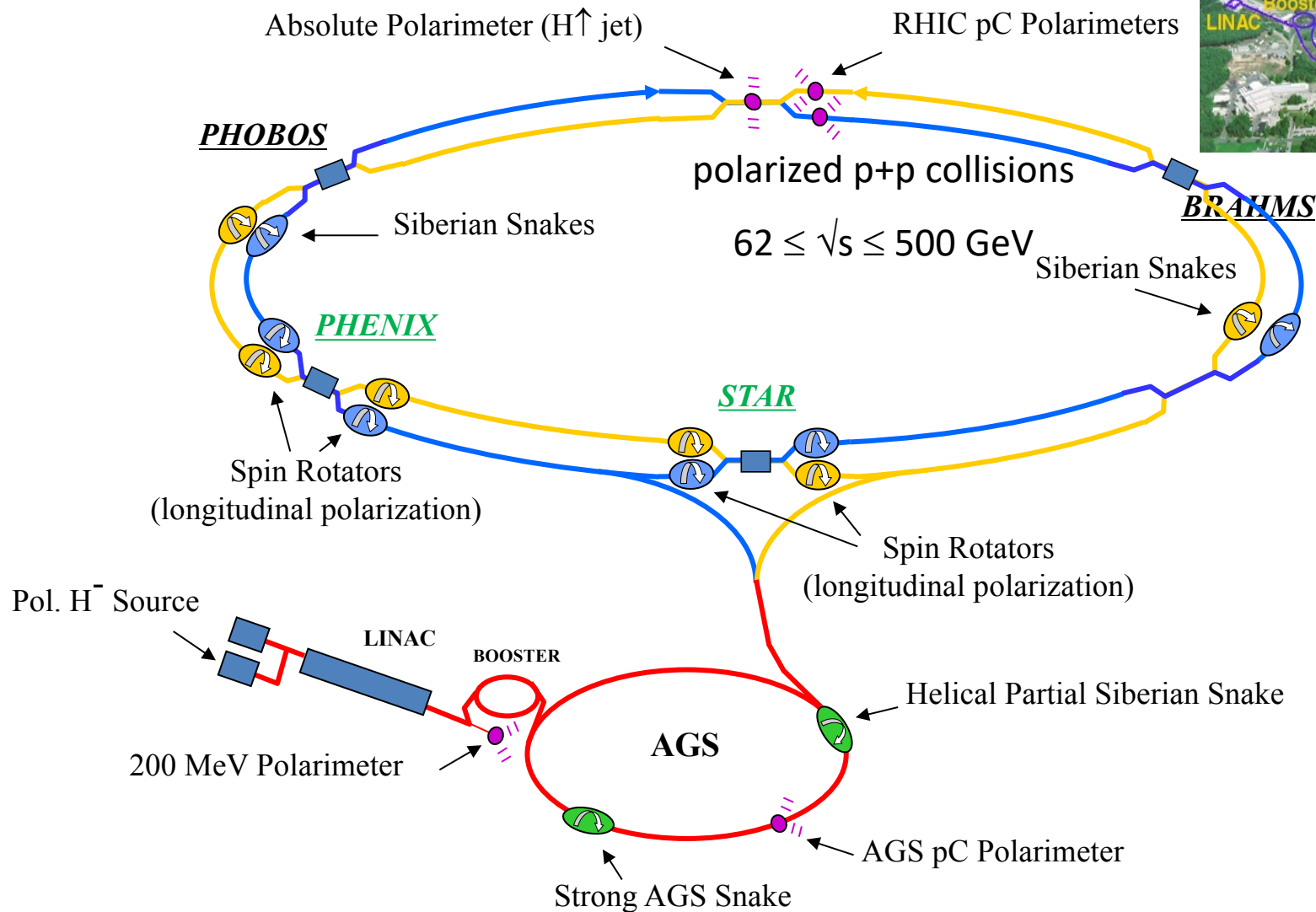


Polarized p+p

# Outline

- Longitudinal spin physics program at RHIC
- Gluon polarization
- Flavor identified sea-quark polarization
- Outlook

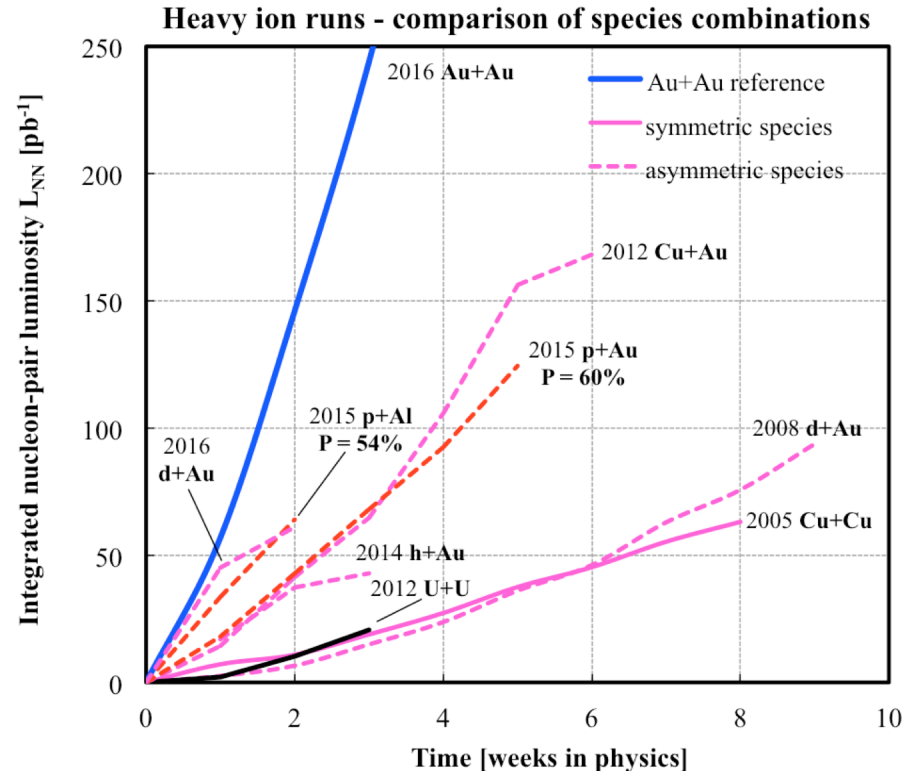
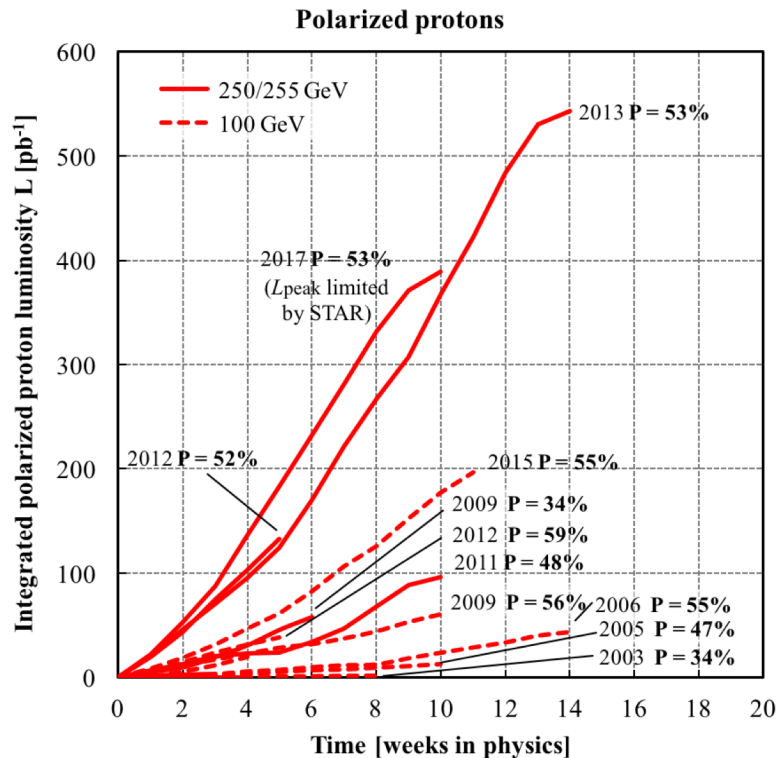
# Polarized Proton Collider at RHIC





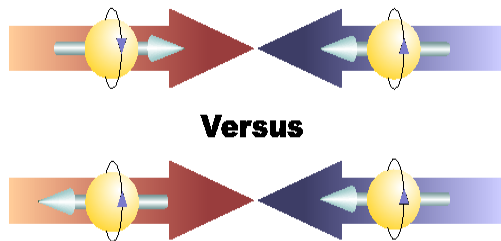
# History of RHIC Spin Runs

*RHIC is capable of delivering the polarized p+p/A for precision spin physics*

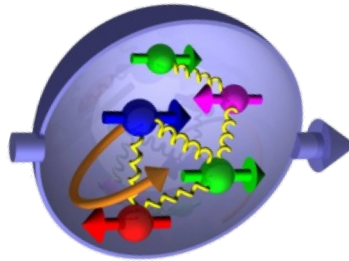


- A very challenging task to deliver polarized p+p, excellent performance from 2012+
- Longitudinally and transversely polarized p+p,
- Transversely polarized p+Au and p+Al, in 2015

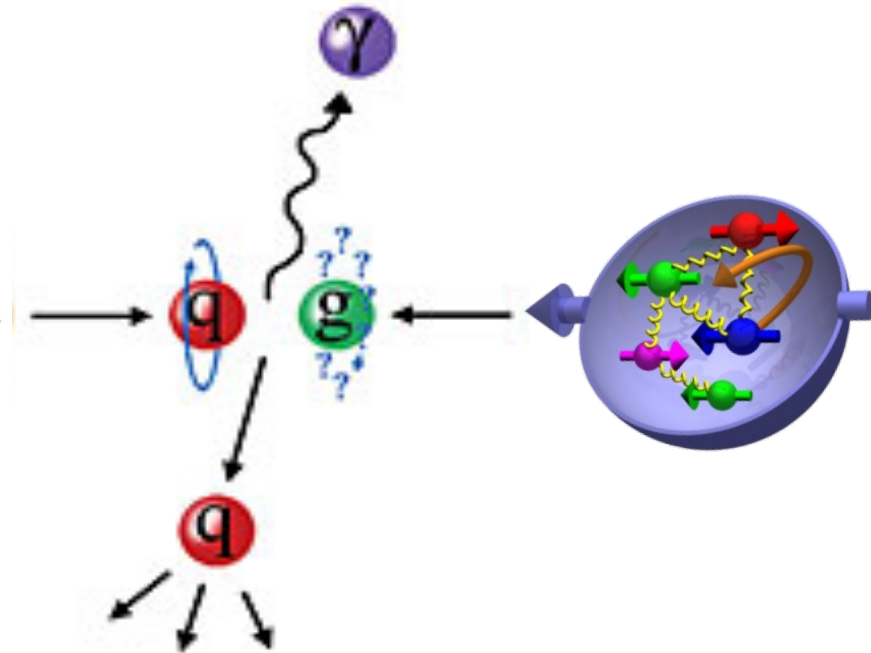
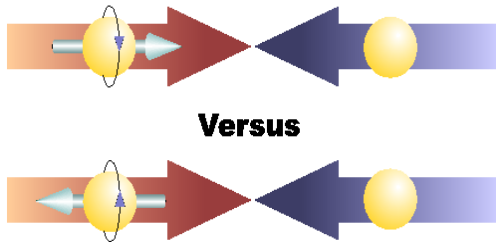
# Physics with Longitudinally Polarized p+p Collisions



$A_{LL}$



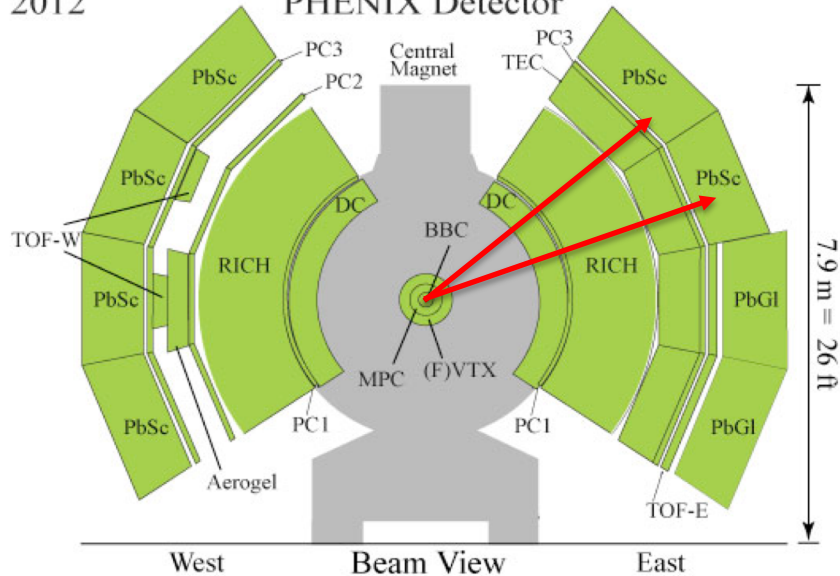
$A_L$



# PHENIX Detector at RHIC

2012

PHENIX Detector



**Central Arms**  $|\eta| < 0.35$

- Identified charged hadrons
- **Neutral Pions**
- Direct Photon
- Heavy Flavor

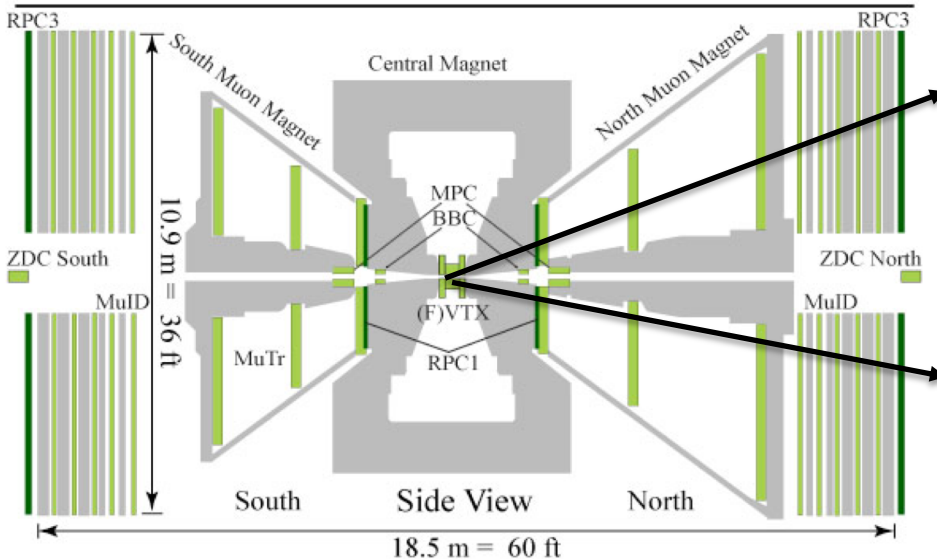
**Muon Arms**  $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

- J/Psi
- Heavy Flavor
- Charged hadrons

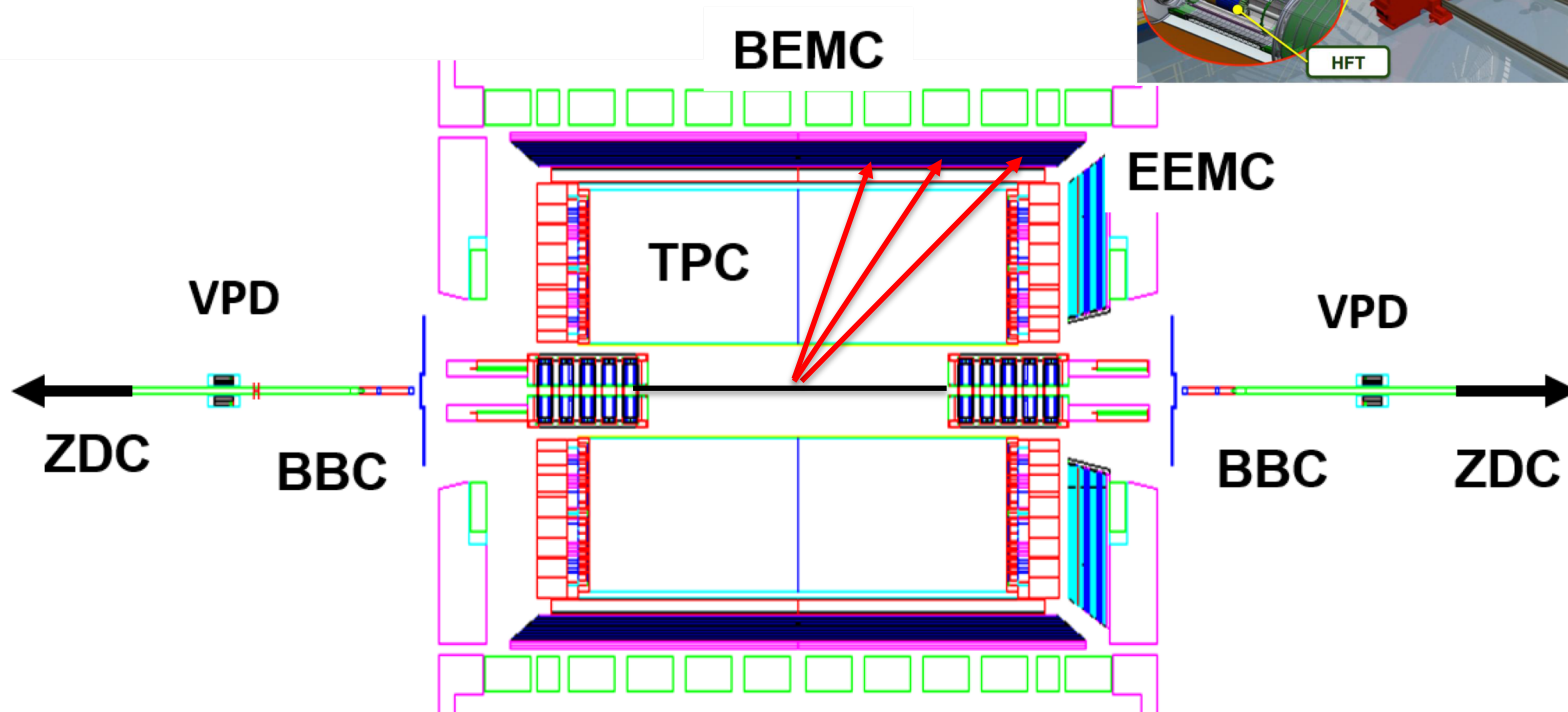
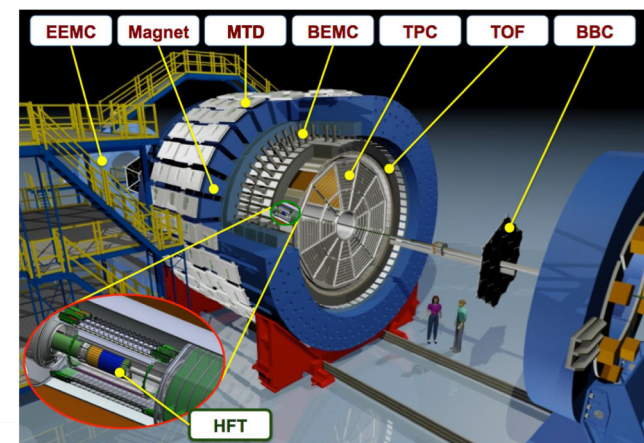
**MPC**  $3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9$

