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Longitudinal double-spin asymmetries **of inclusive jet and di-jet production at STAR**

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GLUON HELICITY DISTRIBUTION

STAR spin program goal:

• Delineate the **spin structure of the proton** in terms of quarks and gluons

Tool:

• **Strong interactions** in polarized proton-proton collisions (complementary to DIS measurements)

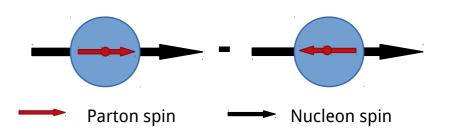
How do gluon spins contribute to the proton spin?

$$S = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_G$$

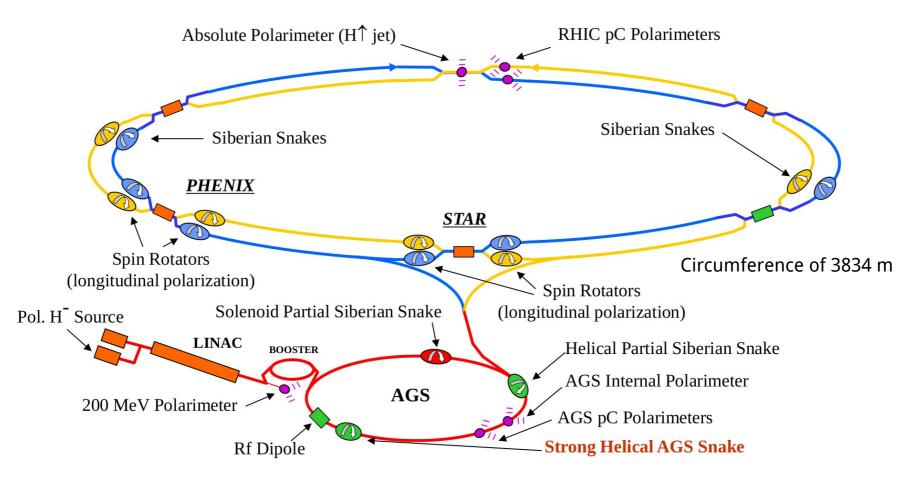
Gluon helicity distribution $\Delta g(x,Q^2)$

x - proton momentum fraction carried by the gluon $Q^{\rm 2}$ - momentum transfer scale

$$\Delta G = \int_0^1 \Delta g(x, Q^2) \,\mathrm{d}x$$



RHIC – POLARIZED PROTON COLLIDER

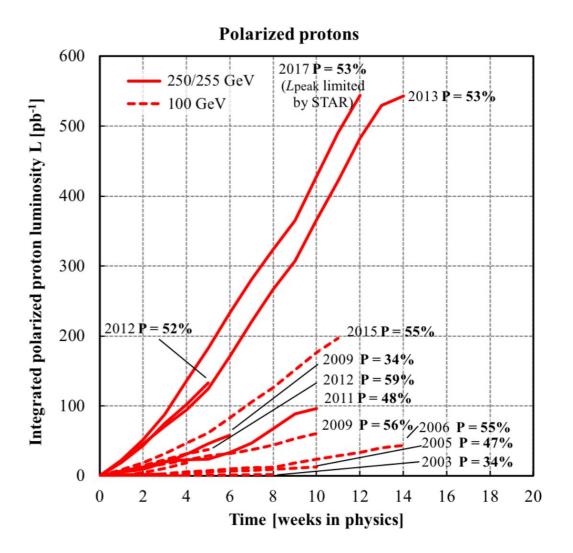


- The only polarized high-energy proton-proton collider
- Polarization: transverse and longitudinal
- Center-of-mass energy for pp collisions: $\sqrt{s} = 62, 200, 500/510$ GeV
- Alternating spin configurations bunch by bunch (spacing ~100 ns) and fill by fill (typical duration ~8 hrs)

Hard scattering processes with control of systematic effects

LONGITUDINALLY POLARIZED DATASETS

Year and √s	STAR <i>L</i> [pb ⁻¹]
Longitudinal runs	
√s = 200 GeV	
2009	25
2015	52
√s = 500/510 GeV	
2009	10
2011	12
2012	82
2013	300



Run overview of the RHIC https://www.rhichome.bnl.gov/RHIC/Runs/

The STAR Beam Use Request for Runs 19 and 20, STAR Collaboration

SOLENOIDAL TRACKER AT RHIC

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• PID, tracking, vertex reconstruction

