

Spin Physics Highlights from STAR



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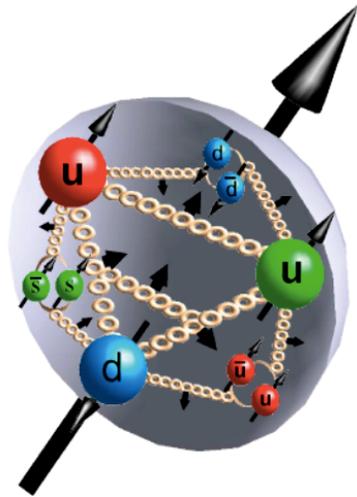


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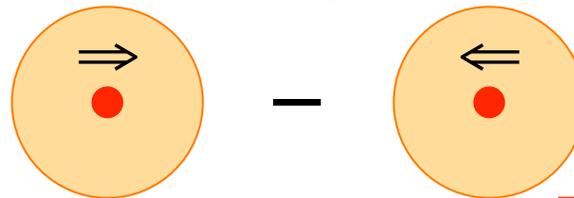
Contributions to the Proton's Spin



Consider proton moving right

Proton spin \Rightarrow

$\Delta q(x)$
 $\Delta g(x)$



Longitudinal
Polarization

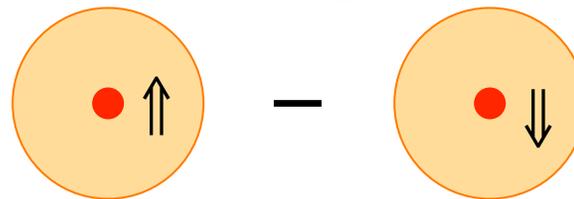
Polarized DIS: ~ 0.3
Puzzling for ~ 25 years

Relatively poorly constrained
But S_g coming into focus!

Proton spin sum rule:
$$\frac{1}{2}\hbar = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q S_q^z + S_g^z + \sum_q L_q^z + L_g^z$$

Proton spin \Uparrow

$\delta q(x)$



Transverse
Polarization

Transversity



- Probing Gluon Polarization with Jets and π^0 's
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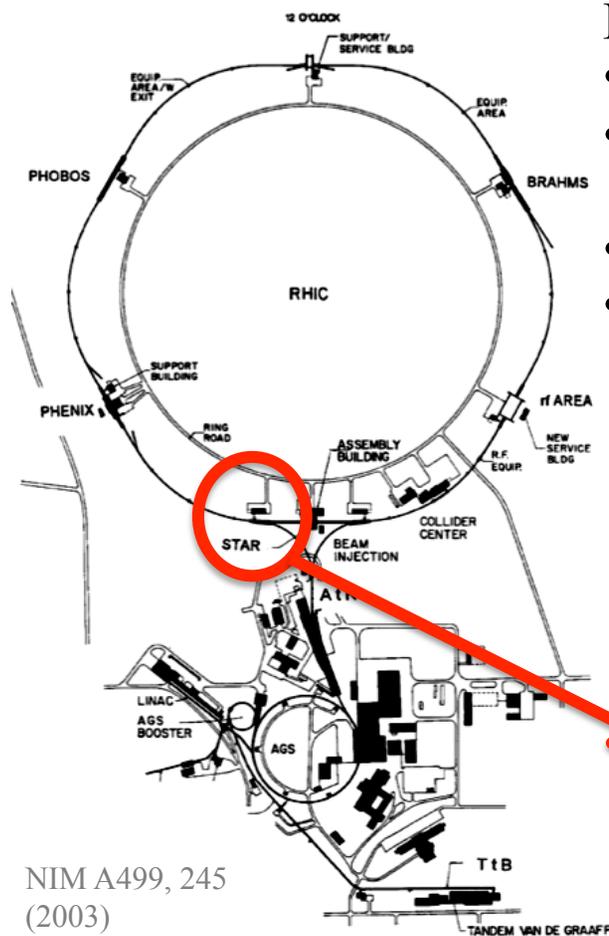


Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC

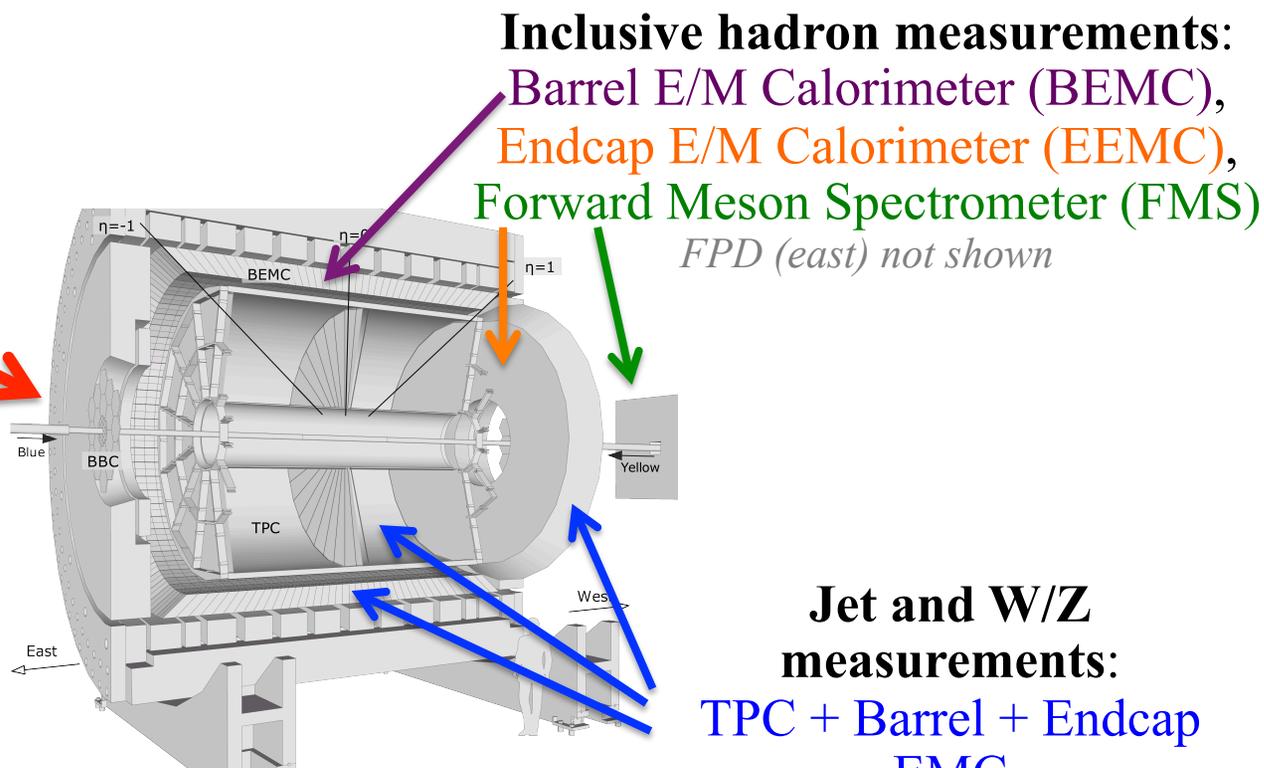


RHIC as Spin Collider

- “Siberian Snakes” → mitigate depolarization resonances
- Spin rotators provide choice of spin orientation *independent of experiment*
- Spin direction varies bucket-to-bucket (9.4 MHz)
- Spin pattern varies fill-to-fill



NIM A499, 245
(2003)



Inclusive hadron measurements:
Barrel E/M Calorimeter (BEMC),
Endcap E/M Calorimeter (EEMC),
Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS)
FPD (east) not shown

Jet and W/Z measurements:
TPC + Barrel + Endcap
EMC



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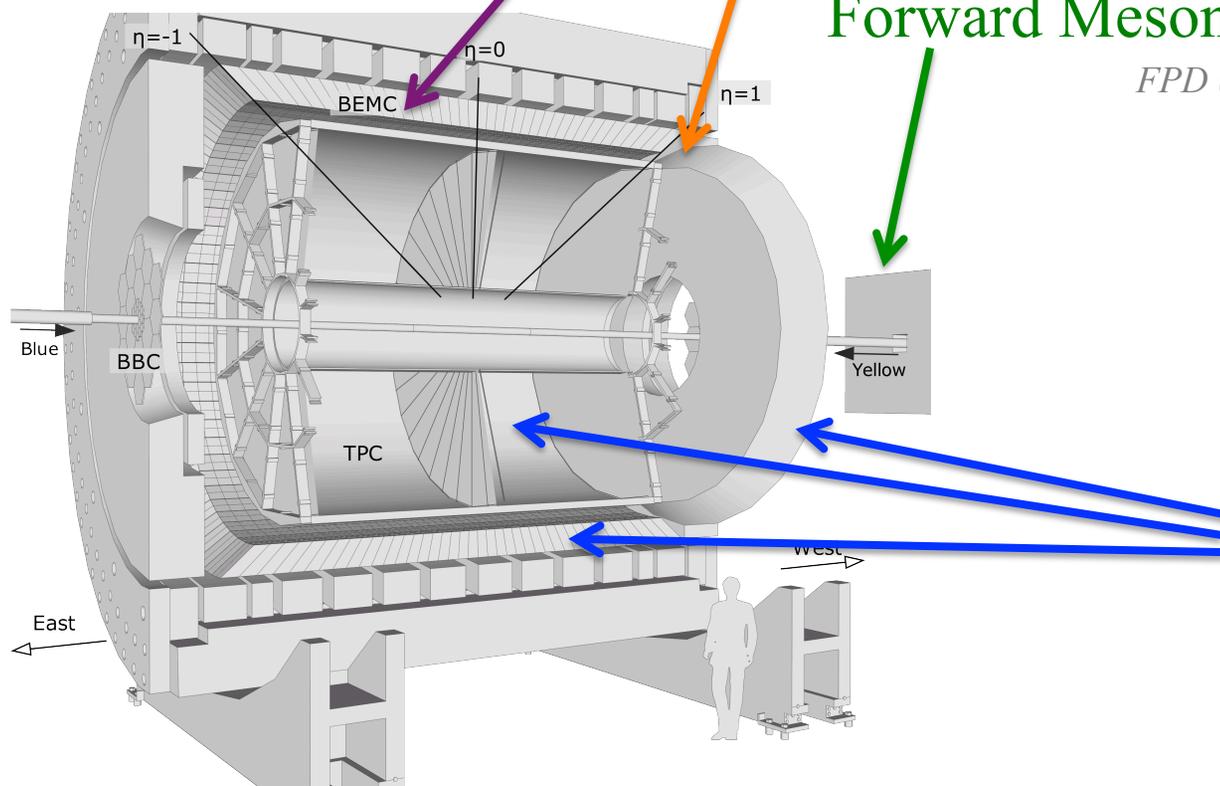
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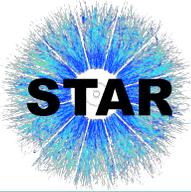
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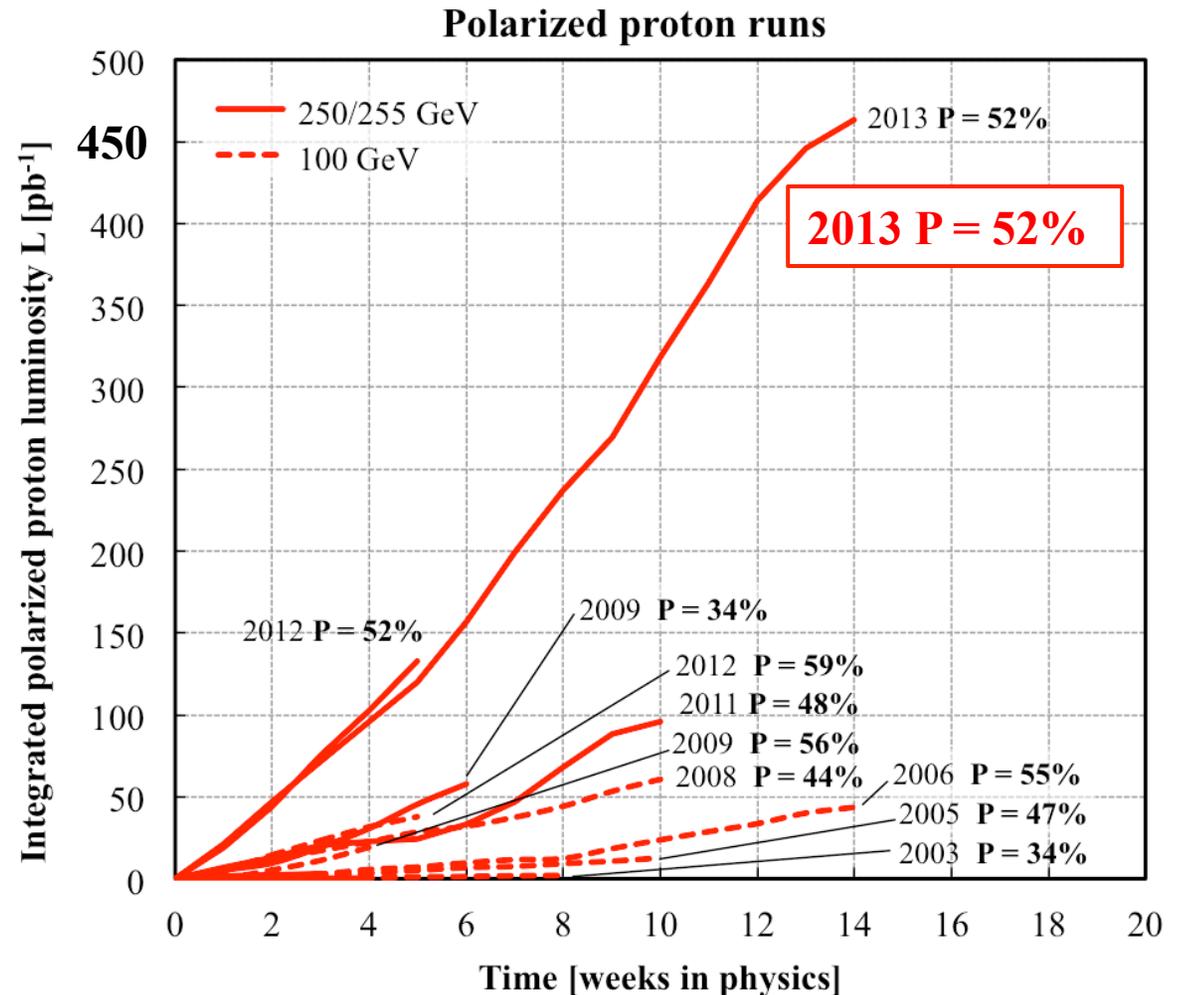
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TPC +
Barrel + Endcap EMC**



Datasets from RHIC at STAR



- Many published results from 2006, 2009 datasets
 - And W's more recently
- Preliminary results and work in progress from, especially
 - 2011 500 GeV trans.
 - 2012 200 GeV trans.
 - *Large* 510 GeV long. datasets in 2012 and 2013





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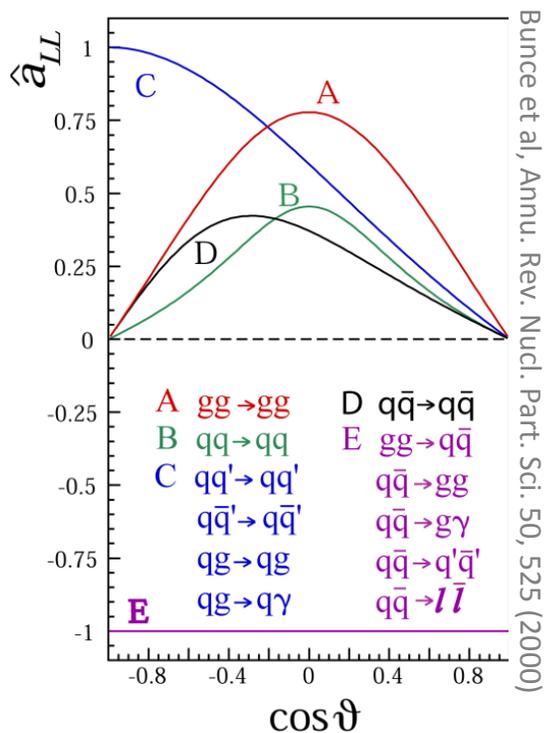
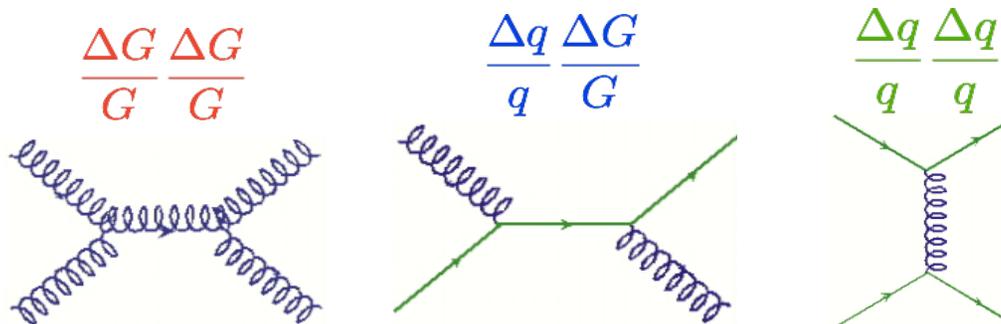


Probing (Gluon) Polarized PDF's With Jets

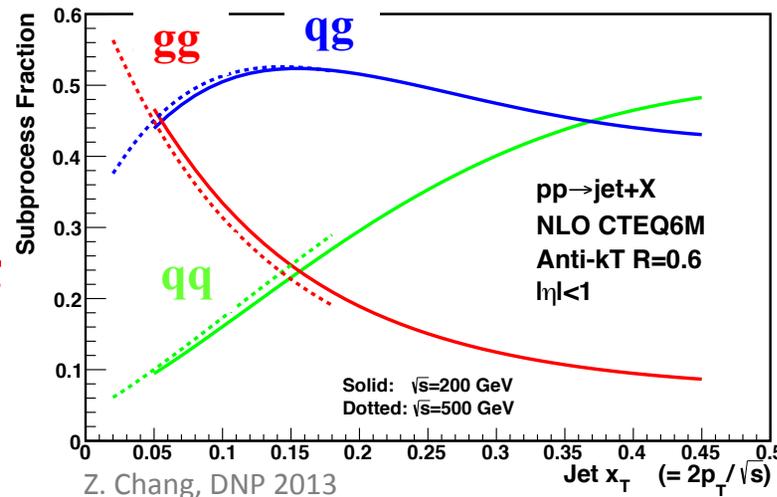


$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++} + \sigma^{+-}} \propto \frac{\Delta f_a \Delta f_b}{f_a f_b} \hat{a}_{LL}$$

A_{LL} for, e.g. jets, sensitive to **polarized PDF's** (Δf) and **partonic asymmetry**, \hat{a}_{LL}



Asymmetries at different values of p_T or \sqrt{s}
 → **sample different mix of partonic subprocesses**



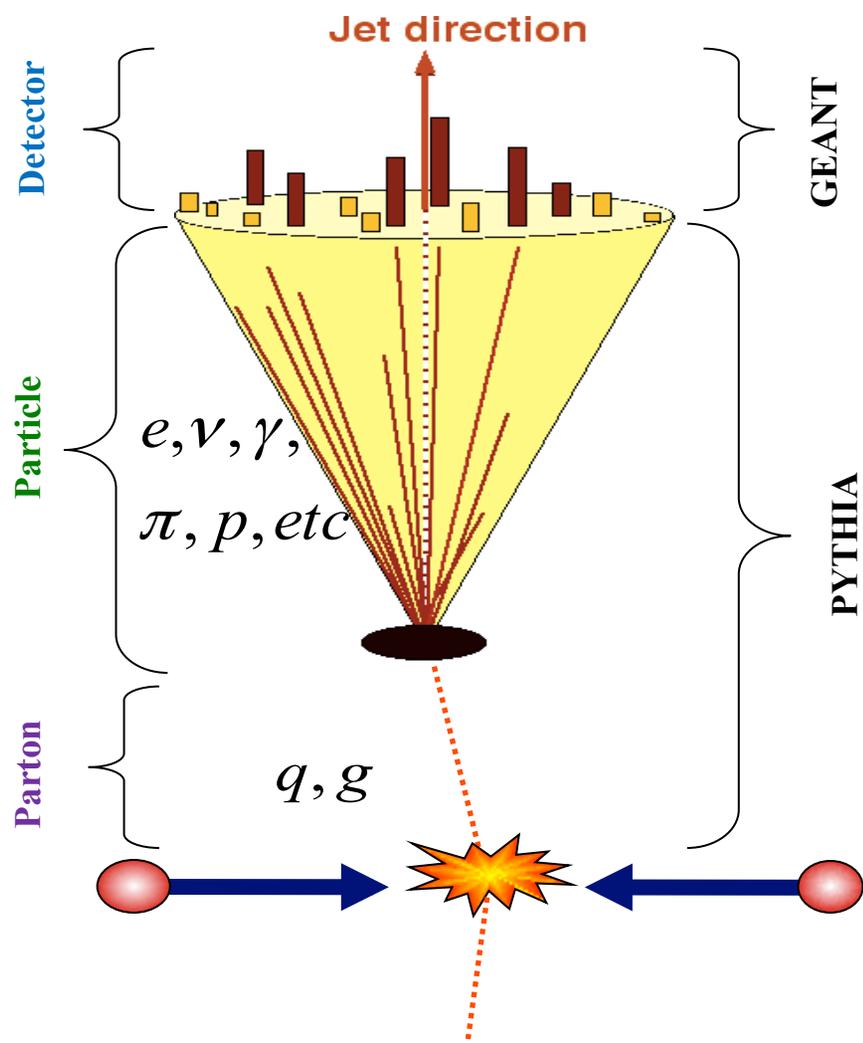


Jet Reconstruction



Jet Levels

MC Jets



STAR Detector has:

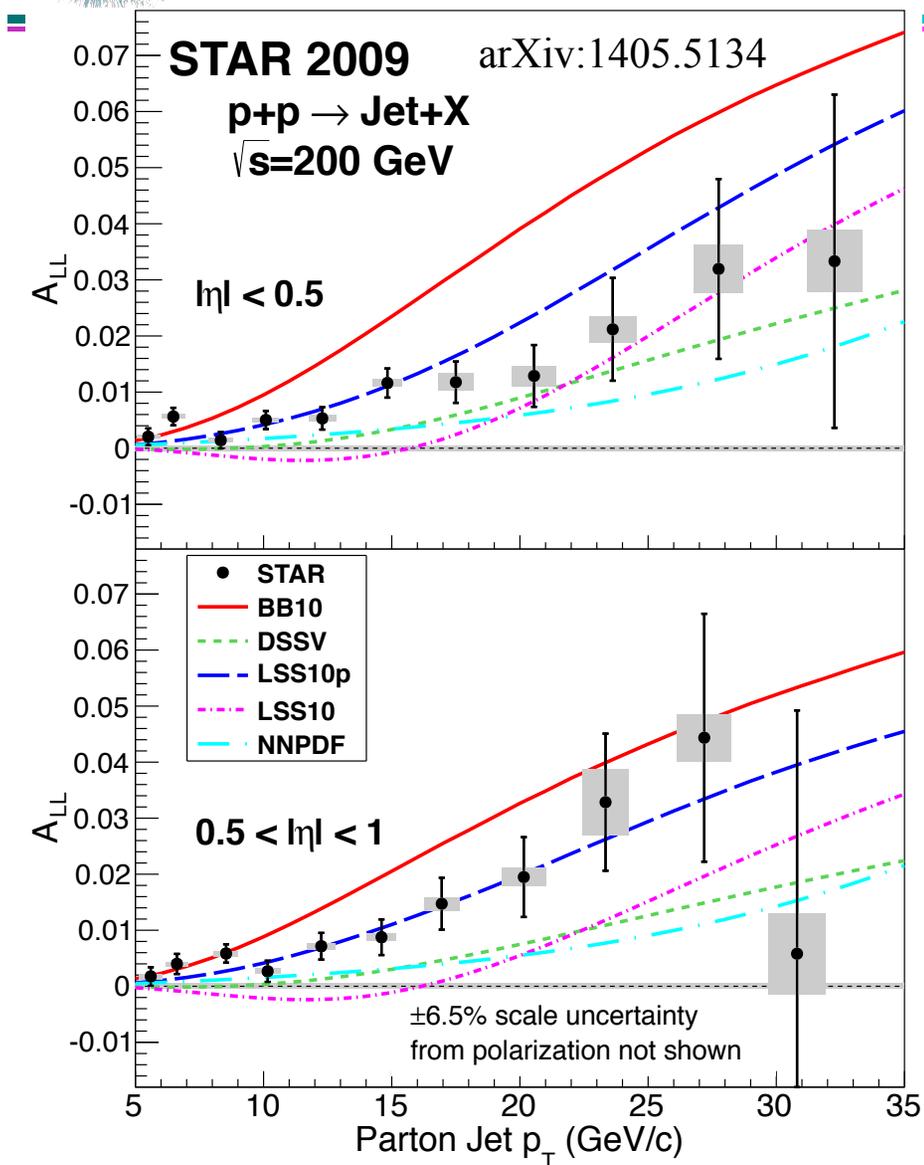
- Full azimuthal coverage
 - Charged particle tracking from TPC for $|\eta| < 1.3$
 - E/BEMC provide electromagnetic energy reconstruction for $-1 < \eta < 2.0$
- STAR well suited for jet measurements