- Neutral Pion's
- Eta's

**BBC** (Relative) luminosity  
**ZDC**



# The STAR Experiment



## Large acceptance:

Tracking: TPC+TOF, :  $-1.3 < \eta < 1.3$

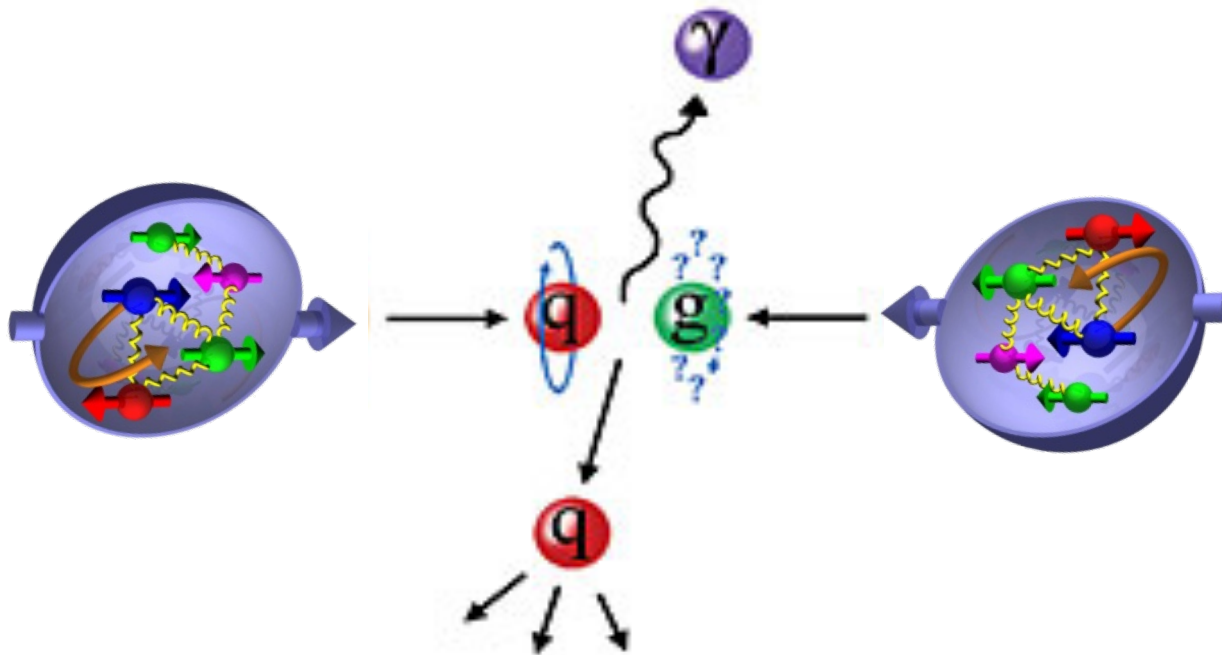
Central EMCal:  $-1 < \eta < 2$

Forward EMCal(FMS):  $2.5 < \eta < 4.2$

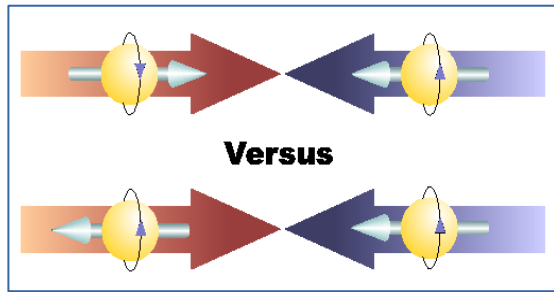
BBC, ZDC

- **Jets**
- $\pi^0$  and (identified) charged hadrons
- Electrons & Muons

# Gluon Polarization

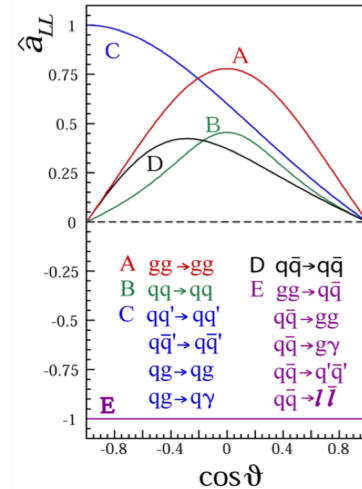


# Gluon Polarization and $\pi^0$ (or jet) $A_{LL}$



$$A_{LL} = (N^{++} - N^{+-}) / (N^{++} + N^{+-})$$

- Parton distribution functions
- Partonic hard scattering rates
- Fragmentation functions



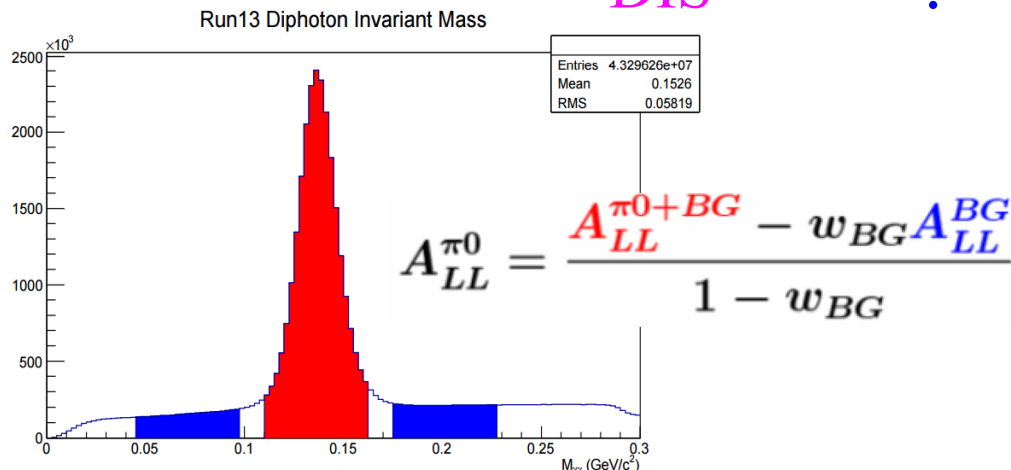
$$\Delta\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) \approx \Delta q(x_1) \otimes \Delta g(x_2) \otimes \Delta\hat{\sigma}^{qg \rightarrow qg}(\hat{s}) \otimes D_q^{\pi^0}(z) \dots$$

DIS

?

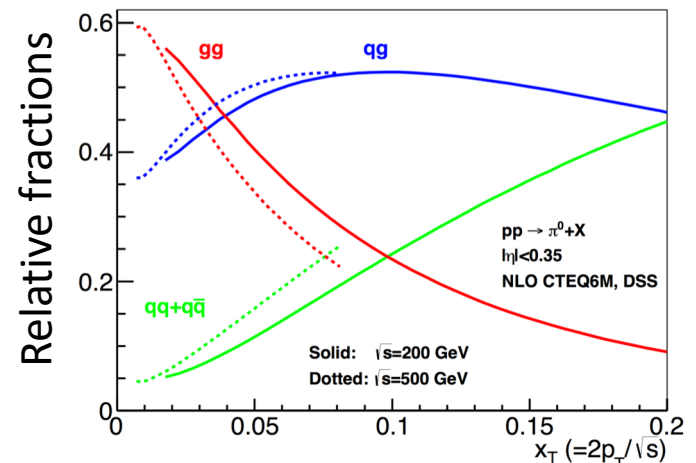
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e+e-



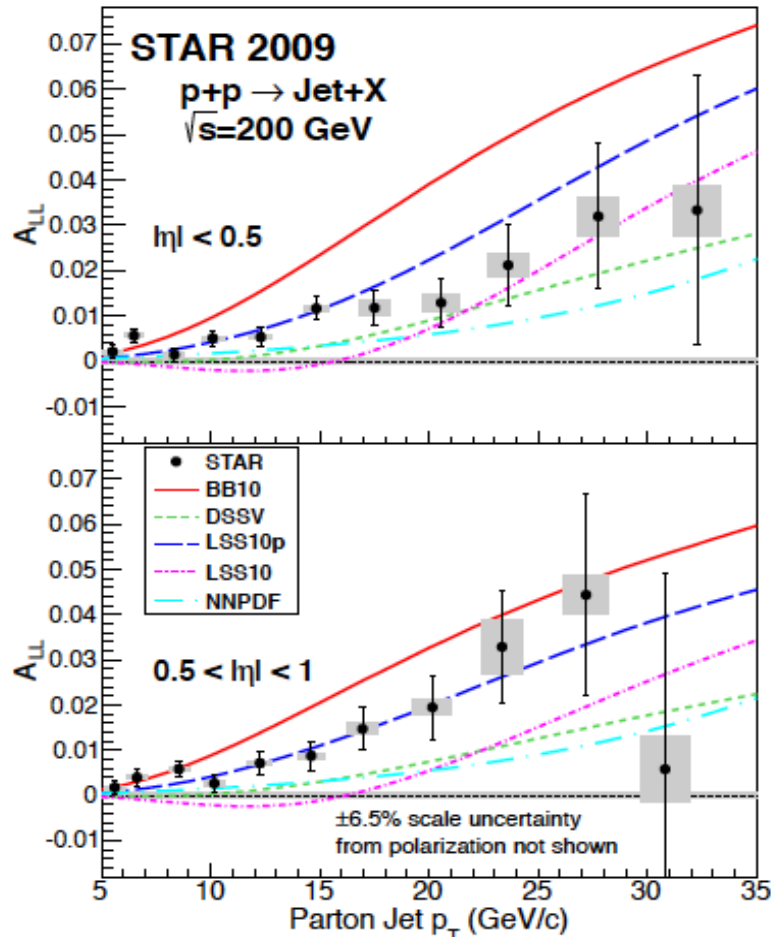
$$A_{LL}^{\pi^0} = \frac{A_{LL}^{\pi^0+BG} - w_{BG} A_{LL}^{BG}}{1 - w_{BG}}$$

Di-photon mass:  $\pi^0$  peak

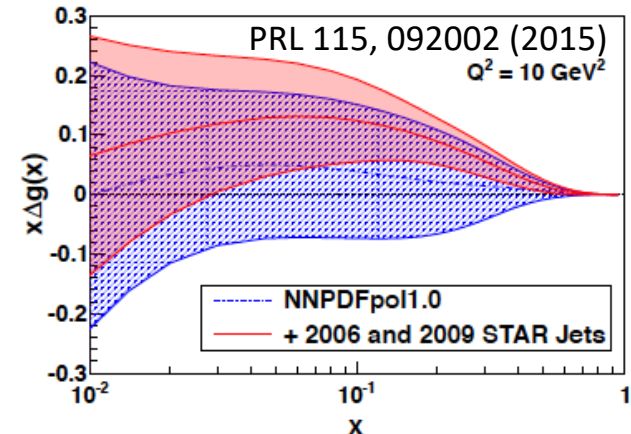
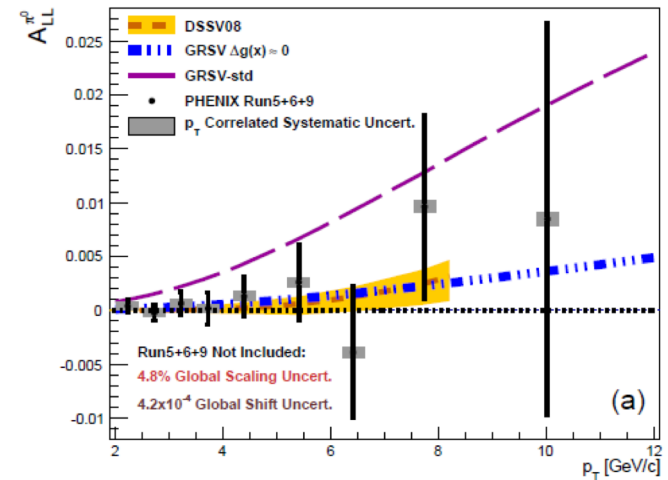


# First Precision Measurements of Longitudinal Double-Spin Asymmetry $A_{LL}$ from 2009 RHIC Run

STAR: PRL 115, 092002 (2015)



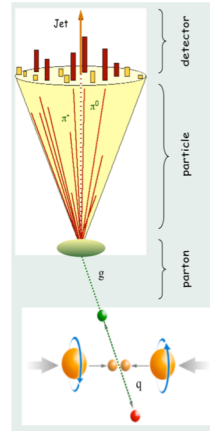
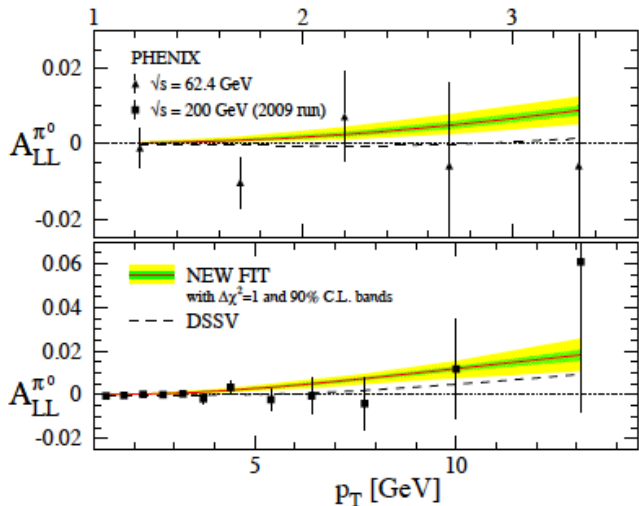
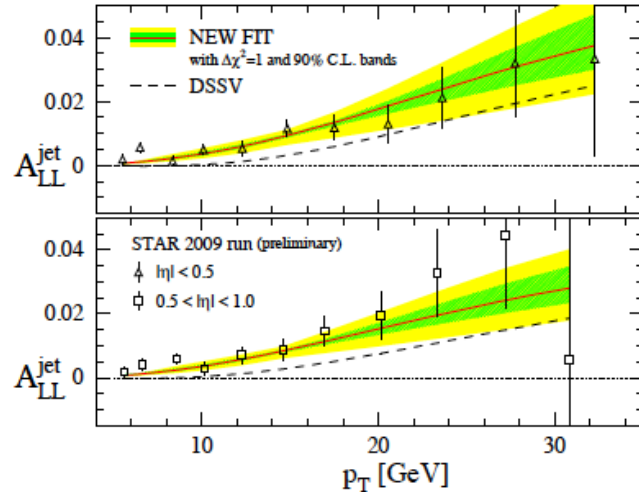
PHENIX: PRD 90, 012007 (2014)



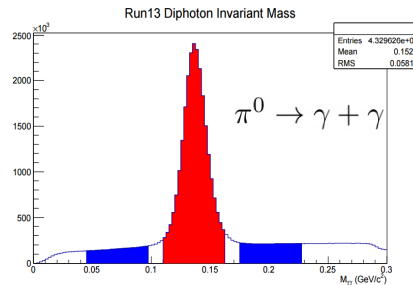


# First Hint of Non-zero Gluon Polarization from RHIC

- PHENIX and STAR  $A_{LL}$  data



Run 2009  
p+p@200GeV

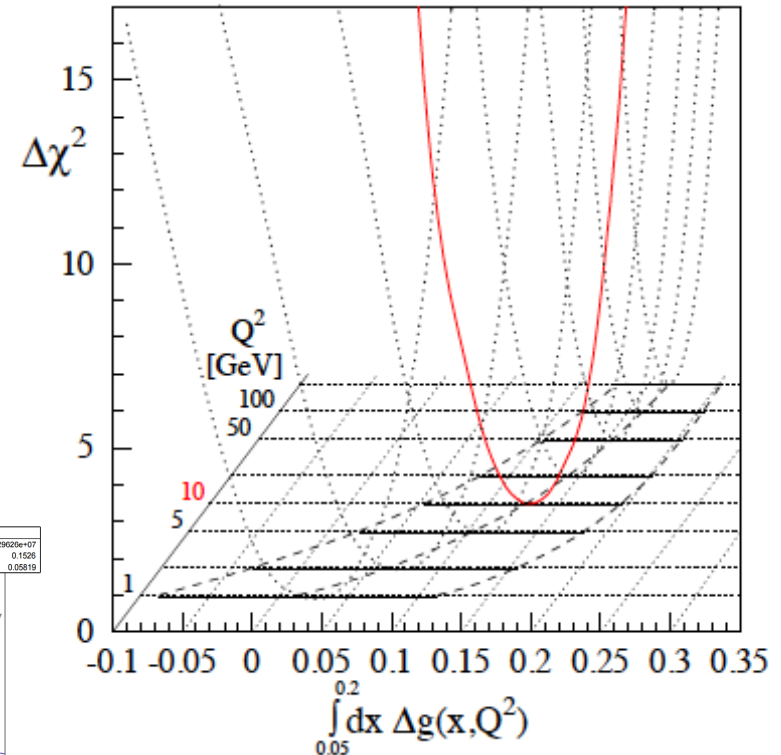


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$$\int_{0.05}^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx = 0.2^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$$