2. Electromagnetic Calorimeter $\Delta \phi = 2\pi, -1 < \eta < 2$ Barrel ($|\eta| < 1$) and Endcap (1 < $\eta < 2$)

Energy measurement, trigger

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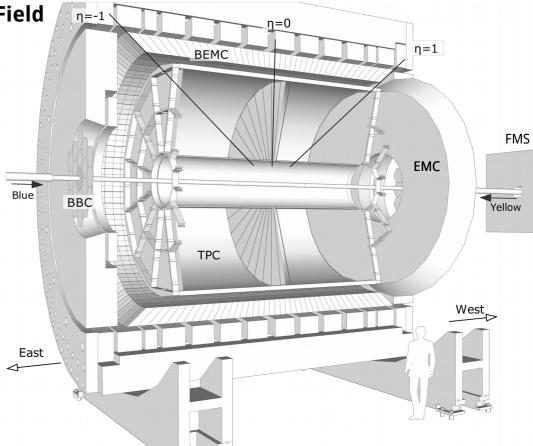
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5. Vertex Position Detector Zero Degree Calorimeter Beam-Beam Counter

• Relative luminosity and Minimum Bias trigger

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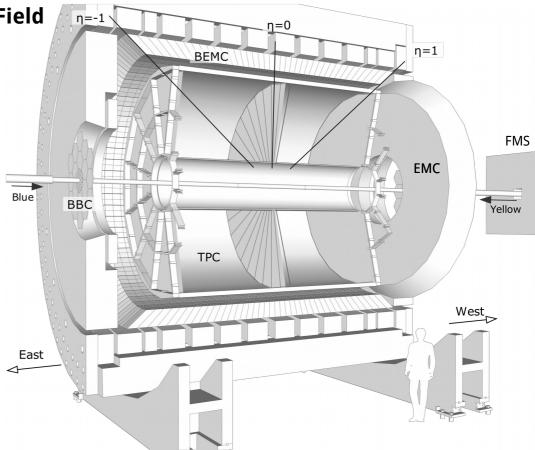
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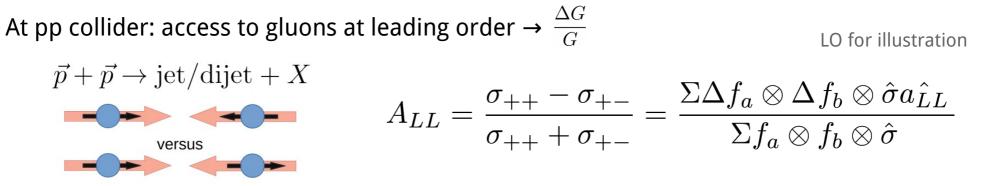
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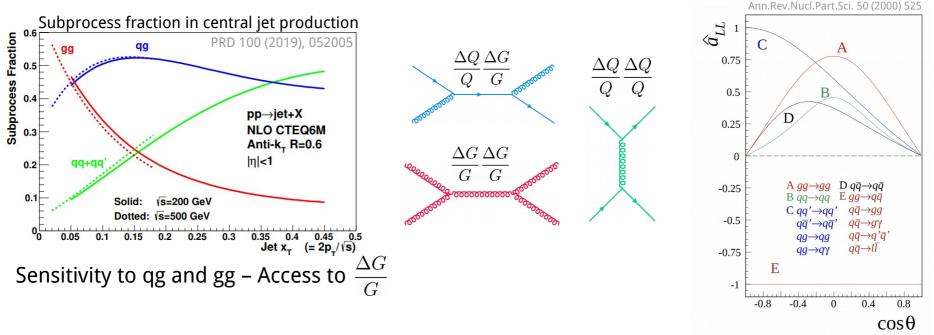
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HOW TO ACCESS ΔG?



Which processes dominate at RHIC?

What are a_{LL} for these processes?

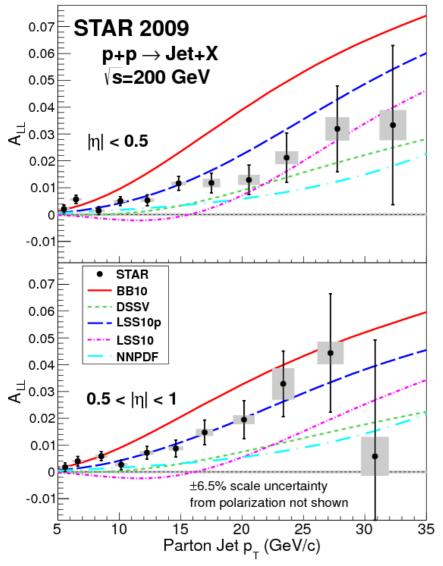


Cross-section measurements to support the NLO pQCD interpretation of asymmetries

 \rightarrow See talk by D. Kalinkin (STAR), 04/15/2021, 08:18

STATUS OF ΔG Precision A₁₁ from STAR 2009 data

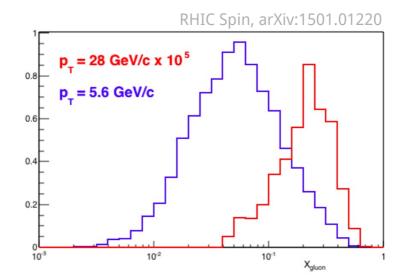
STAR, PRL 115 (2015) 9, 092002



1. A_{LL} positive for large p_{T} - **positive gluon polarization**

- 2. Included in DSSV and the NNPDF PDF fits (NLO)
- These data drive the constraints on ΔG in both fits
- Sensitivity to different x from different rapidity bins

