

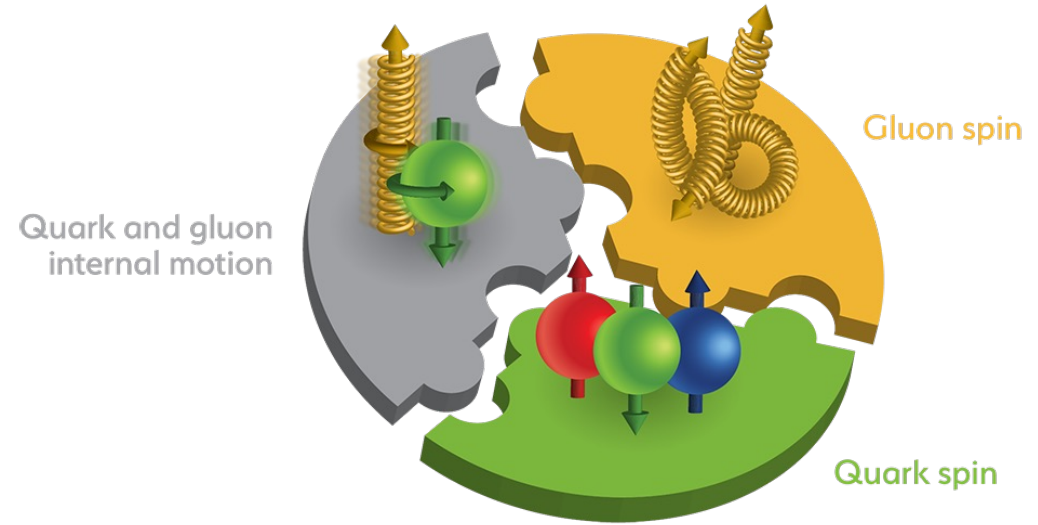
# Recent Spin Results at RHIC

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# Introduction to spin physics

# Origin of proton's spin



- Protons and Neutrons are spin  $1/2$  particles
- Quarks that constitute them are also spin  $1/2$  particles
- Historically taken seriously

# Proton spin crisis

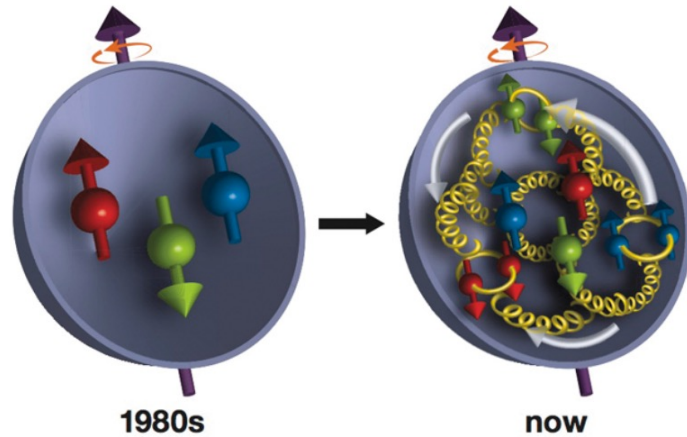


In conclusion, measurements have been presented of the spin asymmetries in deep inelastic scattering of polarised muons on polarised protons. The spin dependent structure function  $g_1$  of the the proton has also been determined. The integral  $\int_0^1 g_1^p(x) dx = 0.114 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.026$  is significantly lower than the value expected from the Ellis-Jaffe sum rule. Assuming the validity of the Bjorken sum rule this

*EMC, Phys. Lett. B 206 (1988) 364-370*

- Protons and Neutrons are spin 1/2 particles
- Quarks that constitute them are also spin 1/2 particles
- European Muon Collaboration (EMC) reported that most of the proton's spin is not carried by quarks

# Proton spin puzzle

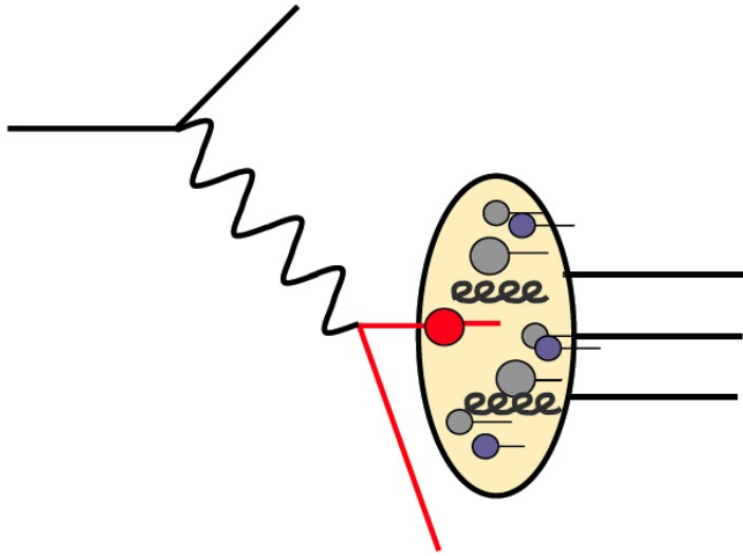


$$S_p = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$$

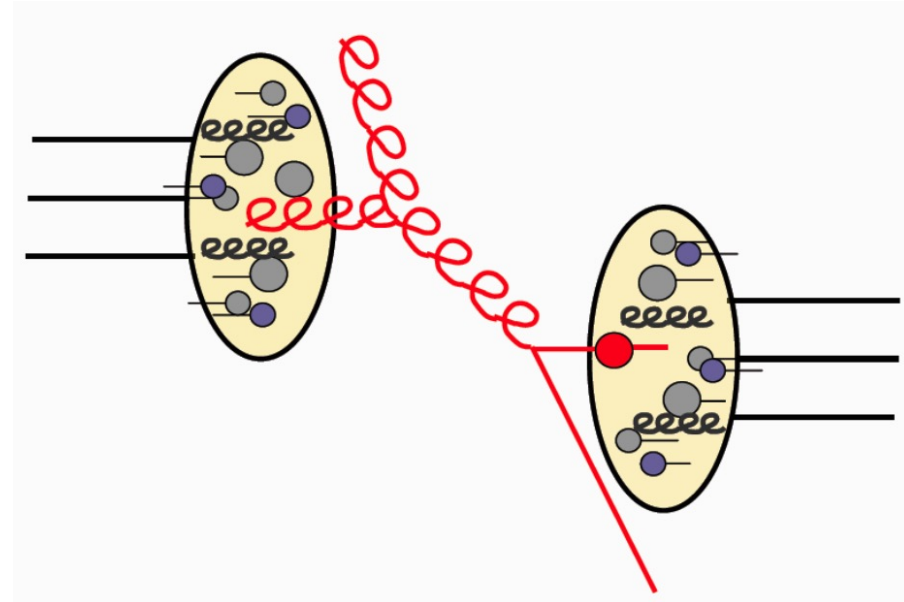
- Current understanding on proton's spin 1/2.
  - Quark-antiquark :  $\Delta\Sigma \sim 0.3$
  - Gluon
  - Angular momentum
- Direct measurement of gluon spin with other probes warranted.
  - Seeded the RHIC Spin program

# RHIC spin program

# Why polarized proton collider?



Lepton- proton collision  
Photons colorless. Forced to interact at NLO with gluons  
Cannot distinguish between quarks and anti-quarks either

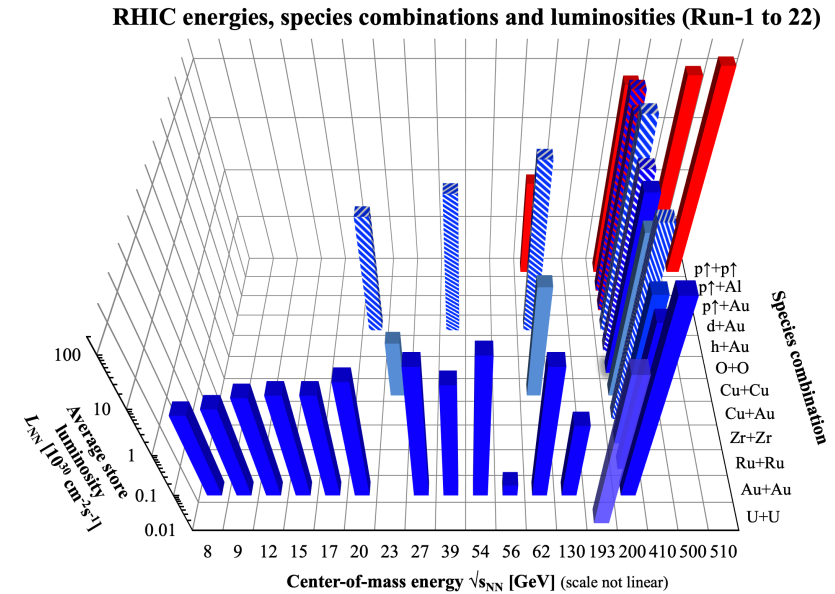
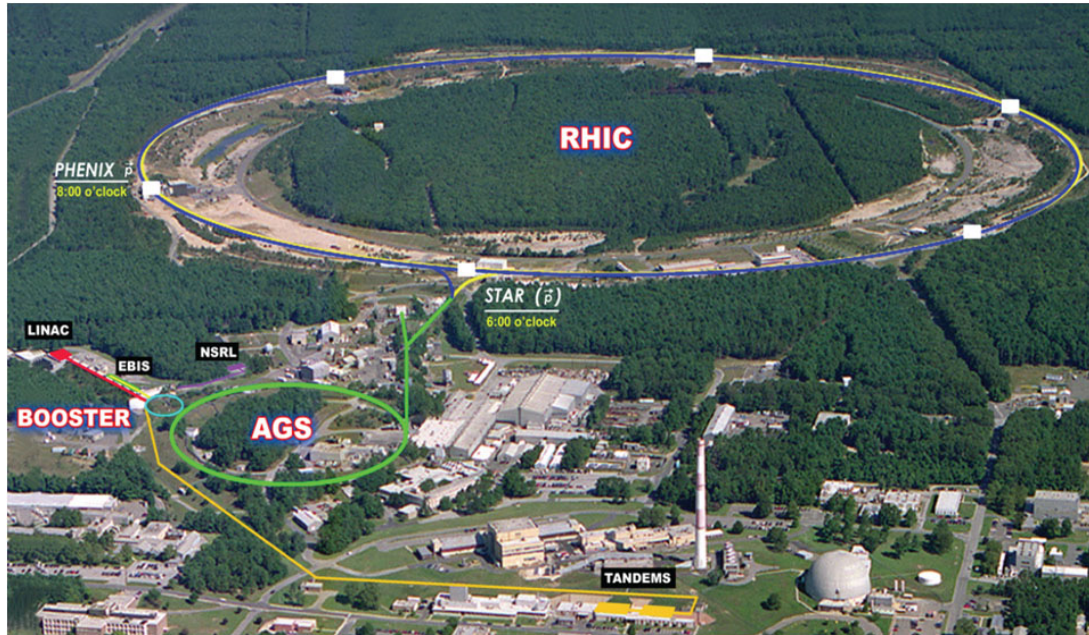


Polarized proton-proton collision  
polarized quarks and **gluons** abundantly available

- Searching for the origin of proton's spin was started from DIS experiments.
- Complementary techniques : polarized proton-proton collision

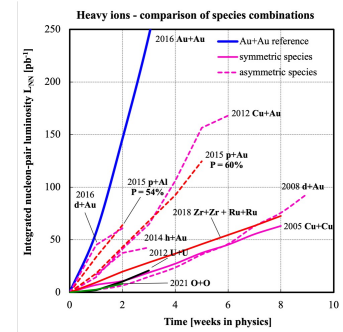
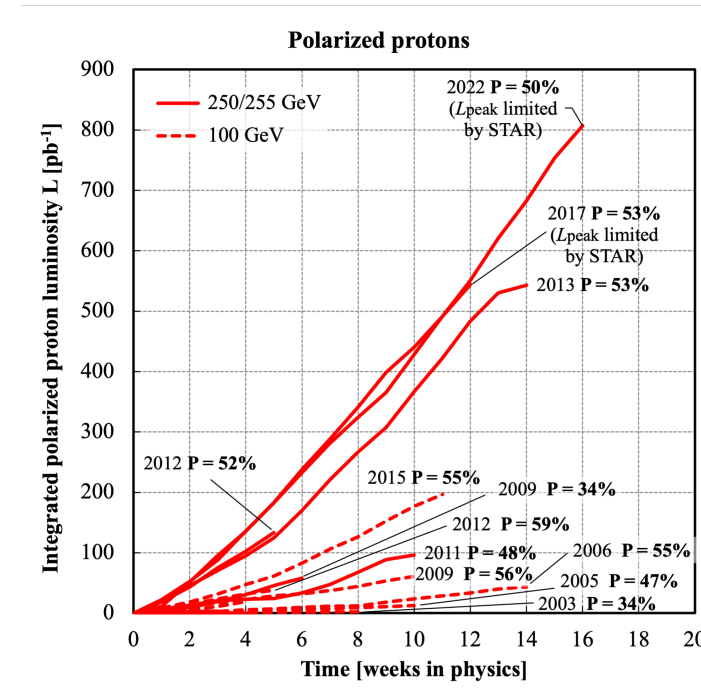
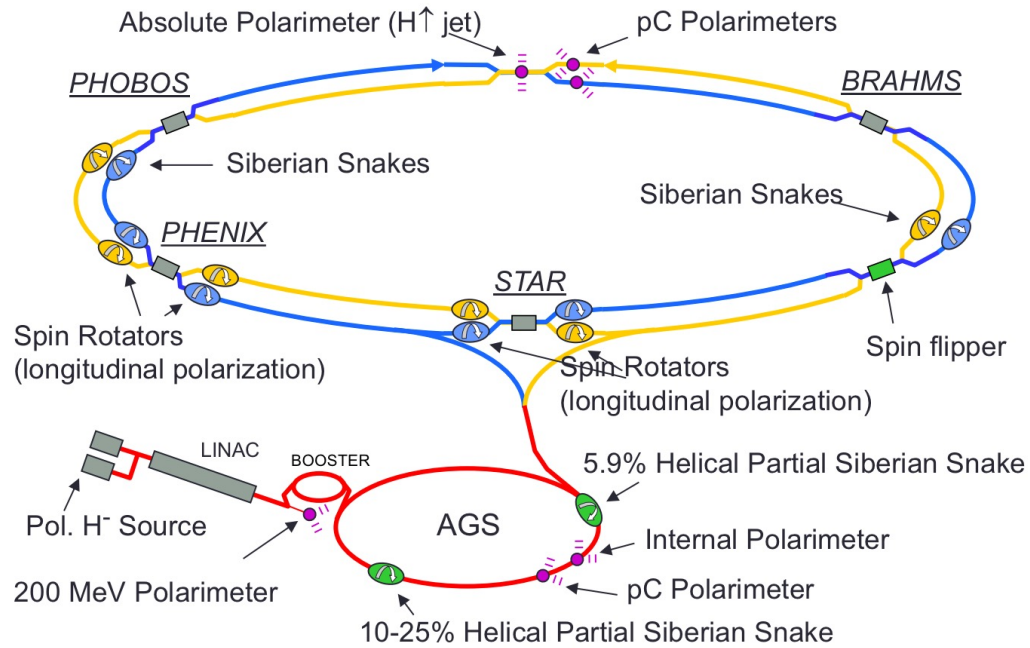


# Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



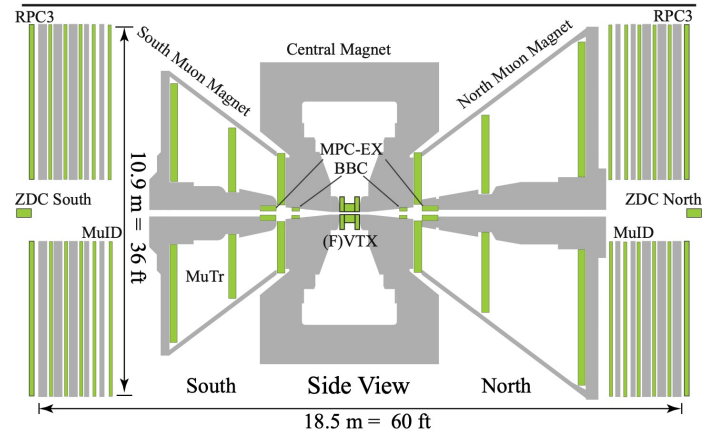
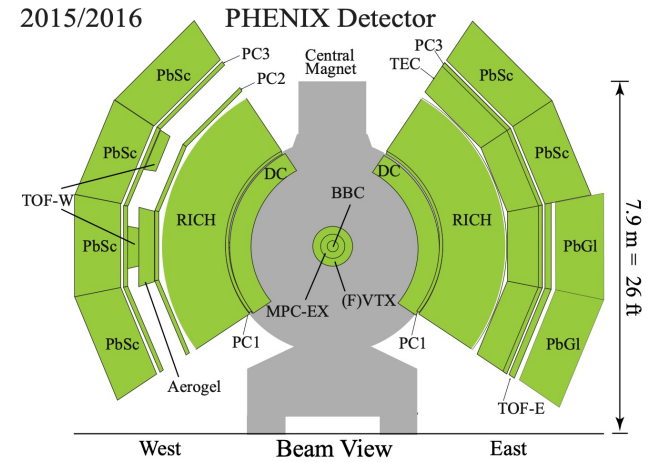
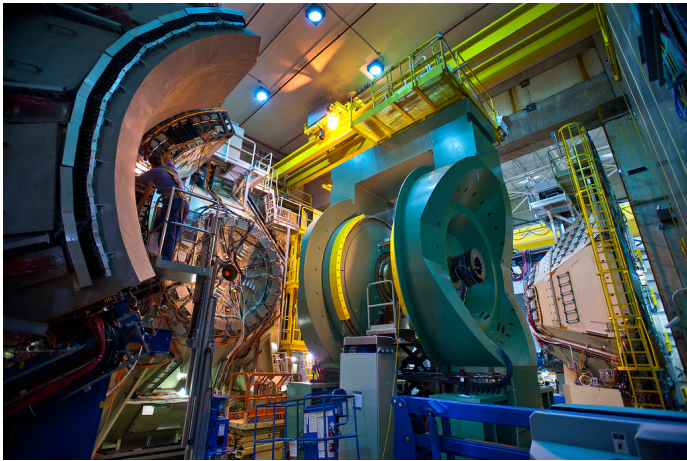
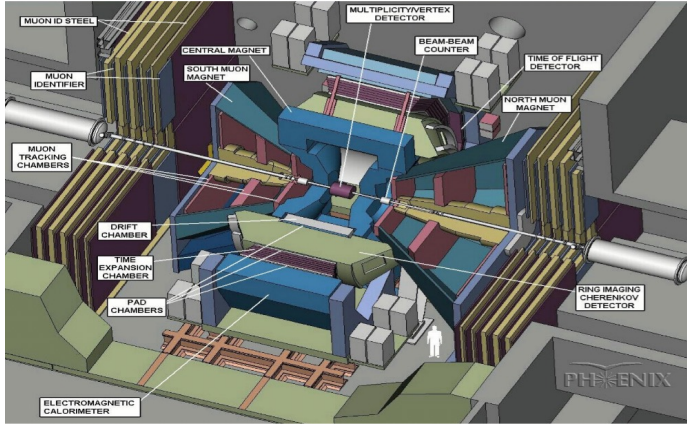
- RHIC can collide various ions in wide range of energies.
  - Up to 100 GeV for ions, 255 GeV for protons
- The only facility: polarized proton collider
  - Polarization orientations: longitudinal or transverse
  - First and only polarized proton-ion collisions in RUN 2015

# RHIC spin program



- How do gluons contribute to the proton spin?
- What is the landscape of the polarized sea in the nucleon?
- What do transverse spin phenomena teach us about proton structure?

