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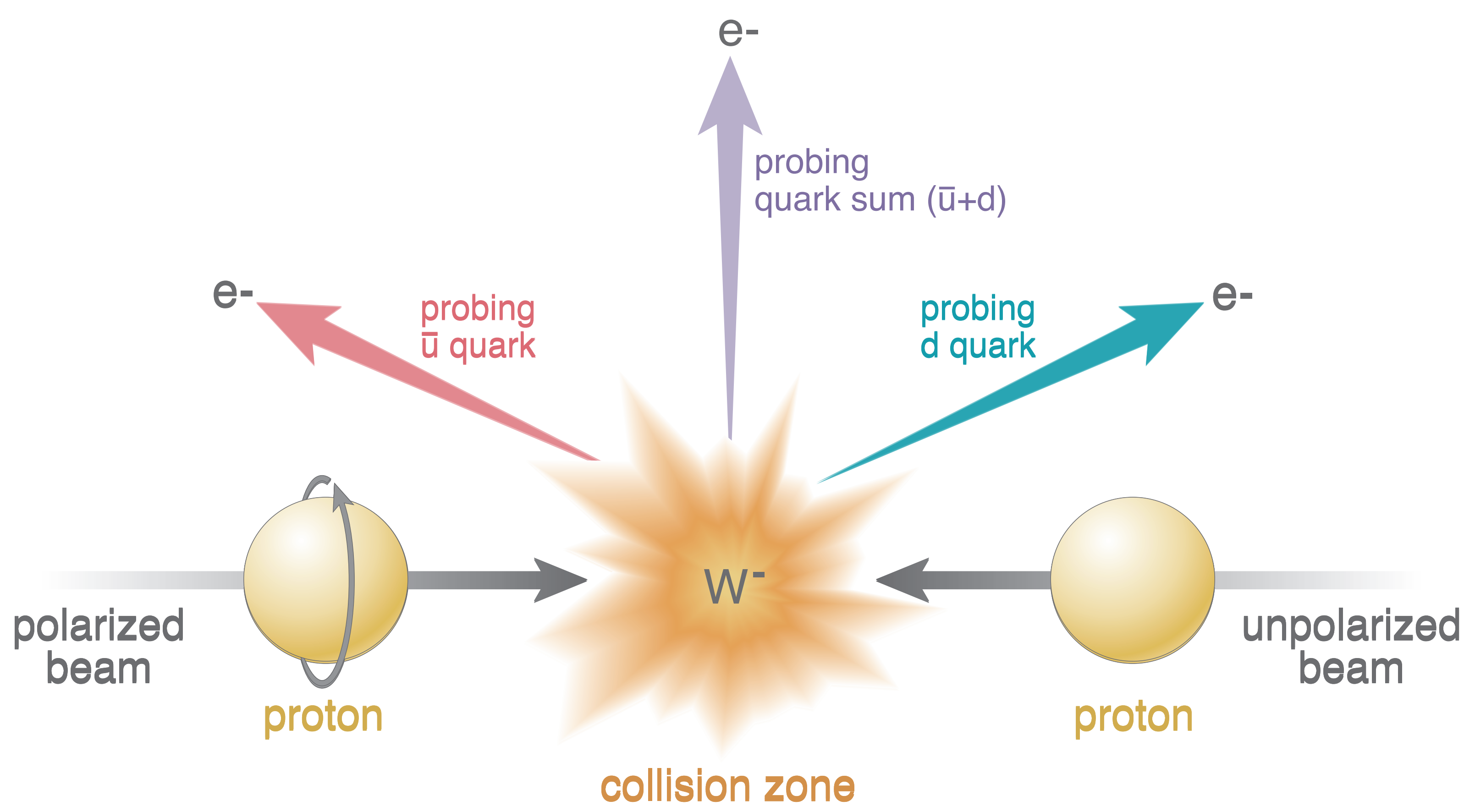