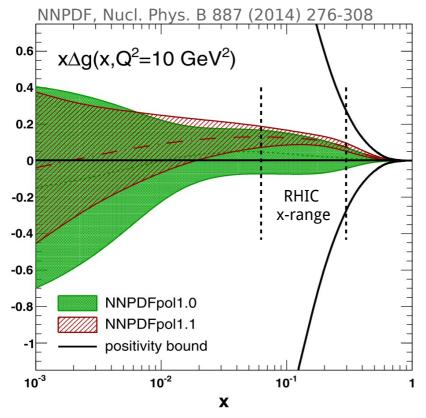
Evidence for **positive gluon polarization** in the x range 0.05 < x < 0.2 and at $Q^2 = 10$ GeV²



Relative contributions of gluons with a given x probed in different jet \boldsymbol{p}_{τ} regions

STATUS OF ΔG

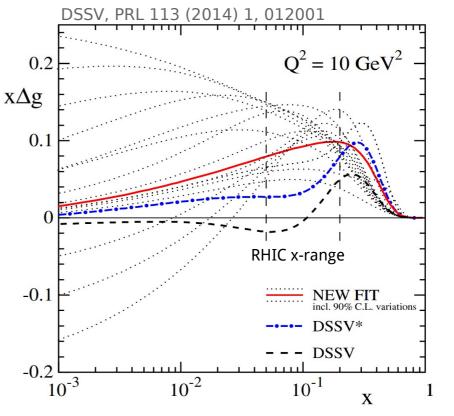
Impact of A_{11} from 2009 data on ΔG



NNPDFpol1.0 – do not include STAR 2009 data NNPDFpol1.1 – include STAR 2009 data

$$\int_{0.05}^{0.5} \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx = 0.23 \pm 0.07$$

at $Q^2 = 10 \,\text{GeV}^2$

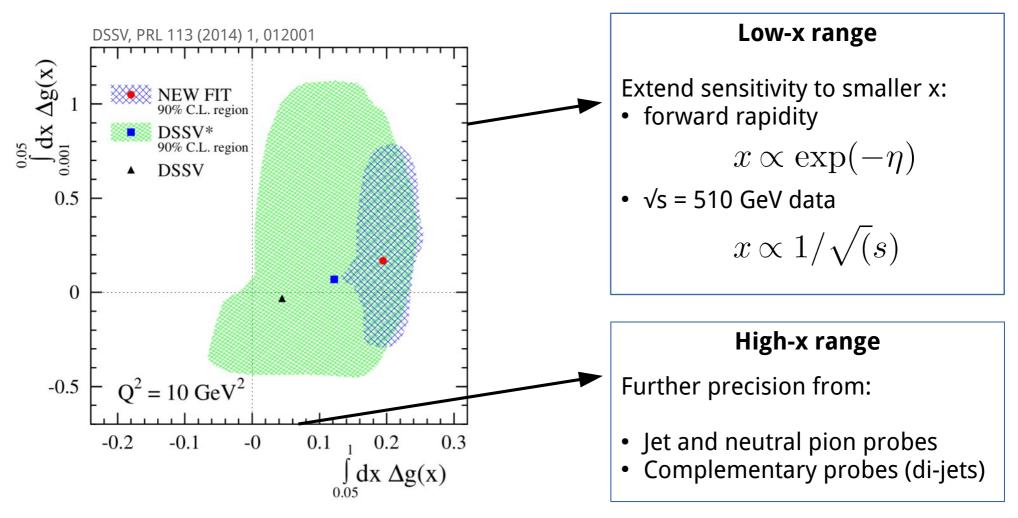


DSSV – (SI)DIS, BNL-RHIC, prelim. 2005 and 2006 STAR DSSV* – the final STAR jet results from 2005 and 2006 DSSV New fit – STAR 2009 data included

$$\int_{0.05}^{1} \Delta g(x, Q^2) dx = 0.20^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$$

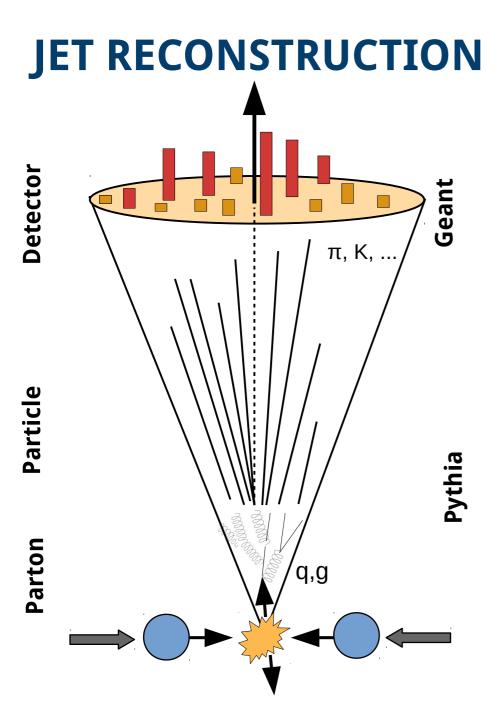
at 90% C.L., $Q^2 = 10 \,\text{GeV}^2$

STATUS OF ΔG What's next?



