

Measurements of Single Transverse Spin Asymmetries in $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV pp Collisions at STAR

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Outline

- Introduction
- RHIC – STAR – Forward Calorimeters
- Inclusive π^0 A_N results
- Going beyond inclusive π^0
- Future plans
- Summary



The Nucleon Spin Puzzle

~0.2 from DIS
"spin crisis"

RHIC Spin & SIDIS
Small? Negative?

Spin Sum Rules

Longitudinal

$$1/2 = 1/2 \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$$

Transverse

$$1/2 = 1/2 \delta\Sigma + L_T$$

Bakker, Leader, Trueman
Phys.Rev.D70:114001,2004

Collins FF from Belle

No gluon

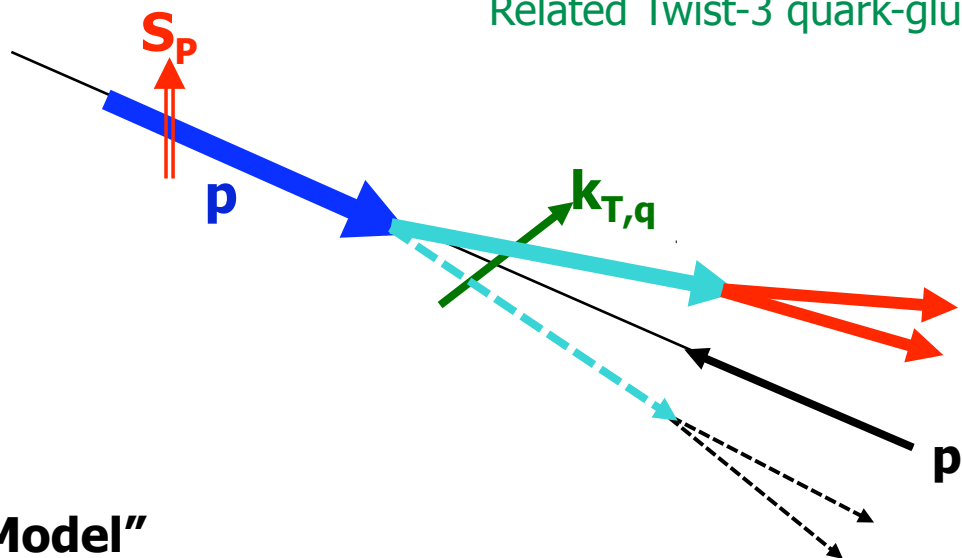
Sivers DF

SI-DIS & RHIC Spin

Collins Fragmentation Function ?
Can we use it as a probe for Transversity?
Sivers Distribution Function ?

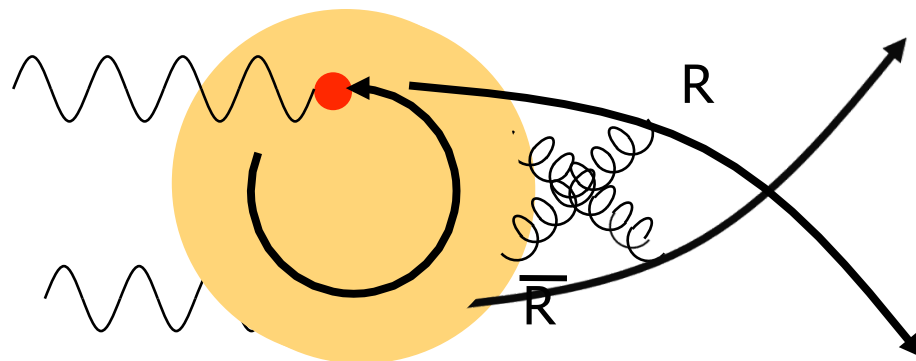
Correlation between nucleon spin and parton k_T

Related Twist-3 quark-gluon correlation at initial state



"QCD Lens Model"

Red Shift + Attractive Final State Interaction



If there is no orbital angular momentum, Sivers effect would be zero!

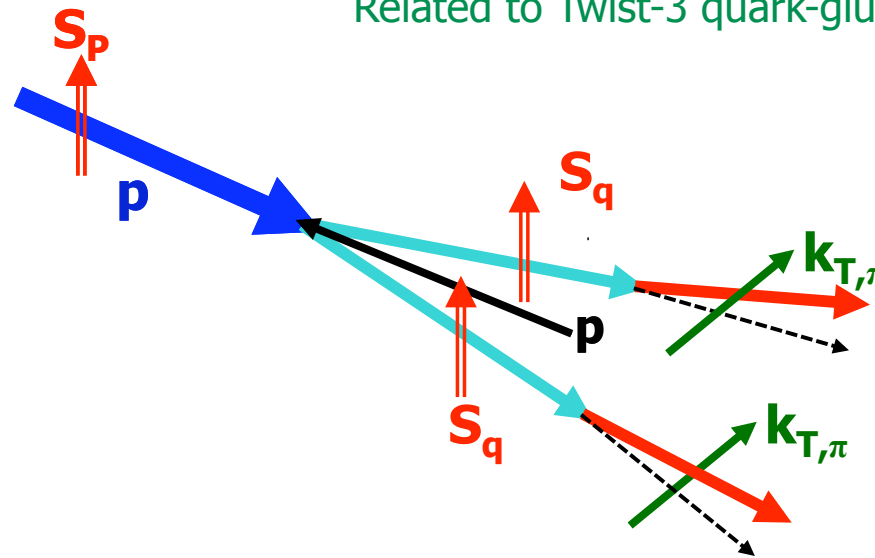


STAR Transversity and Collins Effect

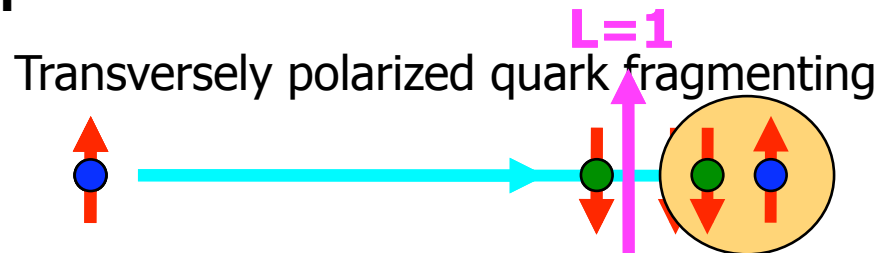
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Transversity (quark polarization) * asymmetry in the jet fragmentation

Related to Twist-3 quark-gluon correlation at final state



Artru model

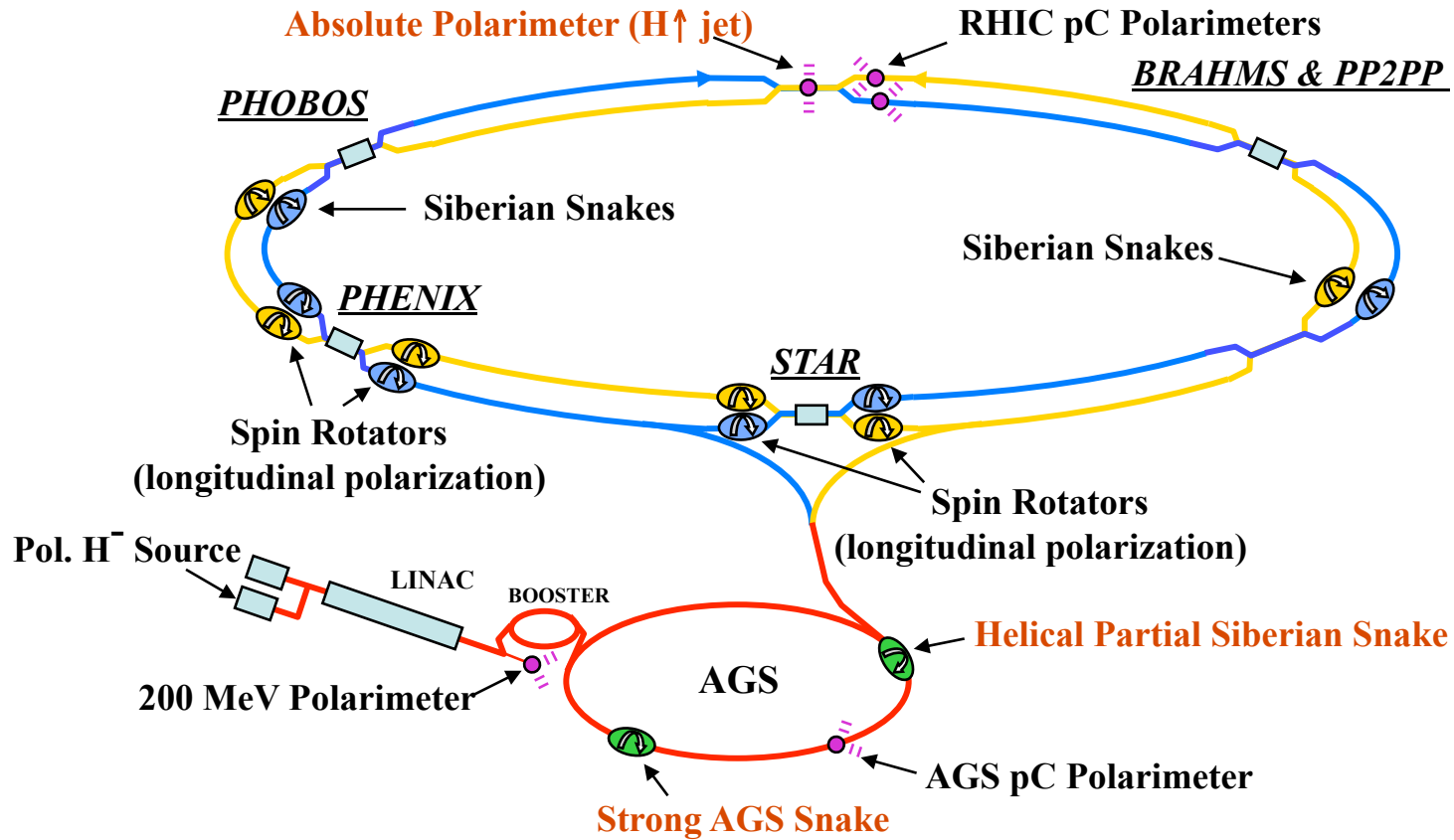


Quark pair creation with vacuum quantum numbers (3P_0)

Collins FF can be used as a probe for Transversity



RHIC - First and only Polarized pp Collider

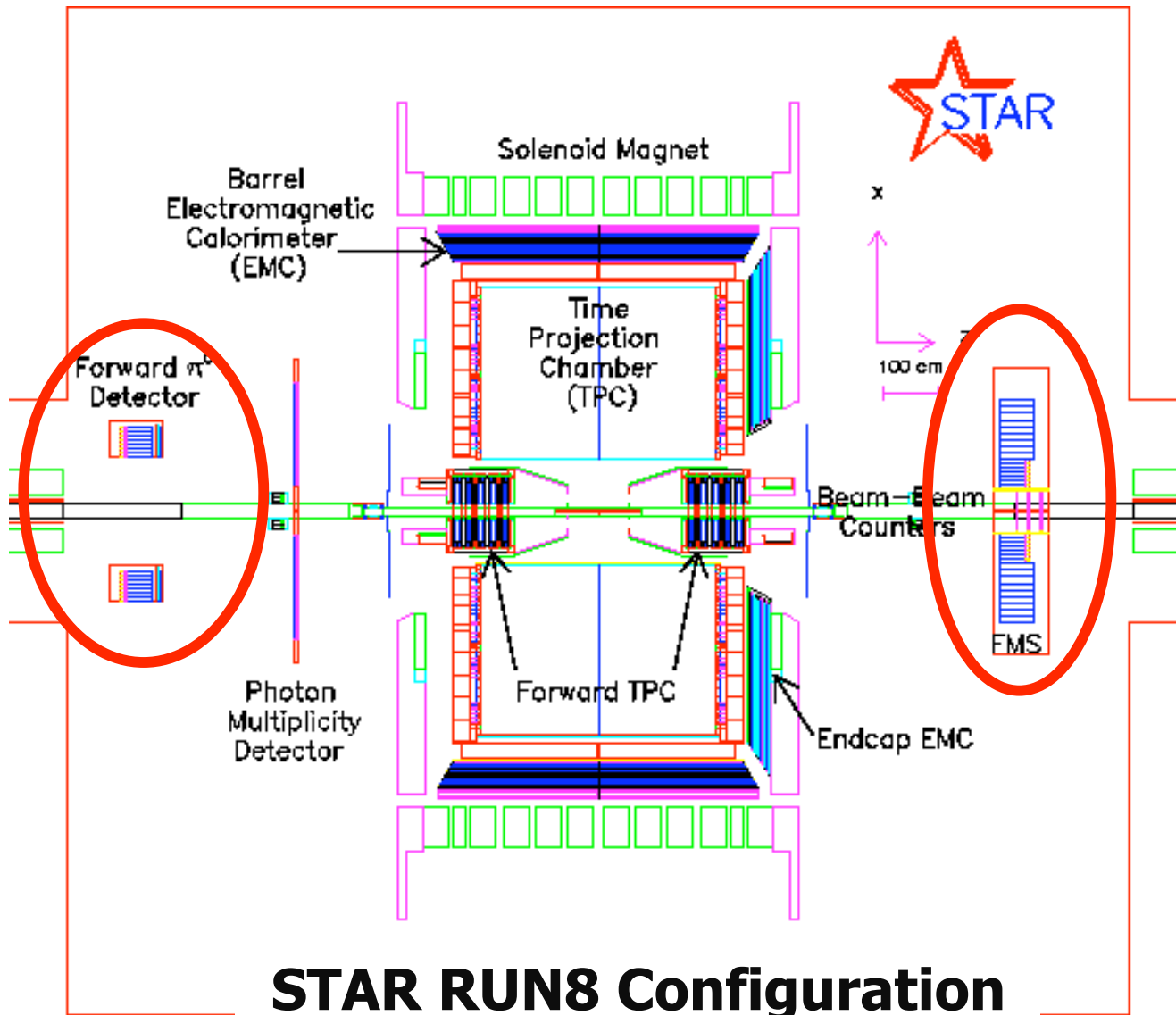


RHIC pp runs with transverse spin

Run2	L=0.35/pb	P=15%	Prototype FPD
Run3	L=1.0/pb	P=25%	FPD
Run5	L=0.1/pb	P=50%	FPD
Run6	L=6.8/pb	P=60%	FPD++
Run8	L~7.8/pb	P=45%	FMS & FPD



