

# Transverse single spin asymmetries at large Feynman $x$ in the STAR experiment at RHIC

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# Outline

- ✧ Transverse Single Spin Asymmetries
- ✧ The STAR experiment and Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS)
- ✧ EM-Jets in forward and central rapidity and  $A_N$  measurements at RHIC Run 11 at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV
- ✧ STAR Forward Upgrades

# $\pi^0 A_N$ Measurements at Forward Rapidity

Inclusive  $\pi^0$  production

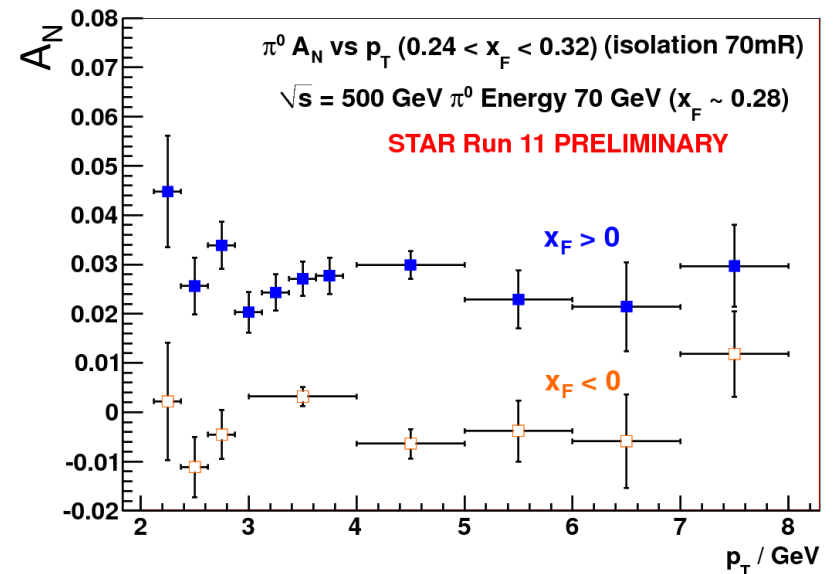
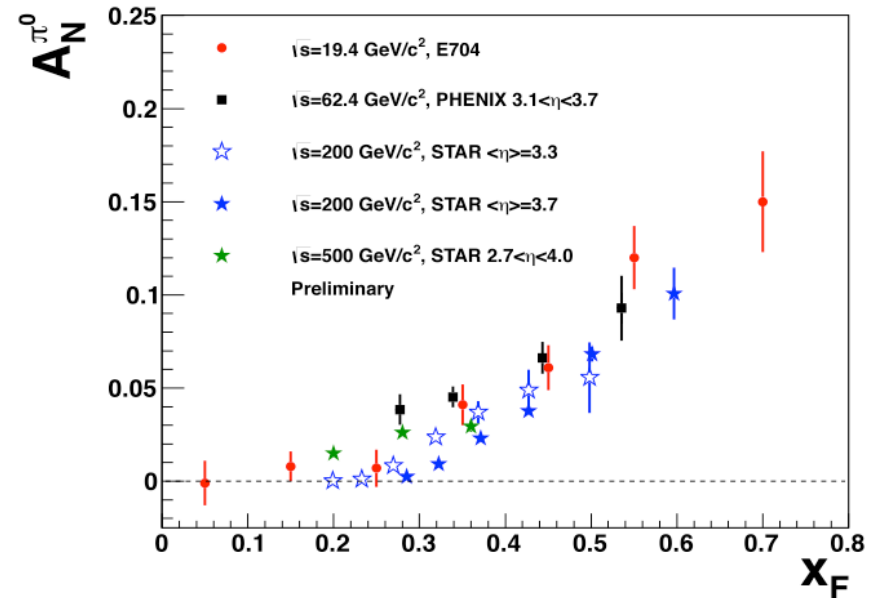
$$p \uparrow + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$$

Transverse Single Spin Asymmetry

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

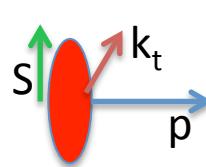
$$x_F = 2p_z/\sqrt{s}$$

- ◇ Rising  $A_N$  with  $x_F$
- ◇  $A_N$  nearly independent of  $\sqrt{s}$



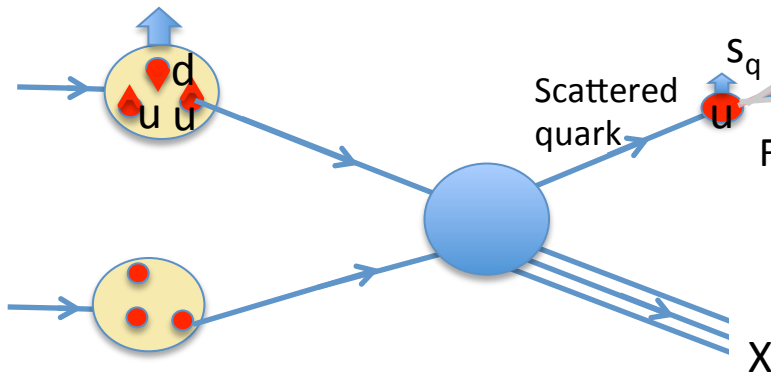
# Sivers and Collins effect

**Sivers effect** : the correlation between the **transverse momentum ( $k_t$ )** of the struck quark and the **spin ( $S$ )** and **momentum ( $p$ )** of its parent nucleon



## Sivers distribution

$$f_{q/p\uparrow}(x, k_t) = f_1^q(x, k_t^2) - f_{1t}^{\perp q}(x, k_t) \frac{\mathbf{S} \cdot (\mathbf{k}_t \times \hat{\mathbf{p}})}{M}$$



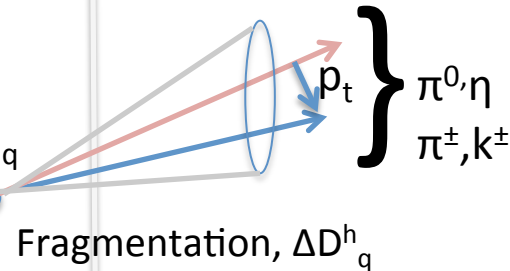
D. Sivers, Phys. Rev. D **41**, 83 (1990)

Sensitive to **proton spin- parton transverse motion** correlations

**Collins effect** : spin-momentum correlation in the hadronization process

$$\mathbf{s}_q \cdot (\mathbf{k}_q \times \mathbf{p}_t)$$

$s_q$  = spin of the fragmenting quark  
 $k_q$  = momentum direction of the quark  
 $p_t$  = transverse momentum of hadron with respect to the direction of the fragmenting quark



J. C. Collins, Nucl. Phys. **B396**, 161 (1993)

Sensitive to transversity( $\delta q$ )

# Separating Sivers and Collins effects

$$A_N = \underbrace{\propto \bar{f}_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_{\perp}^2)}_{\text{Sivers distribution}} \cdot D_q^h(z) + \underbrace{\propto \delta q(x)}_{\text{Quark transverse spin distribution}} \cdot \underbrace{H_1^{\perp}(z_2, \bar{k}_{\perp}^2)}_{\text{Collins FF}}$$

Observed transverse single-spin asymmetries of inclusive hadrons could arise from the **Sivers effect** or **Collins effect**, or from a **linear combination of the two**