Anti- K_T Jet Algorithm:

- Radius = 0.6
- Used in both data and simulation



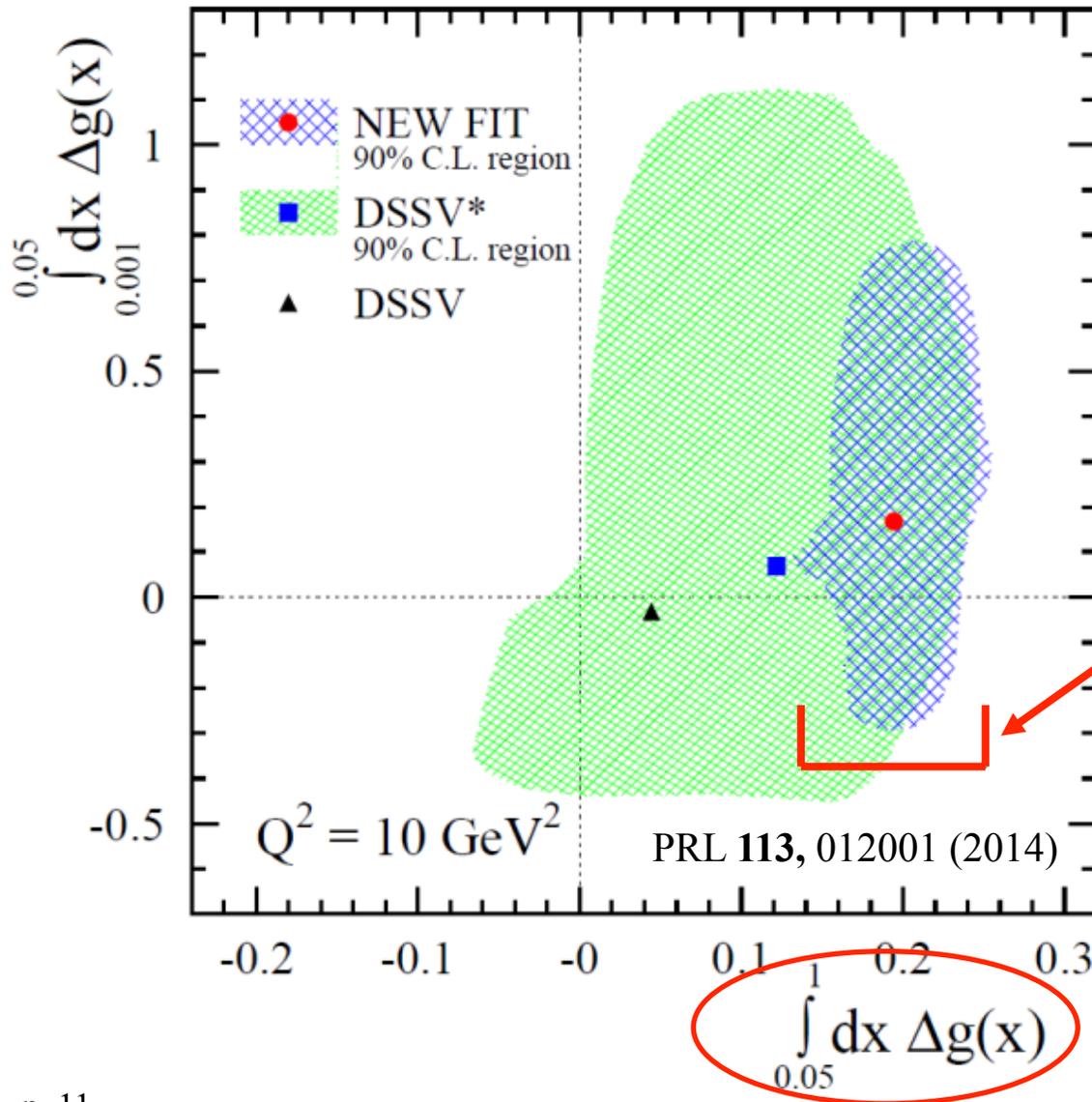
2009 Inclusive Jet A_{LL}



- 2009 results have factor of 3 to 4 better statistical precision than 2006 results
- Result divided into two pseudorapidity ranges which emphasize different partonic kinematics
- Result lies consistently above the 2008 DSSV fit



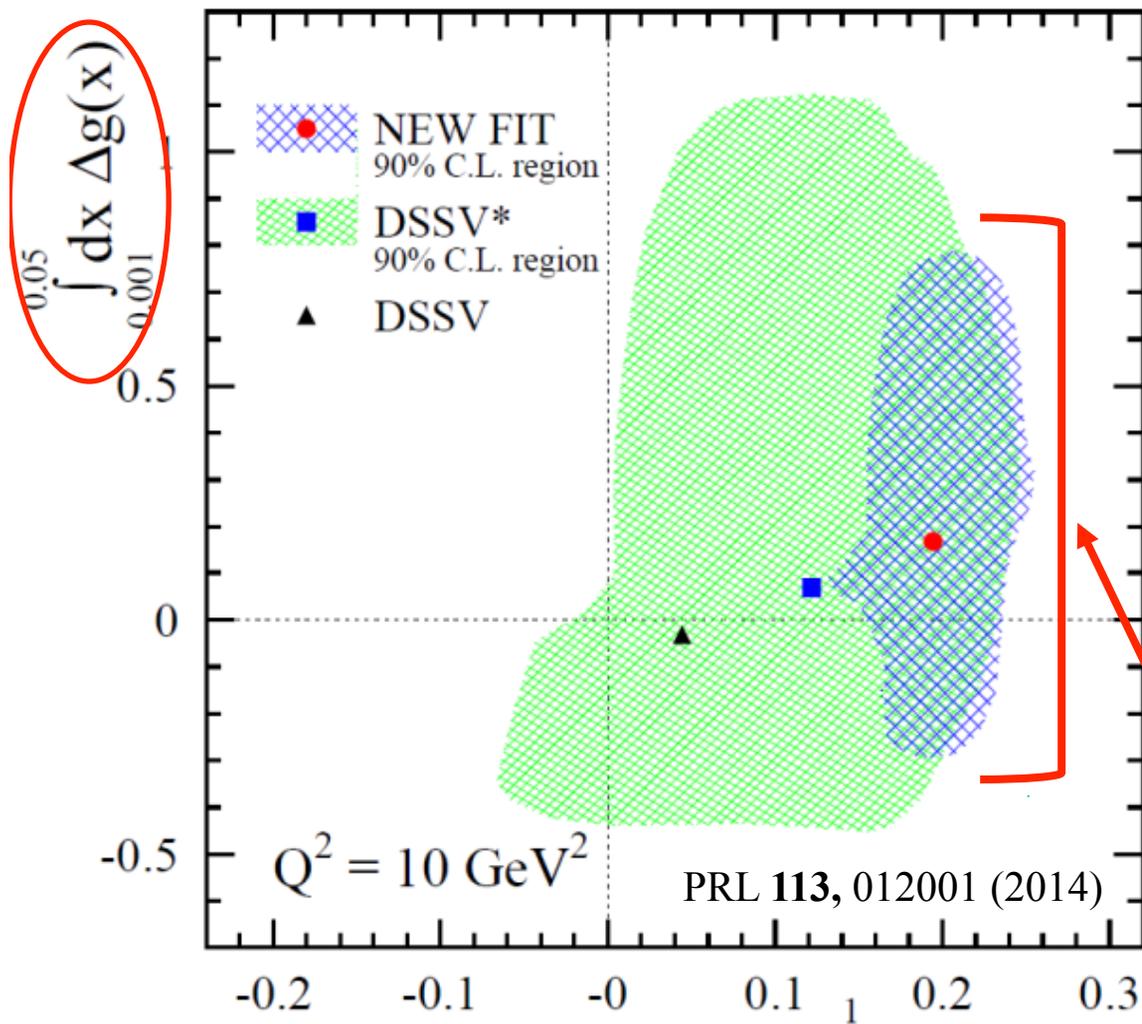
New DSSV Fit and Results



- Integral of $\Delta g(x)$ in range $0.05 < x < 1.0$ increases substantially, now significantly above zero.
- Uncertainty shrinks substantially from DSSV* to new DSSV fit
- **First firm evidence of non-zero gluon polarization!**



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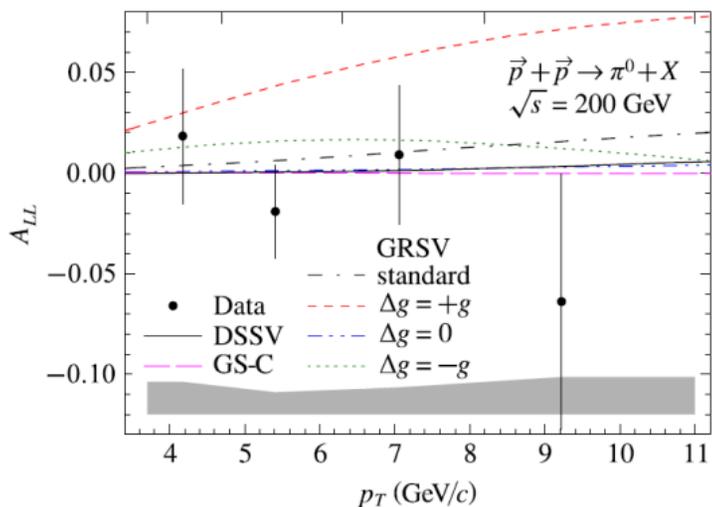
[See also new NNPDF fit $\int_{0.05} dx \Delta g(x)$



Probing Low x Gluons With $\pi^0 A_{LL}$

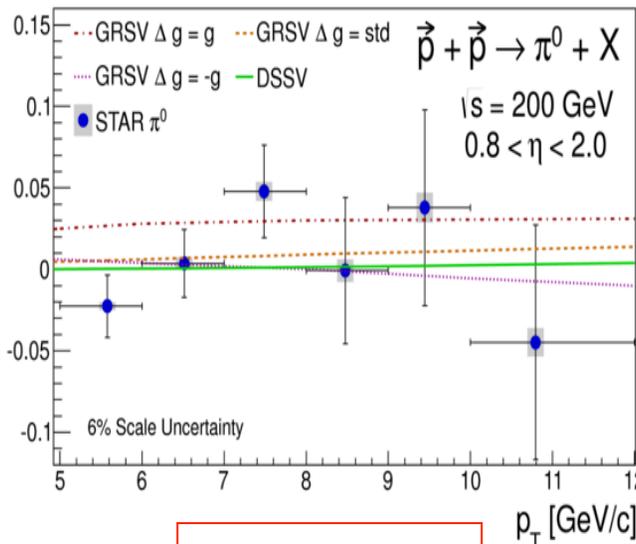


PRD 80, 111108(R) (2009)



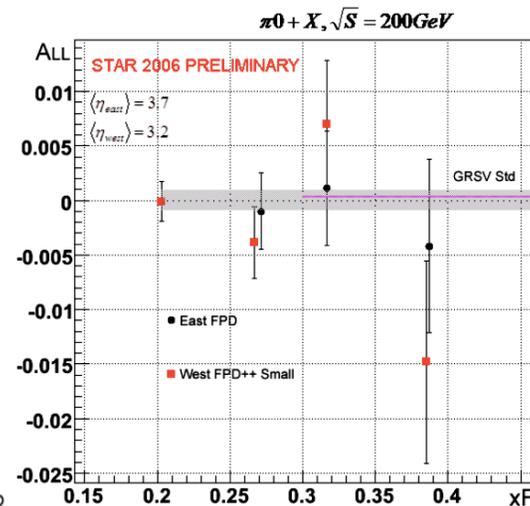
$|\eta| < 0.95$

PRD 89, 012001 (2014)



$1.0 < \eta < 2.0$

Wissink SPIN2008



$\eta = 3.2, 3.7$

- STAR has measured $\pi^0 A_{LL}$ in three different pseudorapidity ranges
 - Different kinematics, different fragmentation, different systematics
 - Here with data from 2006
- qq scattering dominates at high η with high x quarks and low x gluons
- **No large asymmetries seen**

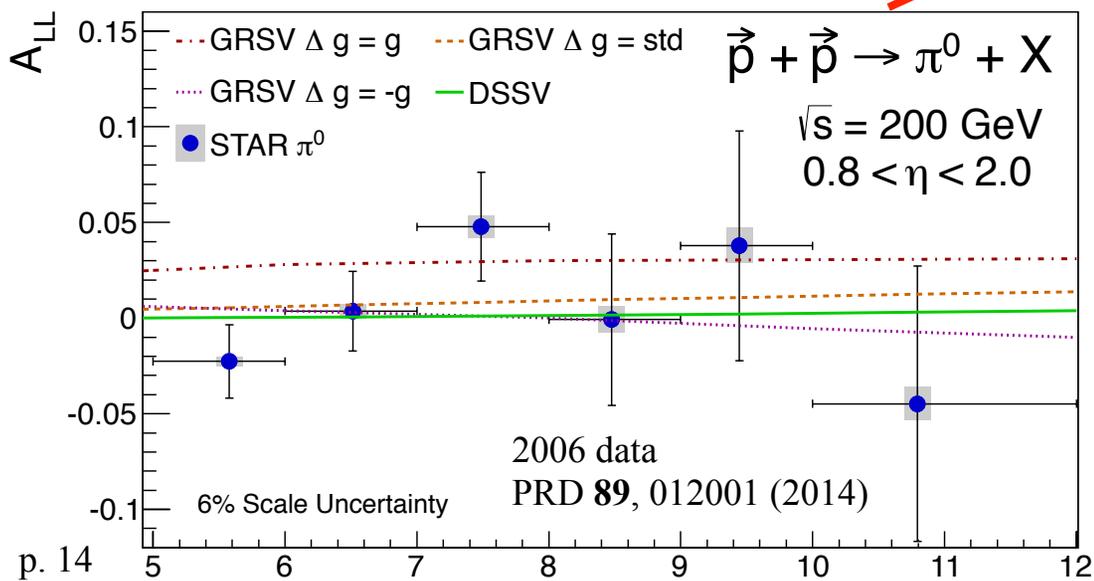
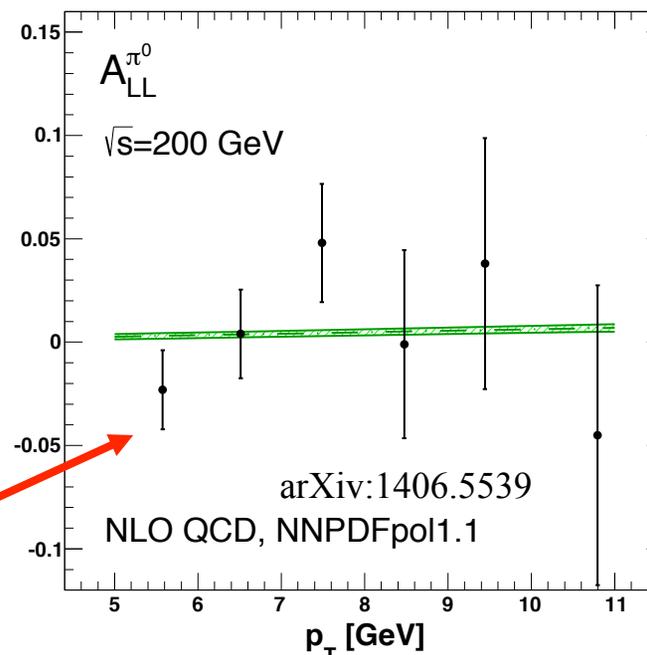


Updated Prediction for $\pi^0 A_{LL}$



- NNPDFpol1.1 includes jet results from STAR and PHENIX, including the recently submitted 2009 STAR inclusive jets
- Greater precision needed to constrain the fit

STAR data with NNPDF predictions

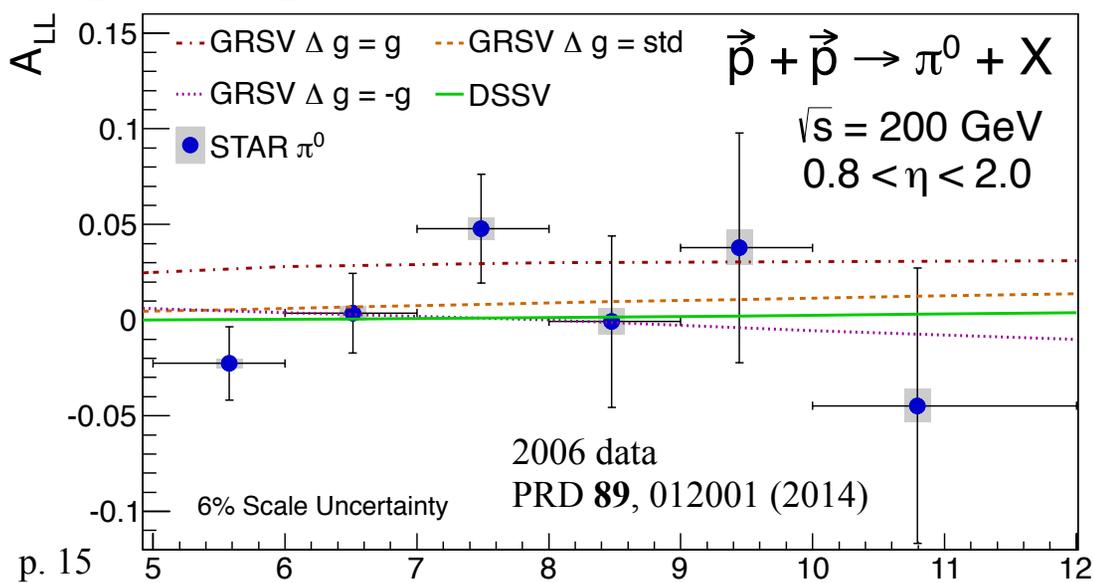
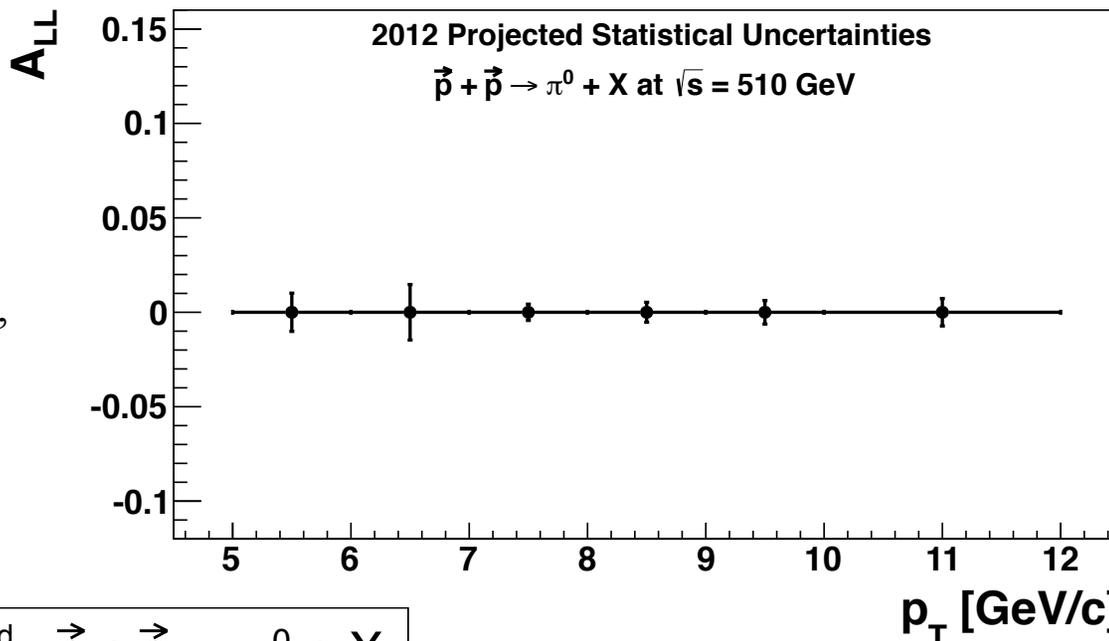




π^0 A_{LL} Prospects in 2012 Dataset



- Work underway at STAR with 2012 dataset (x10 luminosity) at intermediate pseudorapidity
 - Large improvement in stat. uncertainty projected, as shown
- And with 2012 and 2013 datasets at forward pseudorapidity



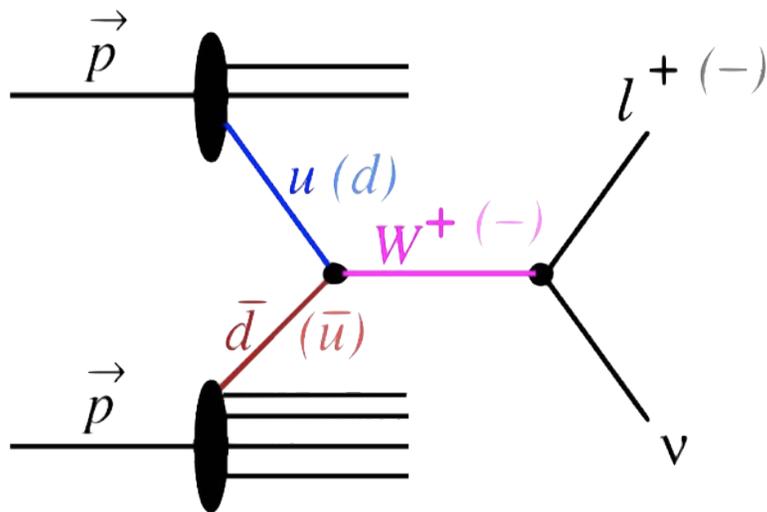
- Higher CoM energy
 - 200 \rightarrow 510 GeV
 - Pushes to lower x gluon



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$$u + \bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu$$

$$d + \bar{u} \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}$$

- W's couple directly to the quarks and antiquarks of interest
- Detect W's through e^+/e^- decay channels
- Longitudinally, excellent probes of sea quark polarizations
- Also an important probe of transverse physics

Measure parity-violating single-spin asymmetry:

(Helicity flip in one beam while averaging over the other)

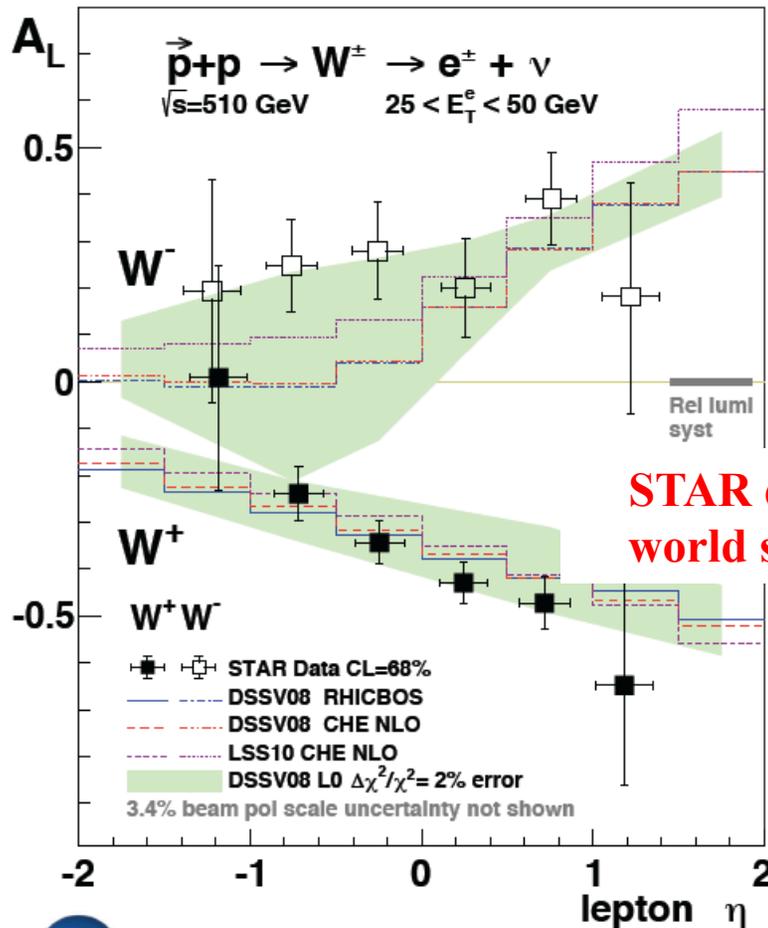
$$A_L = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-}$$



Results from 2012 W's

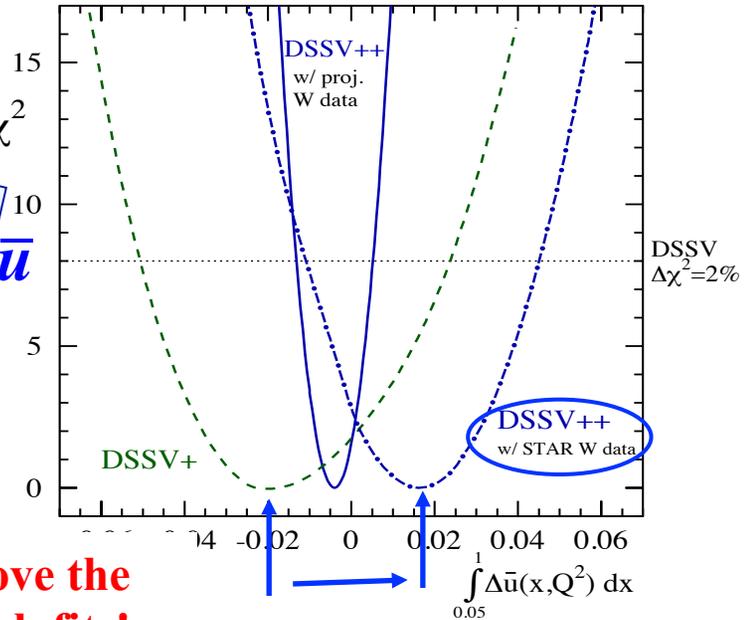


arXiv:nucl-ex/1304.0079

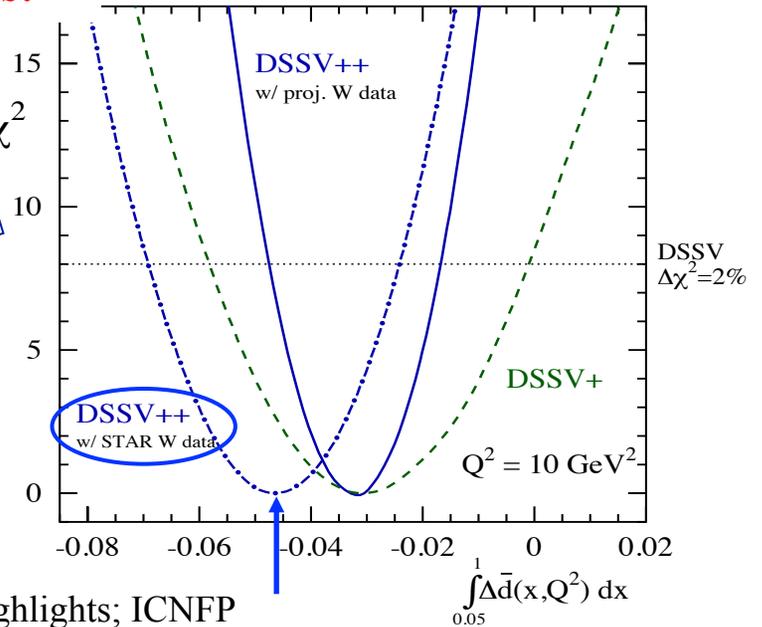


STAR data move the world sea quark fits!