STAR Detector and Physics



TPC: $-1.0 < \eta < 1.0$
FTPC: $2.8 < |\eta| < 3.8$
BBC: $2.2 < |\eta| < 5.0$
EEMC: $1 < \eta < 2$
BEMC: $-1 < \eta < 1$

Run2-6

FPD/FPD++:

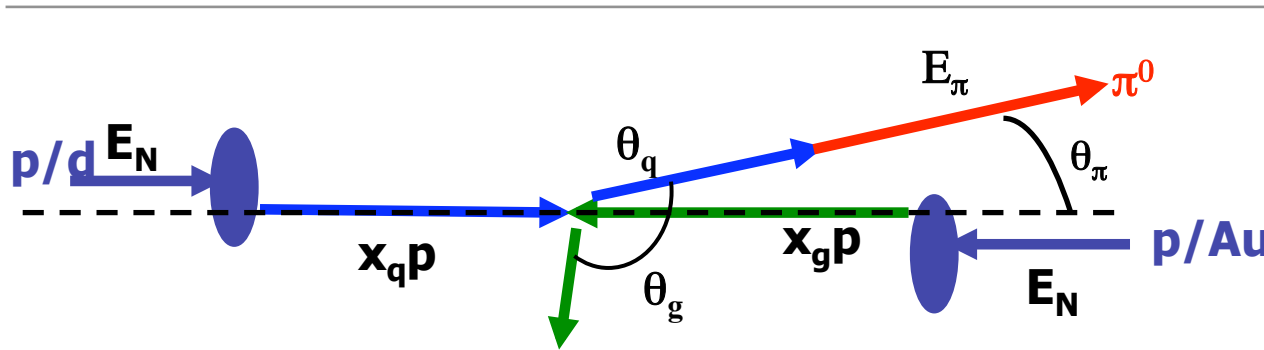
$\eta \sim 3.3 - 4.1$

Run8

FMS: $2.5 < \eta < 4.1$



Why forward in a hadron collider is interesting?



$$Q^2 \sim p_T^2$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 2E_N$$

$$\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$x_q \approx x_F / \langle z \rangle$$

$$x_F \approx \frac{2E_\pi}{\sqrt{s}}$$

$$z = \frac{E_\pi}{E_q}$$

$$x_g \approx \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-\eta}$$

(colinear approx.)

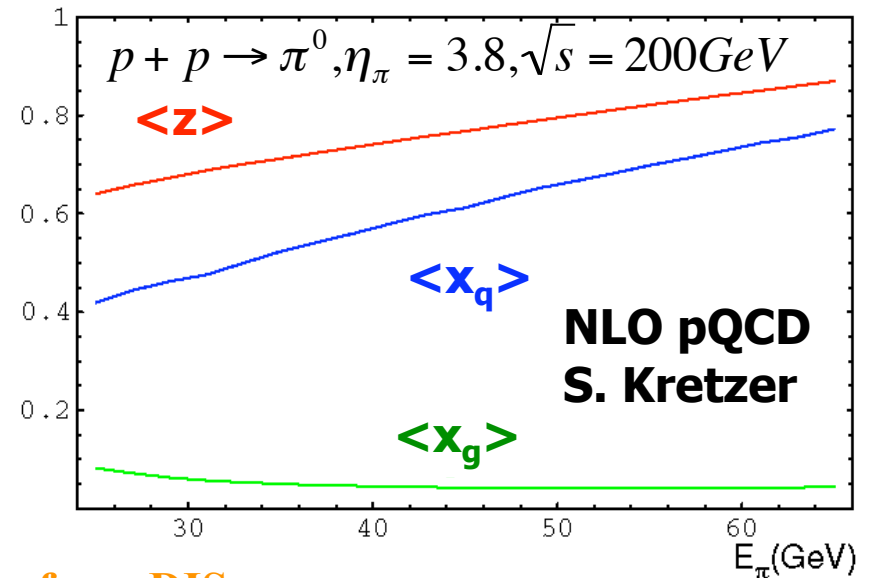
• **Large rapidity π production ($\eta_\pi \sim 4$)** probes asymmetric partonic collisions

• **Mostly high-x valence quark + low-x gluon**

• $0.3 < x_q < 0.7$

• $0.001 < x_g < 0.1$

• $\langle z \rangle$ nearly constant and high ~ 0.8



• **Large-x quark polarization is known to be large from DIS**

• **Directly couple to gluons = A probe of low x gluons**



Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS)

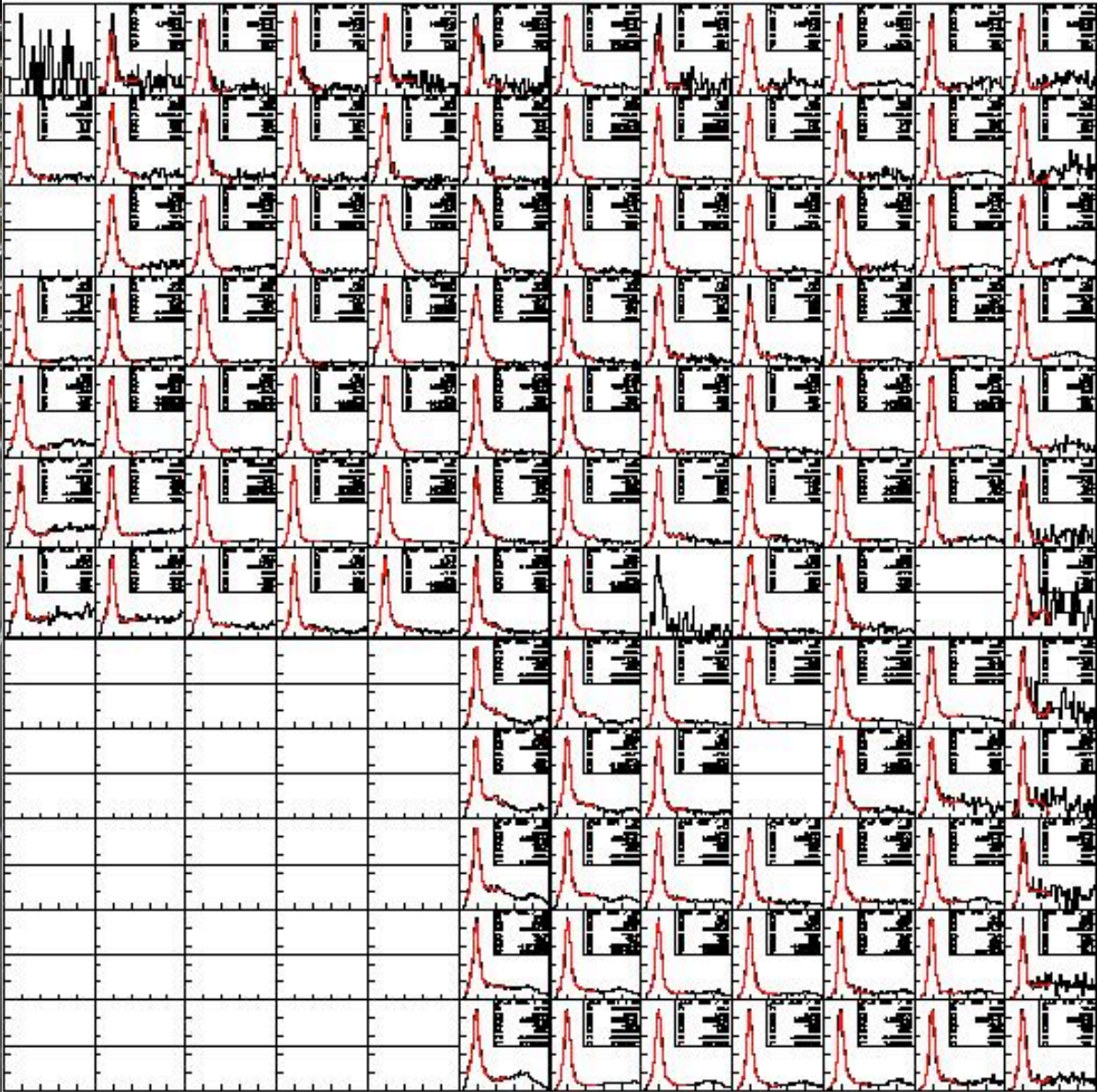
Three Highlighted Objectives In FMS Proposal (not exclusive)

hep-ex/0502040

1. A **d(p)+Au** $\rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$ **+X** measurement of the **parton model gluon density distributions $xg(x)$** in **gold nuclei** for **$0.001 < x < 0.1$** . For $0.01 < x < 0.1$, this measurement tests the universality of the gluon distribution.
2. Characterization of correlated pion cross sections as a function of Q^2 (p_T^2) to search for the onset of **gluon saturation effects** associated with **macroscopic gluon fields. (again d-Au)**
3. Measurements with **transversely polarized protons** that are expected to **resolve the origin of the large transverse spin asymmetries** in reactions for **forward π^0 production. (polarized pp)**

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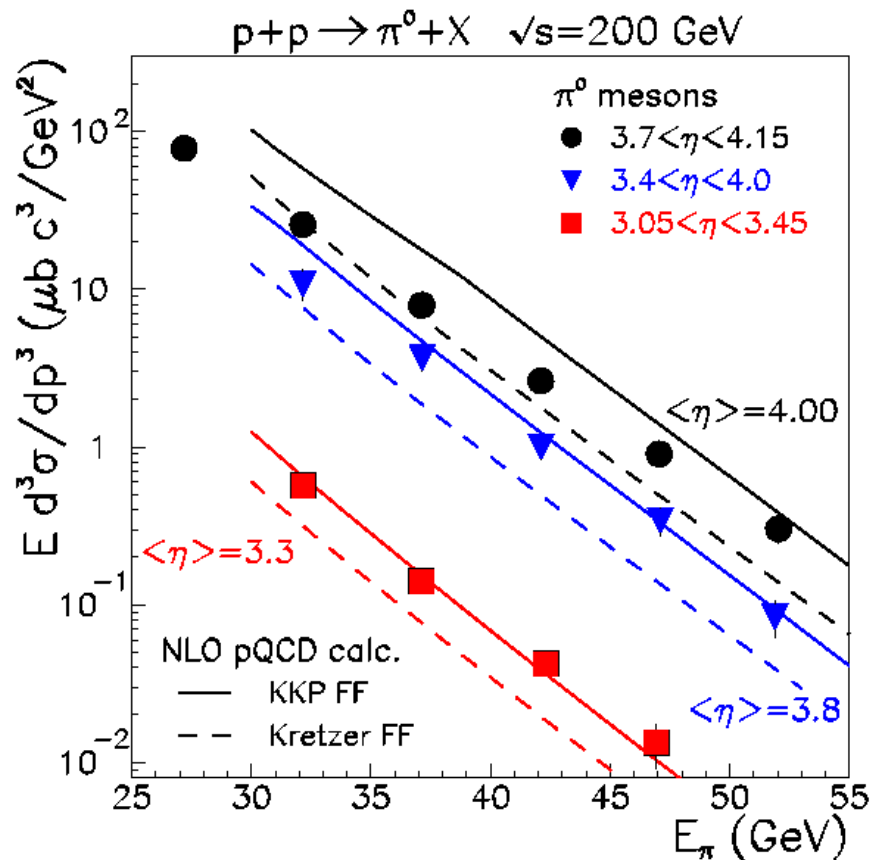
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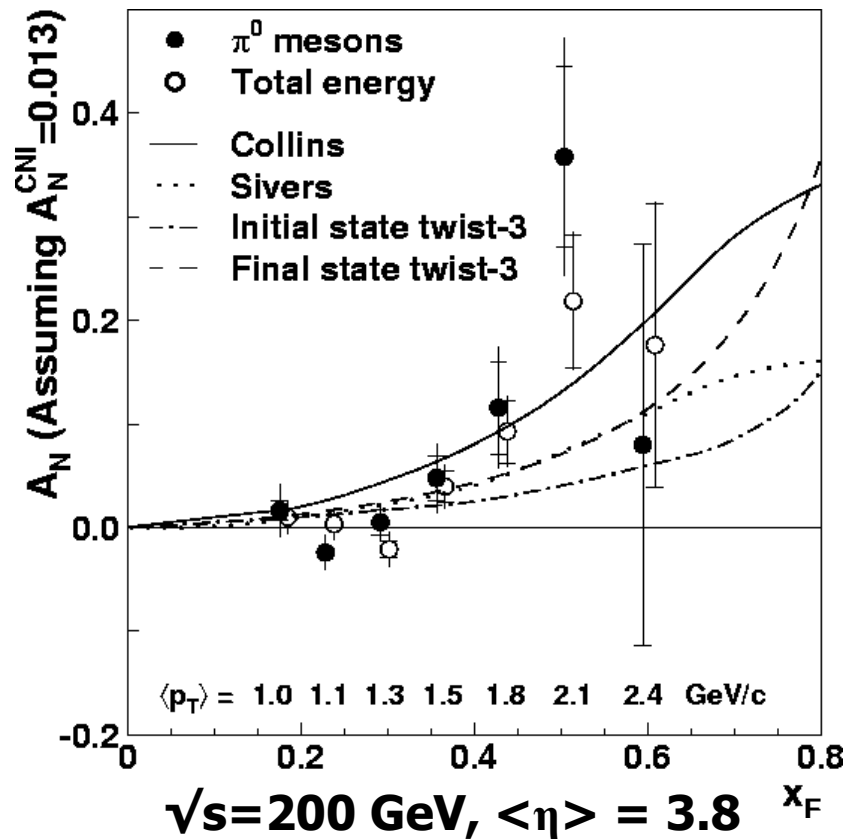
Measurements at STAR FPD (run2-3)

PRL 97, 152302 (2006)