# PHENIX detector



## ■ Central Arms

- $\pi, K, \eta, \gamma \dots$
- $\Delta\phi = 0.5\pi/\text{arm}, |\eta| < 0.35$

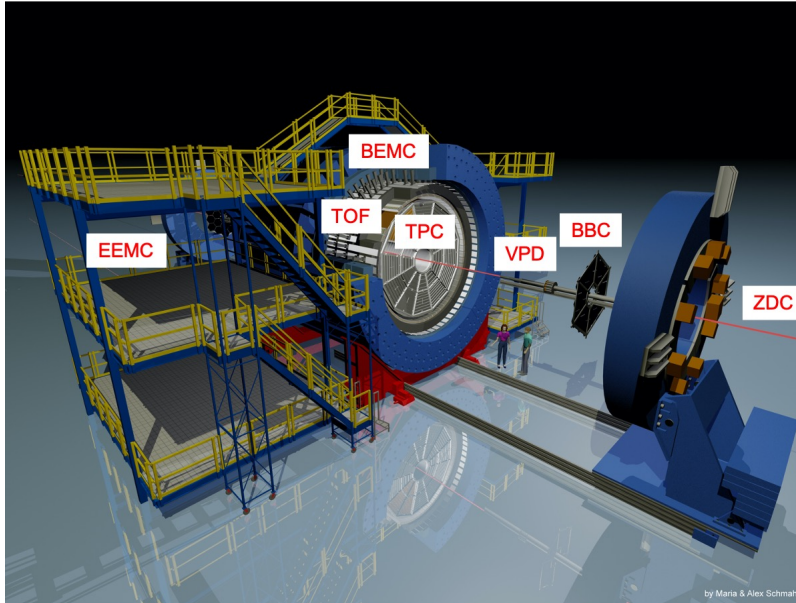
## ■ Muon Arms

- $D \rightarrow \mu, h^\pm(\pi, K)$
- $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

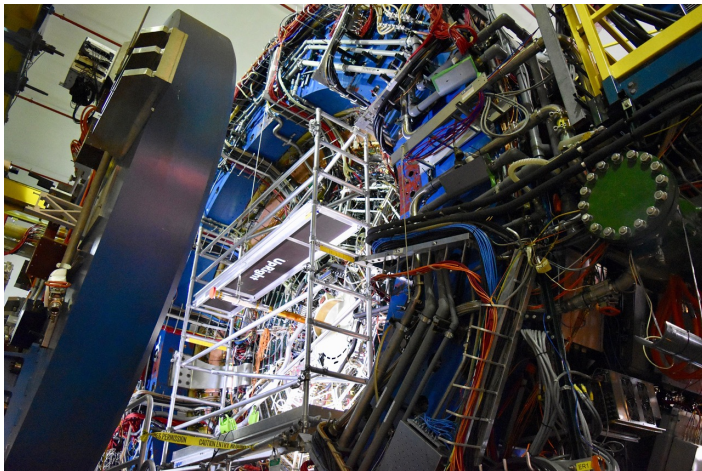
## ■ More

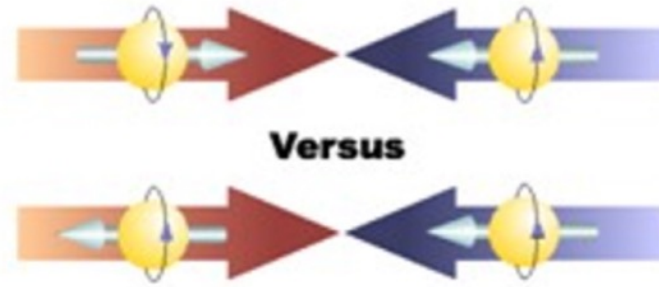
- Forward  $\pi^0, \eta$   $3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9$
- Neutron (ZDC)
- (F)VTX, BBC

# Star Detector



- Full  $2\pi$  coverage in azimuthal
- Tracking with TPC:  $|\eta| < 1.3$
- $\pi^0$  at forward rapidity

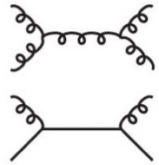
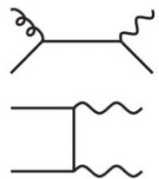



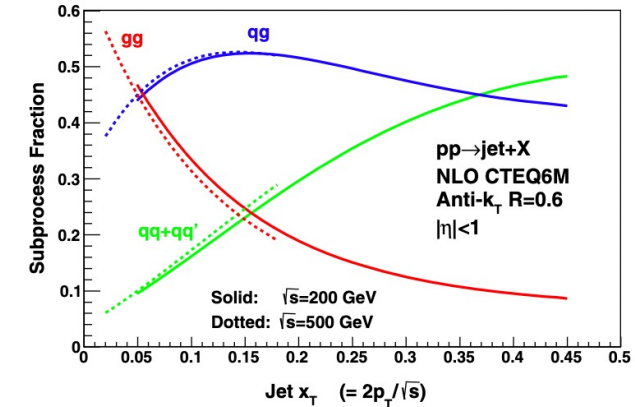
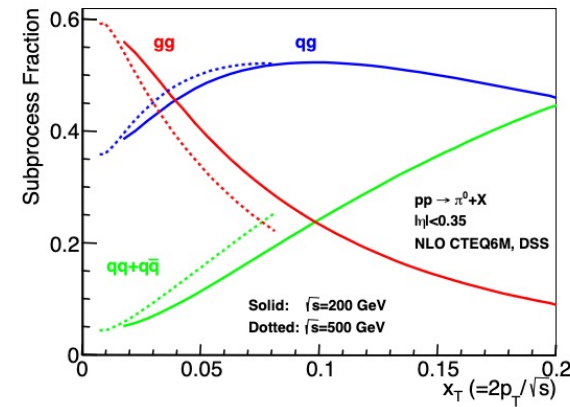


# Recent RHIC spin results

## 1. Longitudinal spin

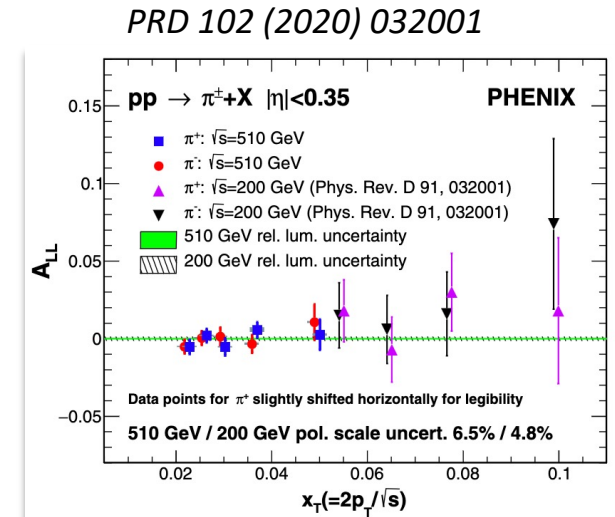
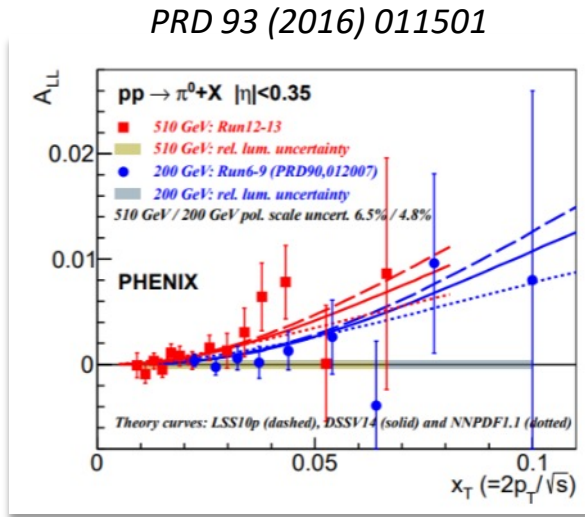
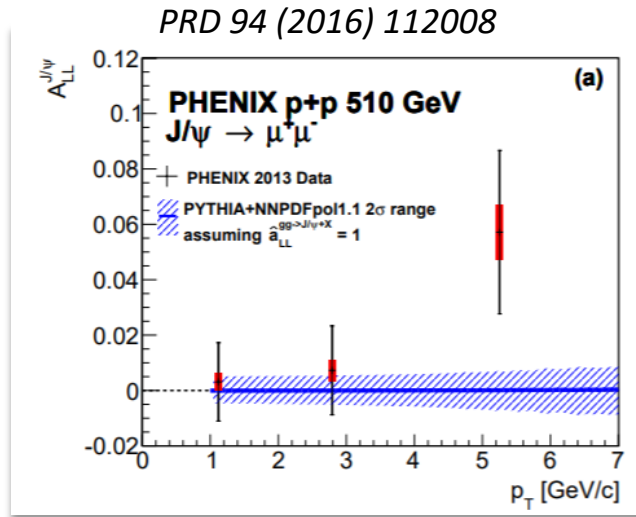
# $\Delta G$ at RHIC

Reaction	Dom. partonic process	probes	LO Feynman diagram
$\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow \pi + X$	$\vec{g}\vec{g} \rightarrow gg$ $\vec{q}\vec{g} \rightarrow qg$	$\Delta g$	
$\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow \text{jet}(s) + X$	$\vec{g}\vec{g} \rightarrow gg$ $\vec{q}\vec{g} \rightarrow qg$	$\Delta g$	(as above)
$\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow \gamma + X$ $\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet} + X$ $\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$	$\vec{q}\vec{g} \rightarrow \gamma q$ $\vec{q}\vec{g} \rightarrow \gamma q$ $\vec{q}\vec{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$\Delta g$ $\Delta g$ $\Delta q, \Delta \bar{q}$	
$\vec{p}\vec{p} \rightarrow DX, BX$	$\vec{g}\vec{g} \rightarrow c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}$	$\Delta g$	



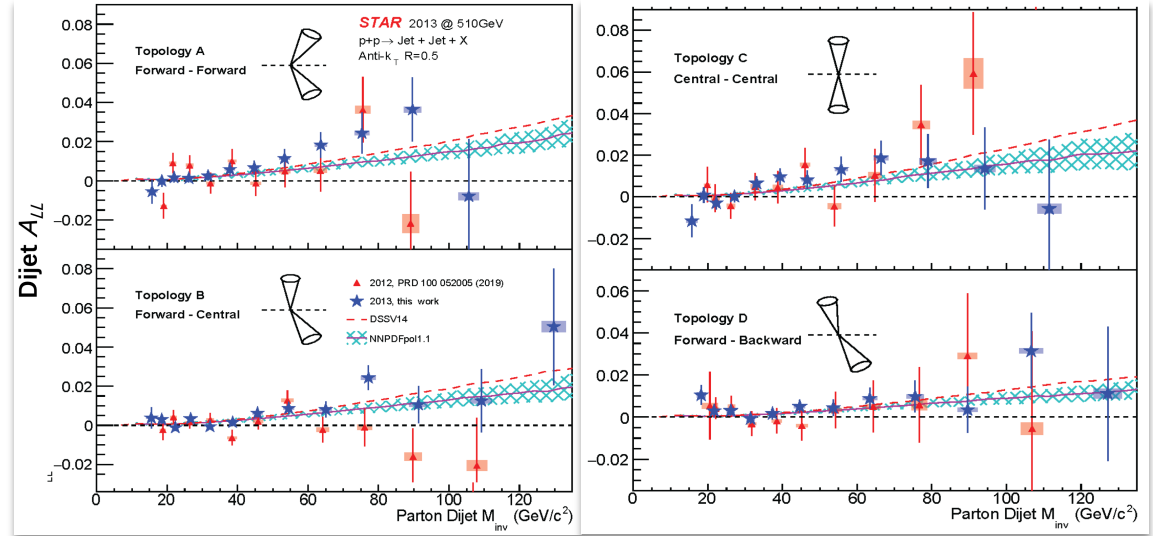
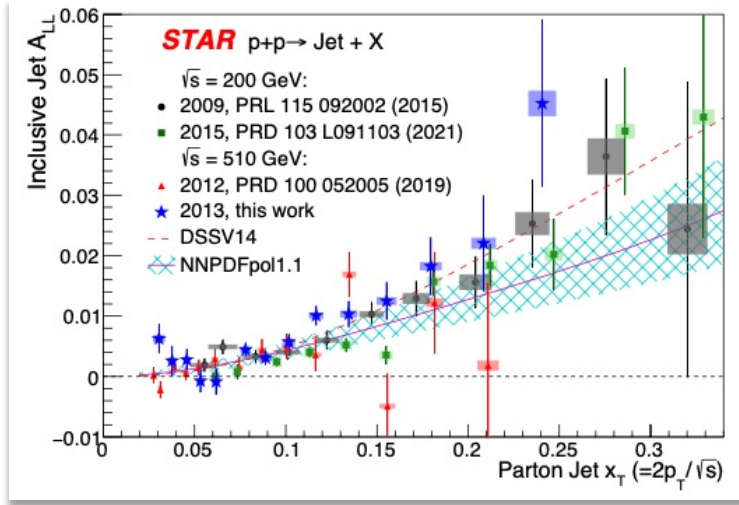
- Access gluons at LO
- $gg$  and  $qg$  dominant at RHIC kinematics

# $\Delta g$ through Inclusive Meson Production



- PHENIX has measured a wide variety of probes at 200 & 510 GeV
- Very precise data, asymmetries are small
- Limited sensitivity to non-zero gluon polarization

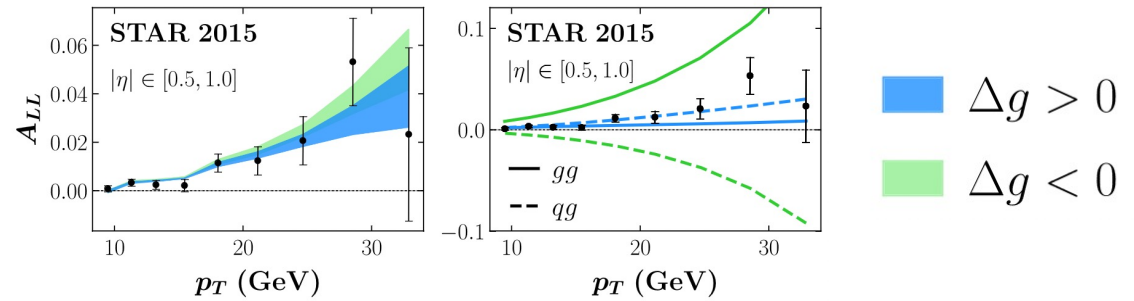
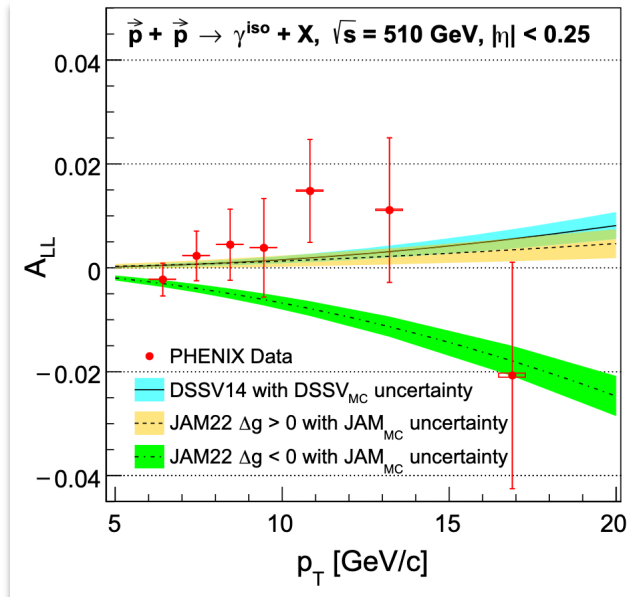
# $\Delta g$ through Jet $A_{LL}$



- *Phys. Rev. D 105 092011 (2022) (STAR)*
- Golden probes for  $\Delta g$ 
  - $A_{LL}$  for jets, di-jets and meson-production
- Dijet: constrain the shape of the  $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$



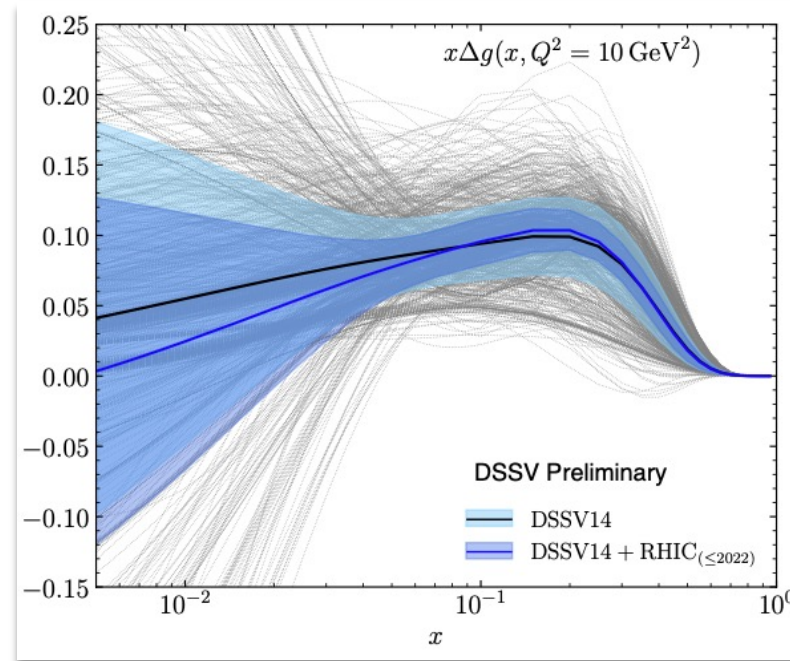
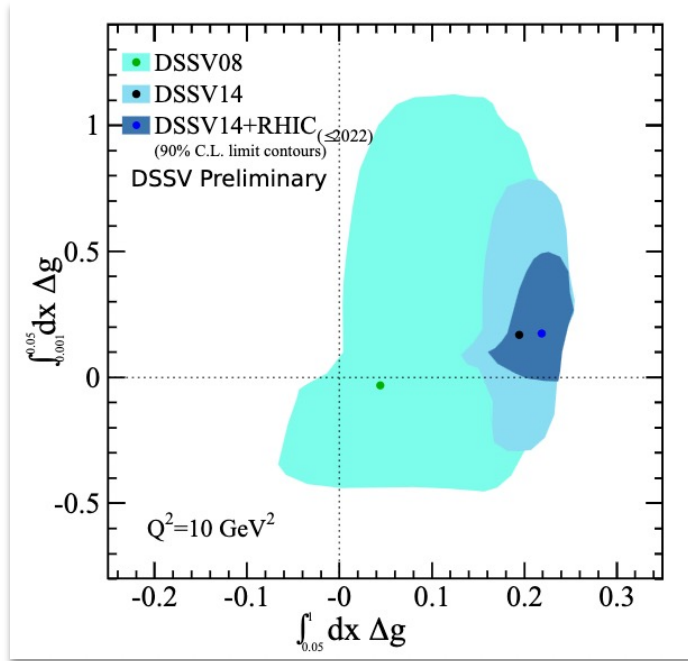
# $\Delta g$ through Direct photon $A_{LL}$



JAM global QCD analysis:  $A_{LL}$  vs Jet  $p_T$   
*Phys. Rev. D. 105.074022 (2022)*

- *Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 251901 (2023) (PHENIX)*
- First published measurement of direct photon  $A_{LL}$
- Dominated by quark-gluon Compton process  $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$
- Compared with  $\Delta g > 0$ ,  $\Delta g < 0$  scenarios for gluon spin
  - Data consistent with the positive gluon spin contributions and disfavor the negative  $\Delta g$  scenario