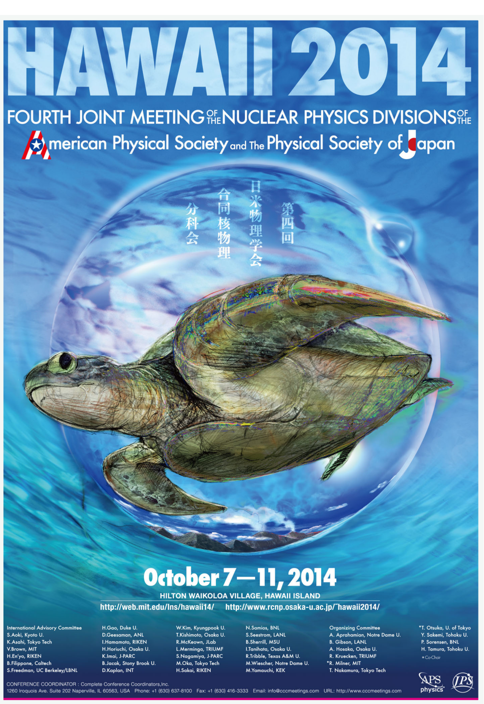

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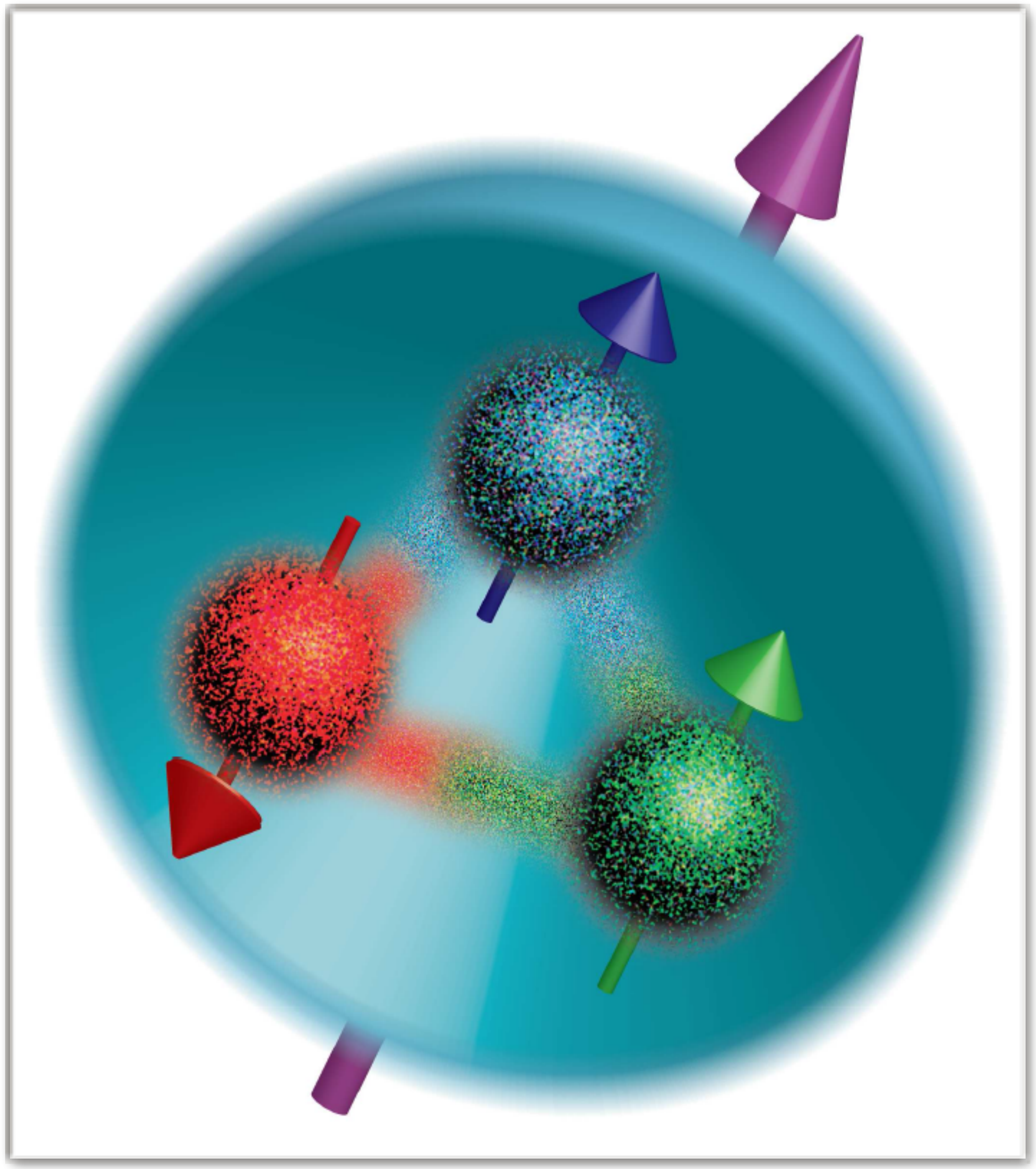
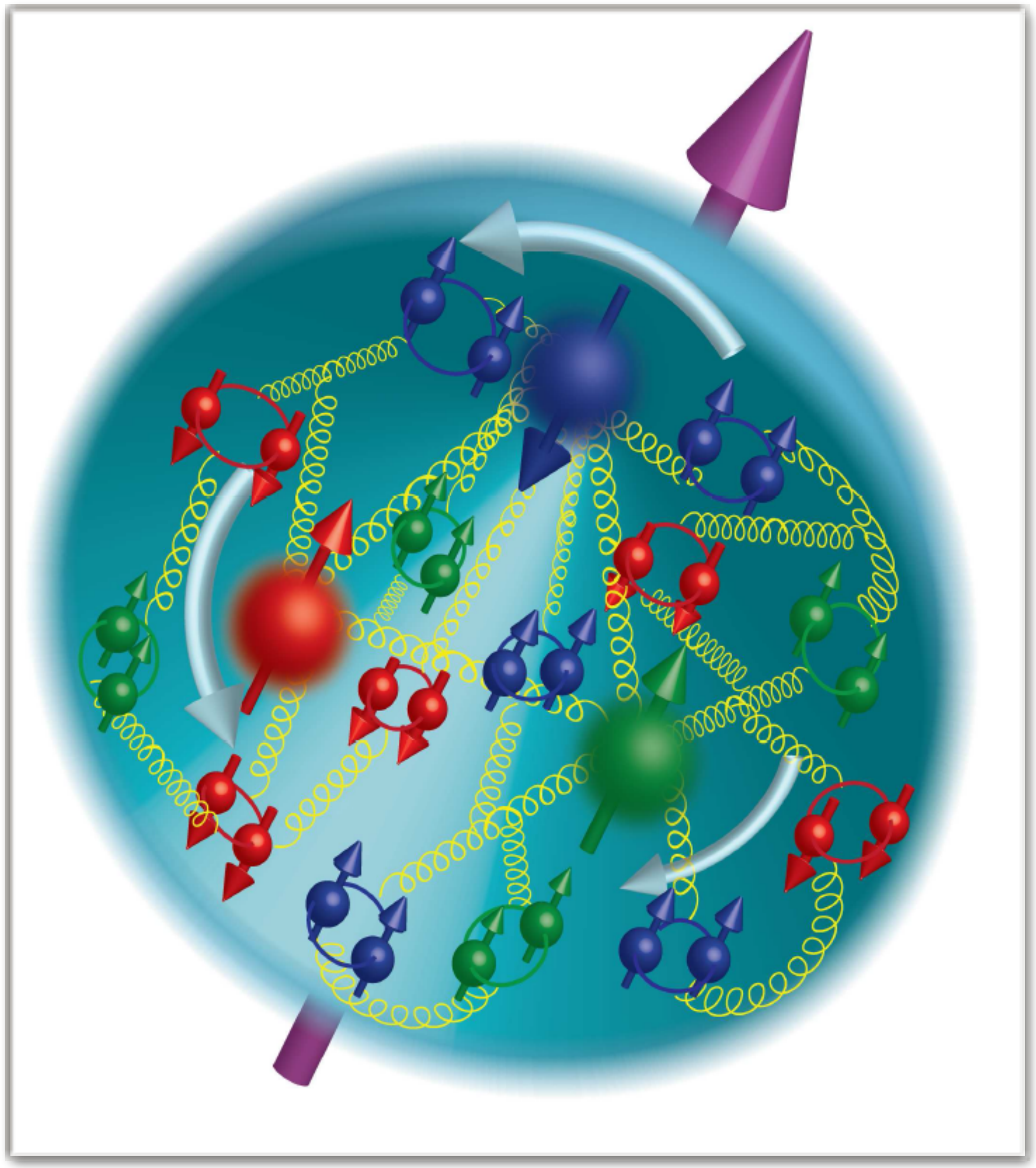
Evolving Picture of Proton's Spin Structure



Valence Quarks



Sea Quarks and Gluons

Anti Quarks Polarization

Spin sum rule for longitudinally Polarized proton :