Near-term improvements from STAR for x down to 0.02 Deep insight from future measurements at EIC at lower x

• Scaling violation in inclusive DIS: g₁(x, Q²)



Anti-kT algorithm via FastJet

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PYTHIA + GEANT + Zero-bias events for embedding

Jets reconstructed at **three levels**:

• Detector, particle and parton

Underlying event correction

• Jet-by-jet underlying event correction using offaxis cone method ALICE, PRD 91 (2015), 112012

Example UE correction values for 2015 data: $p_{\tau} = 6 - 7.1 \text{ GeV/c:}$ avarage UE $dp_{\tau} \sim 1 \text{ GeV/c}$ $p_{\tau} = 26.8 - 31.6 \text{ GeV/c:}$ avarage UE $dp_{\tau} \sim 0.7 \text{ GeV/c}$

Jets corrected back to parton level

Trigger bias and reconstruction efficiency

 Estimated using replicas from polarized NNPDF1.1 PDF set

DOUBLE-SPIN ASYMMETRY

Asymmetry calculation

$$A_{LL} = \frac{1}{P_B P_Y} \frac{(N_{++} + N_{--}) - R_3 (N_{+-} + N_{-+})}{(N_{++} + N_{--}) + R_3 (N_{+-} + N_{-+})}$$

 $N_{+/-}$ - number of produced jets N for four different beam helicity configurations

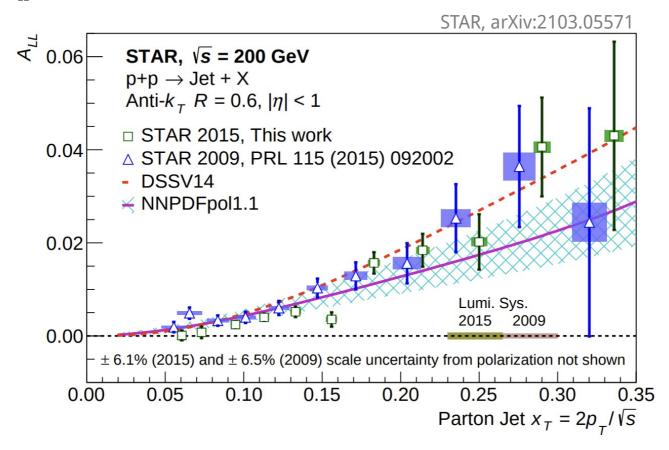
- P polarization (Y yellow, B blue beam), e. g. for 2015 data: P_B = 0.523 ± 0.016, P_Y = 0.565 ± 0.017 CNI Polarimetry Group, https://wiki.bnl.gov/rhicspin/Results
- R₃ relative luminosity calculated using hit information from the Vertex Position Detector (VPD)

$$R_{3} = \frac{L_{++} + L_{--}}{L_{+-} + L_{-+}} \qquad \xrightarrow{\text{Acceptance and efficiency}}_{\text{canceled}} R_{3} = \frac{N^{++} + N^{--}}{N^{+-} + N^{-+}}$$

• For 2015 data R_3 varies from 0.96 to 1.04 depending on the fill with the uncertainty of $\Delta R_3 \sim 4.5 \times 10^{-4}$ (Uncertainty similar to 2009 data)

INCLUSIVE JET A_{LL}

Largest 200 GeV dataset likely to conclude the 200 GeV longitudinal program with jets
Jet and dijet A₁₁ from STAR from 2015 data