$\Delta\chi^2$
 $\Delta\bar{u}$



$\Delta\chi^2$
 $\Delta\bar{d}$



NEW arXiv:1404.6880 [Accepted by PRL]

[See also new NNPDF fit
arXiv:1406.5539]

DSSV+: DSSV+COMPASS

DSSV++: DSSV+ & STAR-W 2012

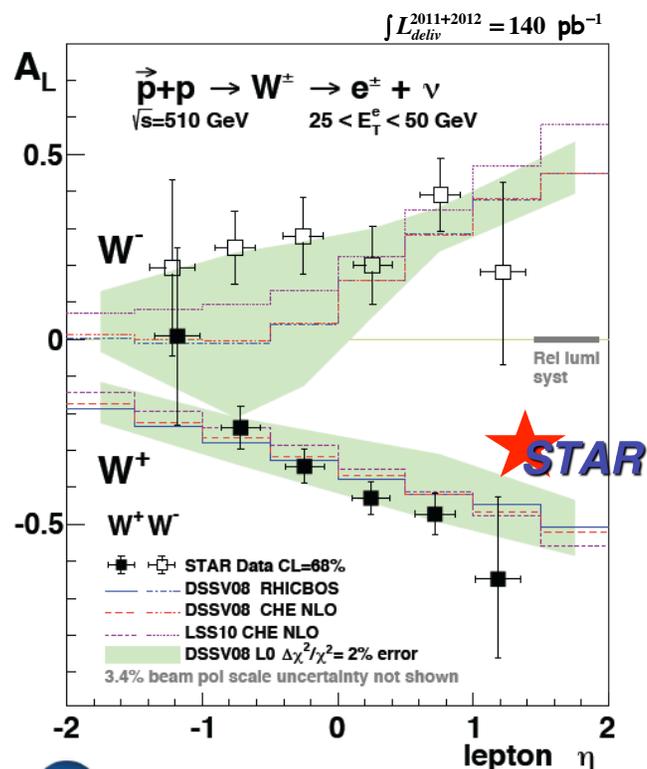
DSSV++: DSSV+ & RHIC-W proj. (2009-2013)



W Projections

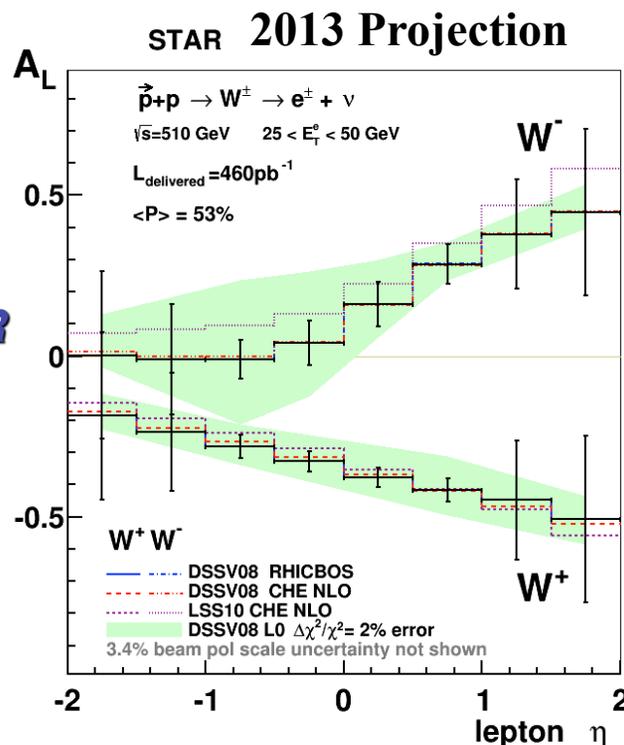


2011-2012 Results

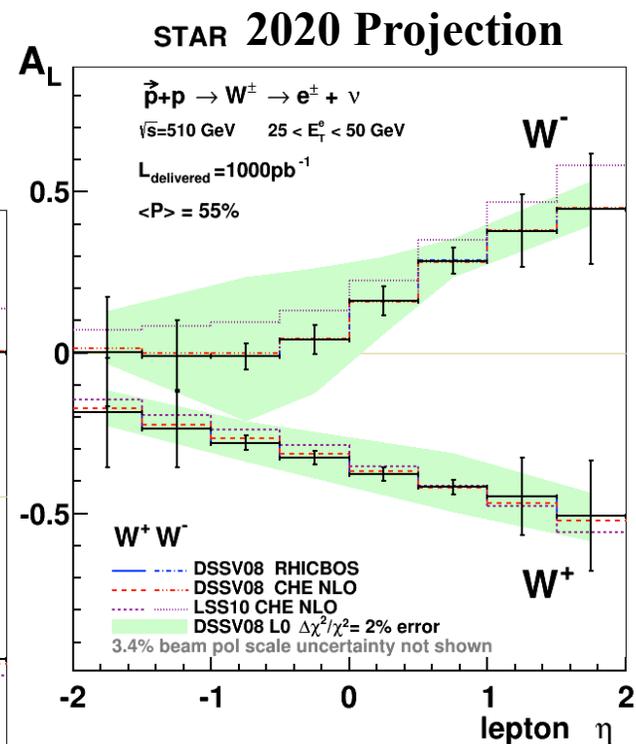


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Includes Forward GEM Tracker at STAR, fully installed in 2013





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STAR Puzzle of Large Transverse Spin Asymmetries, A_N



- Anomalously large A_N observed for nearly 40 years
 - In naïve, co-linear, leading-order/leading-twist QCD expect very small A_N , especially at high energy

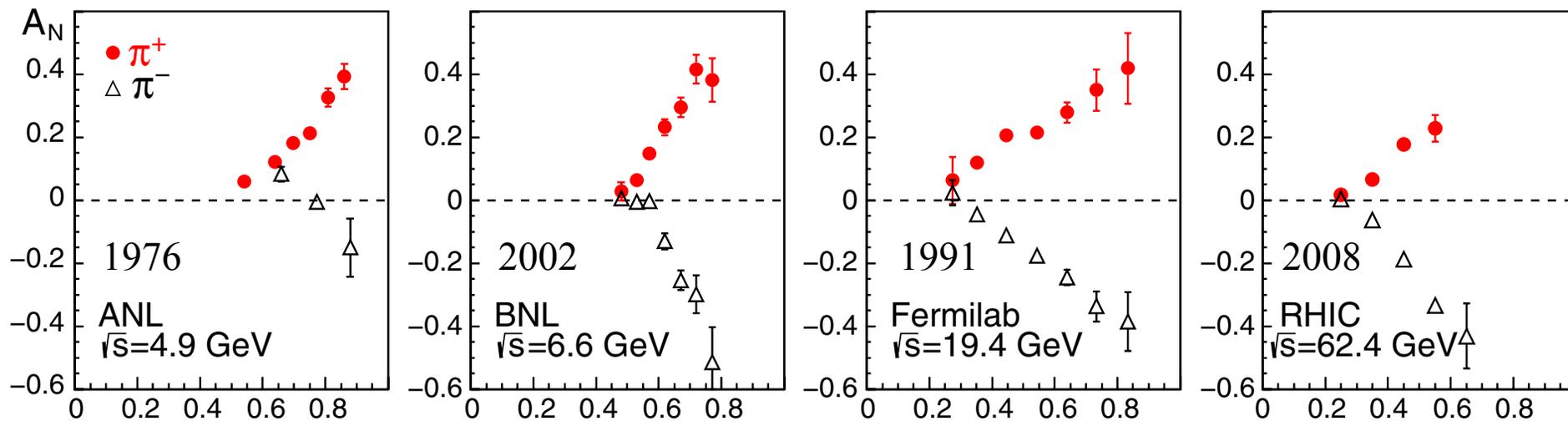
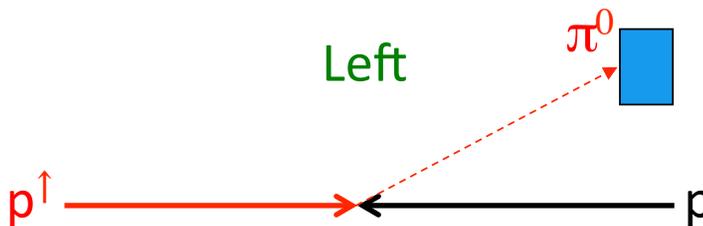


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$$x_F = \frac{p_{z,\pi}}{p_{z,\max}} = \frac{p_{z,\pi}}{\sqrt{s}/2}$$

$$A_N = \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow - d\sigma^\downarrow}{d\sigma^\uparrow + d\sigma^\downarrow}$$

$d\sigma^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}$ – cross section for leftward scattering when beam polarization is spin-up(down)



Positive A_N – more π^0 to **left** of (up) polarized beam

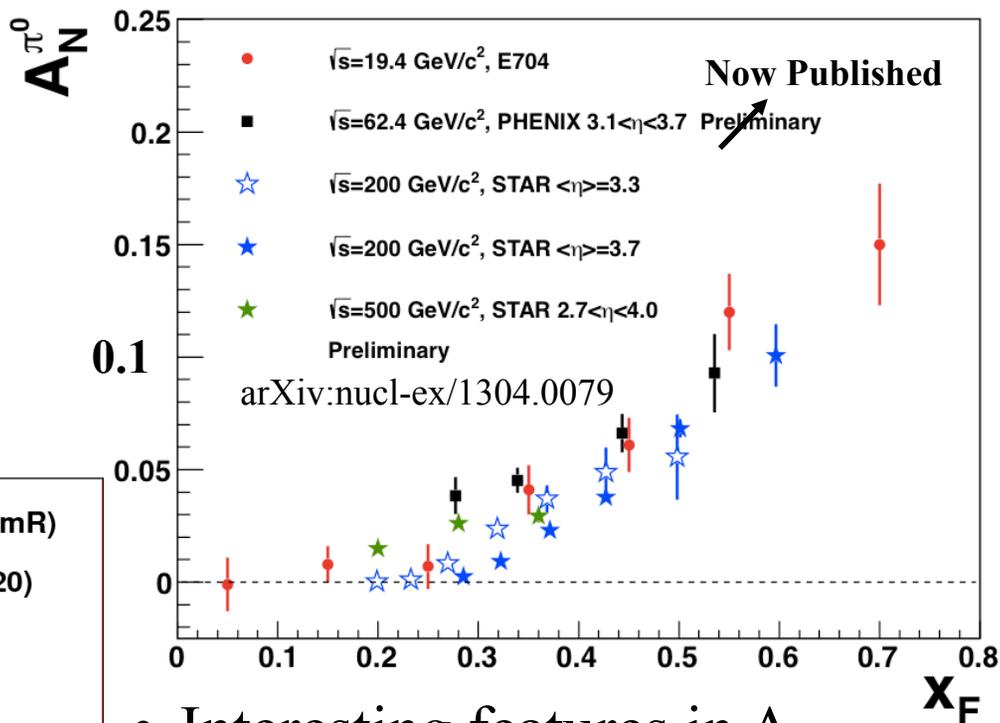
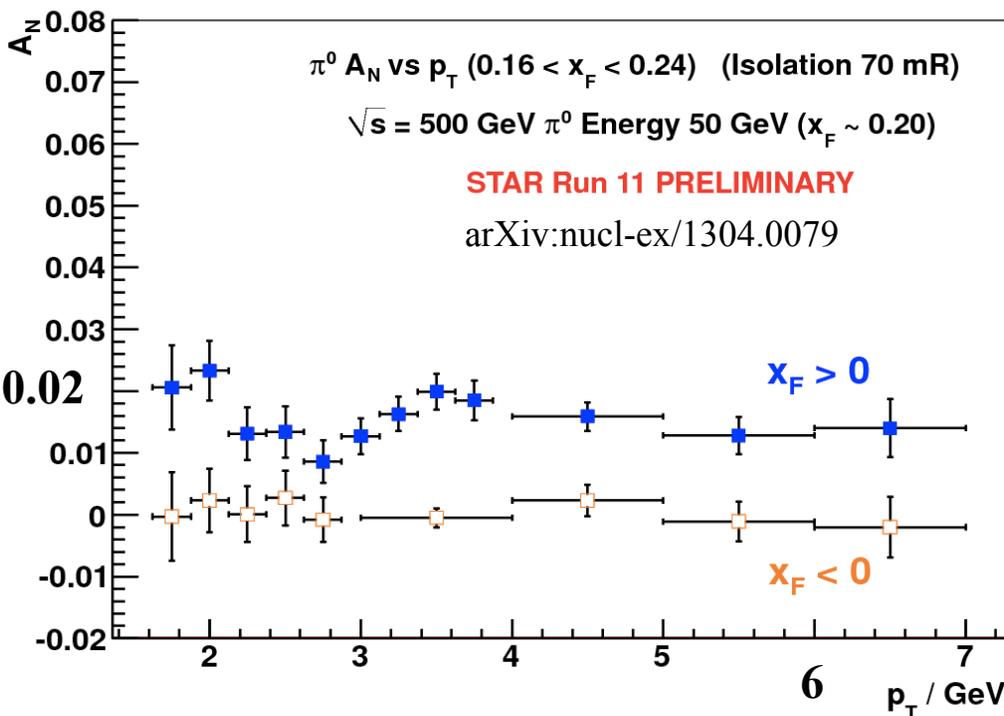
For a 2π detector, A_N manifests as an azimuthal (ϕ) asymmetry



Puzzle of Large Transverse Spin Asymmetries, A_N



- Persists at STAR/RHIC
 - At forward pseudorapidity
 - At high x_F

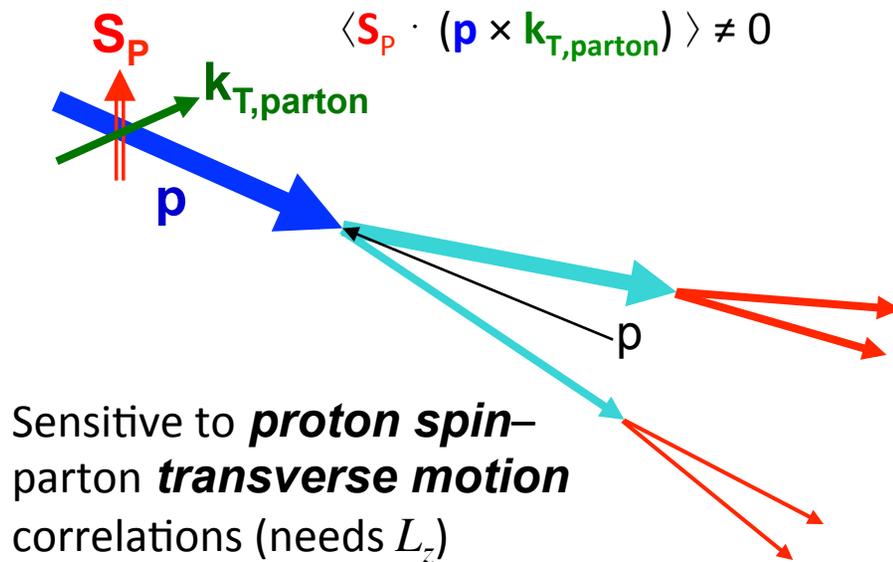


- Interesting features in A_N
 - Persists to surprisingly large p_T
 - Larger in η 's than π^0 's?
 - In relatively isolated π^0 's, not in jets
 - Smaller when there's central activity

Mechanisms for Transverse Single-spin Asymmetries

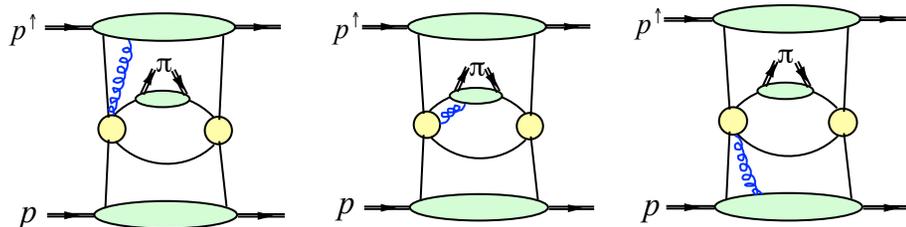
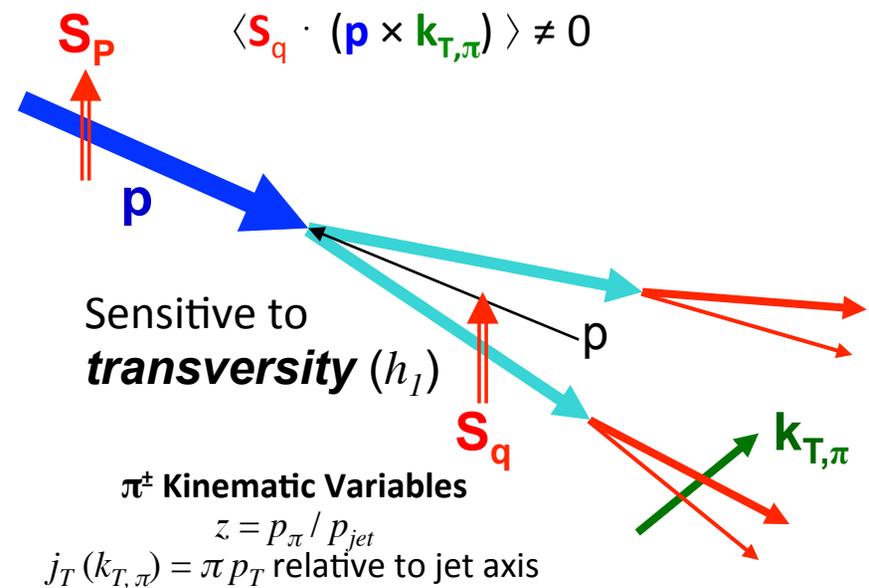
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D. Sivers, PRD 41, 83 (1990); 43, 261 (1991)



Collins mechanism: asymmetry in the forward jet *fragmentation*

J. Collins, NP B396, 161 (1993)



Y. Koike, RSC Discussion (2004)

Twist-3 mechanism: Asymmetry from multi-parton correlation functions

e.g. Qiu and Sterman, PRL 67, 2264 (1991); PRD 59, 014004 (1998)

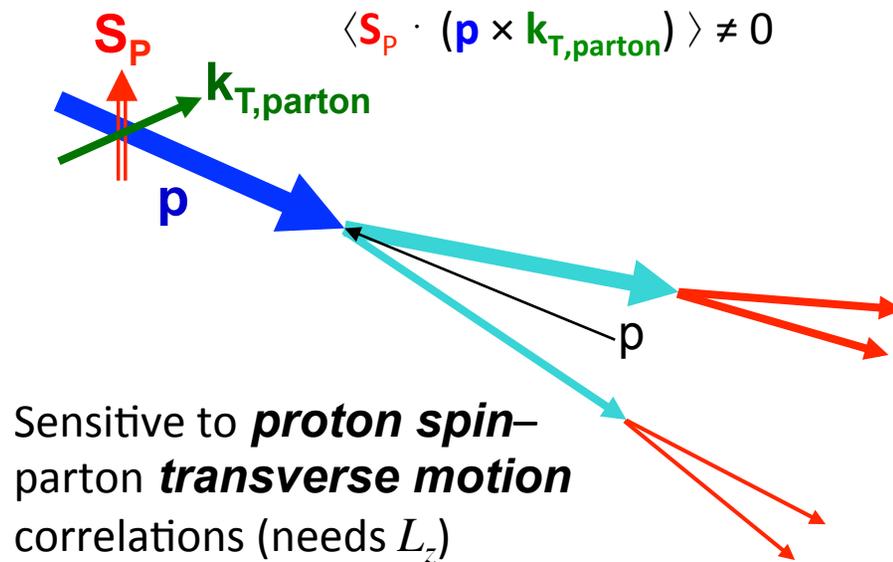
Correlators closely related to k_T moments of TMD's

Boer, Mulders, Pijlman, NPB 667, 201 (2003)

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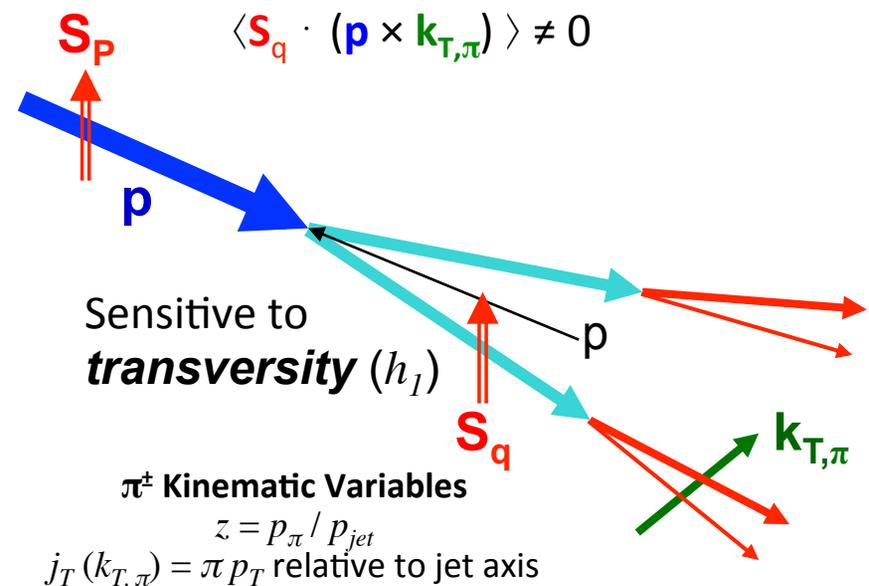
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Inclusive hadron asymmetries:

