Measurement of the Double Longitudinal Spin Asymmetry for Hadron Production in 200 GeV Polarized p + p Collisions at RHIC

- Theoretical foundations
- Experimental aspects RHIC/STAR
- Inclusive measurements
- Outlook

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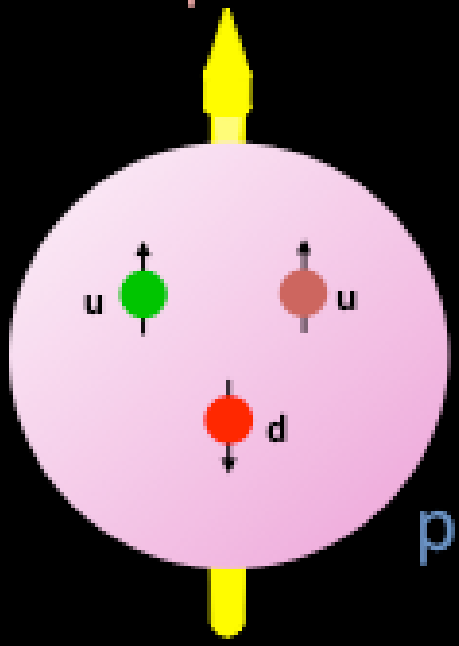
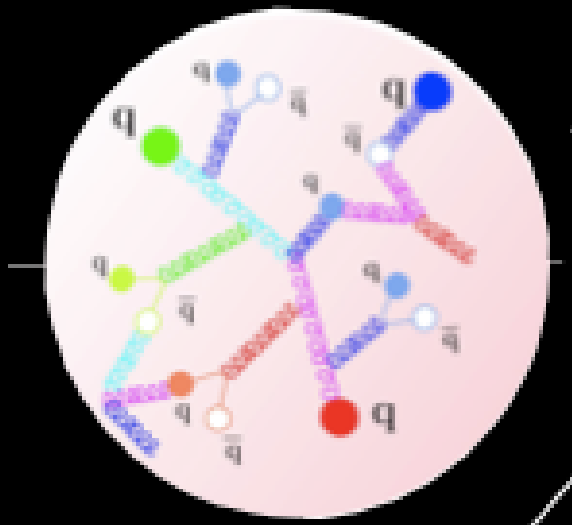
Where does the proton's spin come from?

p is made of 2 u and 1d quark

$$S = \tfrac{1}{2} = \Sigma\, S_q$$



Explains magnetic moment of baryon octet



BUT partons have an x distribution and there are sea quarks and gluons

Check via electron scattering and find quarks carry only ~1/3 of the proton's spin!

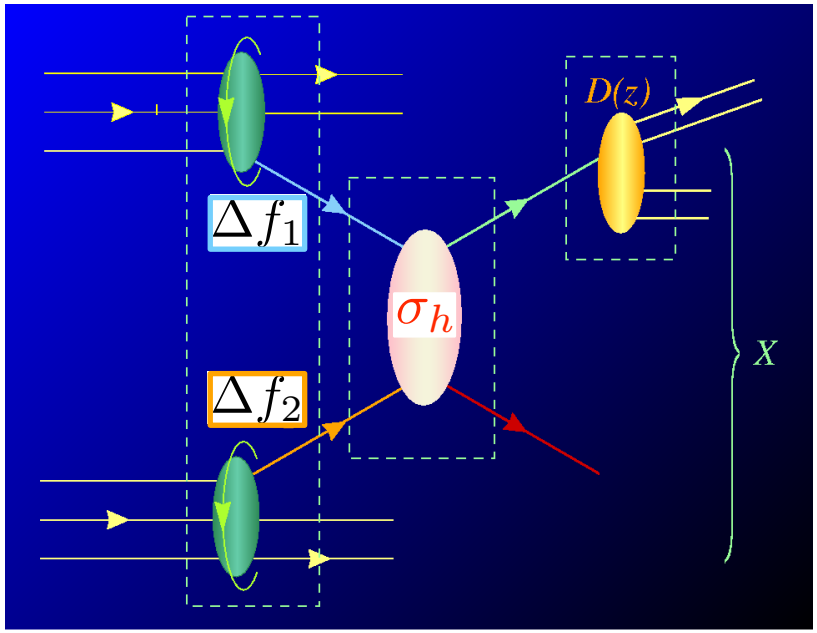
$$\tfrac{1}{2} = \tfrac{1}{2}\,\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$$

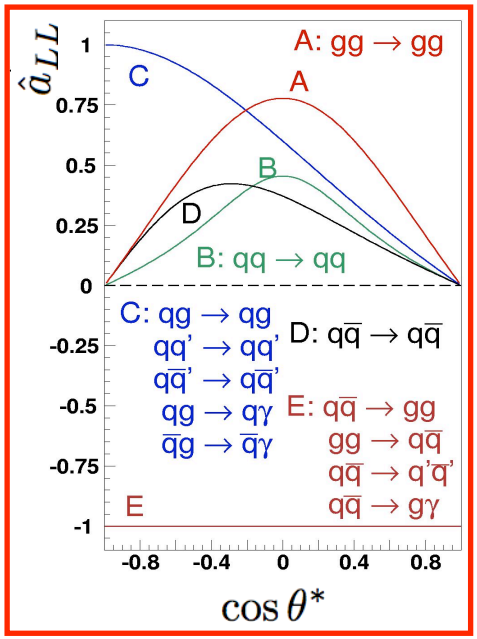
Jets, pions, A_{LL}

Theoretical foundation of Measurement of Gluon Polarization

$$\Delta G(Q^2) = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx$$

Extract $\Delta g(x,Q^2)$ through Global Fit (Higher Order QCD analysis)!