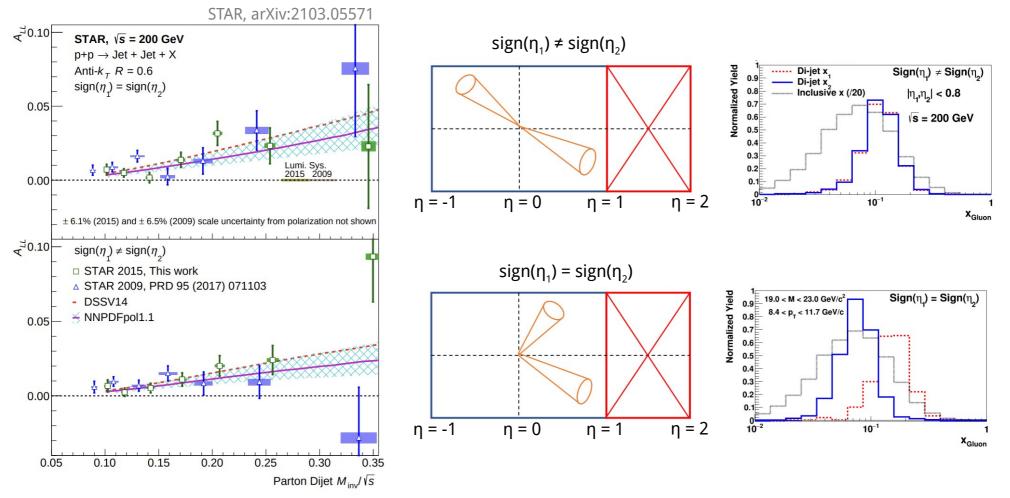
- **Consistent with 2009 data**, which provided first evidence for positive ΔG for x > 0.05
- Twice larger figure-of-merit (*L*P⁴) with improved systematics
- Parity violating single-spin asymmetries consistent with zero

Will significantly reduce uncertainty on gluon polarization for x > 0.05 once included in global fits

DI-JET A_{LL}

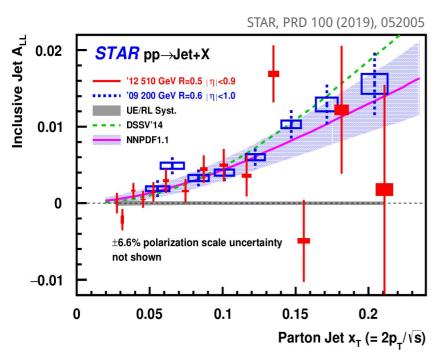
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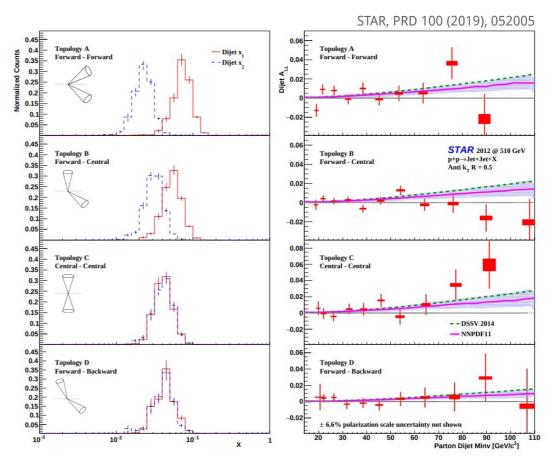


JETS AND DI-JETS AT 510 GEV

Towards smaller x



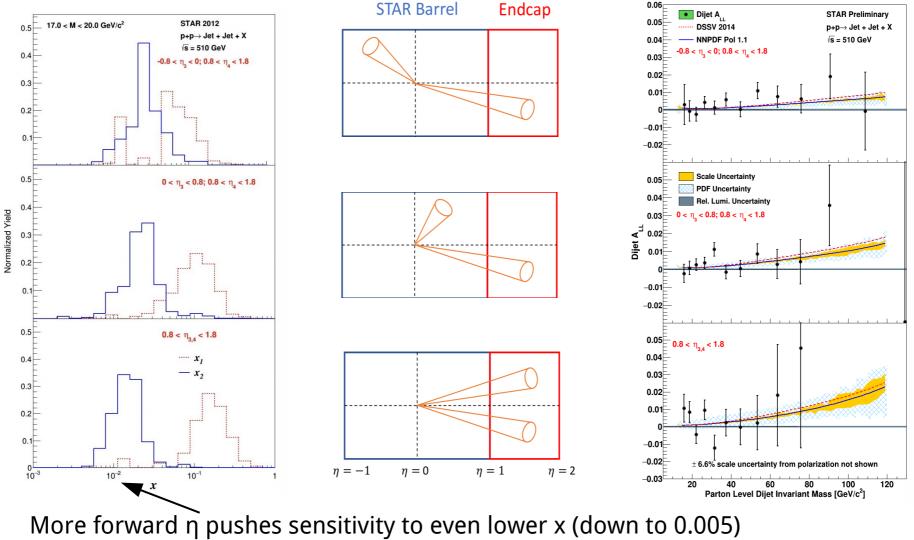
- Higher √s pushes sensitivity to lower x (down to 0.02)
- Consistent results from both energies



First measurement of jet and di-jet A_{LL} at 510 GeV with 2012 data Further precision: Run 2013 data at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV – x 3.7 statistics

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SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