Unable to isolate contributions

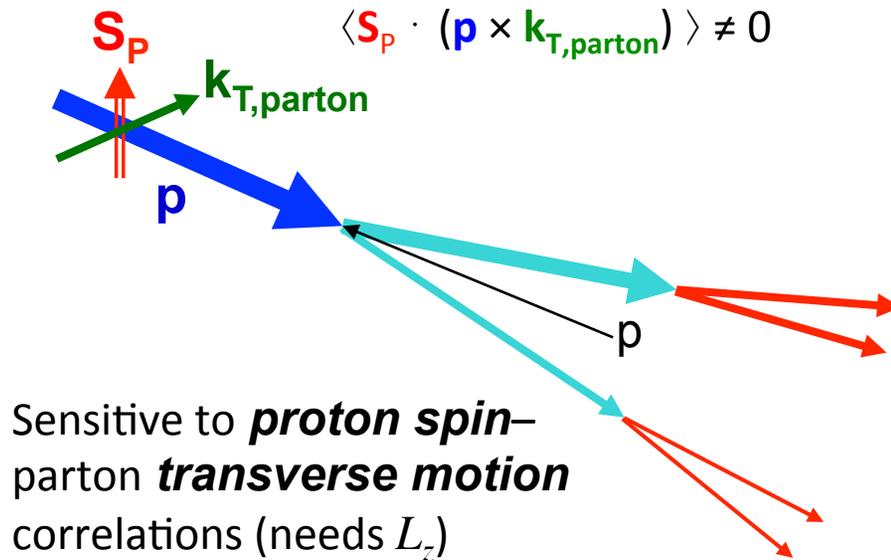
Sivers, Collins, twist-3 $\sim \sin(\phi_S)$

ϕ_S —angle between spin and event plane

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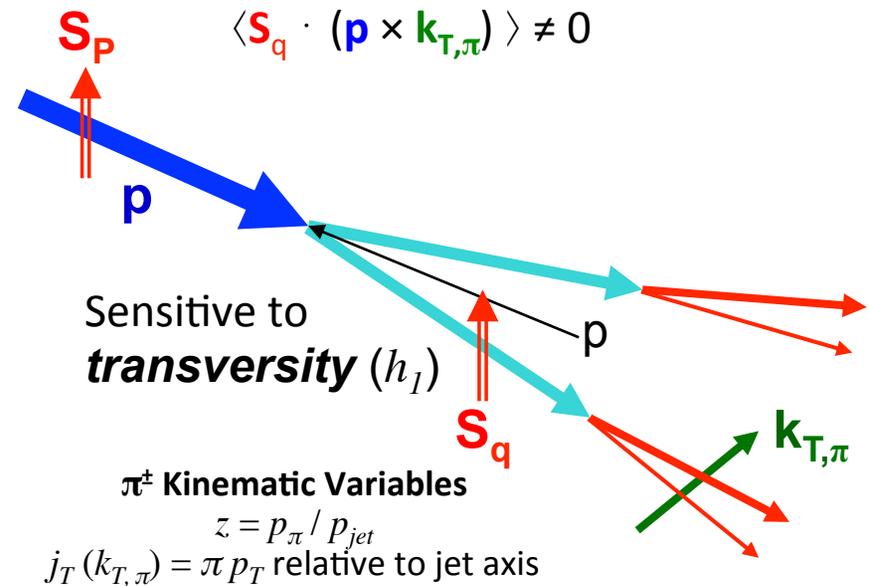
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Separate Sivers and Collins:

Go beyond inclusive production - *e.g. Jets, correlations, direct photons*

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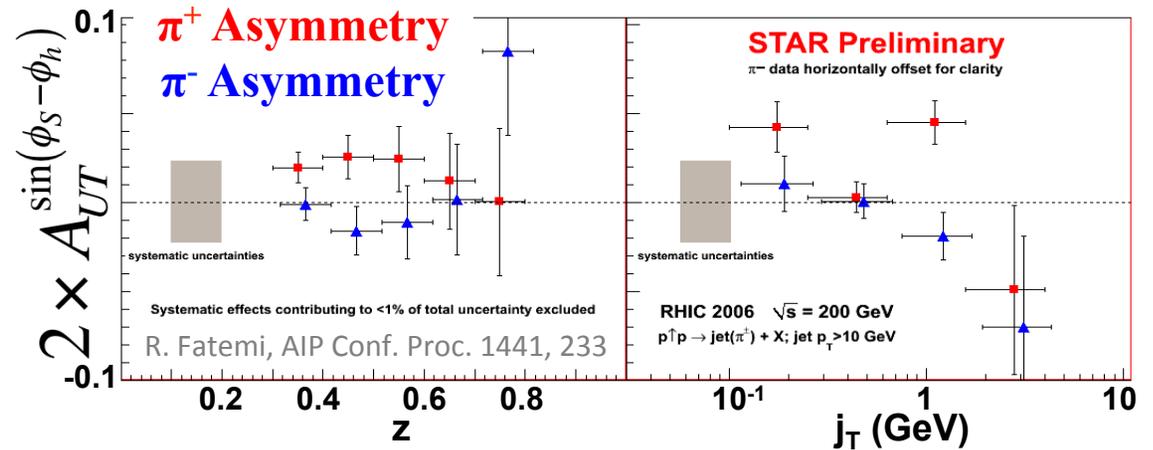
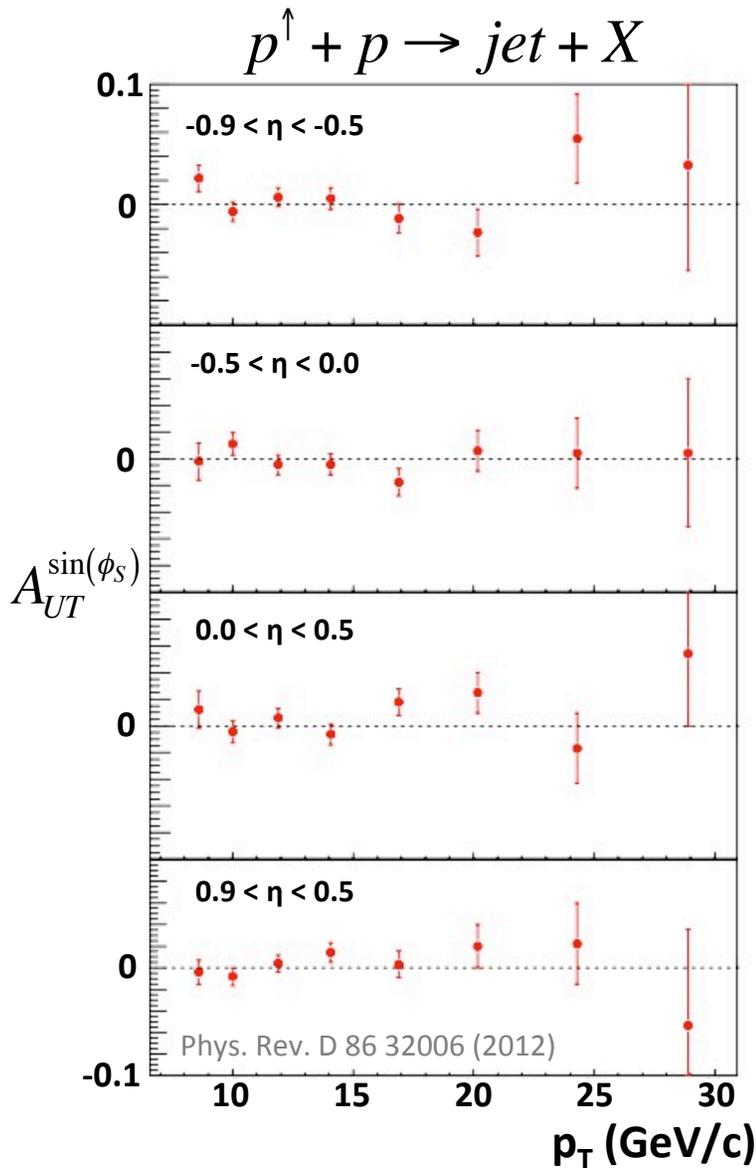
Collins $\sim \sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)$

ϕ_S —angle between spin and event plane

ϕ_h —angle of hadron around jet axis



Sivers and Collins Analyses for Jets at 200 GeV



STAR measured transverse single-spin asymmetries for inclusive jet production at central pseudorapidity and $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV (2006)

$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S)}$: consistent with zero

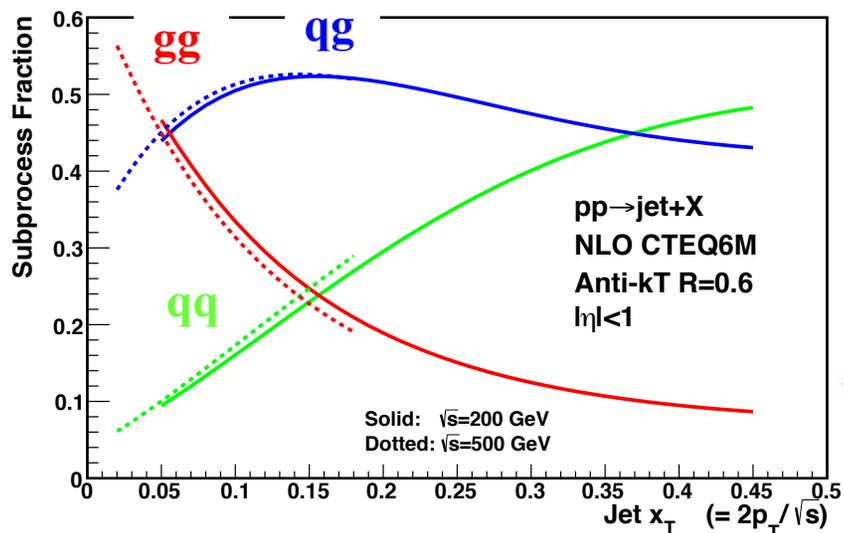
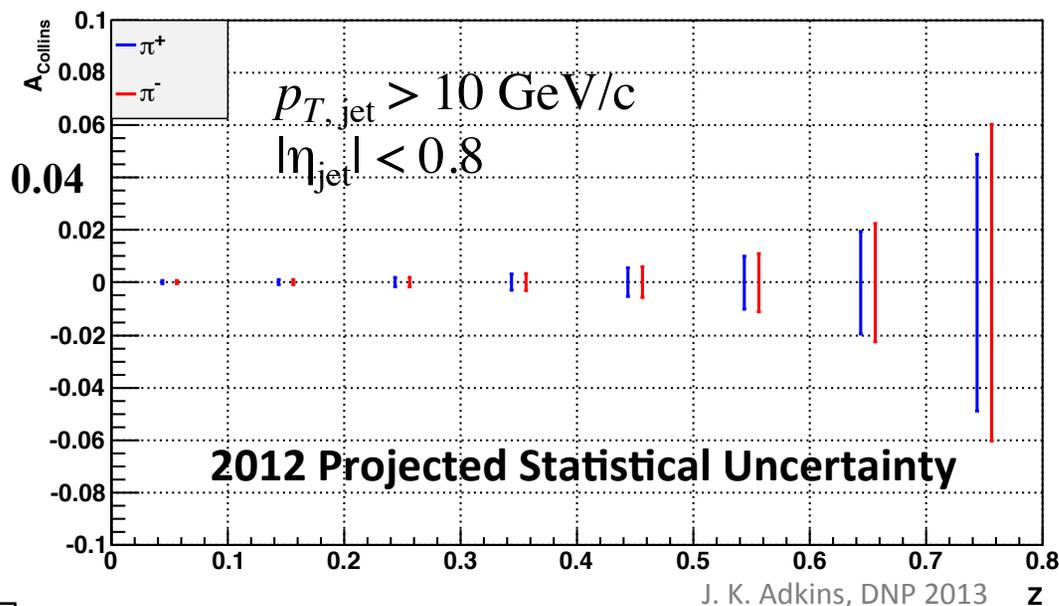
$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)}$: hints of non-zero asymmetry with charge-sign dependence



Prospects for Sivers and Collins Jet Analyses



2012 STAR data provide opportunity for **higher precision** and **greatly reduced systematic uncertainties** at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV **analysis well underway**



2011 STAR data provide opportunity for first measurements of **central pseudorapidity inclusive jet asymmetries** at $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV \rightarrow **Increased sensitivity to gluonic subprocesses**

No sign of large asymmetry in preliminary results – consistent with 200 GeV and also with theoretical expectations.



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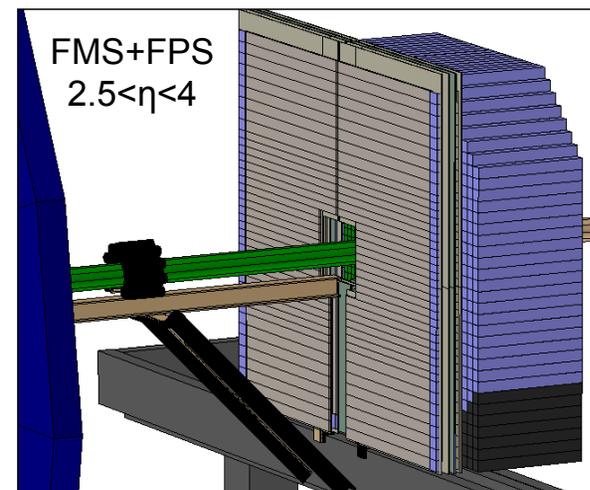


Sivers Function and Sign Change Prospects at STAR with W, Z, Drell-Yan



- A_N in Drell-Yan, W/Z production at RHIC provide excellent complement to SIDIS
 - Attractive from a theoretical perspective (no frag. func. needed as for π^0 's, etc.)
 - Sivers function “famously” changes sign when comparing with transverse asymmetries from SIDIS
 - Collins, J. C., 2002, Phys. Lett. B 536, 43
 - Direct photon sign change as well
 - Probe wide range of Q^2
 - Test the universality and factorization of TMD's, constrain their evolution – important tests of QCD
 - **Major targets for 2015-2016**
- FMS (forward EM calorimetry) Preshower Upgrade in 2015
 - Allows separation among photons, π^0 's, charged hadrons, and electrons
 - Supports direct photon and DY measurements

STAR FMS-PreShower:

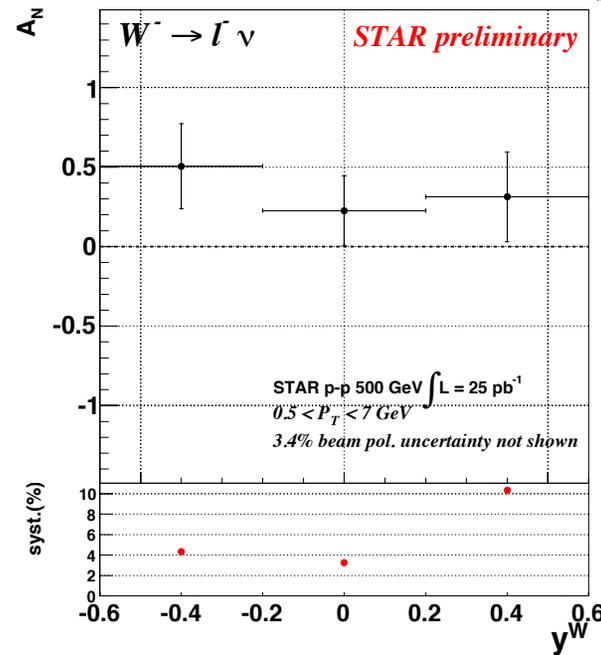
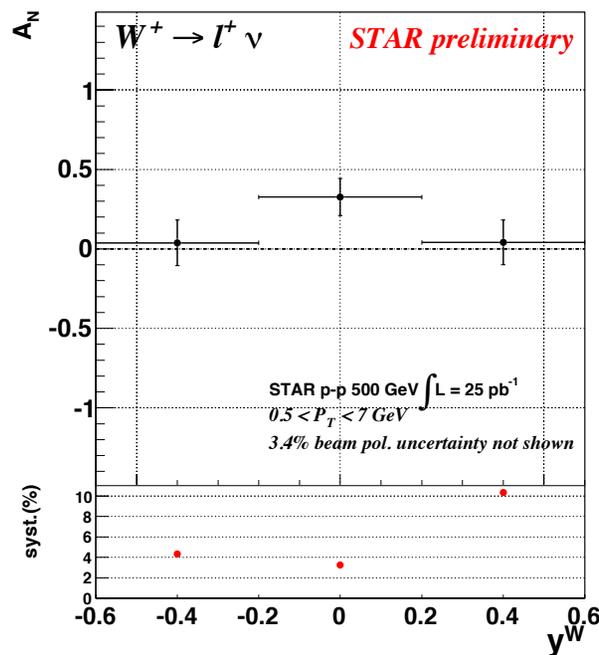




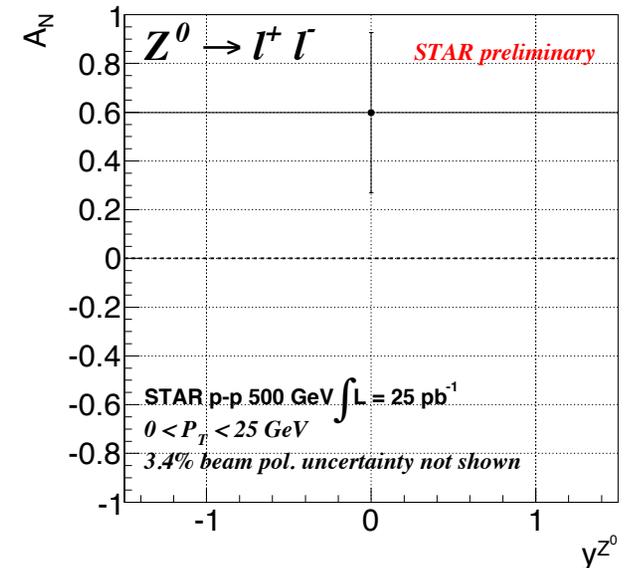
$A_N(W^{+/-}, Z^0)$ Results from 2011



- Preliminary results with 25 pb^{-1} of data
- Projections for 2016 show $A_N(W^{+/-}, Z^0)$ will constrain sea quark Sivers distribution *and* make a statement on the Sivers sign change



S. Fazio and D. Smirnov PoS(DIS2014)237



- An excellent complement to SIDIS
 - No fragmentation (and so no fragmentation function uncertainty)
 - High Q^2
- Sign flip



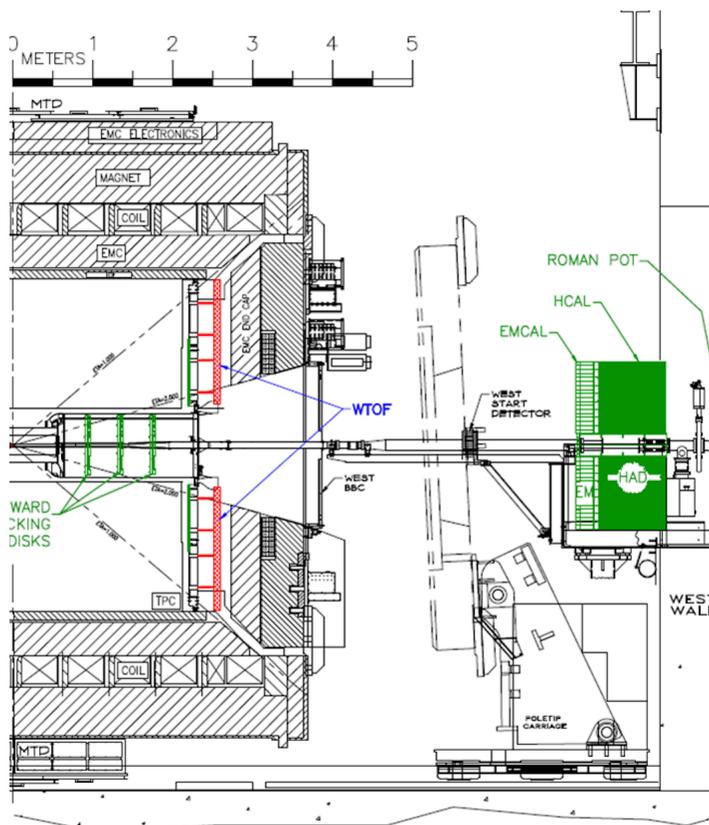
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Probing *very* low x gluons with Forward Calorimeter Upgrade: 2020

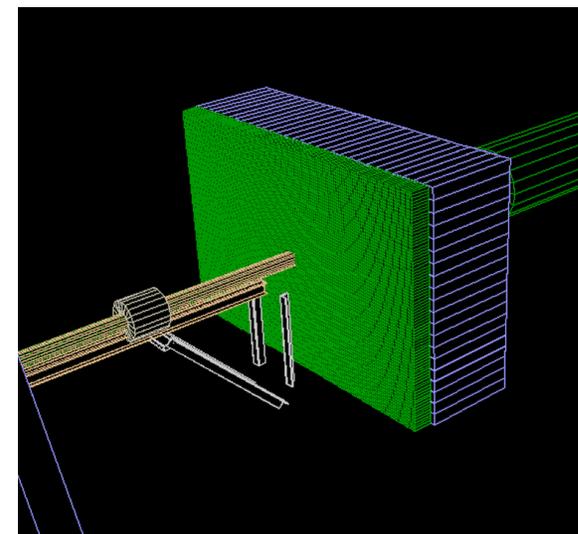


ECal:

Tungsten-Powder-Scintillating-fiber
 2.3 cm Moliere Radius, Tower-size: $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 17 \text{ cm}^3$
 $23 X_0$

HCal:

Lead and Scintillator tiles, Tower size of $10 \times 10 \times 81 \text{ cm}^3$
 4 interaction length
<https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0605>



$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \left(p_{T3} e^{\eta_3} + p_{T4} e^{\eta_4} \right)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \left(p_{T3} e^{-\eta_3} + p_{T4} e^{-\eta_4} \right)$$

Dijet measurements provide direct access, at leading order, to parton x 's (contrast inclusive jets)



Dijet Projections with the Forward Calorimeter Upgrade



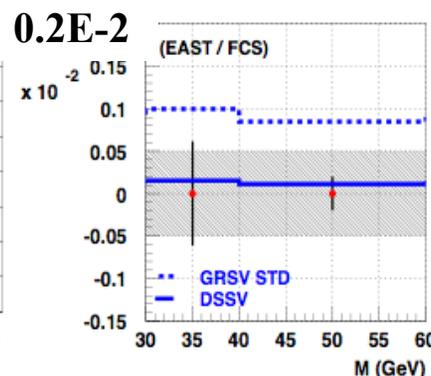
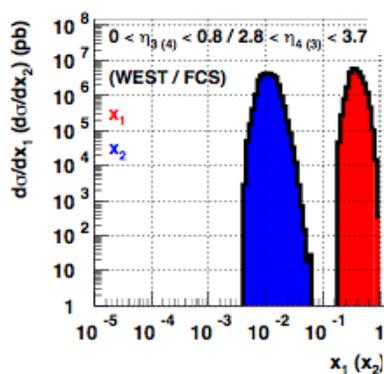
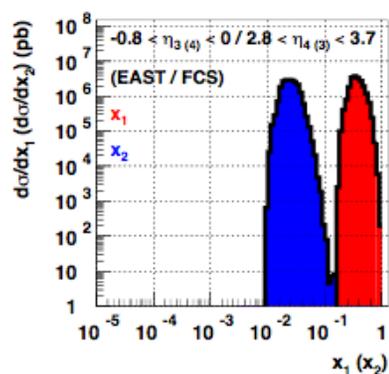
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$-1 < \eta < 2$
 $2.8 < \eta < 3.7$

