Drell-Yan Transverse Single Spin Asymmetry at RHIC

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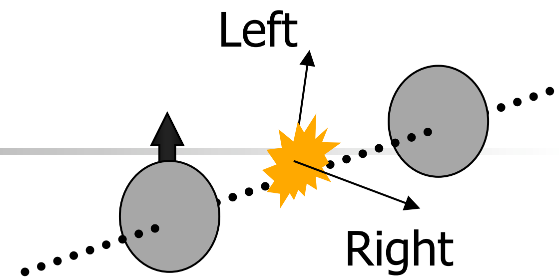
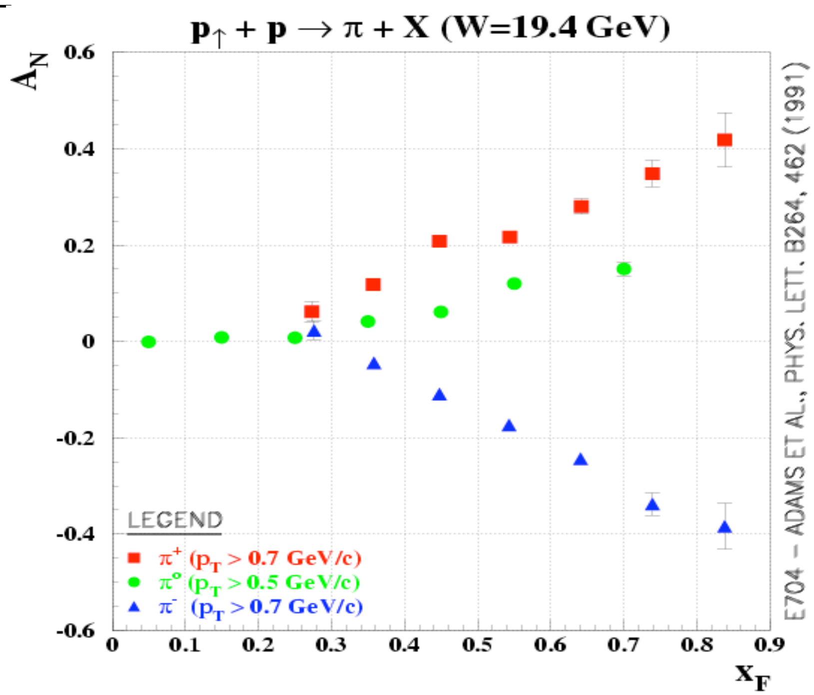
Single Spin Asymmetry



Spin structure of transversely polarized proton

Define left-right asymmetry $A_N = \dfrac{1}{P}\dfrac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R}$



Theory Expectation:
Small asymmetries at high energies
(Kane, Pumplin, Repko, PRL 41, 1689–1692 (1978))

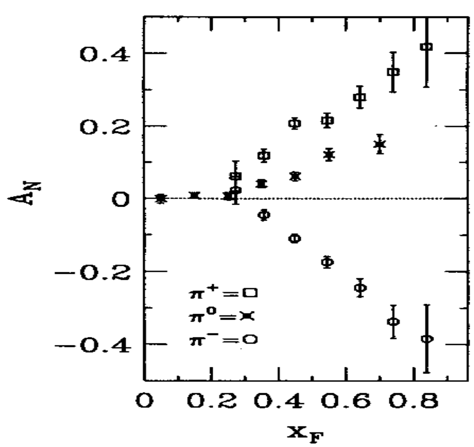
$A_N \propto \dfrac{m_q}{\sqrt{s}}$ A_N ~10^{-4} from theory

Experiment:
E704, Fermilab, 1991

$pp^\uparrow \to \pi + X$
$\sqrt{s} = 20\,\mathrm{GeV}$ A_N ~10^{-1} measured

Large Asymmetries Persist at High √s

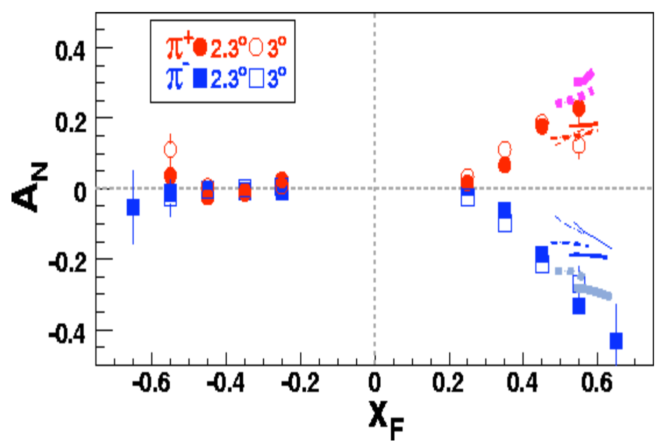
$p_\uparrow + p \rightarrow \pi + X$, $\sqrt{s} = 20$ GeV



π^0: E704, Phys.Lett. B261 (1991) 201.
$\pi^{+/-}$: E704, Phys.Lett. B264 (1991) 462.

Fermilab, E704, 1991

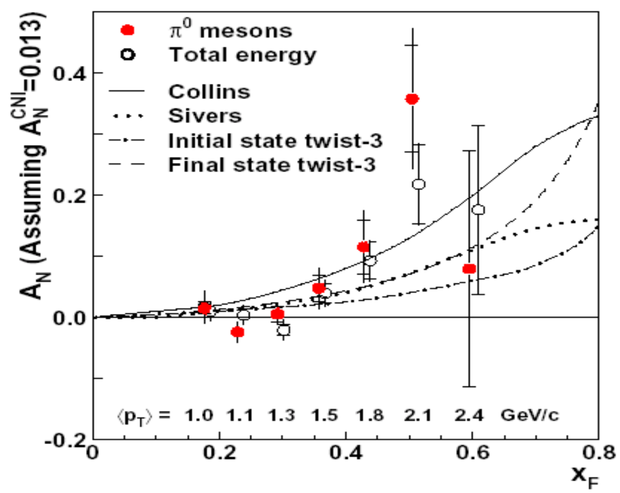
$p_\uparrow + p \rightarrow \pi^\pm + X$, $\sqrt{s} = 62$ GeV



Arsene et al. (BRAHMS), submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett. [arXiv:nucl-ex/0801.1078]

RHIC, Brahms, 2007

$p_\uparrow + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$, $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV



(STAR) Phys. Rev. Lett. **92** (2004) 171801

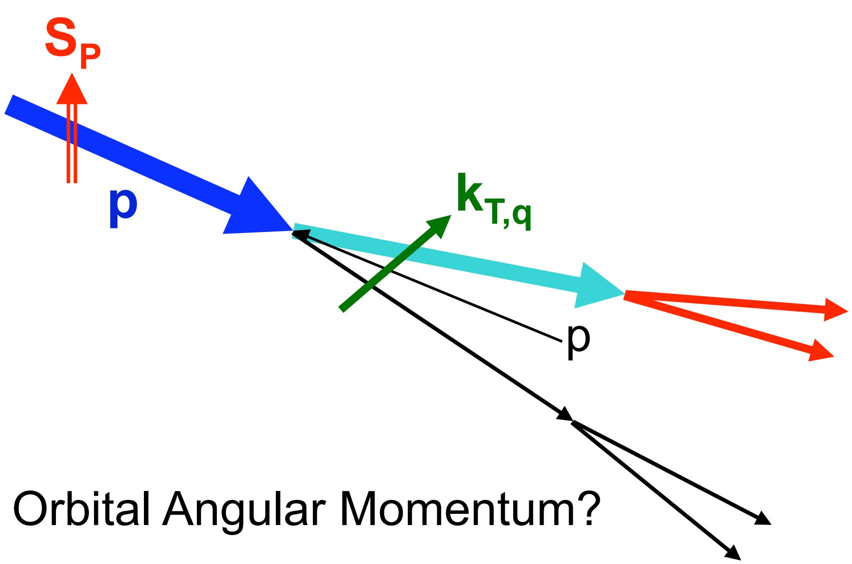
RHIC, STAR, 2004

Non-Perturbative cross section → Perturbative cross section

Why Such Large A_N?

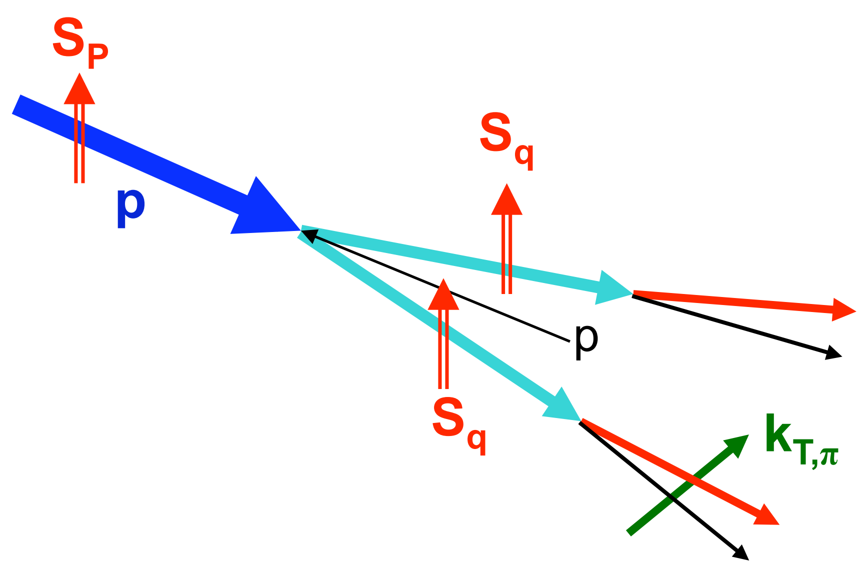
Sivers mechanism: Correlation between nucleon spin and parton k_T