@  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$

PRL 113, 012001 (2014), DSSV





# More Recent Results from RHIC

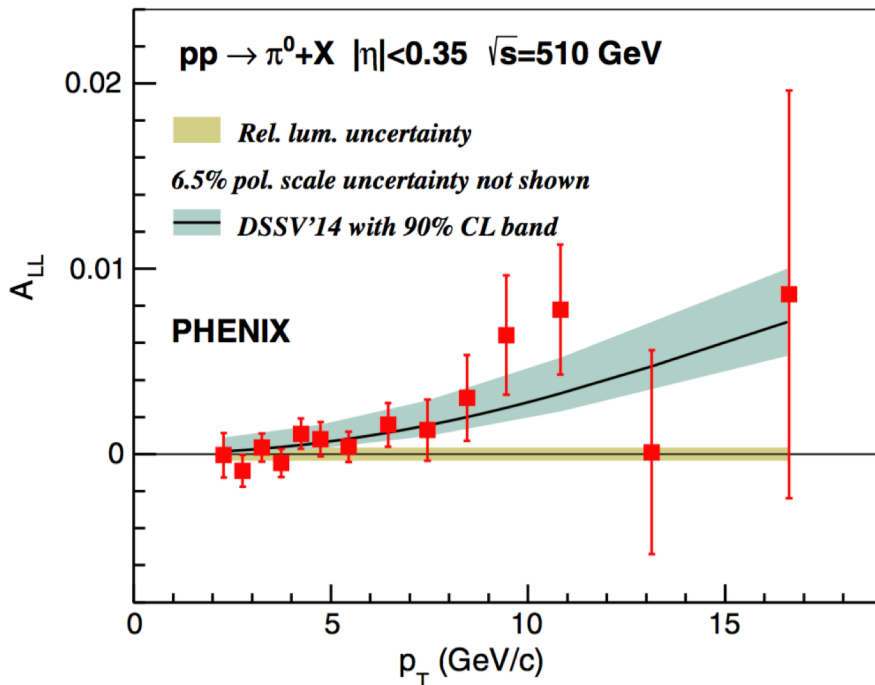
“RHIC Cold QCD Plan for 2017-2023”, arXiv:1602.03922

Year	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Recorded Luminosity for longitudinally / transverse polarized p+p STAR	Recorded Luminosity for longitudinally / transverse polarized p+p PHENIX	$\langle P \rangle$ in %
2006	62.4	-- pb <sup>-1</sup> / 0.2 pb <sup>-1</sup>	0.08 pb <sup>-1</sup> / 0.02 pb <sup>-1</sup>	48
	200	6.8 pb <sup>-1</sup> / 8.5 pb <sup>-1</sup>	7.5 pb <sup>-1</sup> / 2.7 pb <sup>-1</sup>	57
2008	200	-- pb <sup>-1</sup> / 7.8 pb <sup>-1</sup>	-- pb <sup>-1</sup> / 5.2 pb <sup>-1</sup>	45
2009	200	25 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	16 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	55
	500	10 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	14 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	39
2011	500	12 pb <sup>-1</sup> / 25 pb <sup>-1</sup>	18 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	48
2012	200	-- pb <sup>-1</sup> / 22 pb <sup>-1</sup>	-- pb <sup>-1</sup> / 9.7 pb <sup>-1</sup>	61/56
	510	82 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	32 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	50/53
2013	510	300 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	155 pb <sup>-1</sup> / -- pb <sup>-1</sup>	51/52
2015	200	52 pb <sup>-1</sup> / 52 pb <sup>-1</sup>	-- pb <sup>-1</sup> / 60 pb <sup>-1</sup>	53/57

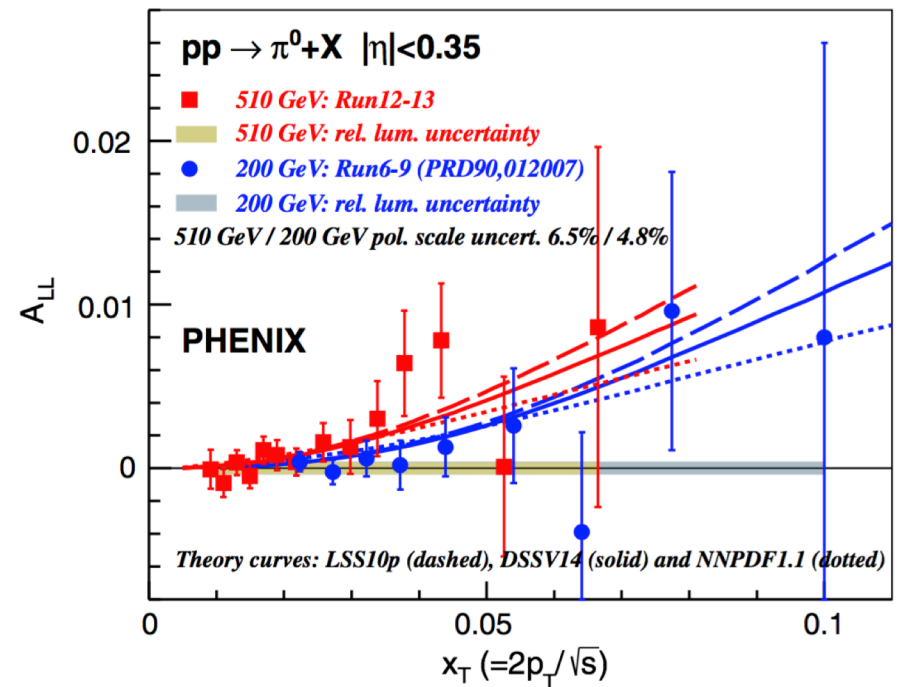
# PHENIX: $\pi^0 A_{LL}$ at central rapidity ( $|\eta| < 0.35$ )

- Access gluon at moderate  $x \sim 0.01 - 0.2$

PRD 93, 011501 (2016)



ALL vs  $x_T$  for pp 200GeV and 510GeV



# PHENIX $h^{+/-}$ and HF $e^{+/-}$ $A_{LL}$

- Sensitive to polarized u and d quark as well as gluon distributions through charge sign

- Statistically limited due to lack of effective triggers

$$u + g \rightarrow h^+ + X$$

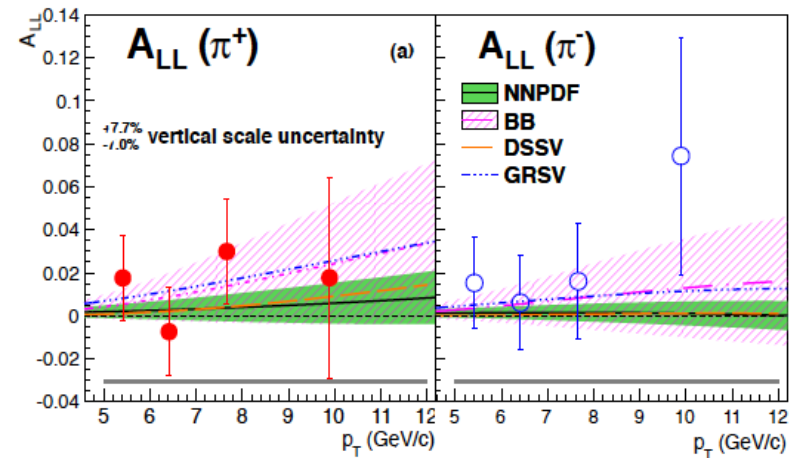
$$d + g \rightarrow h^- + X$$

- Use HF decay electrons to probe gluon polarization

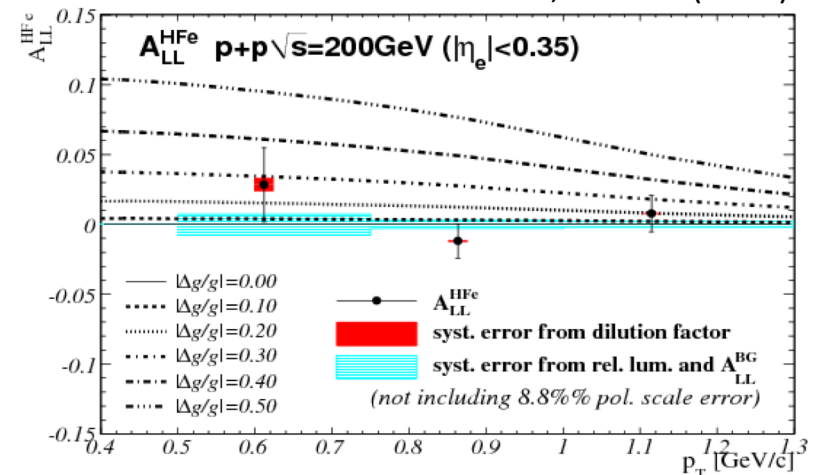
- Statistically limited

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \hat{\alpha}^{gg \rightarrow D \rightarrow e} \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \frac{\Delta g(x_2)}{g(x_2)}$$

PRD 91, 032001 (2015)



PRD 87, 012011 (2013)



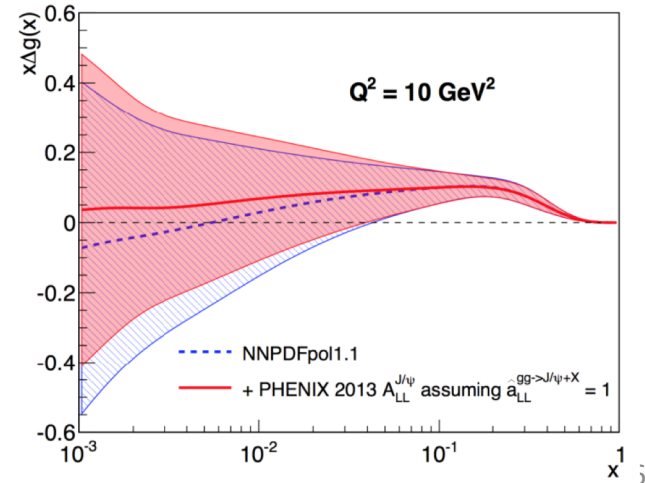
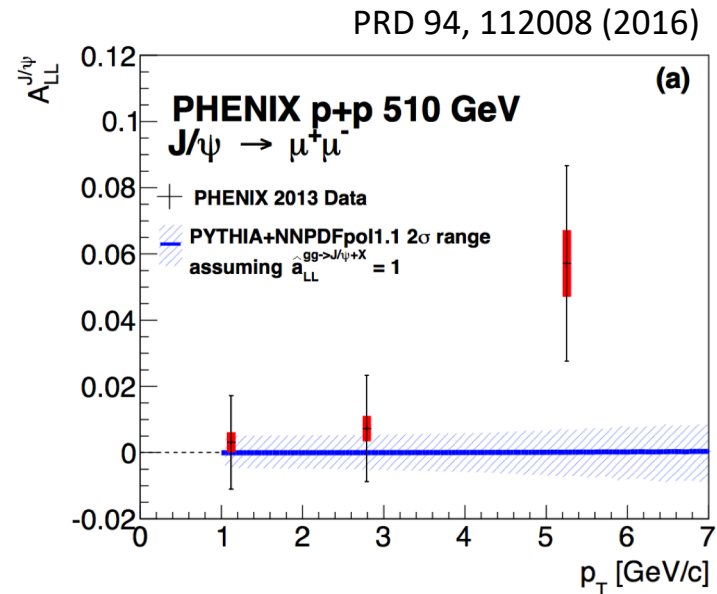
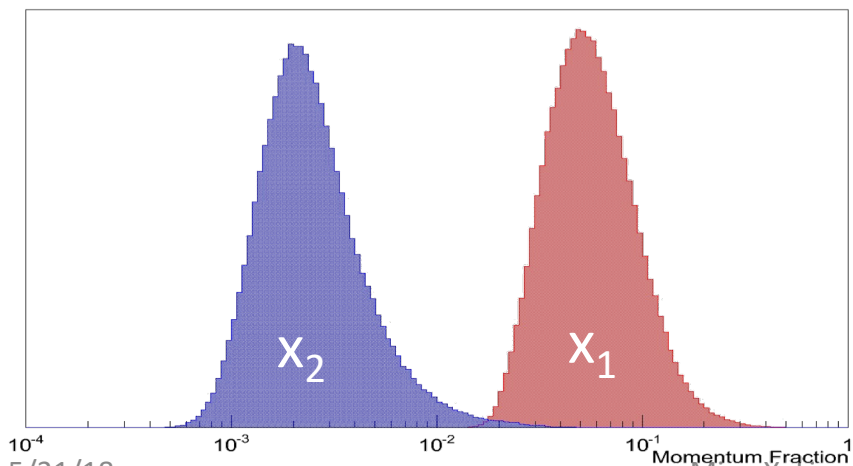
# PHENIX: $J/\psi$ $A_{LL}$ at Forward Rapidity

- Access gluons in small-x region,  $x_2 < 0.01$
- At RHIC energies  $J/\psi$  production is dominated by gluon-gluon fusion.
  - Statistically limited

$A_{LL}$  for  $J/\psi$  at LO:

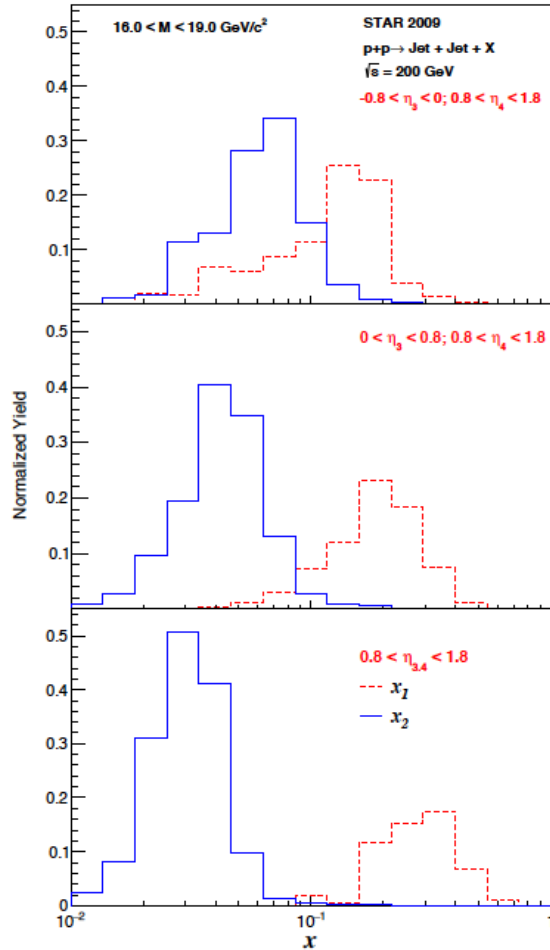
$$A_{LL} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \hat{a}^{gg \rightarrow J/\psi} \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \frac{\Delta g(x_2)}{g(x_2)}$$

$gg \rightarrow J/\psi + X \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X$

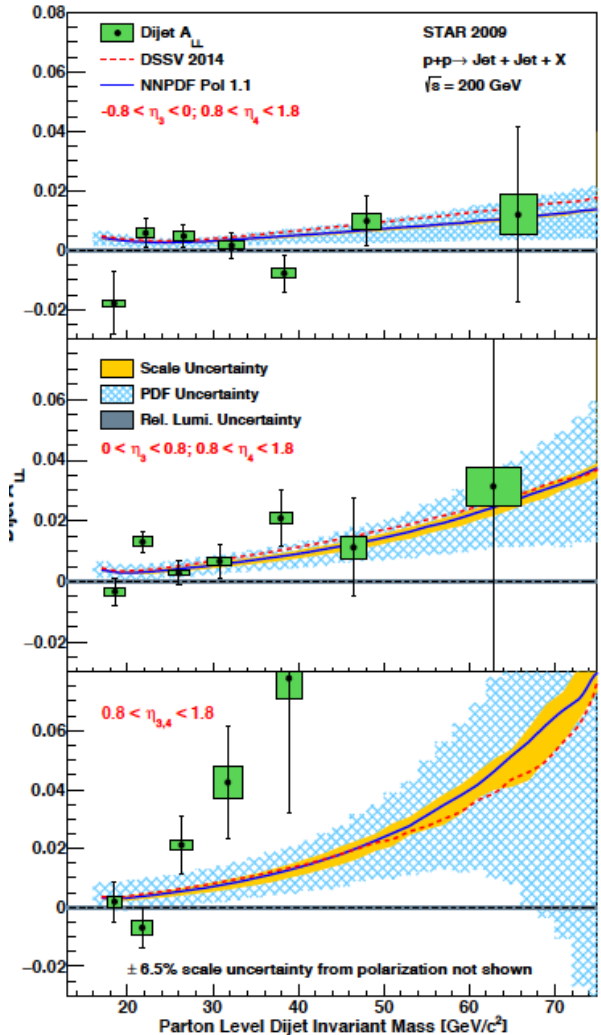
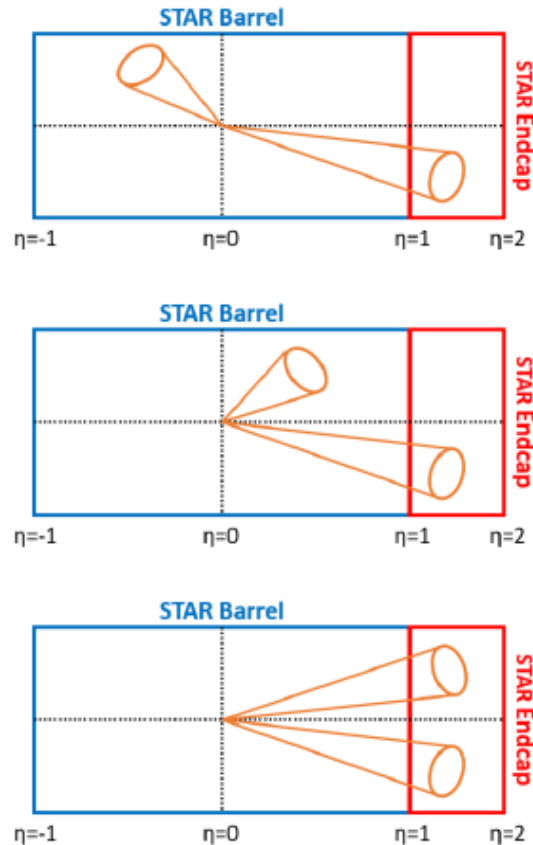