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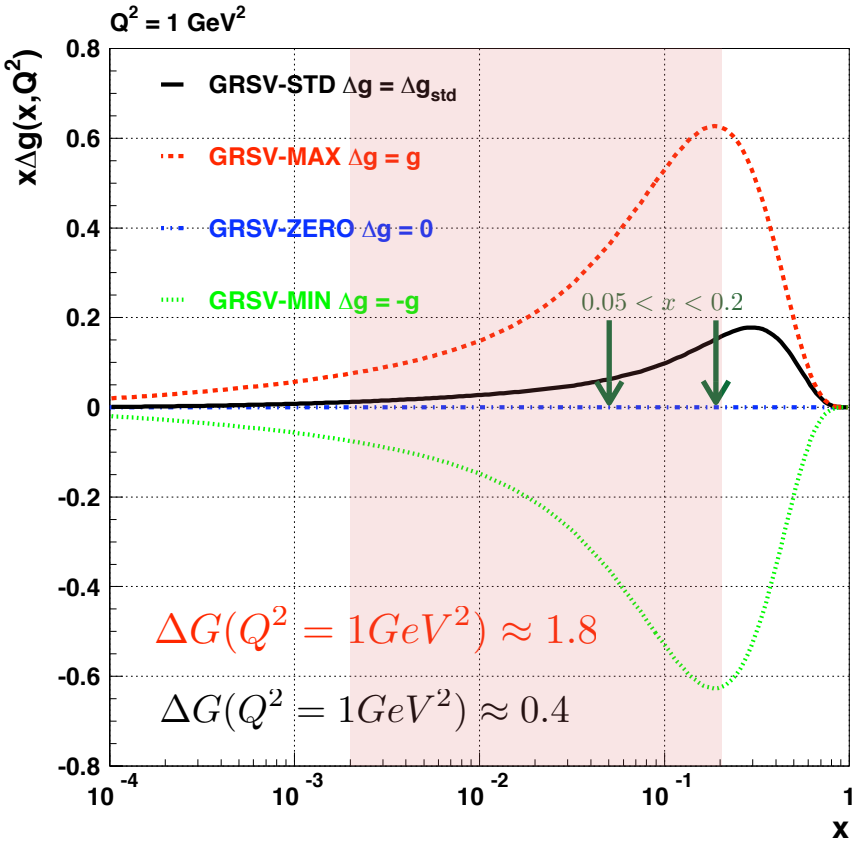
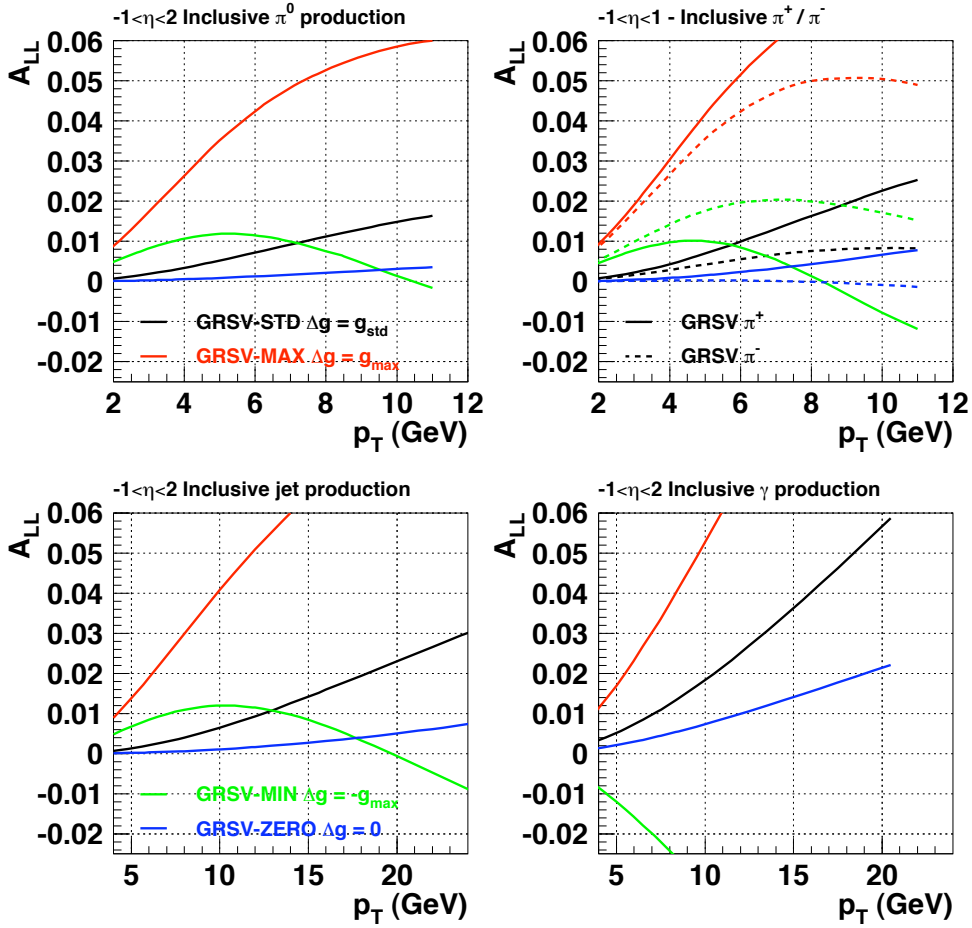
$$A_{LL} = \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{d\sigma} \propto \frac{\Delta f_1 \otimes \Delta f_2 \otimes \sigma_h \cdot a_{LL} \otimes D_f^h}{f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes \sigma_h \otimes D_f^h}$$

Δf_1 Δf_2 $a_{LL} = \frac{\Delta\sigma_h}{\sigma_h}$ } Input

Theoretical foundation





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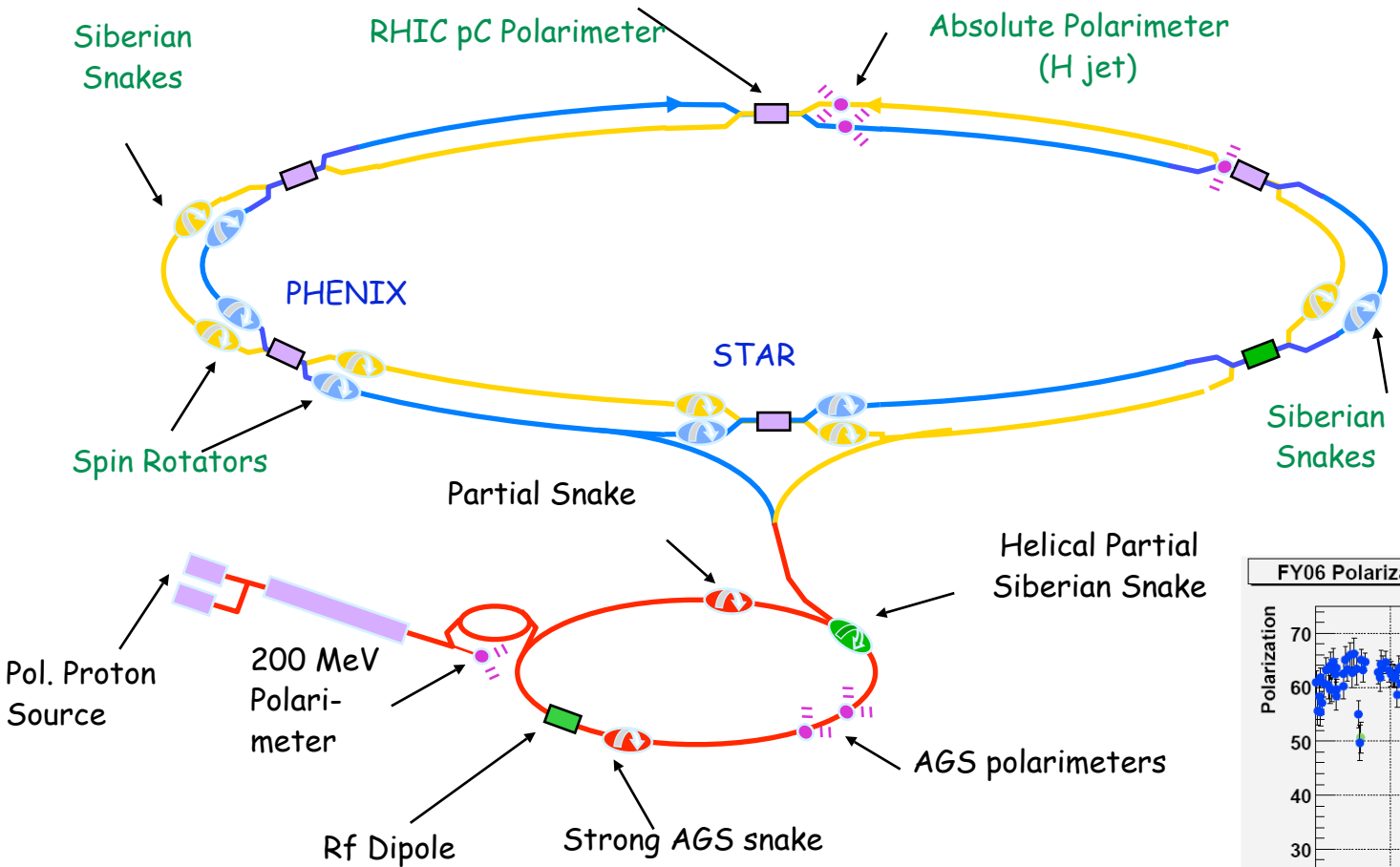
- Examine wide range in Δg: $-g < \Delta g < +g$
- GRSV-STD: Higher order QCD analysis of polarized DIS experiments!