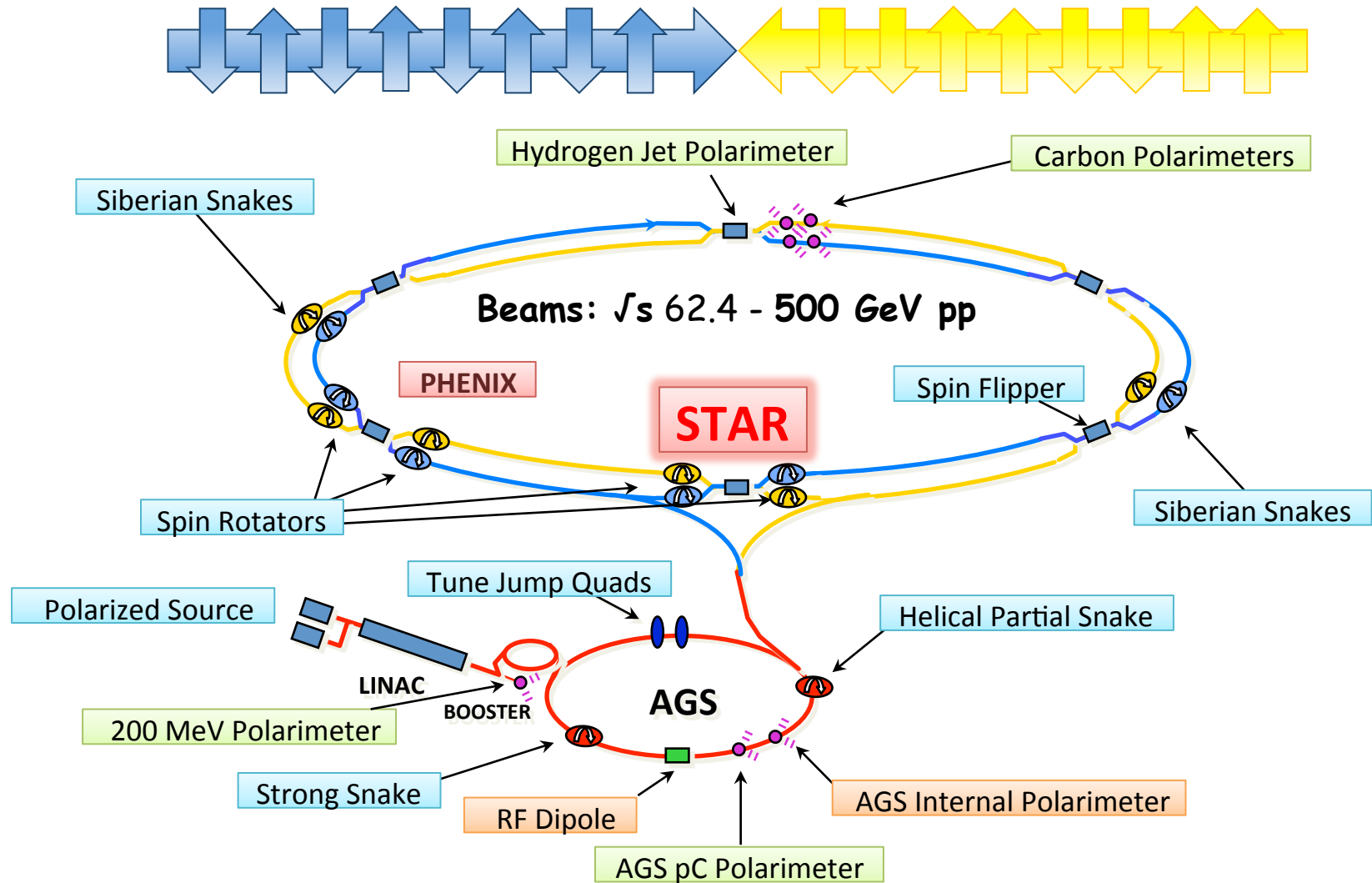
need to move beyond inclusive production

- Sivers effect : **Full Jets, Direct photons, Drell-Yan**
- Collins effect : **azimuthal orientation of particles within a jet**

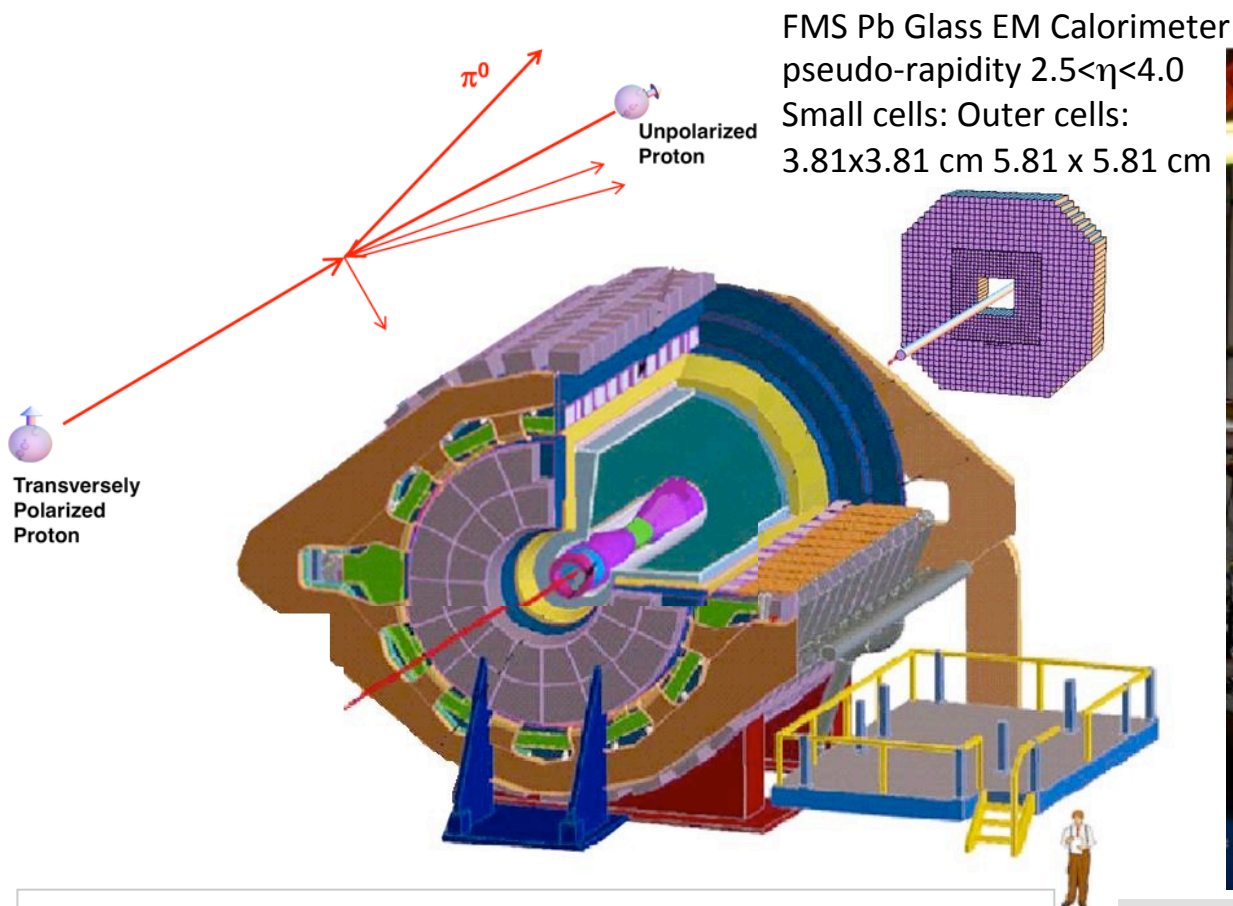
# RHIC : the world's first and only polarized proton collider

For 2011 : Average Blue Beam Polarization = 51.6% (Transverse)

Luminosity =  $22 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



# Forward ECAL in STAR



**Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS) - 2011 :**  
-- Pb glass EM calorimeter covering  $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$   
-- Detect  $\pi^0, \eta$ , direct photons and jet-like events in the kinematic region where transverse spin asymmetries are known to be large.

## Photons in FMS

Towers  $\rightarrow$  Clusters  $\rightarrow$   
(shower shape fits)

Photon candidates  
(photons)

# EM-Jet characteristics

**p+p vs = 500 GeV transverse datasets**

Jet algorithm : anti-kt

R-parameter : 0.7

$p_T^{\text{EM-Jet}} > 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$

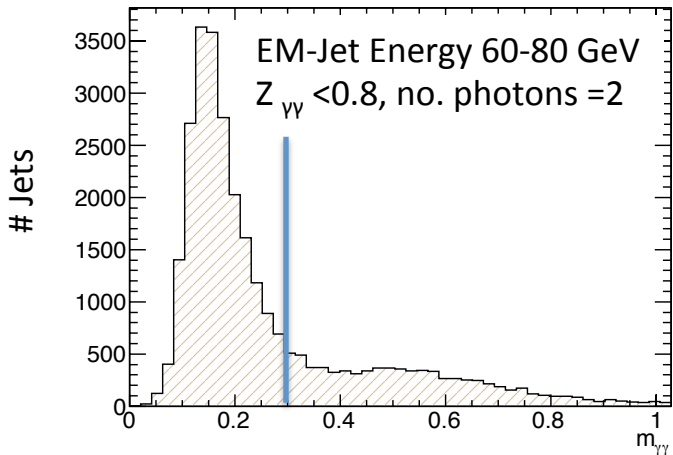
photons with  $p_T > 0.001 \text{ GeV}/c$