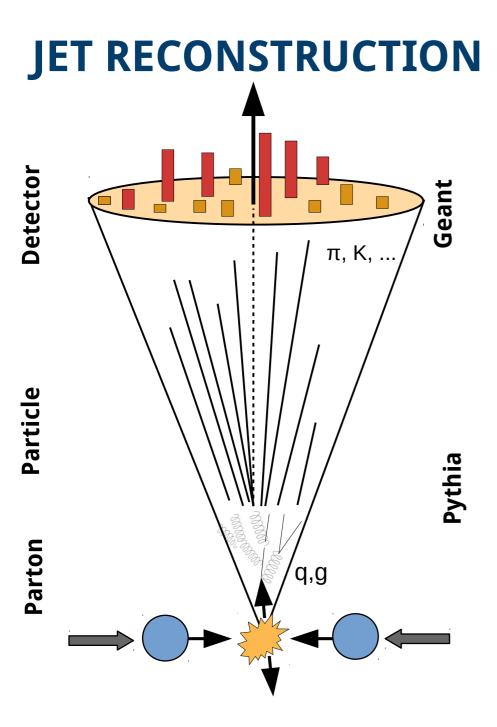
- 1. Insight into **gluon polarization Δg(x,Q²)** at STAR
 - Through longitudinal double spin asymmetries of inclusive jets and di-jets

2. 2009 data at \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV PRL 115 (2015) 9, 092002 included in global perturbative QCD analysis provided **evidence for positive gluon polarization** for x > 0.05

3. New results on inclusive jets and dijets A_{LL} from 2015 dataset at 200 GeV

- The most precise 200 GeV dataset with twice larger figure-of-merit than that from 2009 and with improved systematics
- Likely to conclude the 200 GeV longitudinal program with jets
- Among the most impactful results on $\Delta g(x,Q^2)$ available before the Electron-Ion Collider comes online
- 4. Gluon polarization at **smaller x** (x < 0.05)
 - Improvements from STAR at 510 GeV and more forward rapidity
 - Deep insight from future measurements at EIC





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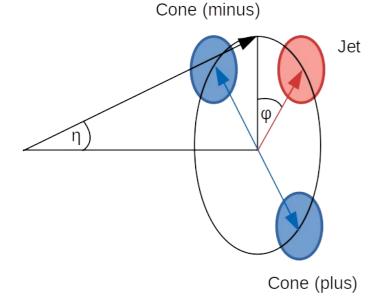
- **Detector level:** detector response to stable particles (takes into consideration finite detector acceptance, efficiency and resolution effects)
- **Particle level:** complete set of stable color-neutral particles produced in the event
- **Parton level:** hard-scattered partons from Pythia event
 - Initial-state and final-state radiation associated with the process included
 - No partons from beam remnants and multiple parton interactions

JET RECONSTRUCTION

Underlying event correction

Improved method compared to 2009 results used from the 510 GeV 2012 data analysis STAR, PRD 100 (2019), 052005

• Jet-by-jet underlying event correction using off-axis cone method ALICE, PRD 91 (2015), 112012



Off-axis cones at $\pm \, \pi/2$ away in ϕ and at the same η

$$dp_T = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{\text{plus}} + \sigma_{\text{minus}}) \times A_{\text{jet}}$$

 σ - energy density, A – jet area

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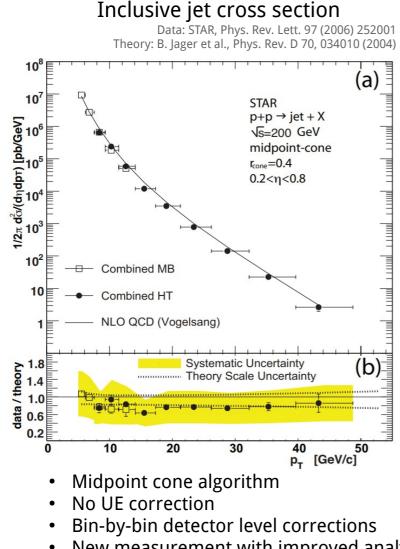
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- Detector jet p_T parton jet p_T correction values:
- (for 2015 data) between -0.2 0.9 GeV/c depending on the jet $\ensuremath{p_{\scriptscriptstyle T}}$ bin

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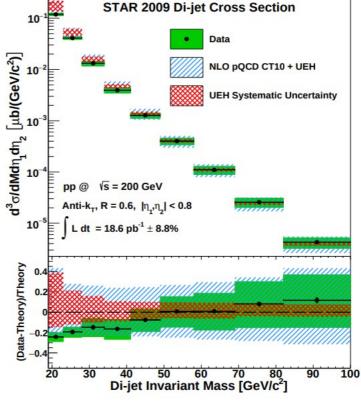
- Estimated using replicas from polarized NNPDF1.1 PDF set
- Corrections up to about 10% depending on the jet $p_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$ bin