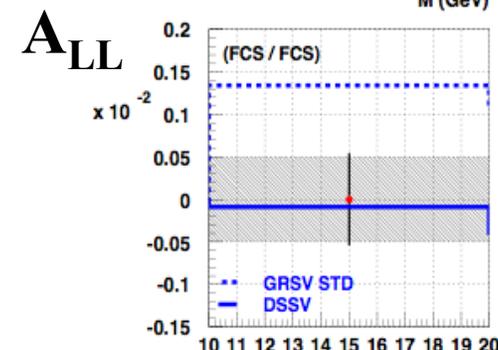
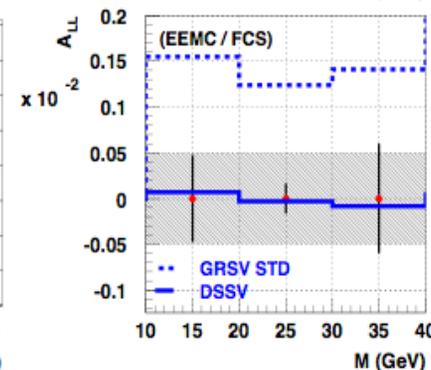
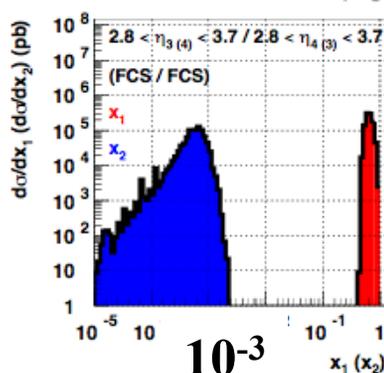
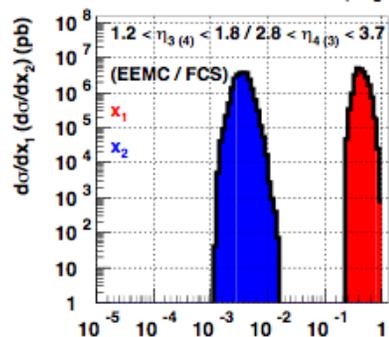
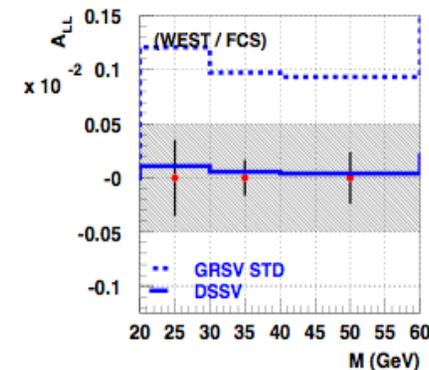
$R_{\text{cone}} = 0.7$
 $E_{T1} > 8 \text{ GeV}$
 $E_{T2} > 5 \text{ GeV}$

$L = 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 $P = 60\%$

<https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0605>



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$x_1 (x_2)$

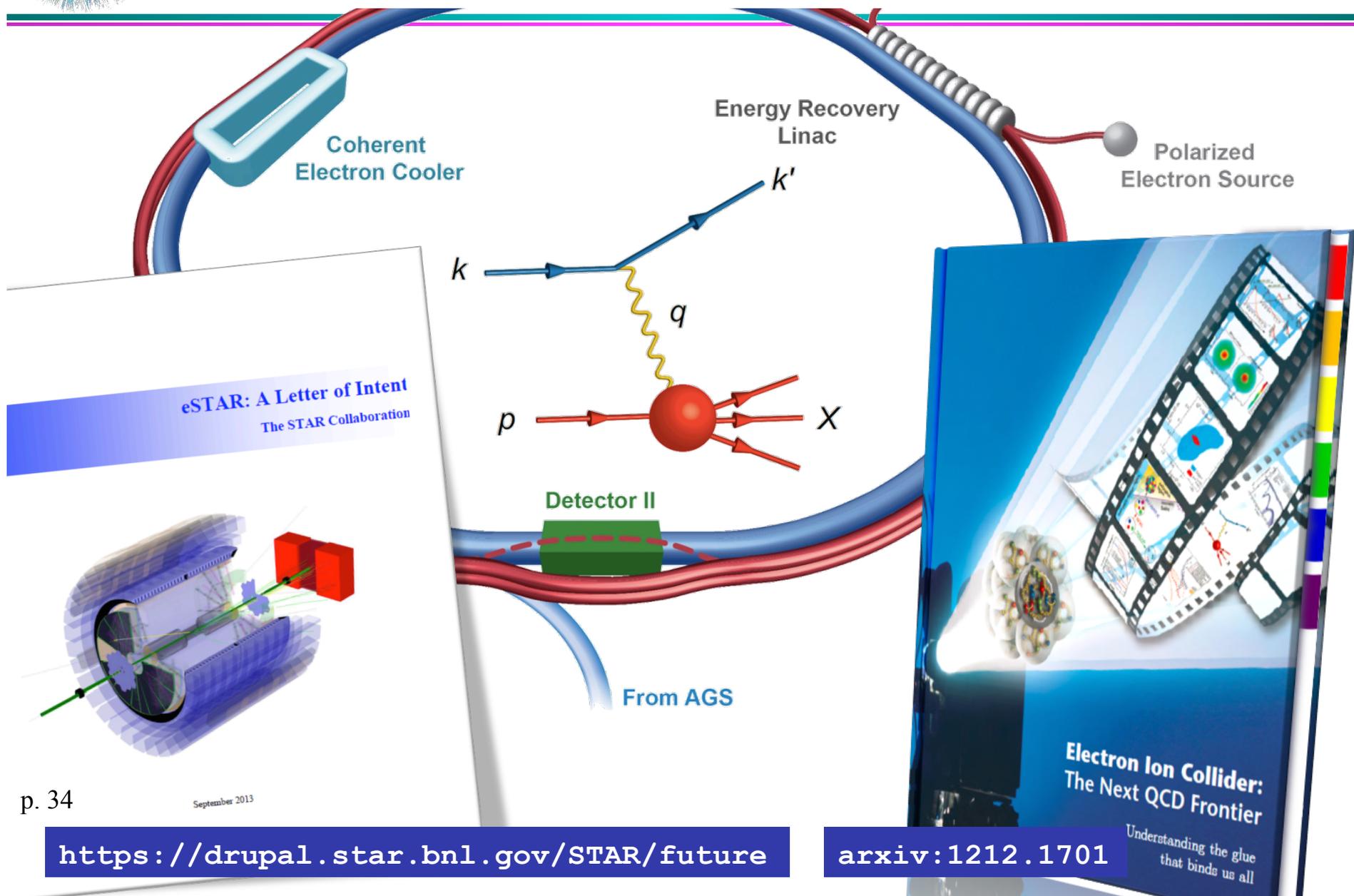
Probe gluons to $x \sim 10^{-3}$

An attractive probe at rather low x before the EIC era

$M \text{ (GeV)}$



eRHIC and eSTAR (>2025) will offer unprecedented reach in Q^2 and x





Intrigued?



- By Spin Physics?
 - Studies on nucleon **spin** at **PHENIX**, K. Tanida in this session
 - The New **Spin Physics Program of the COMPASS Experiment**, L. Silva, Saturday 16:30
- By detector upgrades?
 - The **Heavy Flavor Tracker and its performance in STAR** at RHIC, S. Margetis, Tuesday 17:50
 - **PHENIX Upgrade**, E. Mannel, Tuesday 17:30
- By STAR?
 - **STAR** highlight talk on **Heavy Ion Physics**, S. Shi in this session
 - **Quarkonia at STAR**, B. Trzeciak, Saturday 15:50
 - **Pion-kaon femtoscopy in Au+Au collisions at STAR**, K. Poniadowska, Sat. 17:15
 - **Open Heavy Flavor Measurements at STAR**, D. Tlusty, Wed. 11:20
 - Overview of results from phase I of the **Beam Energy Scan Program at RHIC**, D. McDonald, last Tues.



Spin Physics at STAR



- Inclusive Jets
 - After 25 years, **evidence of non-zero gluon polarization** in the proton
- Pushing to **lower x gluons**
 - With forward detectors, $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV, large datasets, detector upgrades
- **W's and Z's** improving our understanding of **sea quark polarizations**
- Exploration of large transverse asymmetries, A_N , continues
 - **TMD (e.g. Sivers, Collins) and Twist-3 phenomenology**
 - Efforts to **disentangle initial-state (e.g. Sivers) and final-state (e.g. Collins) effects; and confirming both in a pp environment**
 - **Tests of universality, factorization, and evolution of TMD's**
- **Large datasets on hand, analyses underway**
 - 2011, 2012, 2013
- **Detector upgrades continue**
 - FGT forward tracking 2013, forward calorimetry: FPS+FMS 2015, FCS 2020
- **Continuing data taking planned**
 - 2015, 2016, and beyond
- **Stay tuned!**



Backup





Year	#	NSAC LRP Milestone
2013	HP8	Measure flavor-identified q and \bar{q} contributions to the spin of the proton via the longitudinal-spin asymmetry of W production.
2013	HP12 (update of HP1, met in 2008)	Utilize polarized proton collisions at center of mass energies of 200 and 500 GeV, in combination with global QCD analyses, to determine if gluons have appreciable polarization over any range of momentum fraction between 1 and 30% of the momentum of a polarized proton.
2015	HP13 (new)	Test unique QCD predictions for relations between single-transverse spin phenomena in p-p scattering and those observed in deep-inelastic lepton scattering.

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider as a Spin Collider

Concert of Facilities

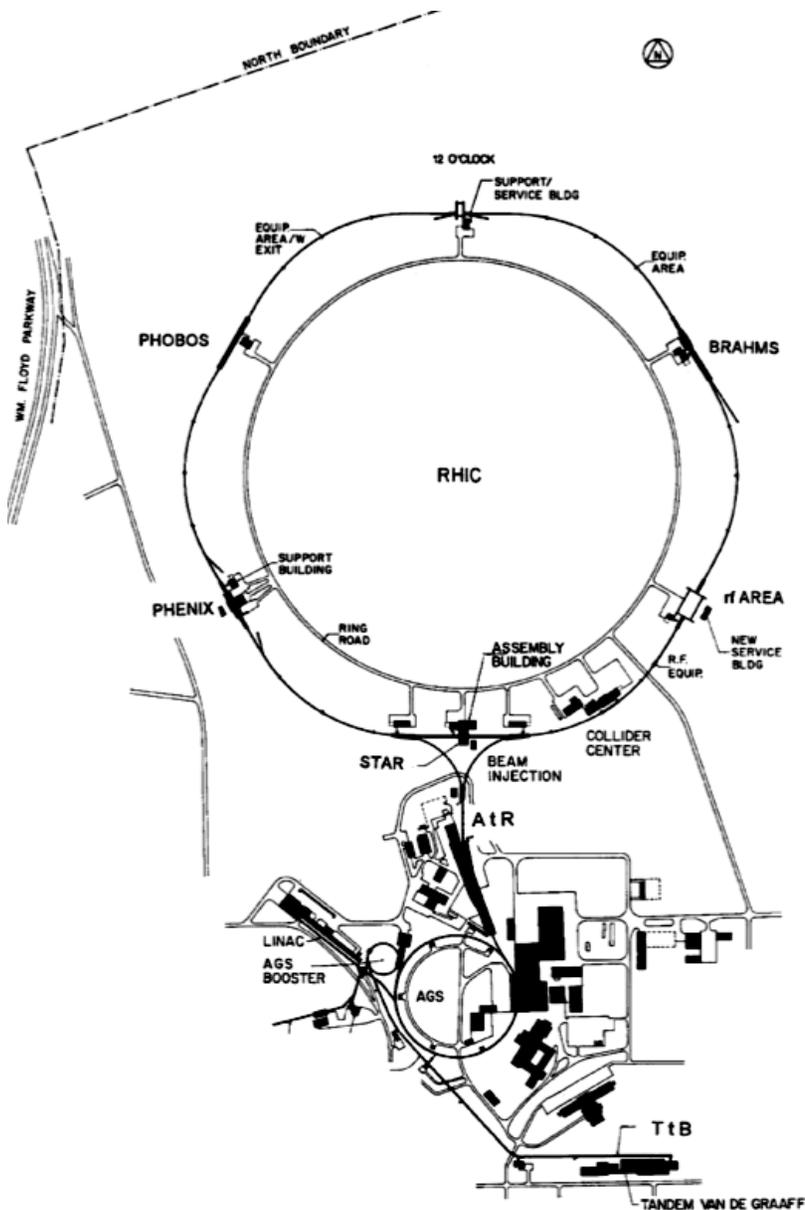
- OPPIIS → LINAC → AGS → RHIC

Polarized-proton Collider

- Mitigate effects of depolarization resonances with “Siberian Snakes”
- Polarization measured with CNI polarimeter
- Spin rotators provide choice of spin orientation *independent of experiment*

RHIC Beam Characteristics

- Clockwise beam: “blue”; counter-clockwise beam: “yellow”
- Spin direction varies bucket-to-bucket (9.4 MHz)
- Spin pattern varies fill-to-fill



Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC

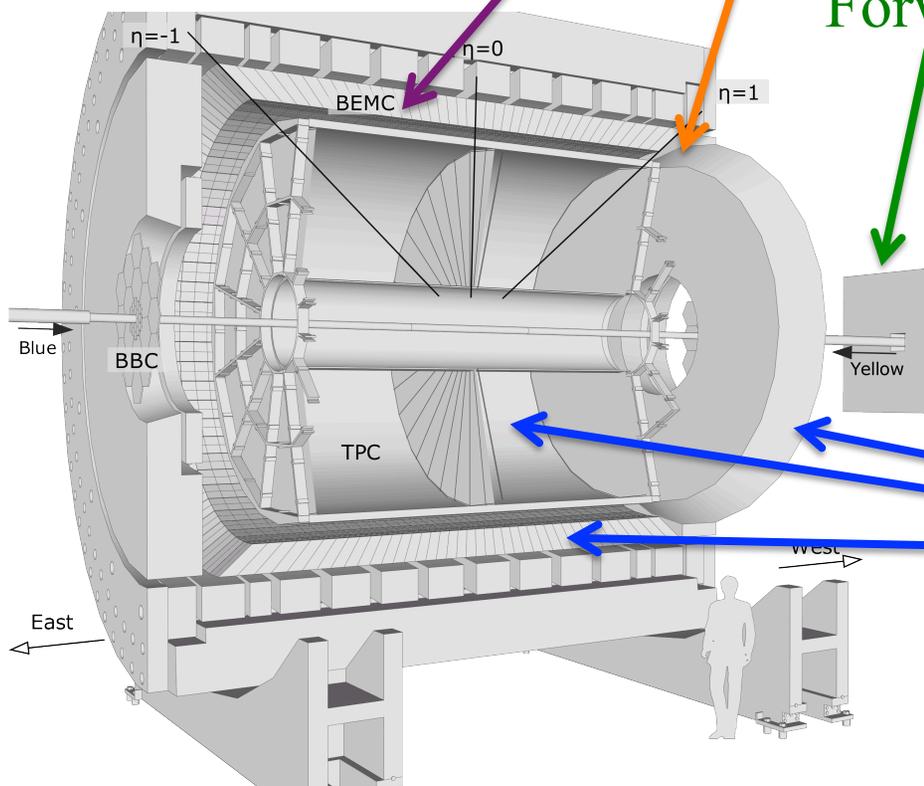
Inclusive hadron measurements:

**Barrel ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC),
Endcap ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter (EEMC),**

and

Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS)

FPD (east) not shown

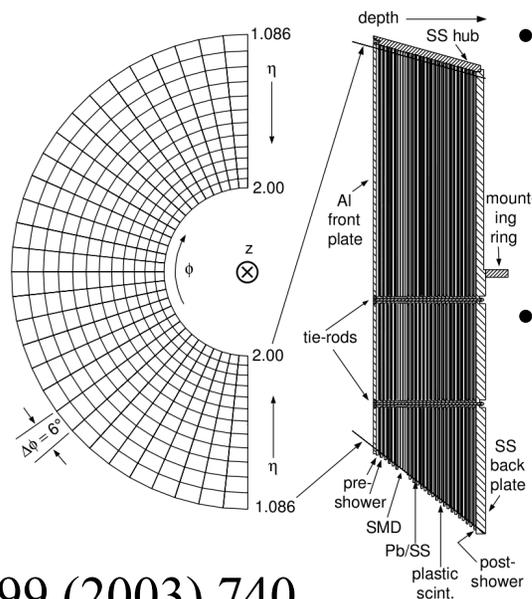
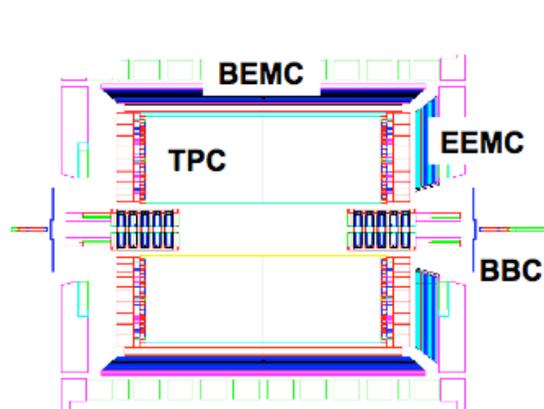


**Jet and W/Z
measurements:**

**TPC + Barrel + Endcap
EMC**

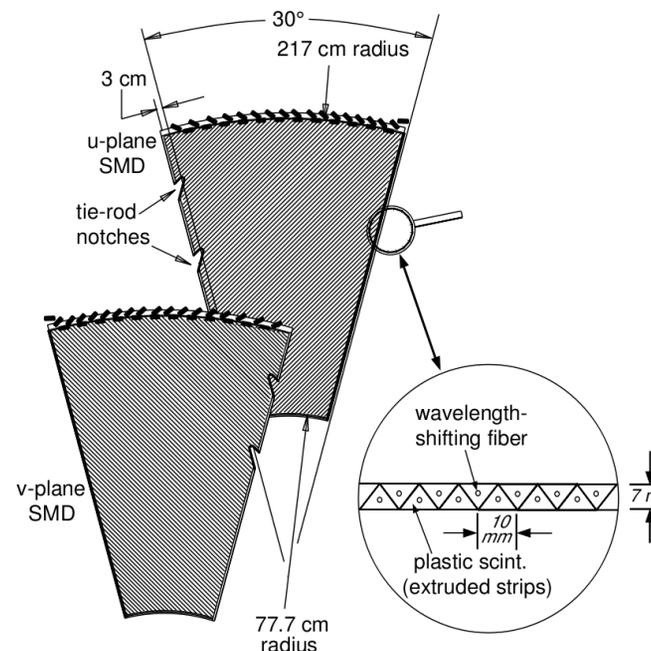


STAR's Endcap Electromagnetic Calorimeter



- Scintillating strip SMD
 - ϕ segmented into 12 sectors
 - Two active planes
 - 288 strips per plane
- Resolution of a few mm

- Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 499 (2003) 740.
- Lead/scintillator sampling EM calorimeter
 - Covers $1.09 < \eta < 2.00$ over full 2π azimuth
 - 720 optically isolated projective towers ($\sim 22 X_0$)
 - 2 pre-shower, 1 post-shower layers, and an additional shower maximum detector (SMD)
- Photon trigger places thresholds on maximum tower energy and the 3x3 patch of surrounding towers





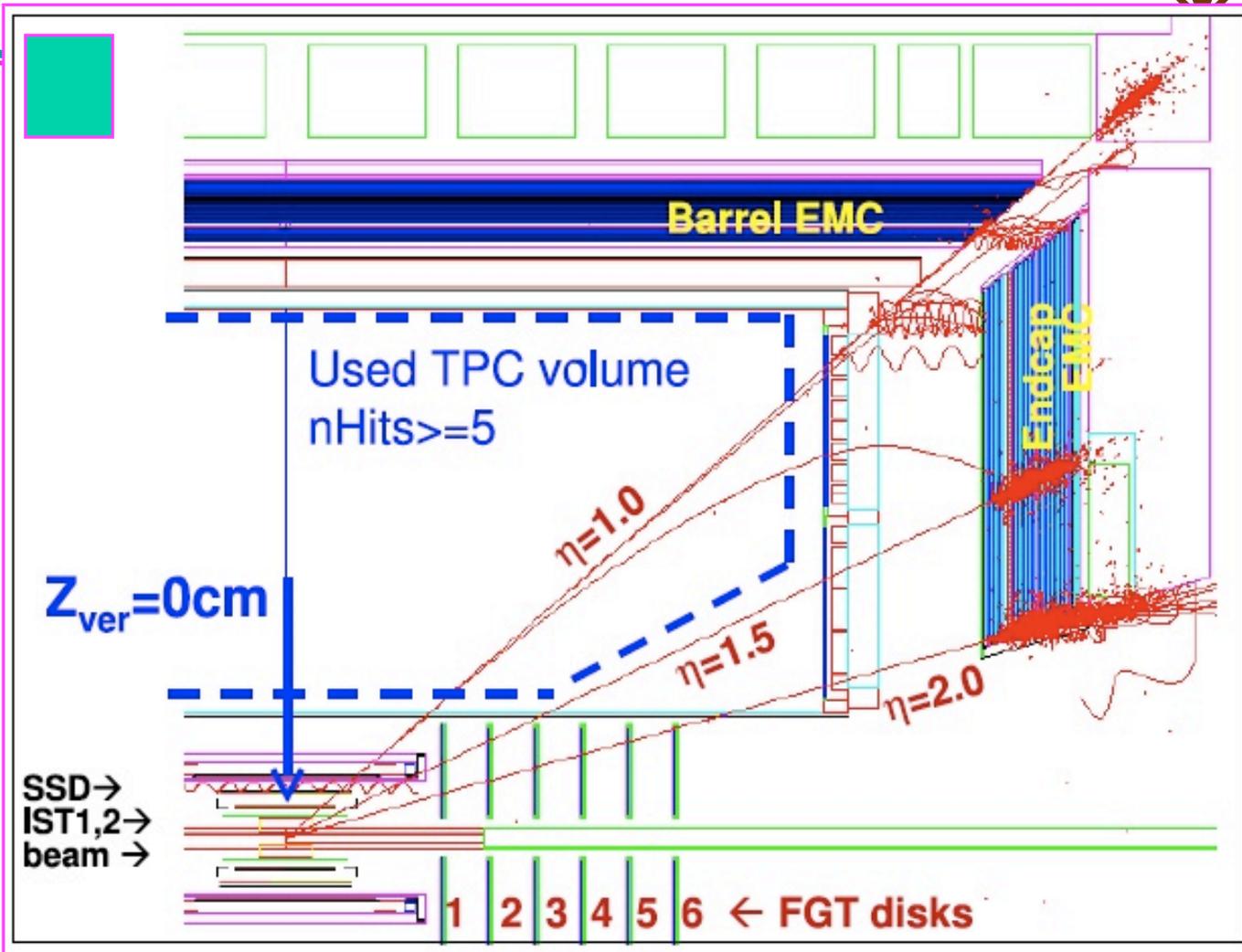
STAR FGT Detector



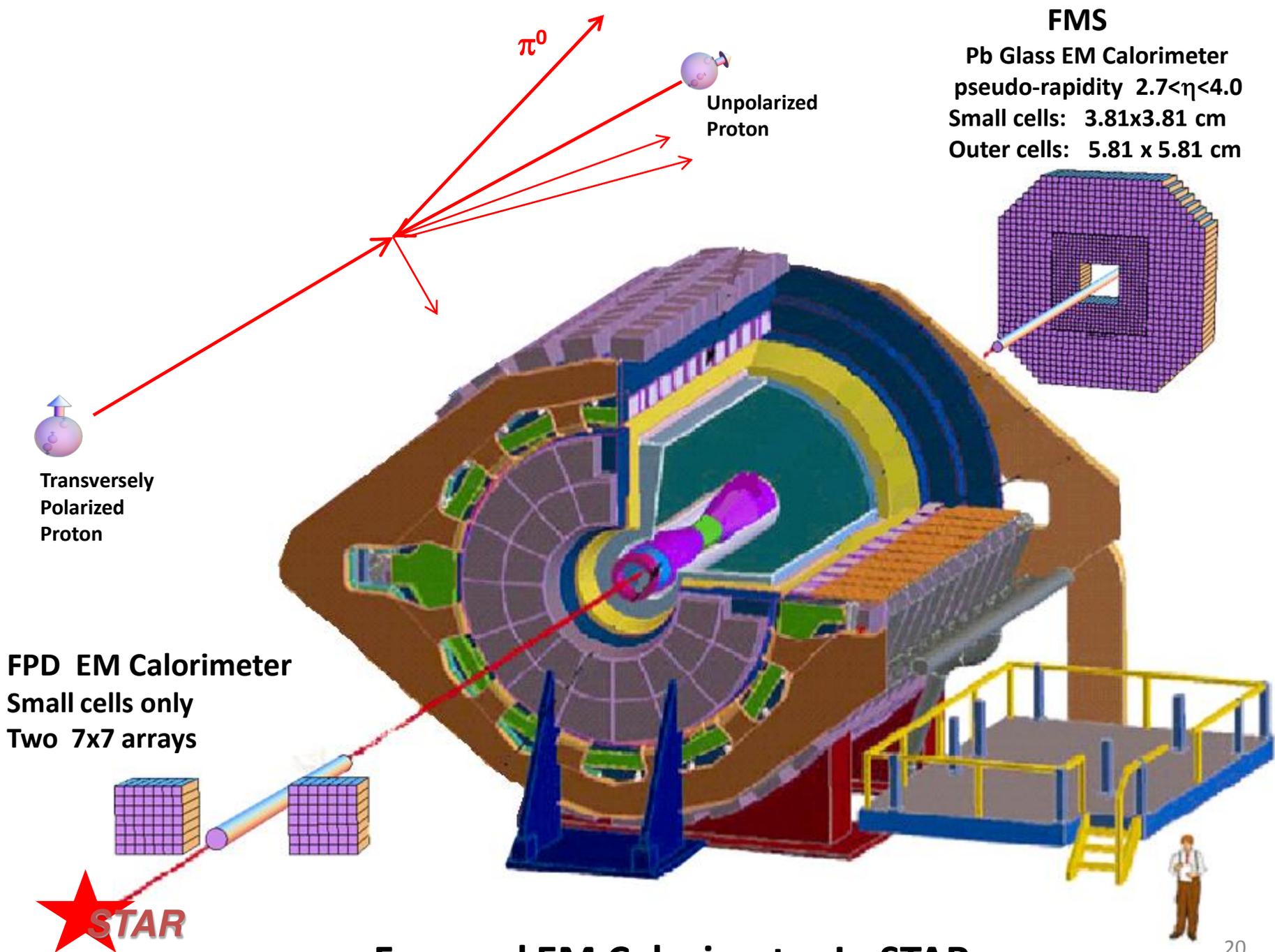
Improve charged particle tracking at very forward angles