Cross-section is consistent with NLO pQCD calculations

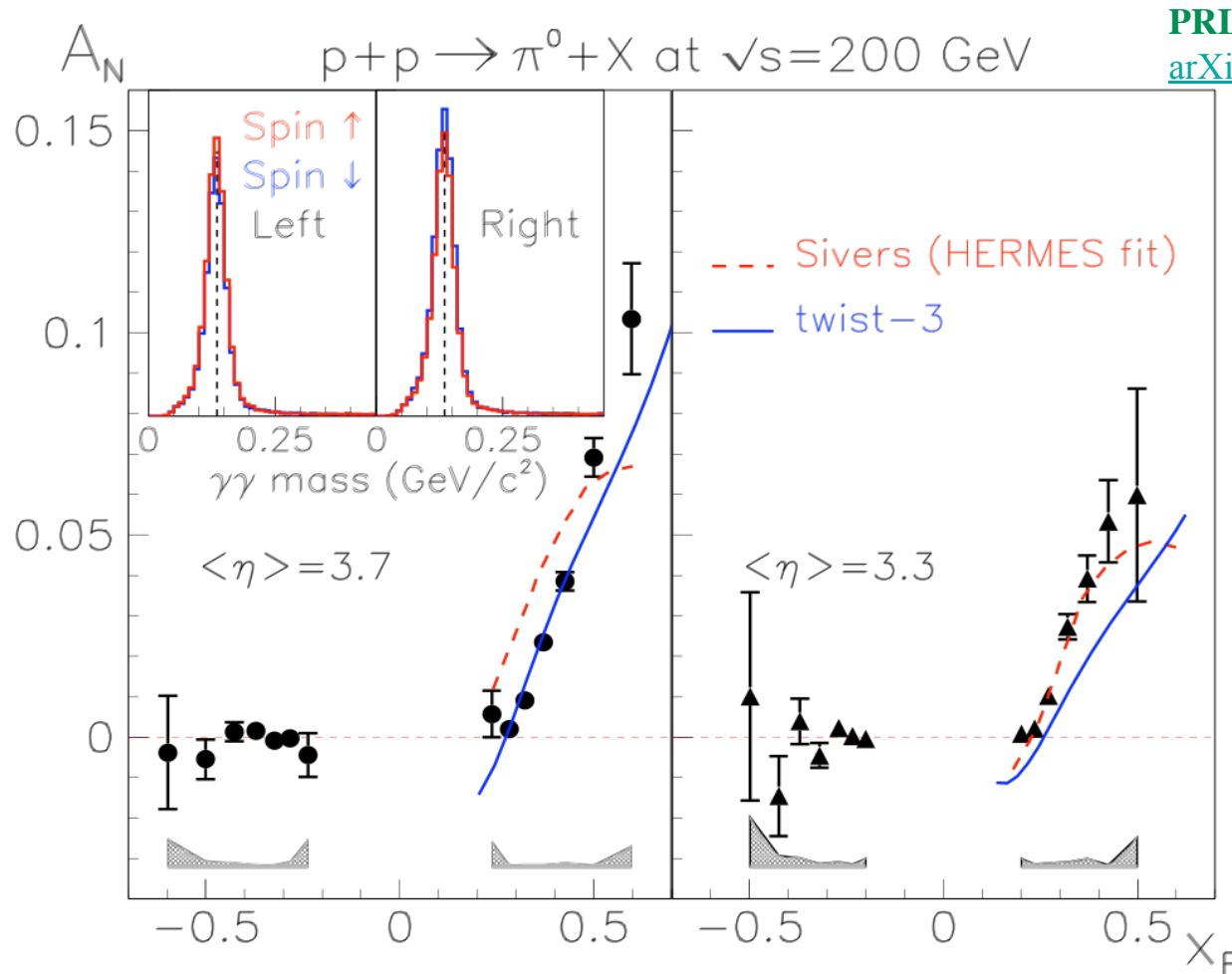
PRL 92, 171801 (2004)



Asymmetry revealed at lower energies persists at $\sqrt{s}=200 \text{ GeV}$



$\pi^0 A_N$ at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV : x_F -dep (Run6)



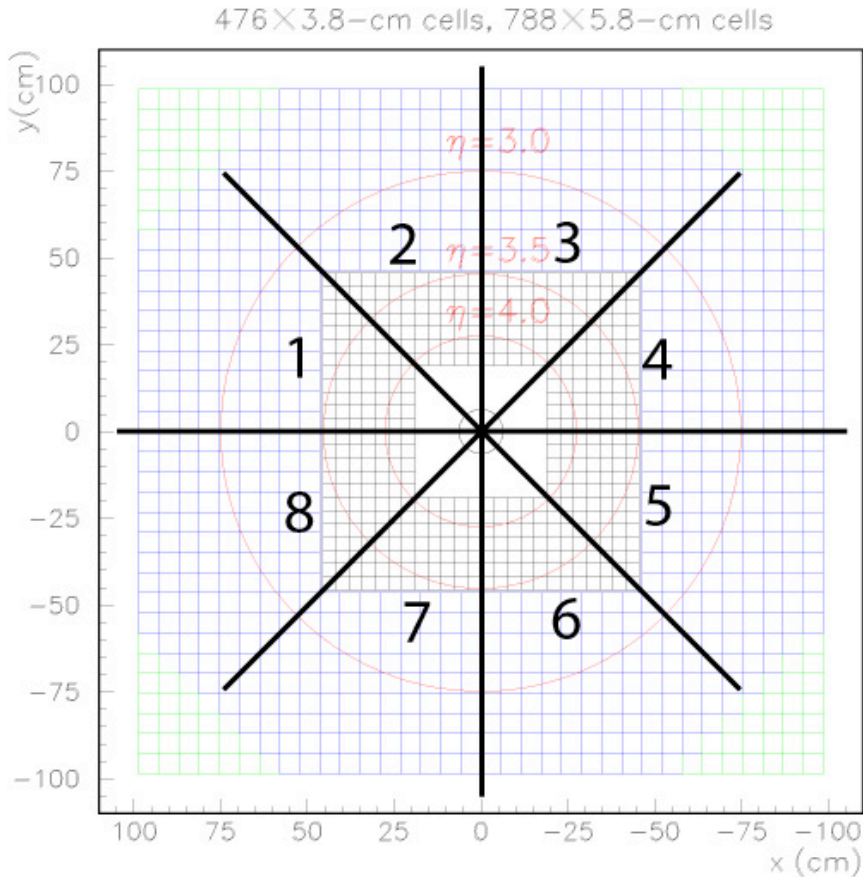
PRL 101, 222001 (2008)
[arXiv:0801.2990v1 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/0801.2990v1)

A_N at positive x_F grows
with increasing x_F

Fits to SIDIS (HERMES)
is consistent with data

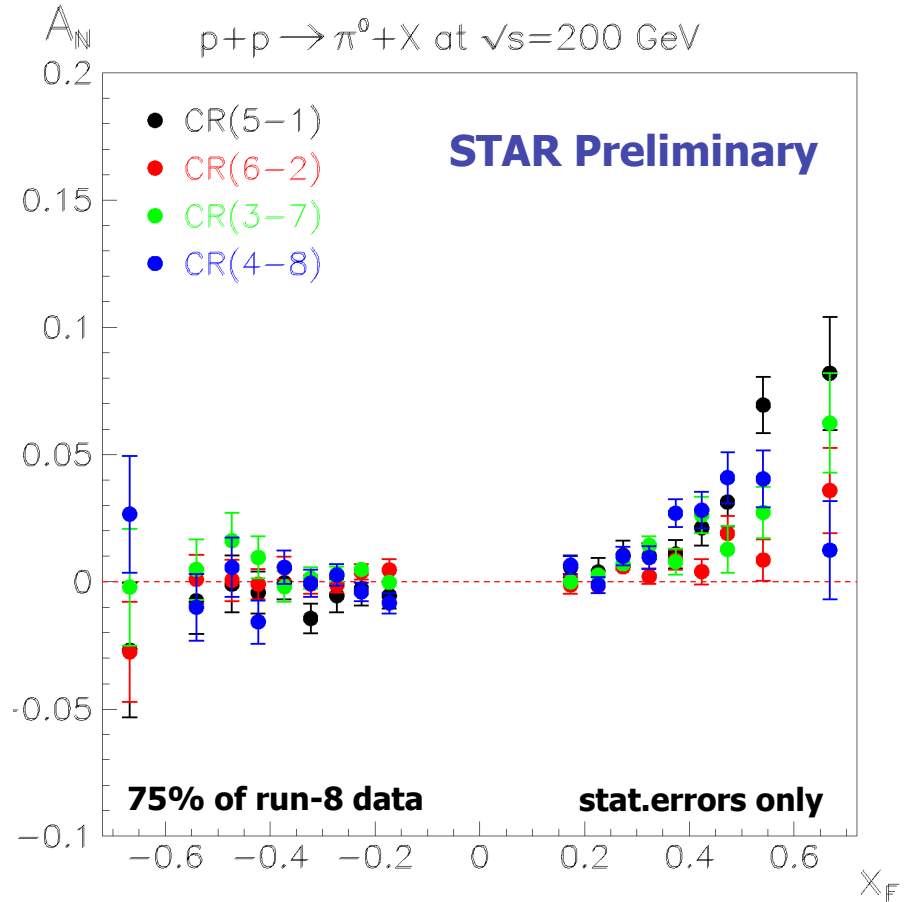
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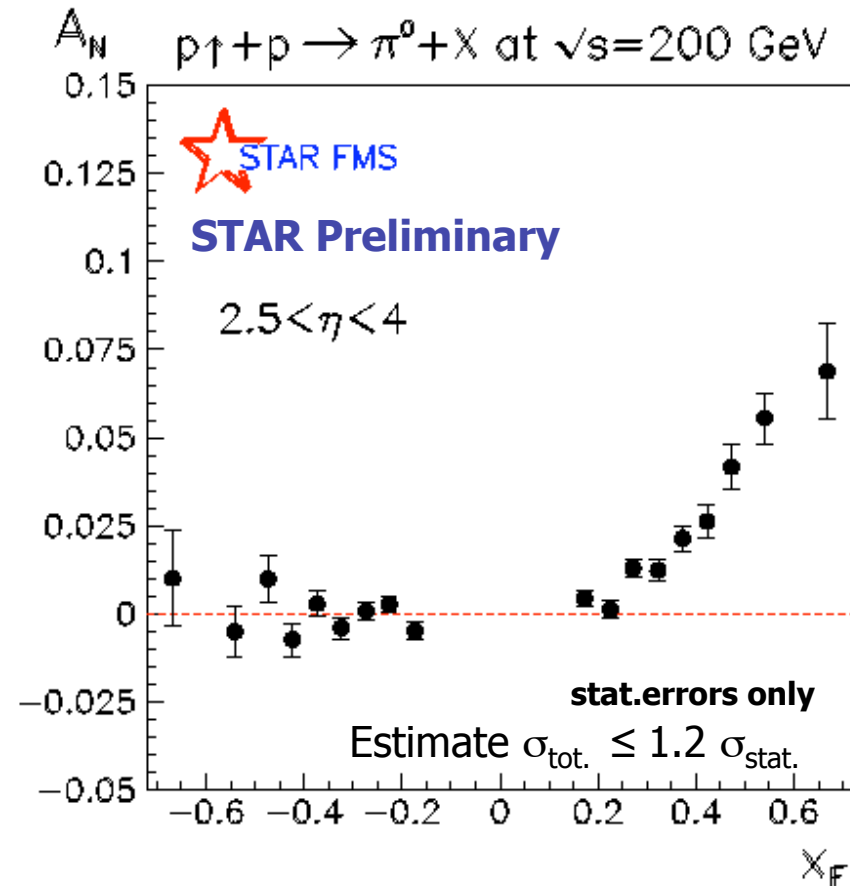
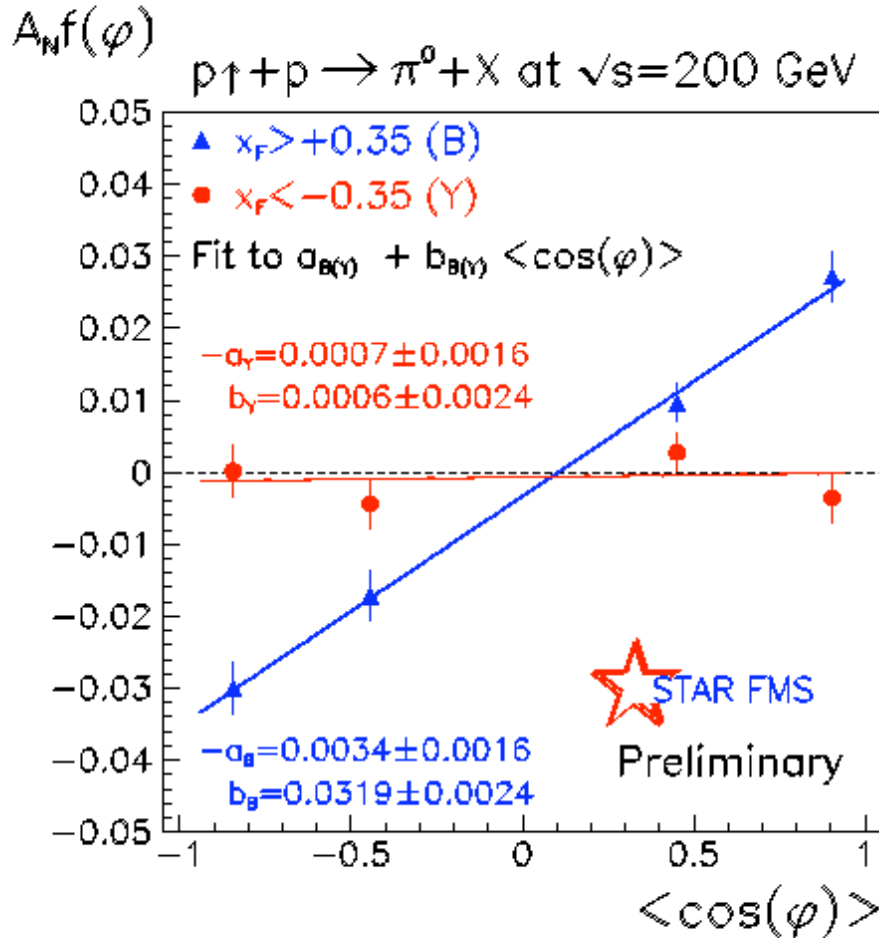


Octant subdivision of FMS for inclusive π^0 spin sorting.