# STAR: Di-Jet $A_{LL}$ , pp 200GeV

arXiv:1805.09742



Probed parton x<sub>1</sub> and x<sub>2</sub> distributions

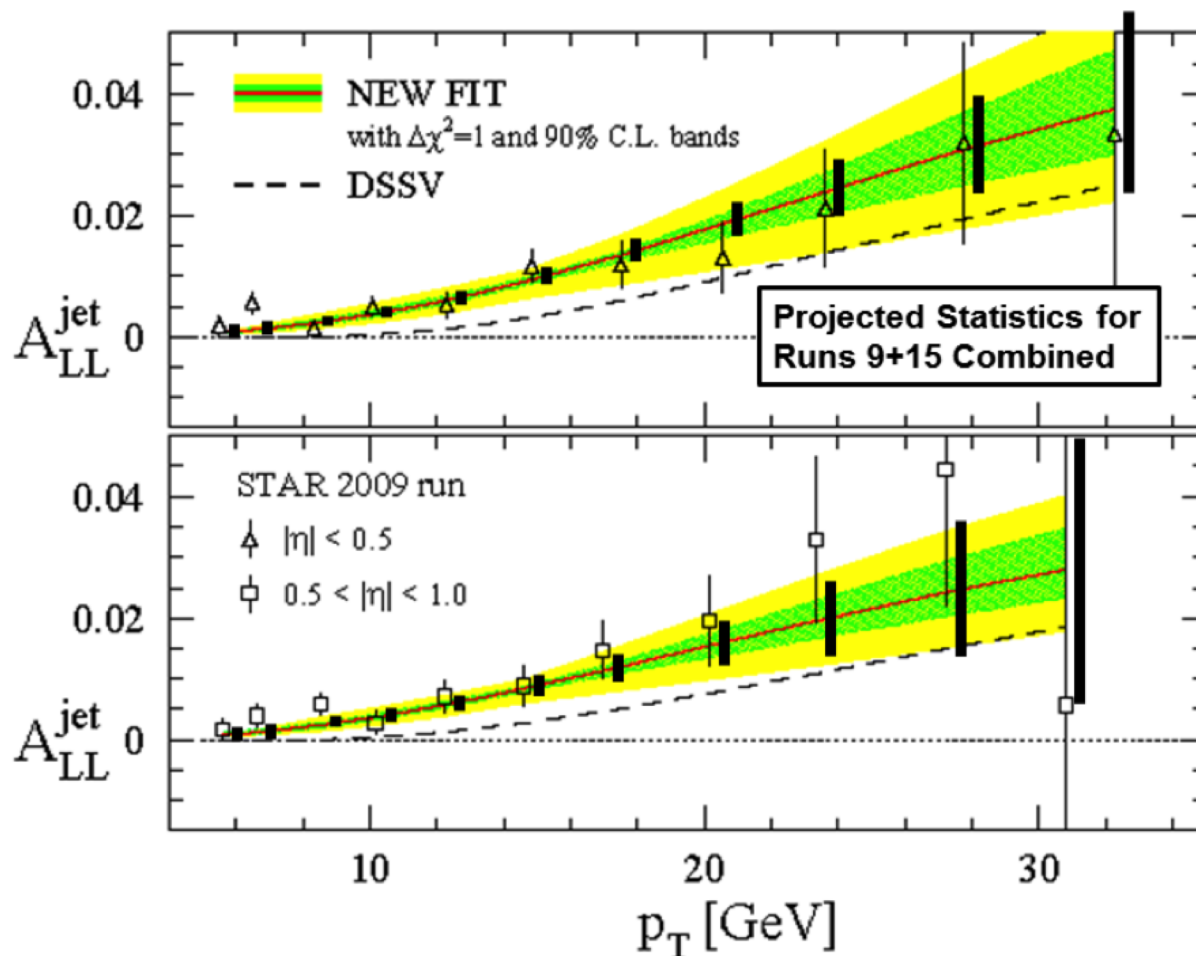


di-jet mass

# In Progress: 200 GeV Inclusive Jet $A_{LL}$

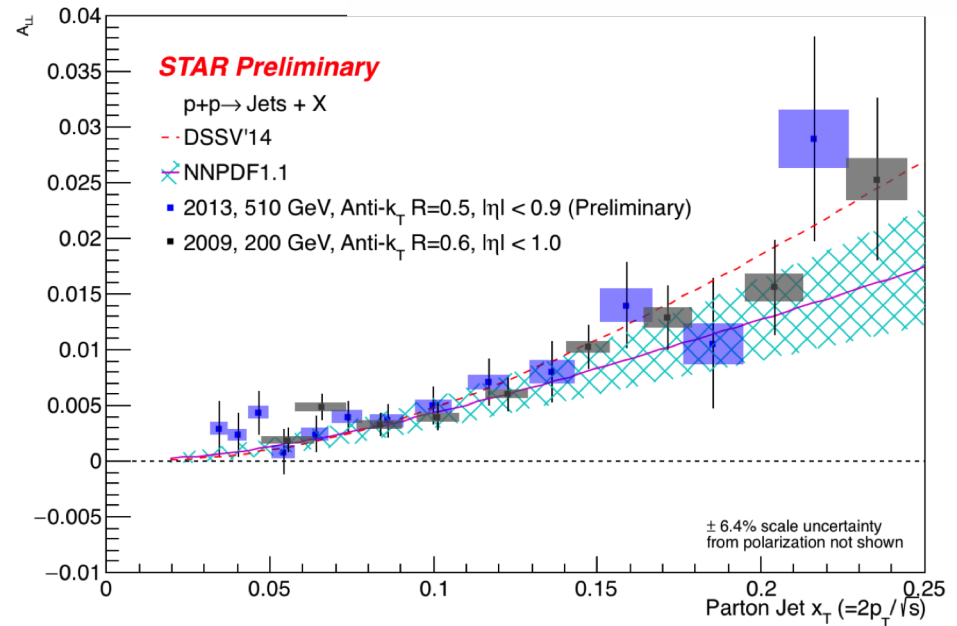
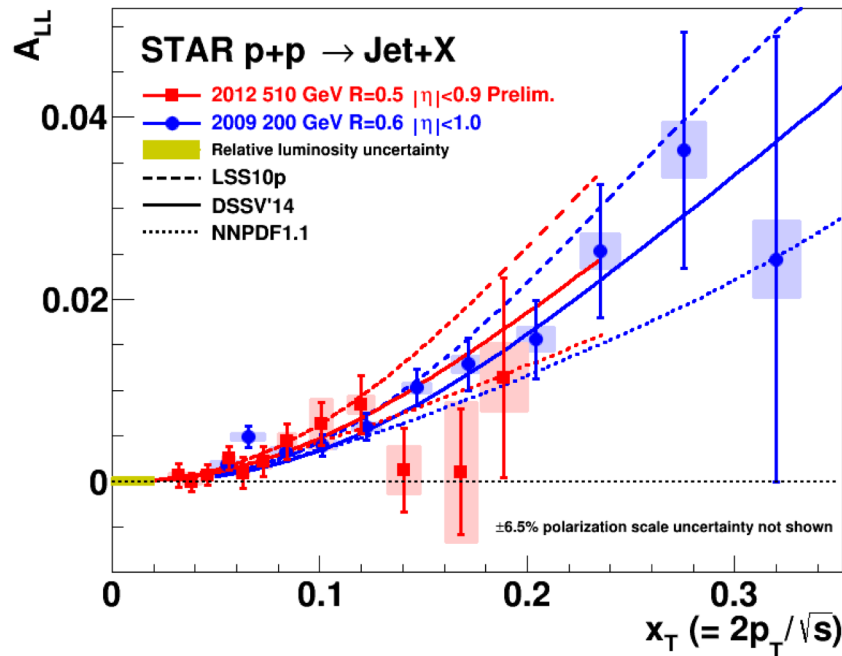
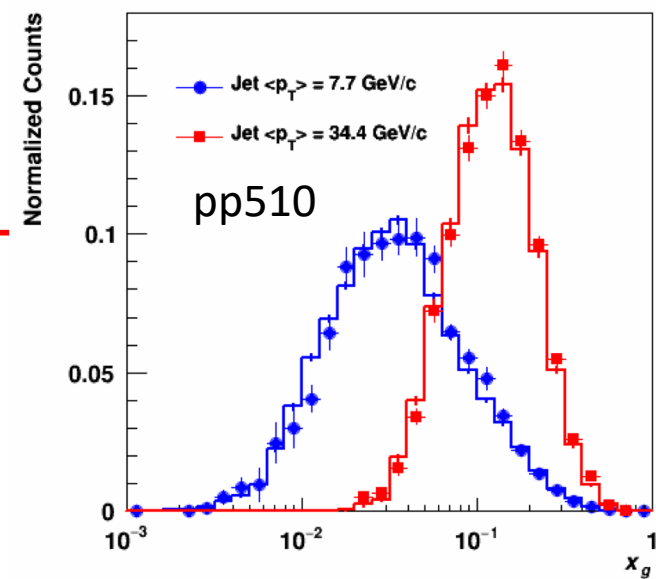
Projected combined Jet  $A_{LL}$  from STAR: run2009 + 2015

- Expect 2x improvement over 2009 results



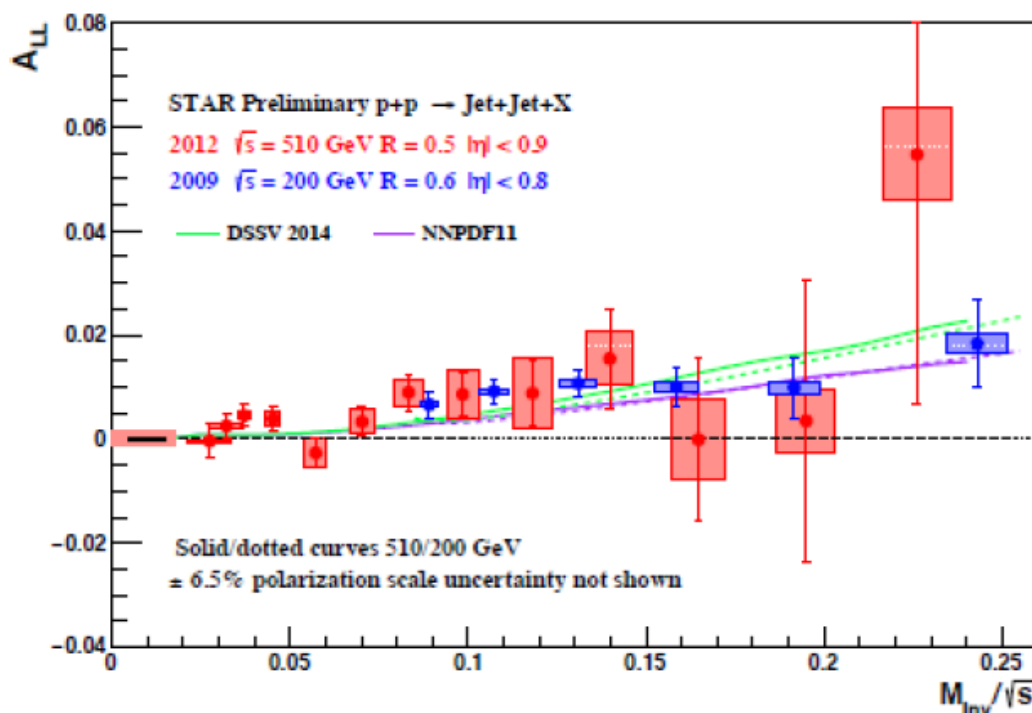
# STAR: 510 GeV pp Jet $A_{LL}$

- Preliminary 2012/2013 pp510  $A_{LL}$  results
  - Access smaller  $x_g$  than pp200
  - Agree with recent pol PDF predictions
  - Consistent with published pp200 data

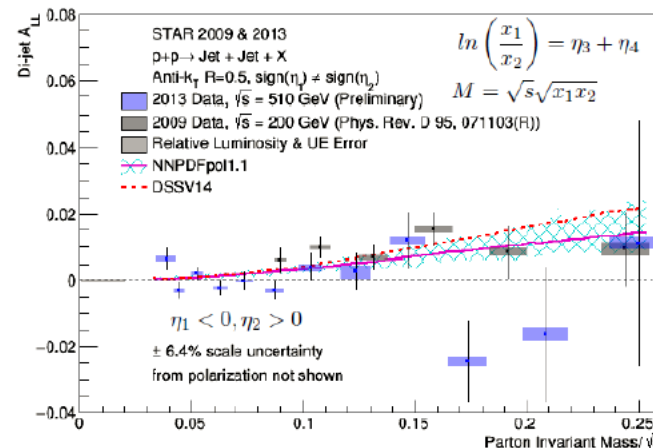
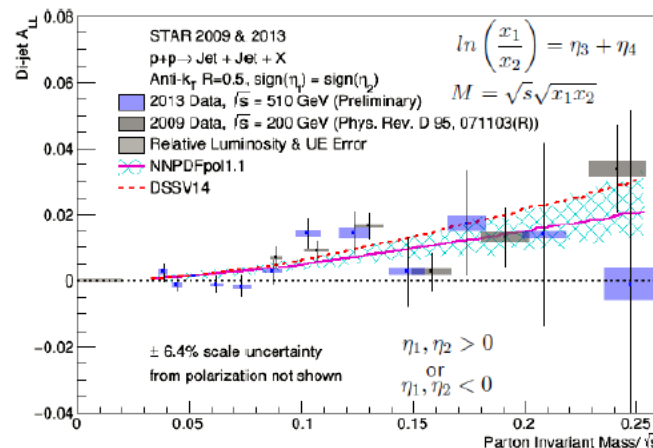


# STAR: pp510 Di-jet $A_{LL}$

Run12 pp510 di-jet  $A_{LL}$  measured  $|\eta| < 0.9$   
- consistent with STAR pp200GeV results



Run13 pp510 di-jet  $A_{LL}$

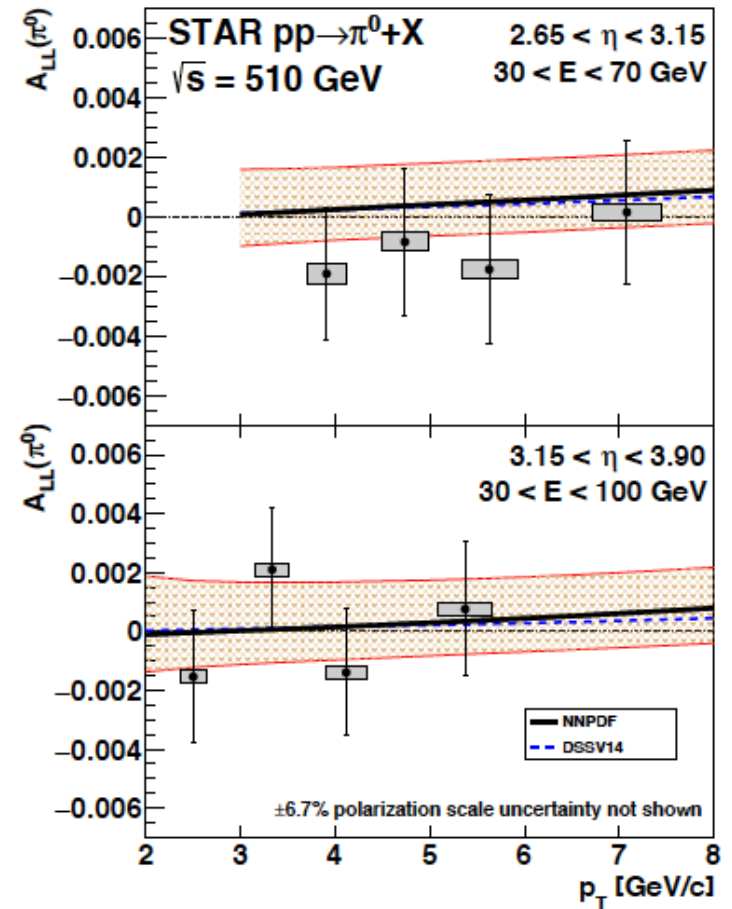
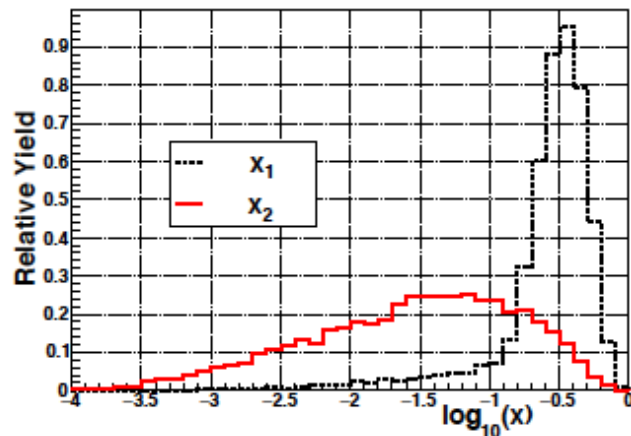
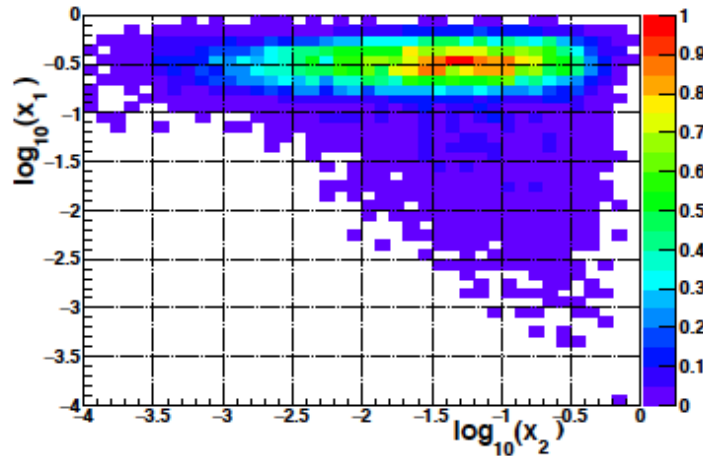