Phys Rev D41 (1990) 83; 43 (1991) 261

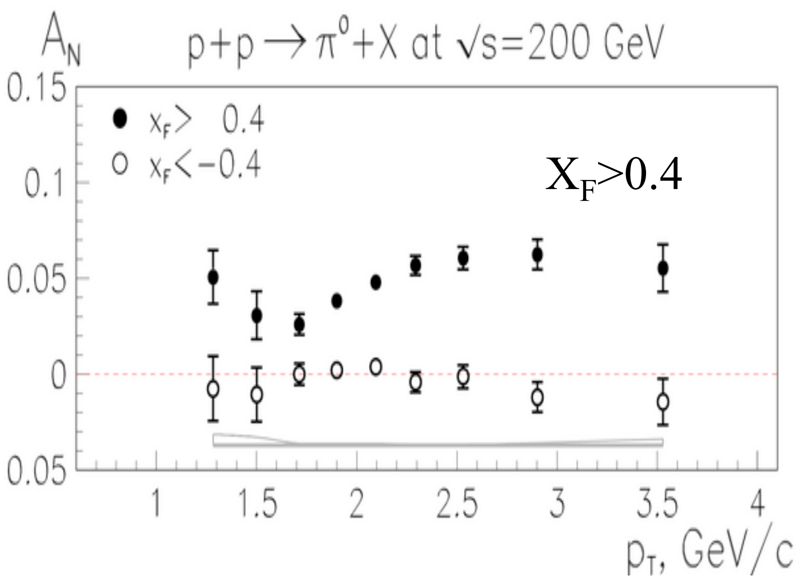


Collins mechanism: Transversity (quark polarization) * asymmetry in the jet fragmentation

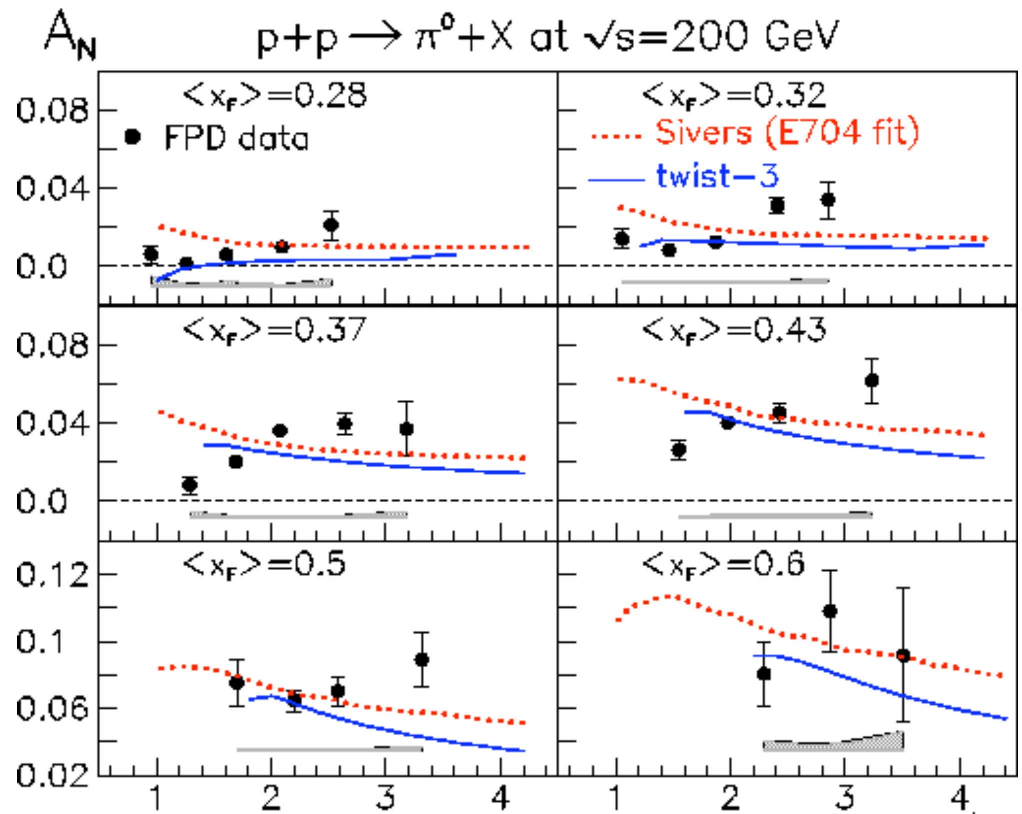
Nucl Phys B396 (1993) 161



…but rising P_T dependence is not predicted by the same fits



B.I. Abelev et al. (STAR) [arXiv:hep-ex/0801.2990v1],), submitted to PRL



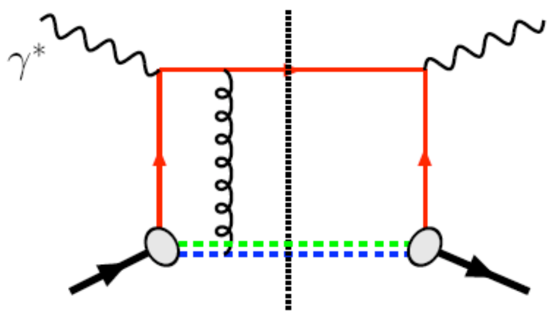
RHIC, STAR, 2004

Admixture of Collins and Sivers?

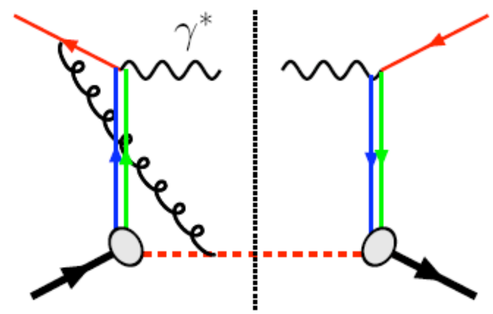
Attractive vs Repulsive "Sivers" Effects

Unique Prediction of Gauge Theory !

DIS: attractive

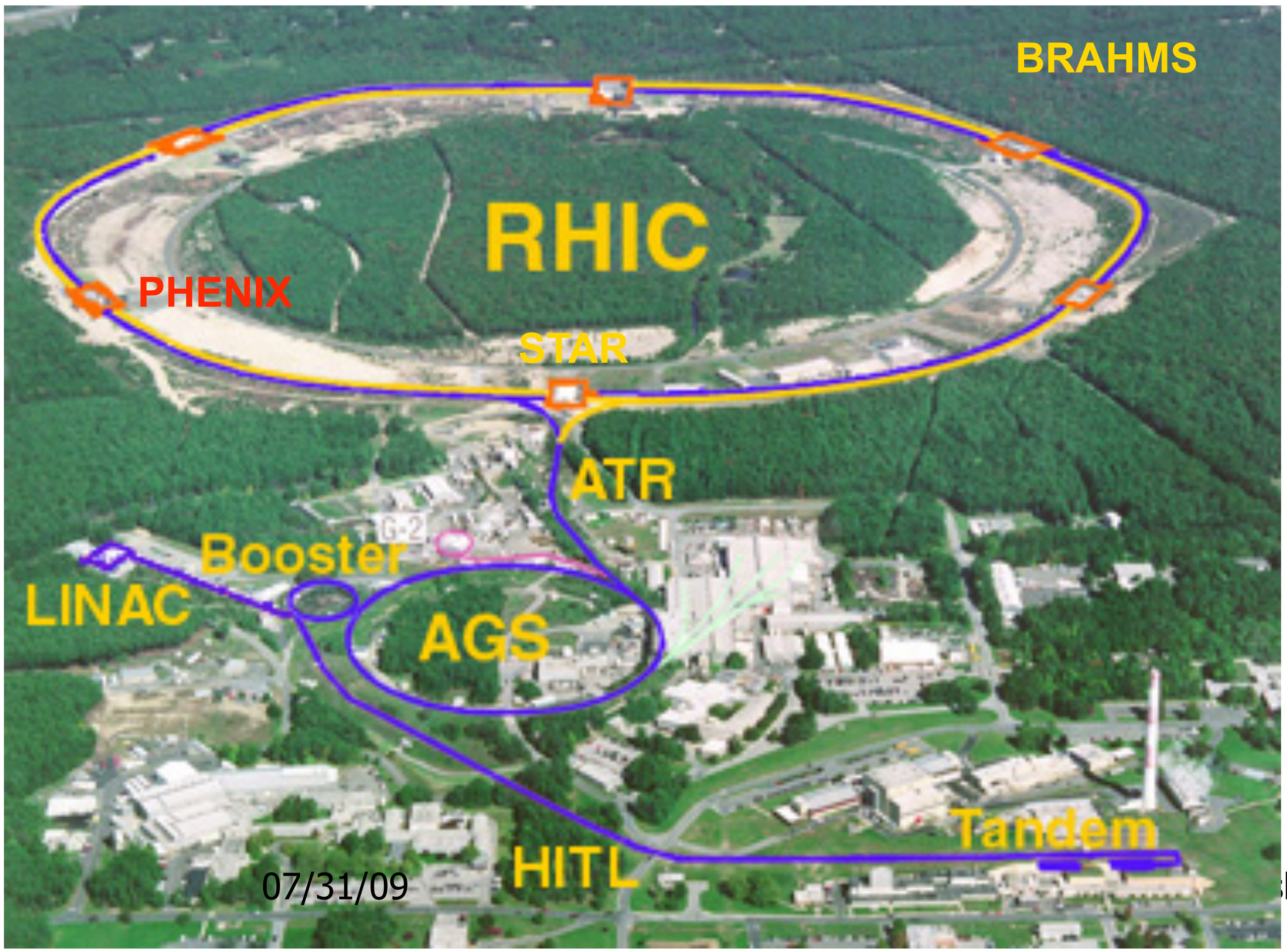


Drell-Yan: repulsive



$$\boxed{\mathrm{Sivers}|_{\mathrm{DIS}} = -\mathrm{Sivers}|_{\mathrm{DY}}}$$

The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at Brookhaven National Laboratory