**Leading EM-Jets :**

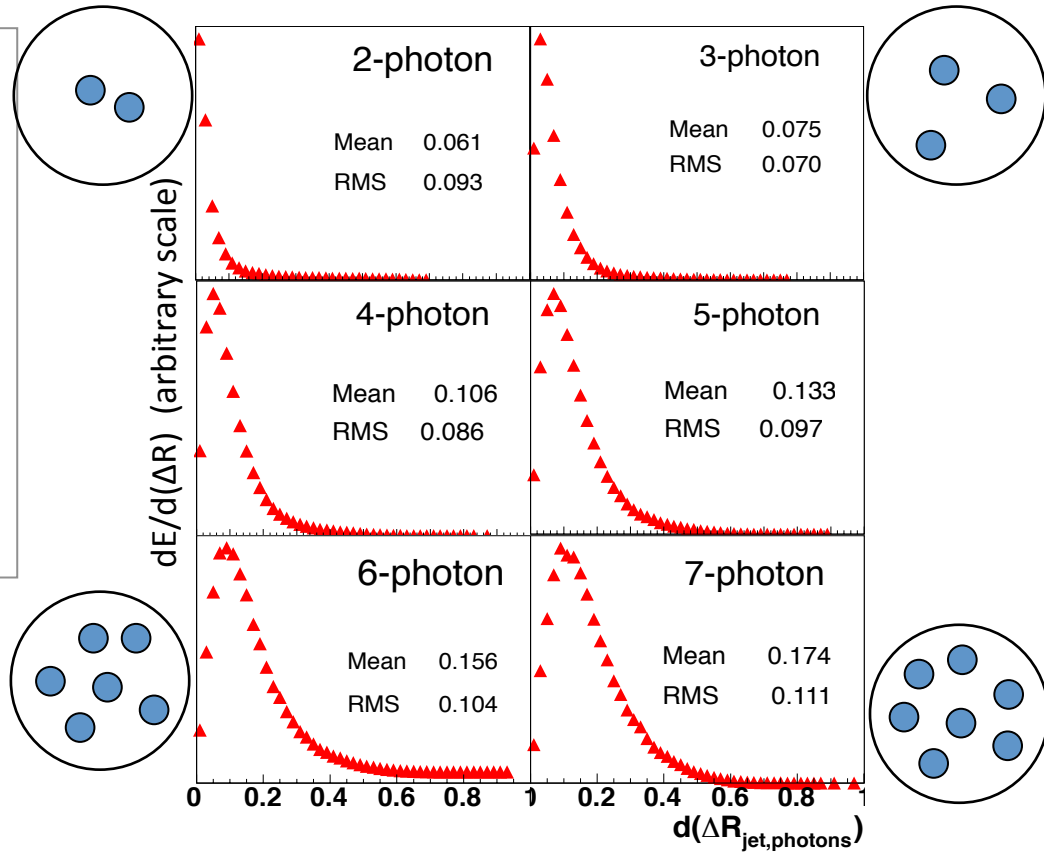
Multi-photon Jets with highest energy

$2.8 < \eta^{\text{EM-Jet}} < 4.0$

$40 \text{ GeV} < \text{Energy}^{\text{EM-Jet}} < 100 \text{ GeV}$



$\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass 2-photon EM-jets

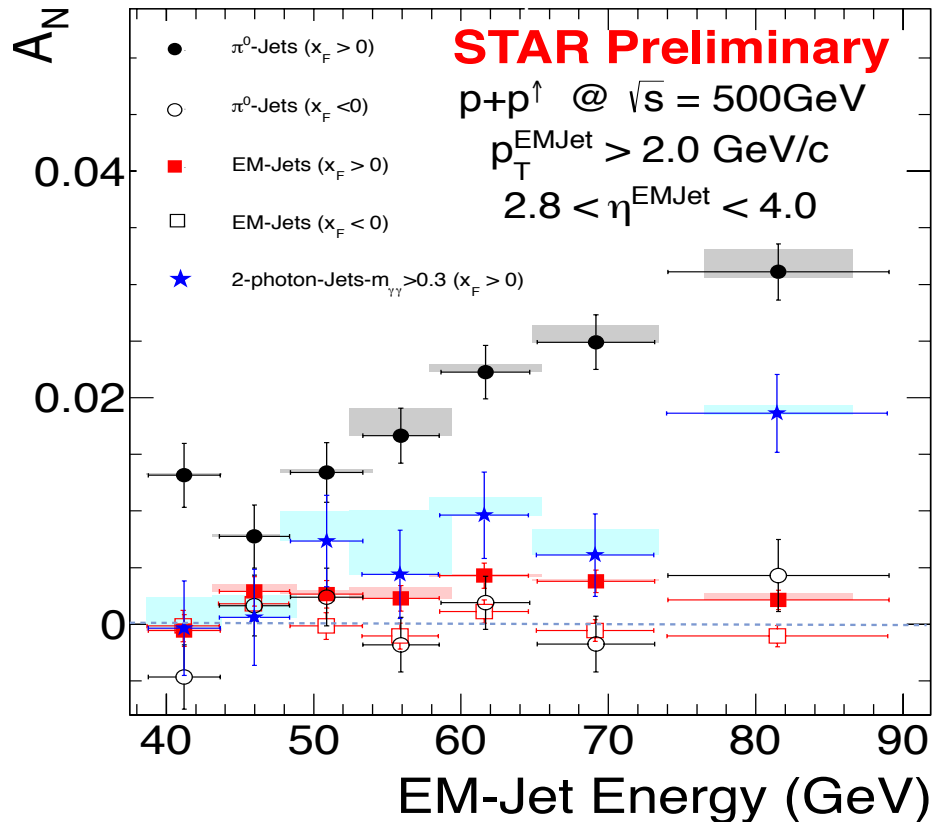


$dE/d(\Delta R)$  distribution of EM-Jets

- ✧ 2-photon jets are mostly  $\pi^0$
- ✧ Events with more than 2 photons show jet-like energy flow



# $A_N$ vs. EM-Jet Energy



$\pi^0$ -Jets –  
 2 $\gamma$ -EM-Jets  
 $m_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.3$   
 $Z_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.8$

2 $\gamma$ -EM-Jets ( $\eta$  + continuum) –  
 $m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.3$

EM-Jets –  
 photons  $> 2$

**Isolated  $\pi^0$  :**

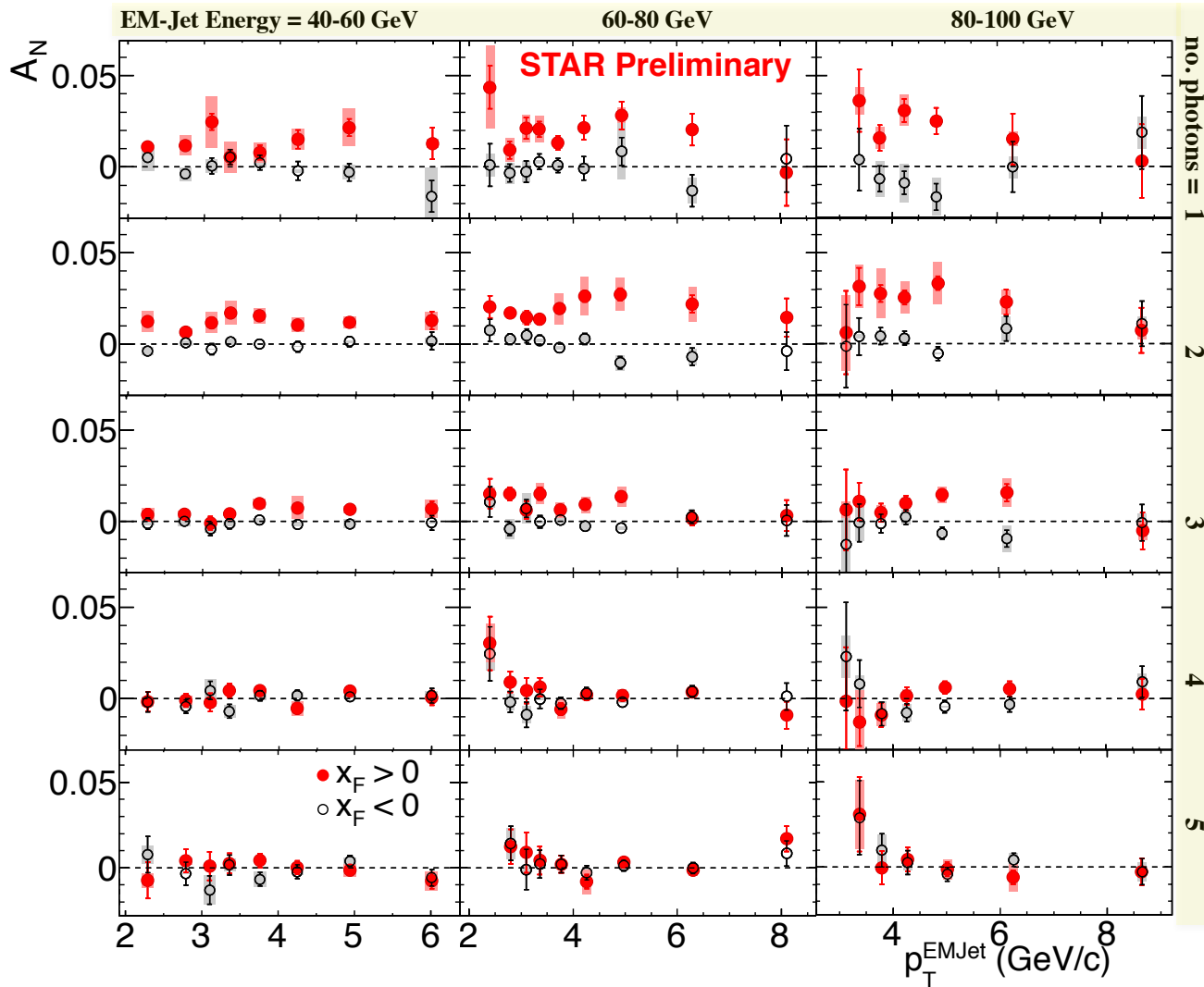
- I) reconstructed  $\pi^0$  for 2-photon jet
- II) no photon within physical cone (eg. 70mR) of reconstructed  $\pi^0$