Obtain better measurement of W decay particles

Install 6 planes of GEM detectors

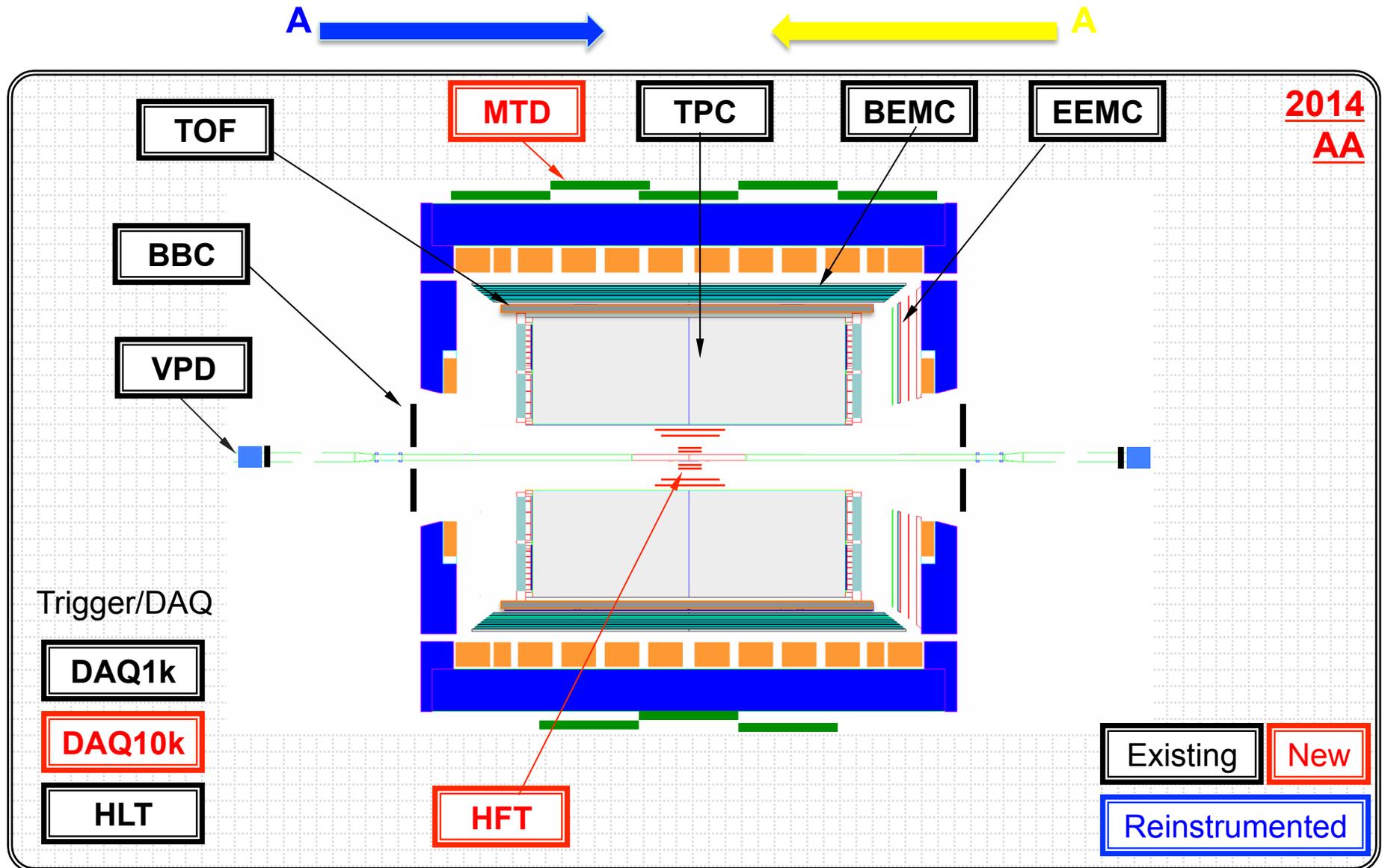


FGT = Forward GEM Tracker
GEM = gaseous electron multiplier



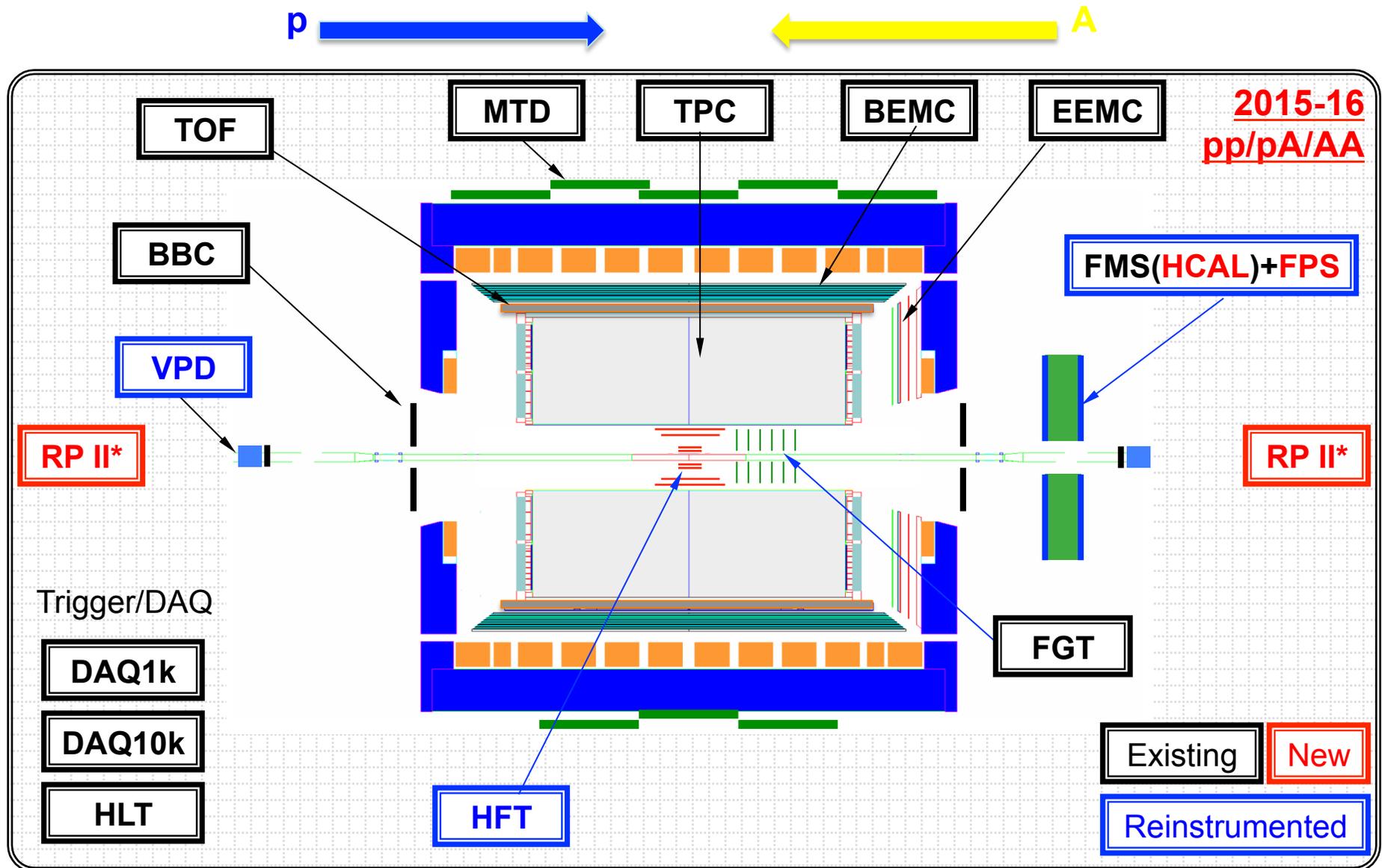
Forward EM Calorimetry In STAR.

STAR Detector in 2014



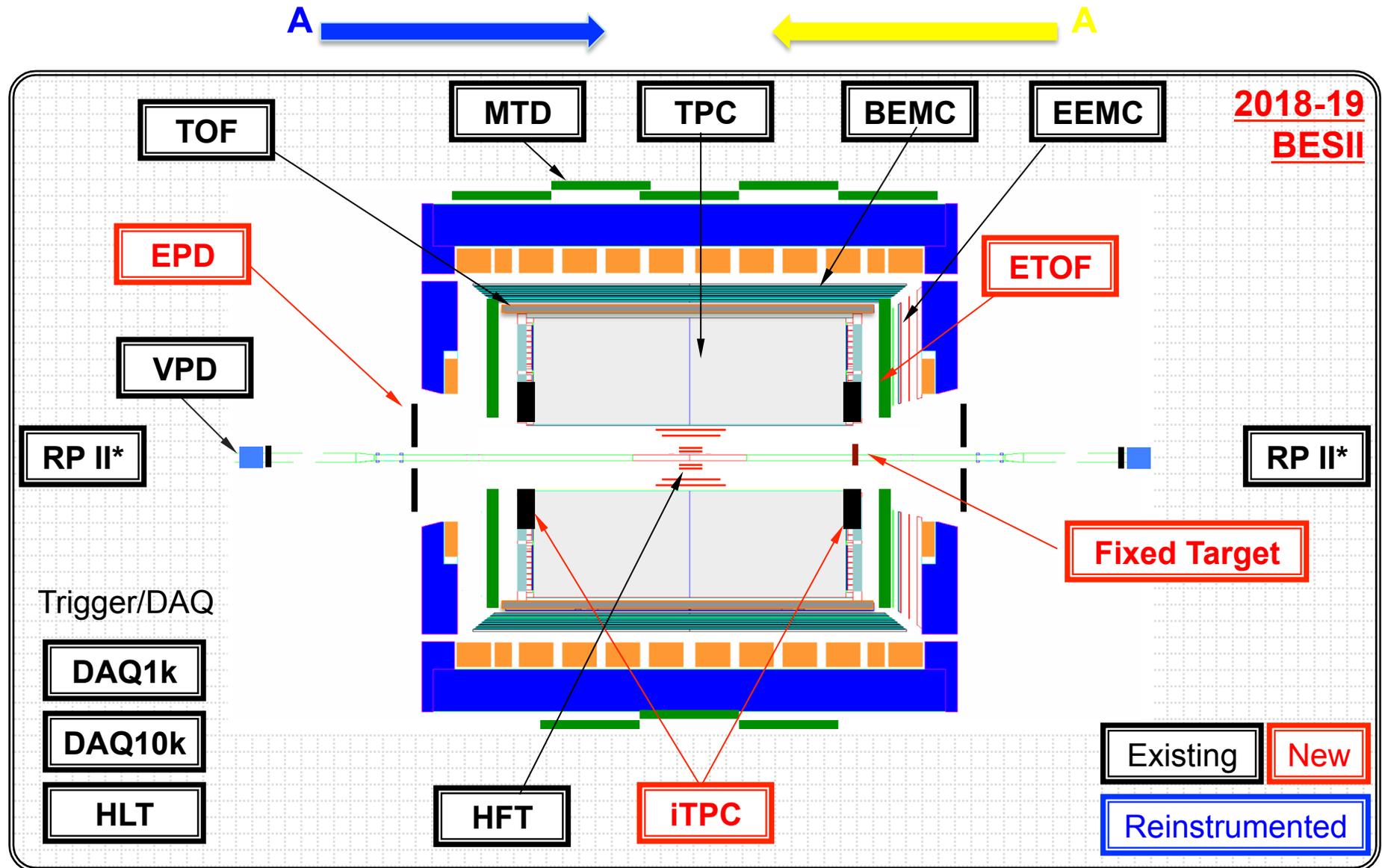
HFT: Heavy Flavor Tracker, **MTD:** Muon Telescope Detector

STAR Detector in 2015-2016



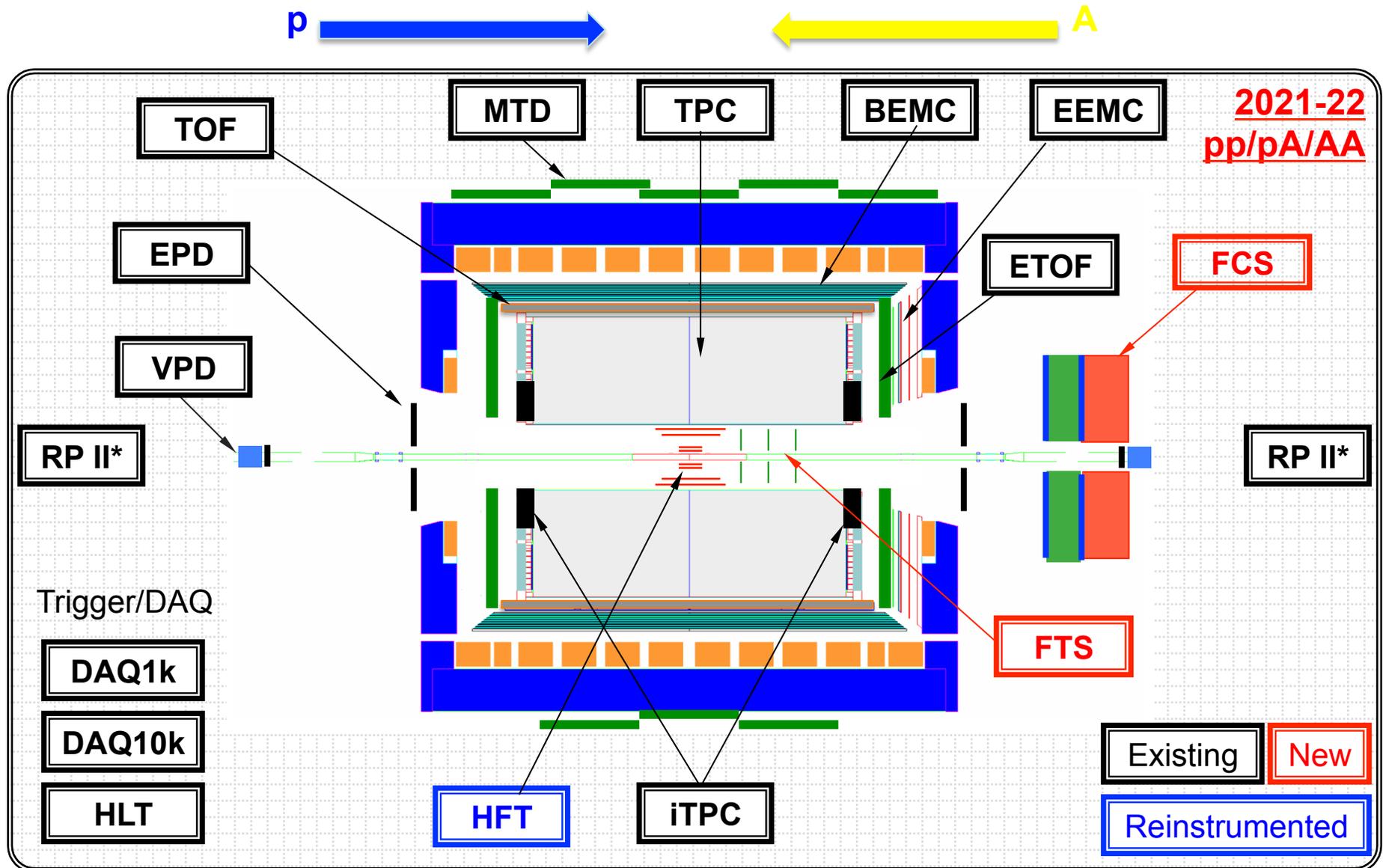
FMS: Forward Meson Spectrometer, **FPS:** Forward Preshower, **RP II*:** Roman Pot Phase II*

STAR Detector in 2018-2019



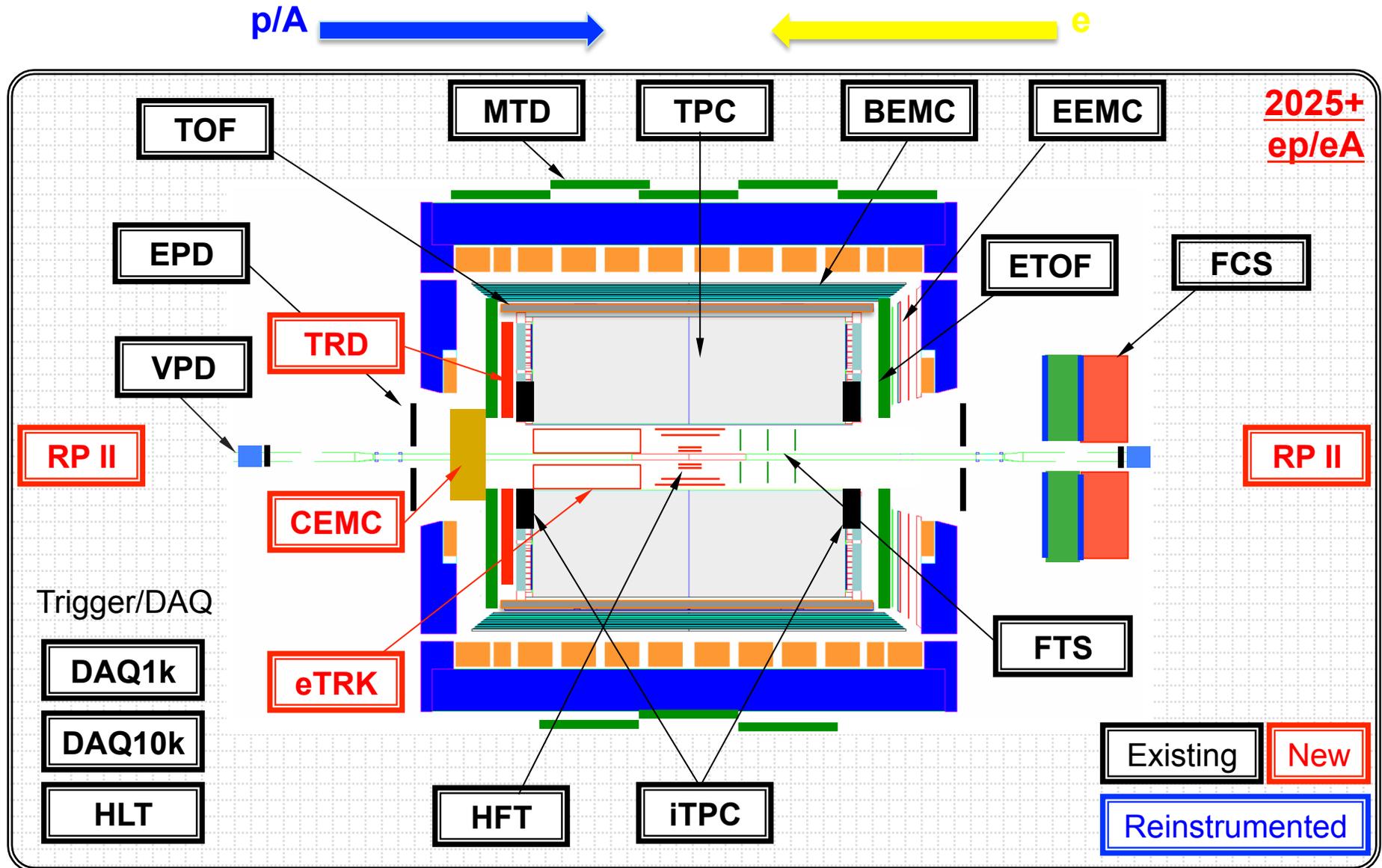
iTPC: inner TPC, **EPD**: Event Plane and Centrality Detector, **ETOF**: End-cap TOF, **Fixed Target**

STAR Detector in 2021-2022



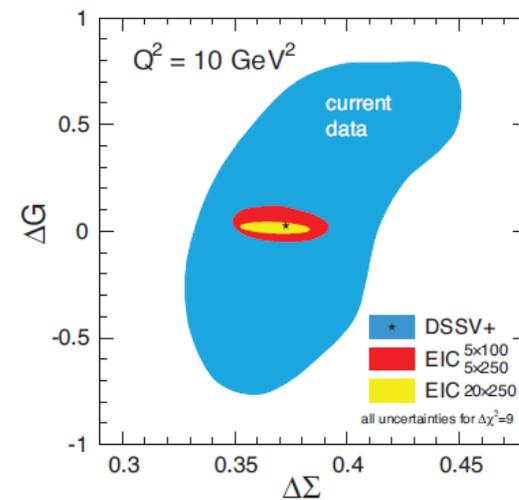
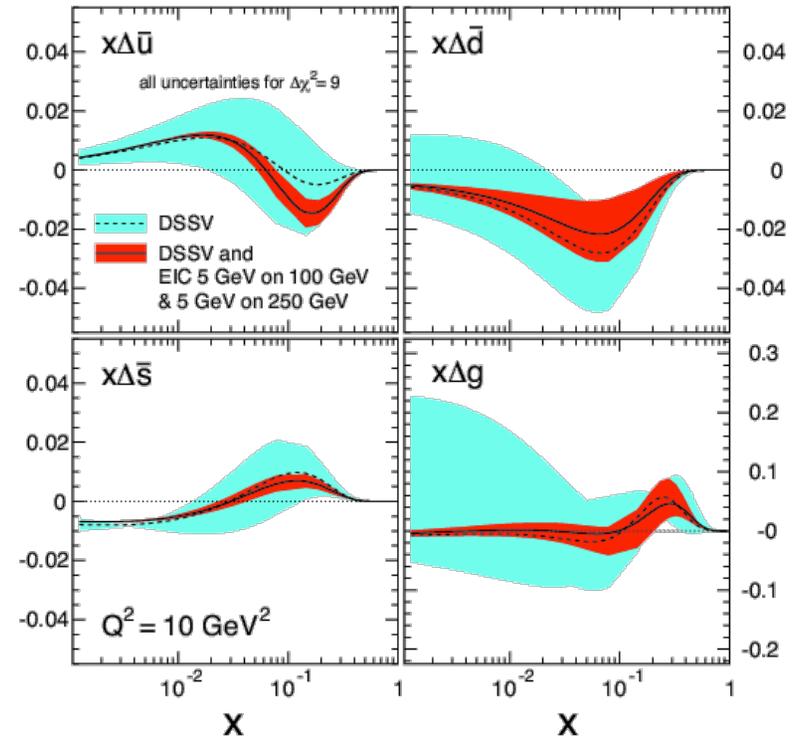
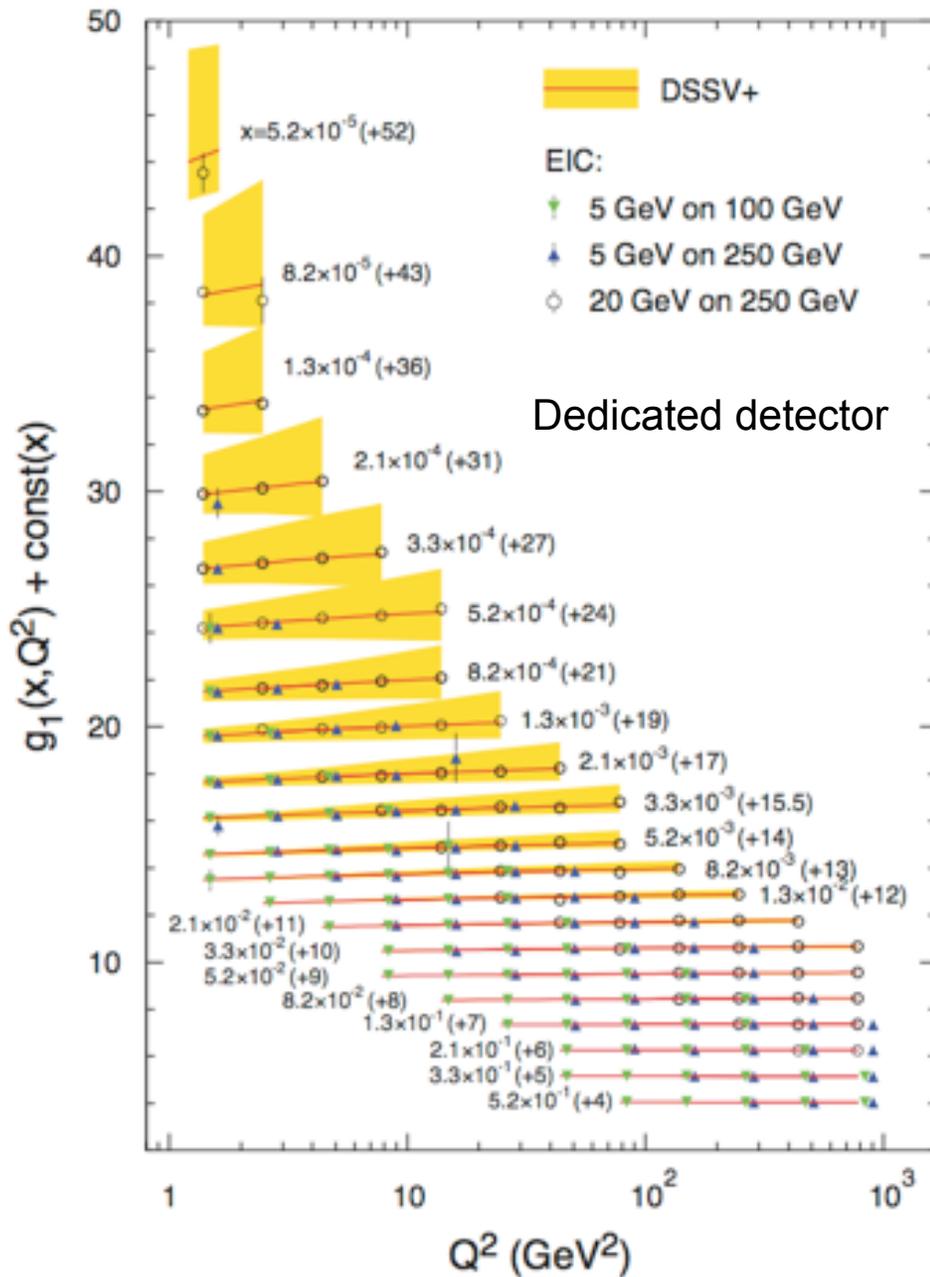
FCS/FTS: Forward Calrimeter/Tracking System, **RP II:** Full Roman Pot Phase II