$$\Delta G(Q^2) = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx$$

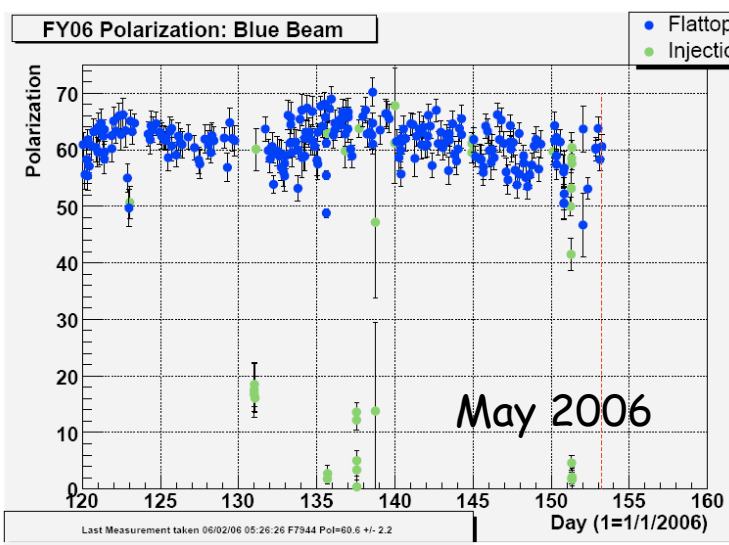
$$x_{\text{parton}} \simeq 2p_T/\sqrt{s}$$

(central rapidity)

Collider: The First polarized p+p collider at BNL



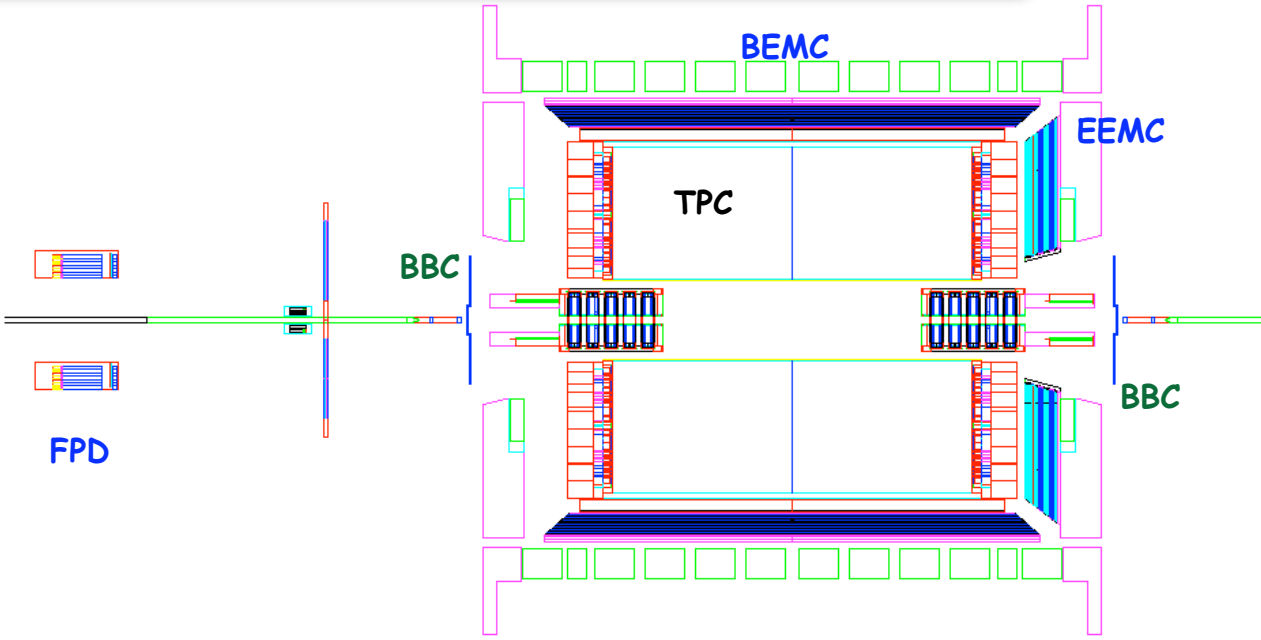
- Performance



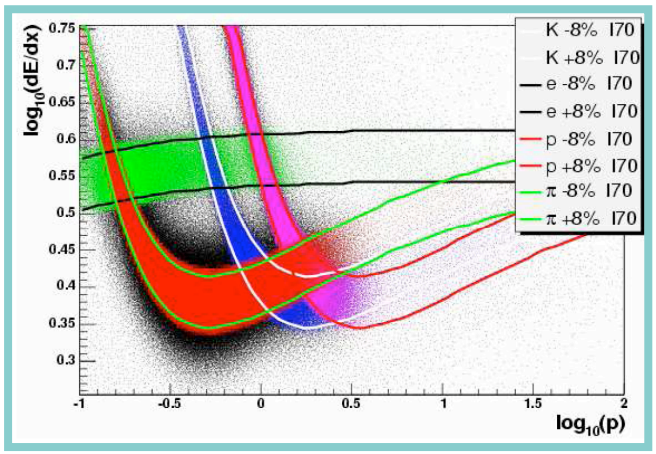
- All RHIC polarized pp accelerator components in place!
- 2006 performance (√=200GeV): ~60% polarization (70% design) and ~1pb^{-1}/day (~3pb^{-1}/day design) delivered luminosity

The STAR Experiment

- Wide rapidity coverage of **STAR calorimetry (Jets /Neutral Pions / Photons) system**:
  - FPD: $-4.1 < \eta < 3.3$
  - BEMC: $-1.0 < \eta < 1.0$
  - EEMC: $1.09 < \eta < 2.0$



- **TPC**: Tracking and PID using dE/dx for $|\eta| < 1.3$ and $p_T < 15$ GeV/c



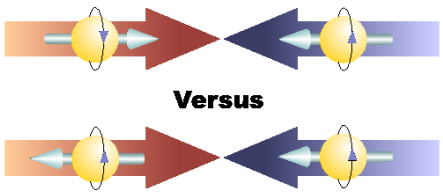
- **BBC**: Relative luminosity and Minimum bias trigger

Key elements for STAR Δg(x) program:

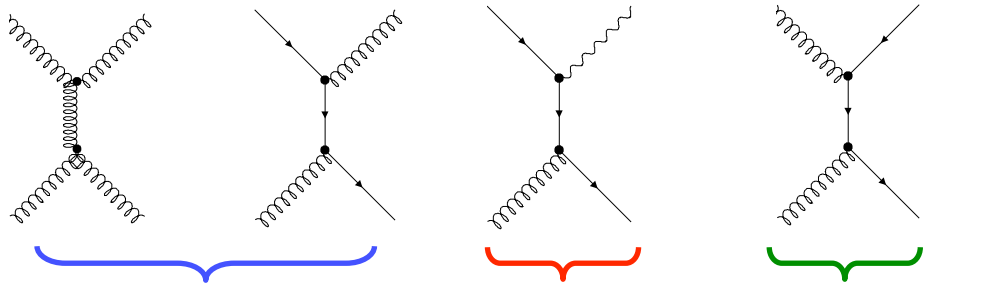
- Higher precision on Δg(x) : Luminosity / DAQ upgrade (DAQ 1000)
- Sensitivity to shape of Δg(x): Correlation measurements
- Low-x region of Δg(x): 500GeV program / Asymmetric collisions (Forward calorimetry)

Recent results

- Double longitudinal-spin asymmetry: A_{LL}



$$\vec{p} + \vec{p} \rightarrow$$



$\text{jets} + X$ $\quad \gamma + X$ $\quad c\bar{c}\,(b\bar{b}) + X$

  - Study helicity dependent structure functions (Gluon polarization)!