✧ Isolated  $\pi^0$ 's have large asymmetries consistent with previous observation (CIPANP-2012 Steven Heppelmann)

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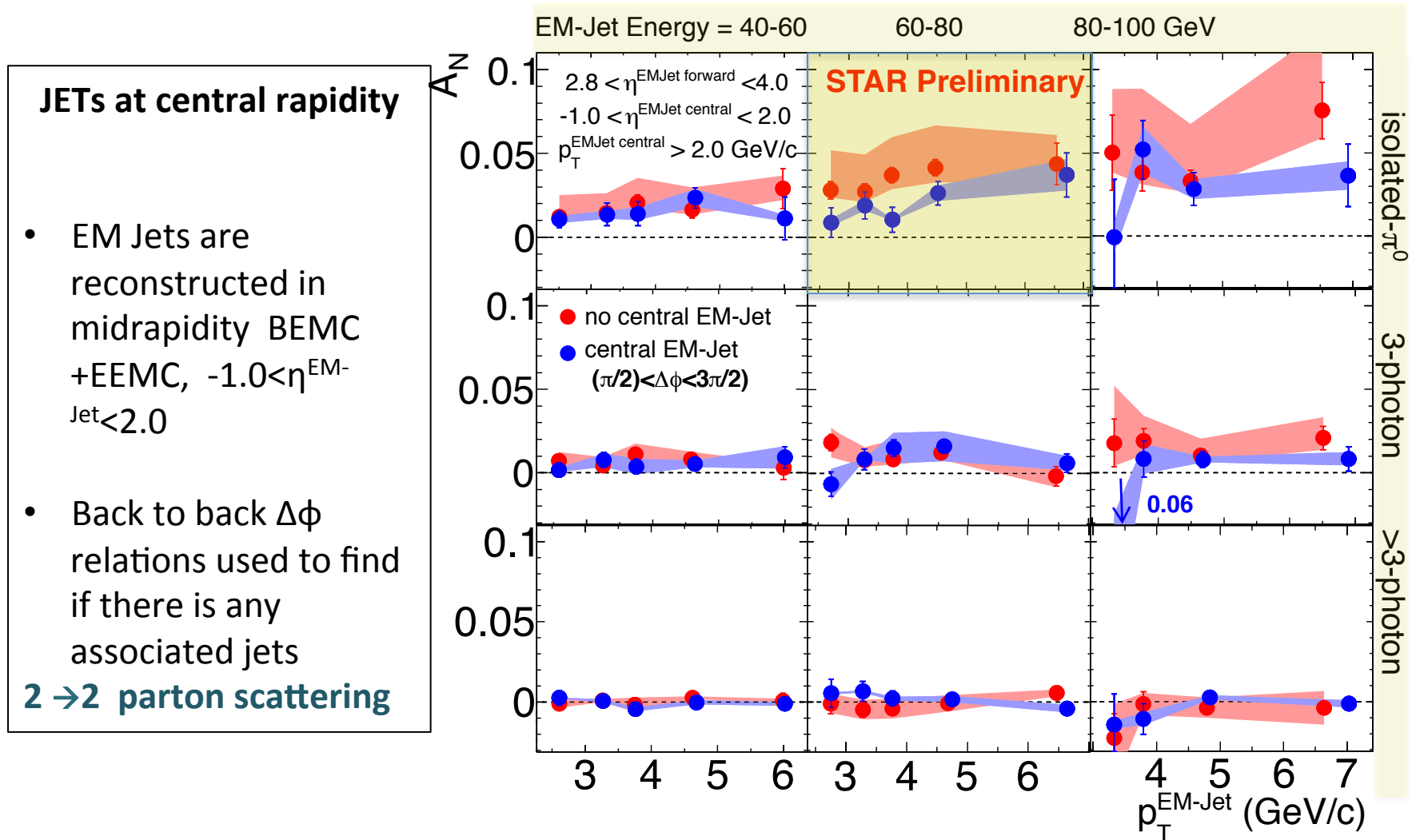
✧ Asymmetries for jets with photons  $> 2$  events are much smaller

# $A_N$ for different # photons in EM-Jets



- ✧ 1-photon events, which include a large  $\pi^0$  contribution in this analysis, are similar to 2-photon events
- ✧ Three-photon jet-like events have a clear non-zero asymmetry, but substantially smaller than that for isolated  $\pi^0$ 's
- ✧  $A_N$  decreases as the event complexity increases (more particles in jets)
- ✧  $A_N$  for #photons >5 is similar to that #photons = 5

# $A_N$ for correlated central jets and no central jet cases

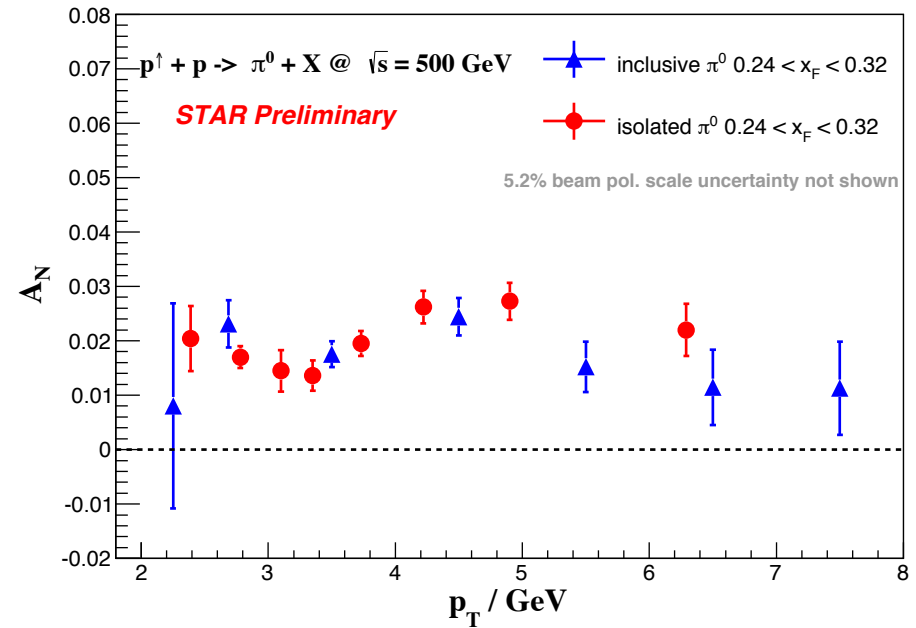
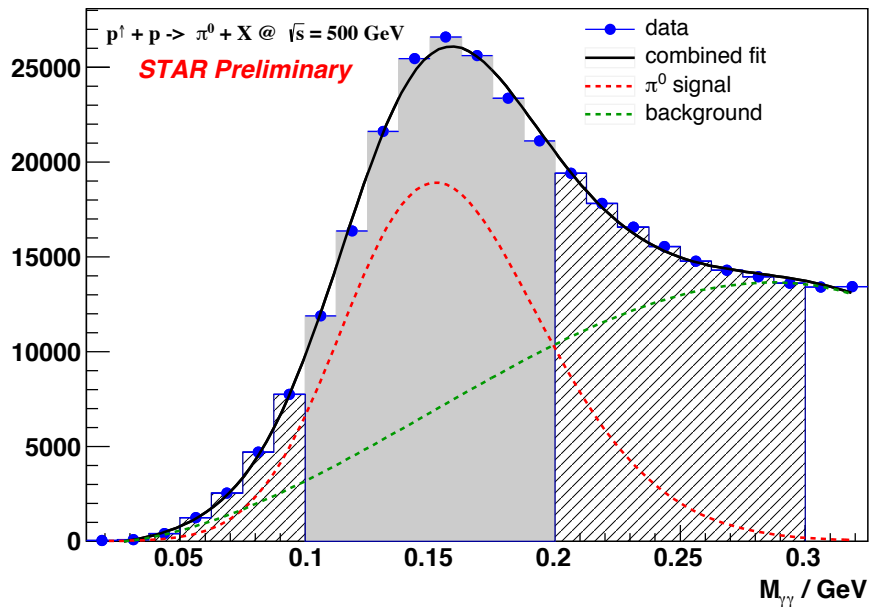


✧ Asymmetries for the forward isolated  $\pi^0$  are low when there is a correlated away-side jet.