R-HI

New state of matter

QGP

De-confinement

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polarized proton

Nucleon Spin Structure

Spin Fragmentation

pQCD

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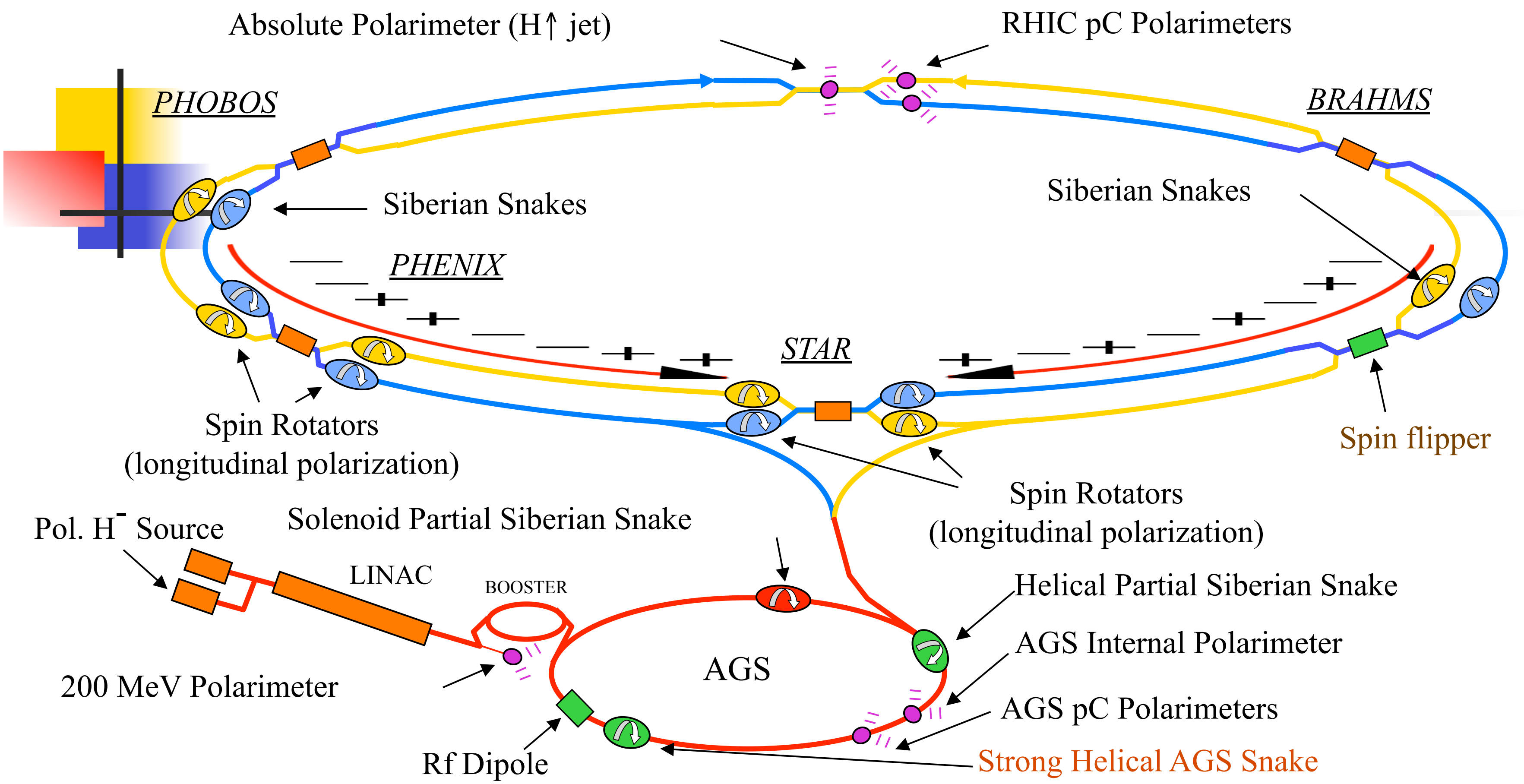
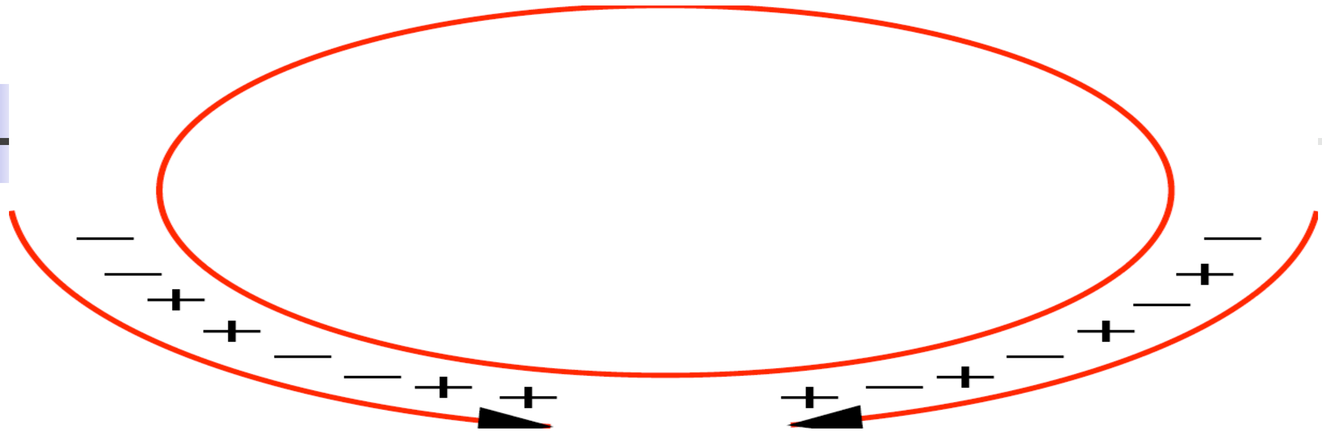
RHIC is a QCD lab

RHIC: the world's first polarized hadron collider

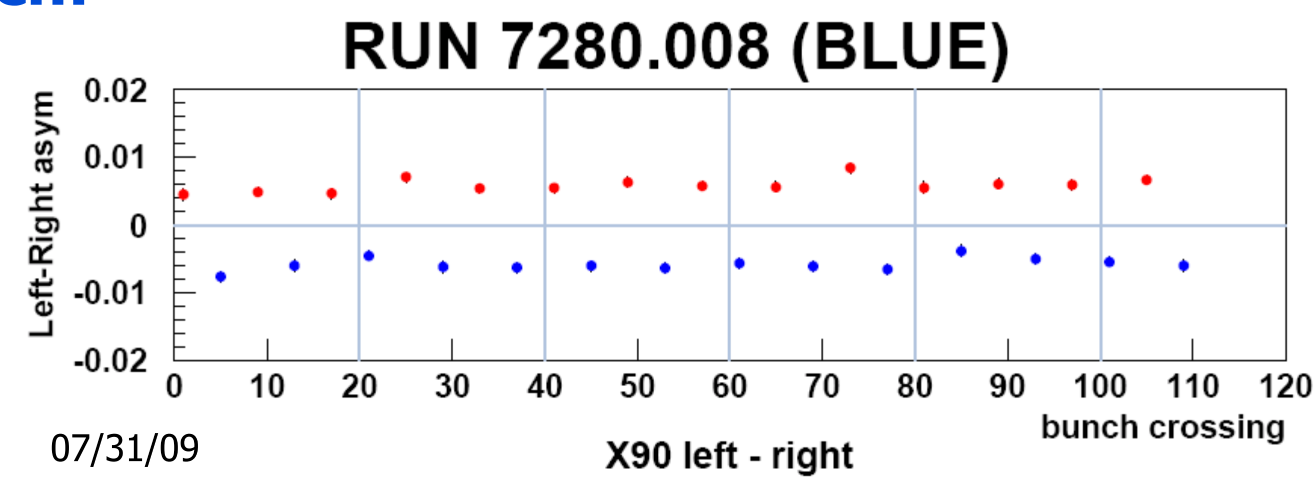


- Spin varies from rf bucket to rf bucket (9.4 MHz)
- Spin pattern changes from fill to fill
- Spin rotators provide choice of spin orientation
- "Billions" of spin reversals during a fill with little if any depolarization

Exquisite Control of Systematics



Raw asymmetries from carbon polarimeter by bunch:



Experimental Observables

- Asymmetries
  - PHENIX and STAR: all
  - BRAHMS: transverse beams only

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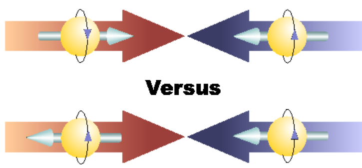
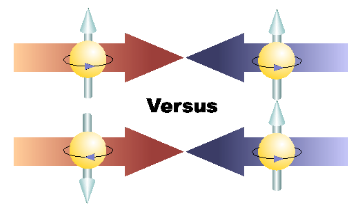
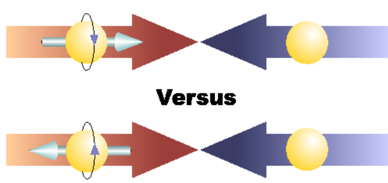


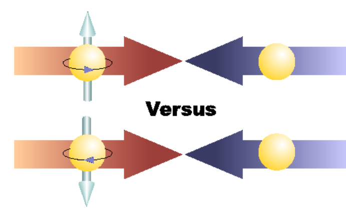
$$A_{TT} = \frac{\sigma(\uparrow\uparrow)-\sigma(\uparrow\downarrow)}{\sigma(\uparrow\uparrow)+\sigma(\uparrow\downarrow)}$$



$$A_{L} = \frac{\sigma(+)-\sigma(-)}{\sigma(+)+\sigma(-)}$$



$$A_{T} = \frac{\sigma(\uparrow)-\sigma(\downarrow)}{\sigma(\uparrow)+\sigma(\downarrow)}$$



The PHENIX detector

Philosophy:

High rate capability to measure rare probes, limited acceptance.