# Conclusion of $\Delta g$ from RHIC $\leq 2022$



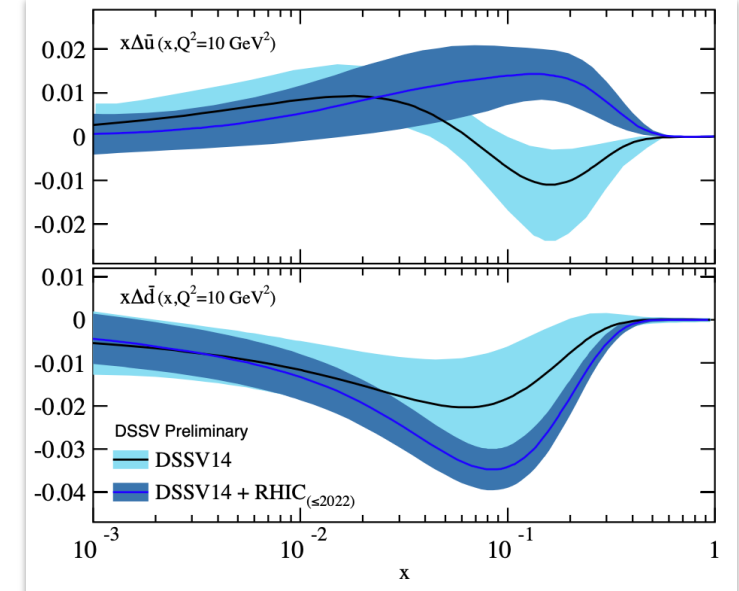
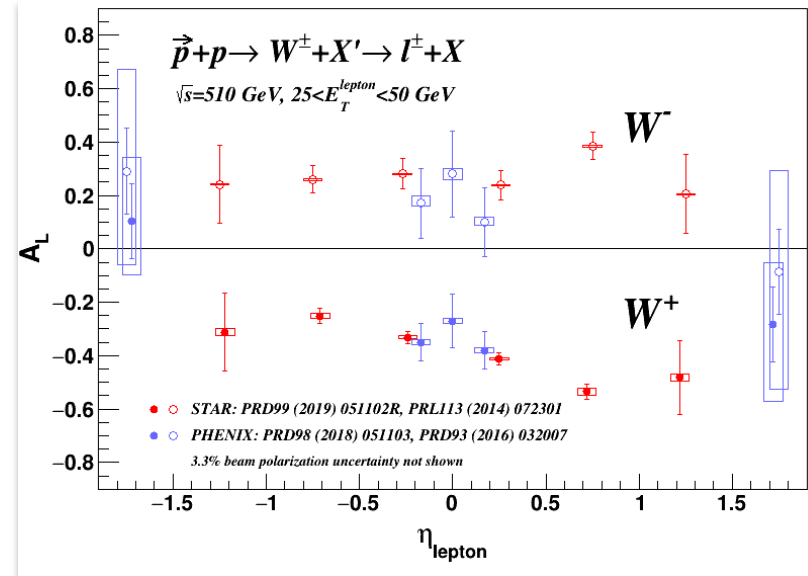
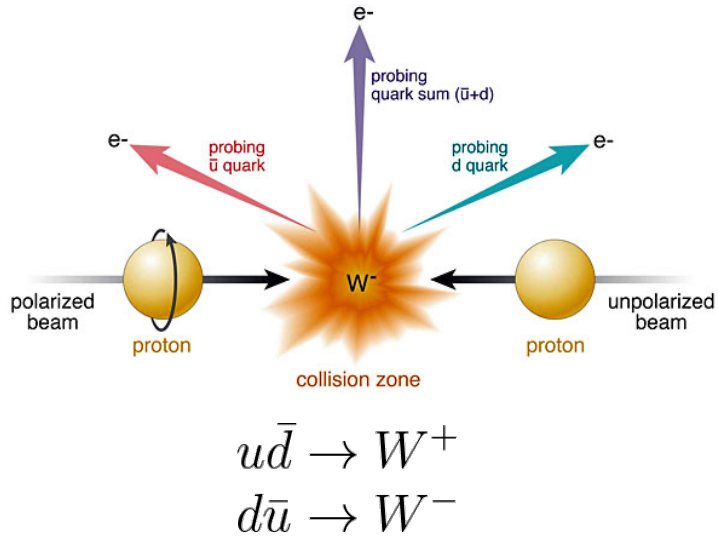
$$S = \frac{1}{2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma}_{\text{quarks}} + \underbrace{\Delta G}_{\text{gluons}} + \underbrace{L}_{\text{orbital angular momentum}}$$

DSSV preliminary (DSSV14 + RHIC  $\leq 2022$ )

- DSSV global fit including RHIC  $\leq 2022$  data: jet, dijet,  $\pi$ , W

$$\int_{0.05}^1 dx \Delta g = 0.218 \pm 0.027$$

# $\Delta\bar{q}$ (sea quark polarization) through W production

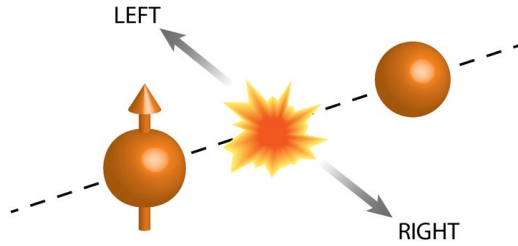


DSSV global fit including RHIC W data

## ■ From RHIC W-program

- Ws naturally separate quark flavors  $\rightarrow$  rapidity: sea vs. valence quarks
- STAR: PRD 99 (2019) 051102, PRL 113 (2014) 072301
- PHENIX: PRD 98 (2018) 032007, PRD 93 (2016) 032007

## ■ Result: $\Delta\bar{u} - \Delta\bar{d} > 0$

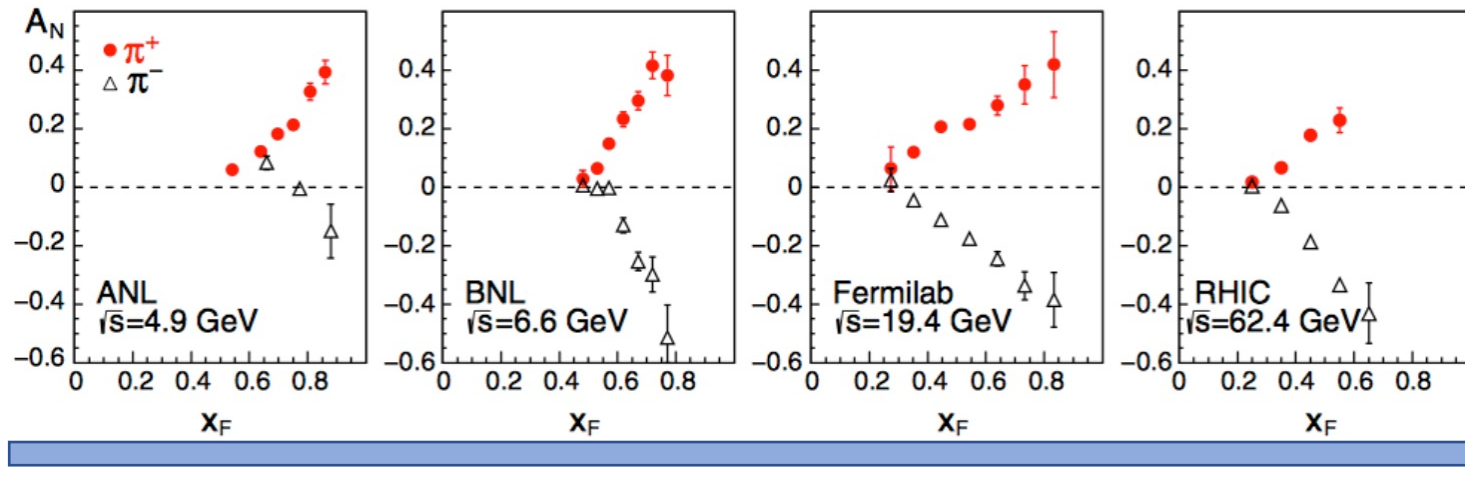
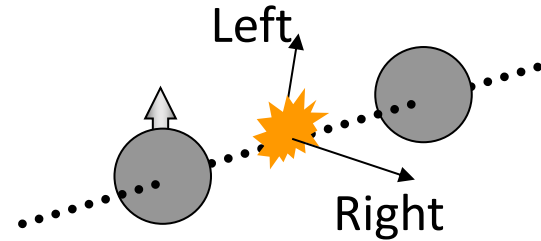


# Recent RHIC spin results

## Transverse spin

# Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry ( $A_N$ )

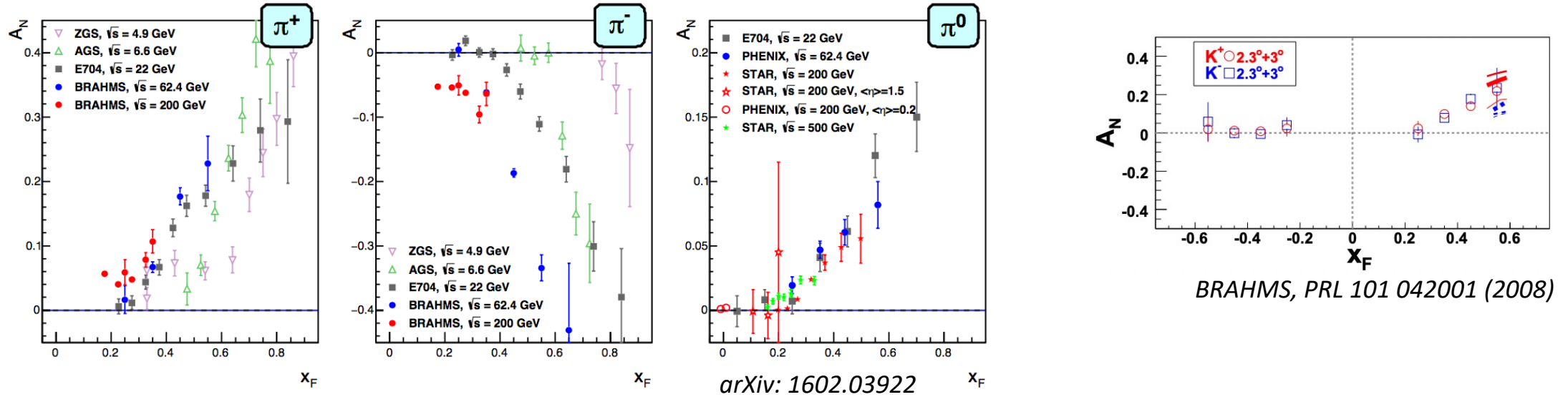
$$A_N = \frac{\sigma_L^\uparrow - \sigma_R^\uparrow}{\sigma_L^\uparrow + \sigma_R^\uparrow}$$



$$x_F = \frac{2p_L}{\sqrt{s}}$$

- Large  $A_N$  in single hadron production consistently observed up to RHIC energies, over 40 years.
- Transverse spin can be used as a probe, as it can correlate with parton's transverse momentum
- Transverse spin is related to the angular momentum contribution for proton's spin puzzle

# $A_N$ at RHIC energies



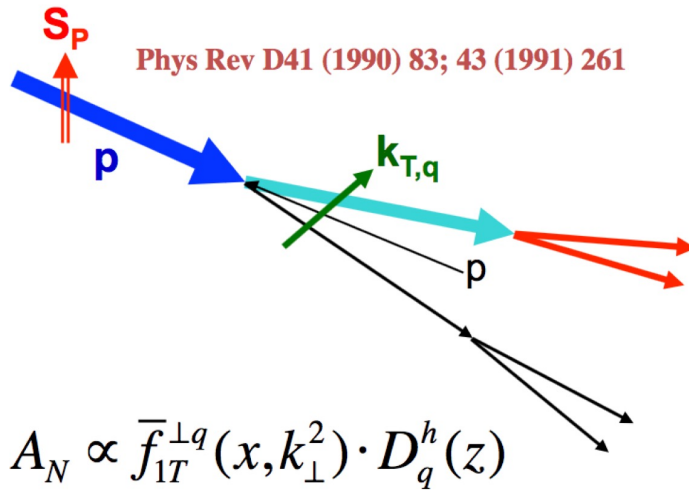
## ■ General features at forward rapidity

- Striking effects at large  $x_F$
- $A_N$  survives at large energies
- $A_N(\pi^+)$  and  $A_N(\pi^-)$  have roughly same magnitude, opposite sign
- $A_N(K^+)$  and  $A_N(K^-)$  same sign
- $A_N(\pi^0)$  is positive, smaller than  $A_N(\pi^+)$

# Possible origin of $A_N$

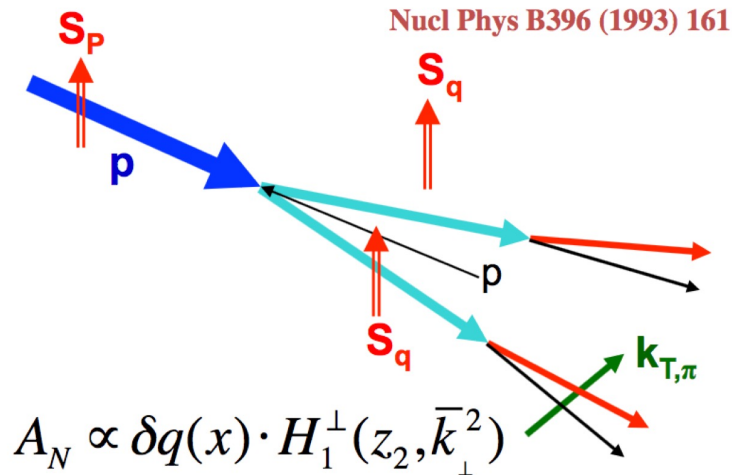
## Sivers Mechanism

Correlation between proton spin & parton  $k_T$



## Collins Mechanism

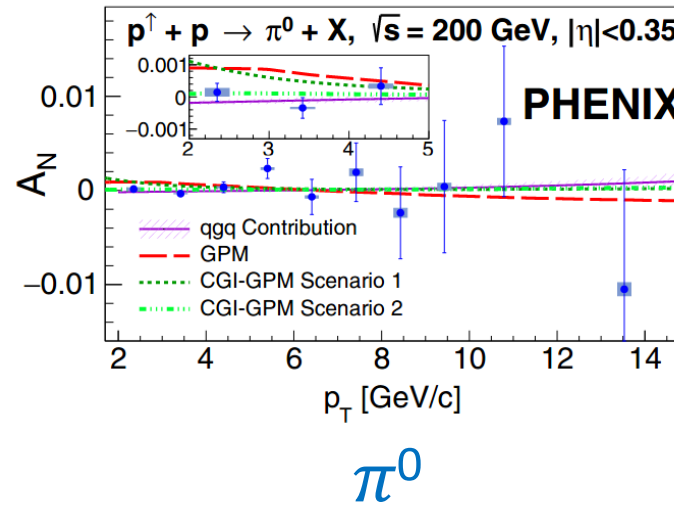
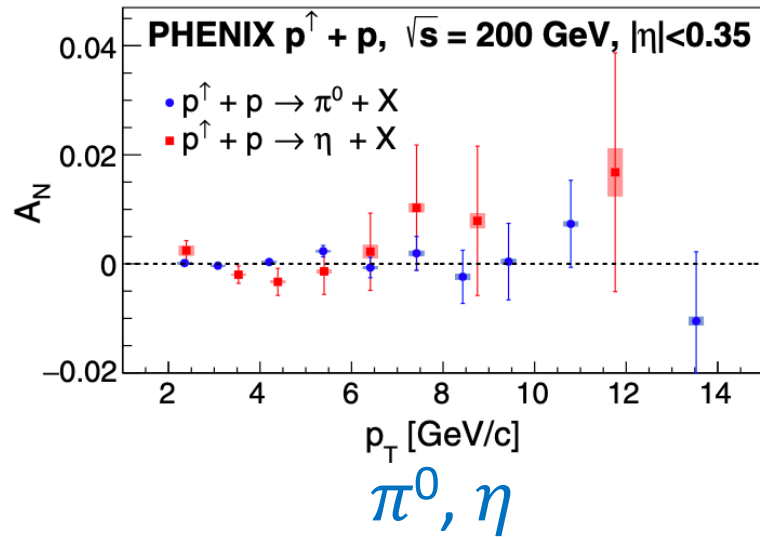
Transversity x spin-dependent fragmentation



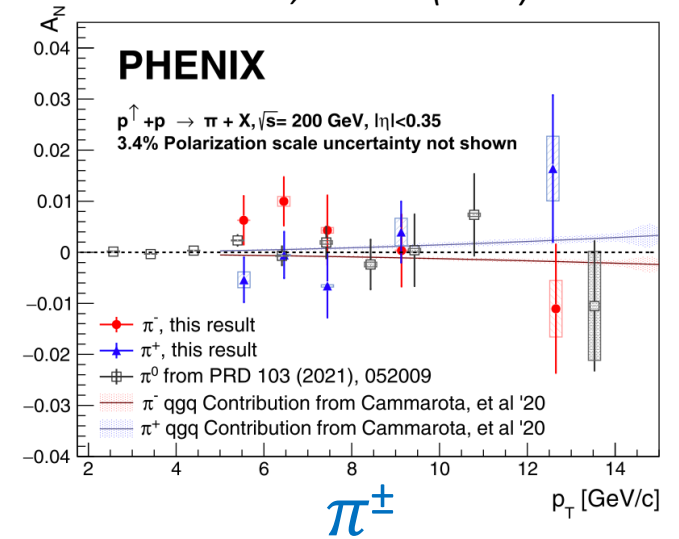
- Transverse Momentum Dependent Functions
  - Requires two scales: hard-scattering energy scale  $Q$  and a soft scale  $k_T$ , where  $k_T \ll Q$
- $p^{\uparrow} + p \rightarrow h + X$  : Collinear factorization approach
  - Twist-3 Multiparton( $qqq$ ,  $ggg$ ) correlations and twist-3 fragmentation functions

# $\pi, \eta$ $A_N$ at midrapidity

PRD 103, 052009 (2021)



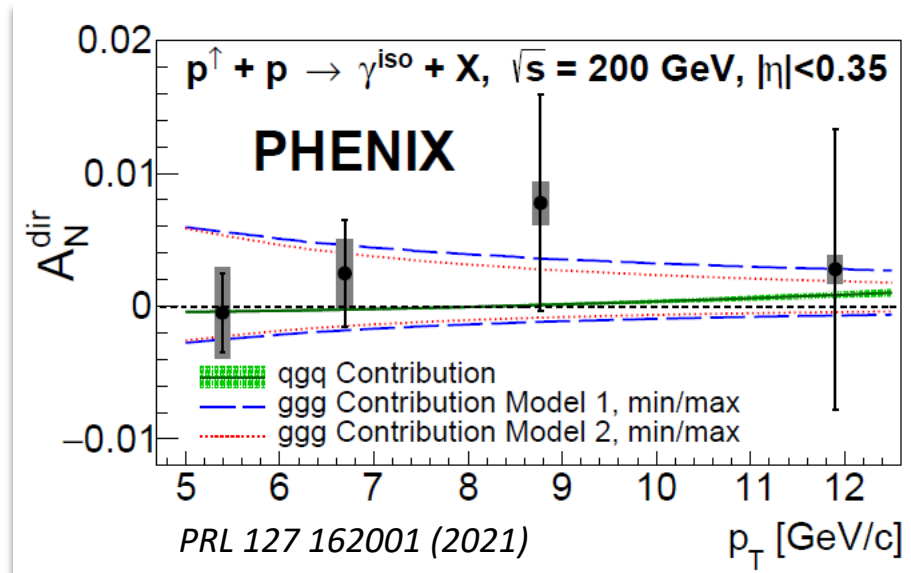
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- $\pi^0, \eta$  : sensitive to both initial- and final-state effects
- $\pi^\pm$  : provide different flavor sensitivity via the fragmentation functions and could test whether cancellations happen
- Small asymmetry expected.