JET CROSS-SECTIONS



• New measurement with improved analysis from STAR in progres

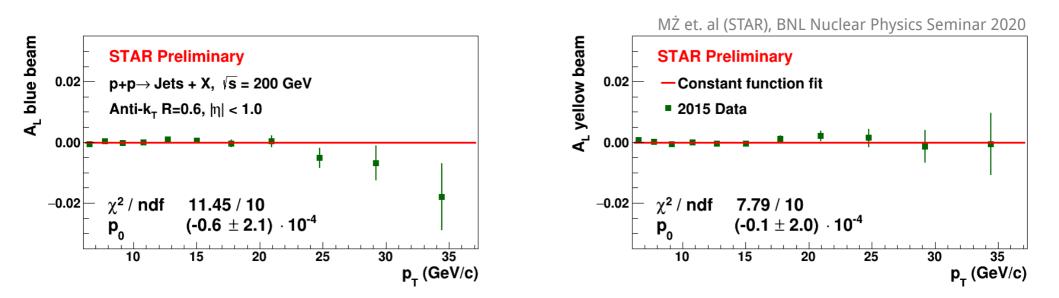
Dijet cross section Data: STAR, Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 71103 Theory: D. de Florian, et al., Nucl. Phys. B 539, 455 (1999) H. L. Lai, et al., Phys. Rev. D 82, 074024 (2010)



- Anti- k_{T} algorithm
- MC-driven UE correction
- Detector effects unfolded

Cross-section measurement support the **NLO pQCD** interpretation of asymmetries

SINGLE-SPIN ASYMMETRIES



Parity violating single-spin asymmetries are expected to be negligibly small at 200 GeV

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

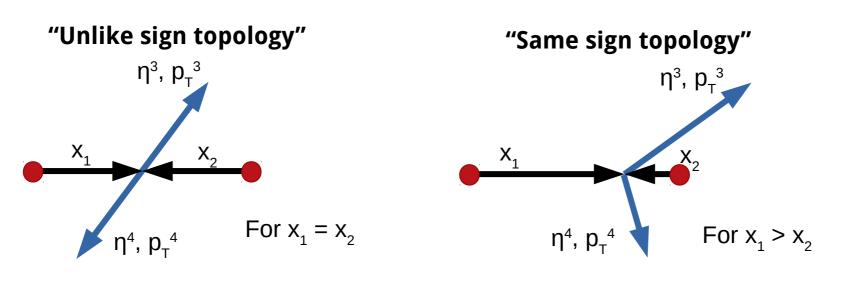
Substantial **unaccounted systematic effects** would easily dominate these A_L Observed asymmetries **vanish within their statistical uncertainties**

• Consistent well with the expectation

DI-JET MEASUREMENTS

- Di-jets give stricter constraints to underlying **partonic kinematics**
- May place better constraints x-dependence of Δg(x,Q²)

$$\eta_3 + \eta_4 = \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$
 $M = \sqrt{x_1 x_2 s}$ $|\cos \theta^*| = \tanh \left| \frac{\eta_3 - \eta_4}{2} \right|$ (LO)



Symmetric collisions

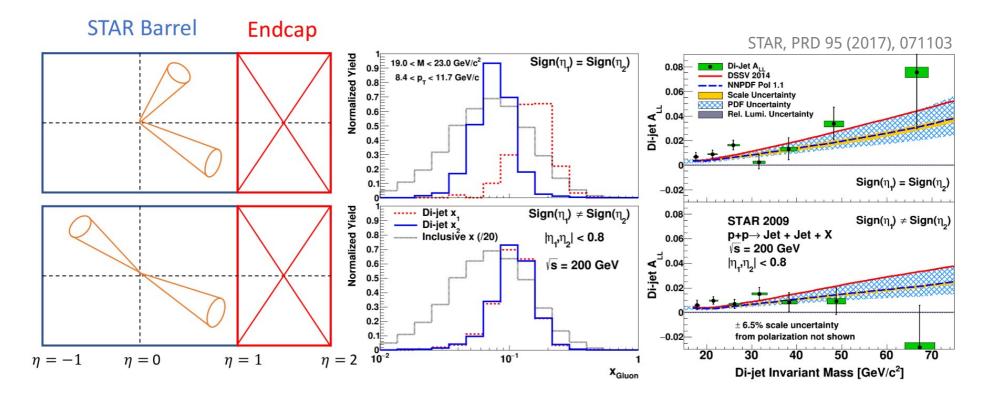
Asymmetric collisions

Forward jets probe lower values of x_g For large asymmetry, likely: 2 – gluon, 1 – quark