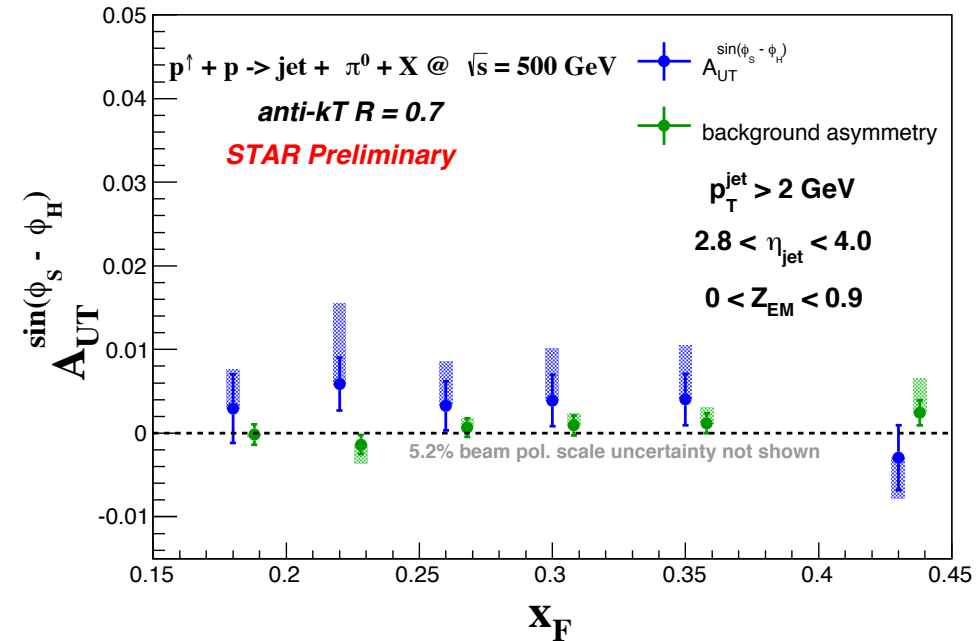
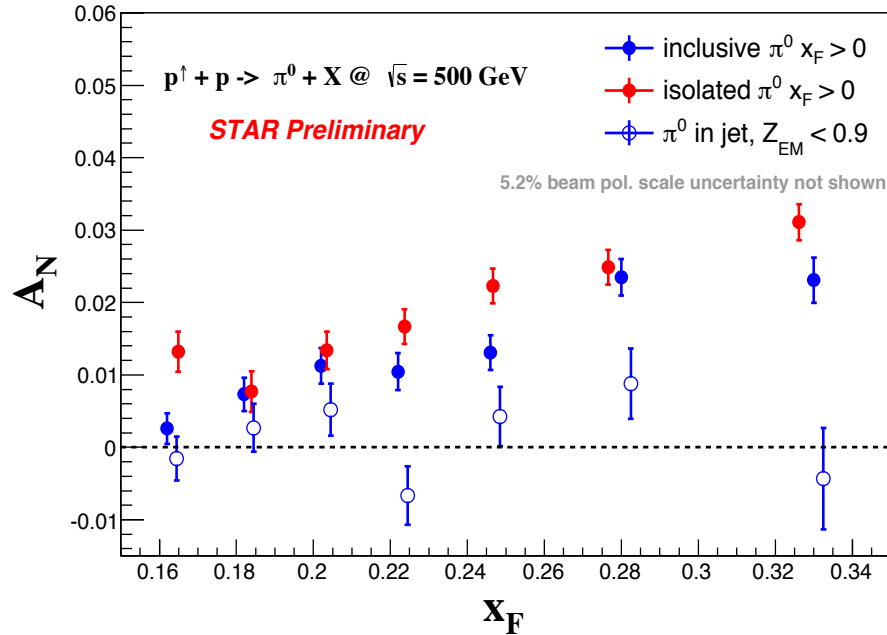
# $A_N$ for $\pi^0$ and Collins asymmetries of $\pi^0$

- $\pi^0$  is reconstructed from FMS
- Collins asymmetries of  $\pi^0$  relative to jet axis is being measured

$M_{\gamma\gamma}$  38.0 GeV <  $E_{\gamma\gamma}$  < 43.0 GeV, Fill15419



# $A_N$ for $\pi^0$ and Collins asymmetries of $\pi^0$



- Isolated  $\pi^0$  tend to have significantly larger asymmetries than  $\pi^0$  associated with jet activities in the vicinity.
- Sivers (EM-Jets) and/or Collins ( $\pi^0$  relative to jet axis) asymmetries are insufficient to account for the observed inclusive  $\pi^0$  single spin asymmetries.

# Summary and Outlook

- ✧ Jets with isolated  $\pi^0$  have large asymmetry.
- ✧  $A_N$  decreases as the event complexity increases.
- ✧ Isolated  $\pi^0$  **asymmetries are smaller when there is a correlated EM-jet** at mid-rapidity.

**Large forward  $\pi^0$   $A_N$  : Comes from  $2 \rightarrow 2$  parton scattering with some contribution from diffractive events?**

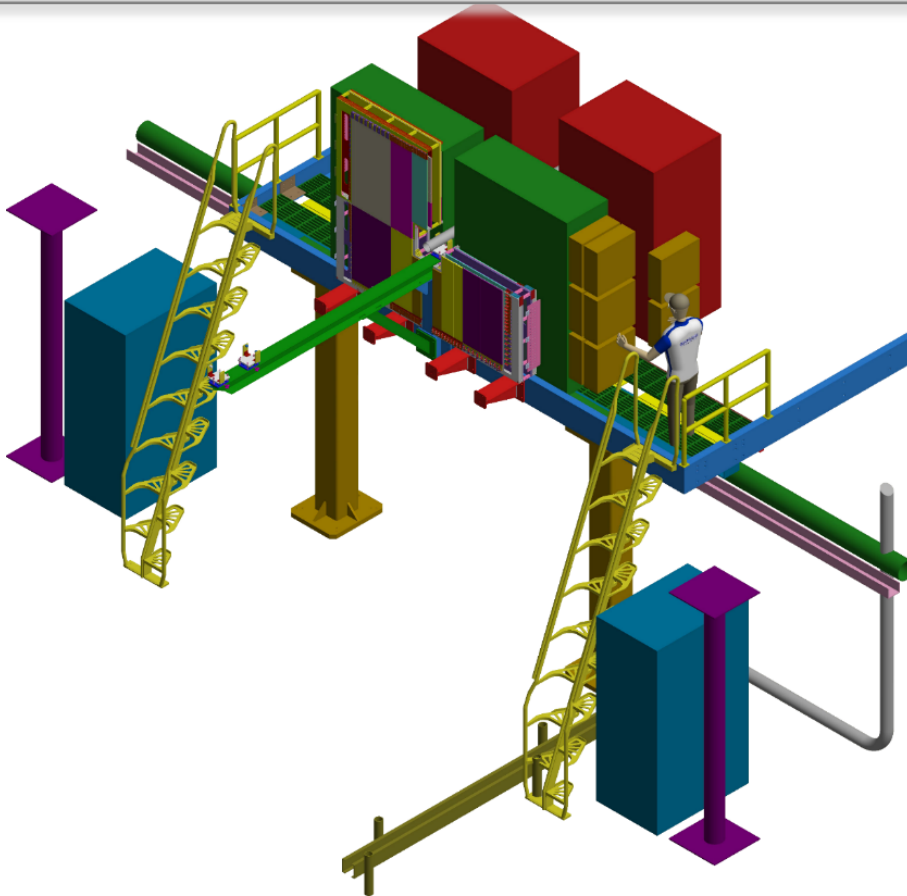
- ✧ Sivers (EM-Jets) and/or Collins ( $\pi^0$  relative to jet axis) asymmetries are insufficient to account for the observed inclusive  $\pi^0$  single spin asymmetries.