$A_N <\cos\phi>$



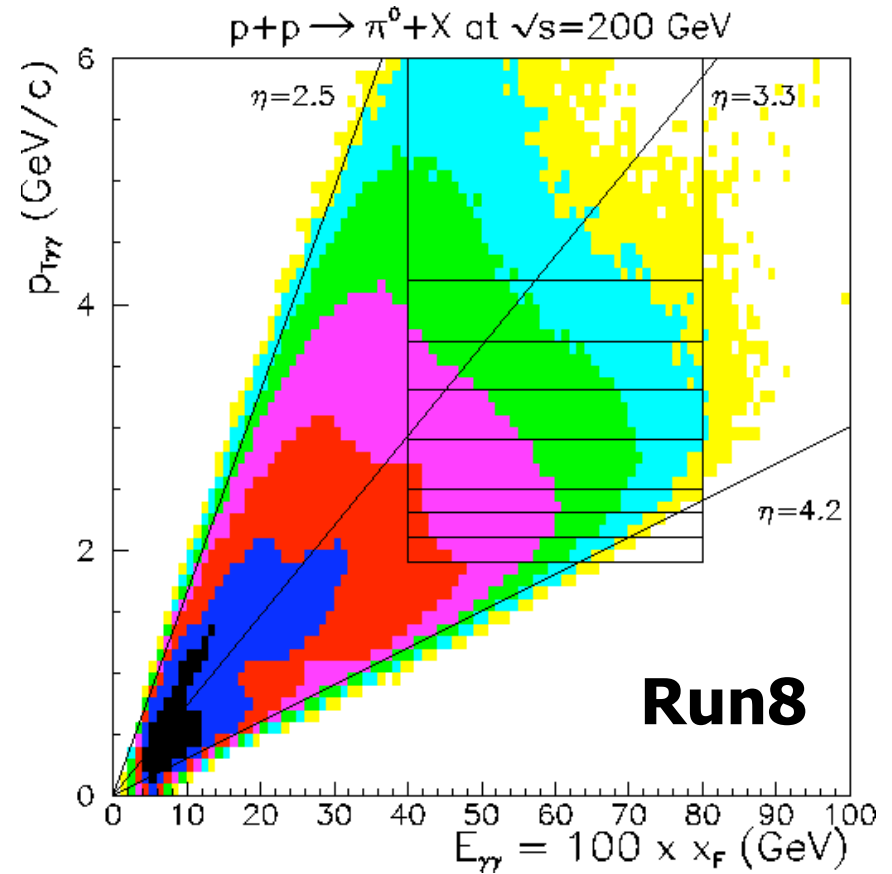
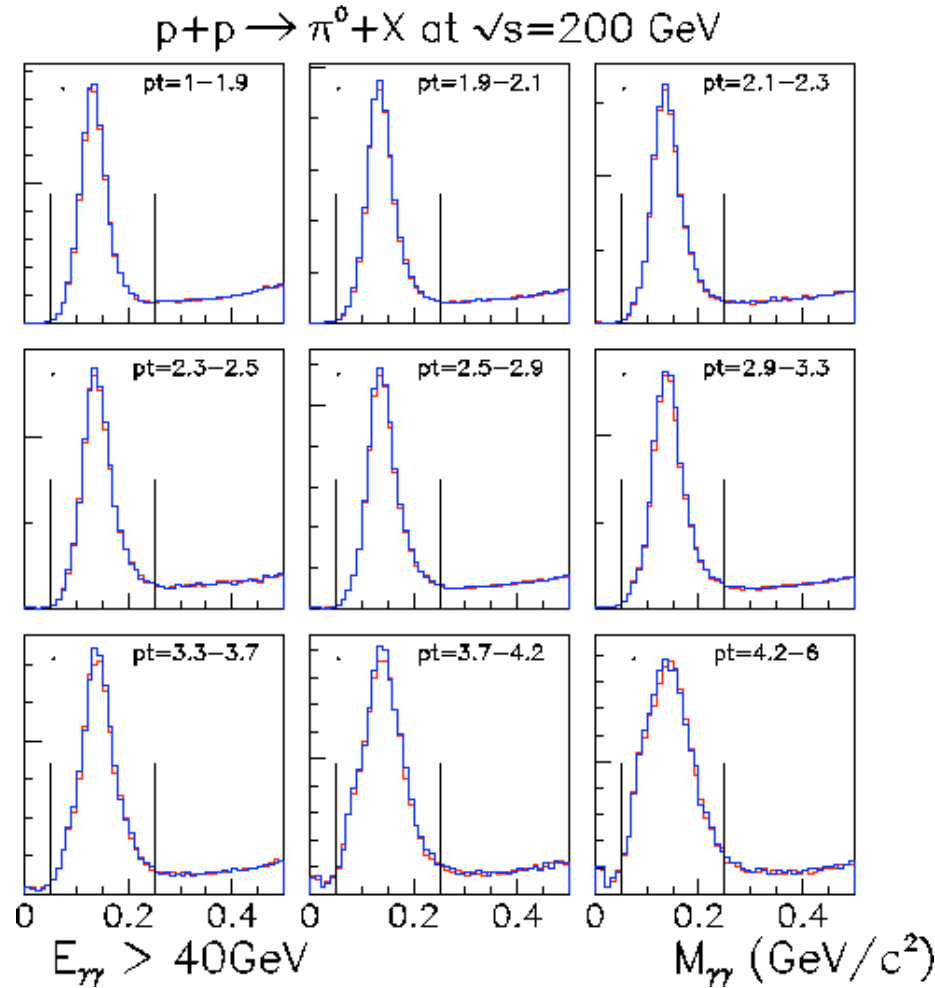
- Systematic errors being evaluated
- First estimate $\sigma_{\text{tot.}} \leq 1.2 \sigma_{\text{stat.}}$



- Azimuthal dependence appears to be as expected
- A_N comparable to prior measurements



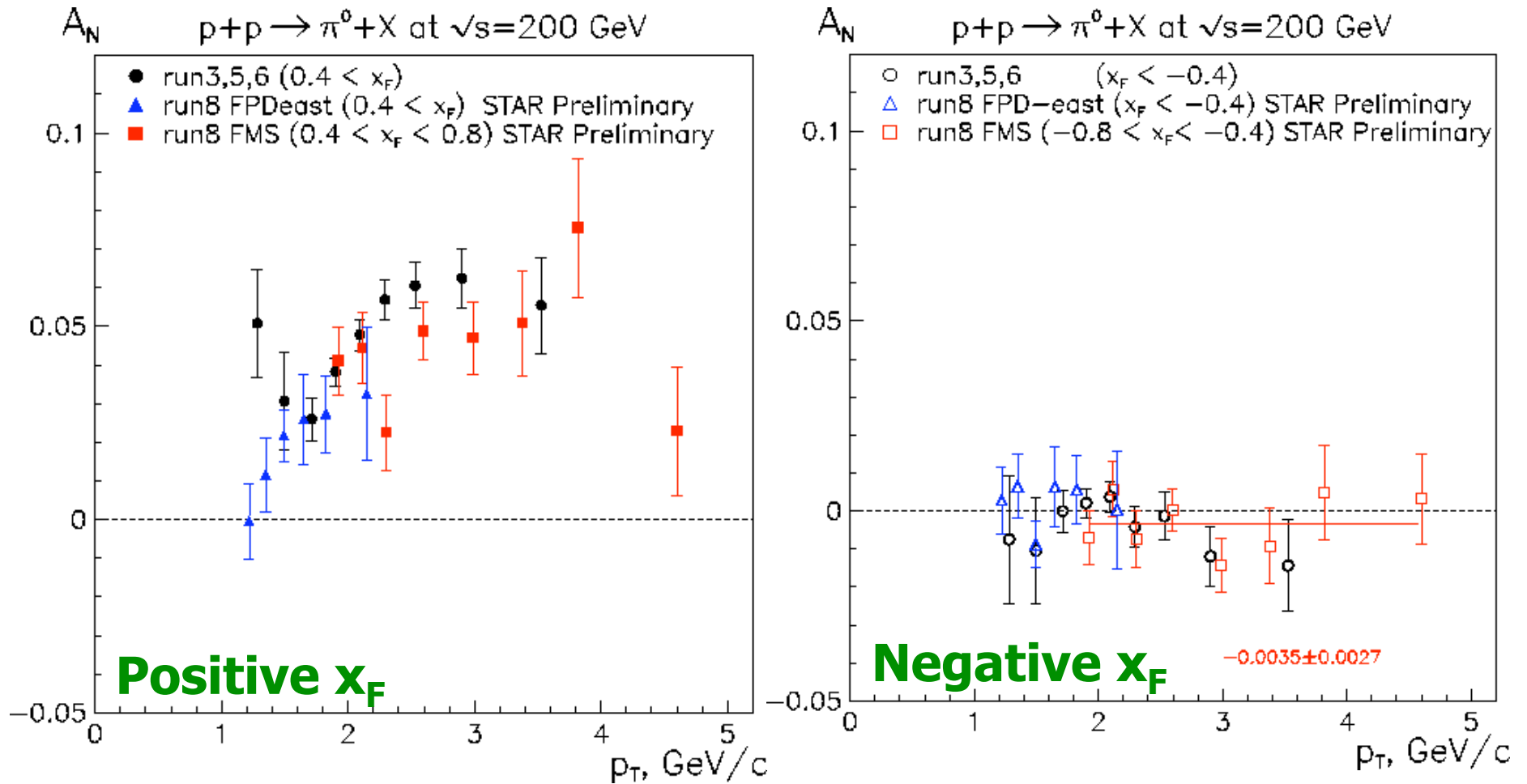
π^0 A_N at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV : p_T -dependence



F.o.M = LP² Run8 < Run6
FMS reaches $p_T \sim 6\text{GeV}/c$



$\pi^0 A_N$ at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV : p_T -dependence



Needs more transverse spin running

Indication of Positive A_N persists up to $p_T \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$

Negative x_F consistent with zero



Going Beyond Inclusive π^0

DIS

Inclusive DIS

Semi-Inclusive DIS

Not sensitive

Collins, Sivers and more

PP

Inclusive π^0 production in pp

Heavier mesons? Spin-1 mesons?

Direct Photons

Collins and Sivers are mixed

Qualitative expectation (No prediction)

Sivers

“Semi-Inclusive” pp

- $p+p \rightarrow \text{jet} \rightarrow \text{hadron} + \text{rest of jet}$
- $p+p \rightarrow \text{di-hadron (near side)}$

- $p+p \rightarrow \text{jet}$
- $p+p \rightarrow \text{di-jet, di-hadron (away side)}$
- $p+p \rightarrow l+l \text{ (DY)}$

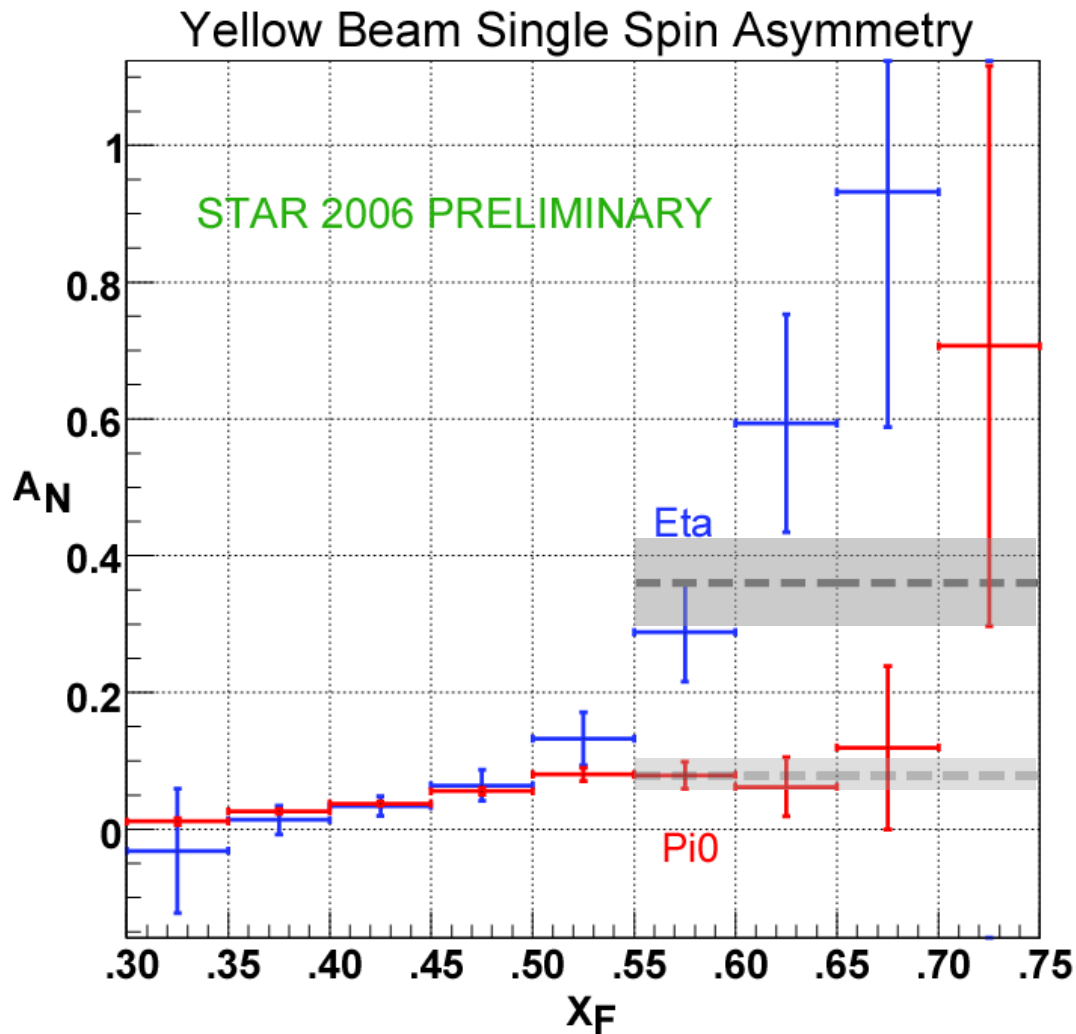
Collins x Transversity

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(or Interference FF)

Sivers

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1. $N_{\text{photon}} = 2$
2. Center Cut (η and ϕ)
3. **Pi0** or **Eta** mass cuts
4. Average Yellow Beam Polarization = 56%

$$0.55 < x_F < 0.75$$

$$\langle A_N \rangle_{\eta} = 0.36 \pm 0.06$$

$$\langle A_N \rangle_{\pi} = 0.08 \pm 0.02$$

The asymmetry in the η mass region @ $x_F > 0.55$ is greater than 5 sigma above zero, and about 4 sigma above the asymmetry in the π^0 mass region.