$$< S_p > = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L$$

Jeffe and Monahar, 1990

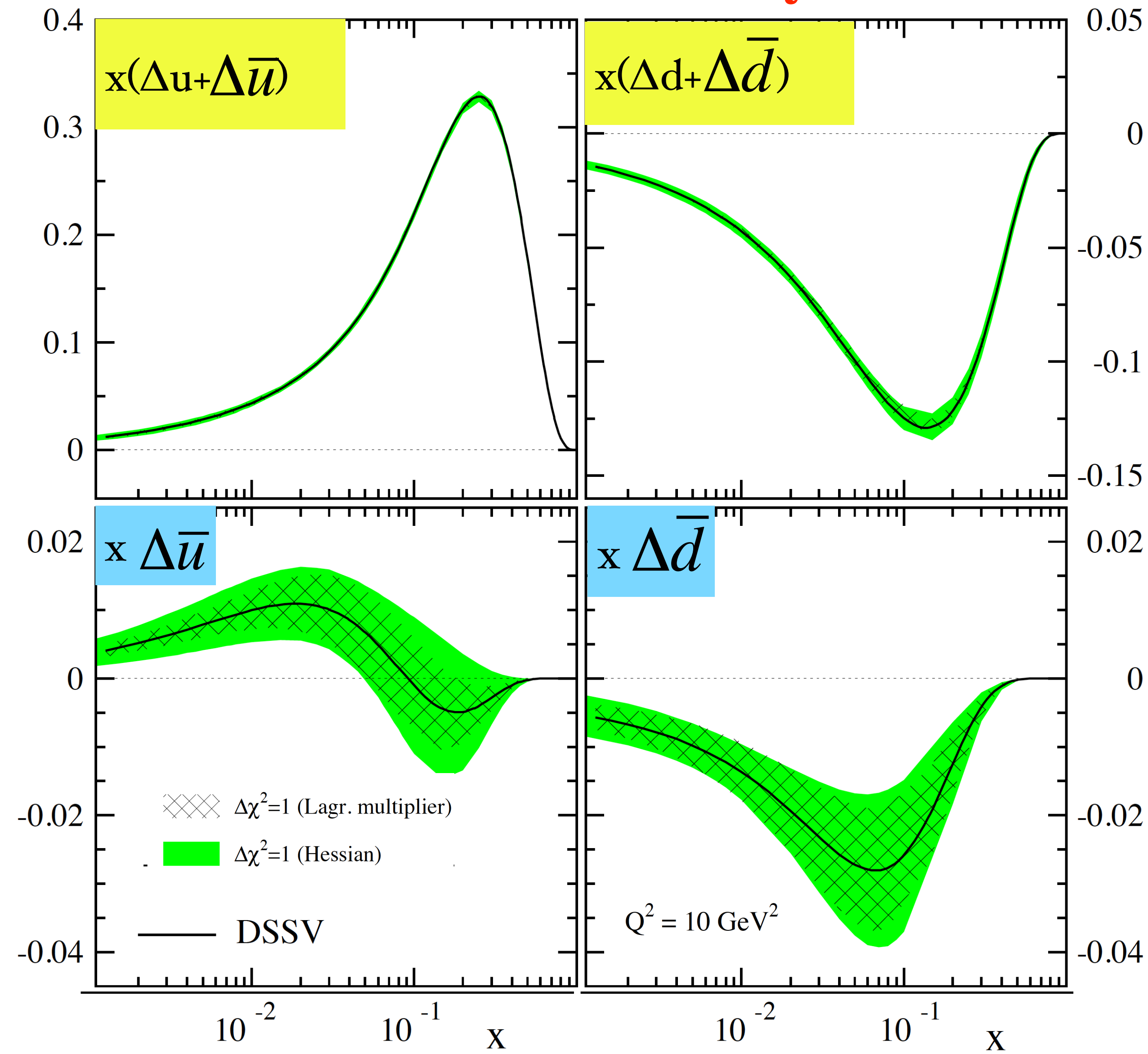
$$\Delta\Sigma = \int (\Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s + \Delta\bar{u} + \Delta\bar{d} + \Delta\bar{s})dx$$

~30 % polarized inclusive DIS

Helicity PDF

$$\Delta f(x,Q^2) \equiv f^+(x,Q^2) - f^-(x,Q^2)$$

DSSV Global Analysis



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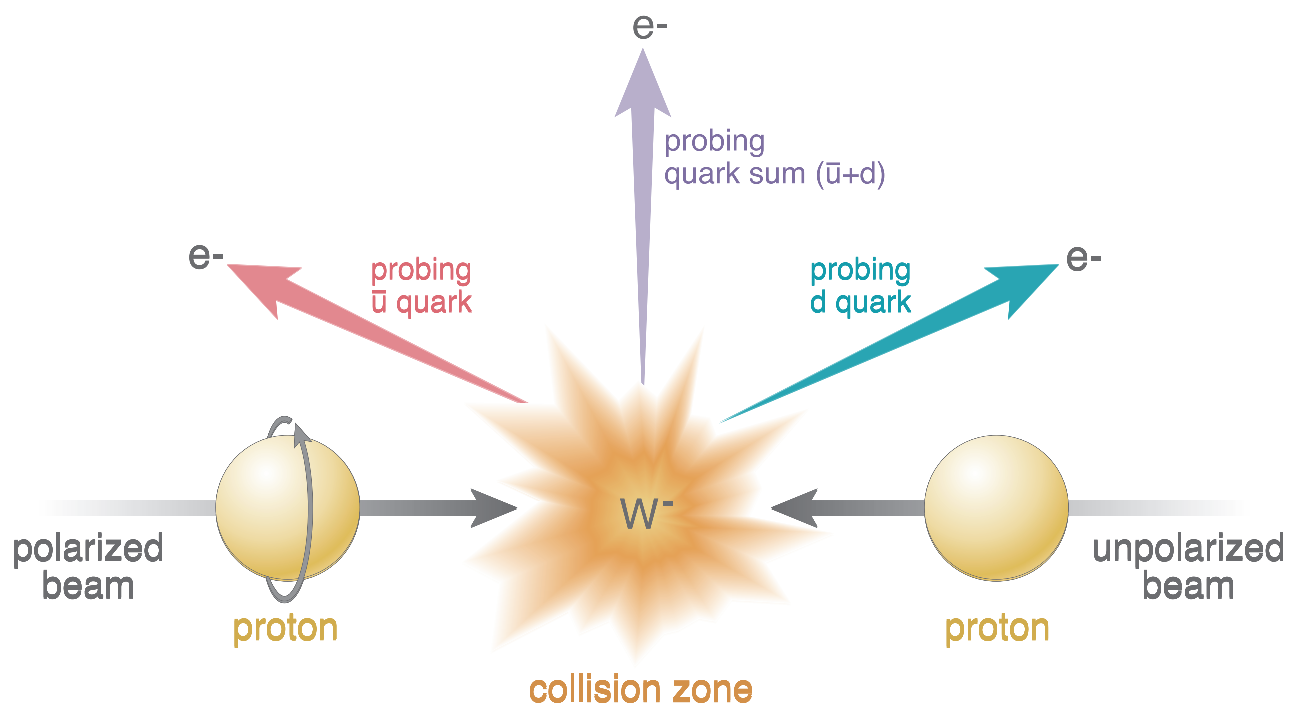
W-Boson Production

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



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

- **Direct coupling to the quark and antiquark of interest.**
- **Maximal Violation of Parity leads to perfect spin separation.**
- **High resolution scale (Q^2) set by the W mass.**
- **Easy detection via the leptonic decay channels.**

Parity violating longitudinal single spin asymmetry

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

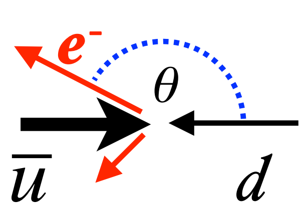
W A_L :Theoretical Aspects

W A_L, highly sensitive to individual polarizations at forward and backward decay lepton pseudo rapidity (η_e)

$$\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right) \qquad < x_{1,2} > \sim \frac{M_W}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm \eta_e/2}$$

$$\eta <<< 0 \rightarrow x_1 << x_2, \theta \rightarrow \pi$$

$$A_L^{e^-} \approx \frac{\int_{\otimes(x_1,x_2)} [\Delta\bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1-\cos\theta)^2 - \Delta d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1+\cos\theta)^2]}{\int_{\otimes(x_1,x_2)} [\bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1-\cos\theta)^2 + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1+\cos\theta)^2]}$$