- 2015 : installation of **FMS-Preshower and Roman pots** - p+p 200 GeV longitudinal & transverse p↑+Au/Al 200 GeV transverse, **Spin effects in diffraction**
- 2017 : installation of **FMS-Postshower** - p+p 510 GeV transverse  $A_N$  for Dell Yan, direct photons

# Forward Upgrade ( $\geq 2021$ ) Overview

## Requirements:

- wide acceptance mid-rapidity detector with good PID (p,K,p)
- forward rapidities ( $1.0 < \eta < 4.5$ ) Ecal + HCal + charge identification



Forward rapidities

- $2.5 < \eta < 4.5$

Preshower detector

EM calorimeter

- PHENIX PbSc

Hadronic calorimeter

- $L = 4\lambda_1$

4-6 additional layers of Silicon

Microstrip and/or small-strip

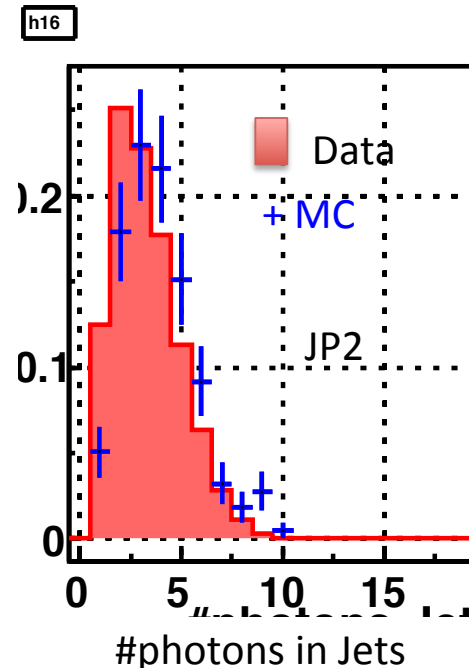
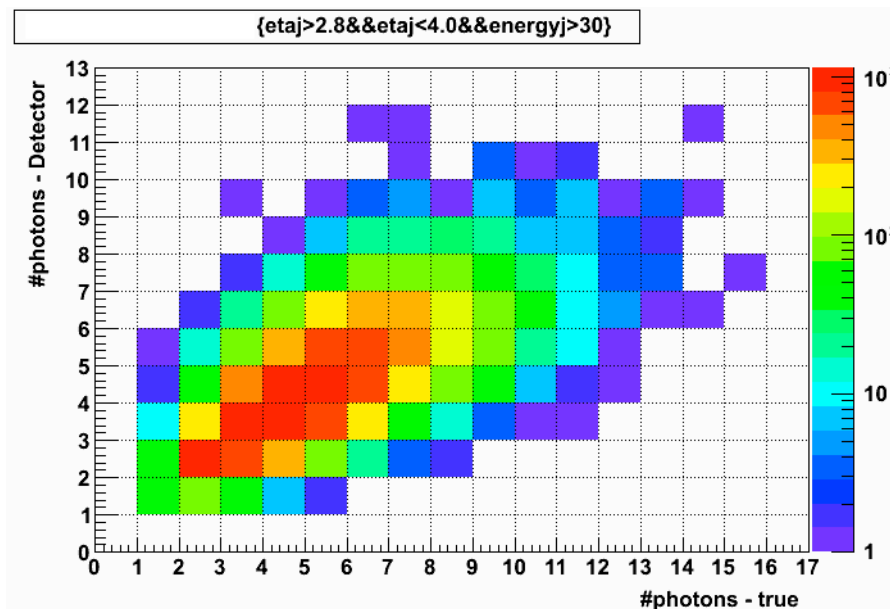
Thin Gap Chamber

backup



# Data point corrections and better understanding Detector with GEANT simulations

- Understanding FMS data with full PYTHIA simulations with standard STAR framework.
- Construct the matrix - #true photon vs. #photons detected : This would be used for correcting  $A_{N,EM-Jets}$  of a certain n-photon-class from the effect of probability misidentifying to the other n-photon-clases



#photons in Jets in MC and data was not matching :

1. Attenuation was not there in GEANT energy deposition mode. GEANT is used with an attenuation factor.
2. PYTHIA tune dependencies are checked : Hard diffraction not in current scope of PYTHIA6

# The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



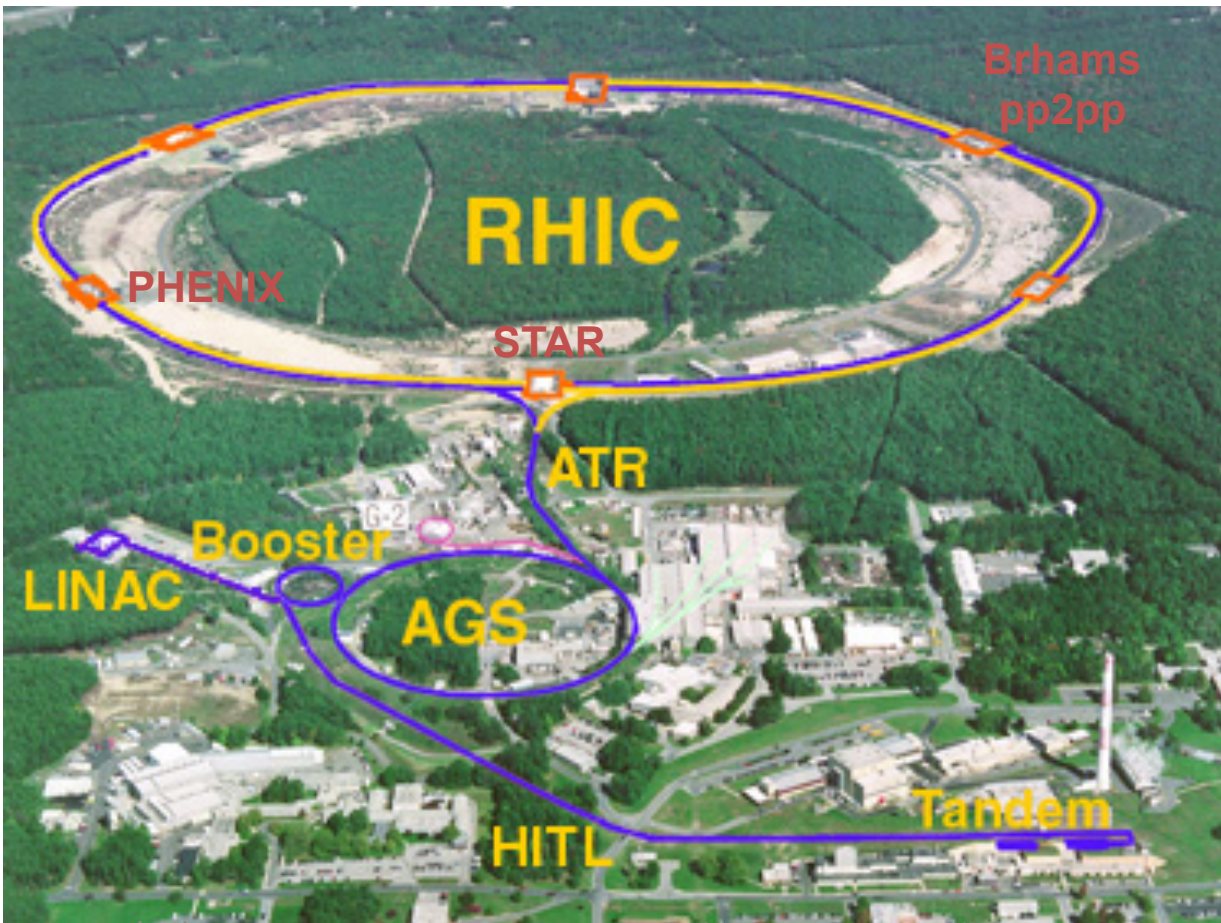
**Au+Au + Cu+Au**  
**Polarized p+p, d+Au**  
**Polarized p + Au**  
**RHIC is a QCD lab**

## RHIC Physics Focus

- 1) **Heavy-ion Program**
  - Study medium properties, EoS
  - pQCD in hot and dense medium
- 2) **RHIC beam energy scan**
  - search of critical point
  - chiral symmetry restoration

- 1) **Longitudinal and transverse spin programs**
  - Study proton intrinsic properties
- 2) **Forward program**
  - spin structure of proton
  - Study of low x properties and search for CGC

**Tagged forward physics**  
-- Study elastic and inelastic processes  
-- Investigate gluonic exchanges and search for gluonic matter