2 photon Mass Distributions in four Pseudo-Rapidity Y Regions (Preliminary Energy Calibration)

Event Selection

2 Photons within cone

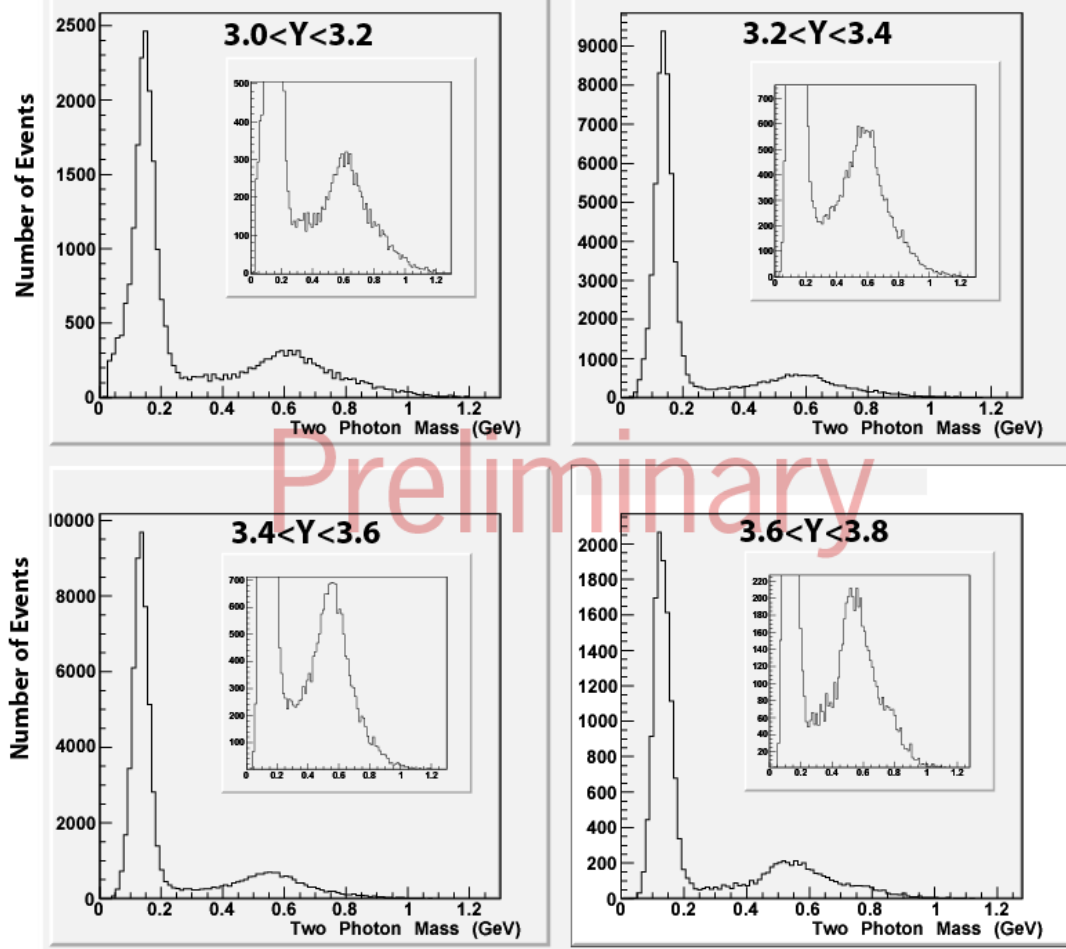
$$\sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} < 0.85$$

$P_{t\gamma\gamma} > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$

$Z_{\gamma\gamma} < .7$

- Mass differences?
- Isospin differences?
- Role of Strangeness?

Uncorrected Mass Distributions





First look at Triple photons : spin1 ω

3 photon events to look for $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$ (BR= 8.9%)

- $P_T(\text{triplet}) > 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $E(\text{triplet}) > 30 \text{ GeV}$
- $P_T(\text{photon cluster}) > 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $P_T(\pi^0) > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

Background only MC

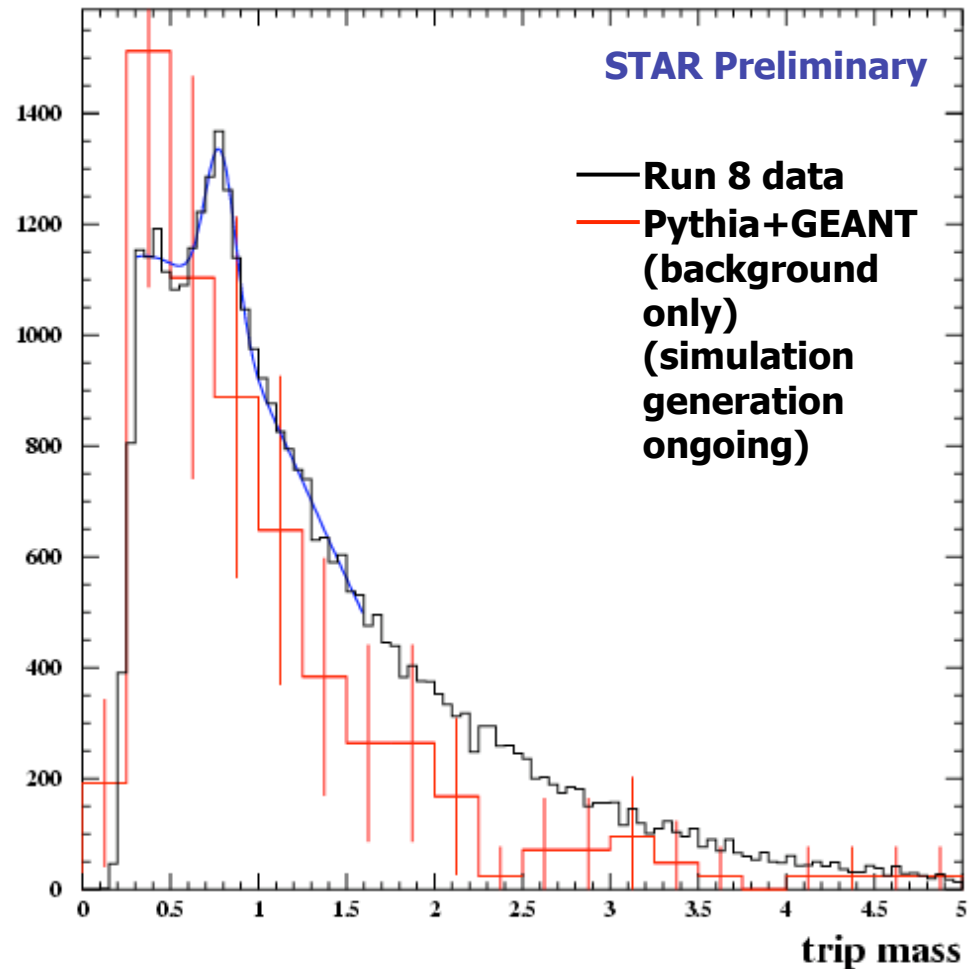
Run8 FMS data

Fit is gaussian + P3

$\mu = 0.784 \pm 0.008 \text{ GeV}$

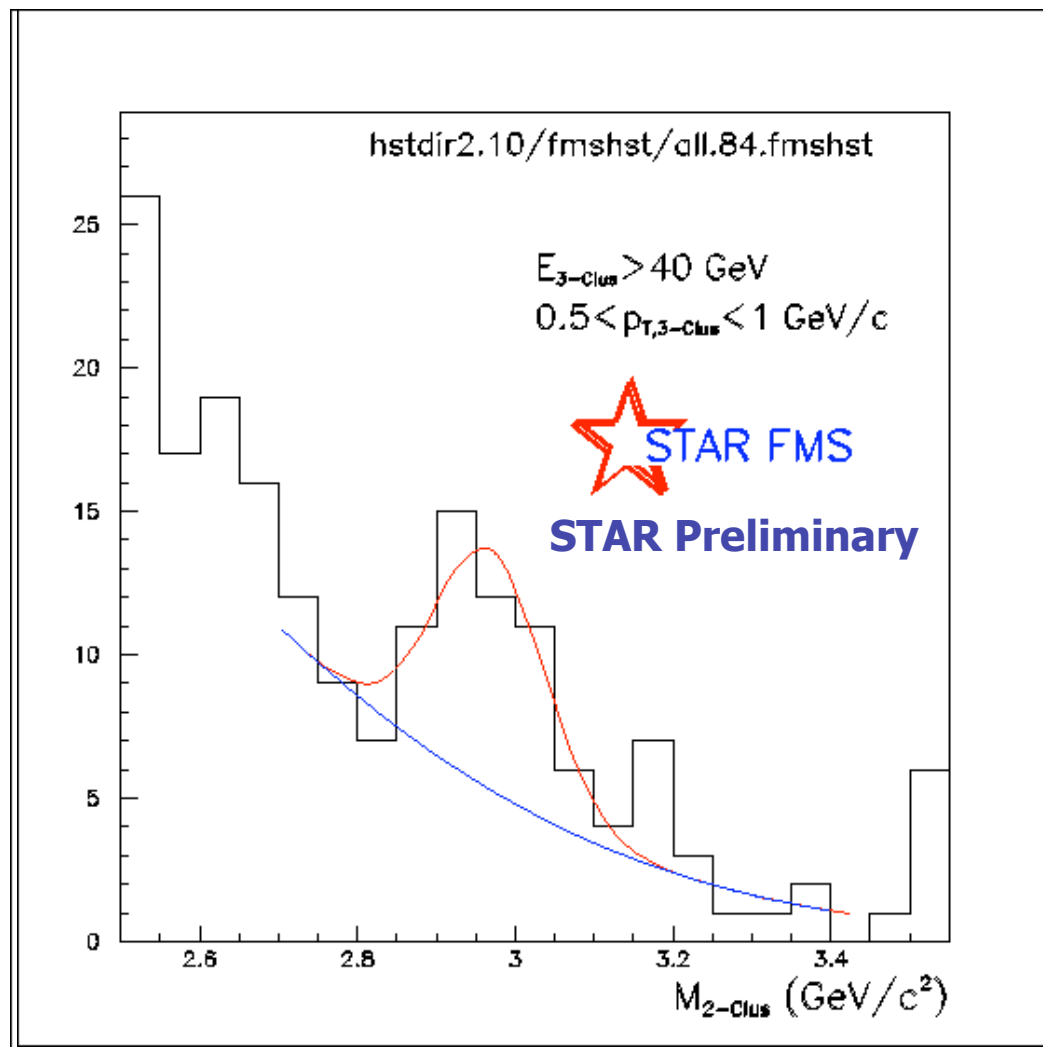
$\sigma = 0.087 \pm 0.009 \text{ GeV}$

Scale = $1339 \pm 135 \text{ Events}$



Significant (10σ) $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$ signal seen in the data.

**Comparison to dAu
Spin-1 meson A_N**

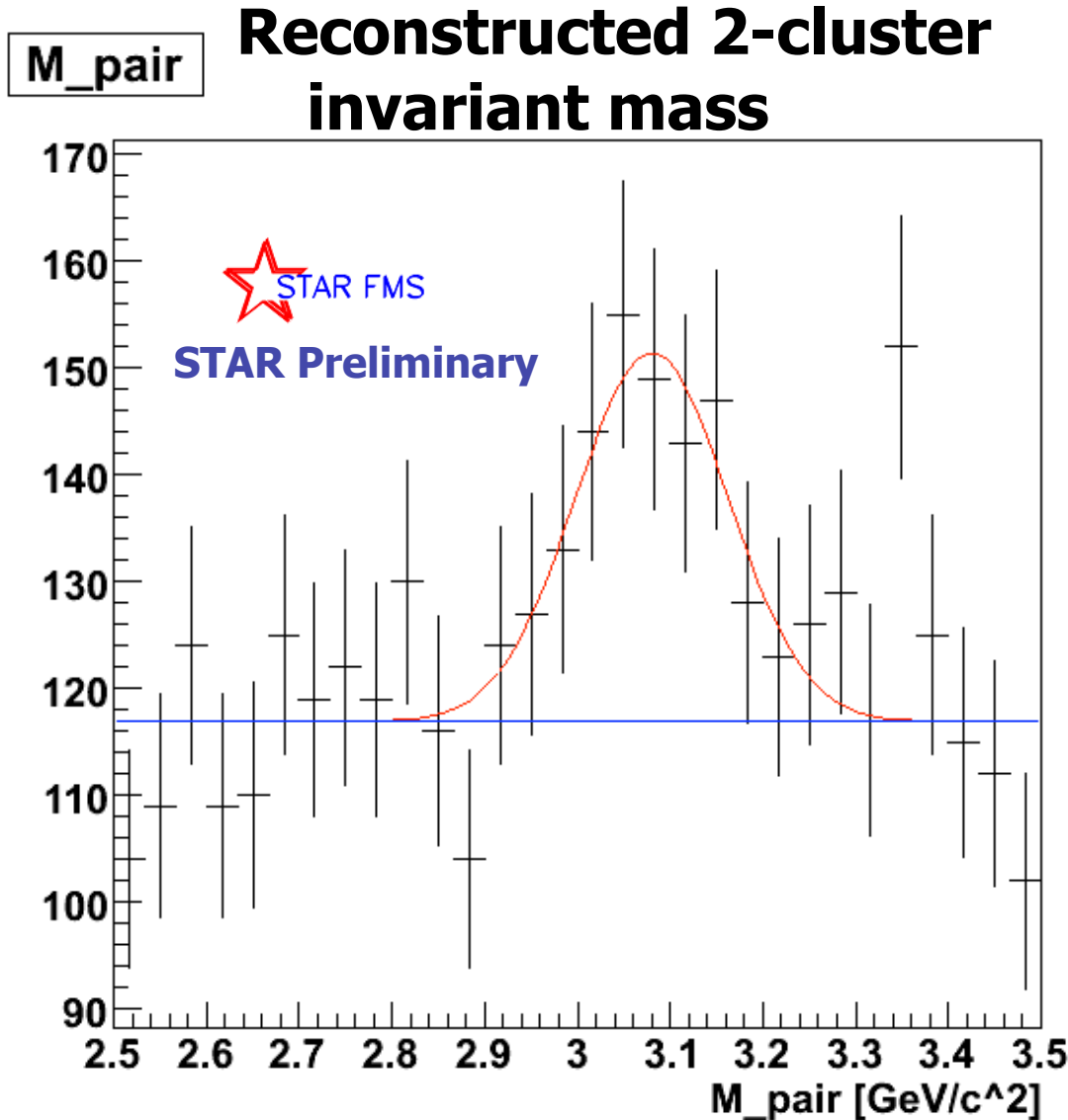


- **Reconstructed invariant mass of candidate**
 $X_c \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$ events
 - **Peak Counts = 8.40 ± 2.88**
 - **2.9σ Significance**
 - **$\mu = 2.97 \pm 0.025 \text{ GeV}$**
 - **$\sigma = 0.070 \pm 0.025 \text{ GeV}$**
 - **$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 0.7$ with 14 points fit.**
- **Significance depends on background model**
- **2.9σ significance with currently estimated background.**