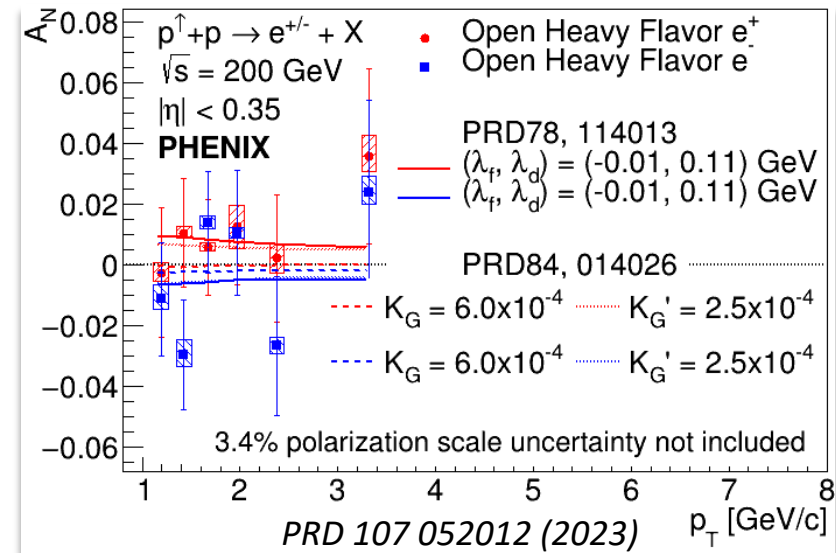


# $\gamma$ , HF $A_N$ at midrapidity



## Direct $\gamma$

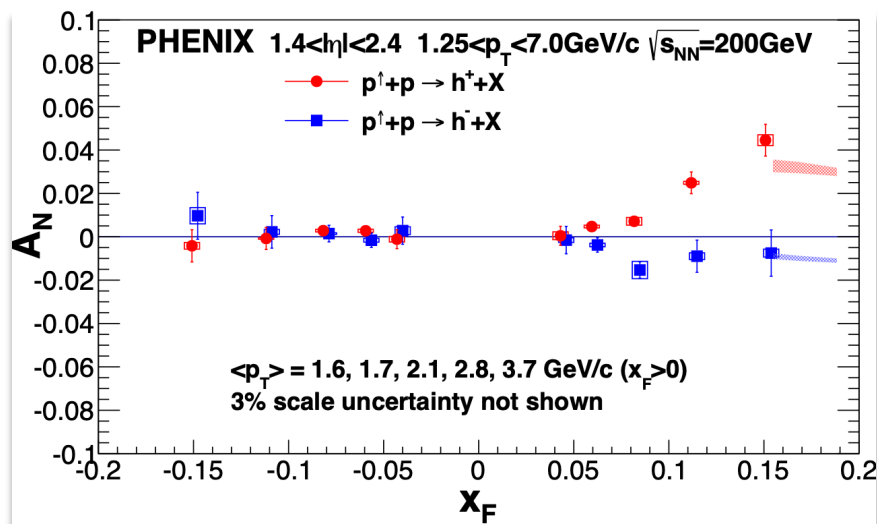
- First direct photon  $A_N$  from PHENIX
- Constrains twist-3 correlation function
  - Dominated by ggg correlator, small contribution from qqq correlators
- Larger asymmetries expected at forward rapidity



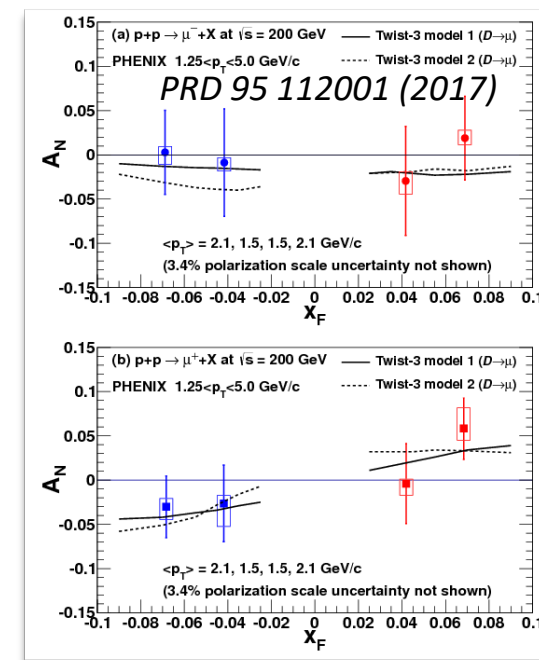
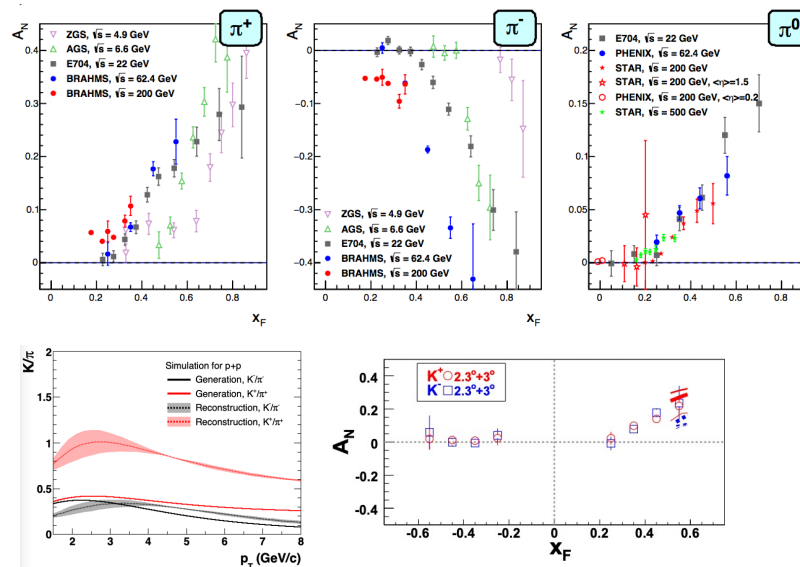
## Open HF $\rightarrow e^\pm$

- Almost only gluon related, no final state effects  $\rightarrow$  tri-gluon correlation
- Potential to constrain parameter ranges in D meson  $A_N$  theory calculations
- Comparison of charges provides further sensitivity

# $h^\pm$ , Heavy Flavor $A_N$ at forward/backward rapidity



arXiv: 2303.07191



## Charged hadron $A_N$ ( $\pi^\pm, K^\pm$ )

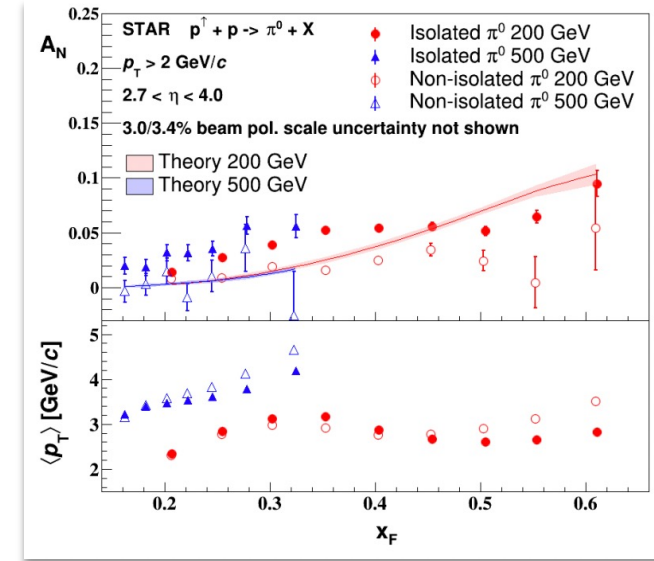
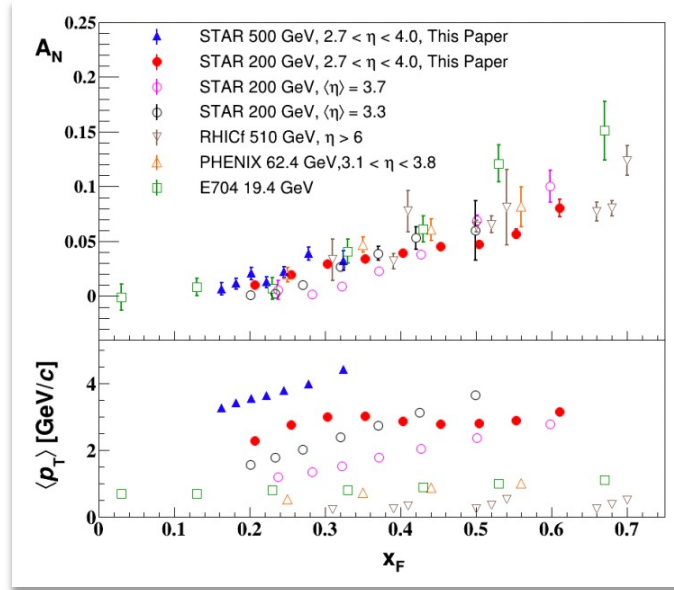
- $A_N(h^+)$  increases as  $x_F$  increases at  $x_F > 0$
- $A_N(h^+)$  small to zero: Opposite sign of  $A_N$  for  $\pi^-, K^-$  canceled partially at  $x_F > 0$
- Model at  $x_F > 0.15$  : *PLB* 770, 242 (2017)

## Open Heavy Flavor $A_N$ ( $D \rightarrow \mu^\pm$ )

- Dominated by gluon-gluon interaction
- Clean probe for gluon Sivers effect
  - Sensitive to twist-3 ggg function
  - Twist-3 model: *PRD* 84 014026 (2011)
- Working on Run-15 data, uncertainty will be greatly reduced.

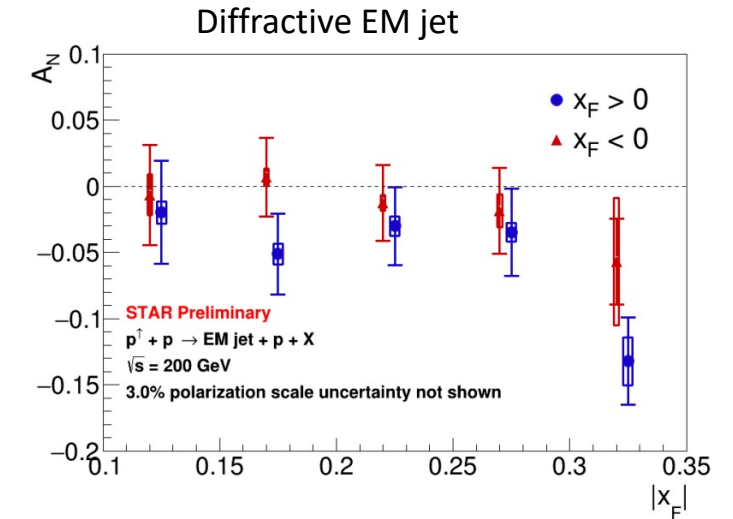
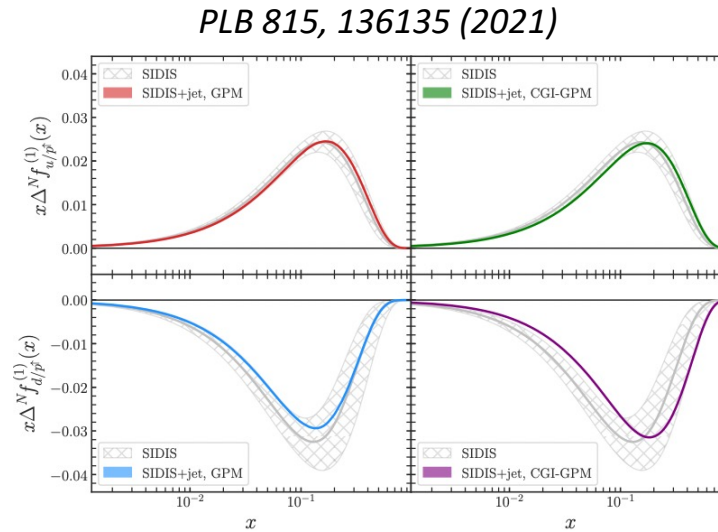
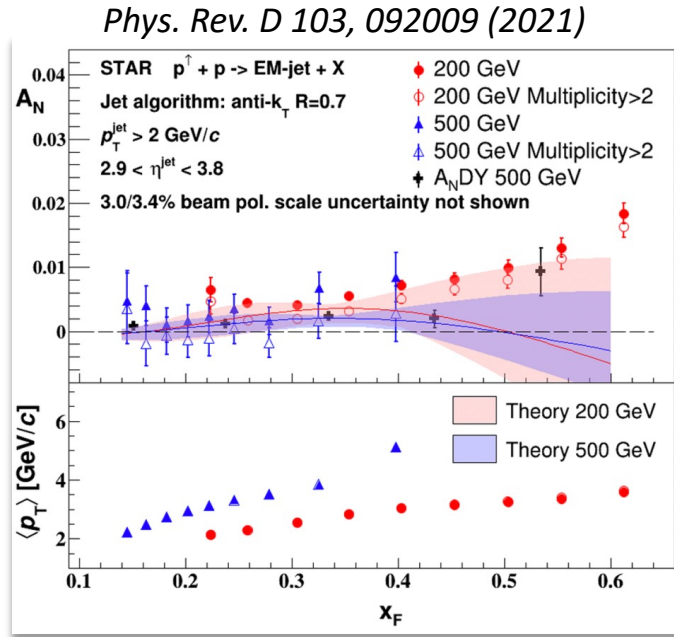
# Forward neutral pions $A_N$

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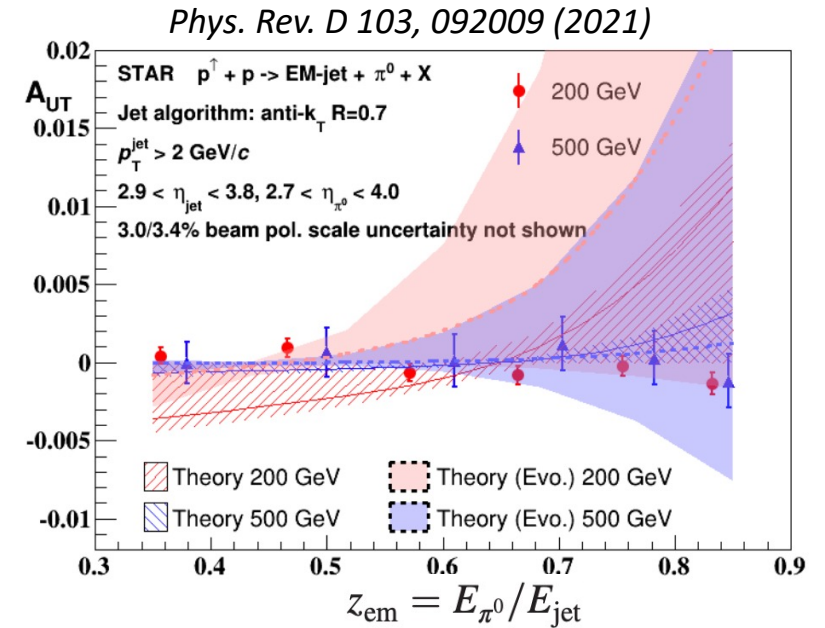
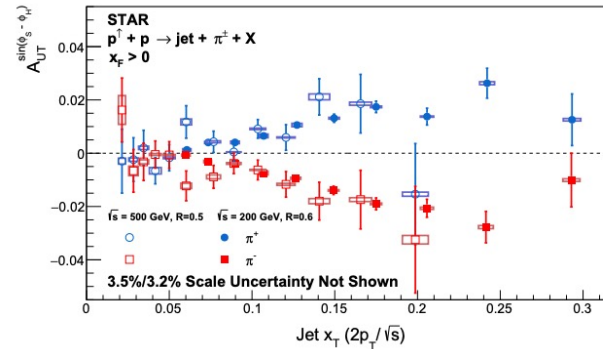
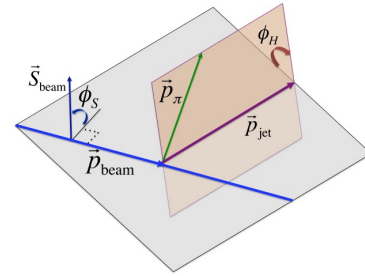
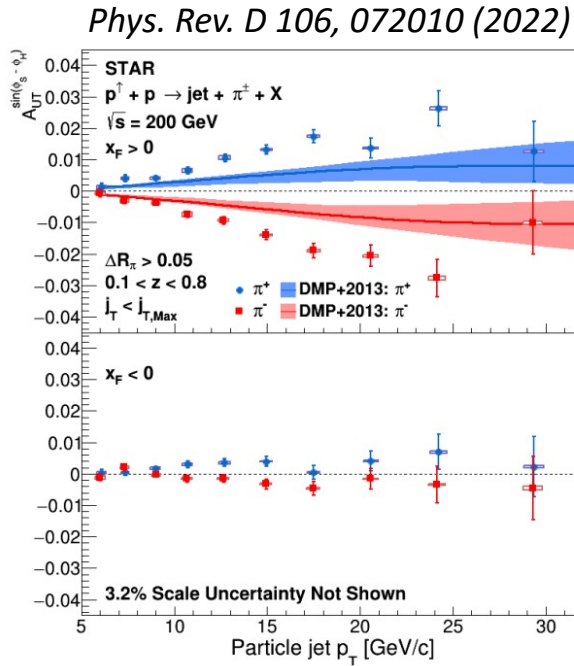
- Weak energy dependence of  $A_N(\pi^0)$
- Very forward  $A_N(\pi^0)$  at  $\eta > 6$ ,  $p_T < 1$  GeV/c at RHICf (*PRL 124 252501 (2020)*)
- Isolated  $\pi^0$  has larger  $A_N$  than nonisolated
  - There could be different mechanisms in play to explain the large asymmetries

# EM jet AN



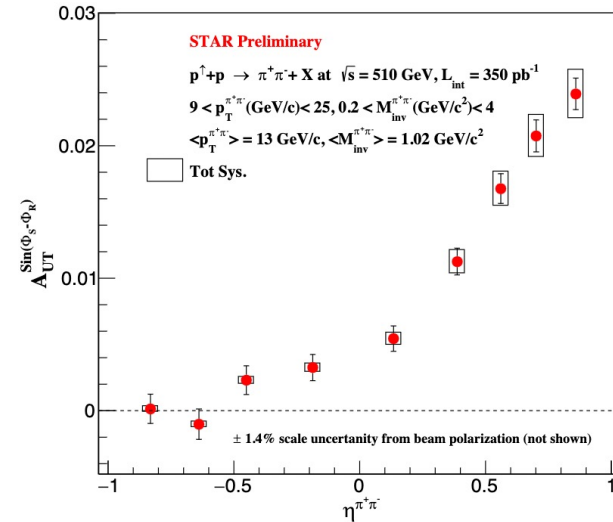
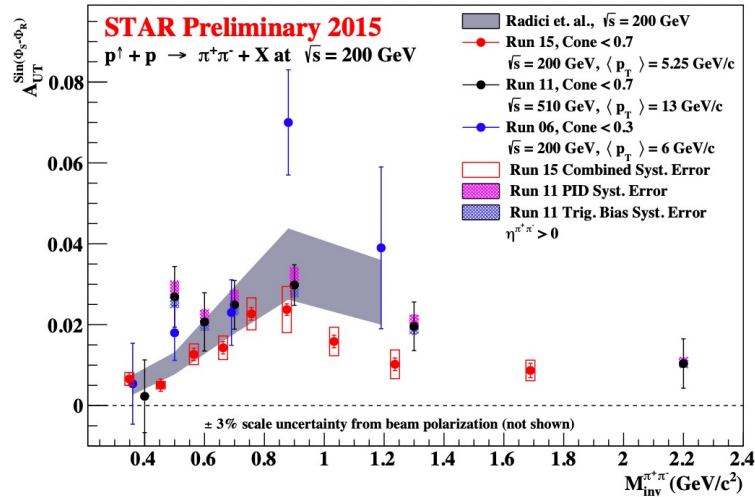
- EM-jet: increase with  $x_F$ , but  $A_N$  is much smaller than  $\pi^0$
- Significant constraint to global fit of the Sivers function
- Diffractive EM jet: most probably not the source of the large positive  $A_N(\pi^0)$

# Transversity, Collins Asymmetry



- Collins asymmetry in pp collision: ideal tool to explore the fundamental QCD questions of TMD factorization, universality, and evolution
- $\pi^\pm$  within jet : sensitive to quark transversity.
  - larger asymmetry than model based on SIDIS(Transversity),  $e^+e^-$ (Collins Fragmentation Function)
- $\pi^0$  within EM jet : small Collins asymmetry
  - small contribution from Collins to  $A_N(\pi^0)$

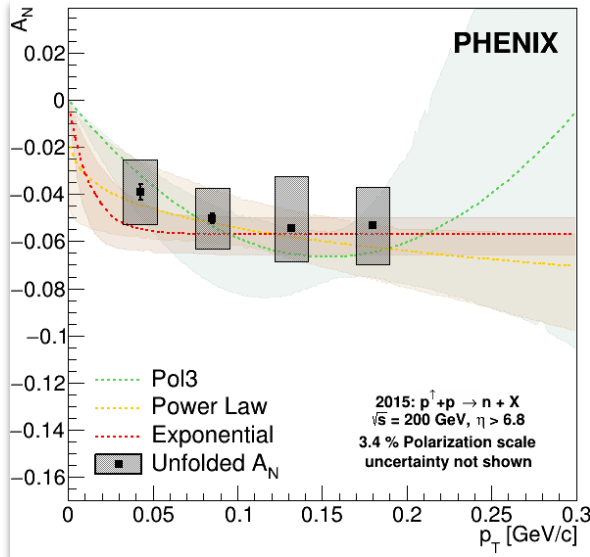
# Transversity via IFF



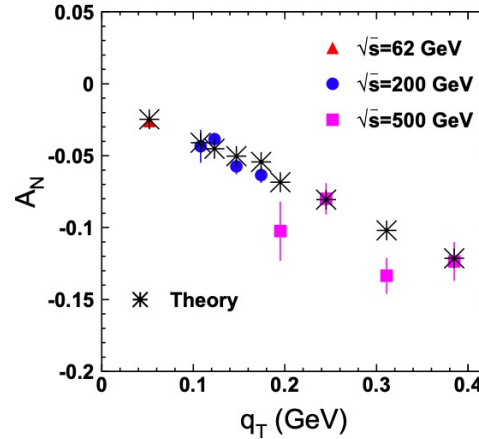
## ■ Interference Fragmentation Functions (IFF)