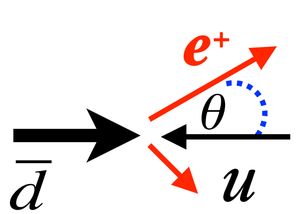


backward e- → parallel to W-

$$\frac{\Delta\bar{u}}{\bar{u}}$$

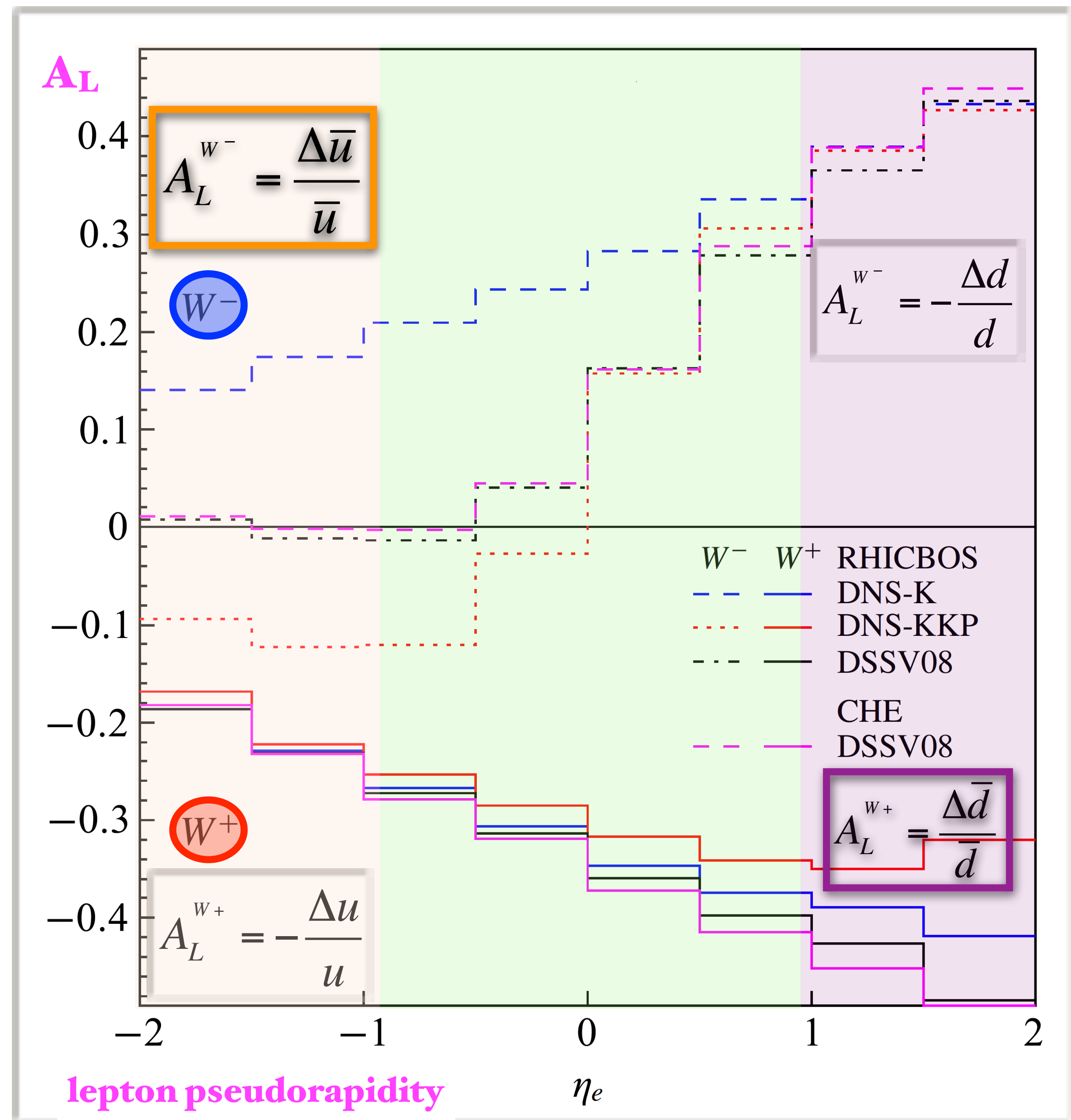
$$\eta >>> 0 \rightarrow x_1 >> x_2, \theta \rightarrow 0$$

$$A_L^{e^+} \approx \frac{\int_{\otimes(x_1,x_2)} [\Delta\bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1+\cos\theta)^2 - \Delta u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1-\cos\theta)^2]}{\int_{\otimes(x_1,x_2)} [\bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1+\cos\theta)^2 + u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1-\cos\theta)^2]}$$