First look at two clusters : J/ Ψ

Benchmark for DY



Fit with Gaussian + Offset

Gaussian Fit Parameters:

- $\mu = 3.080 \pm 0.020 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- $\sigma = 0.082 \pm 0.026 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 20.83/26$
- **Significance from fit**
 - **4.5 σ**

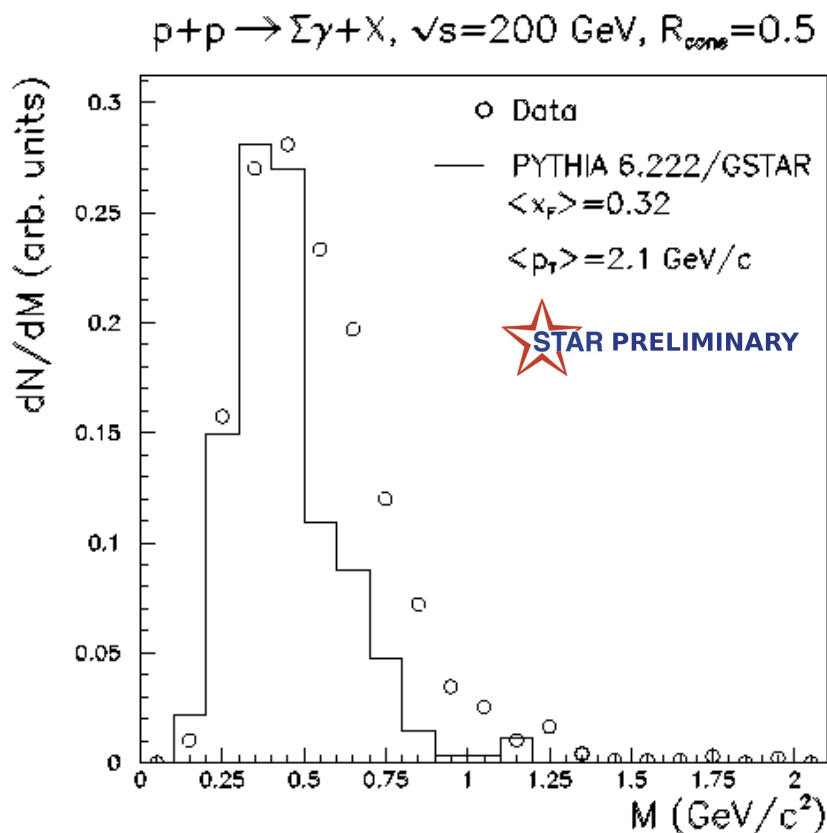
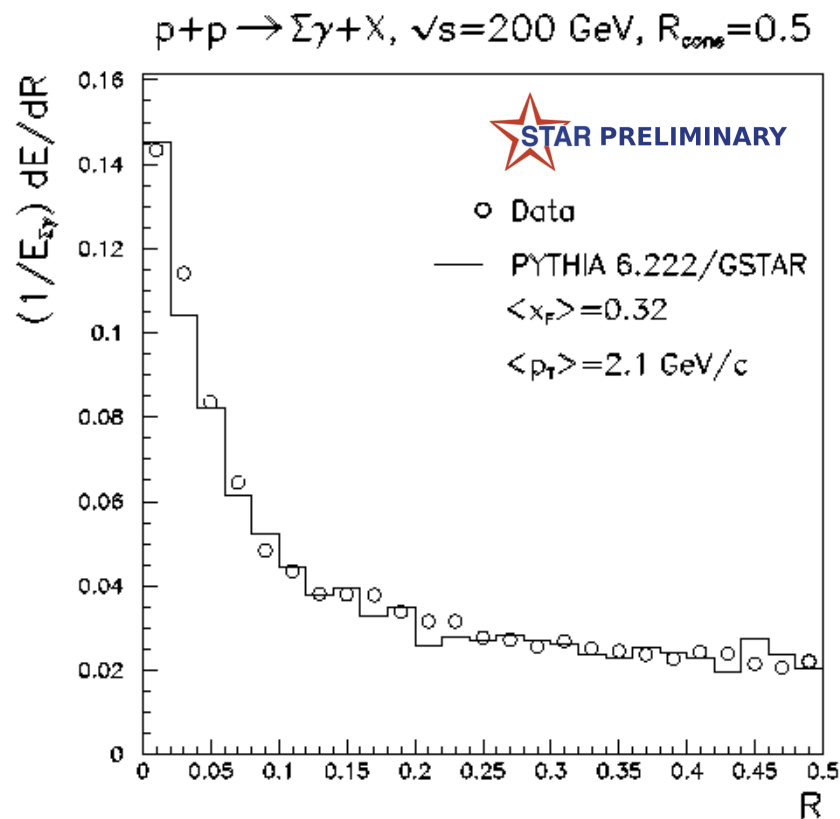
Cuts Applied:

- **E_{pair} > 60.0 GeV**
- **Z_{YY} < 0.7**
- **Isolation Radius:**
 - **0.4 Eta-Phi**
- **p_{T_cluster} > 1.0 GeV/c**

Event selection done with:

- >15 detectors with energy > 0.4GeV in the event
(no single pions in the event)
- cone radius = 0.5 (eta-phi space)
- “Jet-like” $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$; $x_F > 0.2$
- 2 perimeter fiducial volume cut (small/large cells)

A_N^{jet} is only sensitive to Sivvers
Hadron correlation with in jet
for Collins effect

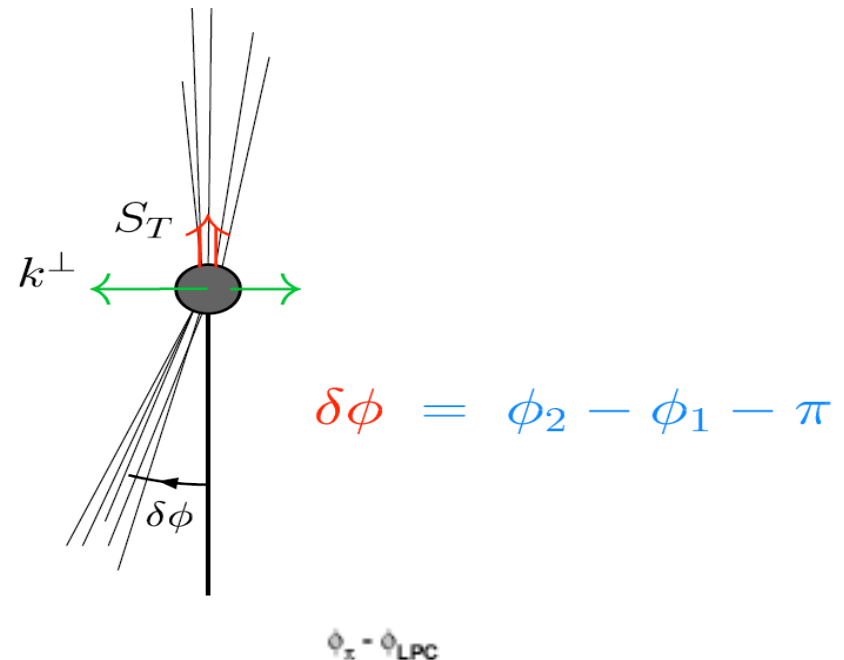
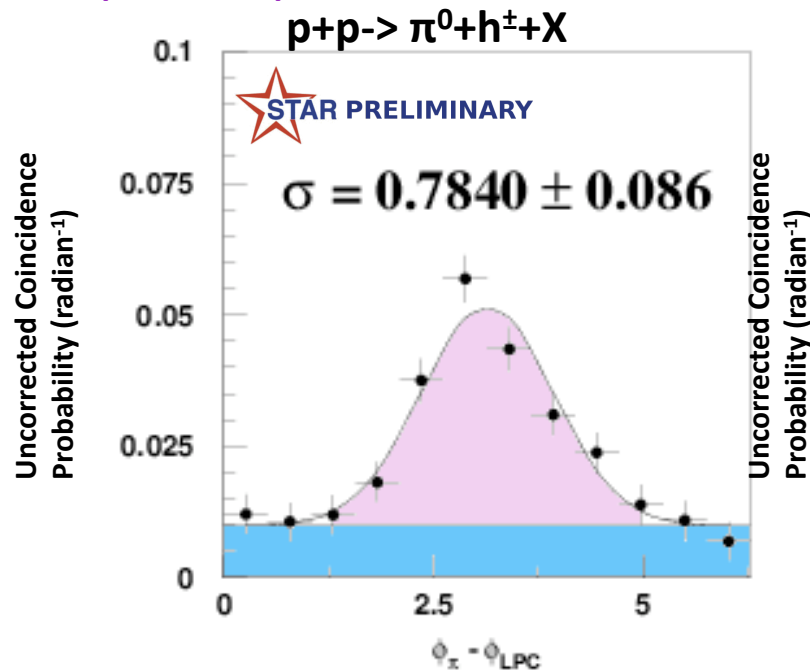




Forward pi0 (FMS) – Mid-rapidity(TPC & BEMC) Azimuthal Correlations

pQCD inspired “GSV cuts” (Guzey, Strikman and Vogelsang, hep-ph/0407201):

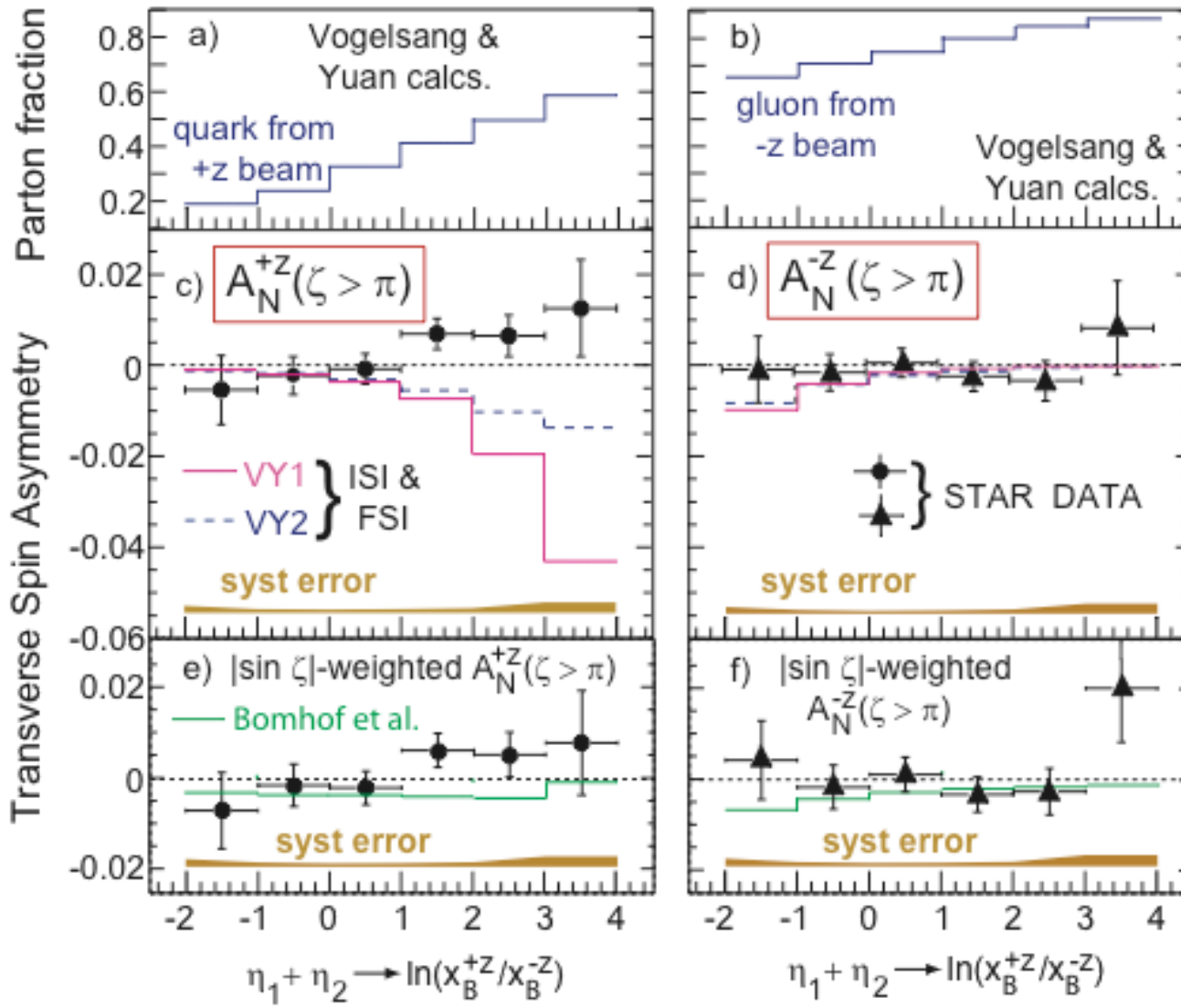
- $|\eta_{\text{TPC}}| < 0.9$; $2.8 < \eta_{\text{FMS}} < 3.8$;
- $2.5\text{GeV} < p_{\text{T}}^{(\text{FMS})}$
- $1.5\text{GeV} < p_{\text{T}}^{(\text{TPC})} < p_{\text{T}}^{(\text{FMS})}$;
- $|z_{\text{yyFMS}}| < 0.7$; $0.07 < M_{\text{yy}} < 0.30 \text{ GeV}$;
- only leading particle considered , corrected for pile-up
- as proposed in hep-ex/0502040



- Possible back-to-back di-jet/di-hadron Sivers measurements
- Low-x / gluon saturation study
- Step towards transverse spin forward photon-jet