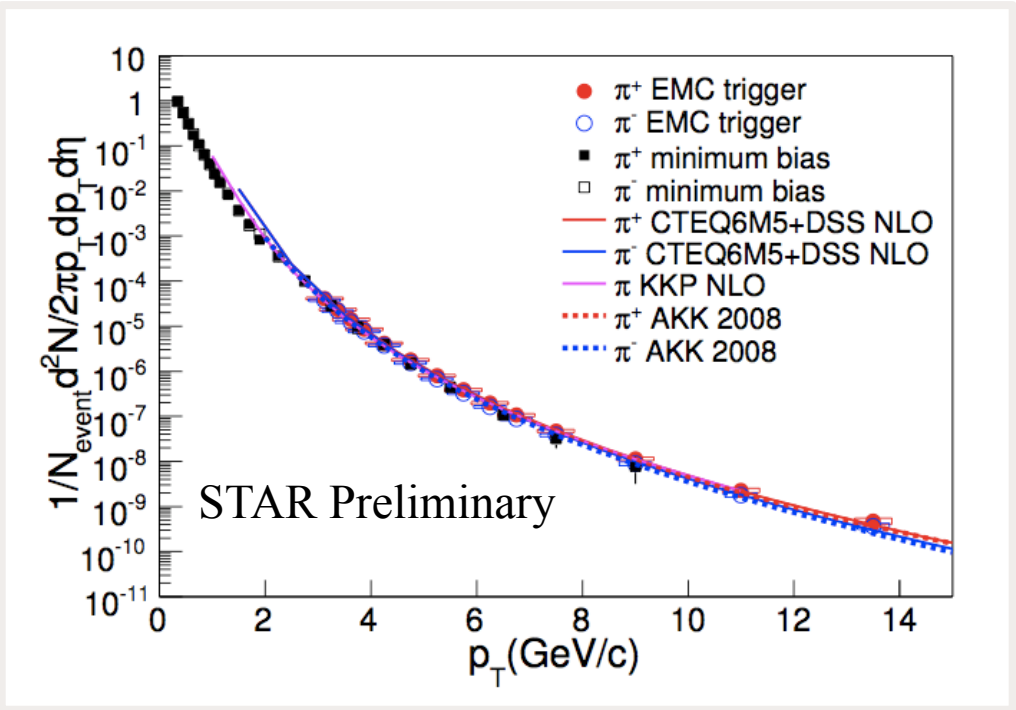
$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} = \frac{1}{P_1 P_2} \frac{N_{++} - R N_{+-}}{N_{++} + R N_{+-}}$$

- Require concurrent measurements:
  - Magnitude of beam polarization, $P_{1(2)}$ RHIC polarimeters } RHIC polarimeters
  - Direction of polarization vector
  - Relative luminosity of bunch crossings with different spin directions
  - Spin dependent yields of process of interest N_{ij}

} STAR experiment

Recent results: Neutral / Charged Pion production

- STAR Run 5 Cross-section results: Mid-rapidity charged and neutral pion production



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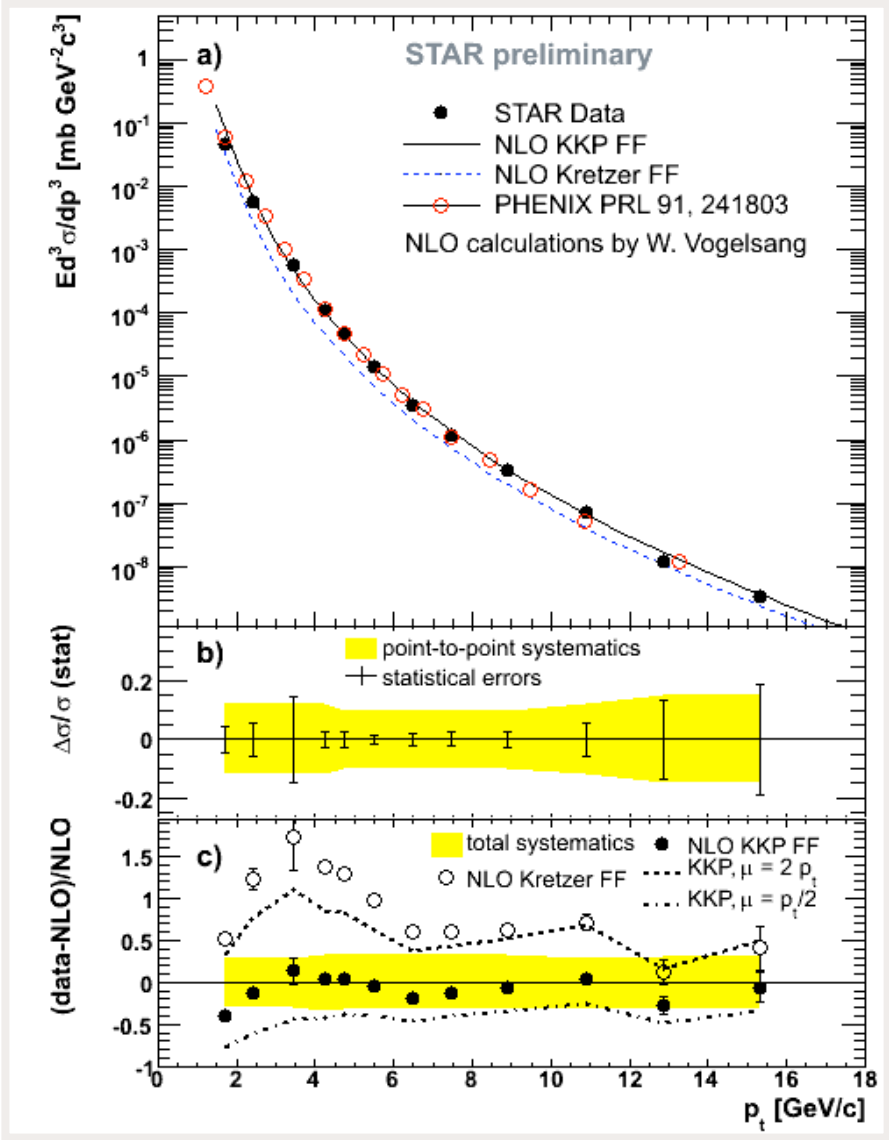
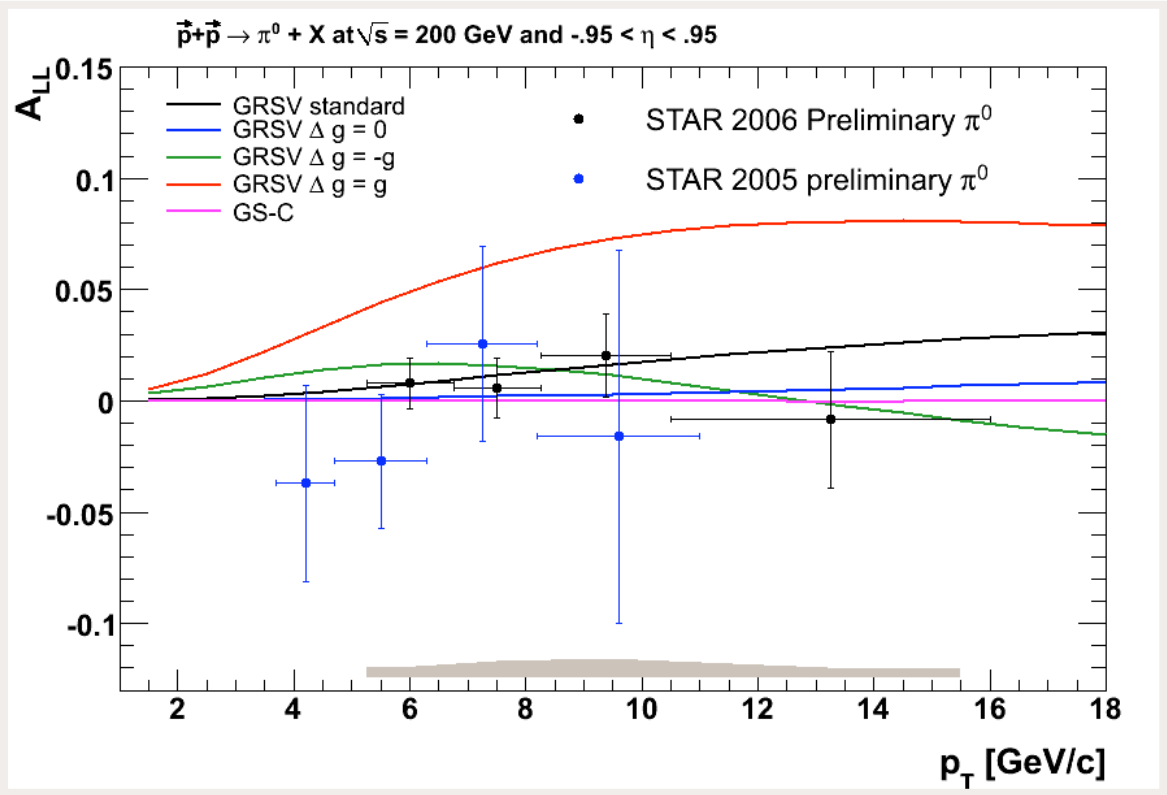