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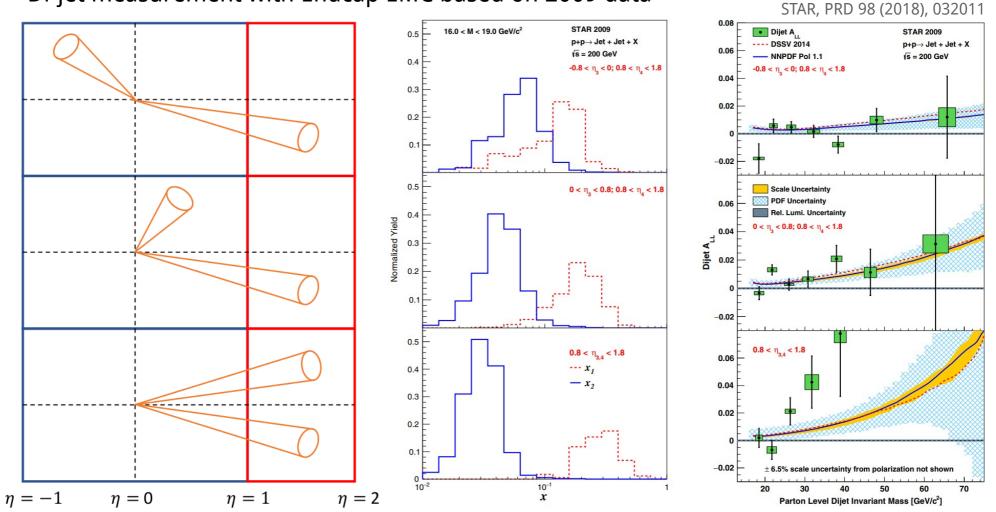
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Midrapidity di-jet measurement with 2009 data



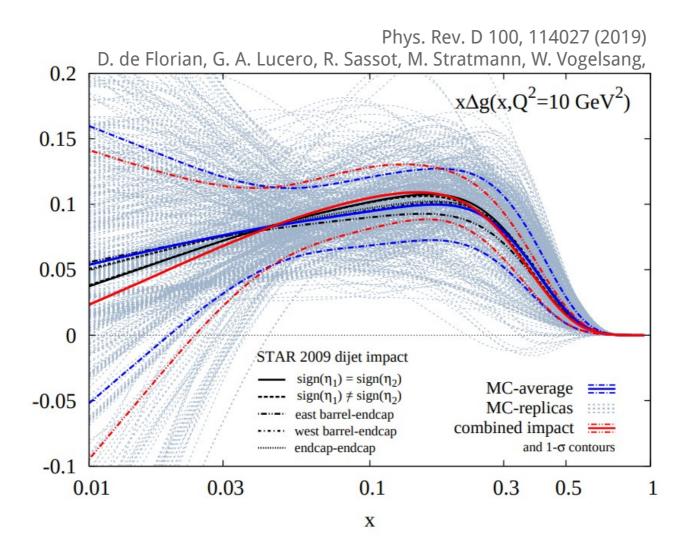
DI-JET MEASUREMENTS

Di-jet measurement with Endcap EMC based on 2009 data



- Central di-jet measurement Run 2009 √s = 200 GeV (25 pb⁻¹): PRD 95 (2017), 071103
- Intermediate-rapidity di-jet measurement Run 2009 √s = 200 GeV (25 pb⁻¹): STAR, PRD 98 (2018), 032011
- Central di-jet measurement Run 2012 √s = 510 GeV (82 pb⁻¹): PRD 100 (2019), 052005
- Further precision: Run 2015 \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV x 2 statistics, Run 2013 \sqrt{s} = 510 GeV x 3.2 statistics

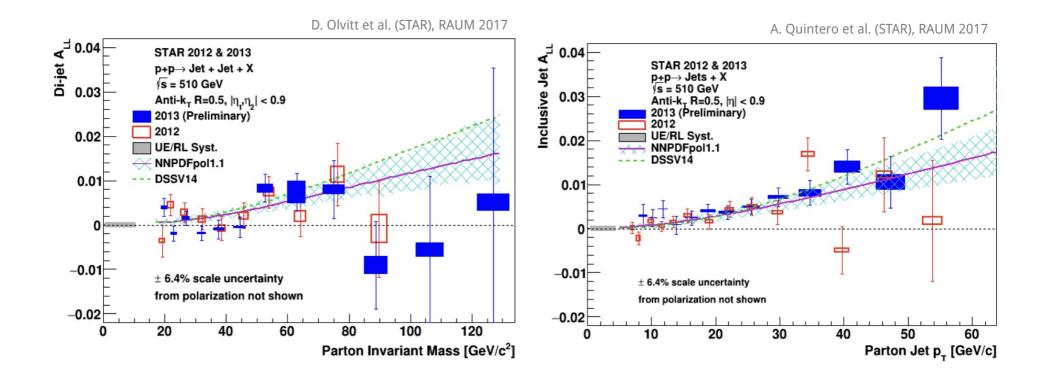
DI-JET MEASUREMENTS Impact on Δg(x,Q²)



• Influence of central and forward di-jets from 2009 data (25 pb⁻¹) \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV on DSSV evaluations

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Towards smaller x



- Further precision: Run 2013 $\sqrt{s} = 510 \text{ GeV} x 3.2 \text{ statistics}$
- Preliminary results for midrapidity based on ~60% statistics