Measured Sivers A_N for mid-rapidity Di-jets

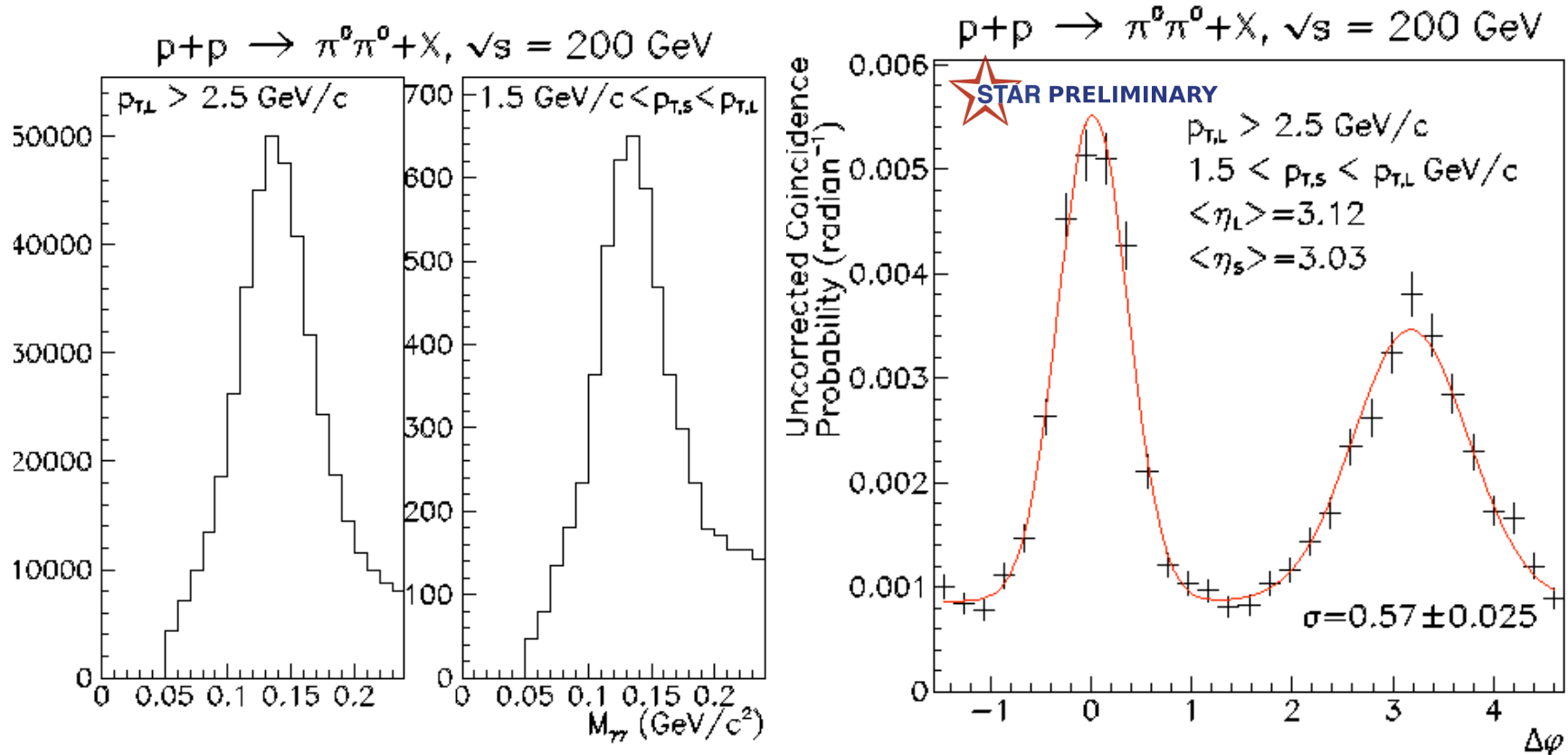


STAR A_N all consistent with zero
 \Rightarrow
both net high-x parton and low-x gluon Sivers effects ~10x smaller in pp di-jets than SIDIS quark Sivers asym.!

Same measurement but at forward where $A_N^{\pi^0}$ is none zero



Forward pi0 (FMS) – Forward pi0(FMS) Azimuthal Correlations



- Possible back-to-back di-jet/di-hadron Sivers measurement
- Possible near-side hadron correlation for Collins fragmentation function/Interference fragmentation function + Transversity
- Low- x / gluon saturation study – accessing lowest x_{Bj}^{gluon}

"Special" universality (breaking) of Sivers-F

$p \uparrow + p \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet} + X, \sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

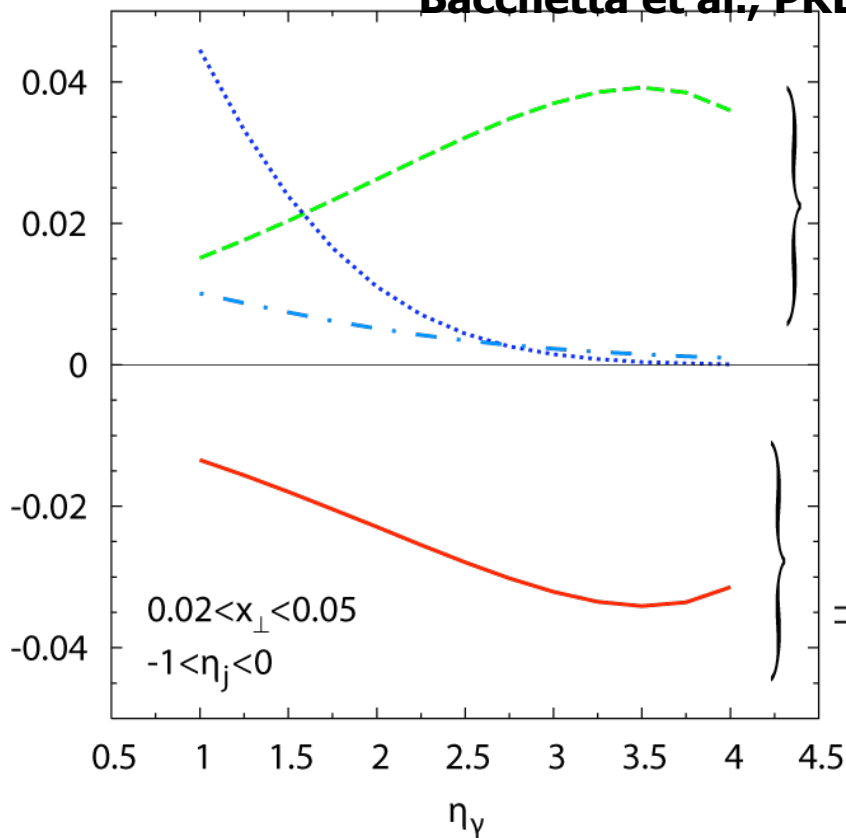
Bacchetta et al., PRL 99, 212002

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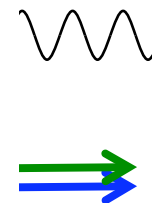
**QED
Analogy**

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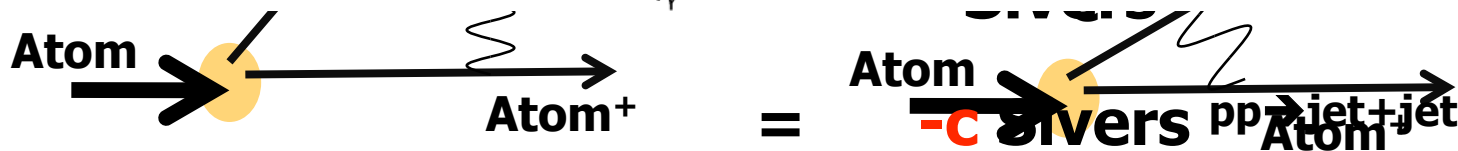
$M_N^{\gamma j}$



Conventional
calculations

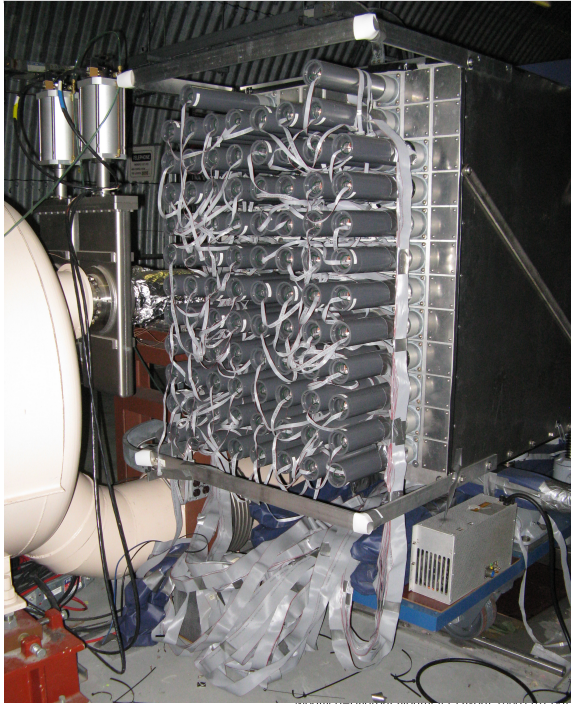


Color-charge
interactions
 \Rightarrow sign change





Forward Hadron Calorimeter (FHC)



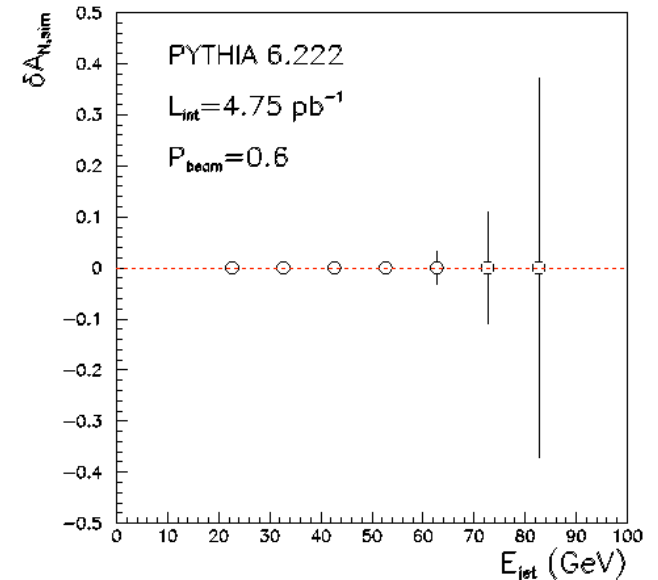
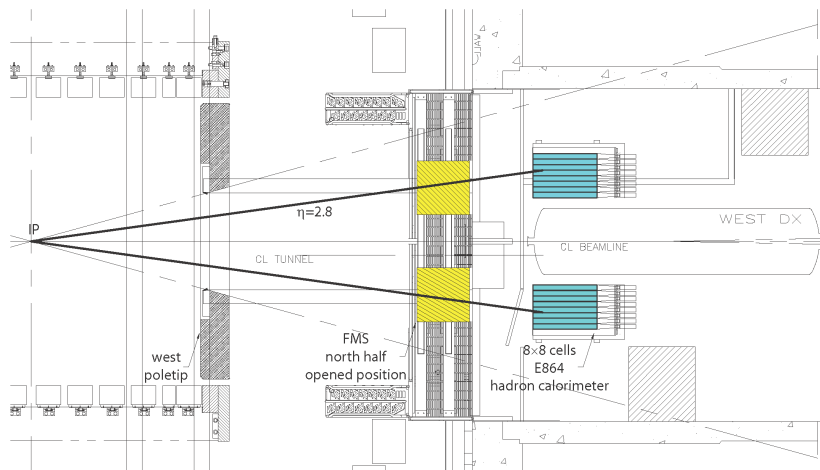
Real jet physics with FMS + FHC

Lambda, Photon (isolation)

**BNL-AGS-E864 hadron calorimeter detectors
Refurbished and used by PHOBOS**

**Estimated statistical precision for
uncertainty in analyzing power for
 $p_{\uparrow} + p \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$ at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV.**

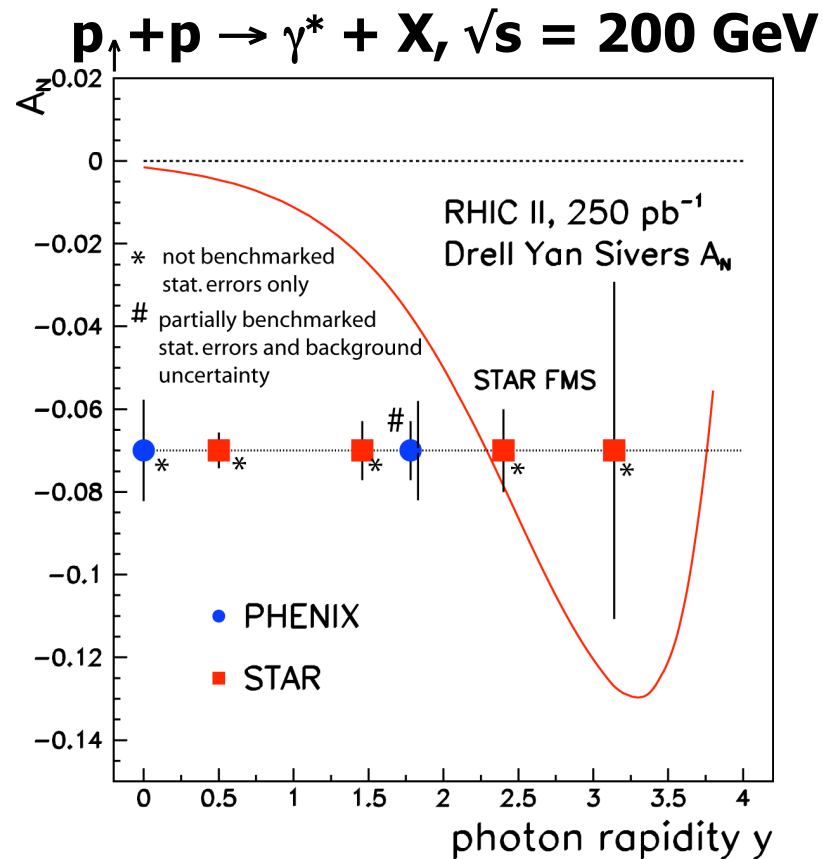
$p + p \rightarrow \text{jet} + X, \sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV, $R_{\text{cone}} = 0.5$





Transverse Spin Asymmetries for the DY Process

<http://spin.riken.bnl.gov/rsc/write-up/dy-final.pdf>



Two 10-week runs in 2015 and 2016

with RHIC-II luminosity

detector upgrades (charge sign measurement at forward)



FMS Summary and Outlook

- **Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS) is constructed & took data in run8!**

Low-x physics (Can we see Gluon saturation? CGC?)