- 2 central spectrometers
  - Track charged particles and detect electromagnetic processes

$|\eta| < 0.35$

$90^\circ + 90^\circ$ azimuth

- 2 forward muon spectrometers
  - Identify and track muons

$1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

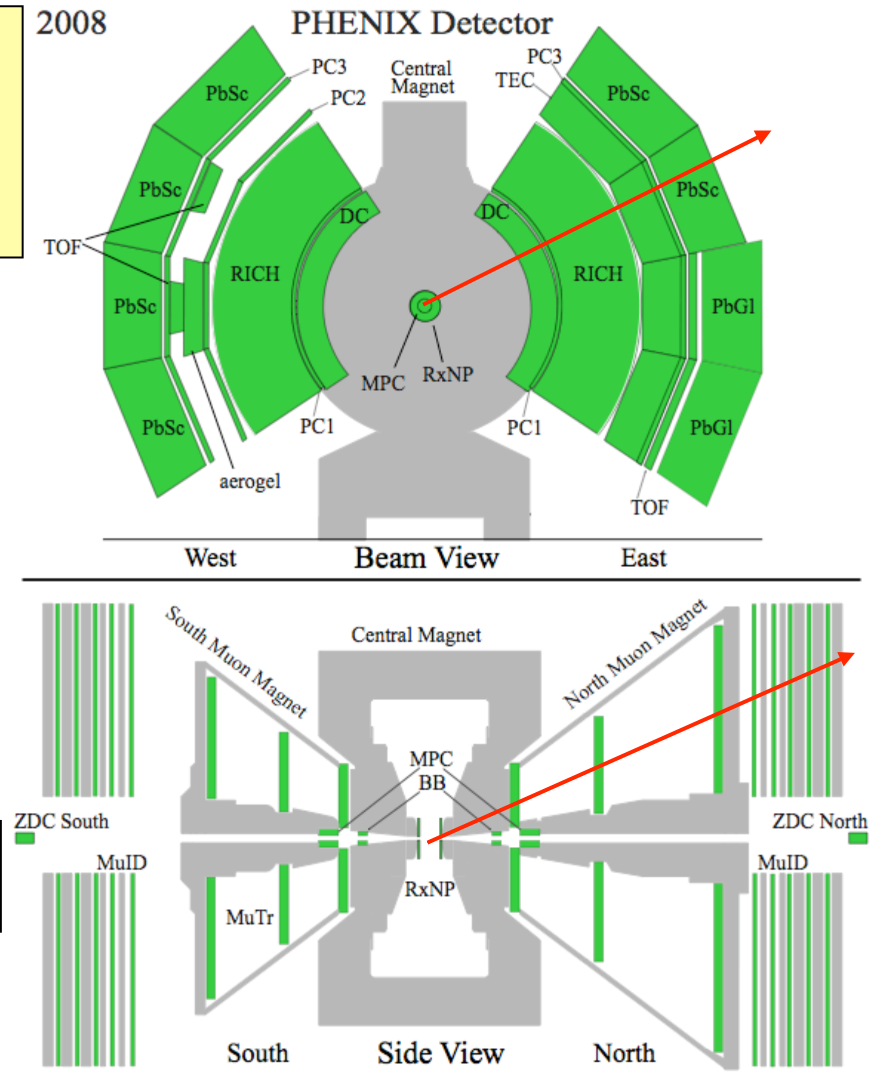
2π azimuth

- 2 forward calorimeters (as of 2007!)
  - Measure forward pions

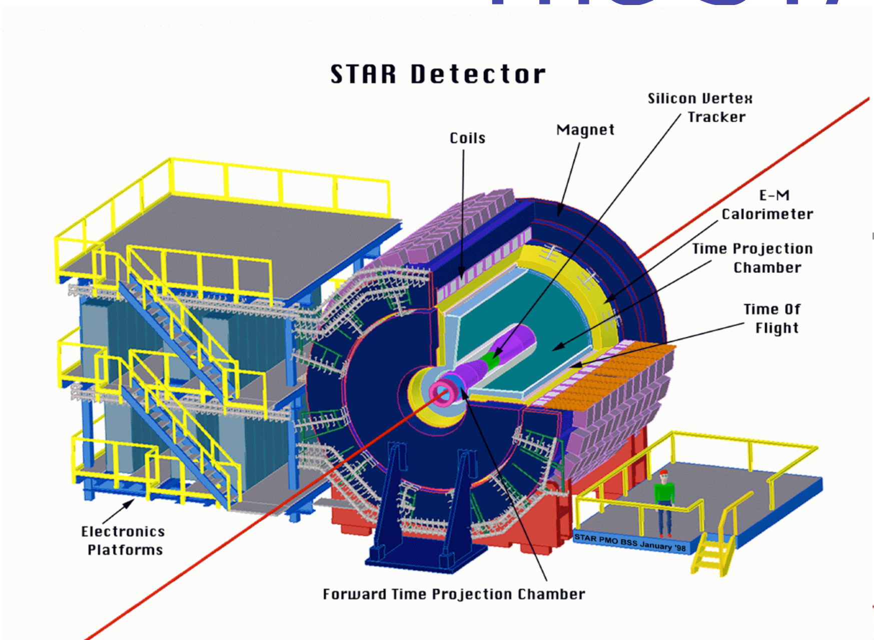
$3.1 < |\eta| < 3.7$

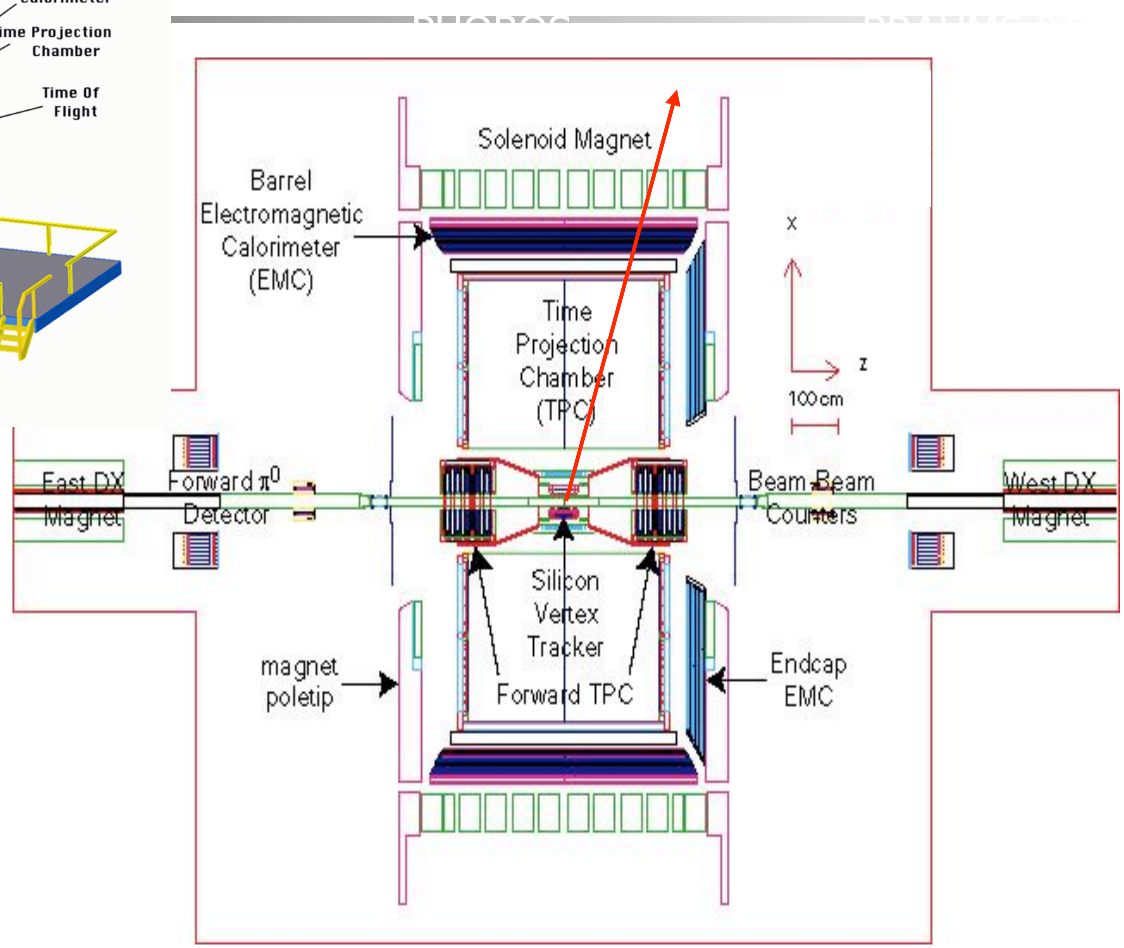
2π azimuth

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



The STAR Detectors





- Time Projection Chamber $|\eta|<1.6$
- Forward TPC $2.5<|\eta|<4.0$
- Silicon Vertex Tracker $|\eta|<1$
- Barrel EMC $|\eta|<1$
- Endcap EMC $1.0< \eta <2.0$
- Forward Pion Detector $3.3<|\eta|<4.1$