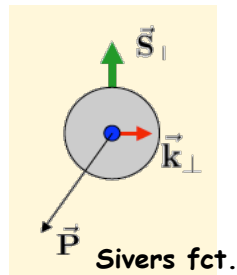
# TSSA – two theoretical framework

## Spin-dependent transverse momentum dependent (TMD) function $S_T$ .

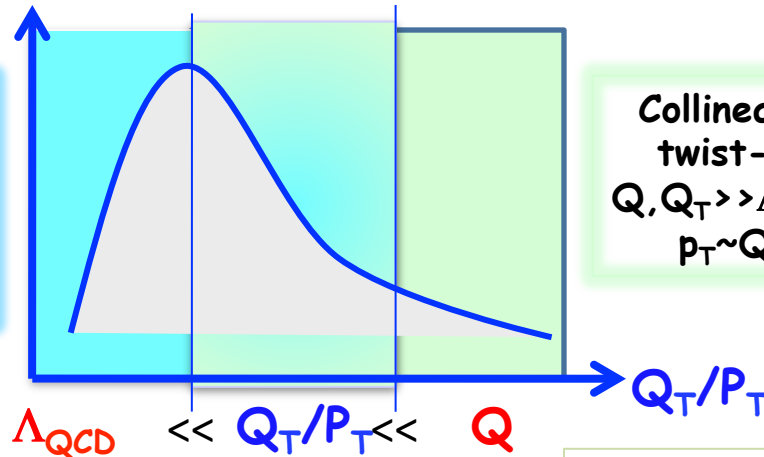
Brodsky, Hwang, Schmidt, 02

Collins, 02, Ji, Belitsky, Yuan, 02

+ Collins fragmentation functions



Transverse momentum dependent  
 $Q \gg Q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$   
 $Q \gg p_T$



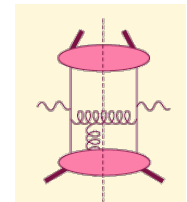
## Twist-3 quark-gluon correlations

Efremov & Teryaev: 1982 & 1984

Qiu & Stermann: 1991 & 1999

+ Twist three fragmentation functions

Collinear/  
 twist-3  
 $Q, Q_T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$   
 $p_T \sim Q$



Efremov, Teryaev;  
 Qiu, Stermann

Need 2 scales  
 $Q^2$  and  $p_+$   
 Remember pp:  
 most observables one scale  
 Exception:  
 DY, W/Z-production

Need only 1 scale  
 $Q^2$  or  $p_+$   
 But  
 should be of reasonable size  
 should be applicable to  
 most pp observables  
 $A_N(\pi^0/\gamma/\text{jet})$

# A<sub>N</sub> from fits

✧ A<sub>N</sub> is calculated from p0 + P×A<sub>N</sub> cos(φ) fits over each fill on

$$\frac{N_{\uparrow}(\phi) - N_{\downarrow}(\phi)}{N_{\uparrow}(\phi) + N_{\downarrow}(\phi)} = p0 + P \times A_N \cos(\phi)$$

p0 = relative luminosity

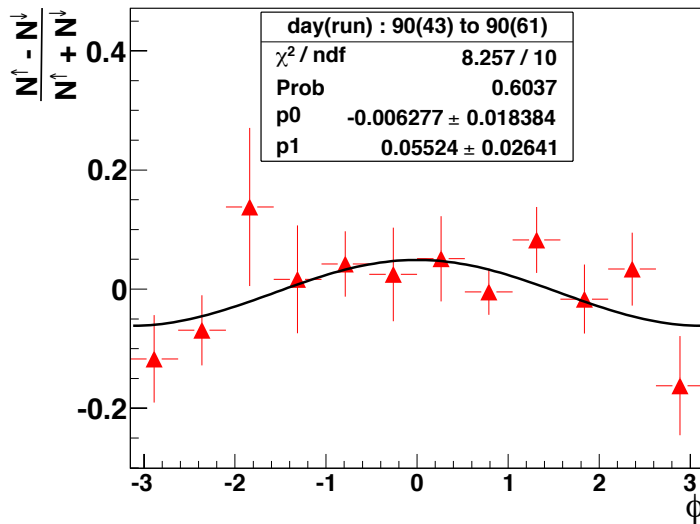
A<sub>N</sub> = asymmetry

P = polarization

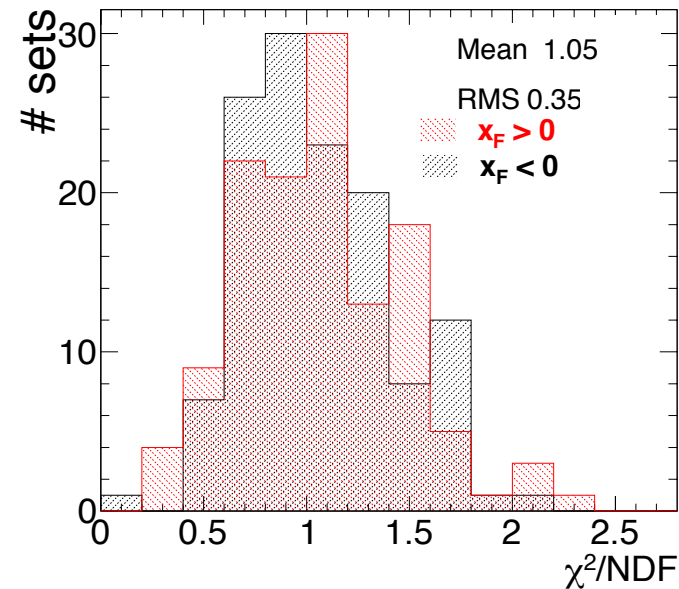
--- A<sub>N</sub>'s are corrected for polarization values from RHIC-fills

--- A<sub>N</sub> and χ<sup>2</sup>/NDF are calculated over entire fills

EM-Jet Energy = 55-57.5 GeV

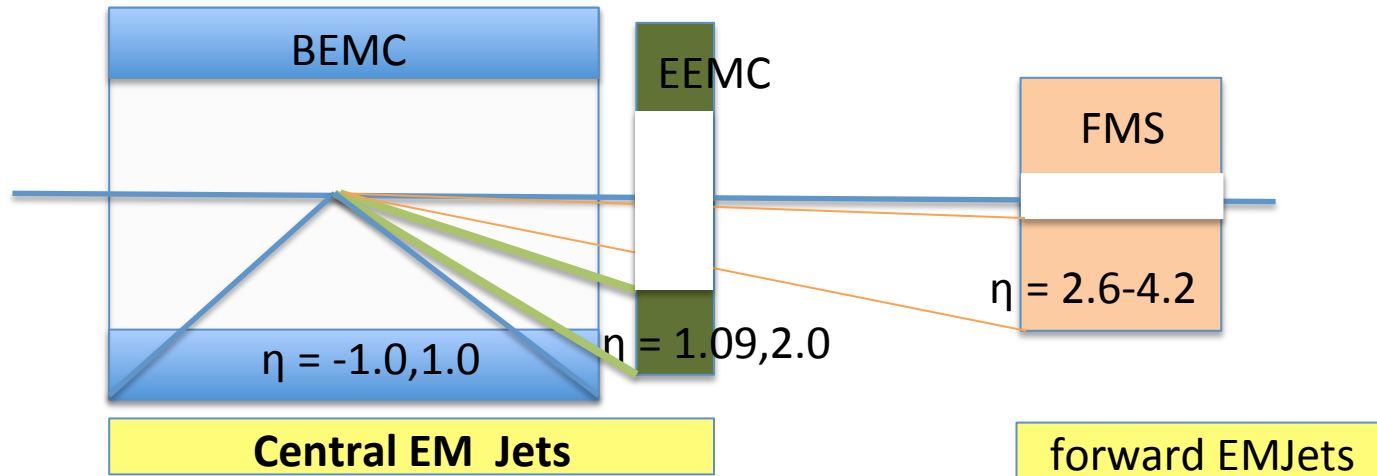


For 2-photon isolated π<sup>0</sup>



For each slice of data averaged over ~18 fills. Fits are well in control.

# $A_N$ with mid-rapidity activities



towers (BEMC+EEMC) :