- $\pi^+ \pi^-$  azimuthal asymmetry
- (collinear) complementary probe of transversity relative to the Collins asymmetry, provide significant additional constraints on the u- and d-quark transversities
- Large asymmetry at high  $\eta$ 
  - significant quark transversity at large  $x$  – Small asymmetry at negative  $\eta$  due to small transversity at low  $x$

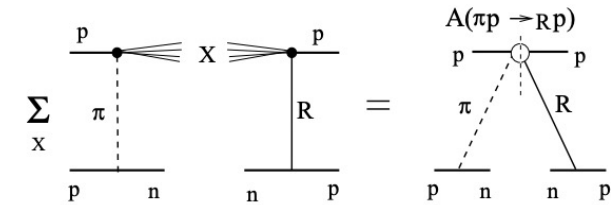
# $A_N$ at very forward region



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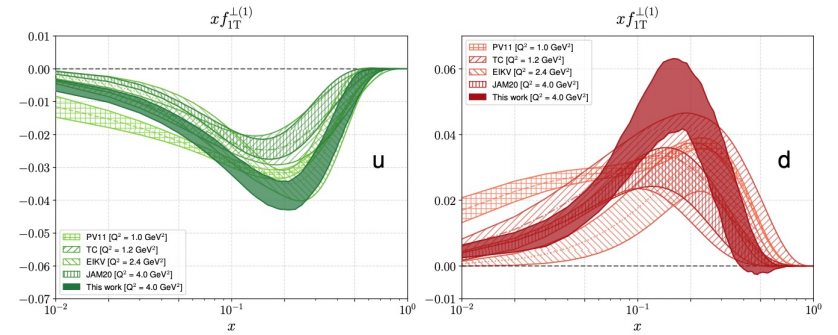
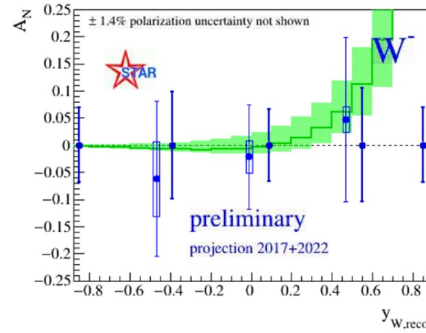
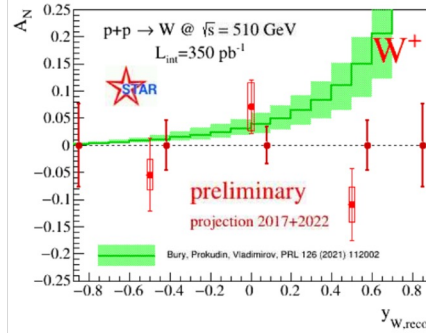
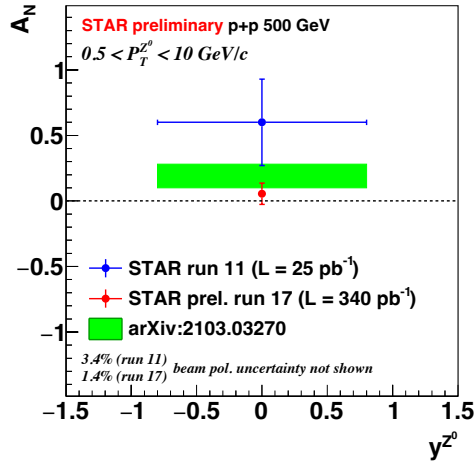
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## ■ Neutron $A_N$

- $\pi$ -R interference in hadronic interactions.
- Negative  $A_N$  with linear  $p_T$  dependence.

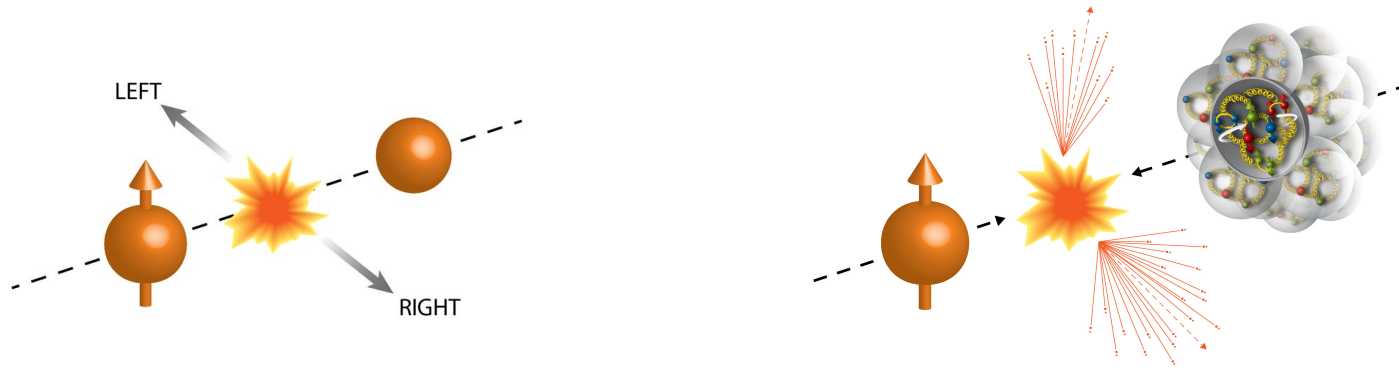
# Weak boson $A_N$



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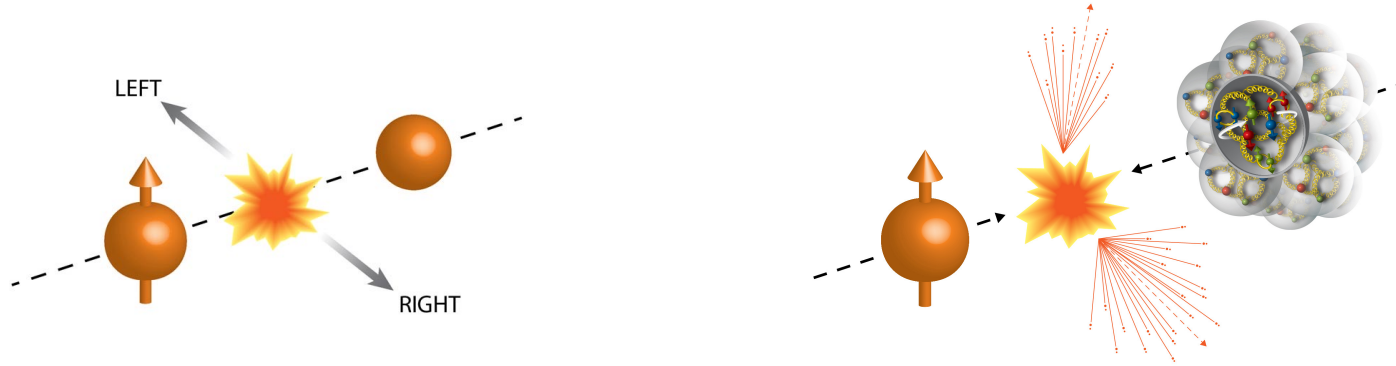
- Transverse partonic motion must be in the initial state
- predicted sign change in  $A_N$  relative to final-state interactions
- global QCD extraction of the Sivers function included 2011 W,Z





# Transverse spin in $p+A$

# $A_N$ in polarized p+A



- The first and only (transversely) polarized p+A collision at RHIC 2015 run
- Nuclear effects in various  $A_N$  measurements
  - Inclusive hadron production  $p^\uparrow + A \rightarrow h + X$ 
    - Nonzero  $A_N$  in inclusive hadron in transversely polarized p+p: puzzle over 40 years
    - Help to disentangle differing mechanisms and clarify the origin of the  $A_N$ .
    - A-dependence of  $A_N$  can be a probe for the saturation scale in the nucleus.

$$\left. \frac{A_N^{pA \rightarrow h}}{A_N^{pp \rightarrow h}} \right|_{P_{h\perp}^2 \ll Q_s^2} \approx \frac{Q_{sp}^2}{Q_{sA}^2} e^{\frac{P_{h\perp}^2 \delta^2}{Q_{sp}^4}} \left. \frac{A_N^{pA \rightarrow h}}{A_N^{pp \rightarrow h}} \right|_{P_{h\perp}^2 \gg Q_s^2} \approx 1$$

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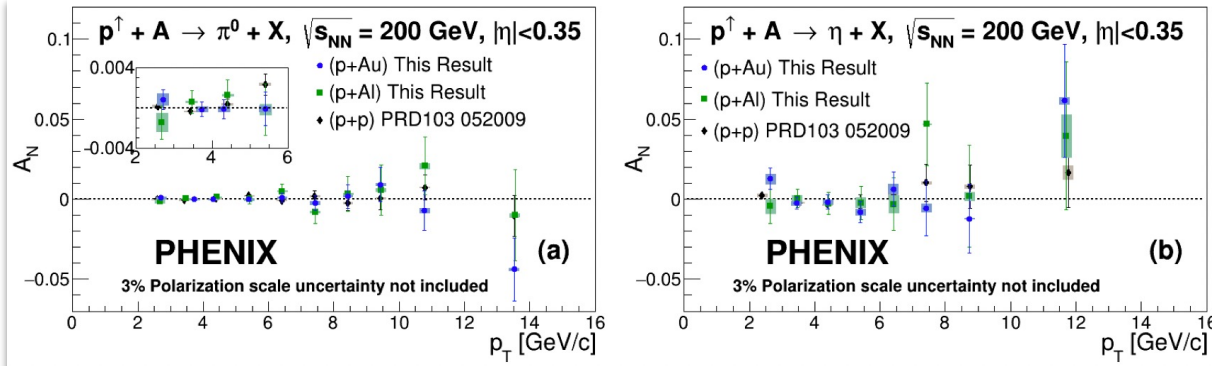
$$A_N^{(q)}(k_T \approx Q_s) \sim \frac{1}{Q_s^7} \sim A^{-7/6}$$

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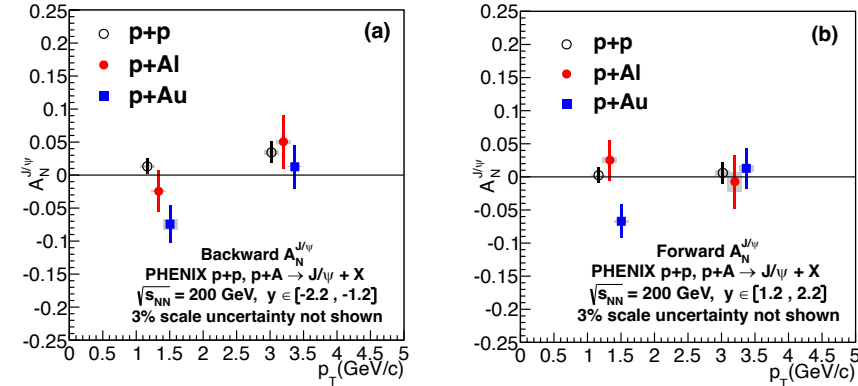
$$\frac{A_N^{pA}}{A_N^{pp}} \sim \frac{Q_{sp}^2}{Q_{sA}^2} \sim \frac{1}{A^{1/3}} < 1. \quad (P_{hT} \lesssim Q_s)$$

PRD 94 054013 (2016) PRD 95 014008 (2017)

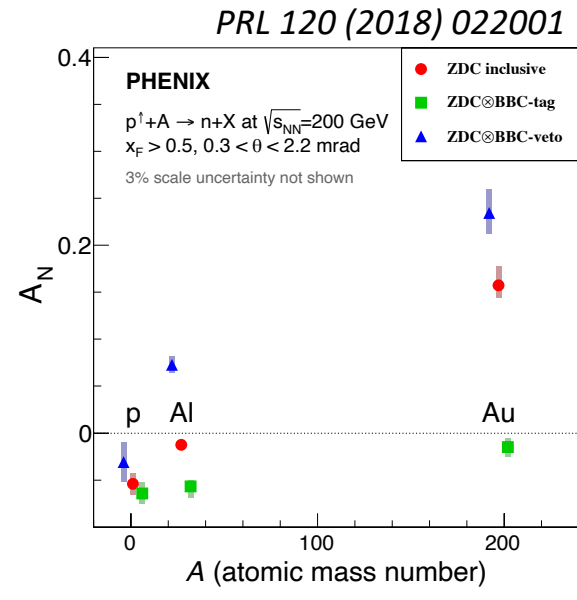
# $\pi^0, \eta, J/\psi$ , neutron in transversely polarized p+A



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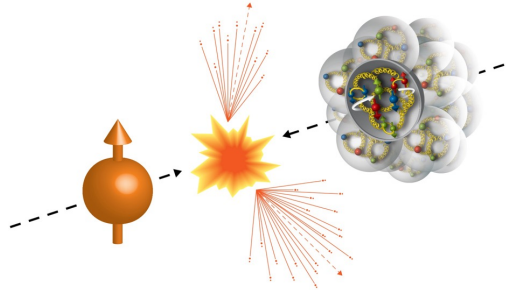
PRL 120 (2018) 022001

- Midrapidity  $\pi^0, \eta$   $A_N$ 
  - similar to p+p. no evidence of additional effect from complex environment
- Forward rapidity  $J/\psi$   $A_N$ 
  - negative asymmetry in p+Au collisions in both forward and backward
- Very forward neutron  $A_N$ 
  - Sign changed.
  - UPC can generate  $A_N$  (PRC 95 044908(2017))
  - $p_T$  and  $x_F$  dependence: PRD 105 032004 (2022)

# Nuclear Dependence of $A_N$ : $h^\pm$ , $\pi^0$

In 2015 RHIC run  
transversely polarized

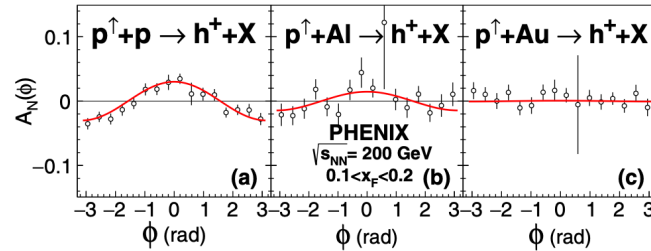
$p^\uparrow + p$ ,  $p^\uparrow + \text{Al}$  and  $p^\uparrow + \text{Au}$



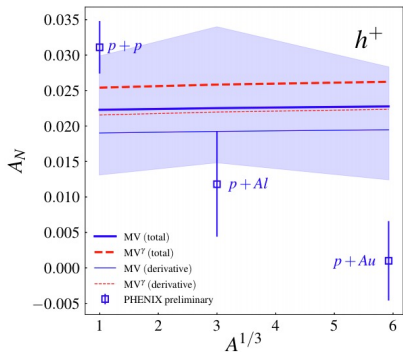
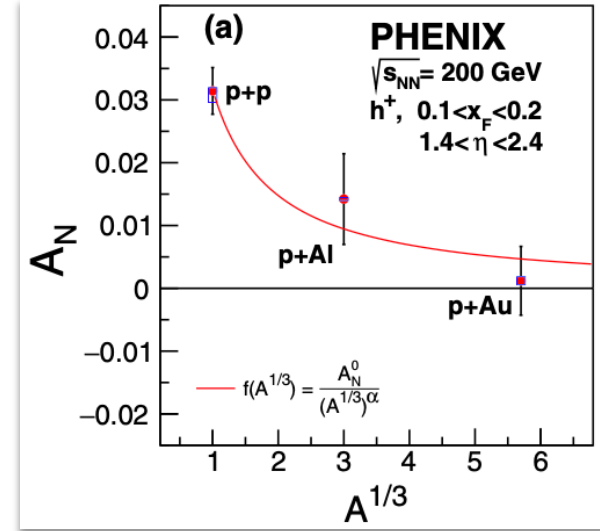
**PHENIX** charged hadron  $A_N$

$1.4 < \eta < 2.4$   
 $0.1 < x_F < 0.2$   
 $1.8 < p_T < 7 \text{ GeV}/c$

Strong  $A_N$  suppression in  $p+\text{Au}$



PHENIX, PRL 123, 122001 (2019)

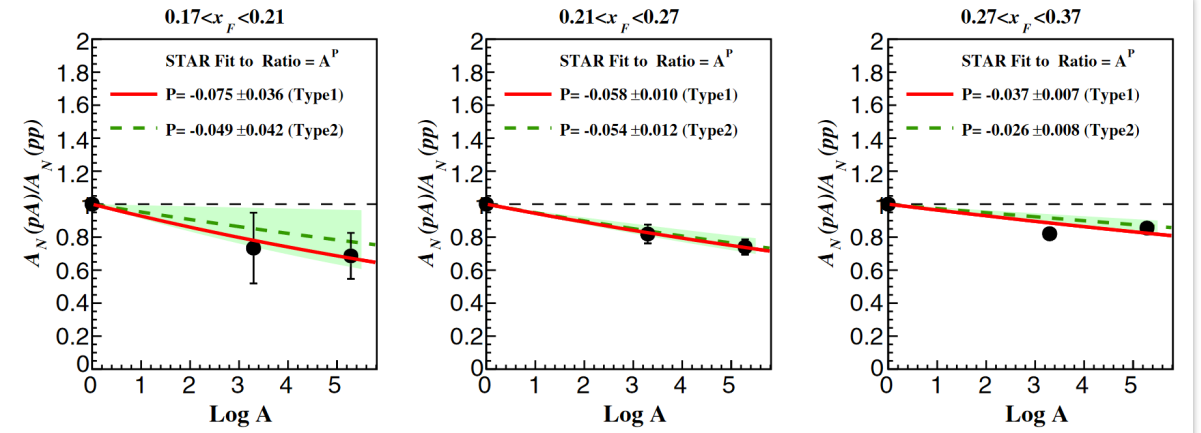


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**STAR** forward  $\pi^0$   $A_N$

$2.6 < \eta < 4.0$   
 $0.2 < x_F < 0.7$   
 $1.5 < p_T < 7 \text{ GeV}/c$

Moderate A dependence

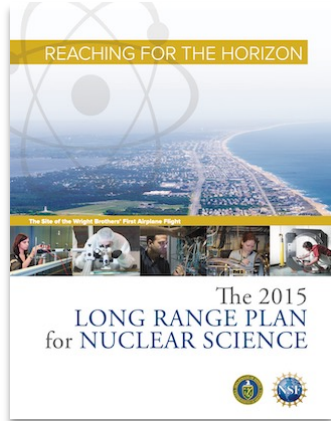


STAR, PRD 103, 072005 (2021)

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  - Hadron  $A_N$  in pp vs pA

# Future Perspectives: RHIC Cold QCD Plan Electron-Ion Collider

# Bridge between present and future: sPHENIX and STAR upgrade



There are two central goals of measurements planned at RHIC, as it completes its scientific mission, and at the LHC: **(1) Probe the inner workings of QGP by resolving its properties at shorter and shorter length scales. The complementarity of the two facilities is essential to this goal, as is a state-of-the-art jet detector at RHIC, called sPHENIX. (2) Map the phase diagram of QCD with experiments planned at RHIC.**

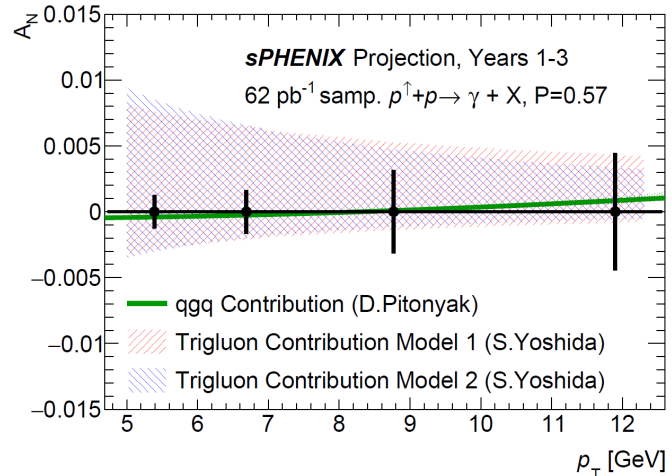
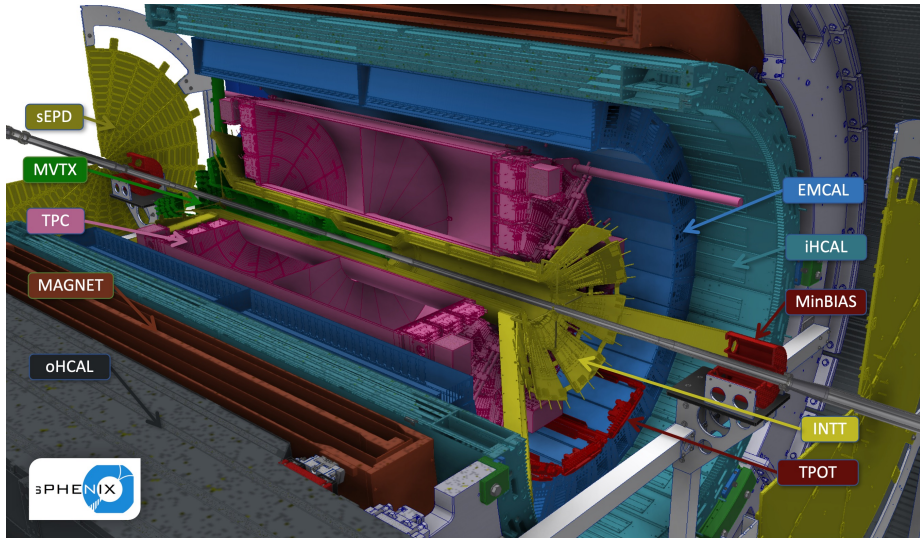


## The Present and Future of QCD

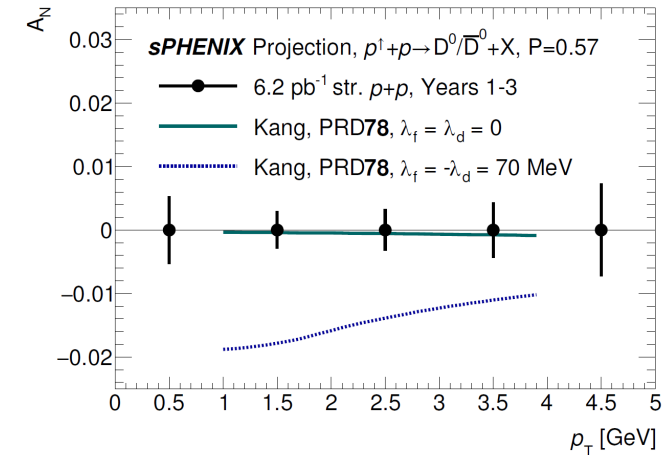
QCD Town Meeting White Paper – An Input to the 2023 NSAC Long Range Plan

- The RHIC facility revolutionized our understanding of QCD, as well as the spin structure of the nucleon. To successfully conclude the RHIC science mission, it is essential to complete the sPHENIX science program as highlighted in the 2015 LRP, the concurrent STAR data taking with forward upgrade, and the full data analysis from all RHIC experiments.