- Sophisticated TPC (dE/dx) calibrations improve precision at high p_T (arXiv:0807.4303-physics)
- Good agreement between data and NLO calculations for charged and neutral pion production

Recent results: Neutral / Charged Pion production

- STAR Run 5 / 6 A_{LL} result: Mid-rapidity neutral pion production



$$\Delta G(Q^2) = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx$$

$\Delta G(Q^2 = 1GeV^2) \approx 1.8$

$\Delta G(Q^2 = 1GeV^2) \approx 0.4$

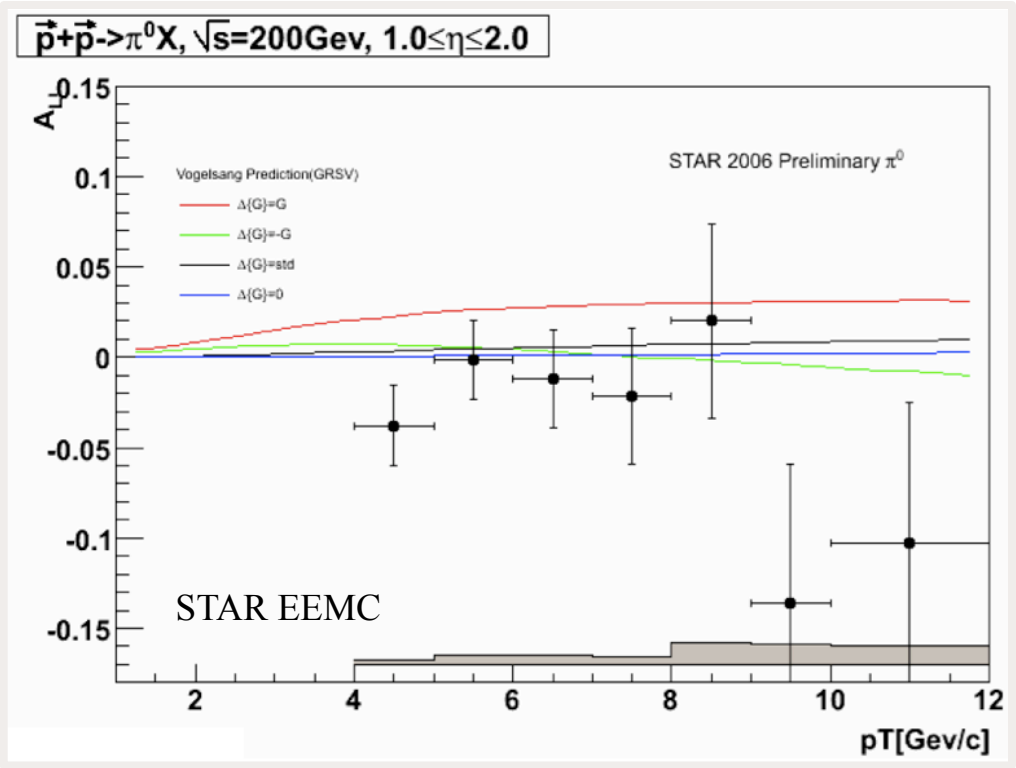
$\Delta G(Q^2 = 1GeV^2) \approx 1.0$

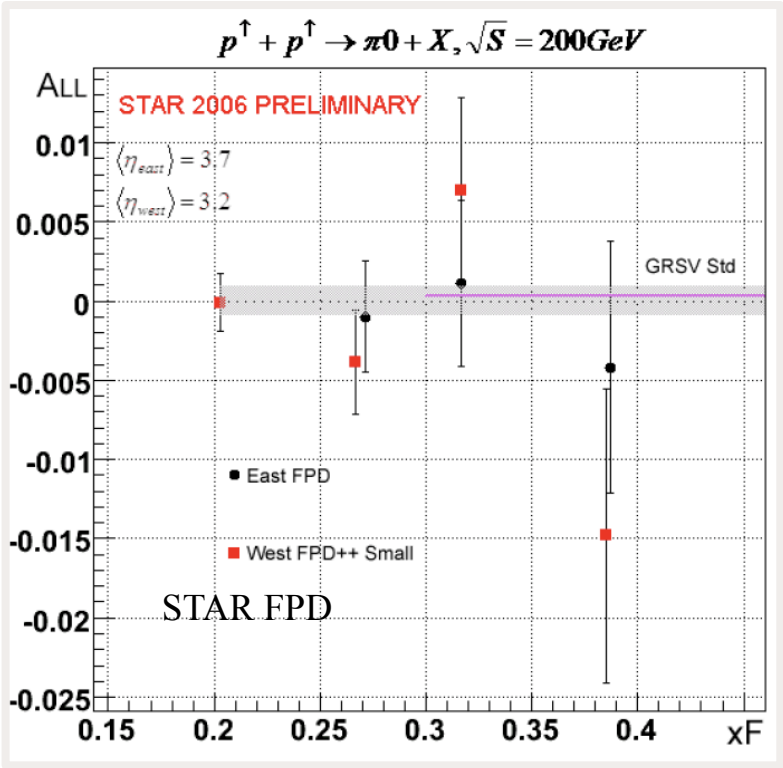
p_T range [GeV/c]	A_{LL} ± Stat. ± Sys.
5.2 - 6.75	0.0080 ± 0.0115 ± 0.002
6.75 - 8.25	0.0058 ± 0.0136 ± 0.004
8.25 - 10.5	0.0203 ± 0.0189 ± 0.004
10.5 - 16.0	-0.0084 ± 0.0306 ± 0.002