Drell-Yan Production @RHIC

- Rapidity and Collision Energy Dependence

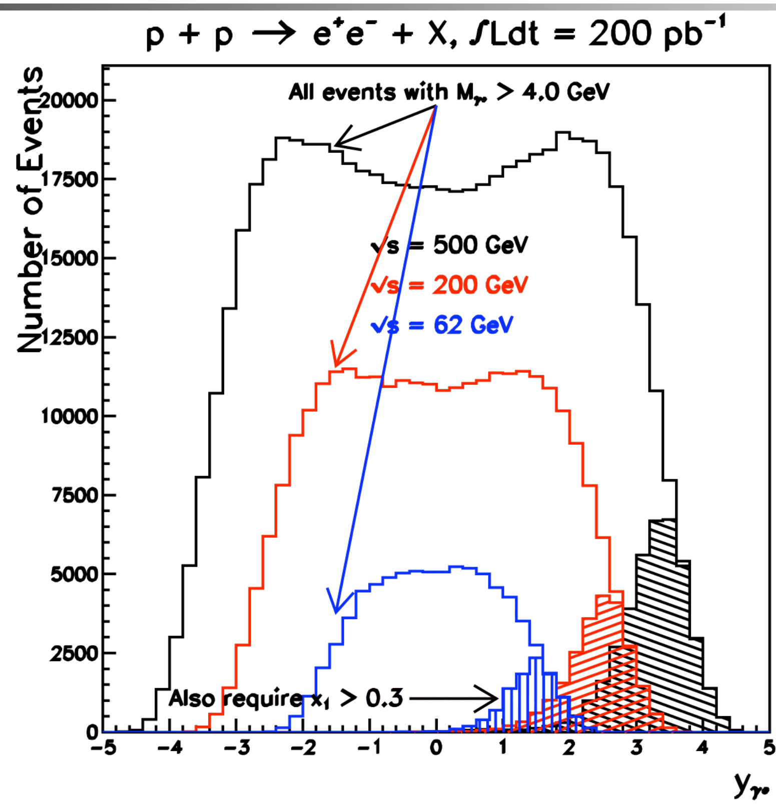
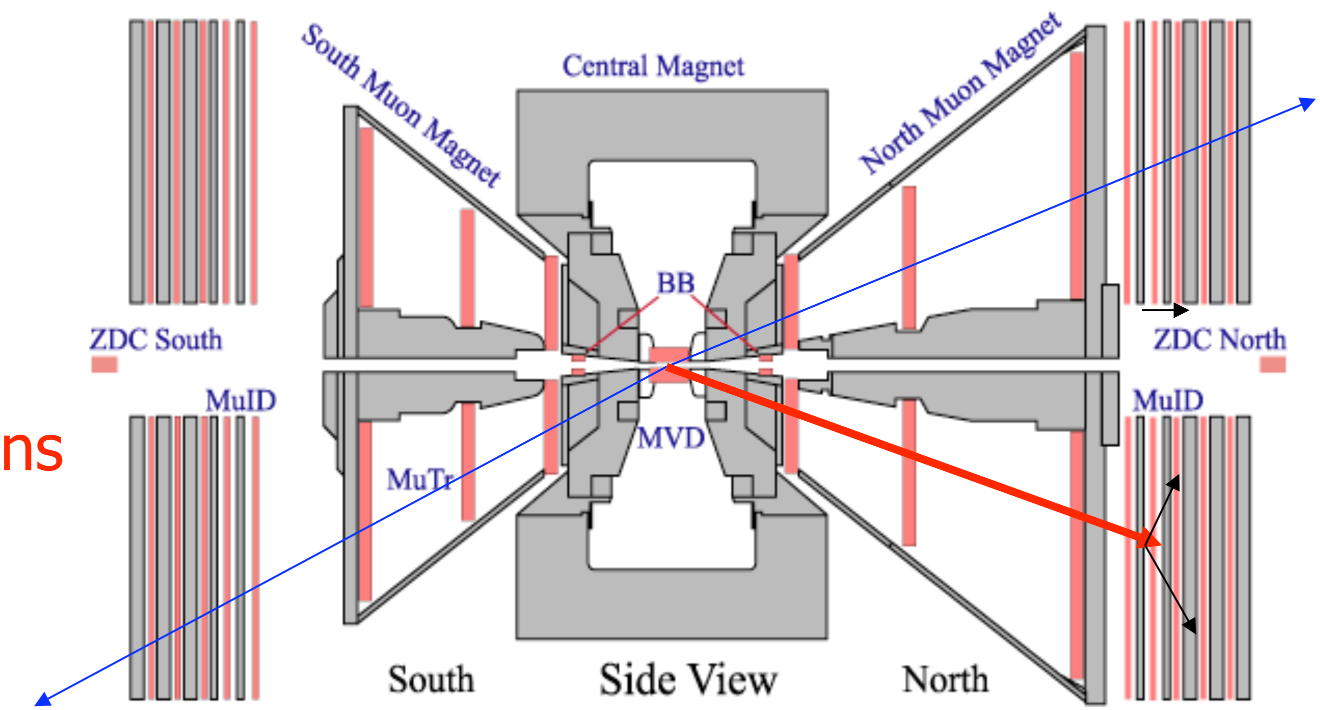


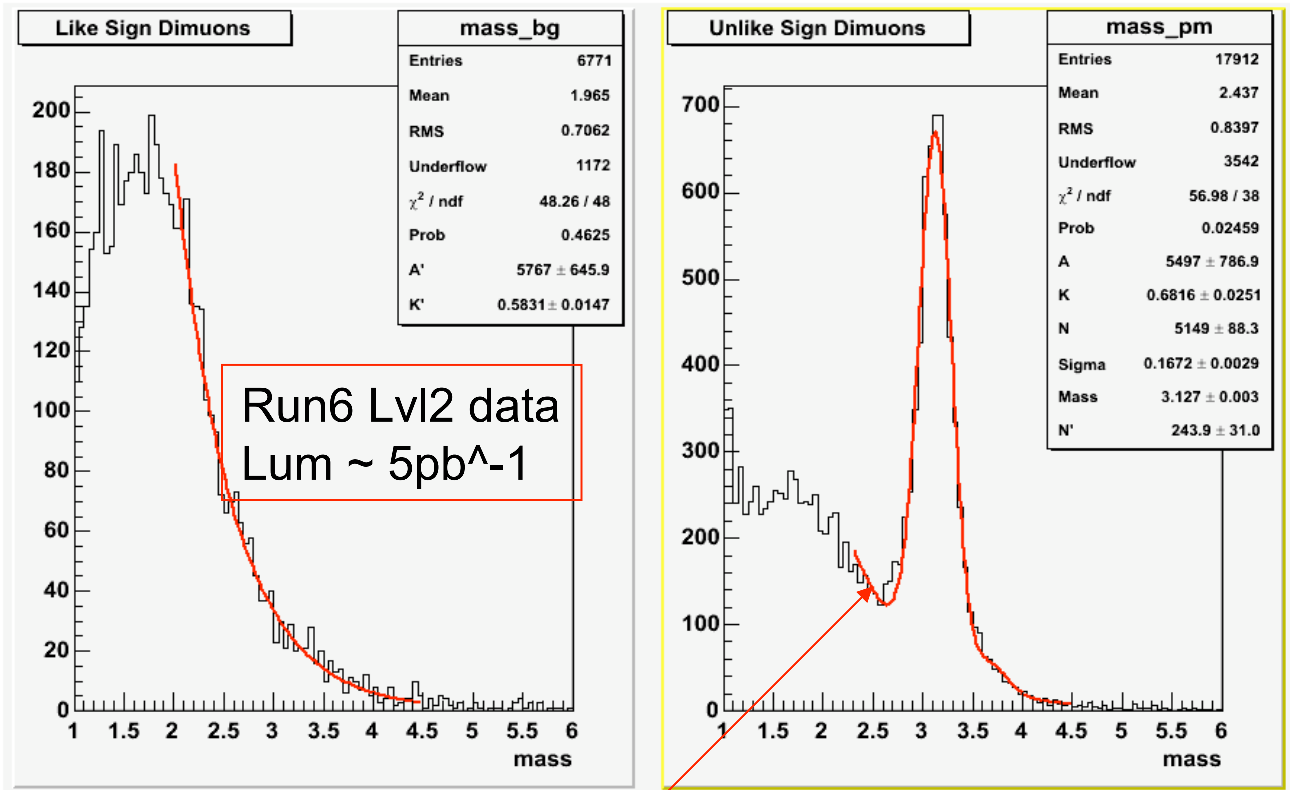
Figure 5: *PYTHIA simulation of the rapidity distribution of $e^+ e^-$ dileptons produced through the Drell-Yan process. The importance of large rapidity to probe the valence region is illustrated by selecting events with* $x_1 > 0.3$.

An Example: PHENIX Muon Detectors

- Muon arms
  - $1.2<|\eta|<2.4$
  - $\Delta\varphi=2\pi$
  - P>2GeV/c
  - Triggers
- "Muons"
  - Stopped hadrons
  - Light meson decays
  - Heavy & DY decays