New results at higher p_T for inclusive π^0

Separate Sivers from Collins effects

“Jet-like” events and π^0 - π^0 correlations

Near and away side jet- π^0 correlations

Heavier mesons : Eta, ω , J/ Ψ ...

- **Direct Photon + Jet to test “sign change” of Sivers function**
- **Longitudinal spin at forward – run9**
- **Forward Hadron Calorimeter (FHC) behind FMS – run11**
- **DY - RHIC2 era**

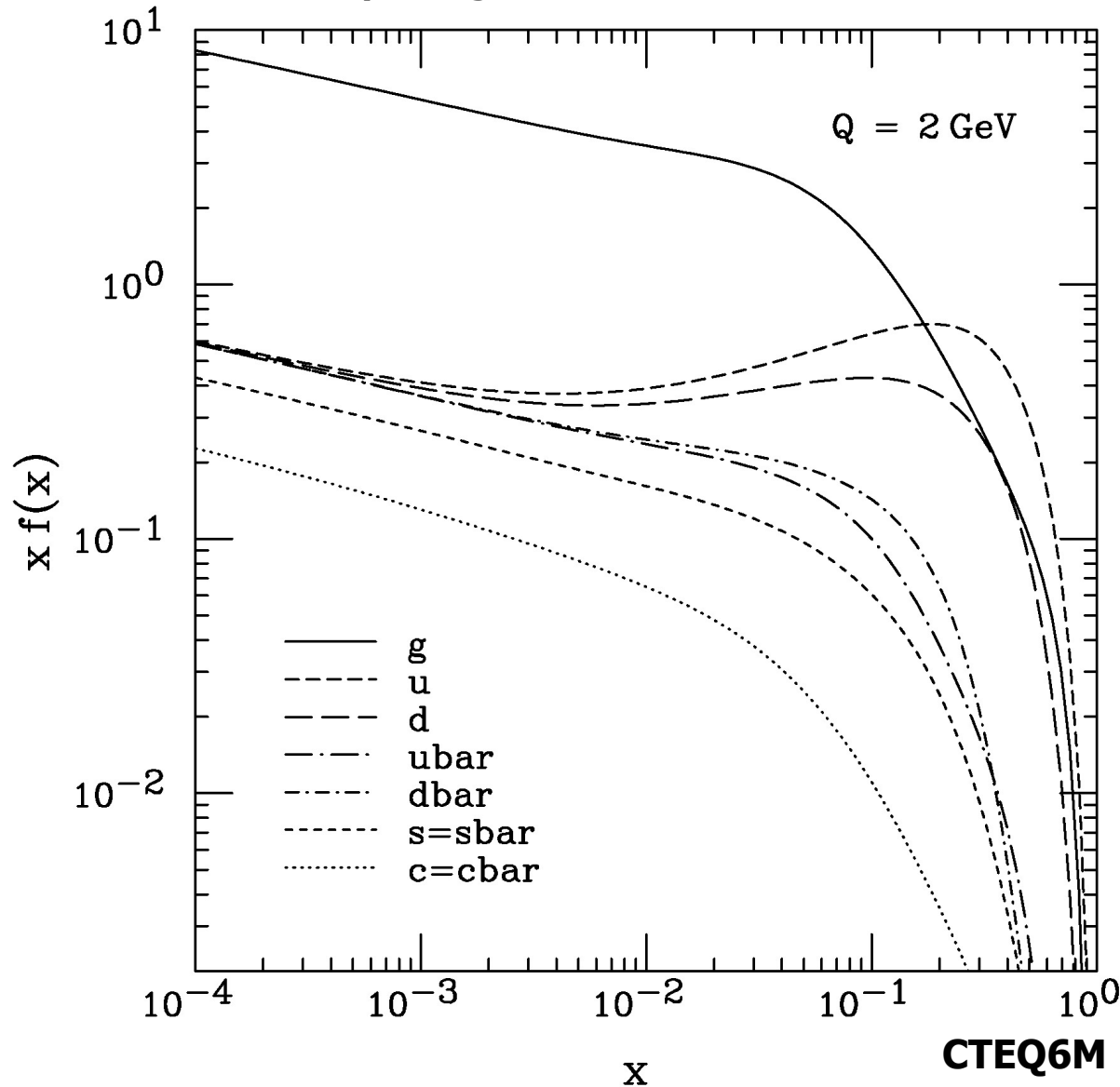


End of talk



Quark and Gluon Distribution Function

Gluon DF cannot keep rising forever



$$\int_0^1 x[u(x) + d(x) \dots] dx \sim 0.5$$

~50% of nucleon momentum is carried by quarks

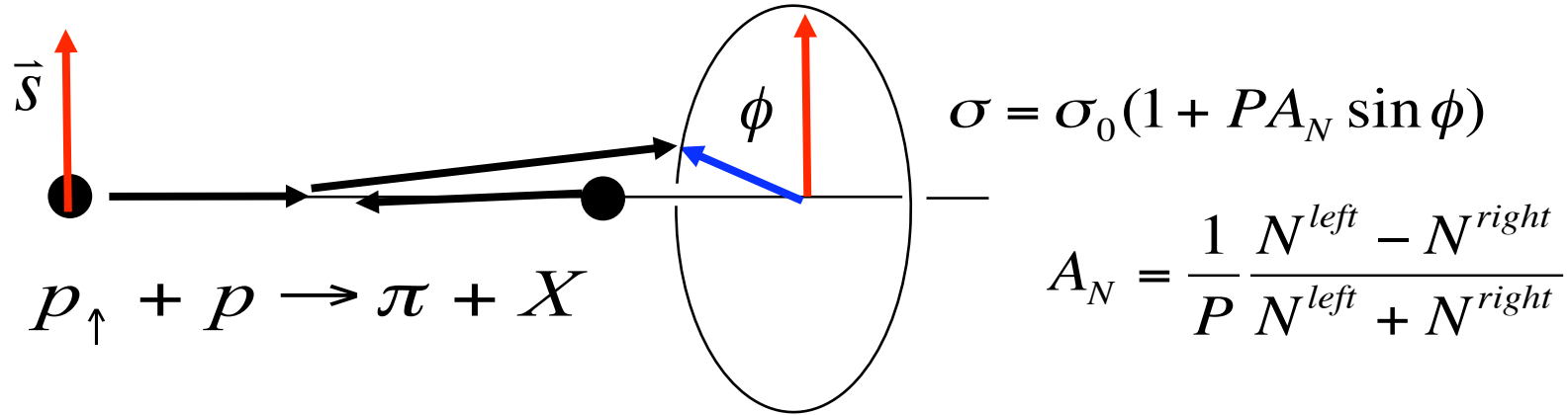
$$\int_0^1 xg(x) dx \sim 0.5$$

~50% is by gluons

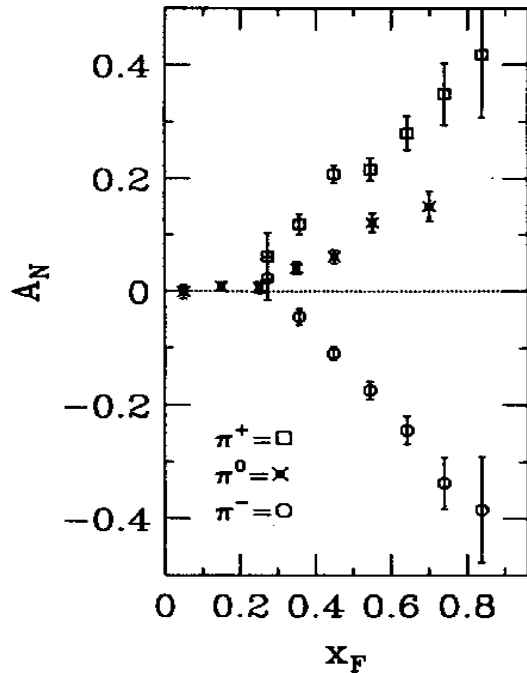


Another Spin Puzzle

Single Transverse Spin Asymmetry (A_N) in hadron collisions



$\sqrt{s}=20 \text{ GeV}, p_T=0.5-2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$



π^0 - E704, PLB261 (1991) 201.

π^{+-} - E704, PLB264 (1991) 462.

Kane, Pumplin, Repko PRL 41 1689 (1978)

$$A_N \sim \frac{m_q \alpha_s}{p_T} \sim 0.001$$

A_N is expected to be very small in pQCD at **leading twist** and with **collinear factorization**

Twist-3 effect

k_T factorization & Transverse Momentum Dependent (TMD) PDF

The Nucleon Spin Puzzle

Spin Sum Rules

Longitudinal

$$1/2 = 1/2 \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_L$$

Transverse

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RHIC Spin & SIDIS

GPD

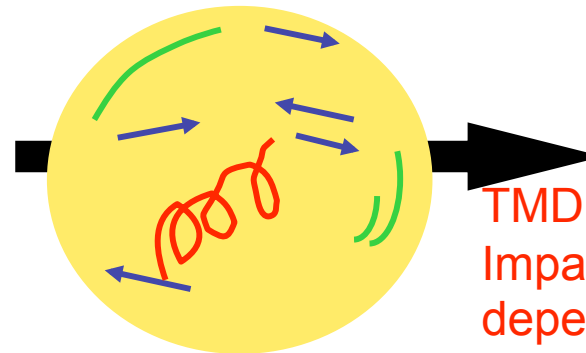
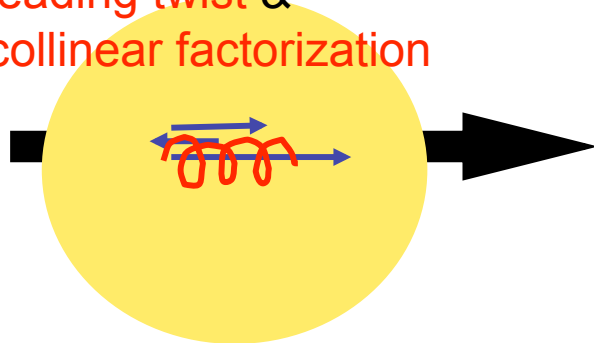
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SI-DIS & RHIC Spin

leading twist &
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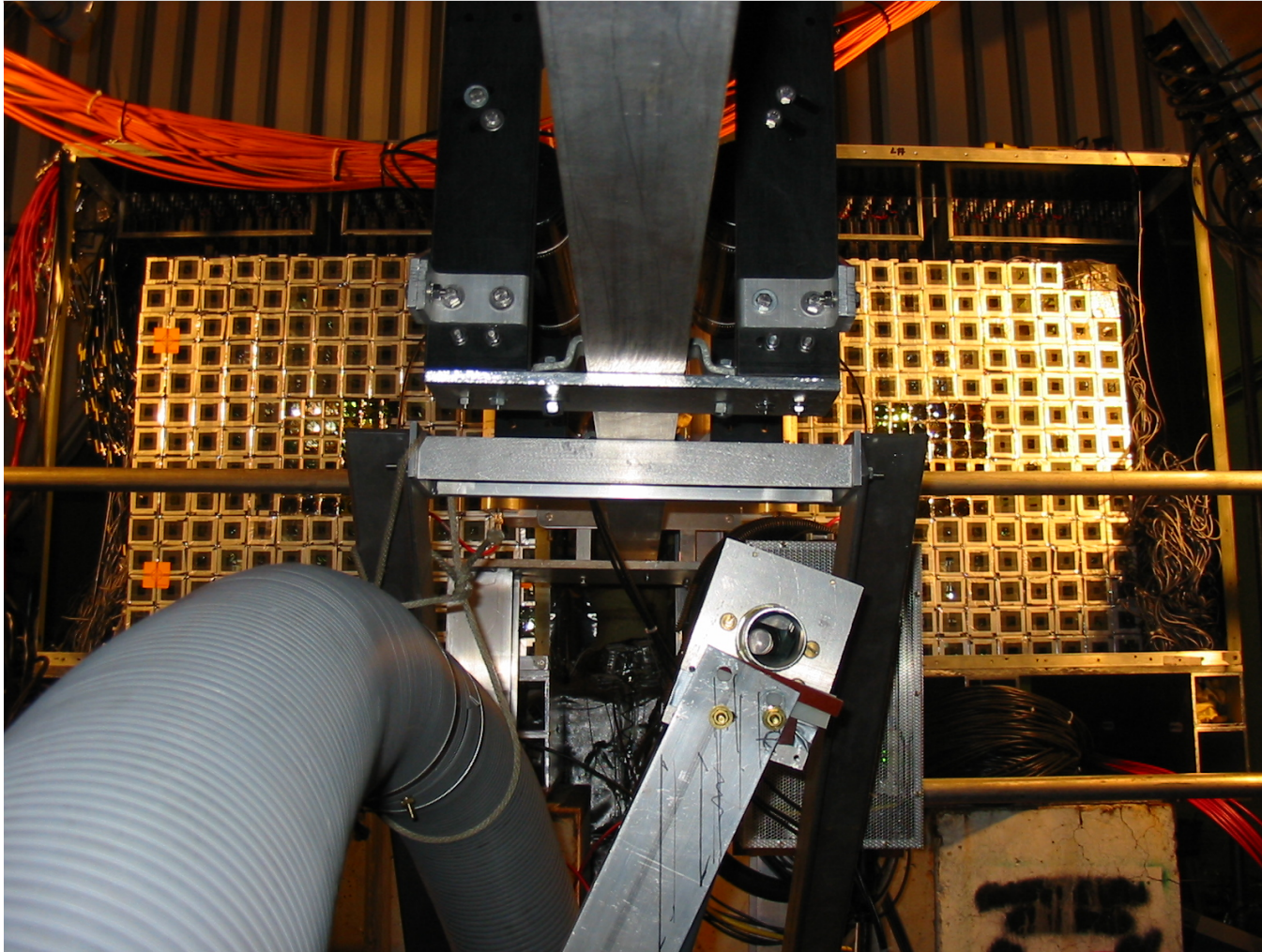


TMD, Twist-3 CF, GPD,
Impact parameter
dependent PDF, etc

Collinear & leading twist is too simplified picture to understand spin of nucleons



STAR Forward Pion Detector (FPD)



Run6

TPC: $-1.0 < \eta < 1.0$

FTPC: $2.8 < |\eta| < 3.8$

BBC: $2.2 < |\eta| < 5.0$

EEMC: $1 < \eta < 2$

BEMC: $-1 < \eta < 1$

FPD++/FPD:

$\eta \sim 3.3 - 4.1$

FPD++: engineering
test of the Forward
Meson Spectrometer