- RUN 6 results: GRSV-MAX ruled out
- Significant increase in statistical precision as well as greater p_T reach compared to previous Run 5 Neutral Pion result

Recent results: Neutral / Charged Pion production

- STAR Run 6 A_{LL} result: Forward rapidity (FPD/EEMC) neutral pion production

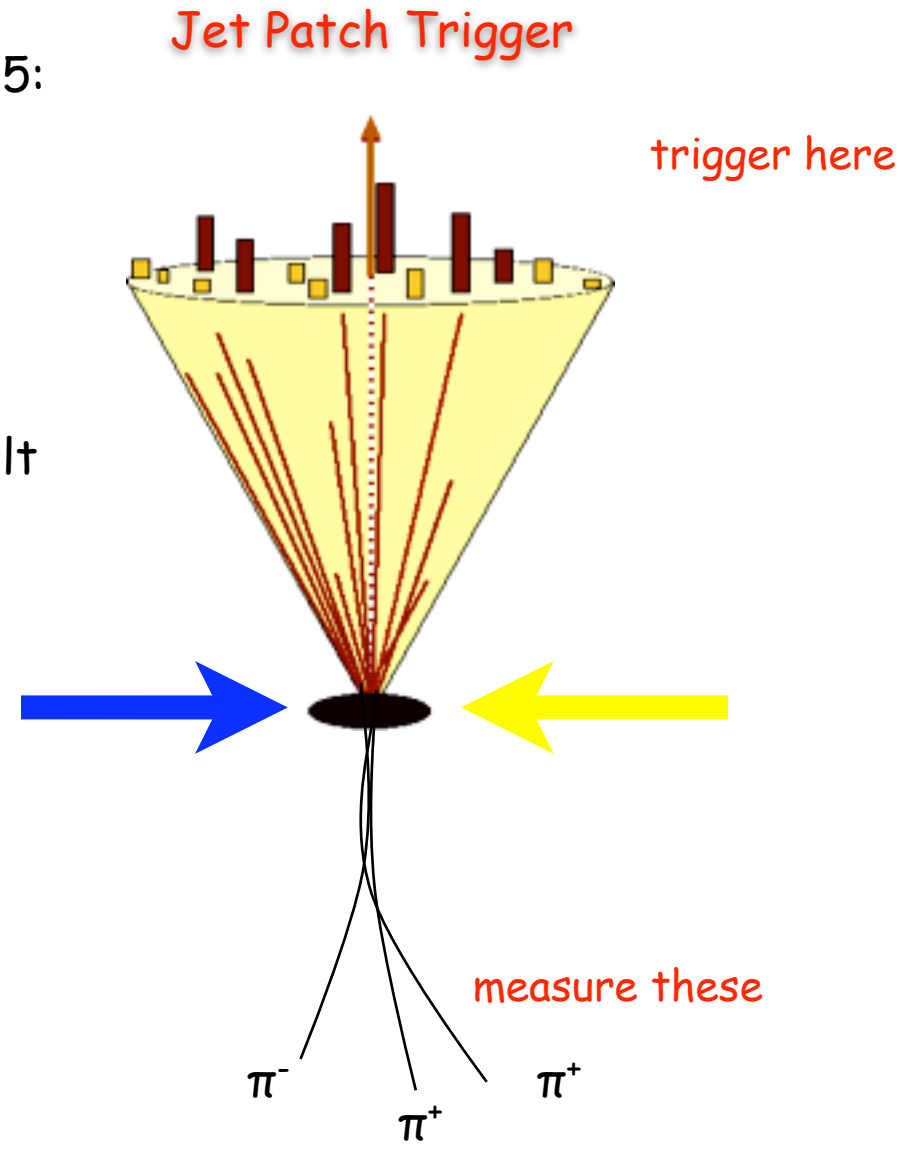




- First A_{LL} measurements at forward rapidity (STAR EEMC / STAR FPD)
- Probe small-x region (Probe smaller $\Delta g(x) \Rightarrow$ Smaller A_{LL} consistent with theoretical predictions)
- Important baseline measurements for STAR inclusive γ and γ-jet program

Recent results: Neutral / Charged Pion production

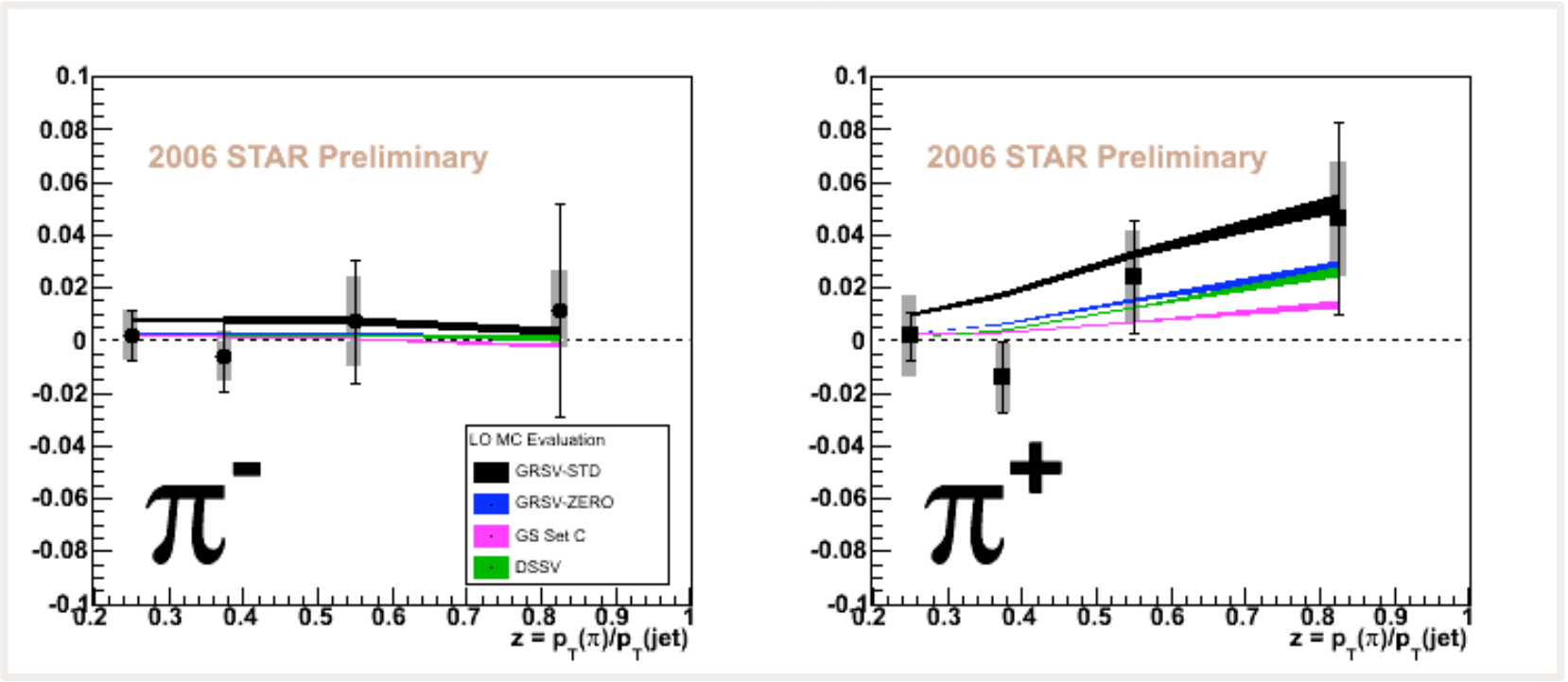
- STAR Run 6 A_{LL} result: Mid-rapidity charged pion production
  - Significant improvements compared to Run 5:
  - 50% ⇒ 60% beam polarization
  - 1.6 pb^{-1} ⇒ 5.4 pb^{-1}
  - BEMC η acceptance [0,1] ⇒ [-1,1]
  - But … increased JP trigger thresholds result in strong fragmentation bias for charged pions in trigger jet