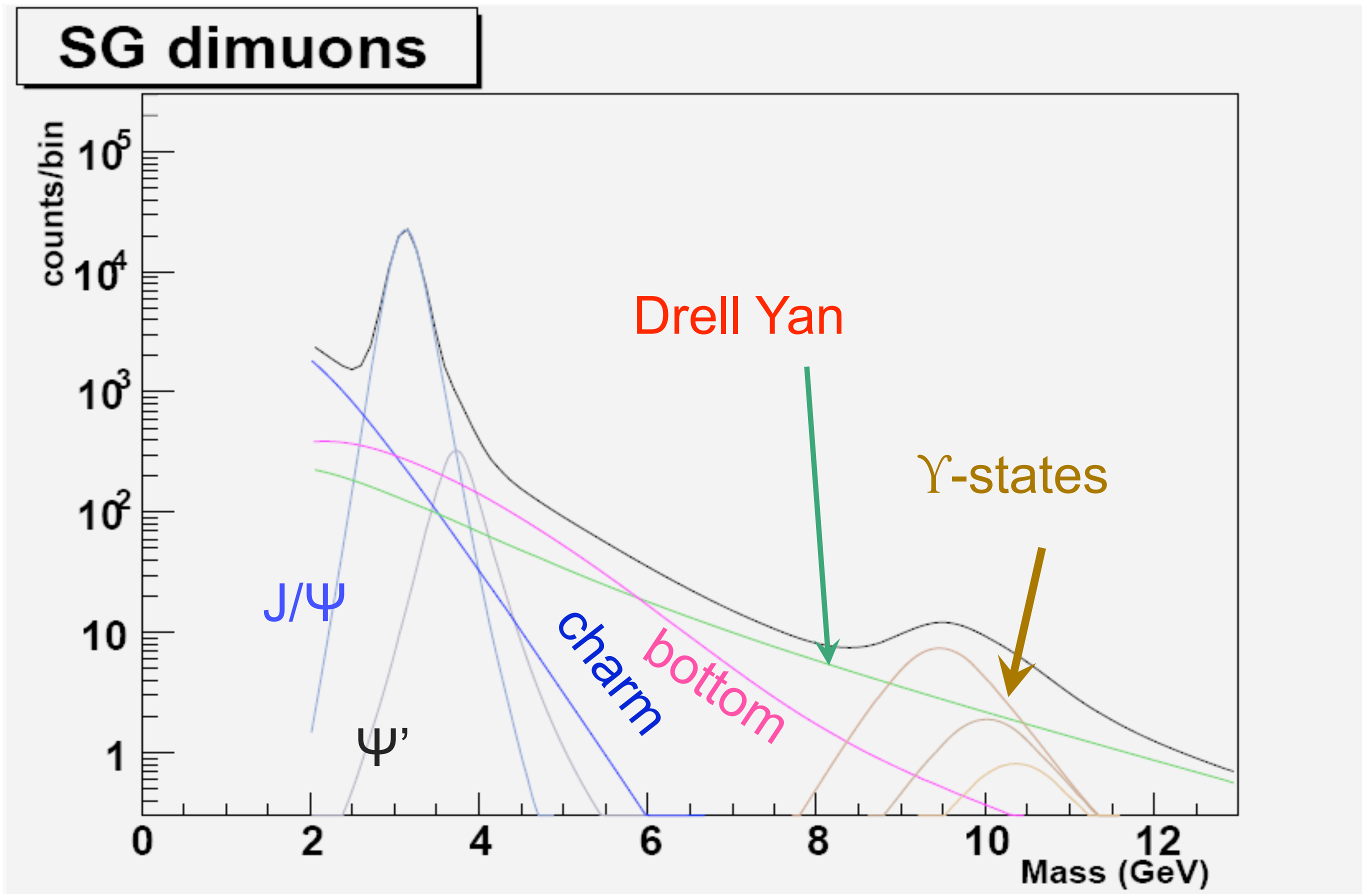


Dimuon Mass Spectra from PHENIX @200GeV



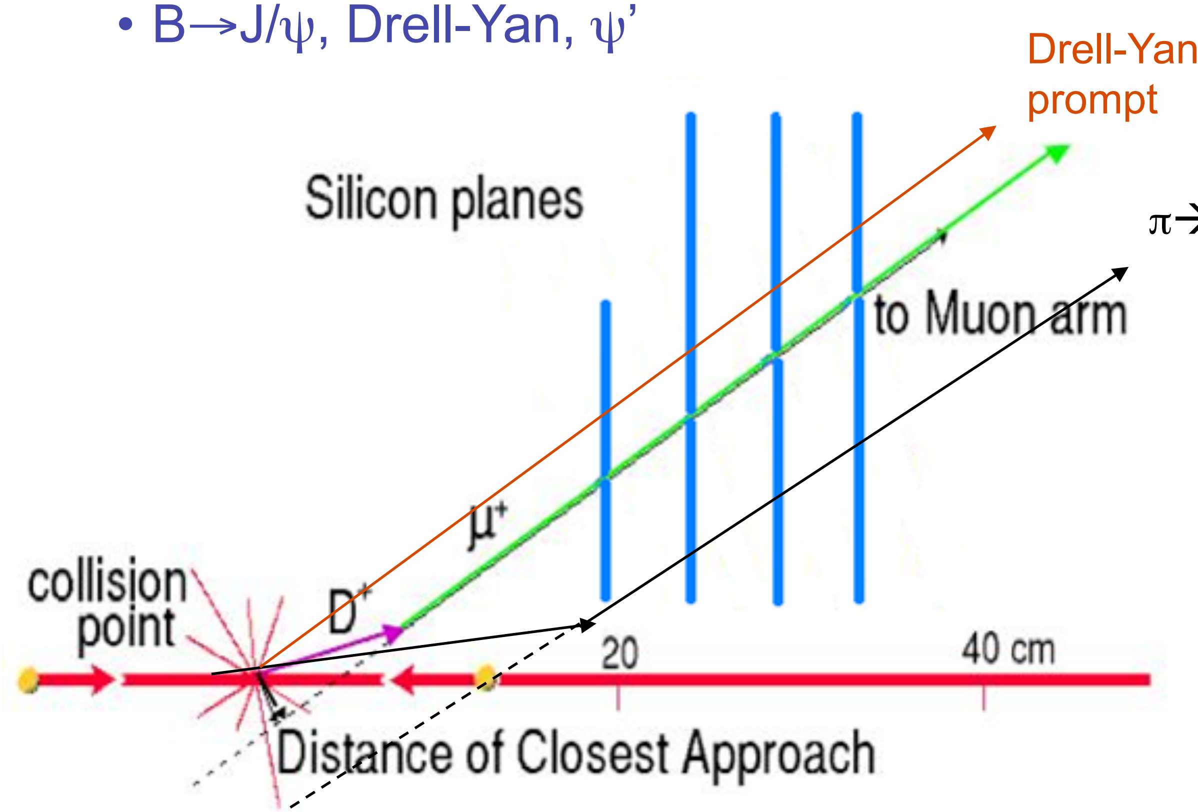
$$\frac{dN}{dM} = A \cdot e^{-K \cdot M} + N \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(M - M_{J/\psi})^2}{2\sigma^2}} + N' \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(M - M_{\psi'})^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

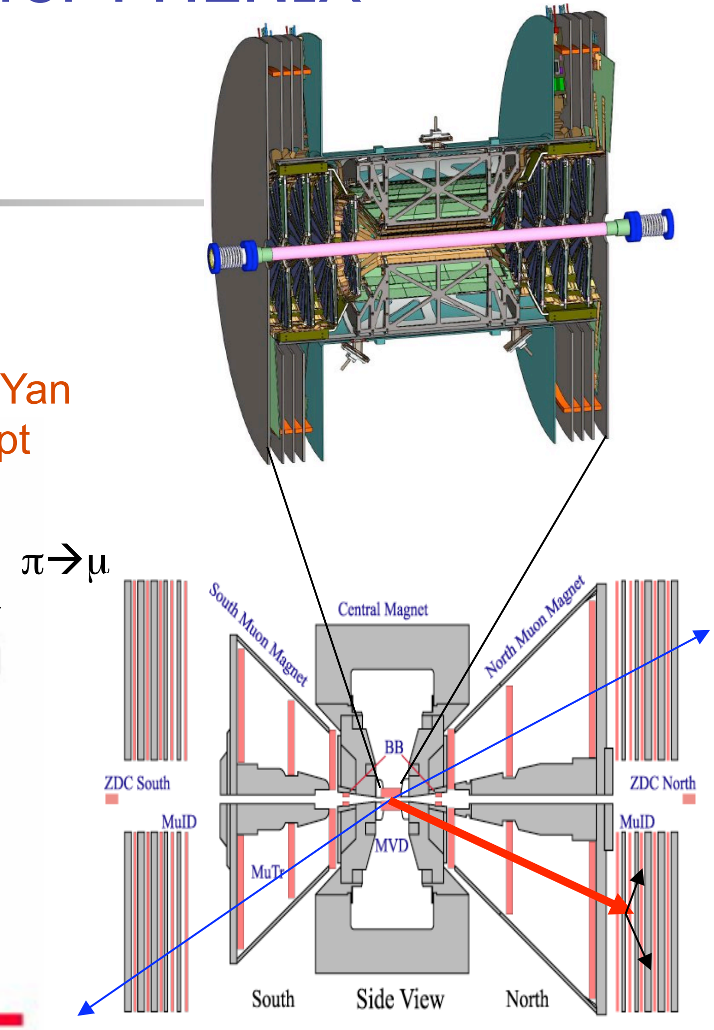
DY Background @200GeV
(PYTHIA Simulation benchmarked to PHENIX Data)



Silicon VerTeX Detector Upgrade for PHENIX (available 2011)

- Precision Charm/Beauty Measurements
- B→J/ψ, Drell-Yan, ψ'