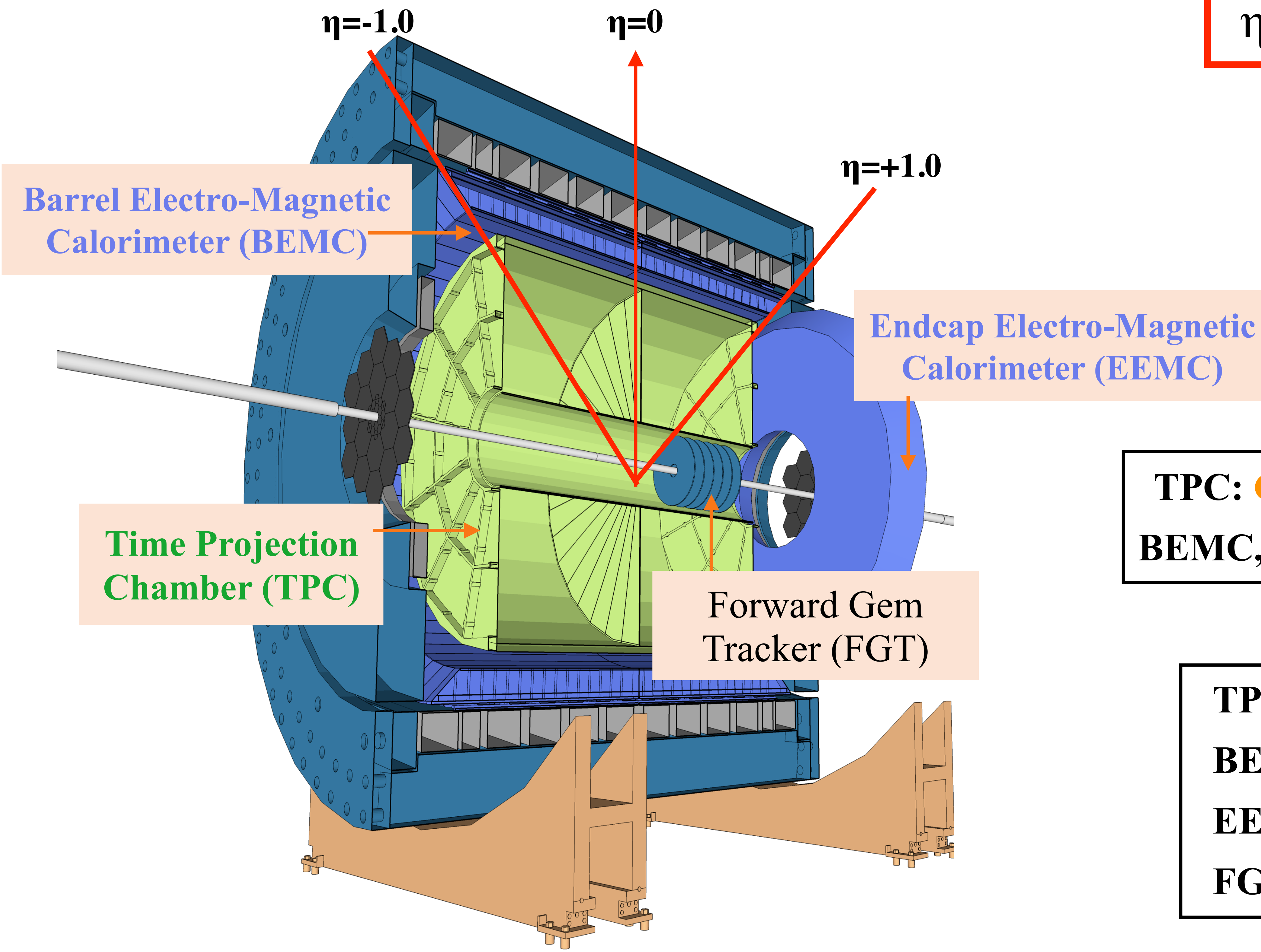
forward e+ → anti parallel to W+

$$\frac{\Delta\bar{d}}{\bar{d}}$$



STAR Detector Overview

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



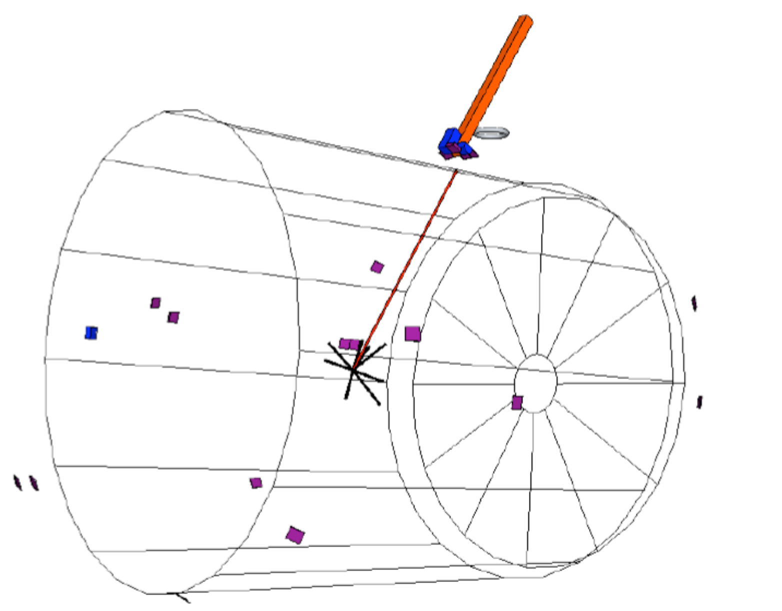
TPC: **Charge particle tracking**

BEMC, EEMC: **EM calorimetry**

TPC	**: $-1.3 < \eta < +1.3$**
BEMC	**: $-1.0 < \eta < +1.0$**
EEMC	**: $+1.1 < \eta < +2.0$**
FGT	**: $+1.0 < \eta < +2.0$**

Mid-rapidity ($|\eta_e| < 1$) W Selection

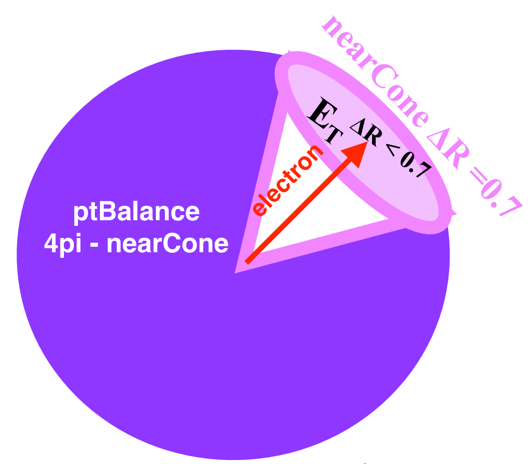
W-> e+ν candidate



Isolated tracks -> isolated EMC cluster

Large opposite missing "energy"

$P_T > 10$ GeV

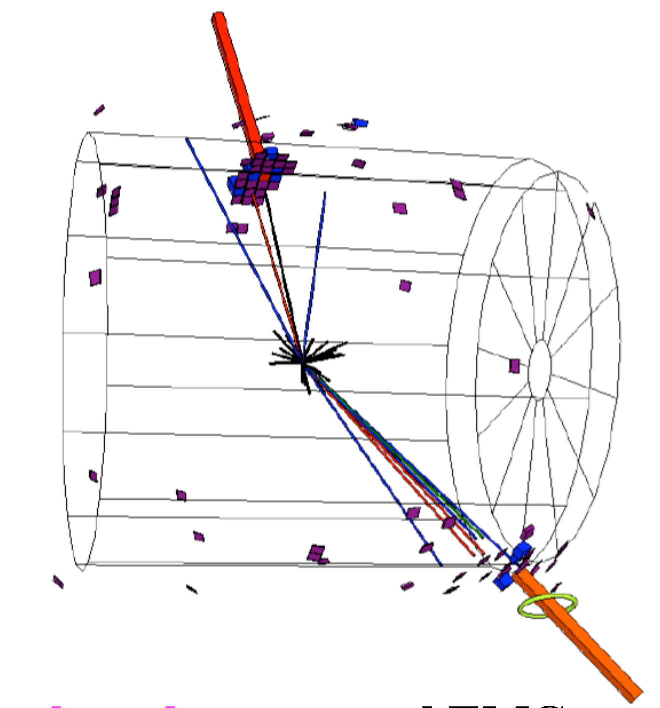


Transverse plane views

$$\vec{p}_T^{\,balance} = \vec{p}_T^{\,e} + \sum_{\Delta R>0.7} \vec{p}_T^{\,jets}$$

$$signed\ P_T - balance = \frac{(\vec{p}_T^{\,e} \cdot \vec{p}_T^{\,balance})}{|\vec{p}^{\,e}|}$$