# sPHENIX – Cold QCD Program

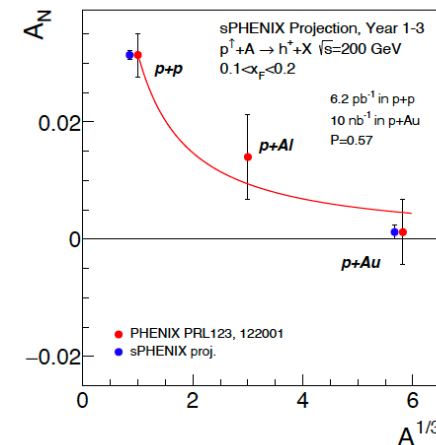


Direct photon  $A_N$  projection

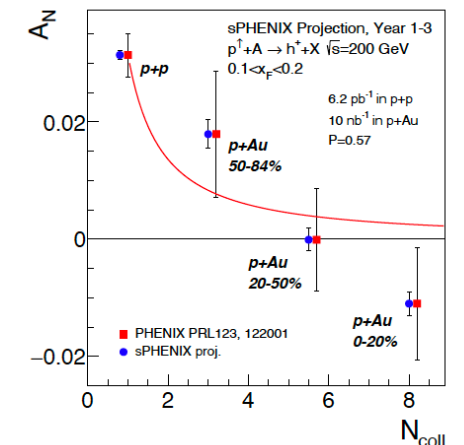


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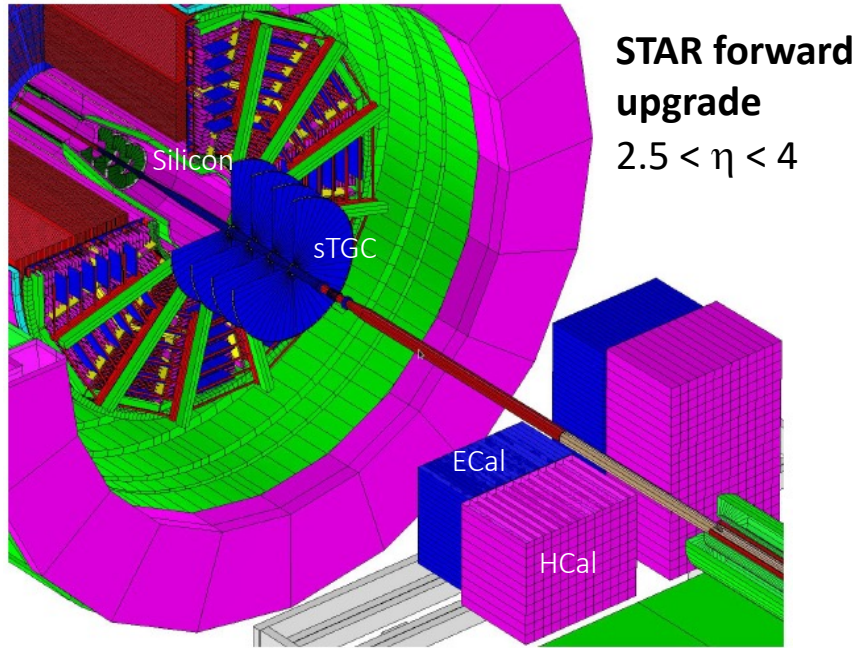


Hadron  $A_N$  in pp vs pA projection



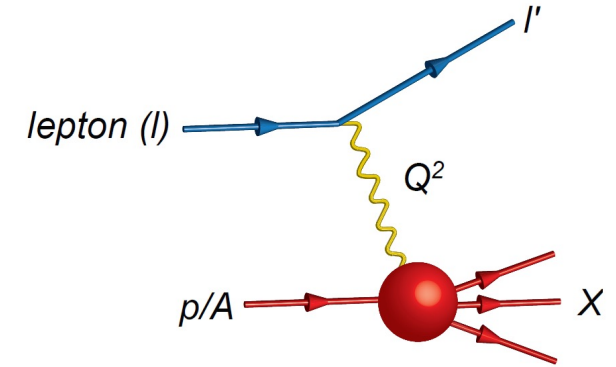
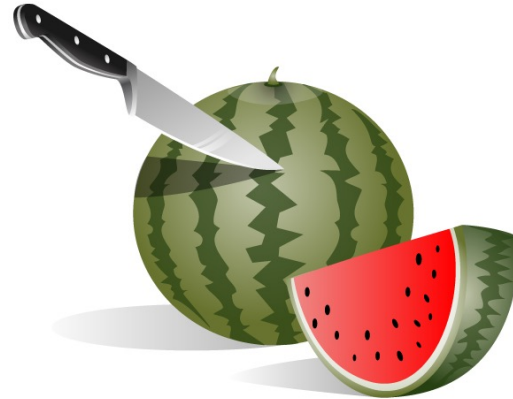


# The STAR Forward Upgrade



- Electromagnetic and Hadronic Calorimetry with SiPM readout & new ADC + trigger modules, with Tracking Silicon detectors and small-strip Thin Gap Chambers
- STAR forward upgrade was fully operation for 2022 transversely polarized pp 510 GeV
- Topics
  - $A_N(W,Z)$  : Sivers sign change
  - $A_N$  for  $h^{+/-}$  and  $\pi^0$  : Unravel the mystery what is the underlying process of  $A_N$
  - $h^{+/-}$  with  $z > 0.5$  in jet : flavor tagging of the Twist-3 equivalent of the Sivers function
  - high precision data to test universality of CGC, evolution/universality of  $Q_s^2$  with  $A$  and  $x$

# Smash? Or cut open?



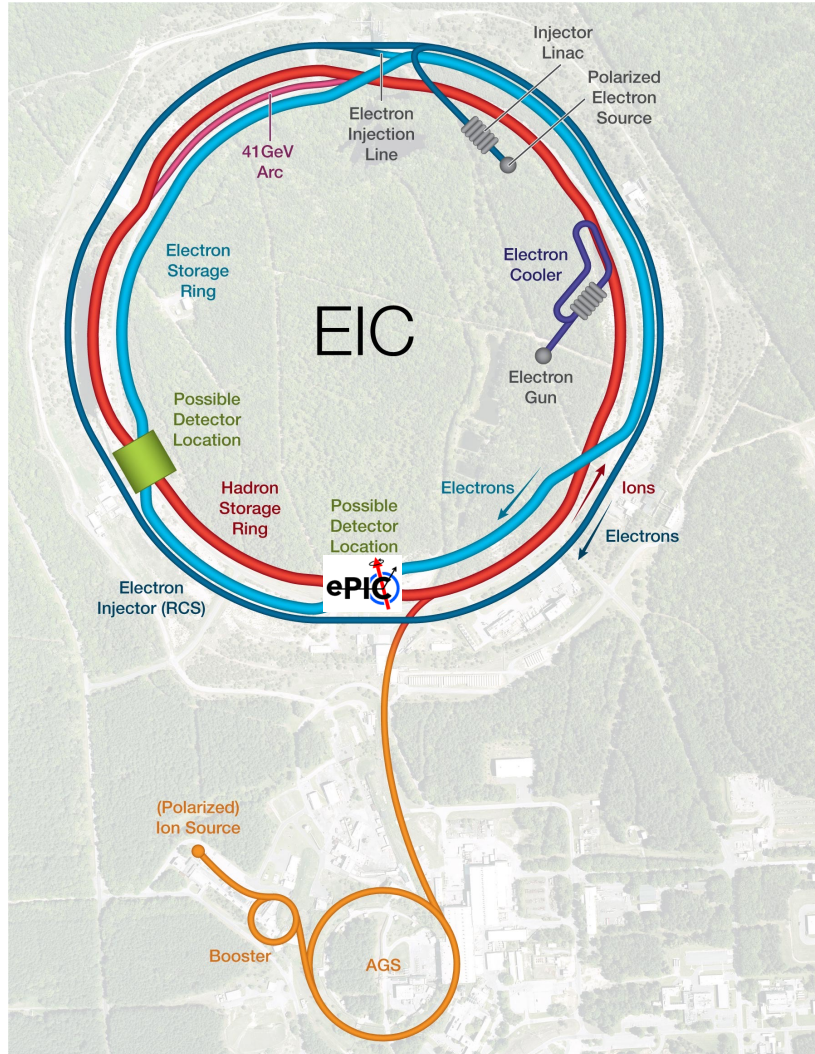
## ■ “cut open” the nucleon/nucleus with DIS

- Discovered quarks inside the nucleus
- Discovered proton spin crisis
- Discovered the quarks inside a proton in nucleus behave differently

## ■ DIS enables us to look into

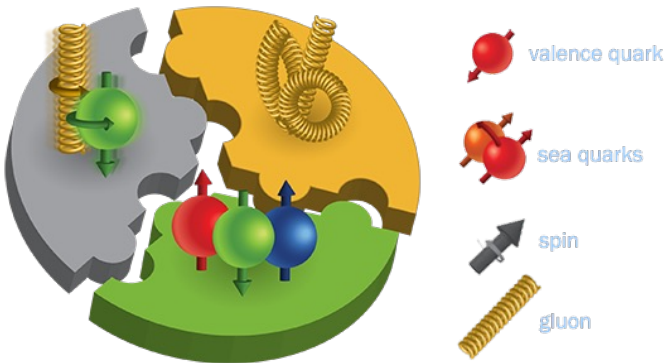
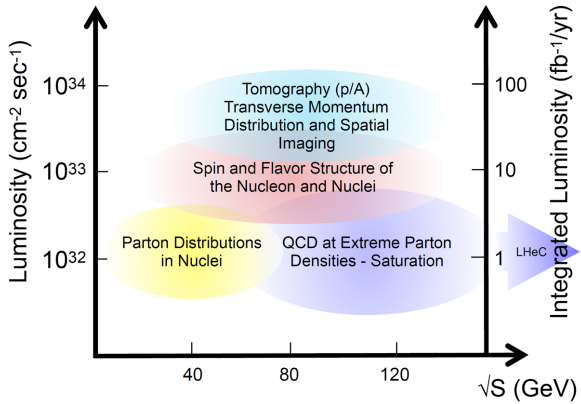
- Gluon momentum distribution in nuclei
- Energy loss in cold nuclear matter and emergence of hadrons
- Parton spin in nucleons/nuclei
- Dynamics of a bound QCD system

# Electron-Ion Collider



- the ONLY world-wide new collider in foreseeable future
- A high luminosity ( $10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ) polarized electron proton / ion collider with  $\sqrt{s_{ep}} = 28 - 140 \text{ GeV}$
- factor 100 to 1000 higher luminosity as HERA
- both e, p / light nuclei polarized,
- nuclear beams: d to U
- ePIC at 6 o'clock

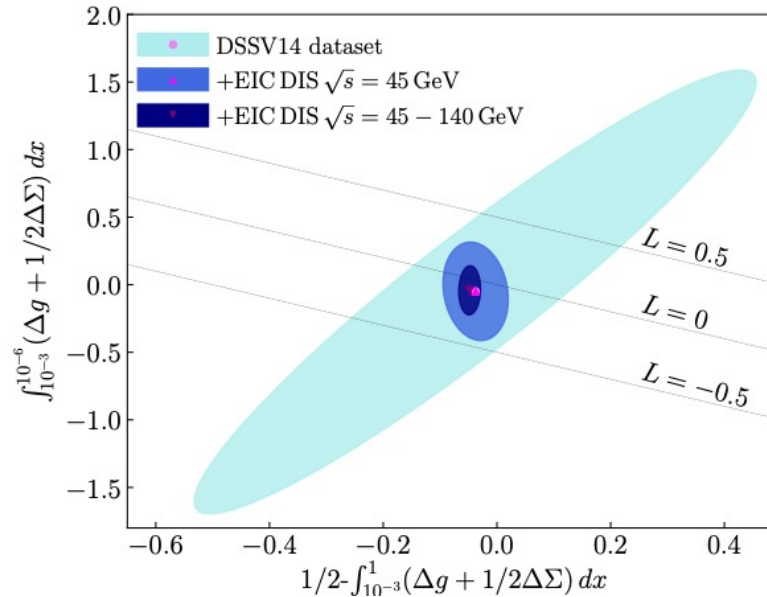
# EIC physics



- How do the nucleonic properties such as mass and spin emerge from partons and their underlying interactions?
- How are partons inside the nucleon distributed in both momentum and position space?
- How do color-charged quarks and gluons, and jets, interact with a nuclear medium? How do the confined hadronic states emerge from these quarks and gluons? How do the quark-gluon interactions create nuclear binding?

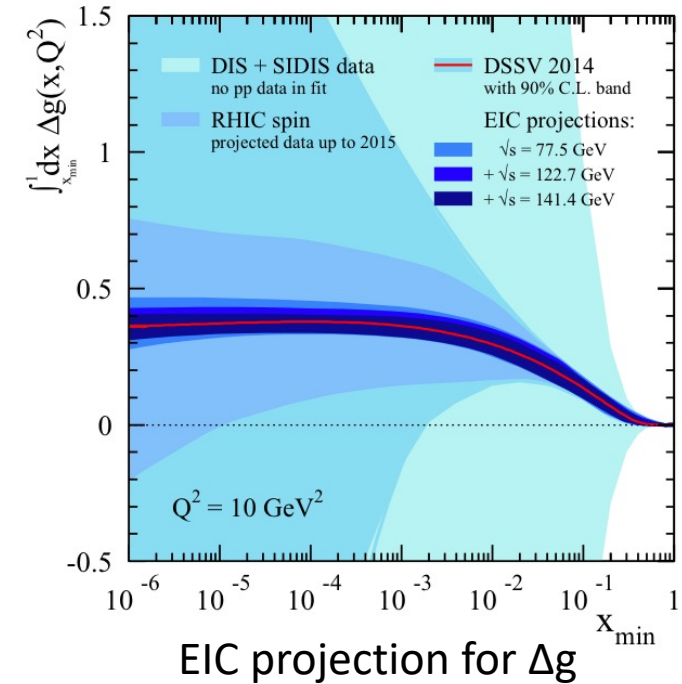
# Proton spin decomposition at EIC

$$S_p = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$$



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Room left for potential orbital angular momentum contributions

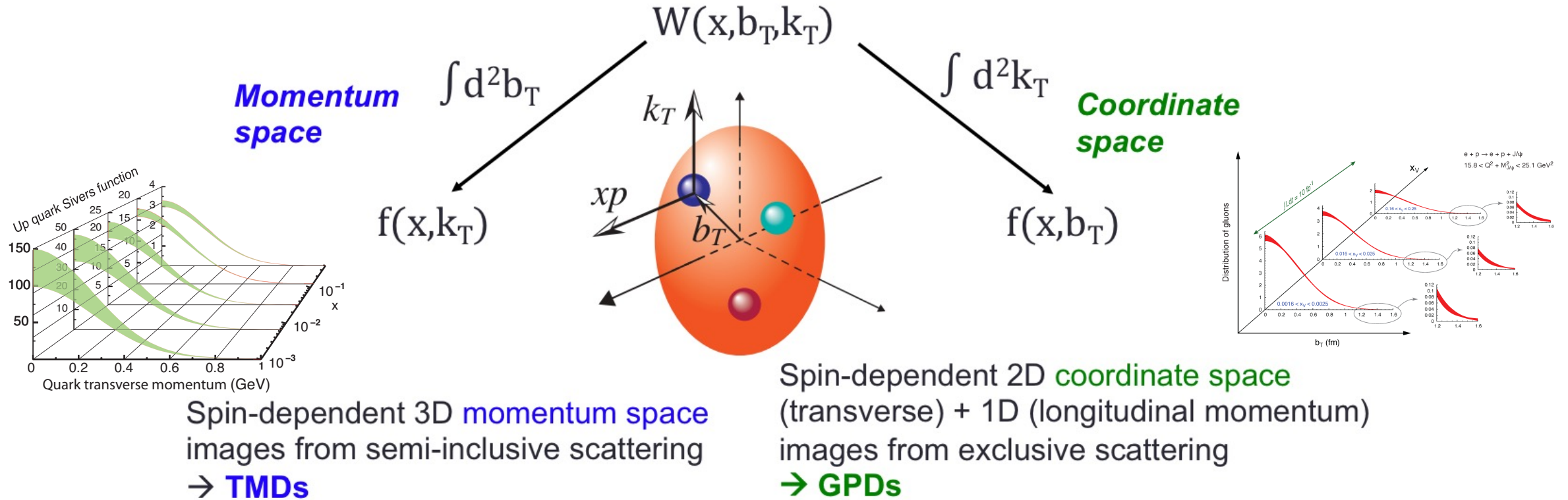


- Key Observables: Structure function  $g_1(x, Q^2)$  for proton and  $\text{He}^3/\text{D} \rightarrow \Delta\Sigma, \Delta G$
- SIDIS double spin asymmetries for p, K  $\rightarrow$  flavor separated  $\Delta q$

# 3-Dimensional Imaging Quarks and Gluons

## Wigner functions $W(x, b_T, k_T)$

offer unprecedented insight into confinement and chiral symmetry breaking.