# STAR: Forward $\pi^0$ ALL in pp 510GeV

## access small-x gluons

arXiv:1805.09745



# Projected Impact of RHIC data on Gluon Polarization

- Favors positive gluon polarization

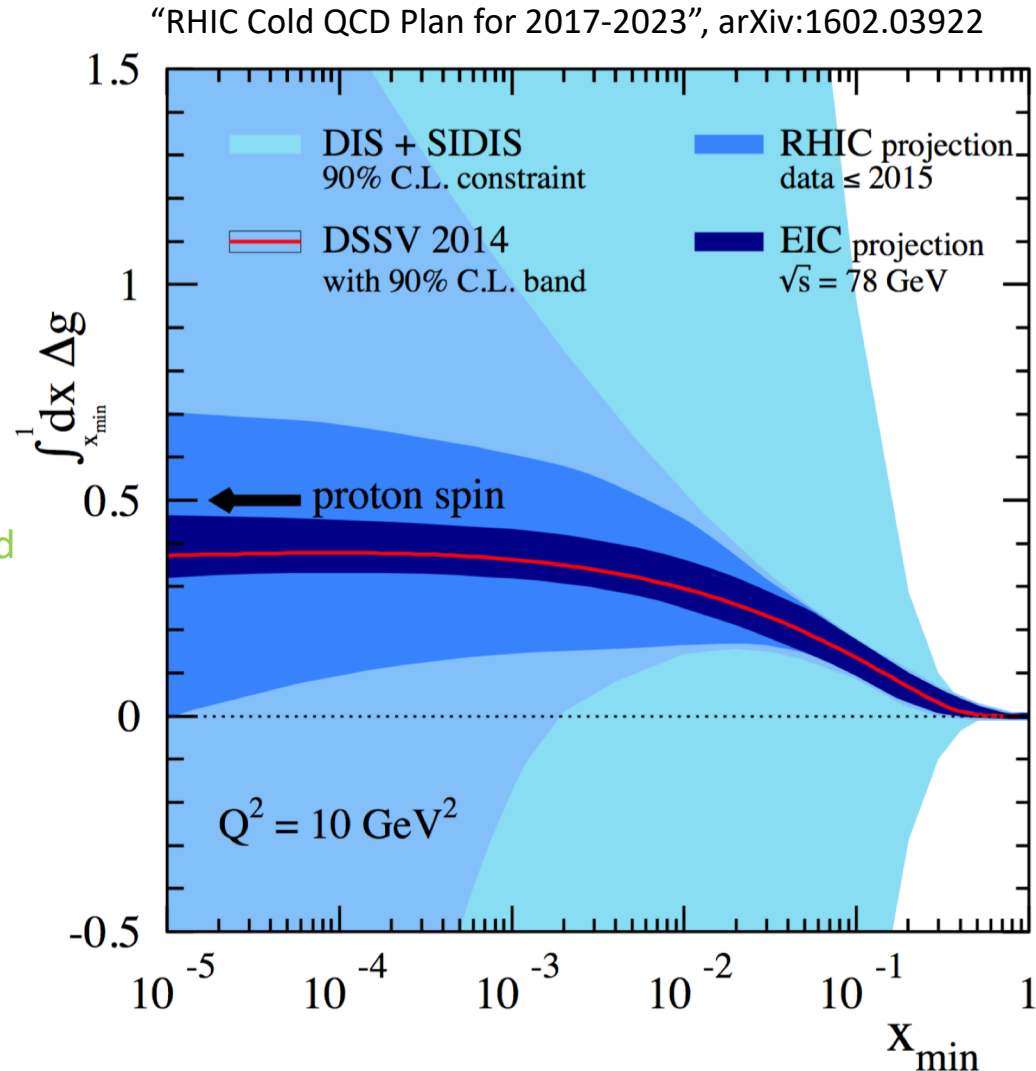
– PHENIX/STAR data:

- 62GeV  $\pi^0 A_{LL}$
- 200GeV  $\pi^0 A_{LL}$
- 510GeV  $\pi^0 A_{LL}$
- 200/510GeV (di)jets  $A_{LL}$

Statistically limited but could be improved in the future high luminosity program:

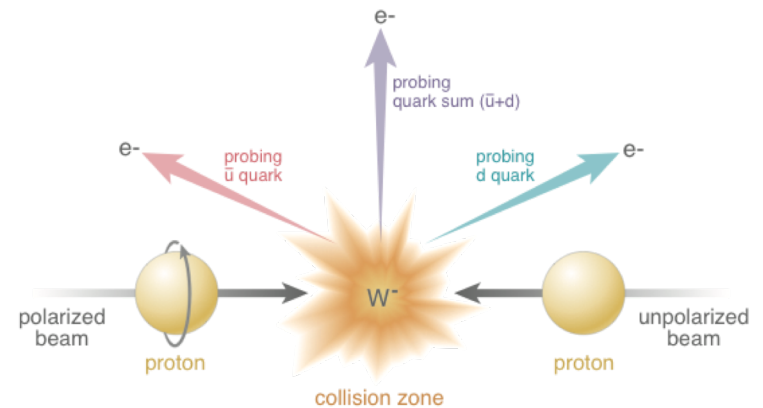
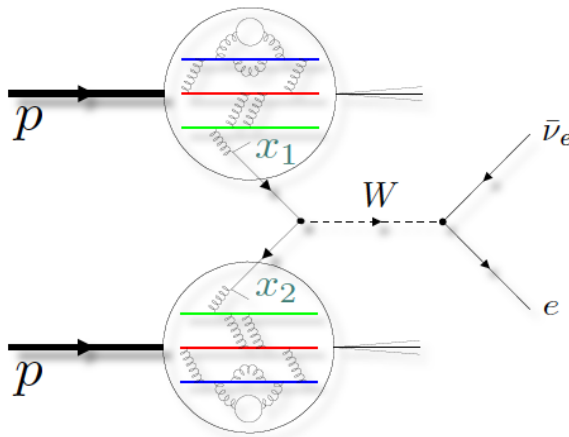
- 200/510GeV charged hadron  $A_{LL}$
- 200/510GeV HF  $A_{LL}$
- 200/510GeV  $J/\psi A_{LL}$

- EIC future, 2025+



# Electroweak Probe for Sea Quarks at High Energy at RHIC

$$q(x_1) + \bar{q}'(x_2) \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm + \nu(\bar{\nu})$$



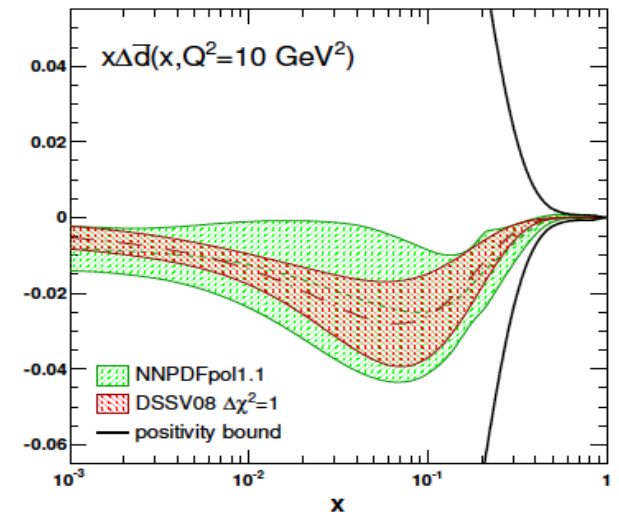
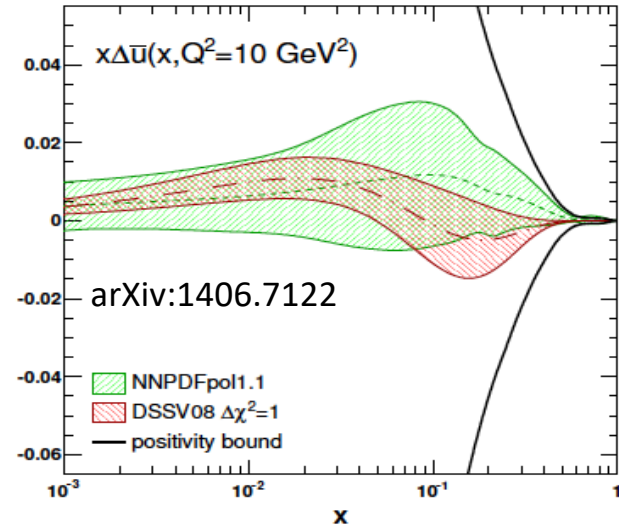
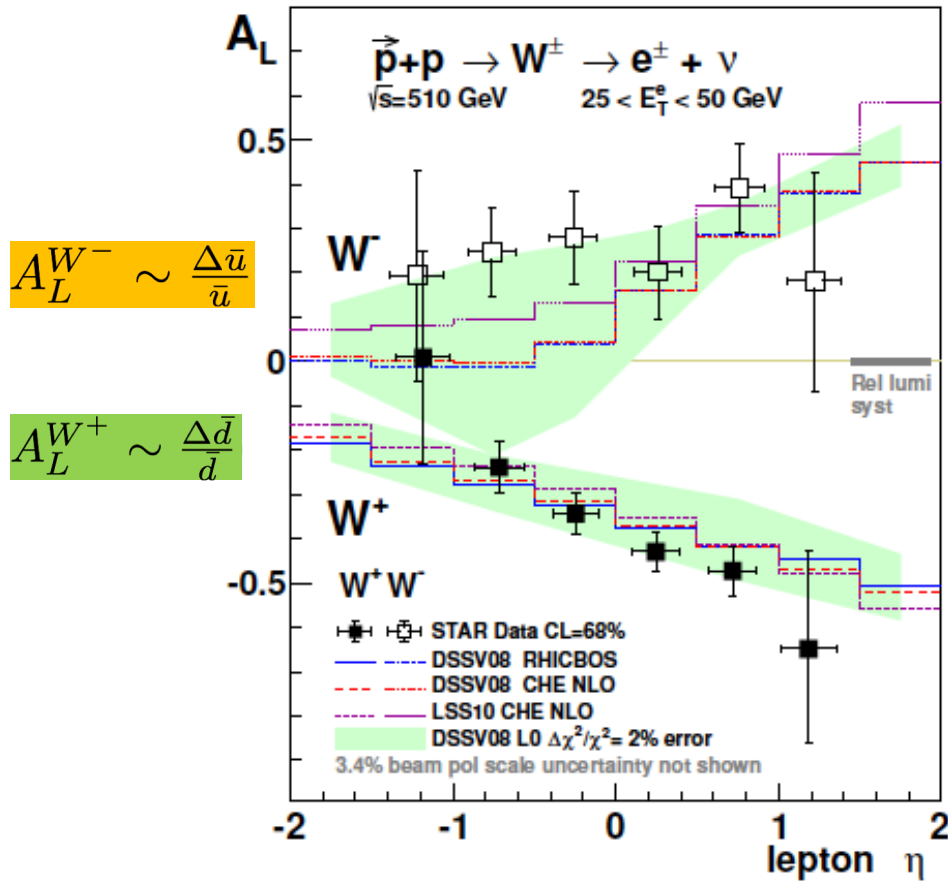
$$A_L^{W^+} \approx \frac{-\Delta u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2 + \Delta \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2}{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2 + \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$A_L^{W^-} \approx \frac{-\Delta d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2 + \Delta \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2 + \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2}$$

# First Direct Measurements of Flavor Identified Sea Quark Polarization

RHIC has unique access to flavor identified sea-quarks via real  $W^{+/-}$

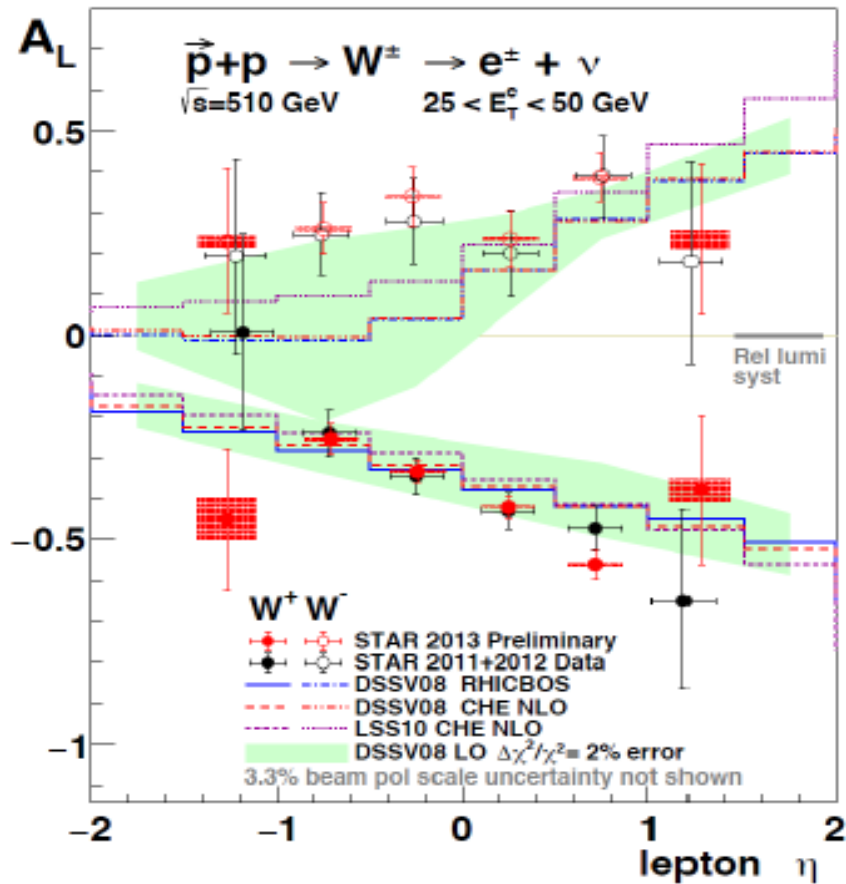
STAR: PRL 113, 072301 (2014)



# Latest $W^{+/-}$ $A_L$ from STAR and PHENIX

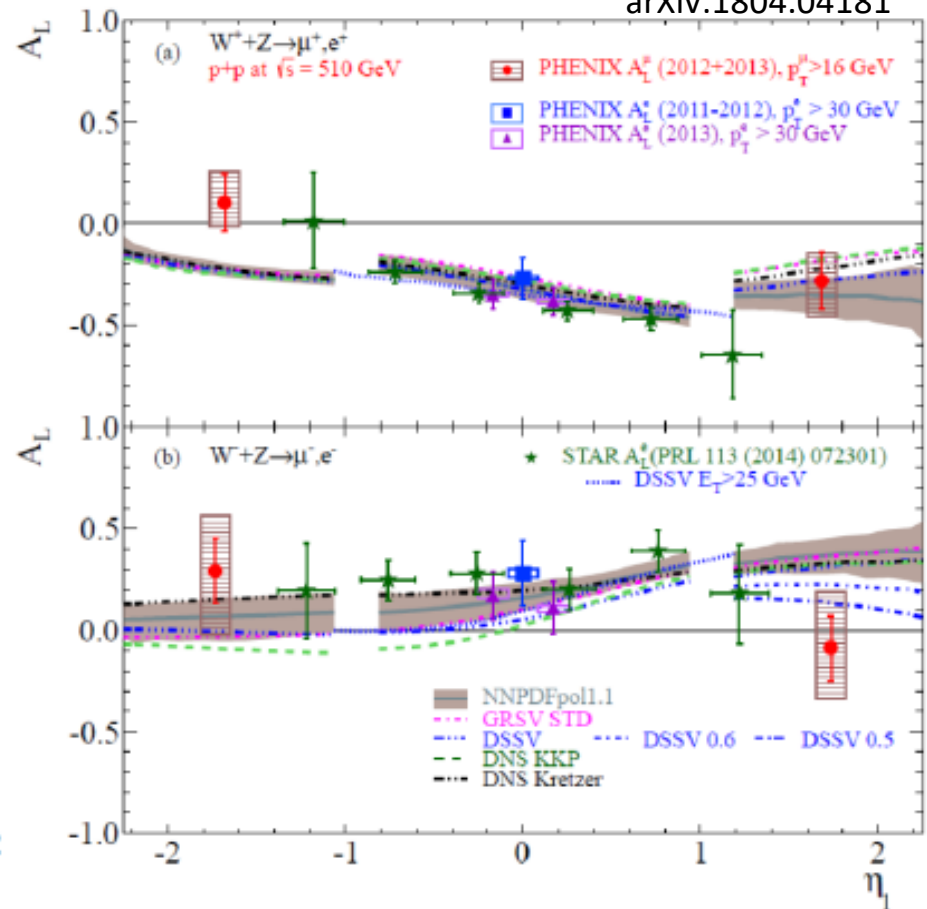
$$p + p \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm$$