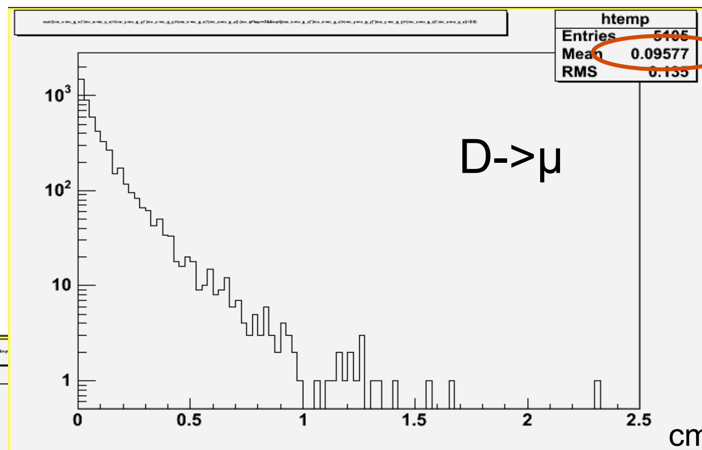


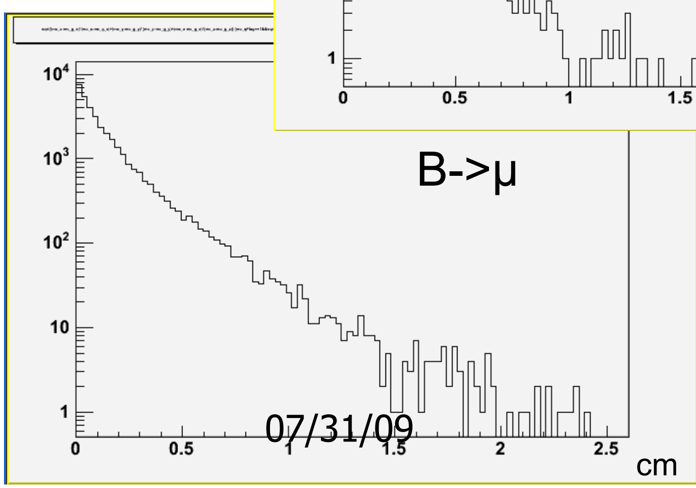


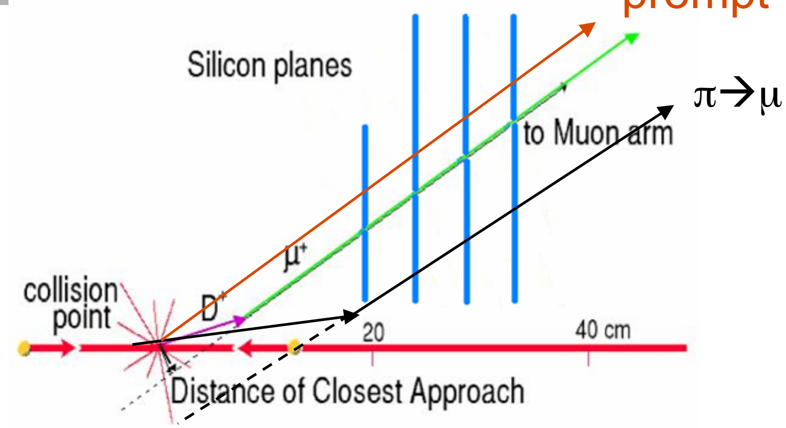
Impact Parameters for muons from D,B and DY

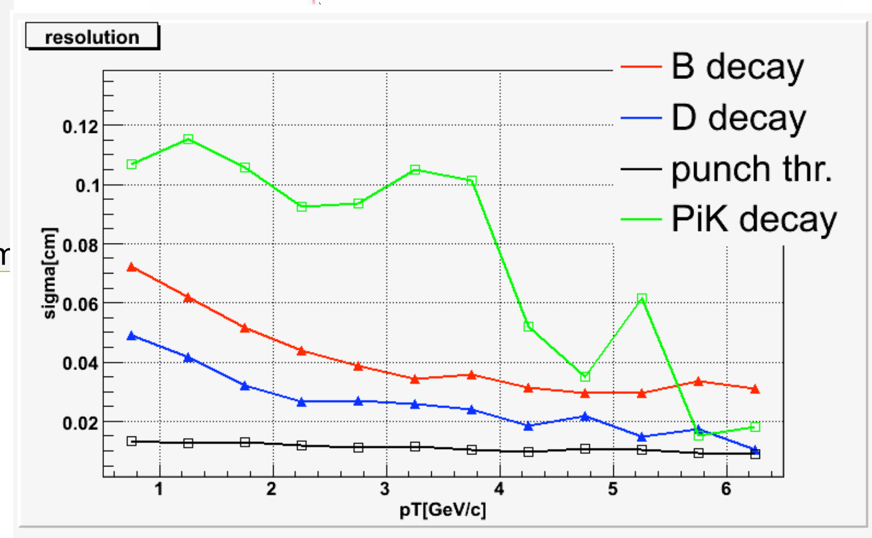
Measuring Charm and Beauty

- D, B mesons travel ~1 mm (with boost) before semi-leptonic decay to muons
- By measuring DCA to primary vertex, can separate D and B from prompt particles and long-lived decays like π, K



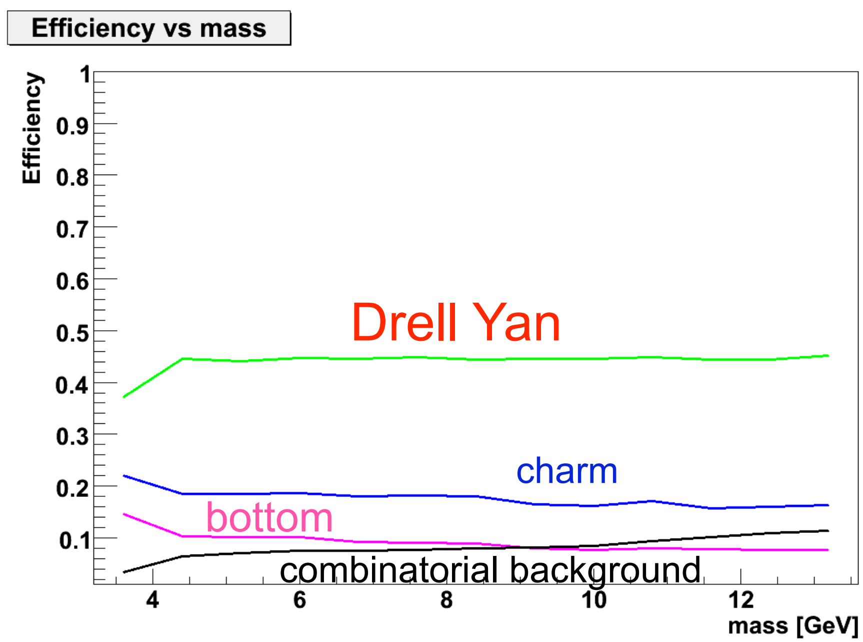




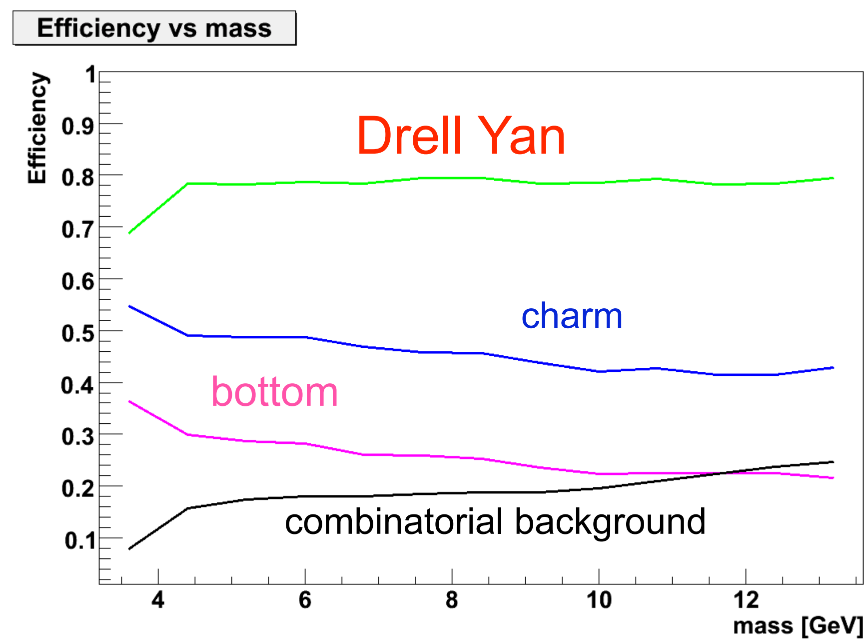


Reduce Heavy Quark Background by DCA cut

DCA < 1 σ cut:
Increase DY/bb ~ 5



DCA < 2 σ
Increase DY/bb ~ 3



PYTHIA vs NLO

- PYTHIA w/ CTEQ5
- NLO w/ CTEQ6M

Dimuon physics continuum simulation (2)

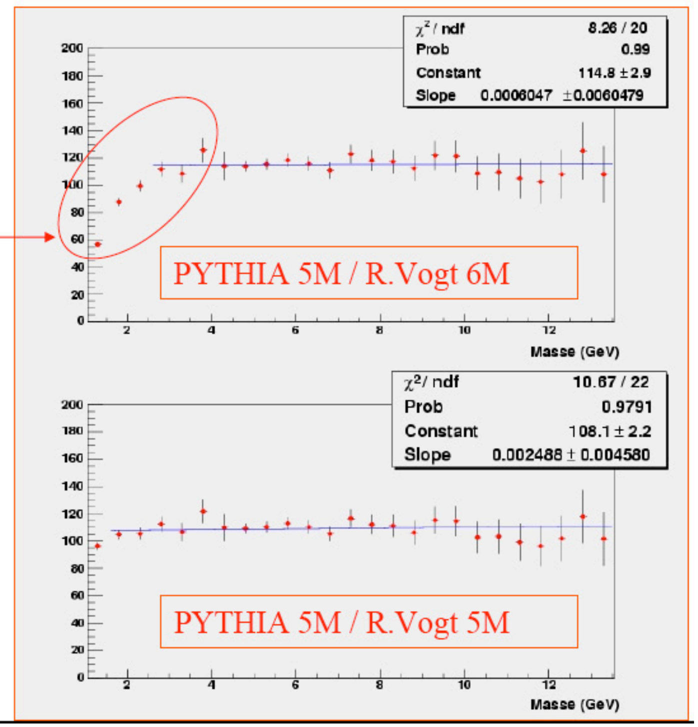
Drell-Yan: reproduction as best as possible of theoretical predictions from R. Vogt (NLO calculation with CTEQ6M)

Comparison:
$(dN/dm)_{Pythia} / (dN/dm)_{R.Vogt}$

This is due to a different behaviour of the two PDFs at low x

(R. Vogt)