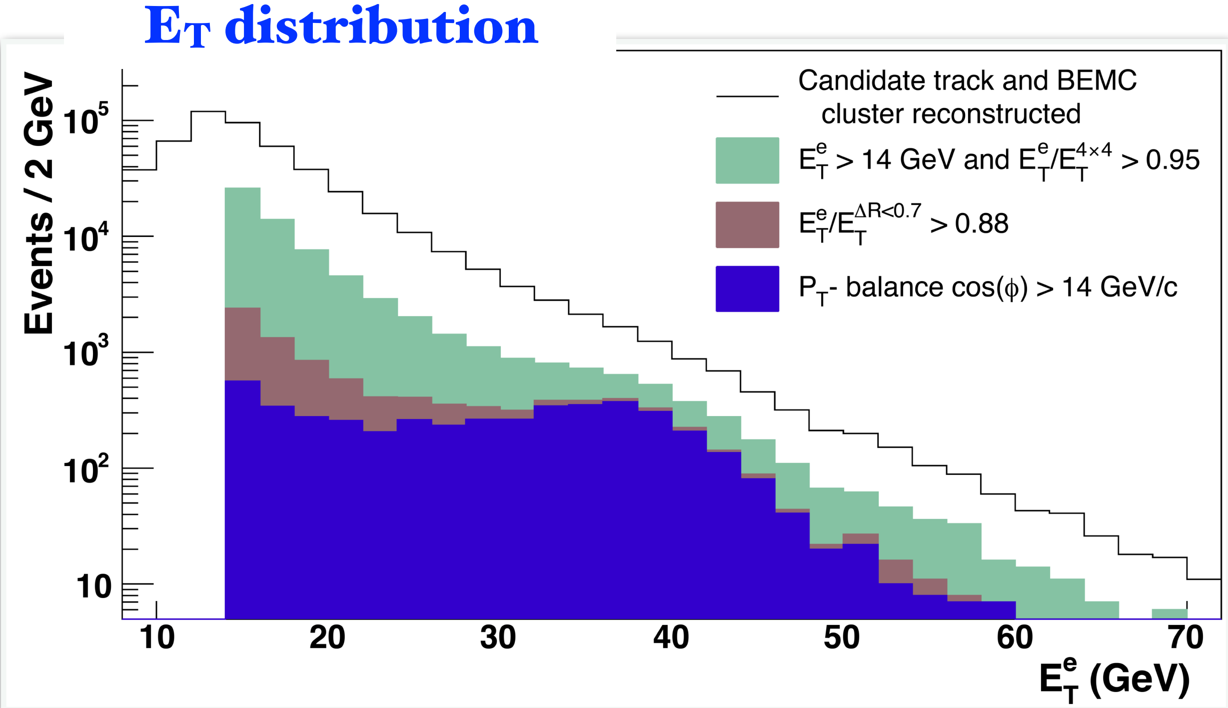
QCD background candidate



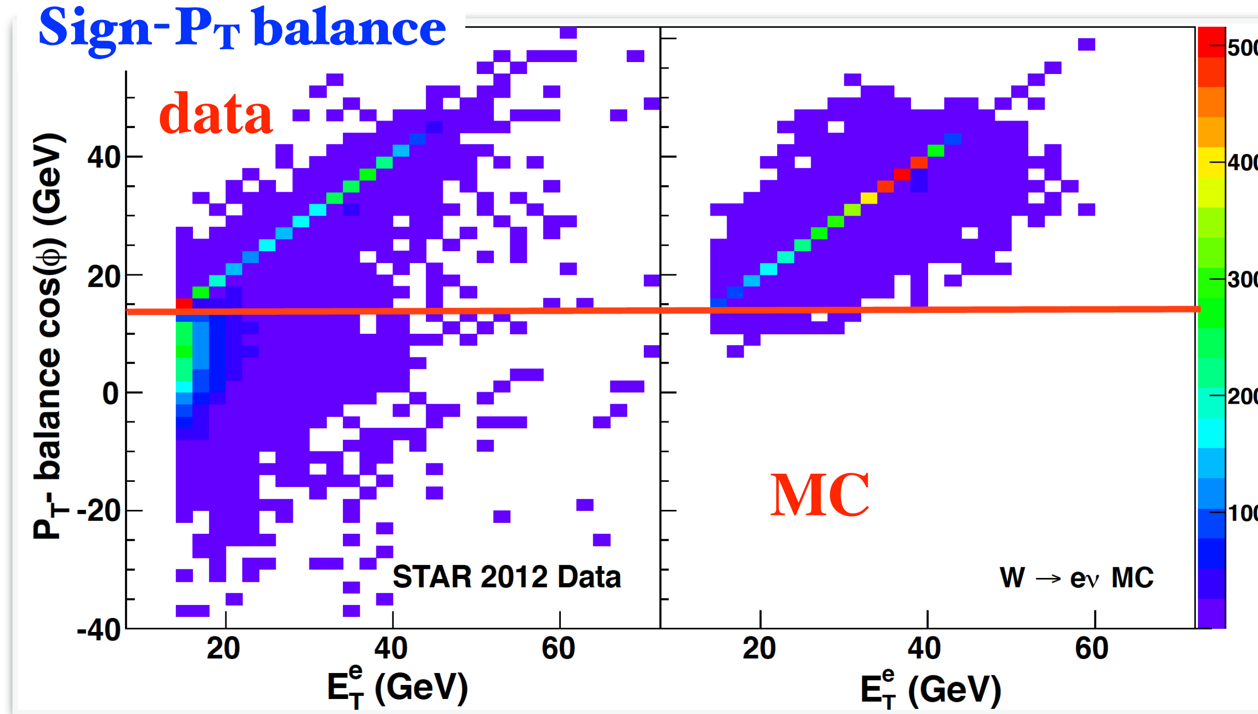
Several tracks -> several EMC towers

No large missing "energy"