STAR Detector in 2025+

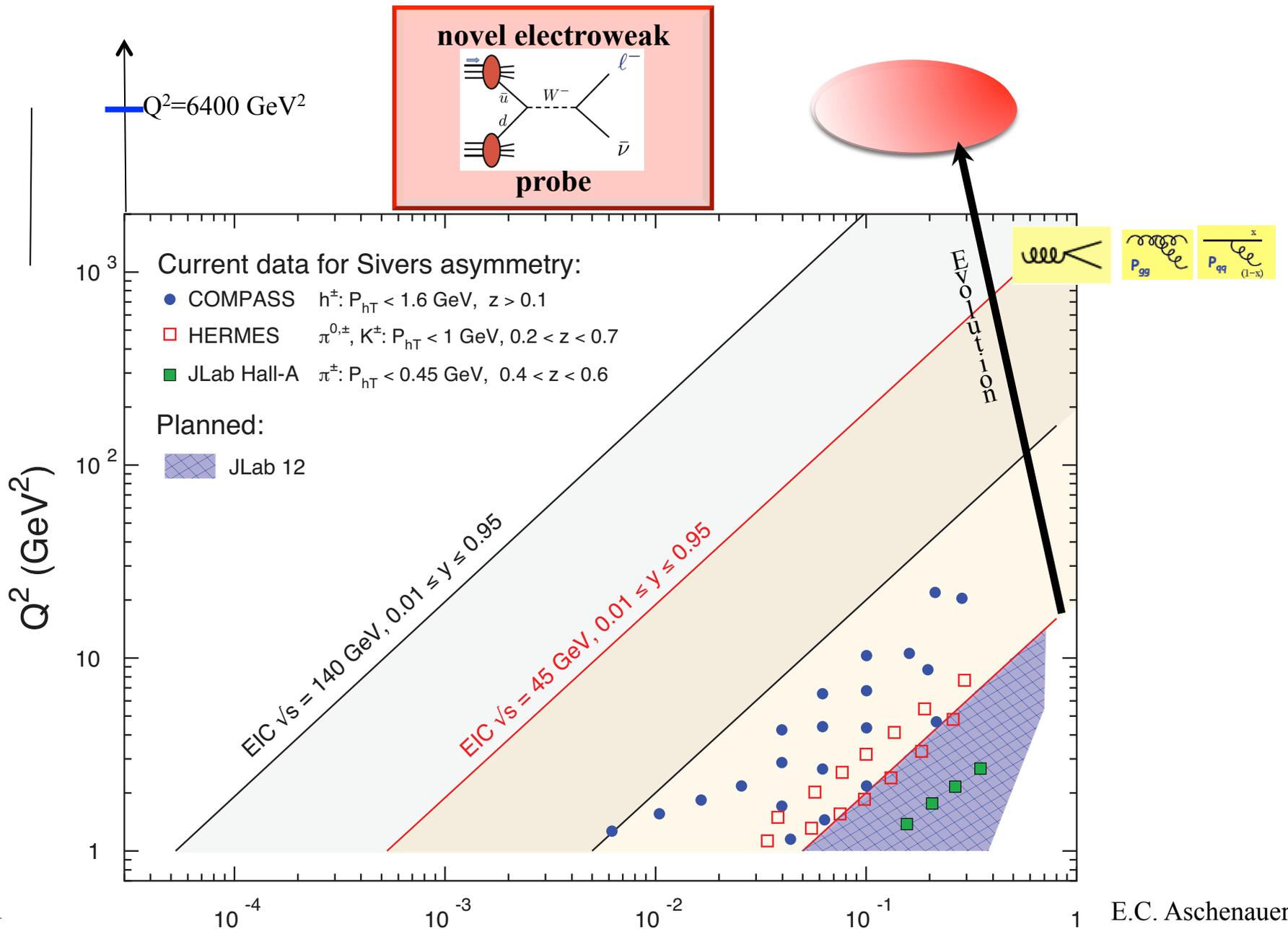


CEMC: Central EM Calorimeter, **eTRK:** electron Tracker, **TRD:** Transition Radiation Detector

Proton Helicity Structure



THE Beauty of Colliders: Kinematic Coverage



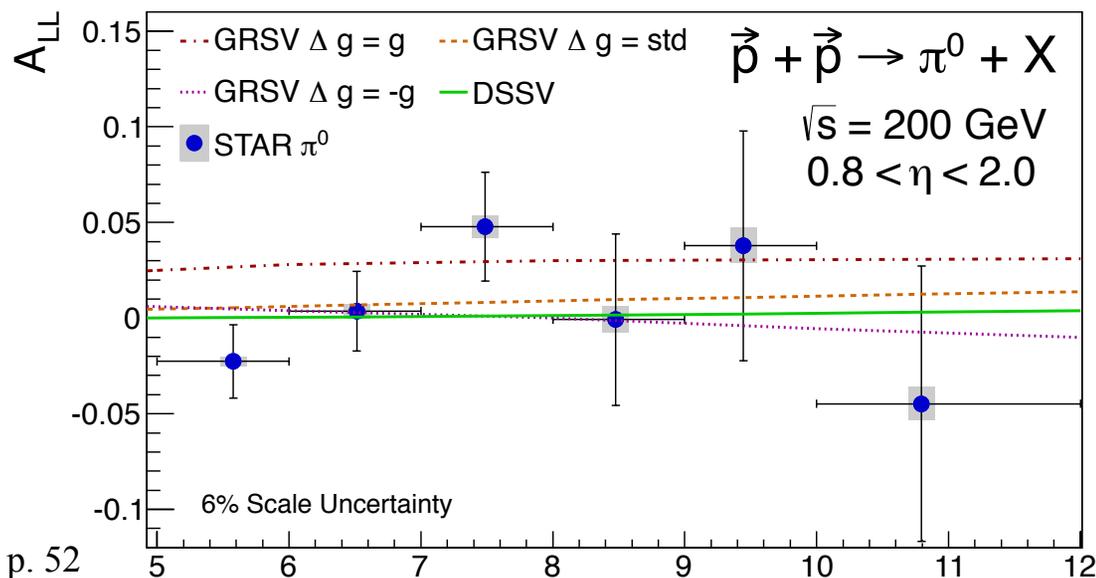
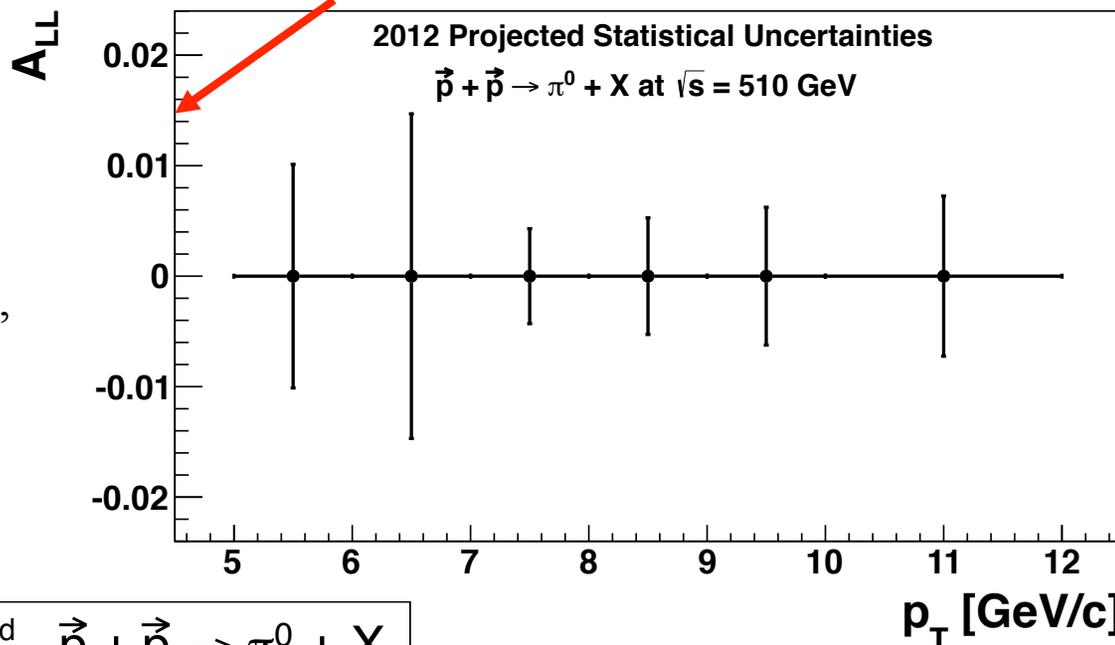


π^0 A_{LL} Prospects in 2012 Dataset



- Work underway at STAR with 2012 dataset (x10 luminosity) at intermediate pseudorapidity
 - Large improvement in stat. uncertainty projected, as shown
- And with 2012 and 2013 datasets at forward pseudorapidity

Greatly magnified!

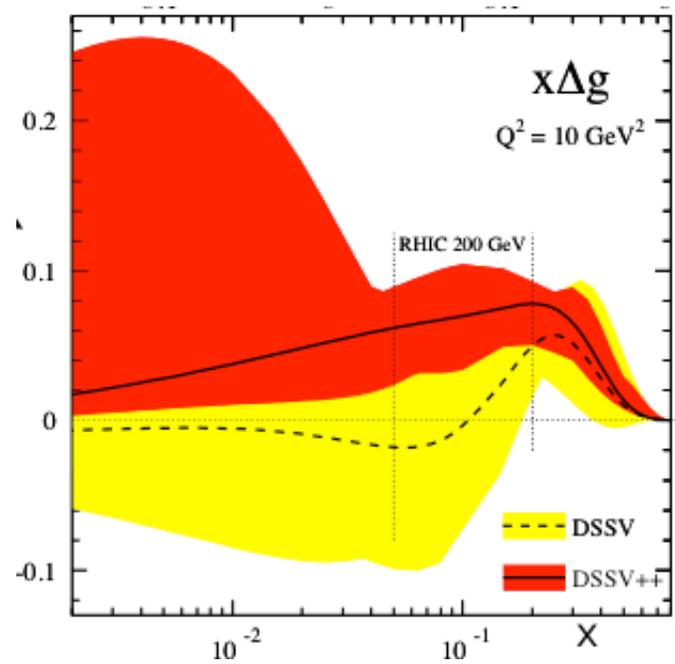


- Higher CoM energy
 - 200 \rightarrow 510 GeV
 - Pushes to lower $x g$

2006 data
PRD **89**, 012001 (2014)



- DSSV++





- DSSV 14

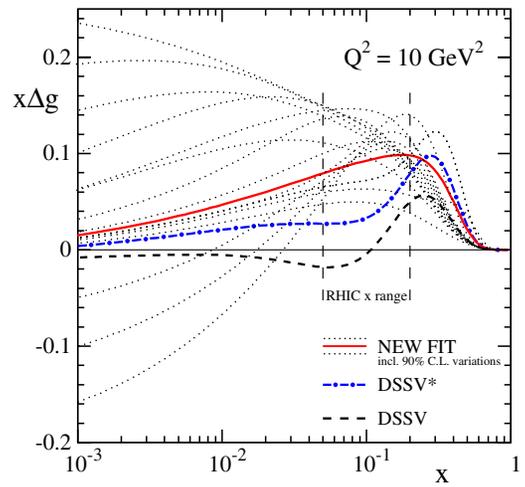
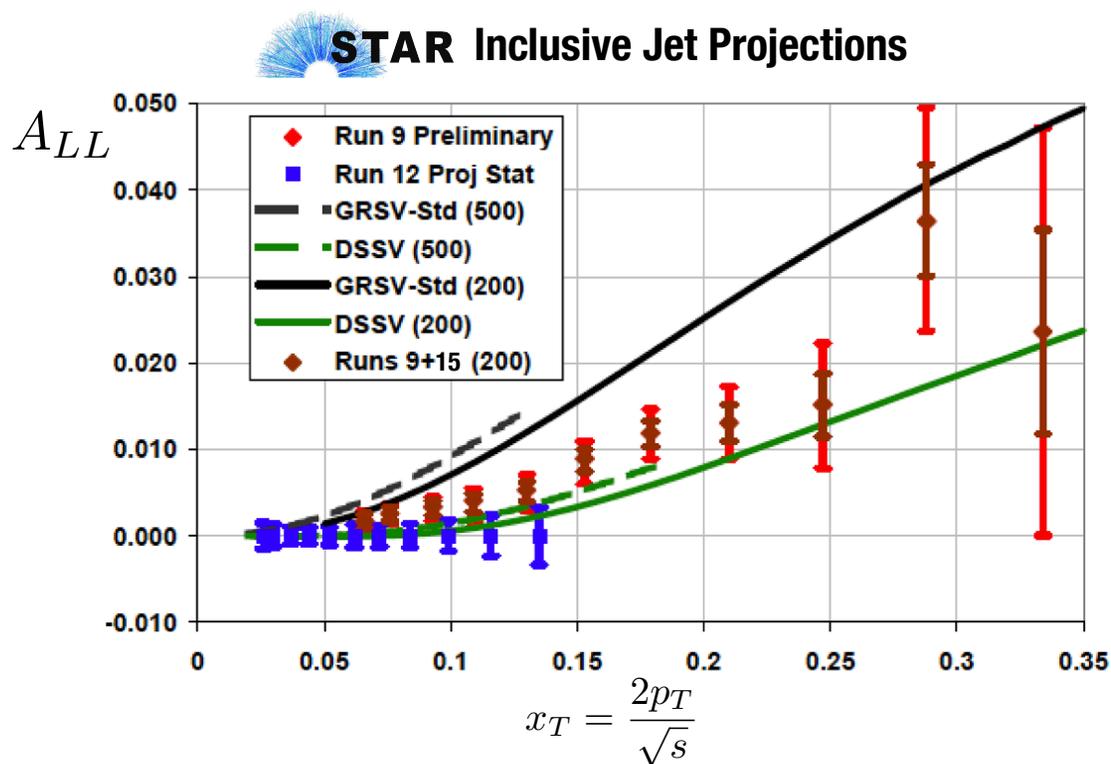


FIG. 1 (color online). Gluon helicity distribution at $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ for the new fit, the original DSSV analysis of [3], and for an updated analysis without using the new 2009 RHIC data sets (DSSV*, see text). The dotted lines present the gluon densities for alternative fits that are within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

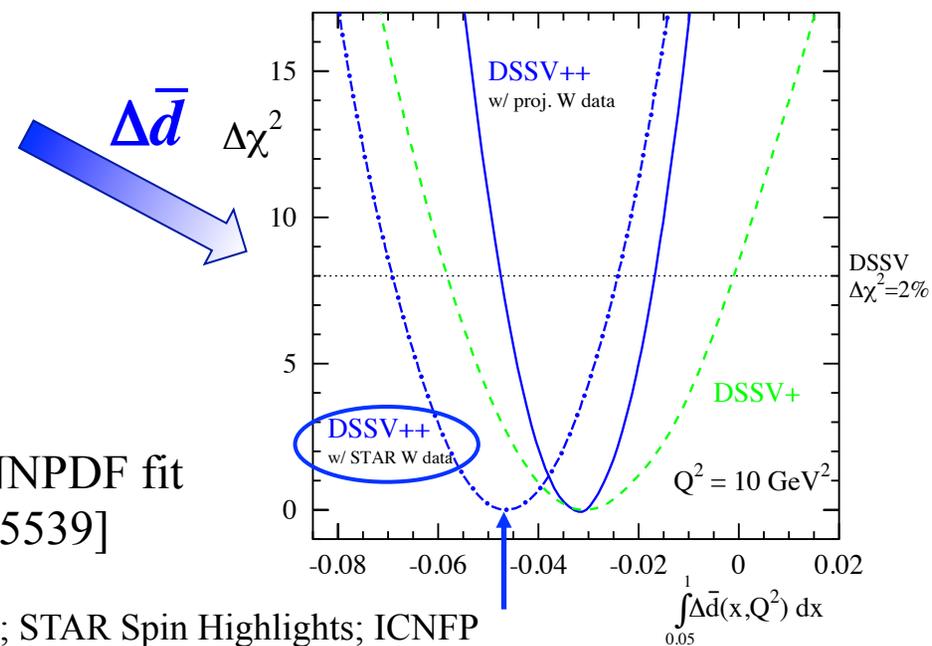
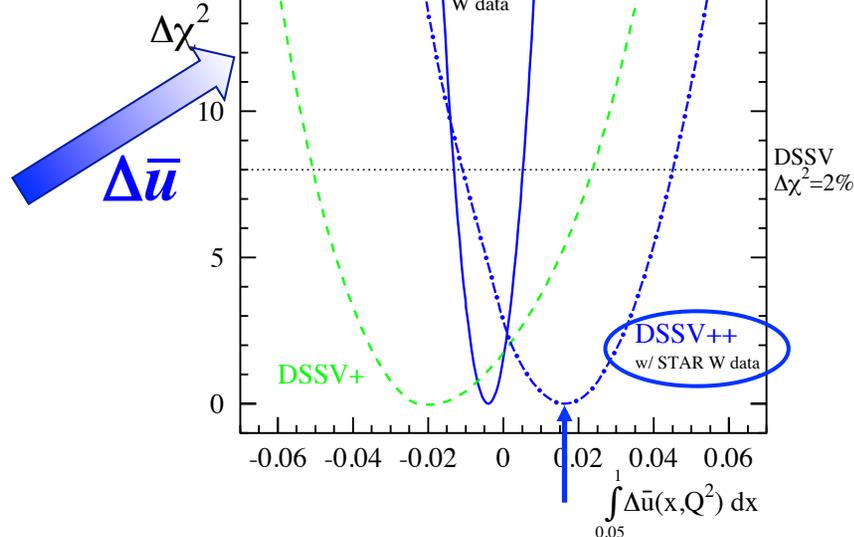
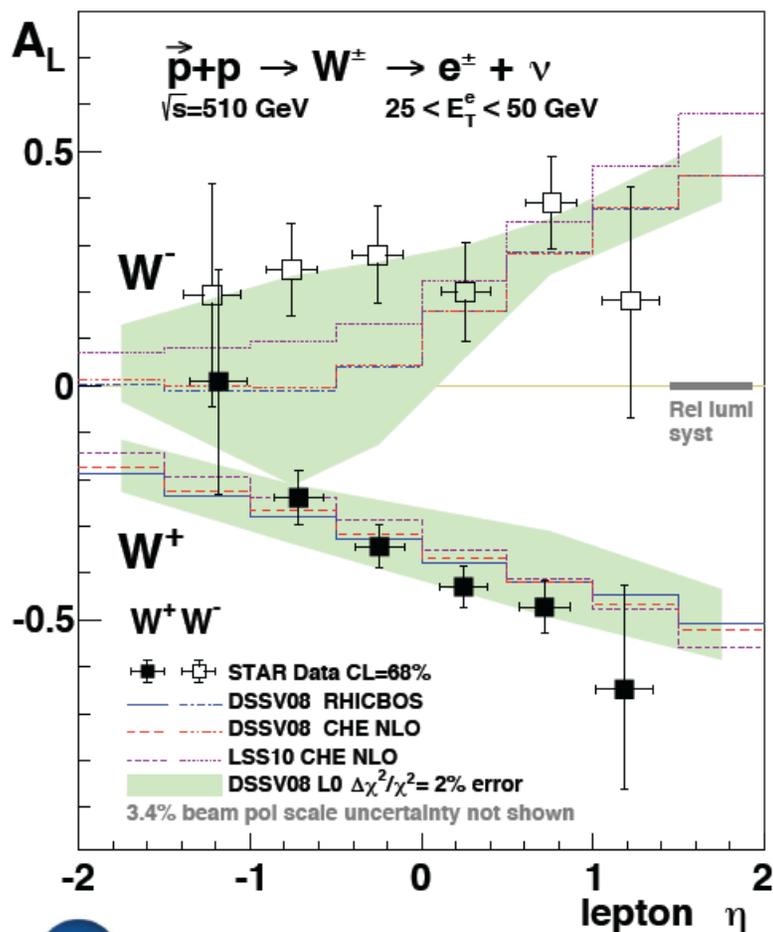
Inclusive jet projections



- * Significant improvement in statistical precision with data collected in 2011-2013 and expected in 2015
- * Expect to reduce uncertainties on Δg by a factor of ~ 2



Results from 2012 W's



NEW arXiv:1404.6880 [Accepted by PRL]

[See also new NNPDF fit
 arXiv:1406.5539]

DSSV+: DSSV+COMPASS

DSSV++: DSSV+ & STAR-W 2012

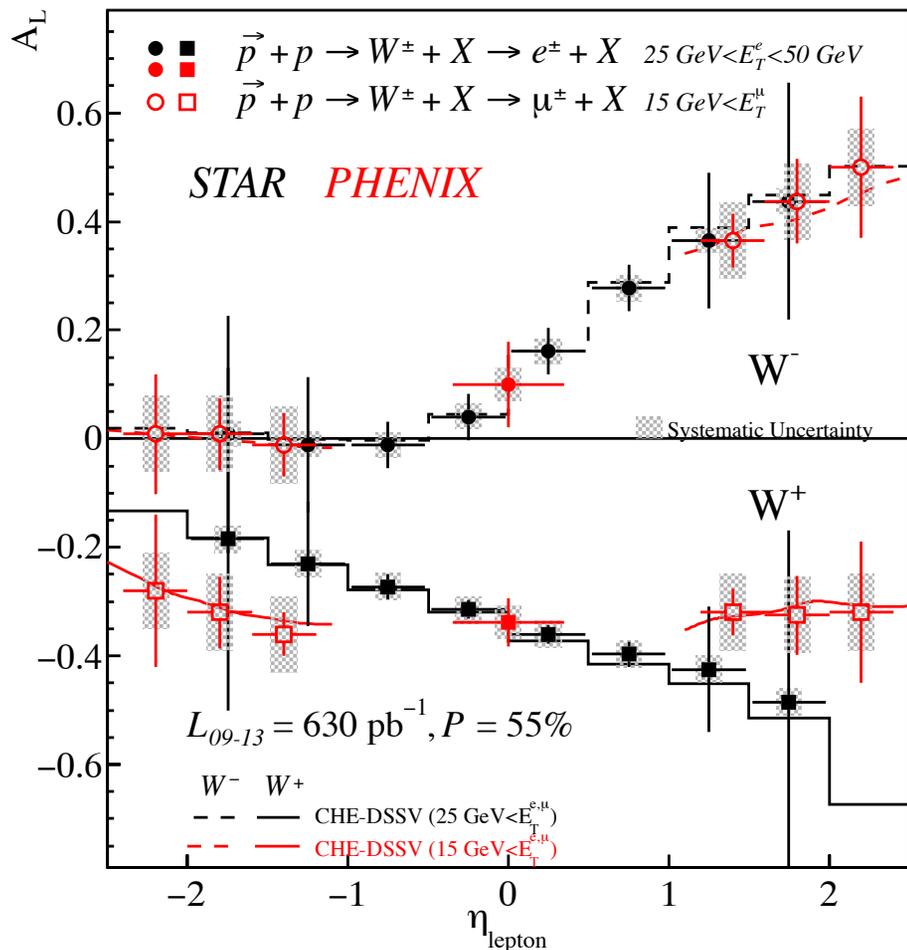
DSSV++: DSSV+ & RHIC-W proj. (2009-2013)