arXiv:1702.05077



$$p + p \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm (e^\pm)$$

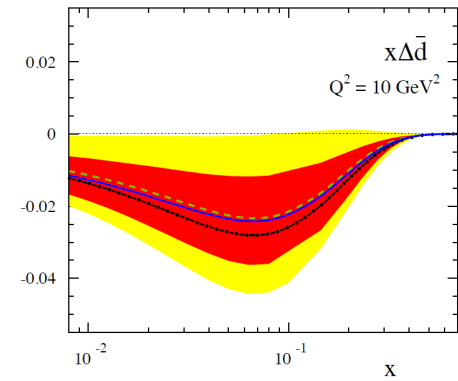
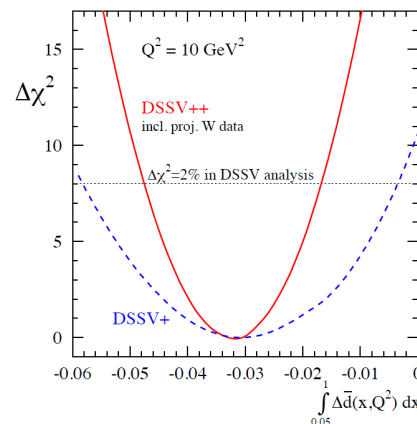
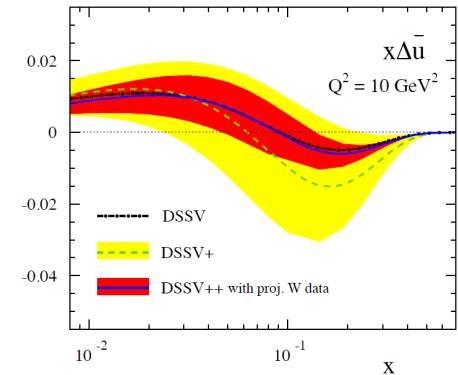
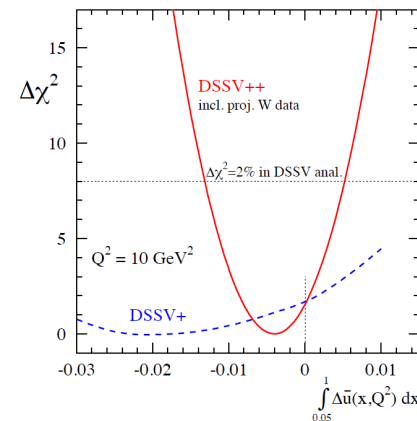
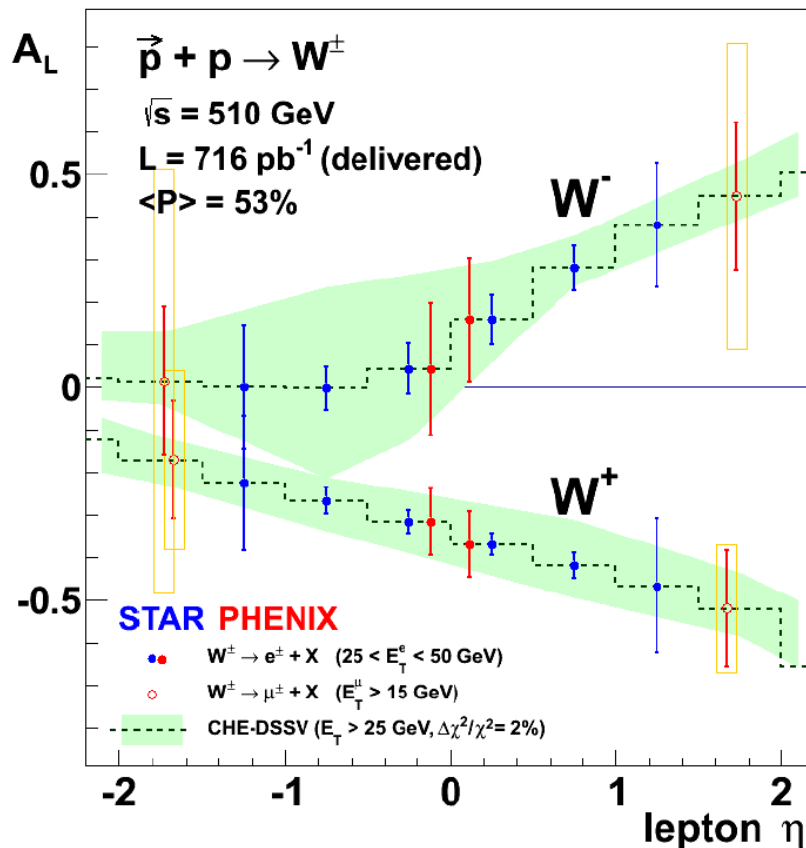
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# Projected RHIC $W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm$ data Impact on Sea Quark Polarization Determination

- Expect significant improvement of flavor identified sea quark distributions

The RHIC Spin Program, arXiv: 1501.01220

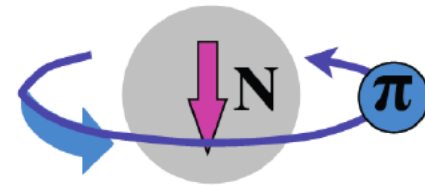


# Unpolarized Sea Quark Distributions

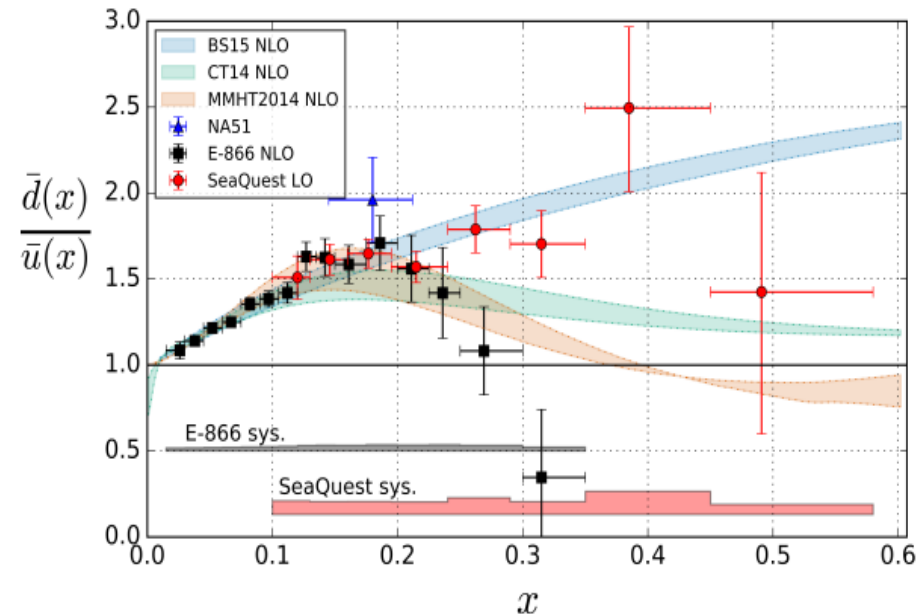
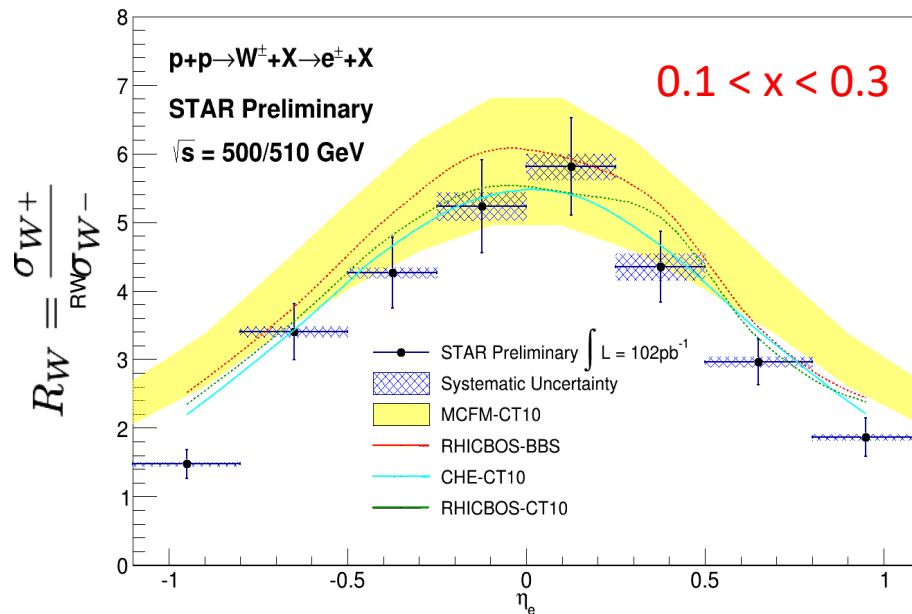
$$R(x_F) \equiv \frac{\sigma_{W^+}}{\sigma_{W^-}} =$$

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Sea quark flavor asymmetry and  
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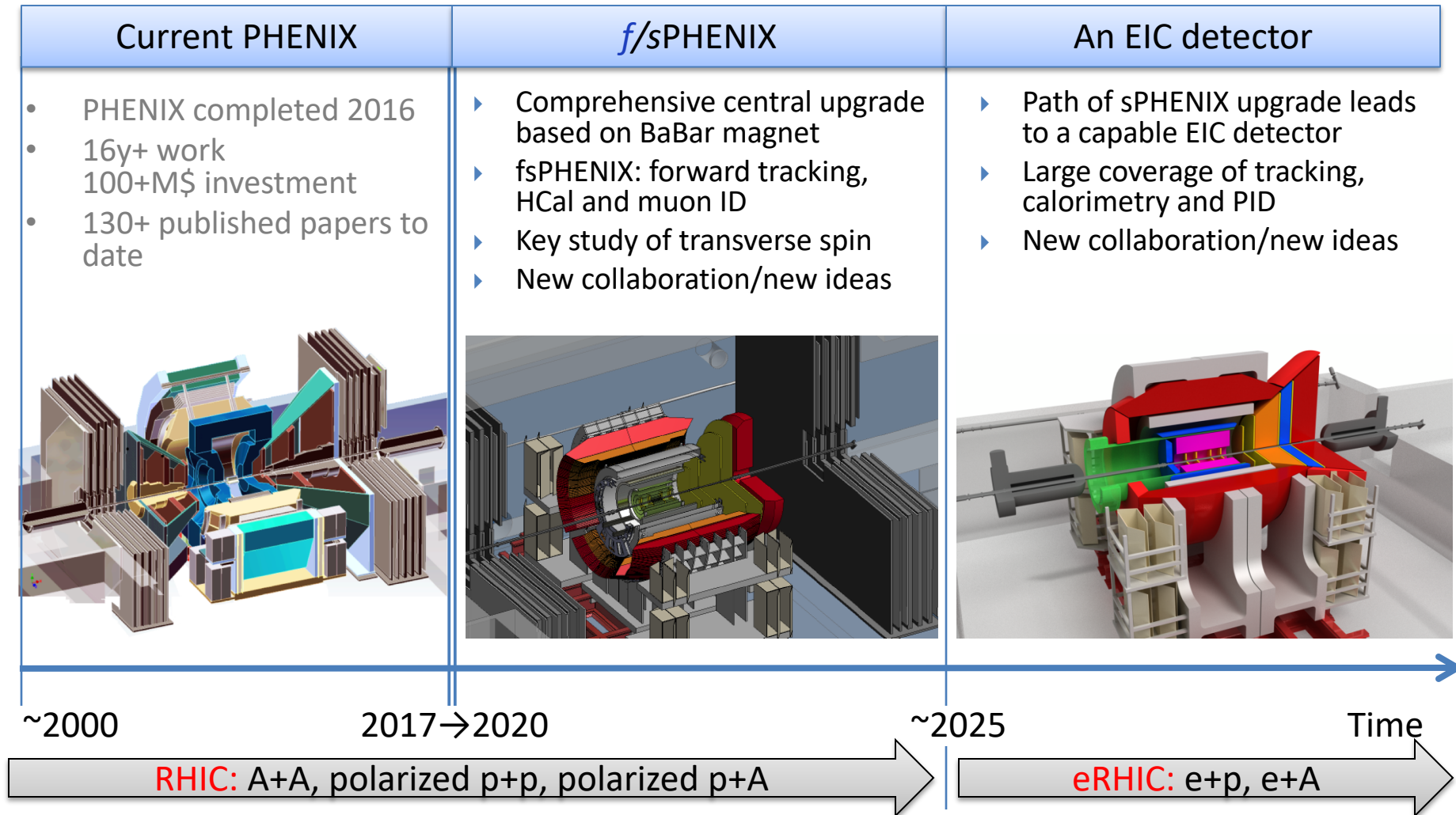


SeaQuest/E906 @Fermilab





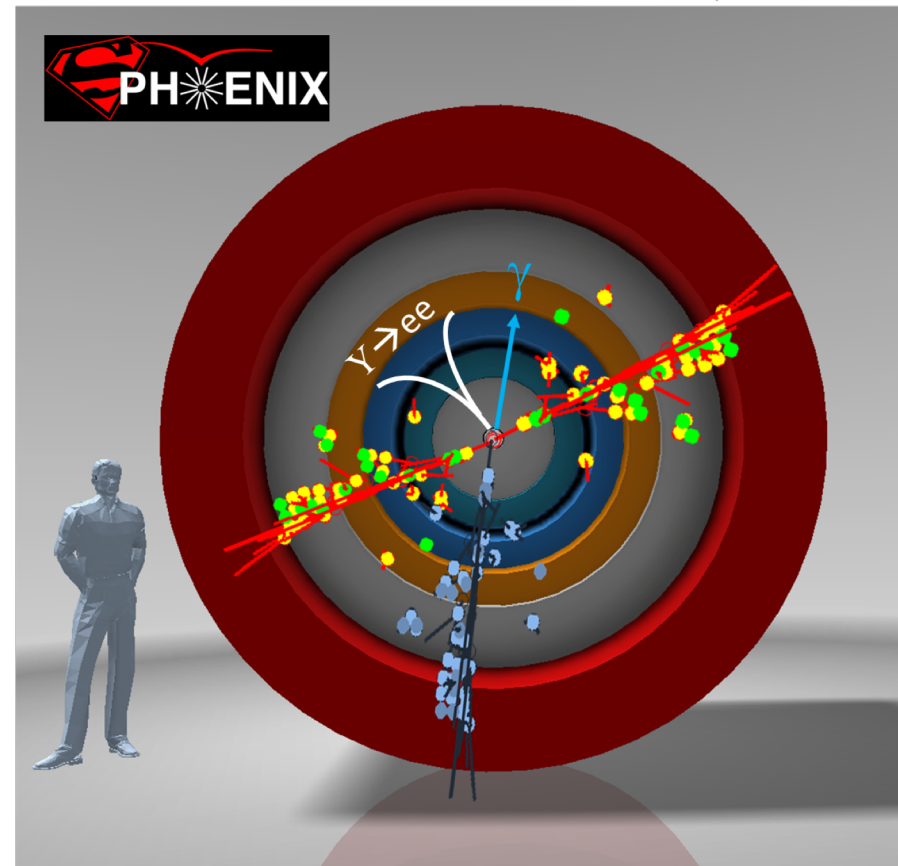
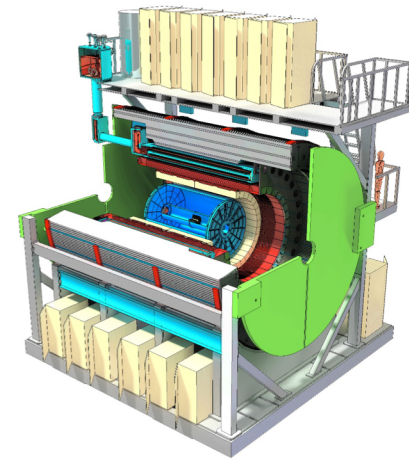
# Future: PHENIX -> sPHENIX -> EIC@RHIC





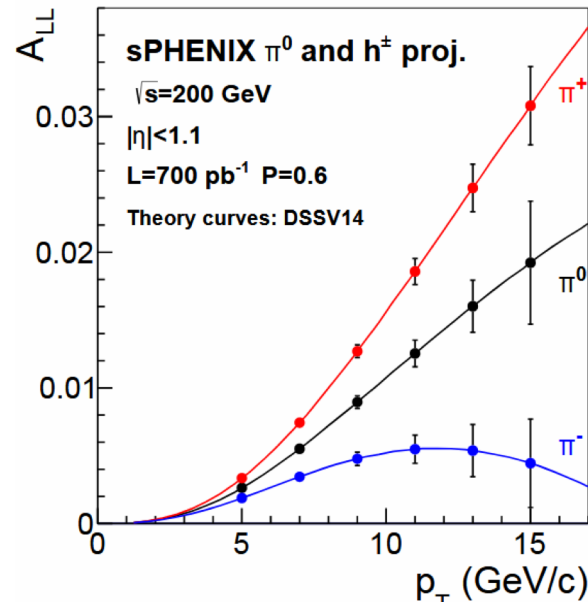
# sPHENIX at RHIC

- Large acceptance, high rate next generation experiment at RHIC
  - QGP and Cold QCD physics with,
    - Jets
    - Heavy quarkonia
    - Open heavy flavor
  - Study p+p, p+A and Au+Au collisions at top energy 200GeV
    - Central barrel:  $|\eta| < 1$ ,  $2\pi$  coverage
      - EMCal & HCal
      - MVTX/INTT/TPC
    - Forward upgrade being developed
    - DAQ rate: 15kHz
- Project Status
  - Granted DOE CD-0, 10/2016
  - CD-1 reviewed, 5/2018
  - Construction: 2018-2022
  - Day-1 physics, ~1/2023

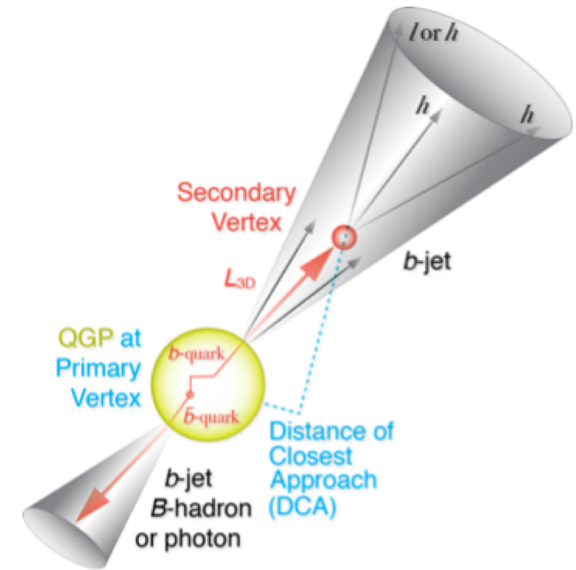


# RHIC Multi-Year Plan: sPHENIX 2023-2027+ (Cold QCD plan under development now)

- Jets, hadrons and heavy flavor and more



RHIC 2015 pp200  
Recorded lumi  $\sim 50$  pb $^{-1}$



Year	Species	Energy [GeV]	Phys. Wks	Rec. Lum.	Samp. Lum.	Samp. Lum. All-Z
Year-1	Au+Au	200	16.0	7 nb $^{-1}$	8.7 nb $^{-1}$	34 nb $^{-1}$
Year-2	p+p	200	11.5	—	48 pb $^{-1}$	267 pb $^{-1}$
Year-2	p+Au	200	11.5	—	0.33 pb $^{-1}$	1.46 pb $^{-1}$
Year-3	Au+Au	200	23.5	14 nb $^{-1}$	26 nb $^{-1}$	88 nb $^{-1}$
Year-4	p+p	200	23.5	—	149 pb $^{-1}$	783 pb $^{-1}$
Year-5	Au+Au	200	23.5	14 nb $^{-1}$	48 nb $^{-1}$	92 nb $^{-1}$