## ■ EIC – 3D imaging of partons

- TMDs – confined motion in a nucleon (semi-inclusive DIS)
- GPDs – Spatial imaging of quarks and gluons (exclusive DIS)

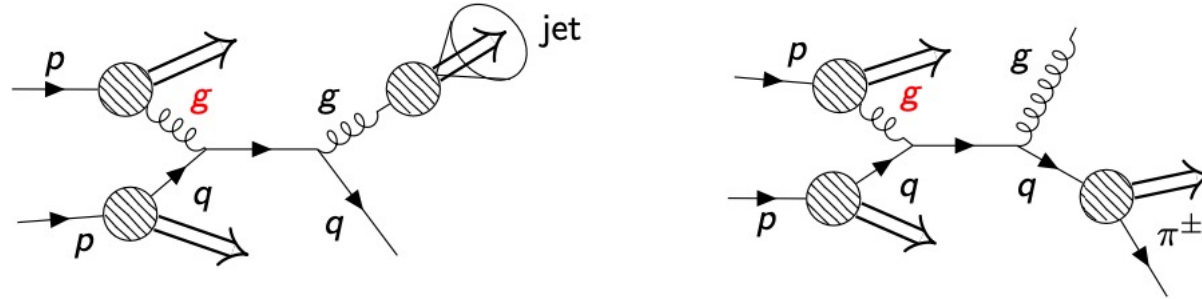
# Conclusion

- Proton spin puzzle, proton 3D momentum structure has been explored from DIS to RHIC pp collision
- The RHIC Spin program was an enormous success to deepen understanding of the proton spin structure and dynamics
  - Longitudinally polarized proton collision: gluon, sea quark contribution in proton spin puzzle
  - Transversely polarized proton collision: 3D momentum structure of proton using spin-momentum correlation
- EIC will explore the details of nucleon/nuclei precisely
- sPHENIX, STAR upgrade will be a bridge to EIC

# backup



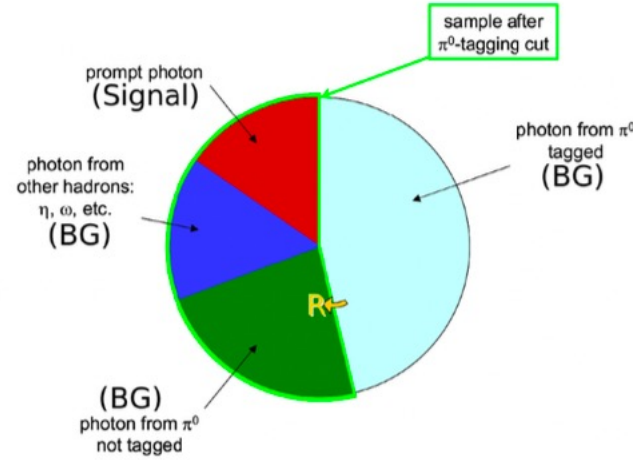
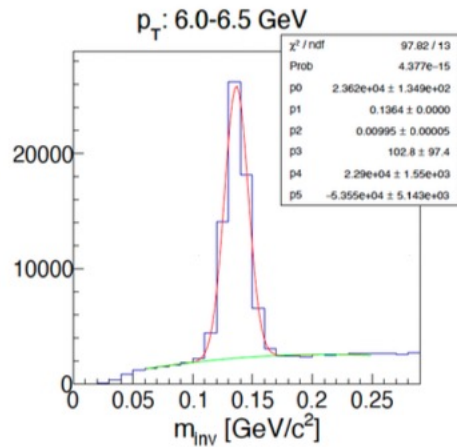
# Jet and charged pion production at RHIC



- Larger statistics: not suppressed by small QED coupling.
- RHIC 200 GeV data probe  $0.05 < x < 0.2$ .
- RHIC 510 GeV data probe  $0.02 < x < 0.08$ .

# Direct photon identification (PHENIX)

- Photons detected by EMCal
- Effectively reduced BGs by  $\pi^0$  decay tagging

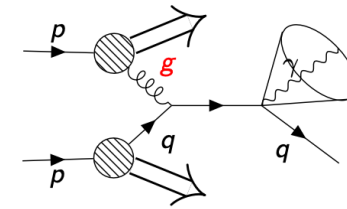


Yield of direct photon:

- $$N_{dir} = N_{total} - (1 + A)(1 + R)N_{\pi^0}$$
- $\blacktriangleright$  R:  $\pi^0$  one photon missing ratio.
- $\blacktriangleright$  A: Other hadrons' to  $\pi^0$ 's photon ratio.

$$r_{cone} = \sqrt{(\Delta\eta)^2 + (\Delta\phi)^2} < 0.5 \text{ rad}$$

$$E_{cone} < E_\gamma \cdot 10\%$$

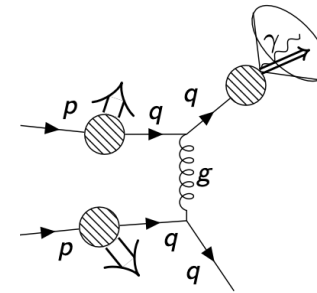


Quark-gluon Compton scattering: Easy to pass isolation cut

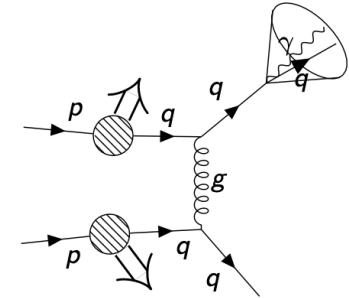
$$r_{cone} = \sqrt{(\delta\eta)^2 + (\delta\phi)^2} = 0.5$$

Isolation cut requirement:  

$$\sum E_{in\ cone} < 0.1 E_\gamma$$



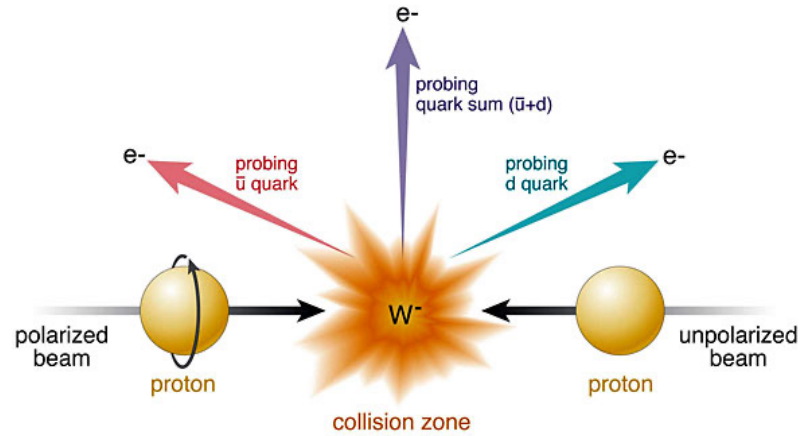
Fragmentation:  
Hard to pass isolation cut



Bremsstrahlung:  
Hard to pass isolation cut

- Isolation cut: reduced the BG contributions from patron fragmentation and hadron decays

# W-Production



- Ws naturally separate quark flavors  
→ rapidity: sea vs. valence quarks
- Ws are maximally parity violating  
→ Ws couple only to one parton helicity

longitudinal polarized protons:

$$A_L^{W^+} = \frac{\sigma^{\rightarrow} - \sigma^{\leftarrow}}{\sigma^{\rightarrow} + \sigma^{\leftarrow}} \sim \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_1) u(x_2) - \Delta u(x_1) \bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{d}(x_2) u(x_1) + \bar{d}(x_1) u(x_2)}$$

unpolarized protons:

$$A(W^+/W^-) = \frac{u(x_1) \bar{d}(x_2) + \bar{d}(x_1) u(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_1) d(x_2) + d(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2)}$$

- Complementary to SIDIS:
  - very high  $Q^2$ -scale 6400 GeV<sup>2</sup>
  - extremely clean theoretically
  - No Fragmentation function
- stringent test on theory approach for SIDIS UNIVERSALITY of PDFs

# Sea quark helicity

$$A_L^{W^+}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2) - \Delta u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2) + u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)}$$

$$A_L^{W^-}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) - \Delta d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2) + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)}$$

$$A_L = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-}$$

- Separation of quark flavor

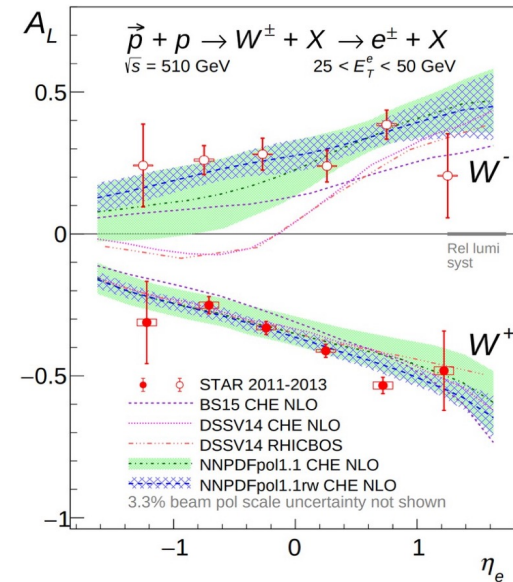
- W+(W-): predominantly u(d) and d(u)

- Maximal parity violation

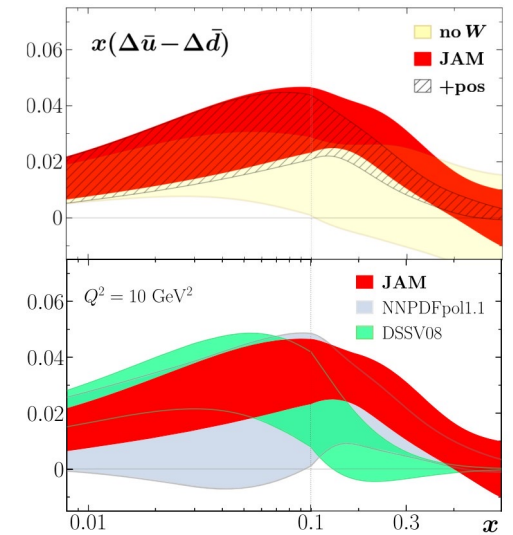
- W couples to left-handed particles or right-handed antiparticles

- The decay process is calculable

- Free from fragmentation function



STAR, PRD99 (2019), 051102  
Lepton  $\eta$  covers  $0.05 < x_1 < 0.25$



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# Dijet $A_{LL}$

- Golden probes for  $\Delta g$ :
  - Double spin asymmetry  $A_{LL}$  for jets, di-jets and meson-production
- increase x-range covered: go to higher  $\sqrt{s}$  (200 GeV  $\rightarrow$  500 GeV)
  - or go to higher rapidity:  $-1 < \eta < 1 \rightarrow -1 < \eta < 1.8$  or both
- Di-jets: constrain the shape of the  $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$

Inclusive jet

$$x \approx \frac{2p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm\eta}$$

Dijet

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} (p_{T,3} e^{\eta_3} + p_{T,4} e^{\eta_4})$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} (p_{T,3} e^{-\eta_3} + p_{T,4} e^{-\eta_4})$$

$$M = \sqrt{x_1 x_2 s}$$

$$|\cos\theta^*| = \tanh \frac{|\eta_3 - \eta_4|}{2}$$

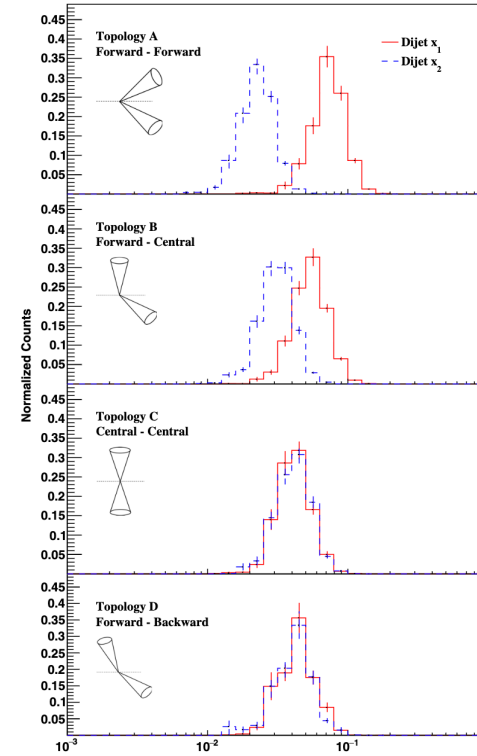
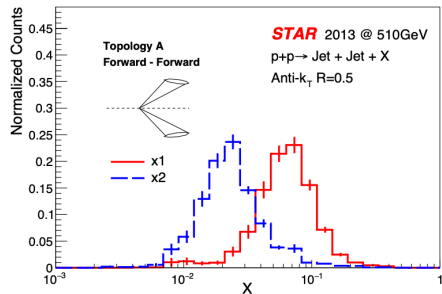
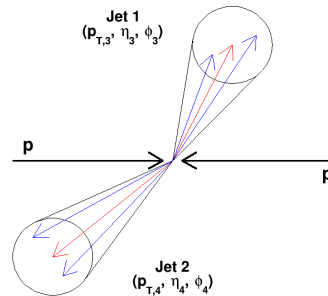
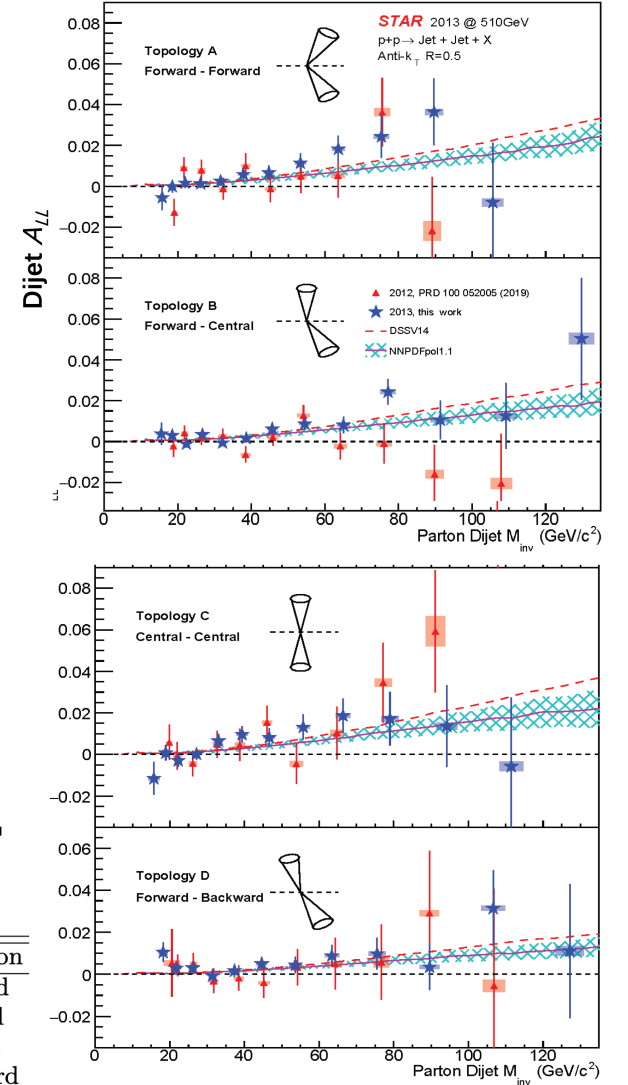


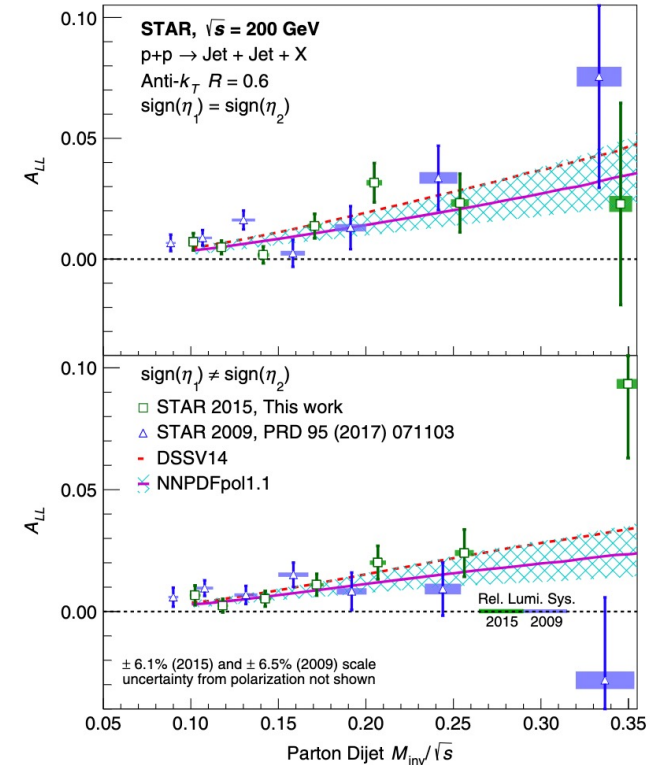
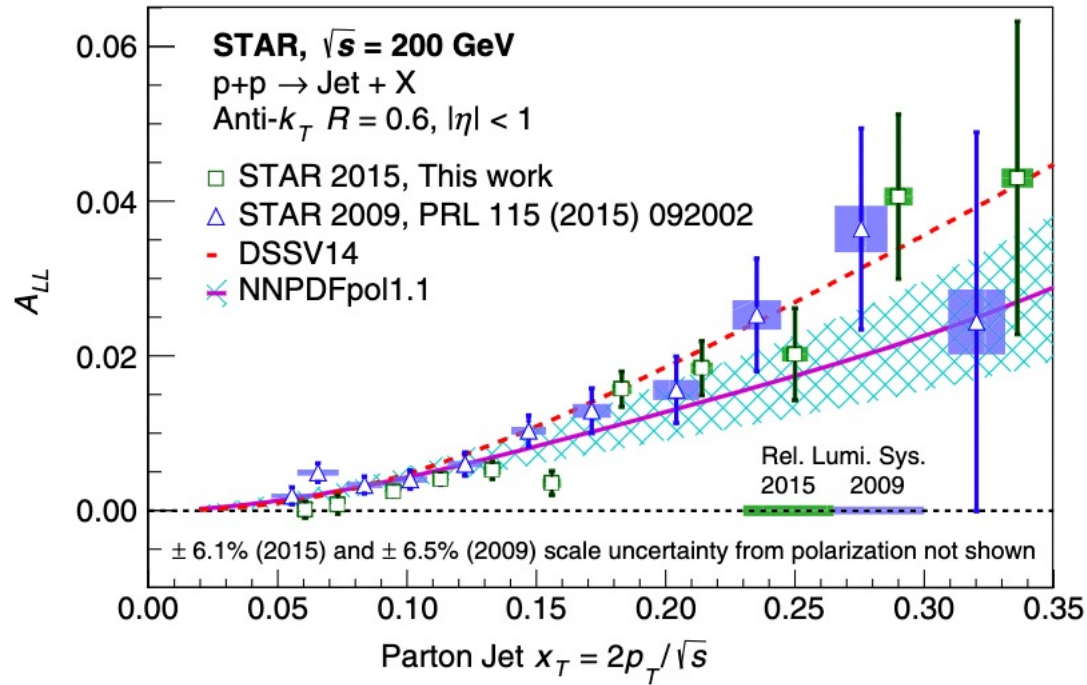
TABLE I. The four dijet topology bins A-D.