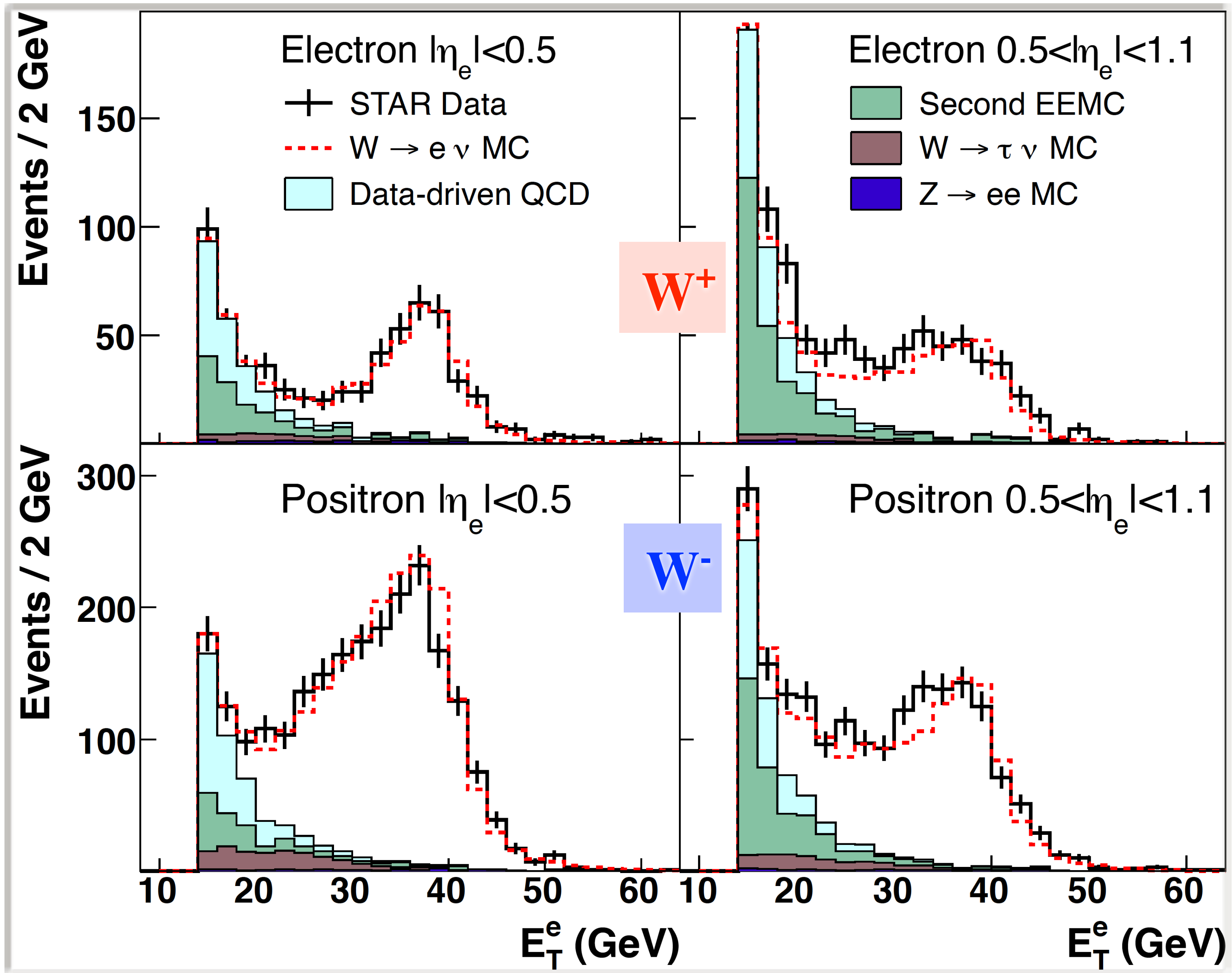
E_T distribution



Sign-P_T balance



Mid-rapidity Background Estimation



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Primary Background

QCD processes where a jet fragments satisfy candidate $e^{+/-}$ isolation cuts while all other jets escape detection outside the acceptance.

- Second Endcap: $-2 < \eta < -1.09$
- Data driven QCD: $|\eta| < 2$

Electroweak BG

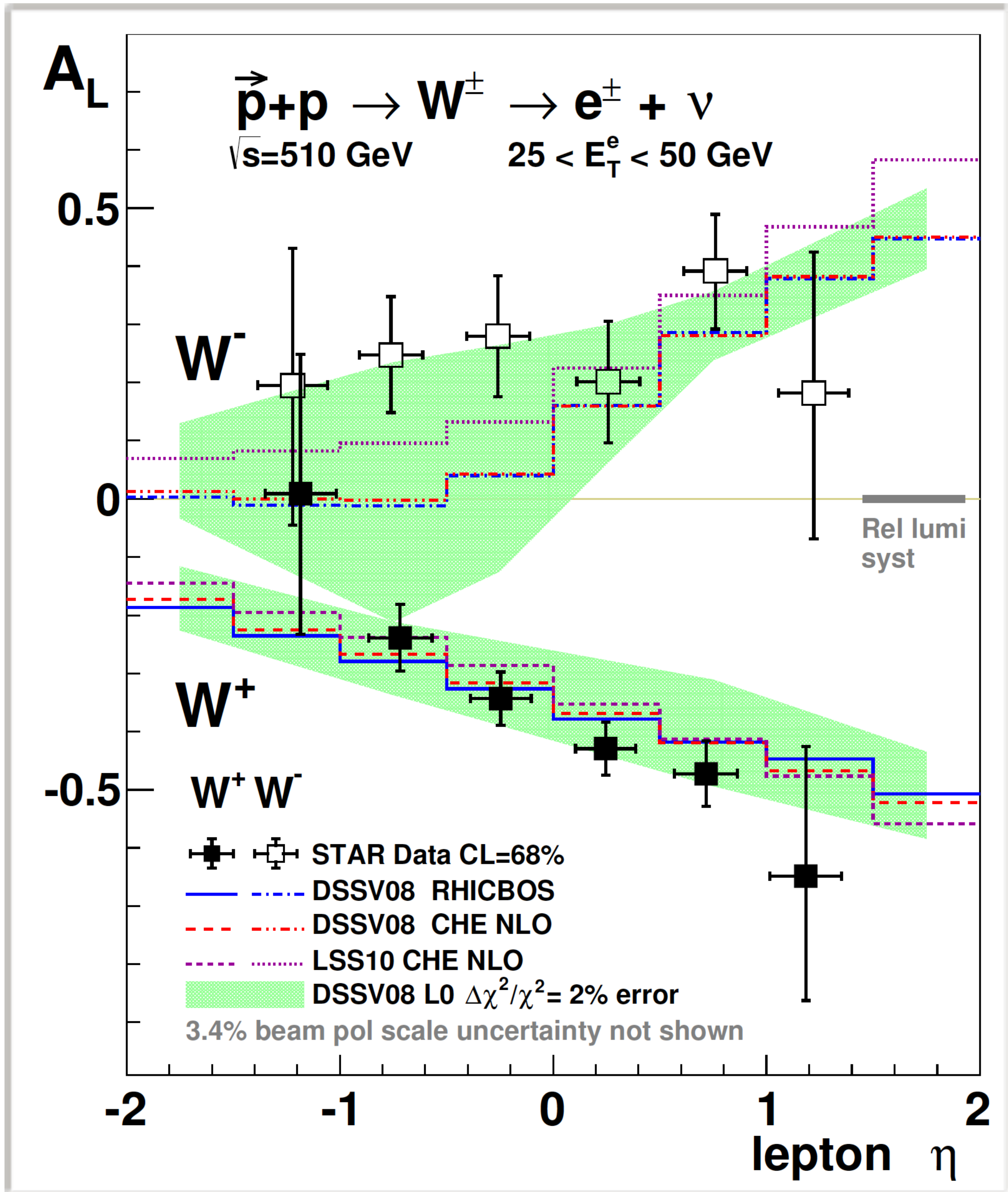
- $W \dashrightarrow \tau\nu$
- $Z \dashrightarrow e^+ + e^-$

MC Embedded in Zero-bias events

Forward rapidity ($1<\eta_e<1.4$) W selection uses similar technique as mid rapidity and Background Estimation improve using additional Endcap Shower Maximum Detector (ESMD)

Results

W A_L (η_e) 2012+2011



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✤ **Profile Likelihood method used to extract Asymmetries from combination of 2012 and 2011 data.**