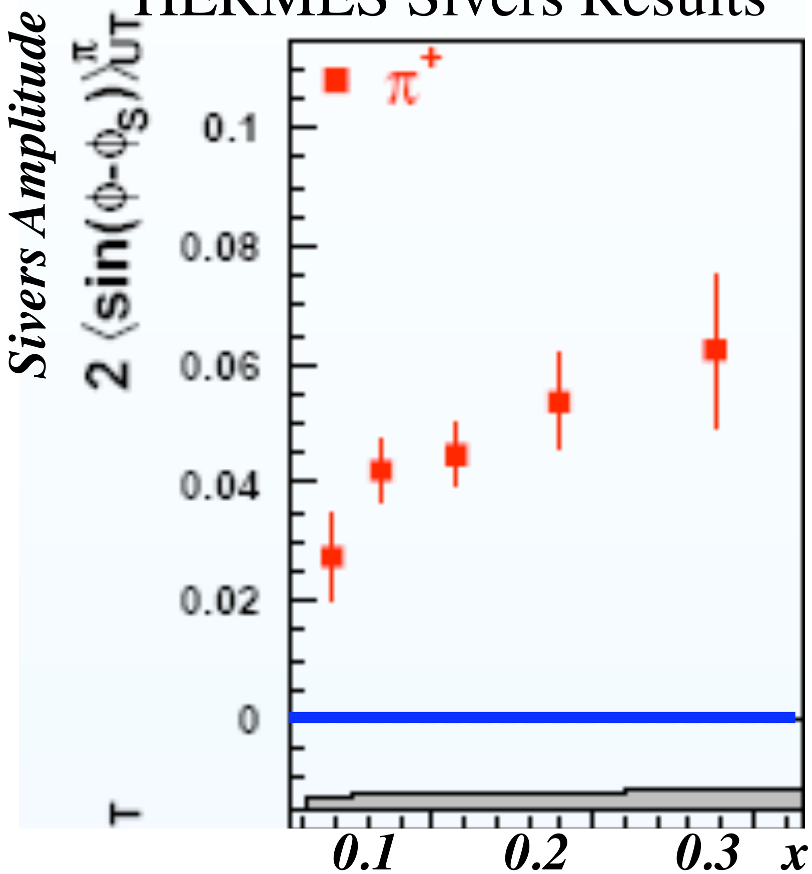
Good agreement between Pythia and QCD@NLO Prediction with same PDF



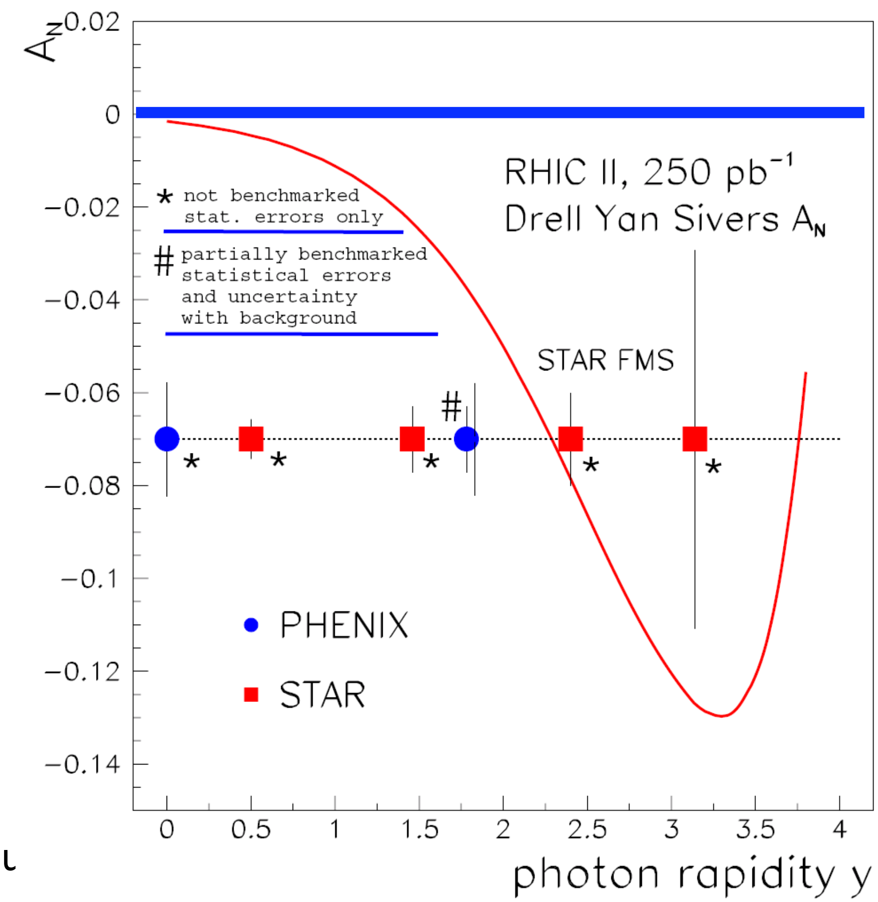
Experiment SIDIS vs Drell Yan: Sivers$|_{DIS}$= – Sivers$|_{DY}$

*** Probes QCD attraction and QCD repulsion ***

HERMES Sivers Results



RHIC II Drell Yan Projections



Transverse Spin Drell Yan at RHIC vs Sivers Asymmetry in Deep Inelastic Scattering

- Important test at RHIC of recent fundamental QCD predictions for the Sivers effect, demonstrating… **attractive vs repulsive color charge forces**

- Possible access to quark **orbital angular momentum**
- Requires very high luminosity (RHIC II)
- Both STAR and PHENIX can make important, exciting, measurements
- Discussion available at http://spin.riken.bnl.gov/rsc/

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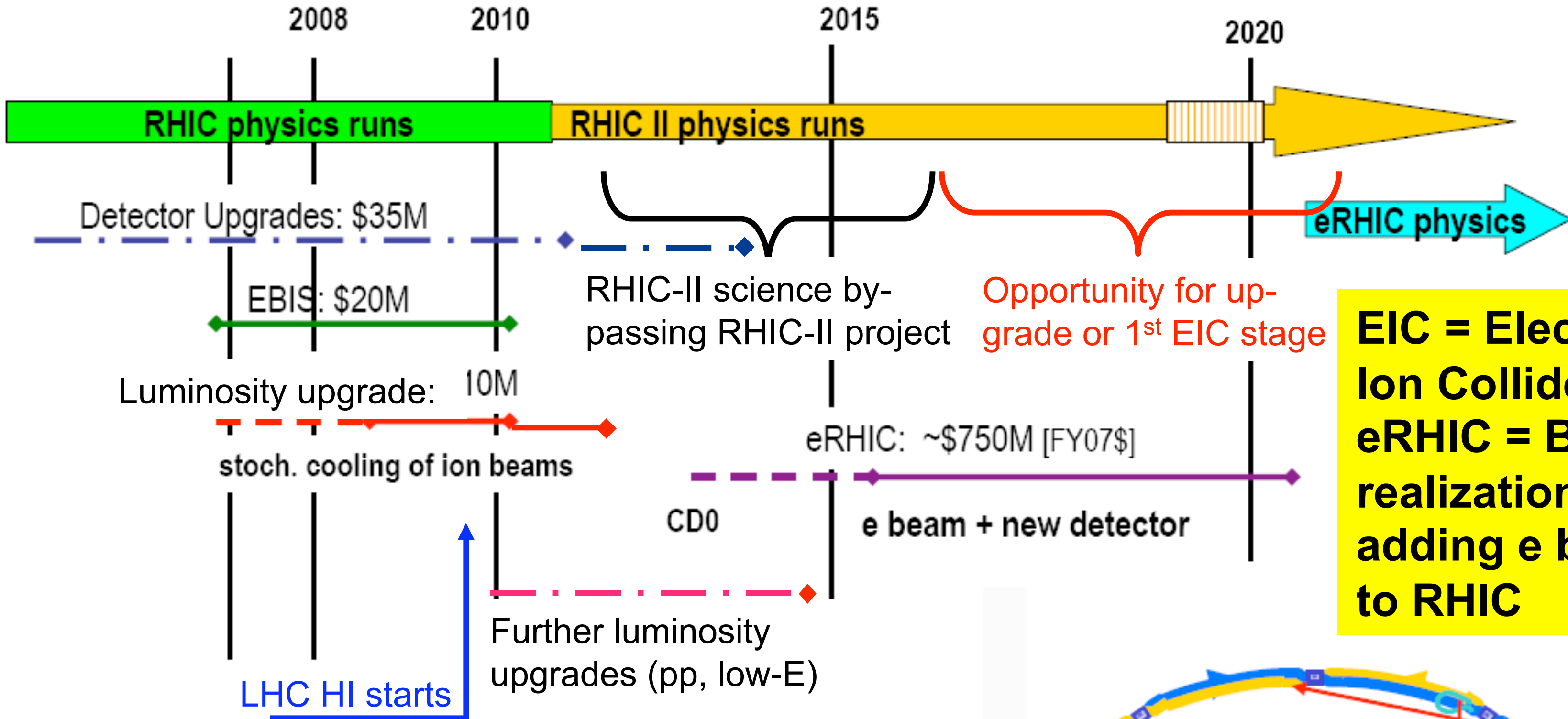
A Long Term (Evolving) Strategic View for RHIC



Legend:

- - - - - - - - *R&D*

◆———◆ *Construction*

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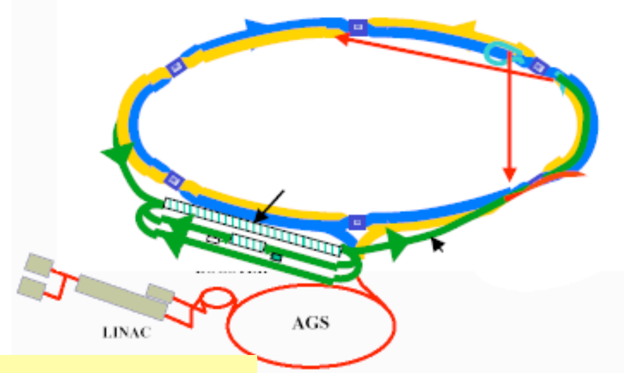
CD0: DOE Critical Decision, mission need

EIC = Electron-Ion Collider; eRHIC = BNL realization by adding e beam to RHIC



RHIC, RHIC-II, LHC-HI and EIC science share a common theme…

Summary

- Exciting Physics
  - A new fundamental test of QCD prediction
- Experimentally challenge
  - Need RHIC-II luminosity
  - Detector Upgrade
- Can do it at RHIC!