- Limit bias by measuring charged pions opposite a trigger jet
- Plot asymmetry versus $z \equiv p_T(\pi) / p_T(\text{trigger jet})$ to cleanly isolate favored fragmentation

Recent results: Neutral / Charged Pion production

- STAR Run 6 A_{LL} result: Mid-rapidity charged pion production



- Full NLO pQCD available soon / Publication in preparation (D. de Florian et al.)
- These curves generated by sampling a_{LL} and parton distribution functions at kinematics of PYTHIA event.
- π^+ offers significant sensitivity at high z

Recent results: Jet production

- STAR Run 3/4 Cross-section result: Mid-rapidity inclusive jet production

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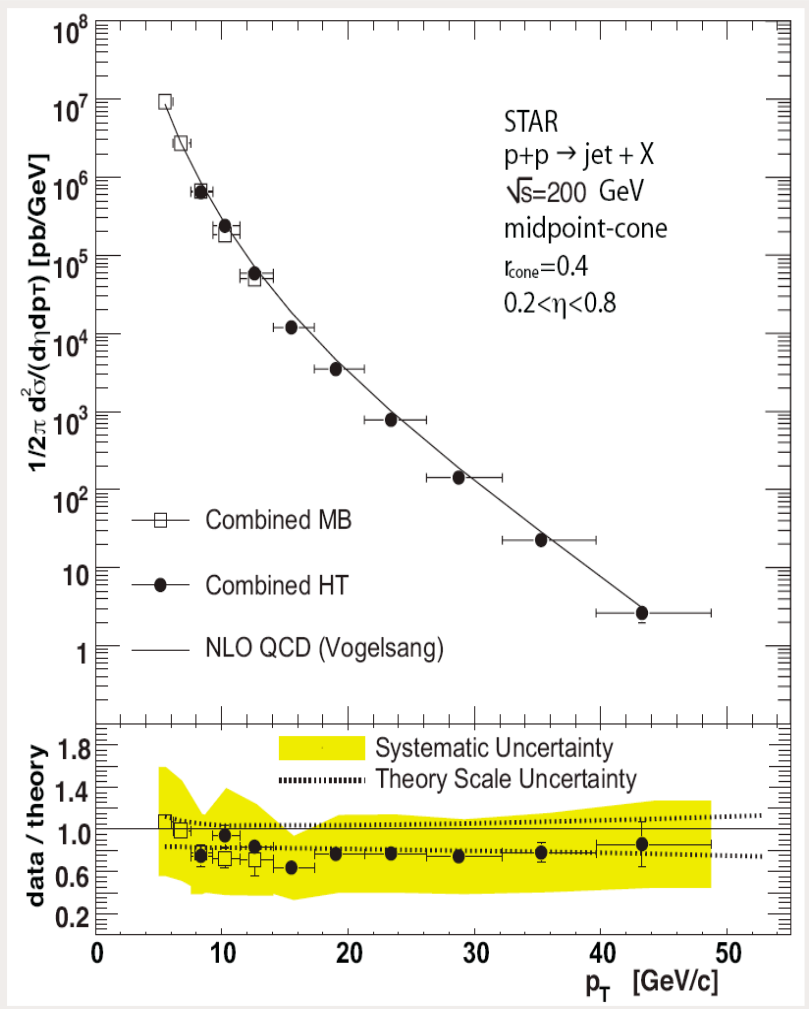

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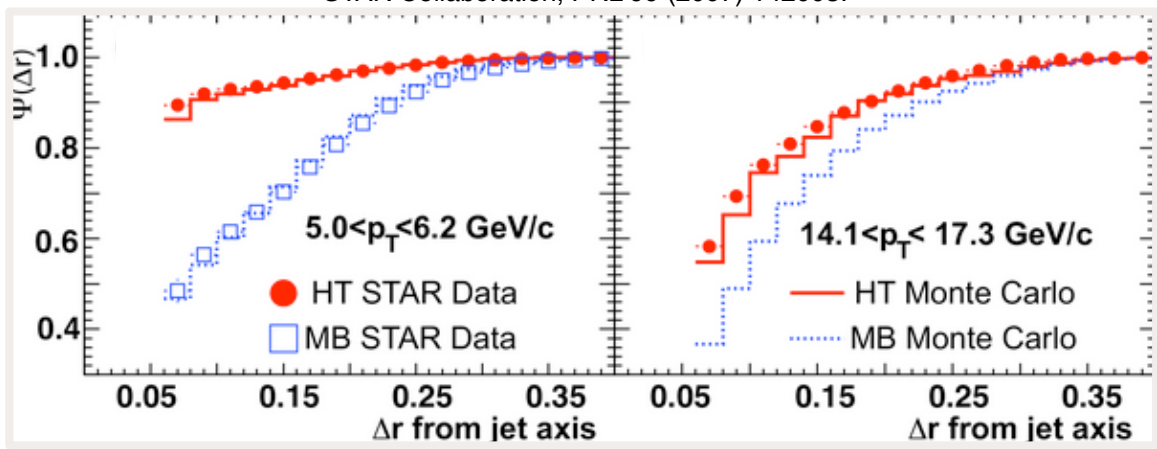
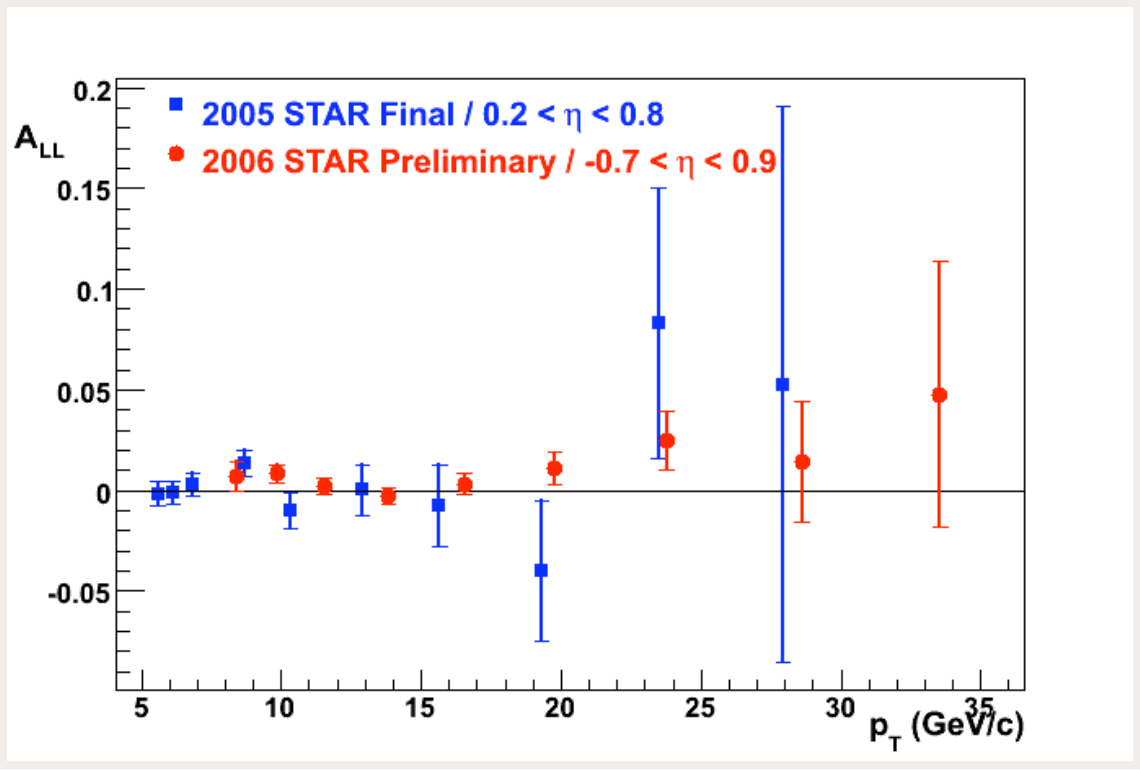