# Proposed STAR Forward Upgrade

## Access small-x Gluons

To install a Forward Calorimeter System (FCS) in early 2020s:

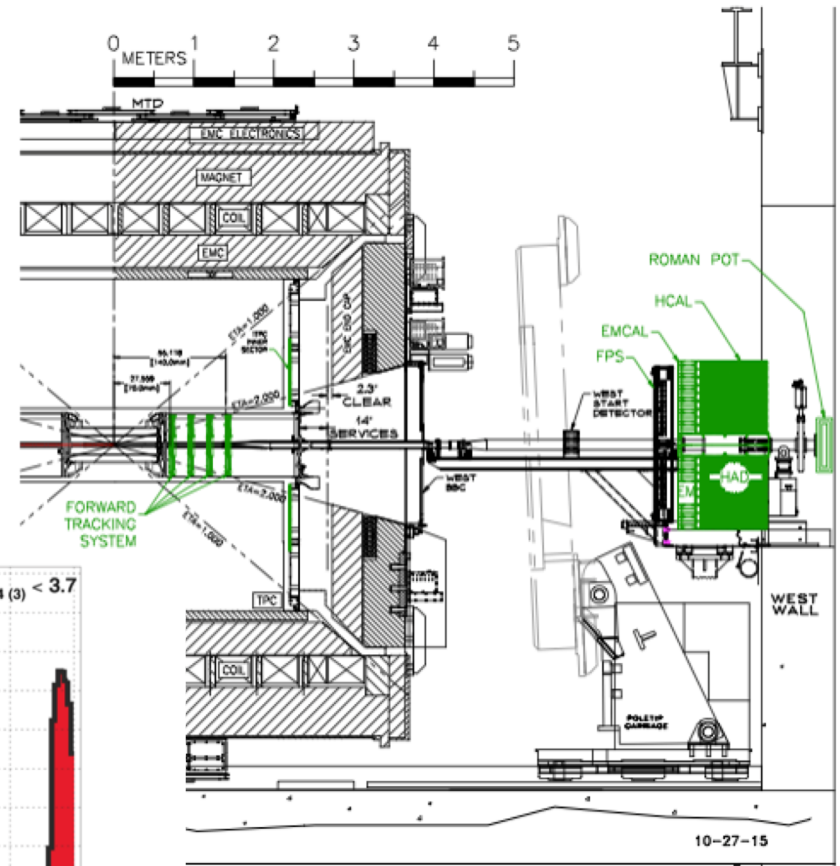
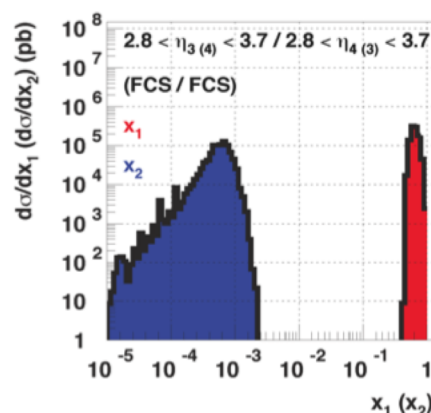
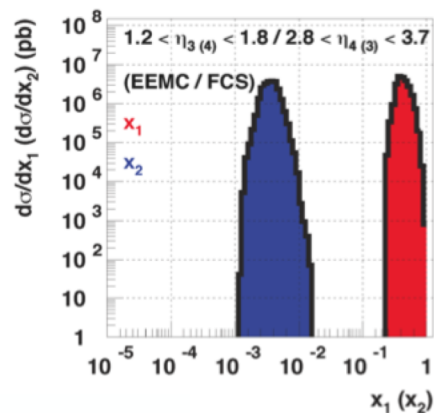
- EMCal
- Hcal
- Tracking, charge separation

	p+p / p+A
ECAL	$\approx 10\%/\sqrt{E}$
HCAL	$\approx 60\%/\sqrt{E}$

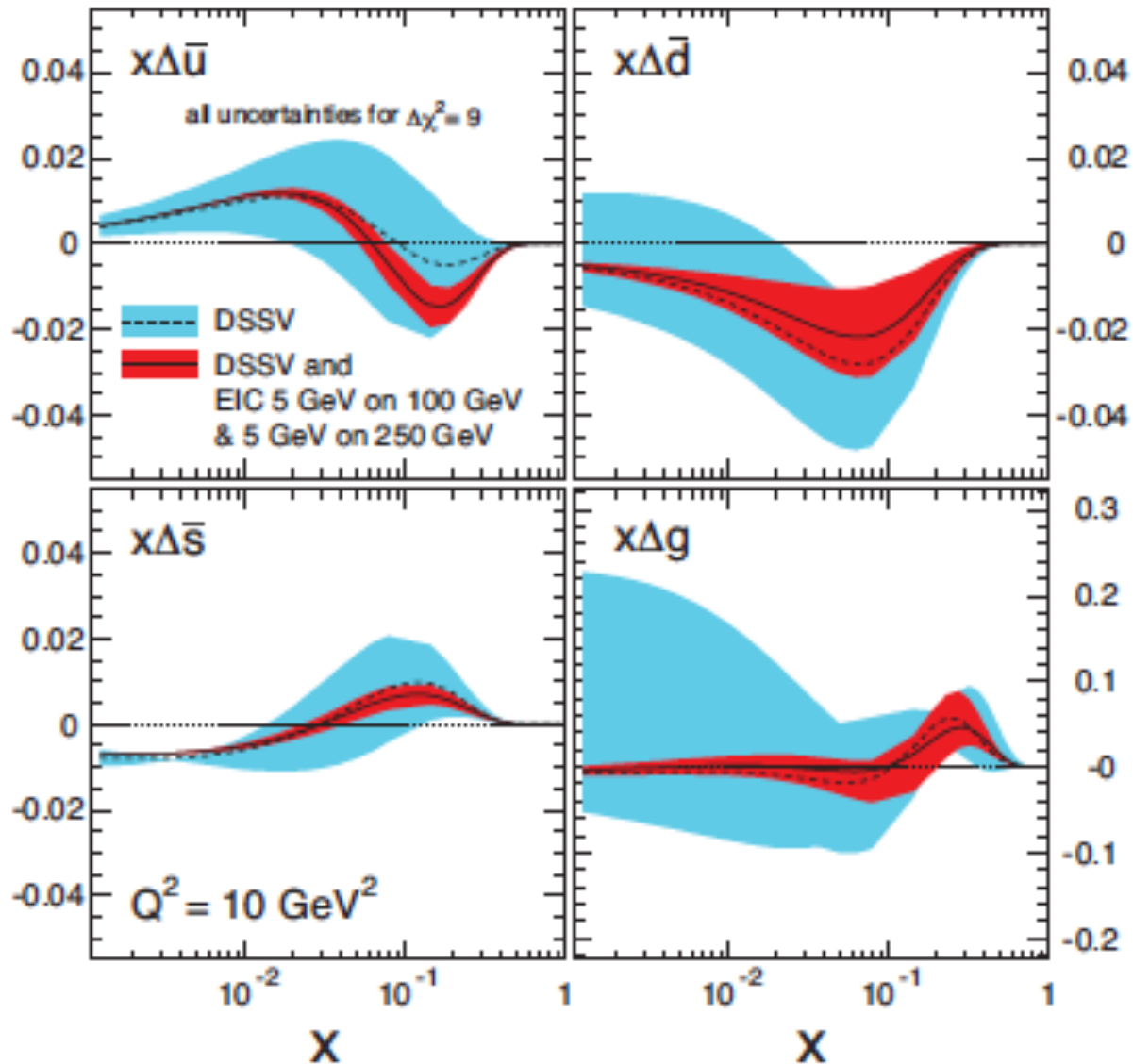
Di-jet in the forward region ( $2.8 < \eta < 3.7$ )

Access gluon polarization at low x:

- $X \sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$  (central + forward)
- $X \sim < 1 \times 10^{-3}$  (forward - forward)

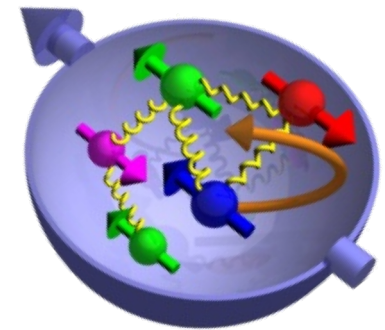
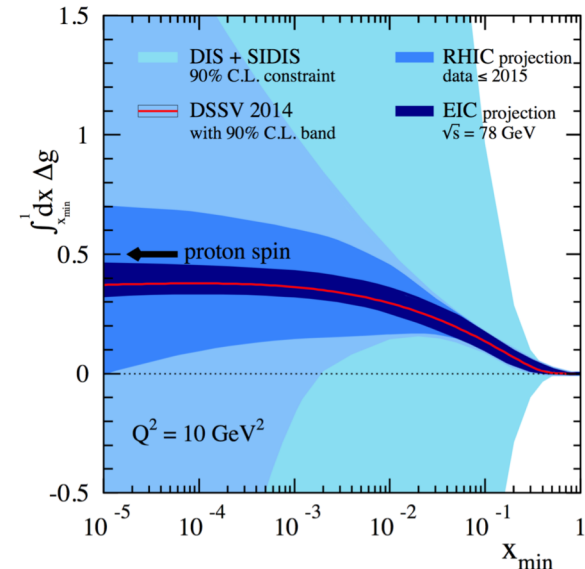


# EIC Future @RHIC



# Summary and Outlook

- First evidence of non-zero gluon polarization
  - PHENIX:  $\pi^0$   $A_{LL}$
  - STAR: 200/510 GeV inclusive jets and di-jet  $A_{LL}$
- First direct measurements of sea-quark polarization with  $W^{+/-}$ 
  - PHENIX:  $W \rightarrow e, \mu$
  - STAR:  $W \rightarrow e$
- Cold QCD plan being developed
  - Exciting long-term polarized pp/pA 2020+
    - sPHENIX
    - STAR/Forward upgrade proposal
- EIC future 2025+

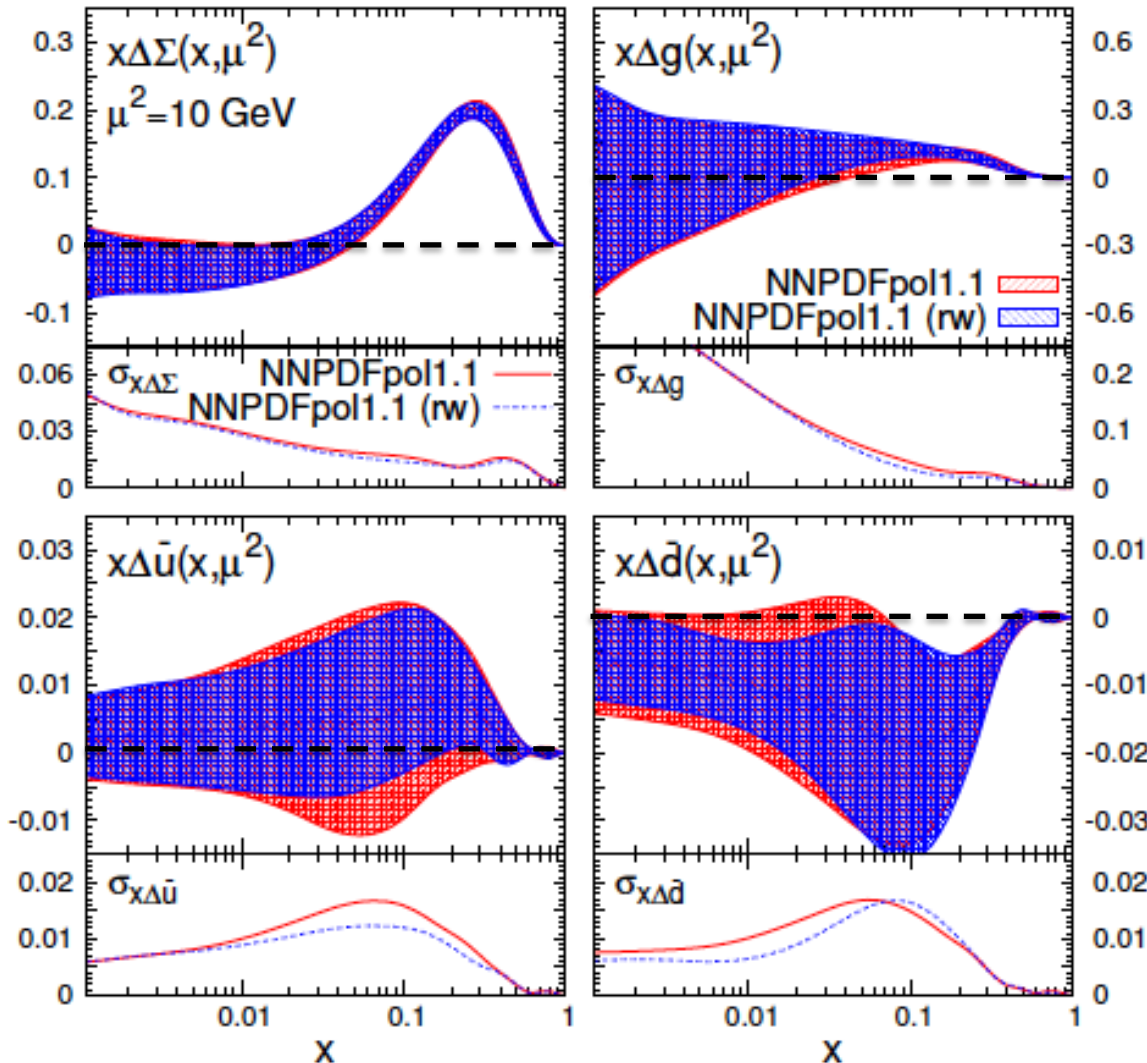


# Backup slides

# Latest Pol NNPDFPol Global Fit

arXiv:1702.05077

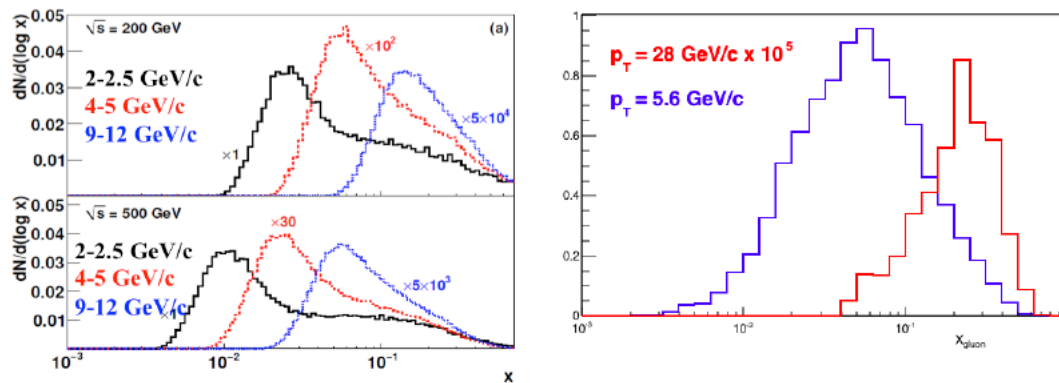
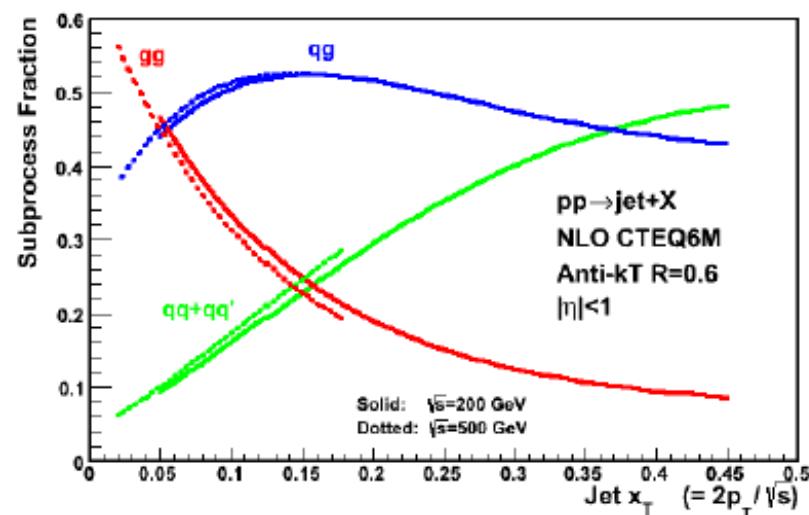
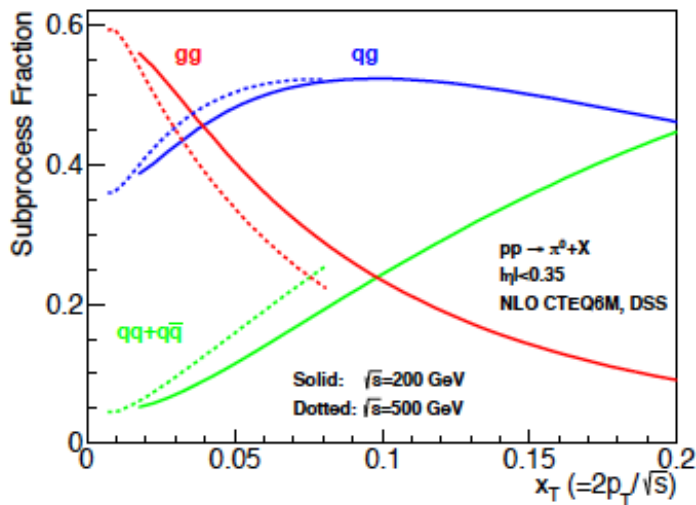
-SI/DIS data  
-RHIC data