W Projections

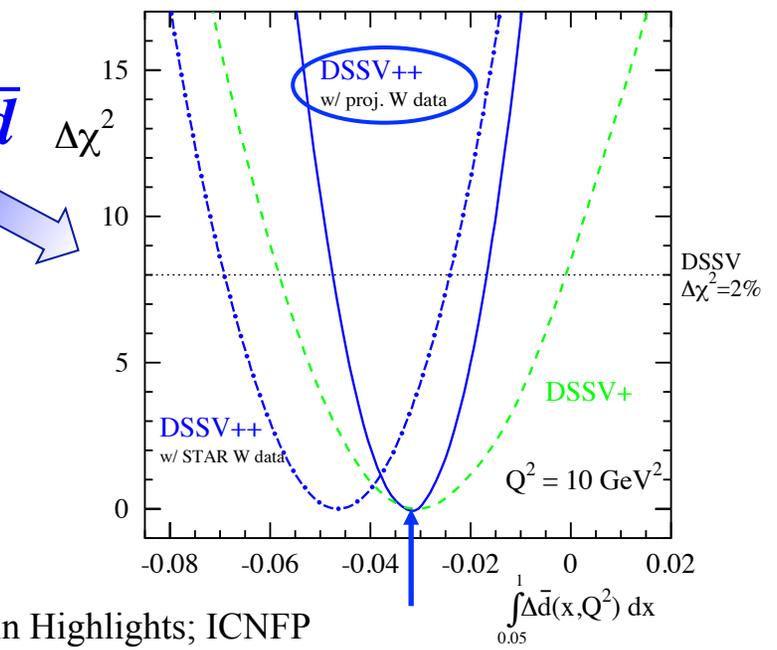
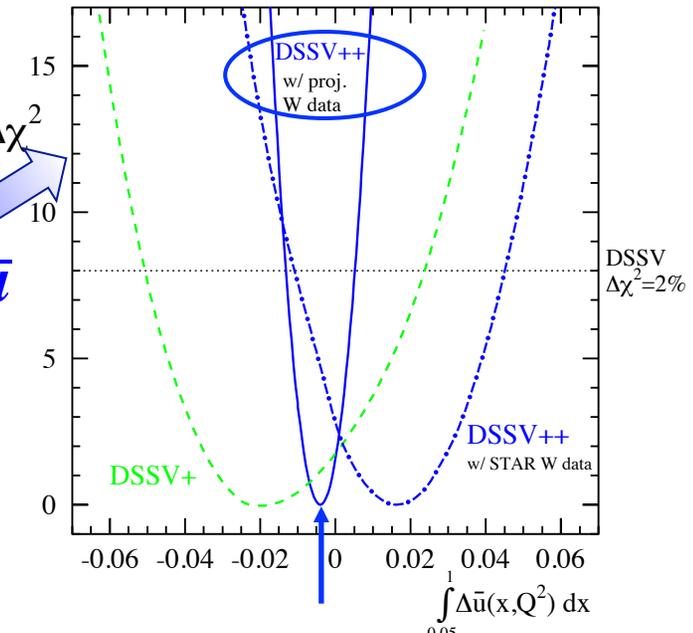


pseudo-data randomized around DSSV



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$\Delta\bar{d}$



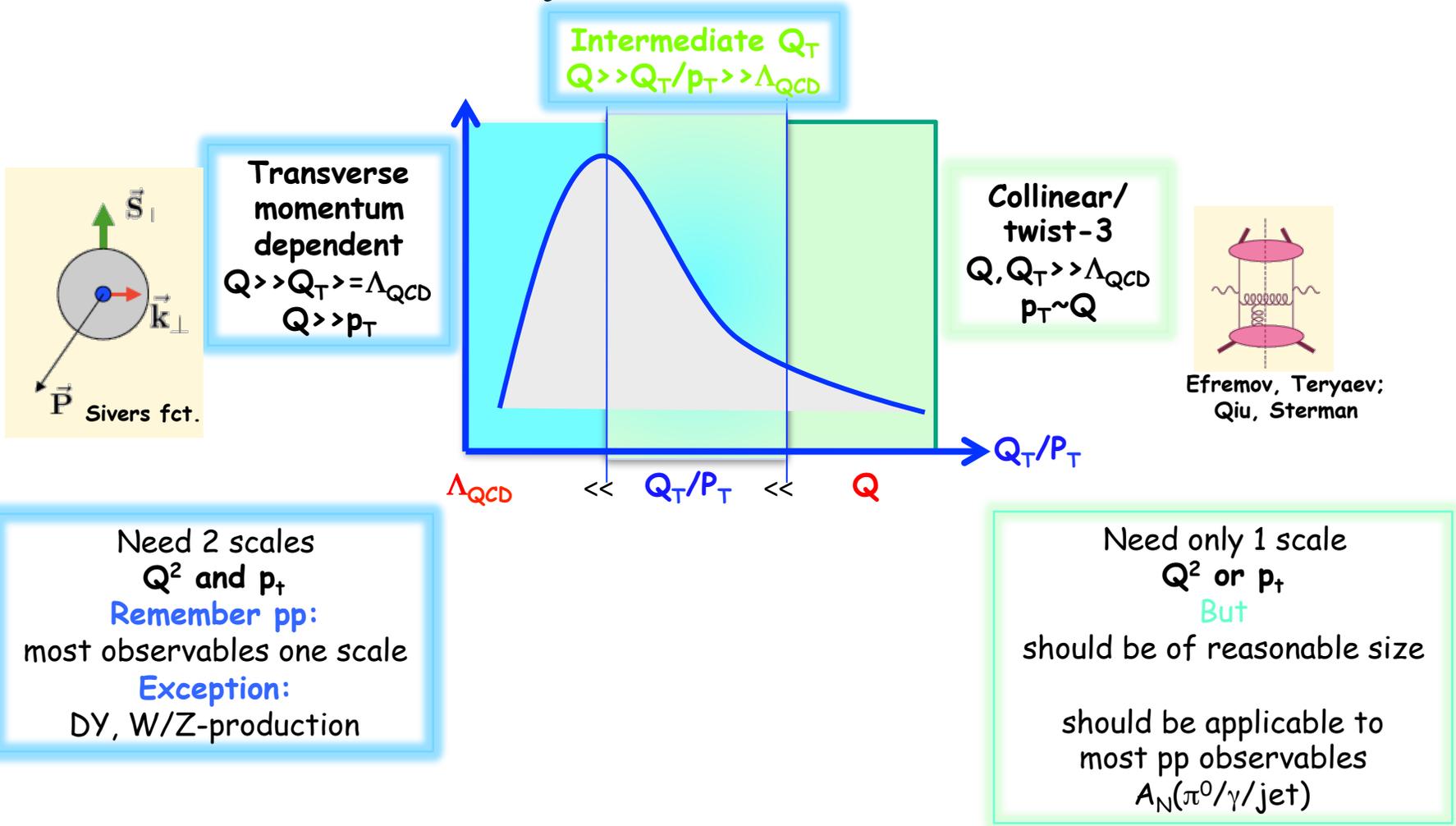
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DSSV++: DSSV+ & STAR-W 2012

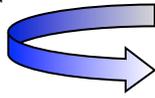
DSSV++: DSSV+ & RHIC-W proj. (2009-2013)

Includes Forward GEM Tracker at STAR, fully installed in 2013

Theory: TMDs vs. Twist-3



A_N : How to get to THE underlying Physics



Goal: measure less inclusive

SIVERS/Twist-3

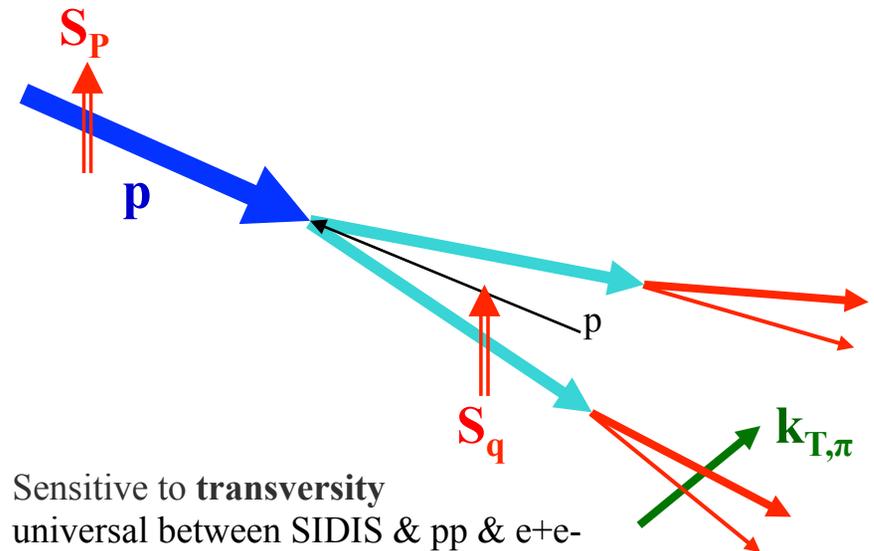
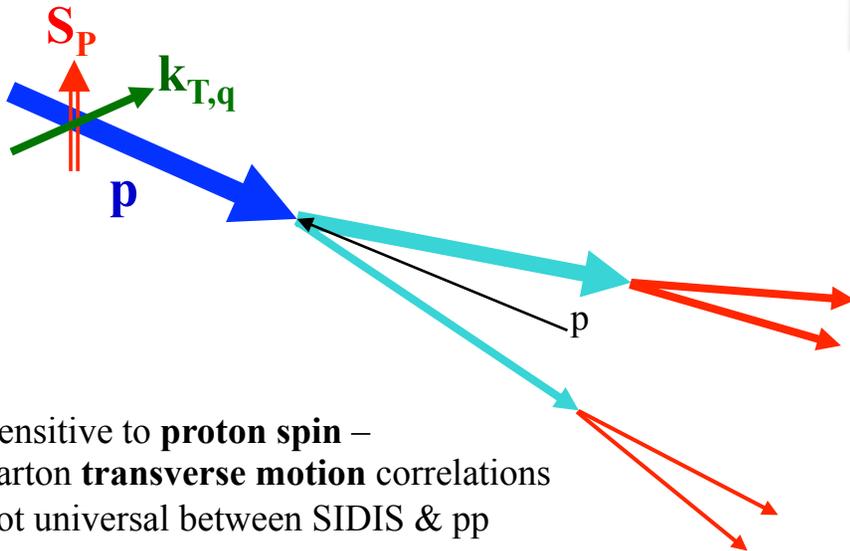
Collins Mechanism

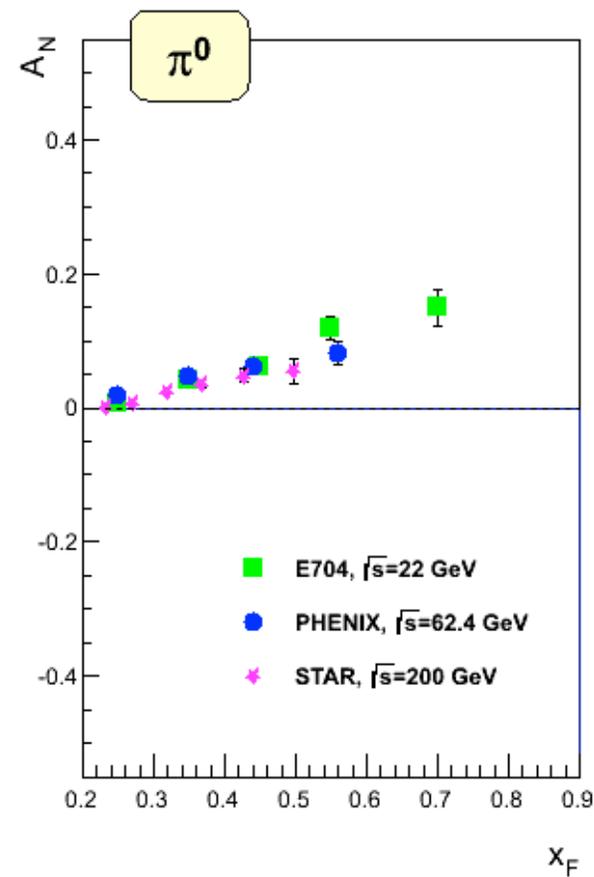
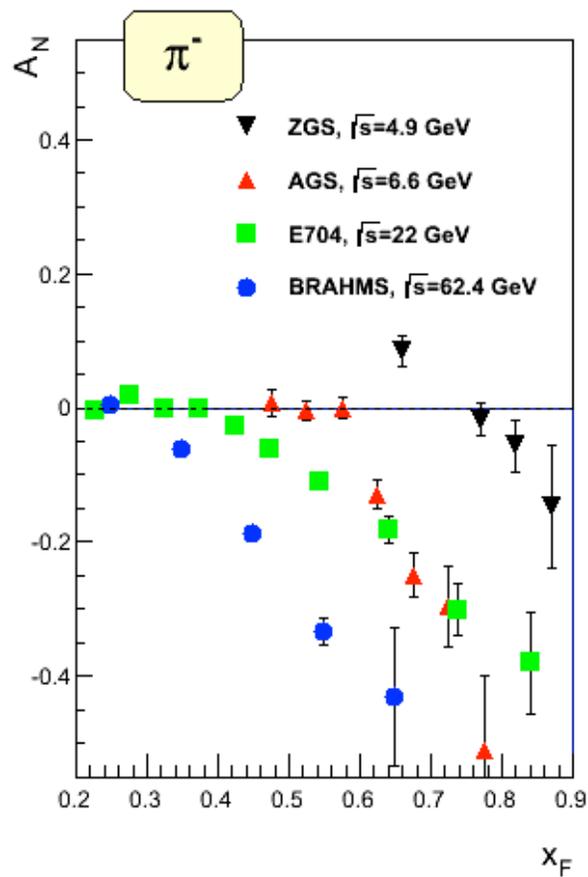
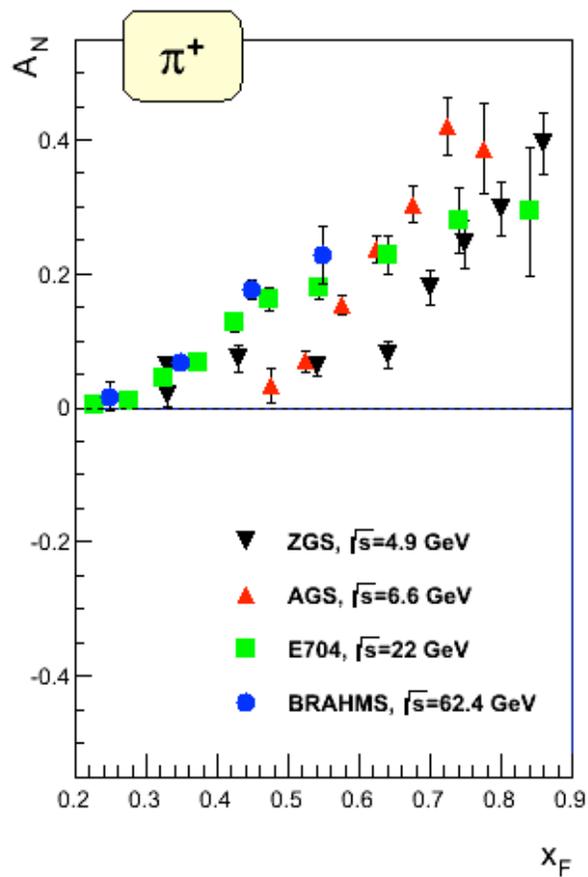
Rapidity dependence of

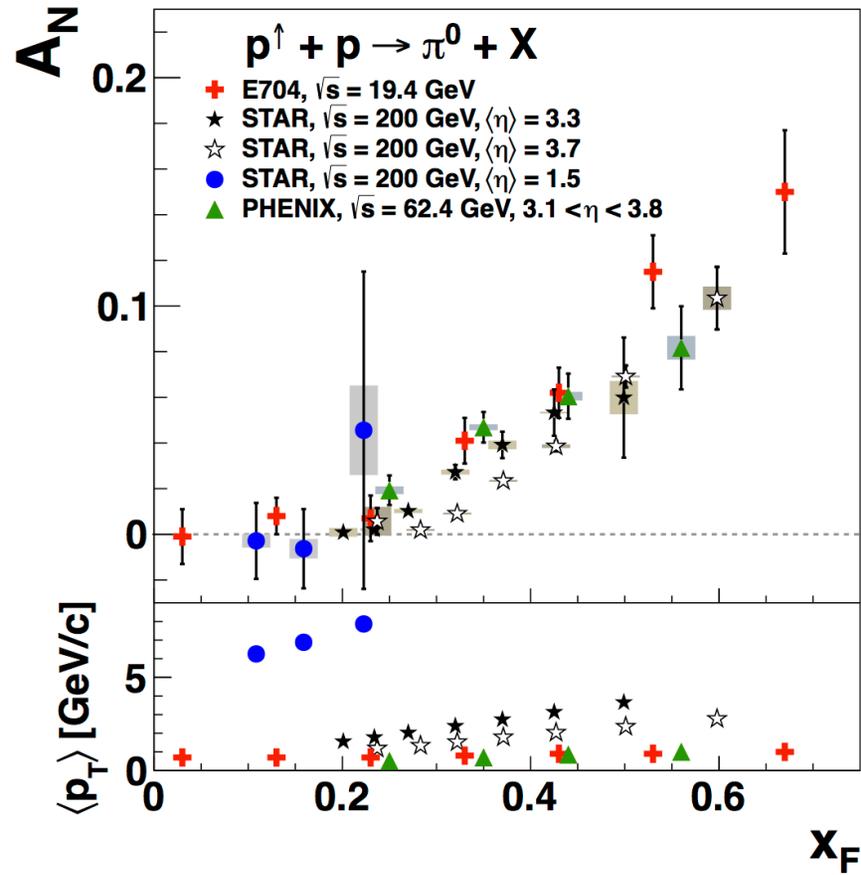
□ A_N for π^0 and eta with increased p_T coverage

- A_N for jets, direct photons
- A_N for heavy flavour \rightarrow gluon
- A_N for $W^{+/-}, Z^0$

- asymmetry in jet fragmentation
 - $\pi^{+/-}-\pi^0$ azimuthal distribution in jets
 - Interference fragmentation function



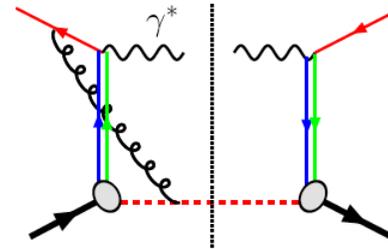
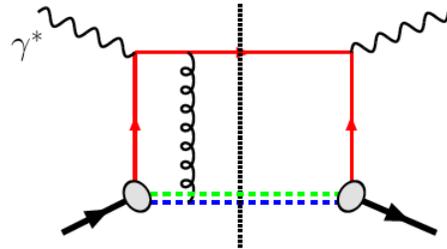




The famous sign change of the Sivers fct.

critical test for our understanding of TMD's and TMD factorization
 Twist-3 formalism predicts the same

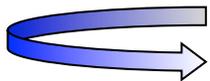
QCD:



$$\text{Sivers}_{\text{DIS}} = - \text{Sivers}_{\text{DY}} \text{ or } \text{Sivers}_W \text{ or } \text{Sivers}_{Z^0}$$

A_N (direct photon) measures the sign change through Twist-3

will also be A_N (DY) and A_N ($W^{+/-}, Z^0$) test of TMD evolution



All three observables can be attacked in
 one 500 GeV Run by STAR

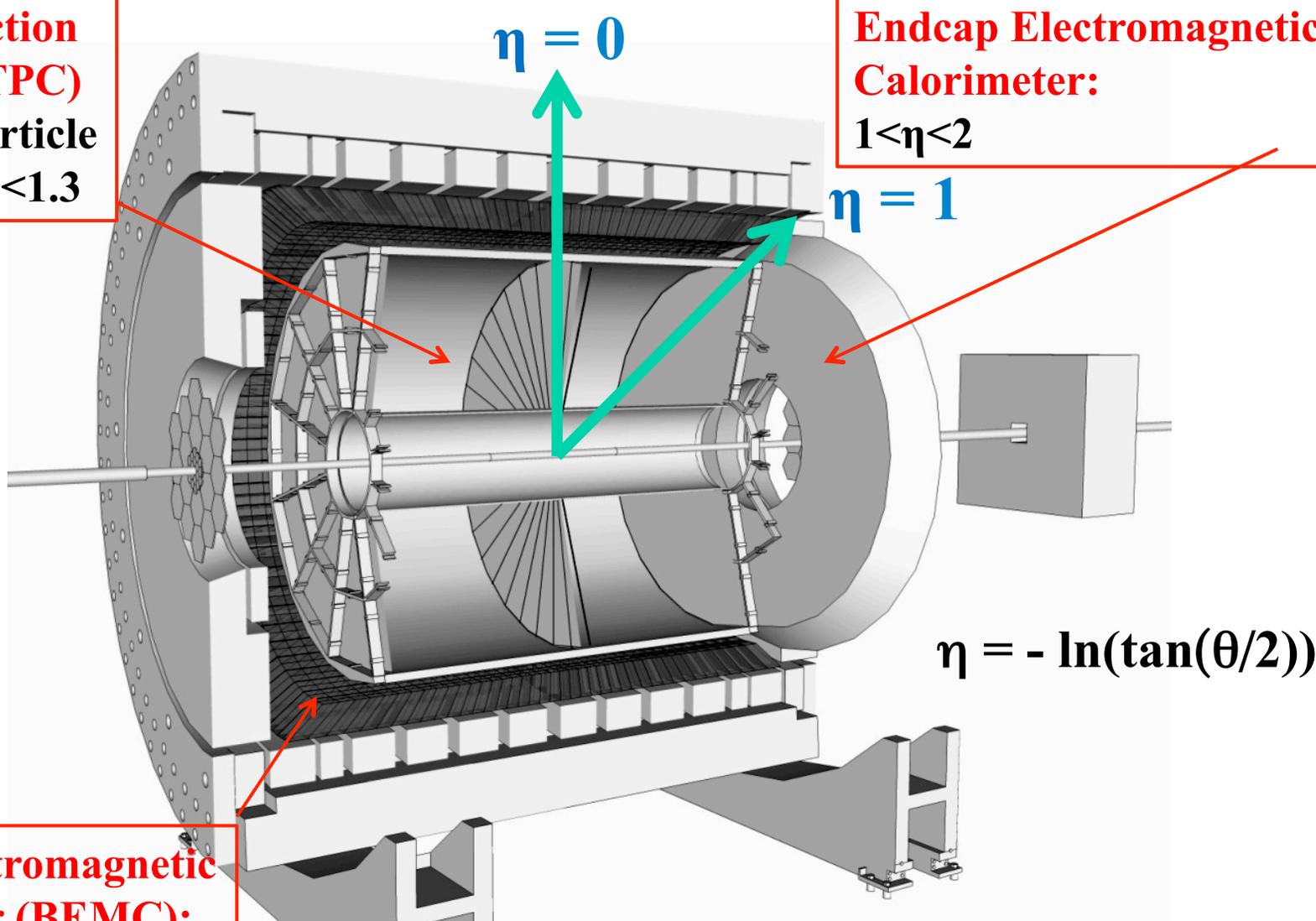


STAR Detector



**Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
Charged Particle Tracking**
 $|\eta| < 1.3$

Endcap Electromagnetic Calorimeter:
 $1 < \eta < 2$



Barrel Electromagnetic Calorimeter (BEMC):
 $|\eta| < 1$

$$\eta = -\ln(\tan(\theta/2))$$