- Inclusive Jet production - Well understood in comparison to Full PYHTIA-based MC simulations
- Good agreement between data and NLO pQCD calculations at mid-rapidity

Recent results: Jet production

- STAR Run 5 / 6 A_{LL} result: Mid-rapidity inclusive jet production



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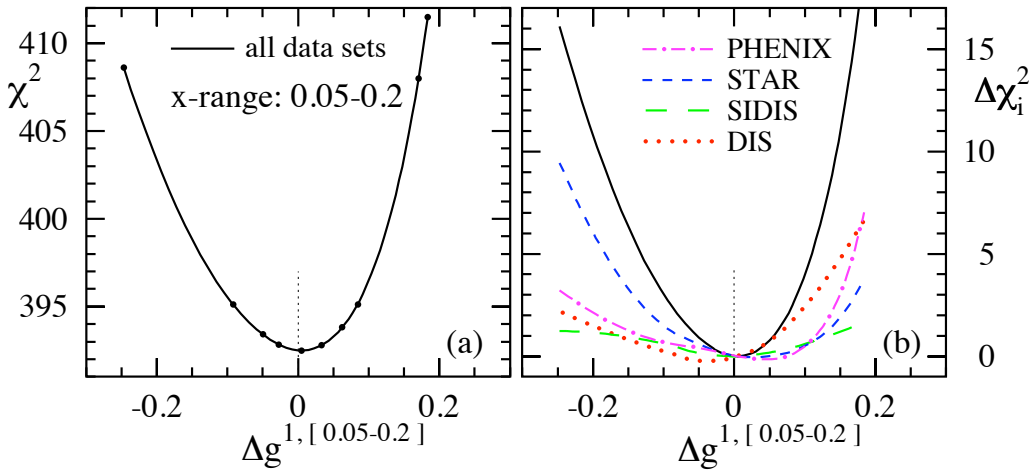
A_{LL} systematics	(x 10^{-3})
Reconstruction + Trigger Bias	[-1,+3] (p_T dep)
Non-longitudinal Polarization	~ 0.03 (p_T dep)
Relative Luminosity	0.94
Backgrounds	1^{st} bin ~ 0.5 else ~ 0.1

p_T systematic	± 6.7%

- RUN 6 results: GRSV-MAX / GRSV-MIN ruled out - A_{LL} result favor a gluon polarization in the measured x-region which falls in-between GRSV-STD and GRSV-ZERO
- Consistent with RUN 5 result (Factor 3-4 improved statistical precision for p_T>13GeV/c)

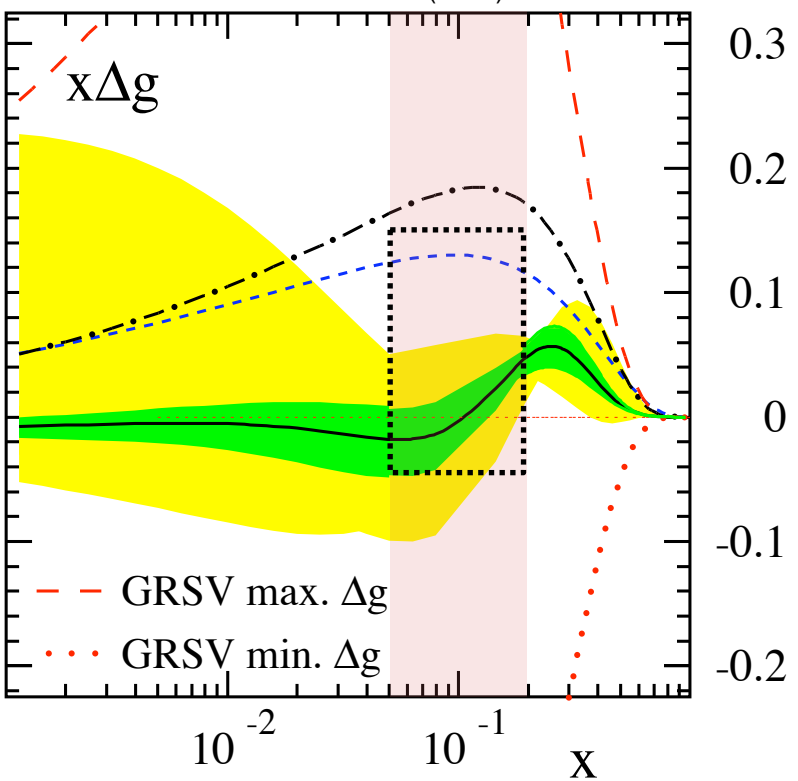
Recent results: Global analysis

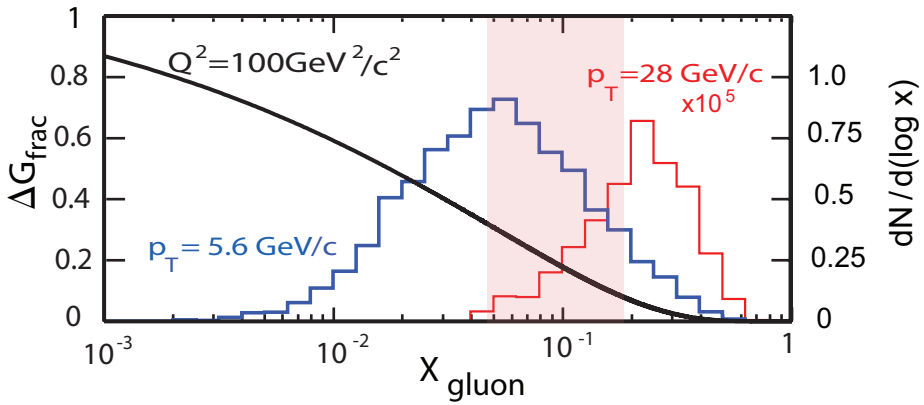
- Global analysis incl. RHIC pp data



- Strong constraint on the size of Δg from RHIC data for 0.05<x<0.2
- Evidence for a small gluon polarization over a limited region of momentum fraction
- Important: Mapping of x-dependence and extension of x-coverage needed!

D. de Florian et al. PRL 101 (2008) 072001.





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Summary and Outlook

- pQCD: Critical role to interpret measured asymmetries
- 2006 results: First hadron A_{LL} result at forward rapidity / Improved precision at mid-rapidity (hadron and jet A_{LL}) / Improve π^+ analyzing power at high z
- First global analysis incl. RHIC SPIN data ⇒ Evidence for small gluon polarization for $0.05<x<0.2$
- Correlation measurements (Di-Jets / γ-Jets) will allow to provide needed constraint on the partonic kinematics
- 500GeV program together with wide rapidity coverage in STAR ($-1<\eta<4$) will allow to extend the currently measured kinematic region towards small-x ($x \sim 10^{-3}$)
- **Run 9: First 500GeV run completed (~10pb^{-1}) and large 200GeV data set in progress!**