# Relative contributions

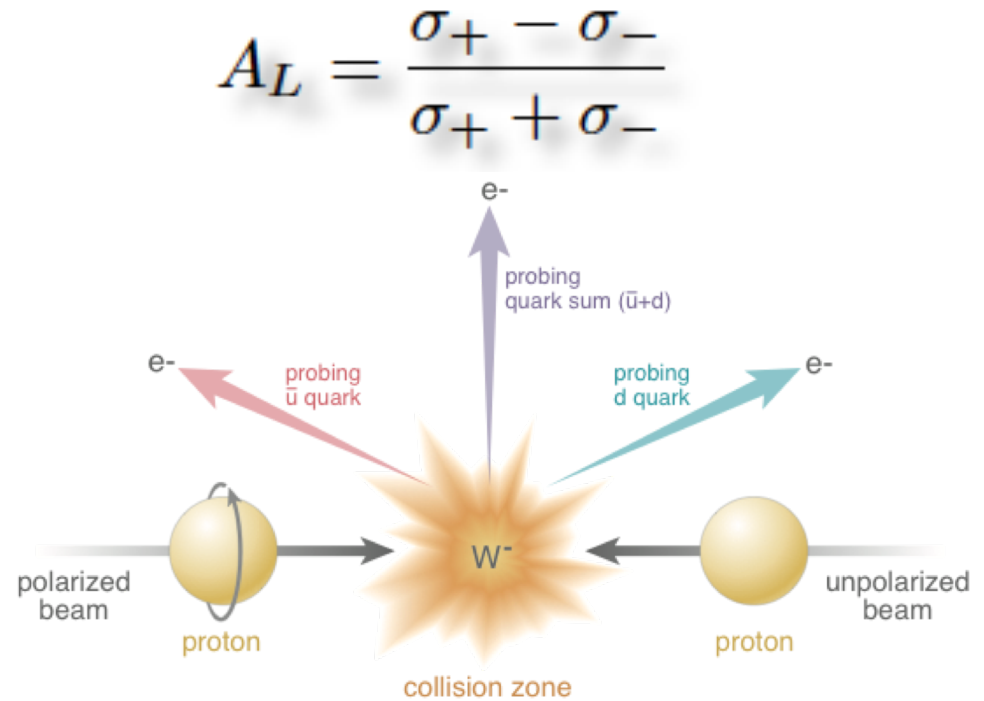
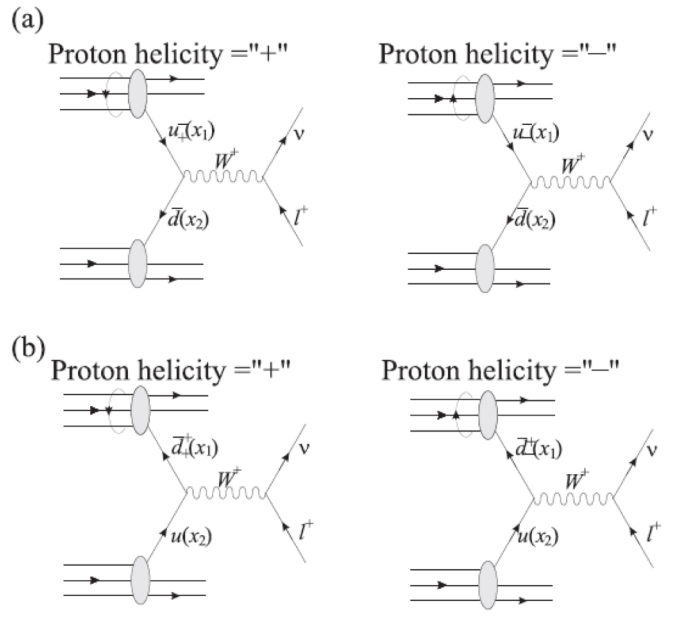
RHIC Spin Program, arXiv:1501.01220





# Access sea-quark with W<sup>+</sup>/<sub>-</sub>

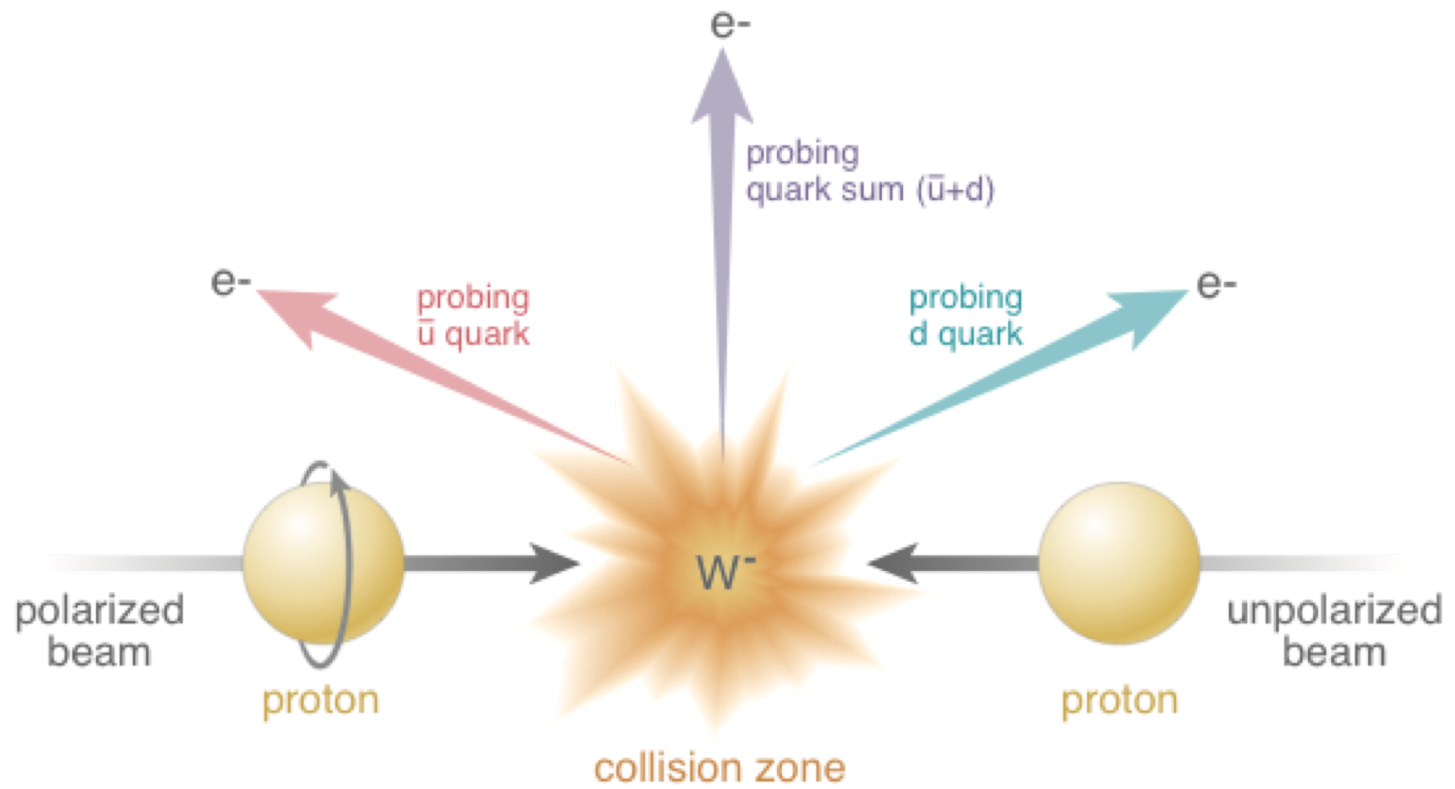
Bourrely & Soffer, NP B423 (1994) 329-348



$$A_L^{W^+} \approx \frac{-\Delta u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2 + \Delta \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2}{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2 + \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$A_L^{W^-} \approx \frac{-\Delta d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2 + \Delta \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1 + \cos \theta)^2 + \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1 - \cos \theta)^2}$$

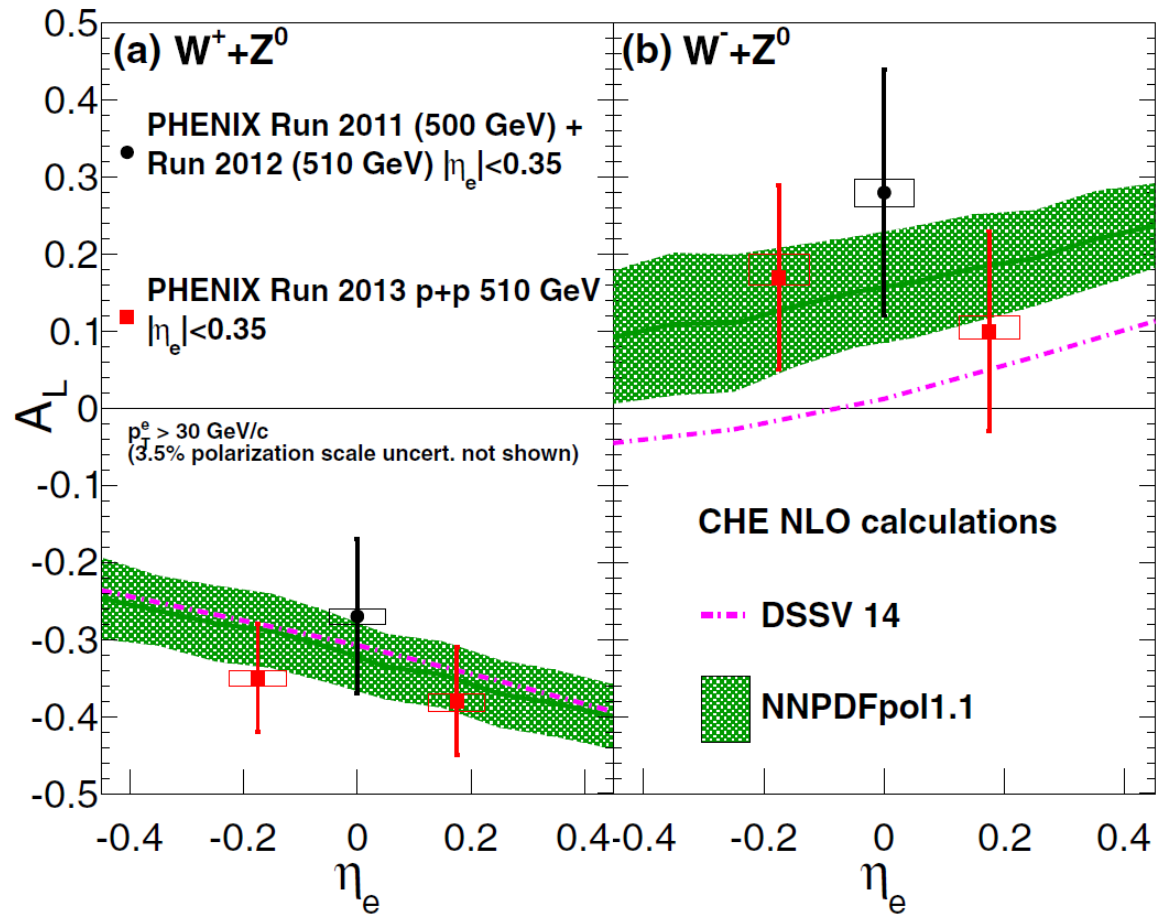
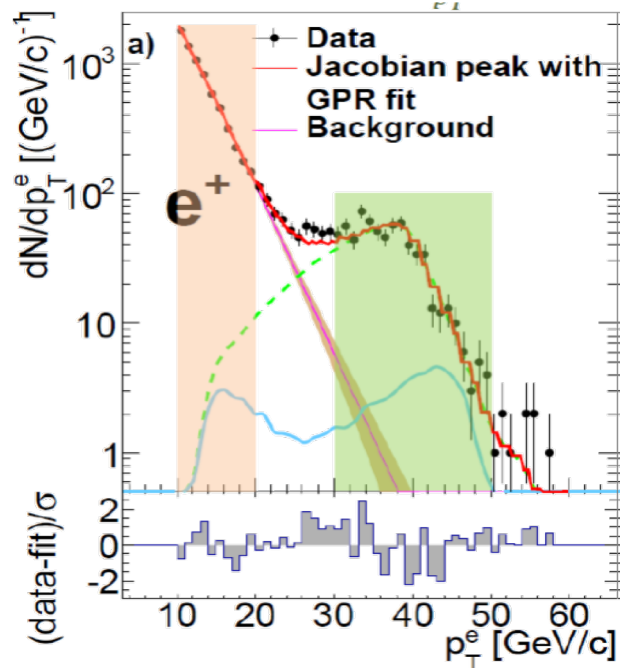
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# PHENIX: pp510GeV $W^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm A_L$

PRD 93, 051103(R)(2016)

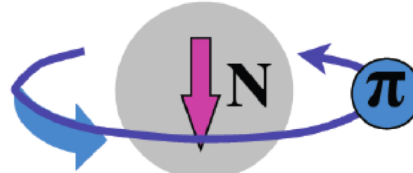
High  $p_T$  electrons from  
 $W^{+/-}$  decays



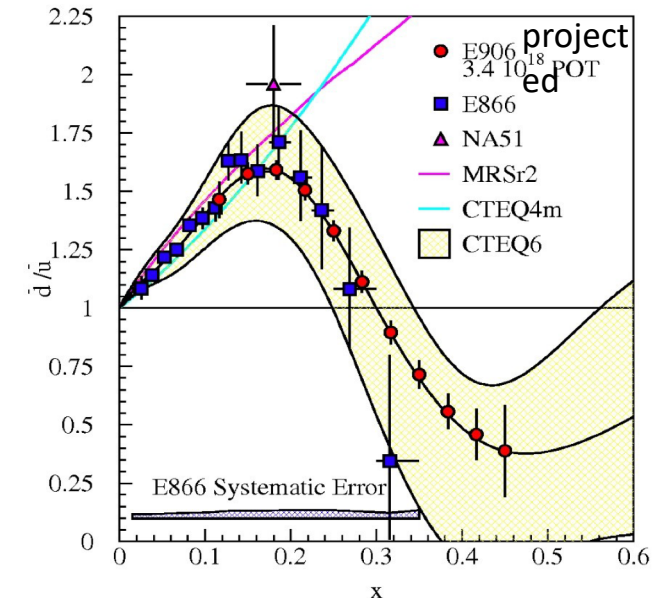
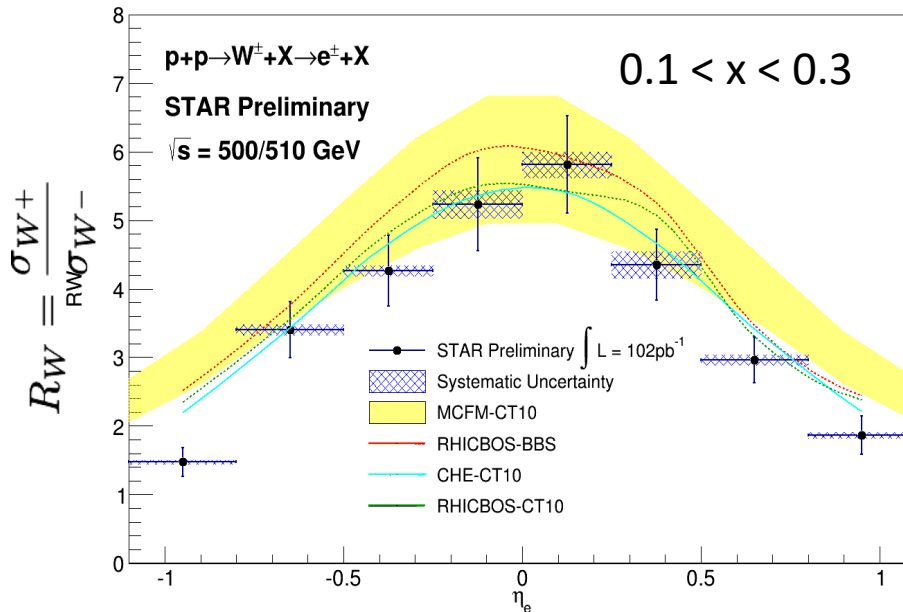
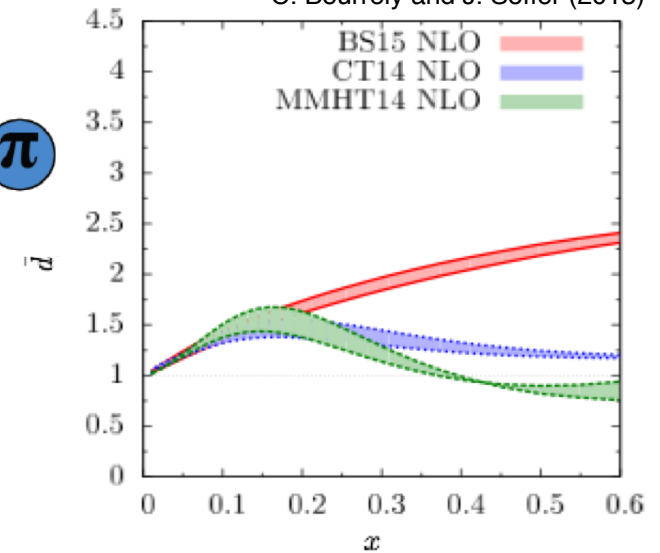
# Unpolarized Sea Quark Distributions

$$R(x_F) \equiv \frac{\sigma_{W^+}}{\sigma_{W^-}} =$$

$$\frac{u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2) + \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}$$



C. Bourrely and J. Soffer (2013)



# STAR Forward Proposal

Year	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Delivered Luminosity	Scientific Goals	Observable	Required Upgrade
2021	$p^+p^- @ 510$	$1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 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	$p^+p^- @ 510$	$1.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 10 weeks	$\Delta g(x)$ at small $x$	$A_{LL}$ for jets, di-jets, $h/\gamma$ -jets at $\eta > 1$	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal
2023	$p^+p^- @ 200$	$300 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 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
2023	$p^+ \text{Au} @ 200$	$1.8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 8 weeks	What is the nature of the initial state and hadronization in nuclear collisions  Clear signatures for Saturation	$R_{pAu}$ direct photons and DY  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	Forward instrum. ECal+HCal+Tracking
2023	$p^+ \text{Al} @ 200$	$12.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ 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