Bin	$\eta_3$ and $\eta_4$ regions	Physics description
A	$0.3 <  \eta_{3,4}  < 0.9; \eta_3 \cdot \eta_4 > 0$	Forward-forward
B	$ \eta_{3,4}  < 0.3; 0.3 <  \eta_{4,3}  < 0.9$	Forward-central
C	$ \eta_{3,4}  < 0.3$	Central-central
D	$0.3 <  \eta_{3,4}  < 0.9; \eta_3 \cdot \eta_4 < 0$	Forward-backward

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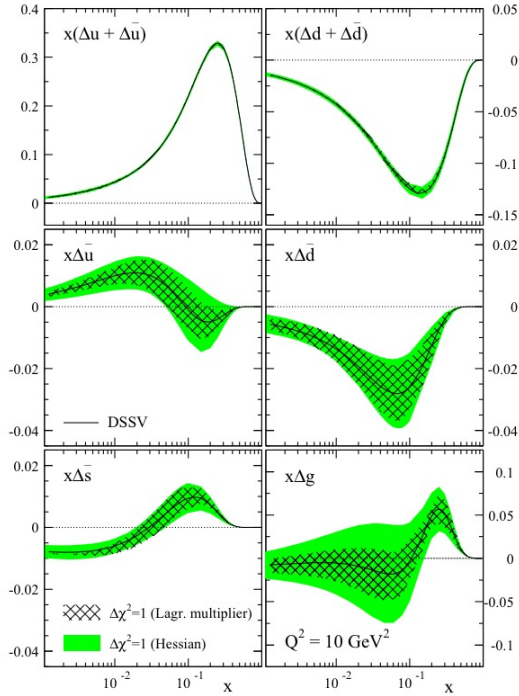


# Jet $A_{LL}$ 200GeV

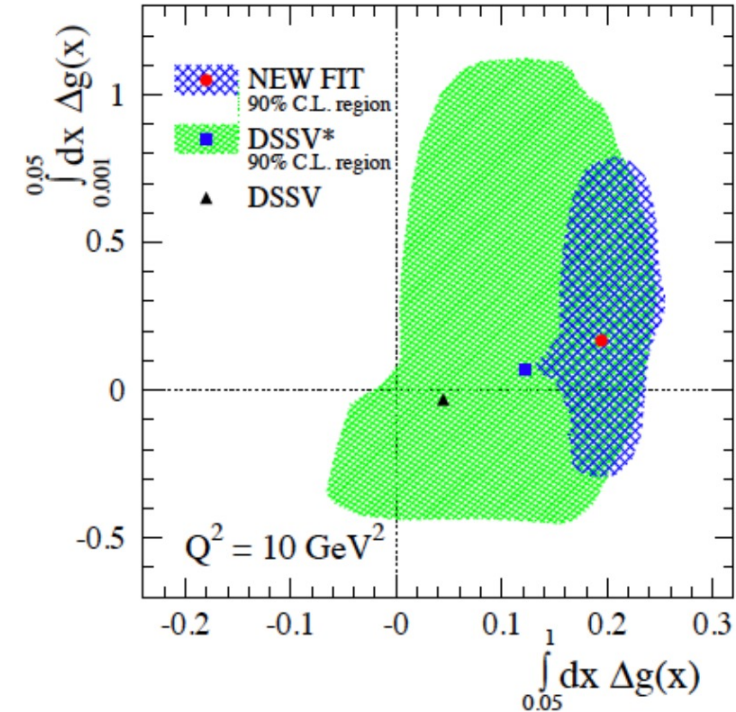
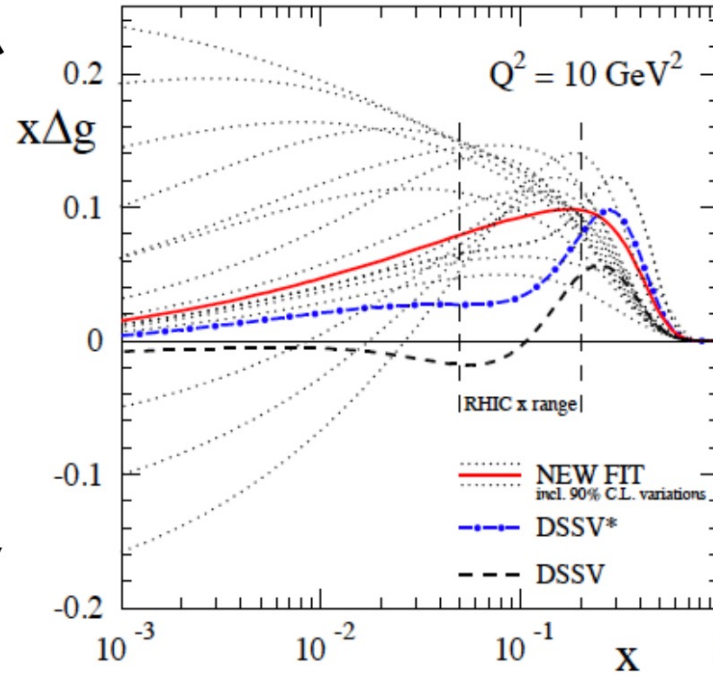


- PRD 103, L091103 (2021)
- ALL inclusive and di-jet measurements for Run 15 in good agreement with Run 9 measurements - Further evidence for positive  $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$  for  $x > 0.05$
- Good agreement with NLO calculations based on DSSV14 and NNPDFpol1.1 PDF set

# Global analysis including RHIC results: DSSV



Wide spread at low  $x$  ( $x < 0.05$ ) of alternative fits consistent within 90% of C.L.



- D. deFlorian et al. Phys.Rev.D 80 (2009) 034030 →, Phys.Rev.Lett. 113(2014)1, 012001
- polarized PDFs of the proton, Gluon helicity distribution
- We are improving  $\Delta G$  contributions only in a limited  $x$ -region, allowing large uncertainties to remain in the low- $x$  unmeasured
- $\int_{0.05}^1 dx \Delta g(x, Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}/c) = 0.20_{-0.07}^{+0.06}$ , 90% C.L. Indicate large and non-zero gluon spin contribution: The RHIC cold QCD Plan, arXiv:1602.03922

# DSSV14 (1404.4293)

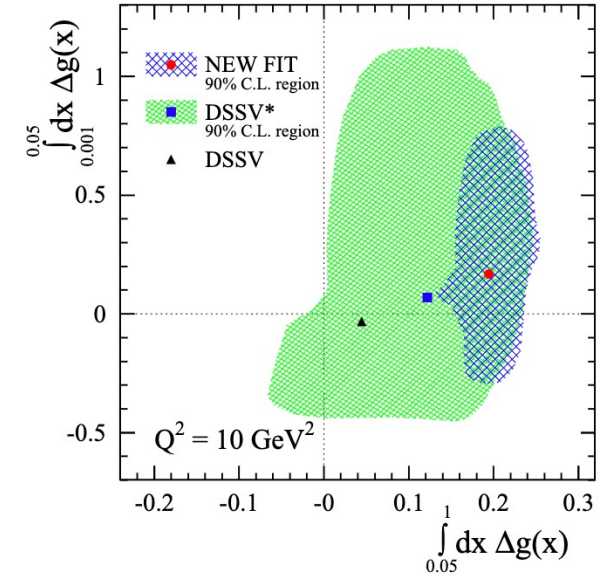
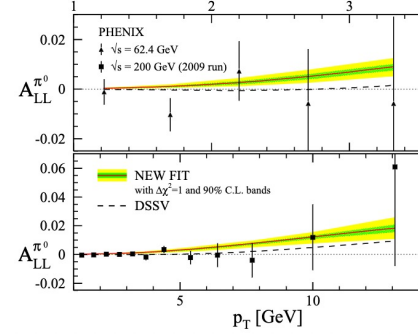
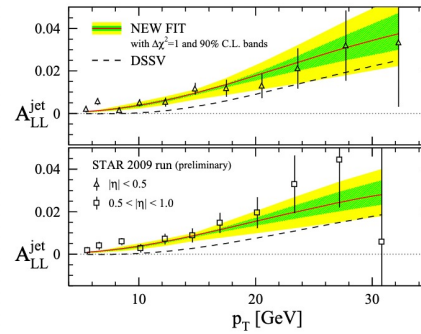
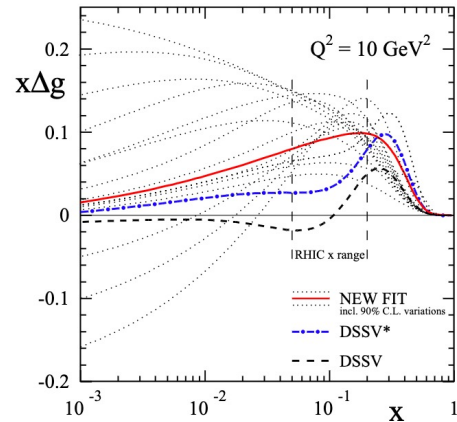


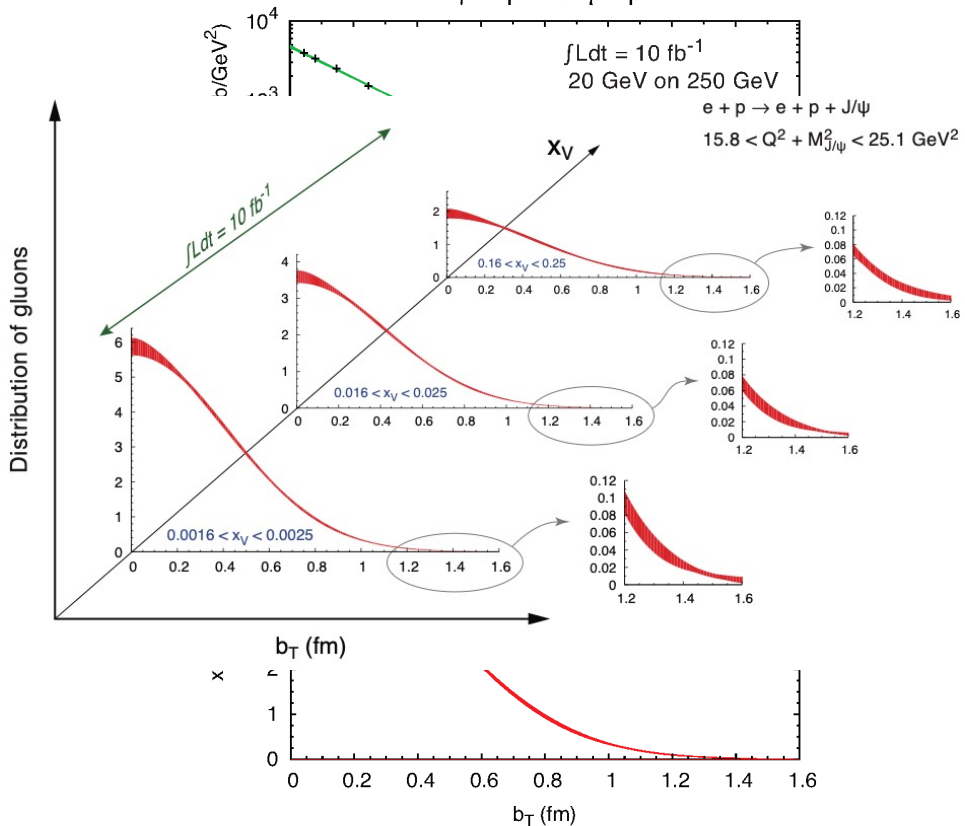
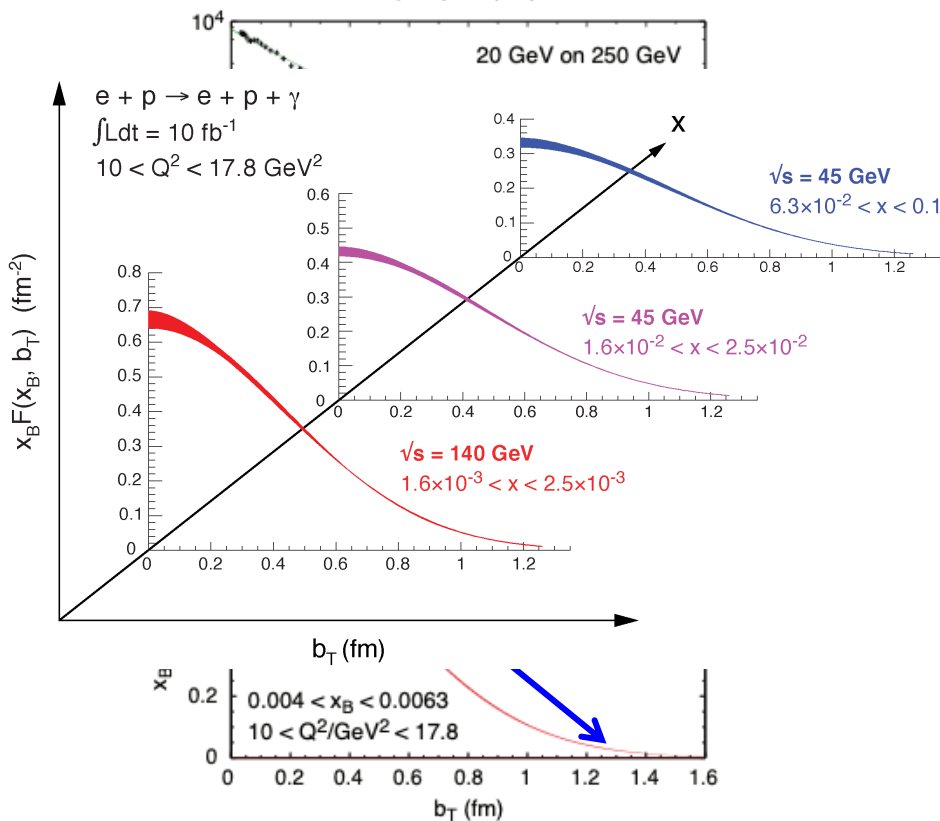
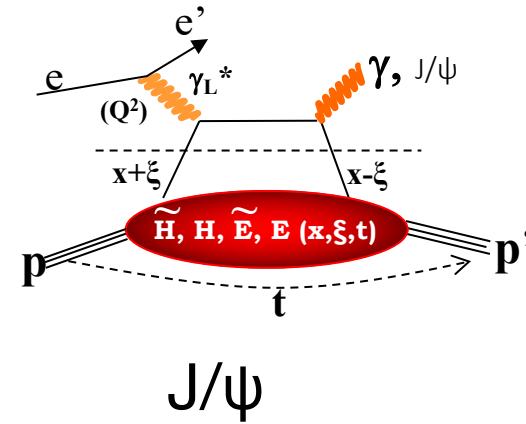
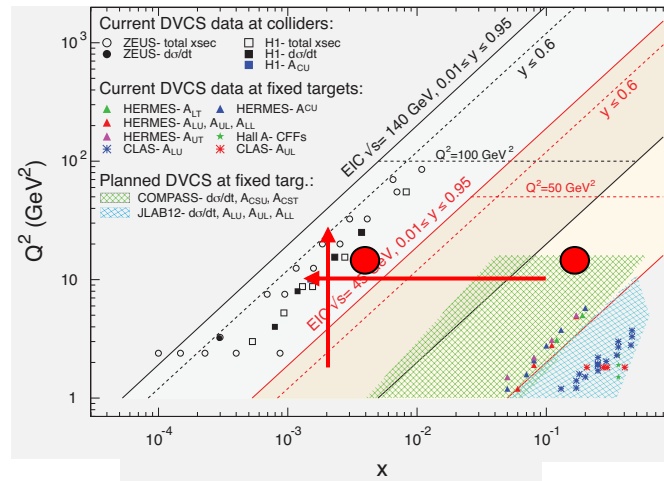
FIG. 1: Gluon helicity distribution at  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$  for the new fit, the original DSSV analysis of [3], and for an updated analysis without using the new 2009 RHIC data sets (DSSV\*, see text). The dotted lines present the gluon densities for alternative fits that are within the 90% C.L. limit. The  $x$ -range primarily probed by the RHIC data is indicated by the two vertical dashed lines.

- Inclusion of STAR, PHENIX jet, pion data
  - arXiv:1303.0543, arXiv:1402.6296
- Previously  $0.05 \leq x \leq 0.2$  at RHIC
- Very little contribution to  $\Delta G$  is expected to come from  $x > 0.2$
- $\int_{0.001}^1 dx \Delta g(x, Q^2)$  accounts for over 90% of the full  $\Delta G$  at  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$

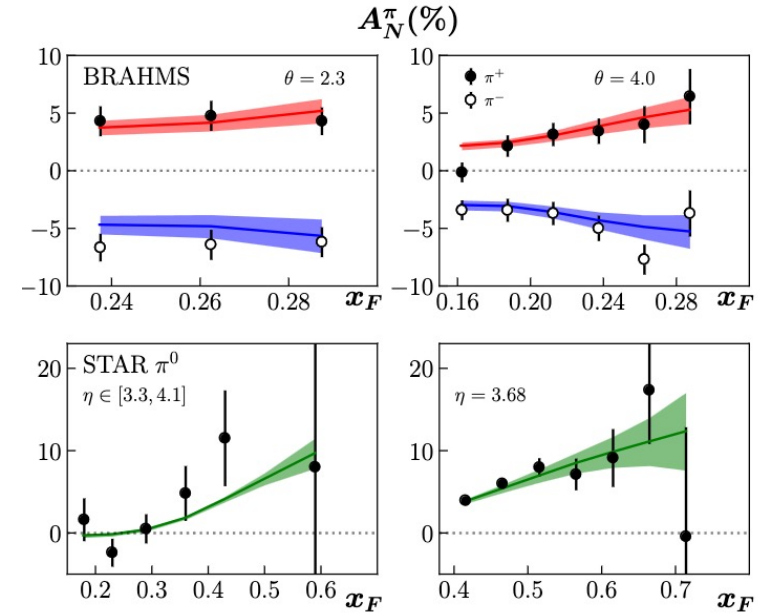


# 2+1d-Imaging in coordinate space

High precision imaging at EIC  
at low and high x  
Golden channels:  
DVCS



# Global analysis of nonzero $A_N$ at forward rapidity



- Global analysis using TMD, twist-3 (qgq) observables
- PRD 106 (2022) 3, 034014 (2022)

# Collinear Twist-3 functions

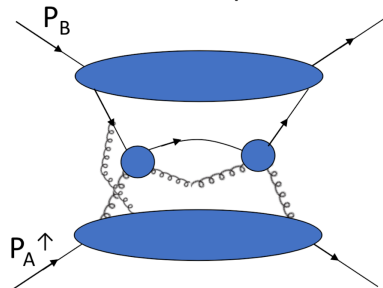
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_N \propto & \sum_{abc} \phi_{a/A}^{(3)}(x_1, x_2, \vec{s}_\perp) \otimes \phi_{b/B}(x') \otimes \hat{\sigma} \otimes D_{c \rightarrow C}(z) \\
 & + \sum_{abc} \delta q_{a/A}(x, \vec{s}_\perp) \otimes \phi_{b/B}^{(3)}(x'_1, x'_2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}' \otimes D_{c \rightarrow C}(z) \\
 & + \sum_{abc} \delta q_{a/A}(x, \vec{s}_\perp) \otimes \phi_{b/B}(x') \otimes \hat{\sigma}'' \otimes D_{c \rightarrow C}^{(3)}(z_1, z_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

- Terms with A, B in subscript : initial state effects
  - a=A means the distribution of parton a in hadron A
- Terms with C in subscript : final state effects
  - c → C means the fragmentation of parton c into hadron C.
- Terms with (3) in superscript: twist 3 correlators
  - z is the fraction of the outgoing partonic momentum carried by the detected hadron
- Measuring  $A_N$  for different final state particles gives access to specific terms in the sum

## Higher Twist Functions

Formal definition of twist: “mass dimension minus spin” of the operator in a matrix element within the Operator Product Expansion

**Twist 2:** traditional PDFs and FFs only consider interactions between one parton in the proton at a time



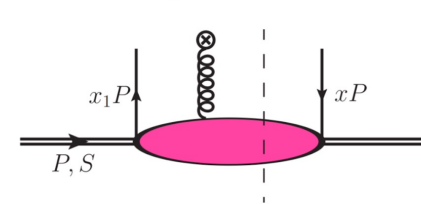
**Twist 3:** Quantum mechanical interference between one parton versus interacting with two partons at the same relative  $x$

- Can describe spin-momentum correlations in the proton and in hadronization

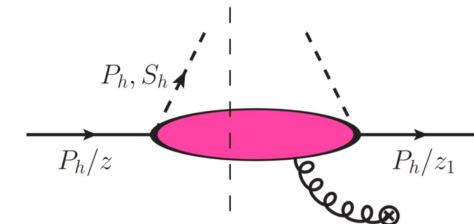
## Twist 3 Functions

Multiparton correlations: quantum mechanical interference between scattering off of one versus two partons at the same  $x$

- Quark-Gluon-Quark (qgq) Correlation Function: scattering off of quark and a gluon versus a single quark of the same flavor
- Three-gluon Correlation Function (ggg): two gluons versus one gluon

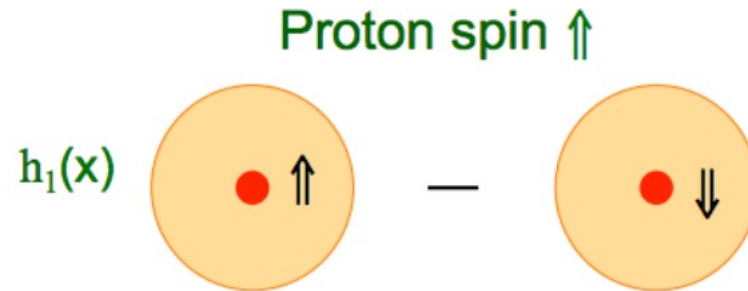


qgq Twist-3 Initial State



qgq Twist-3 Final State

# Transversity



- Quark polarization along the spin of a transversely polarized proton
- No gluon transversity
- May be a collinear or a transverse-momentum-dependent function.

# Twist-2 observable

# Not covered in this presentation

- Unpolarized pdf related topic
- Accessing  $d\bar{u}$  with  $W$  production
- Lambda polarization
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