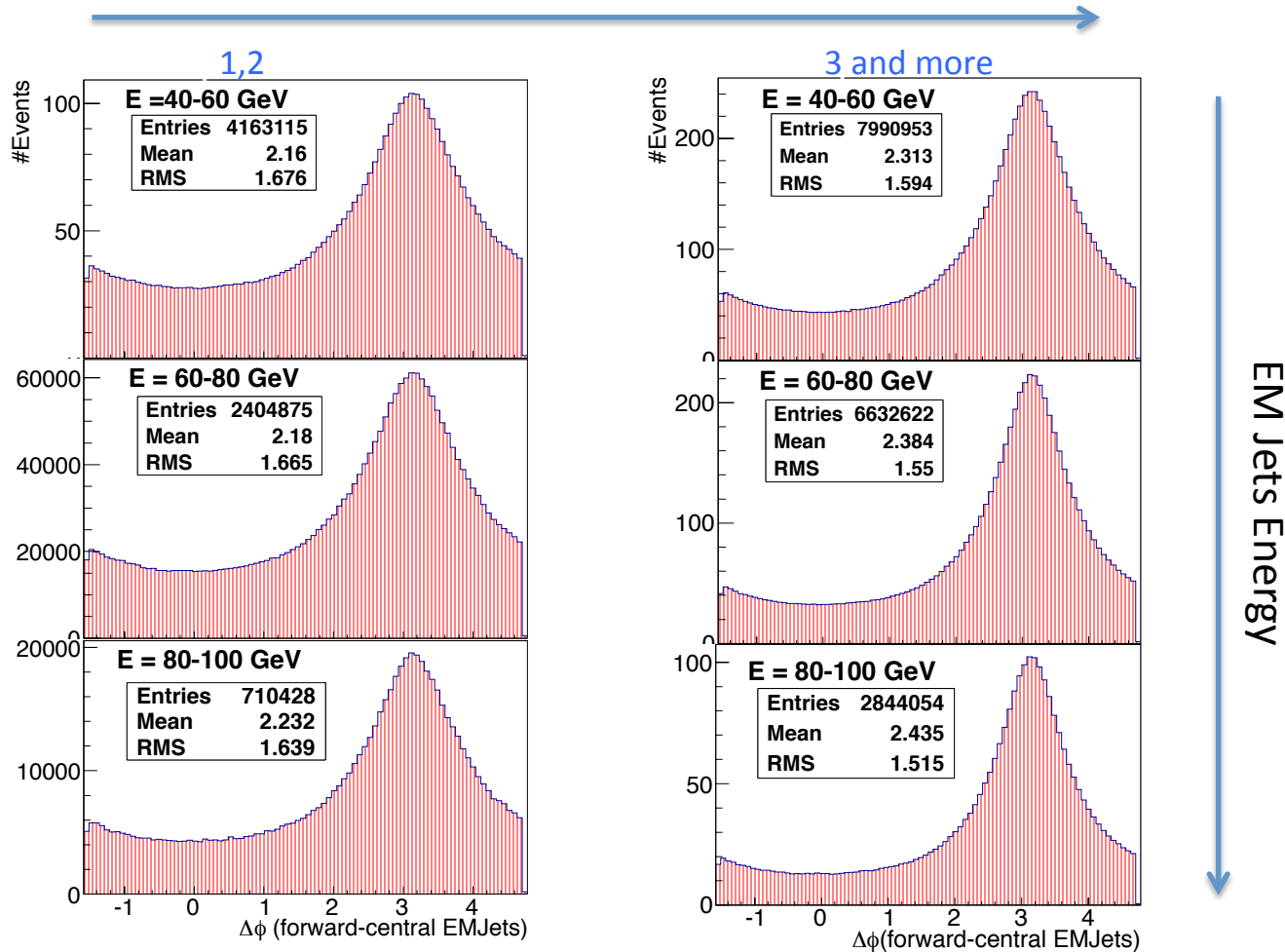
anti- $k_T$ ,  $R = 0.7$ ,  $p_T^{\text{EM-Jet}} > 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $-1.0 < \eta^{\text{EM-Jet}} < 2.0$

**Leading central EM-Jets** : Jet with highest  $p_T$

- Case-I : having no central jet
- Case-II : having a central jet

# $\Delta\Phi$ correlations between forward and central EM-Jets

Number of photons for forward EMJets :



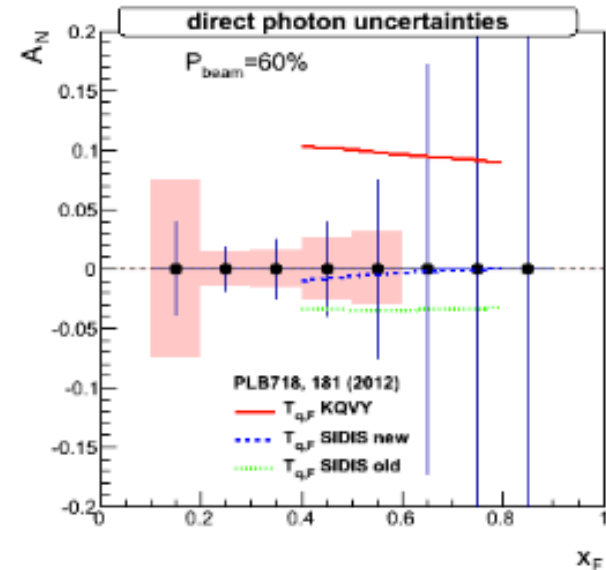
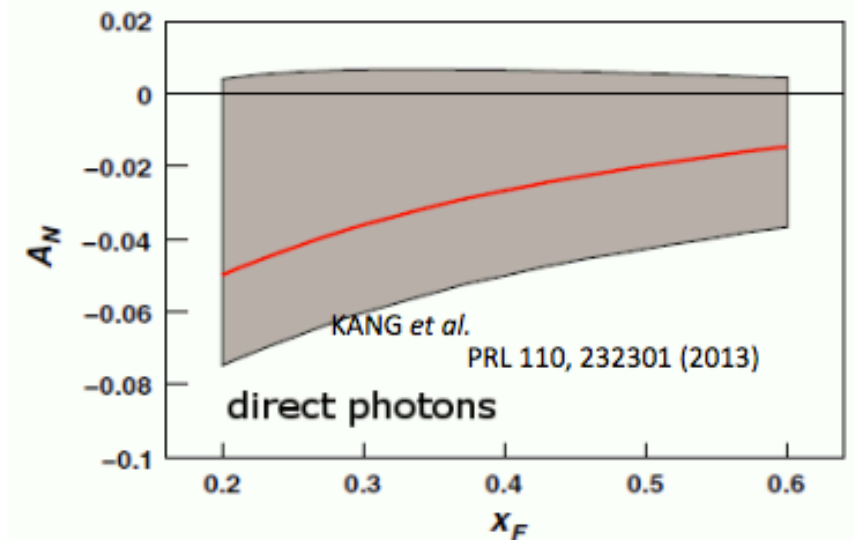
- ✧ Correlation is stronger for more  $N_{\text{photon}}$  Jets
- ✧ For higher EMJets energy, correlation grows stronger

# RHIC Cold QCD Schedule

Year	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Delivered Luminosity	Scientific Goals	Observable	Required Upgrade
2017	p <sup>†</sup> p @ 510	400 pb <sup>-1</sup> 12 weeks	Sensitive to Sivers effect non-universality through TMDs and Twist-3 $T_{g,F}(x,x)$ Sensitive to sea quark Sivers or ETQS function Evolution in TMD and Twist-3 formalism  Transversity, Collins FF, linearly pol. Gluons, Gluon Sivers in Twist-3  First look at GPD $Eg$	$A_N$ for $\gamma$ , $W^\pm$ , $Z^0$ , DY  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-2\phi_h)}$ $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-\phi_h)}$ modulations of $h^\pm$ in jets, $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s)}$ for jets  $A_{UT}$ for J/ $\Psi$ in UPC	$A_N^{DY}$ : Postshower to FMS@STAR  None  None
2023	p <sup>†</sup> p @ 200	300 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	subprocess driving the large $A_N$ at high $x_F$ and $\eta$  evolution of ETQS fct. properties and nature of the diffractive exchange in p+p collisions.	$A_N$ for charged hadrons and flavor enhanced jets  $A_N$ for $\gamma$ $A_N$ for diffractive events	Yes Forward instrum.  None None
2023	p <sup>†</sup> Au @ 200	1.8 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	What is the nature of the initial state and hadronization in nuclear collisions  Nuclear dependence of TMDs and nFF  Clear signatures for Saturation	$R_{pAu}$ direct photons and DY  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-\phi_h)}$ modulations of $h^\pm$ in jets, nuclear FF  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	$R_{pAu}(DY)$ : Yes Forward instrum.  None  Yes Forward instrum.
2023	p <sup>†</sup> Al @ 200	12.6 pb <sup>-1</sup> 8 weeks	A-dependence of nPDF,  A-dependence of TMDs and nFF  A-dependence for Saturation	$R_{pAl}$ : direct photons and DY  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s-\phi_h)}$ modulations of $h^\pm$ in jets, nuclear FF  Dihadrons, $\gamma$ -jet, h-jet, diffraction	$R_{pAl}(DY)$ : Yes Forward instrum. None  Yes Forward instrum.

# STAR future measurements

Observable without fragmentation func. : Drell-Yan,  $W^\pm$  /Z, jets, direct photons



$Y_{\text{direct}}$  measurements as a test of twist-3 framework

STAR :  
pp 200GeV, L = 40/pb, P=60%

## STAR forward goals for data taking on 2015

- Direct Photon x-section &  $A_N$  at  $p_T > 2.0\text{GeV}$  (FMS + Pre-shower)
- $\text{Pi}^0 A_N$  - Jetty vs Isolated :  
pp vs pA(p+Au, p+Al), diffractive vs non-diffractive (Roman Pots)
- Study di-electron channel (J/psi) towards DY