✤ **$A_L(W^-)$ is larger than the DSSV Predictions.**

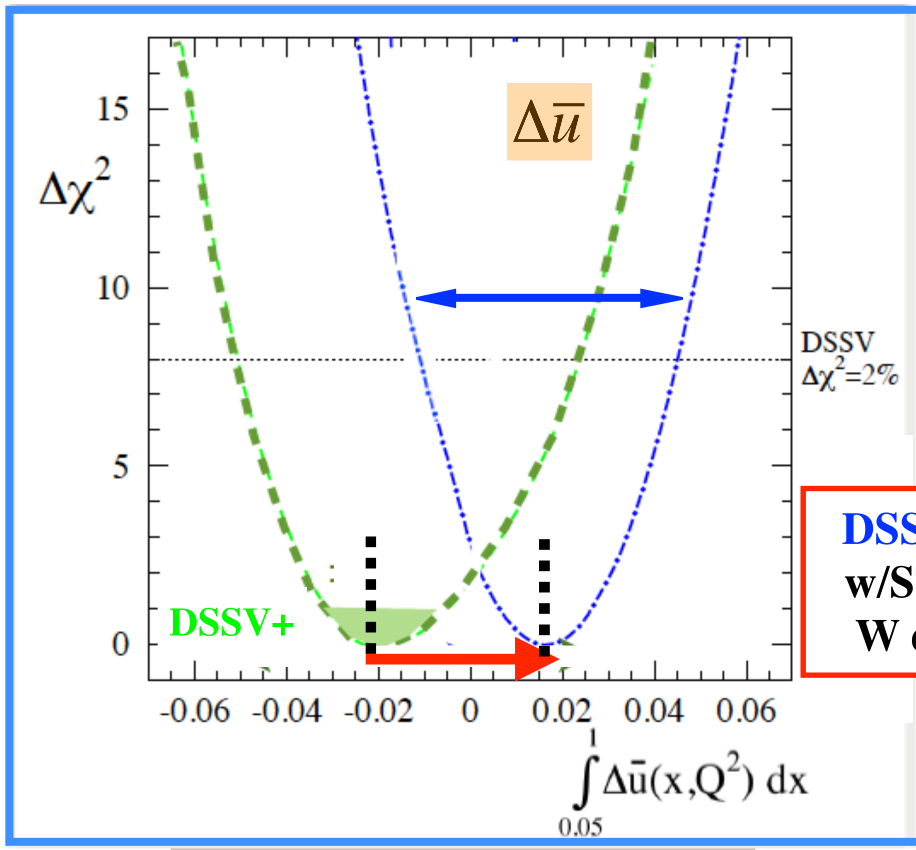
✦ **The enhancement at $\eta_e < 0$, in particular is sensitive to the $\Delta\bar{u}$, polarized antiquark distribution.**

✤ **$A_L(W^+)$ is consistent with theoretical predictions using the DSSV polarized PDFs.**

✤ **The Systematic uncertainties for A_L are well under control for $|\eta_e| < 1.4$.**

Impact on Recent Global Analysis

- Preliminary Global analysis (DSSV++) from DSSV group and recent NNPDF includes preliminary STAR 2012 W A_L data.
- Shift in central value for $\Delta\bar{u}$ (negative -> positive) and $\Delta\bar{d}$ due to A_L W from STAR .
- STAR 2012 W results provide significant constraints on anti u and anti d quark polarization.



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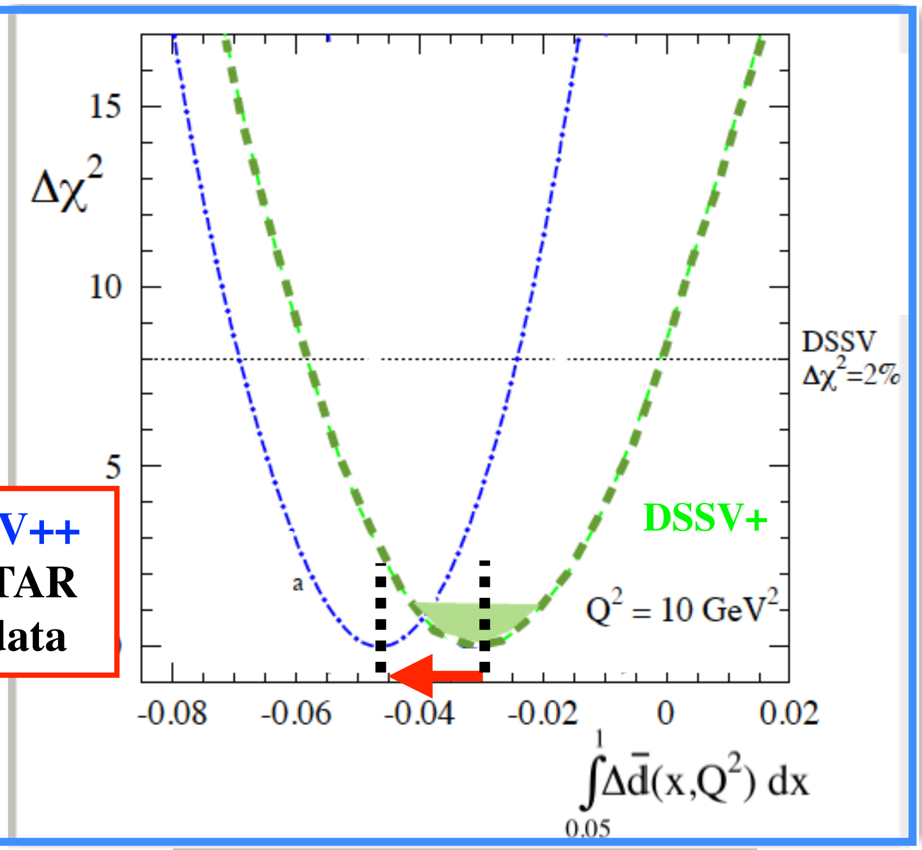

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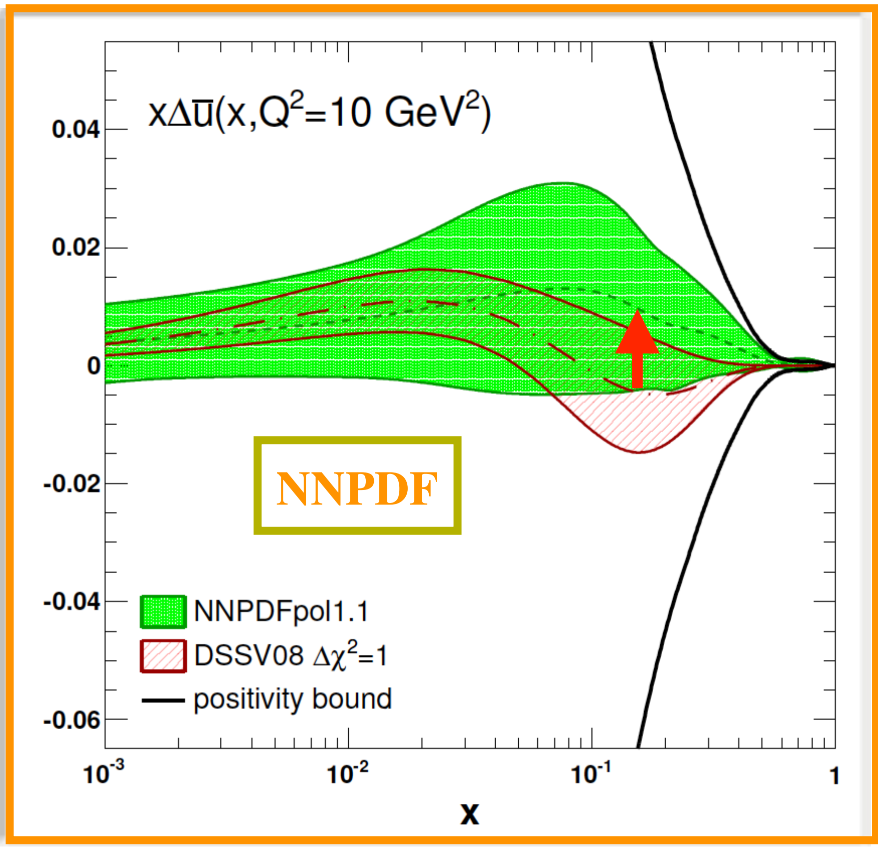

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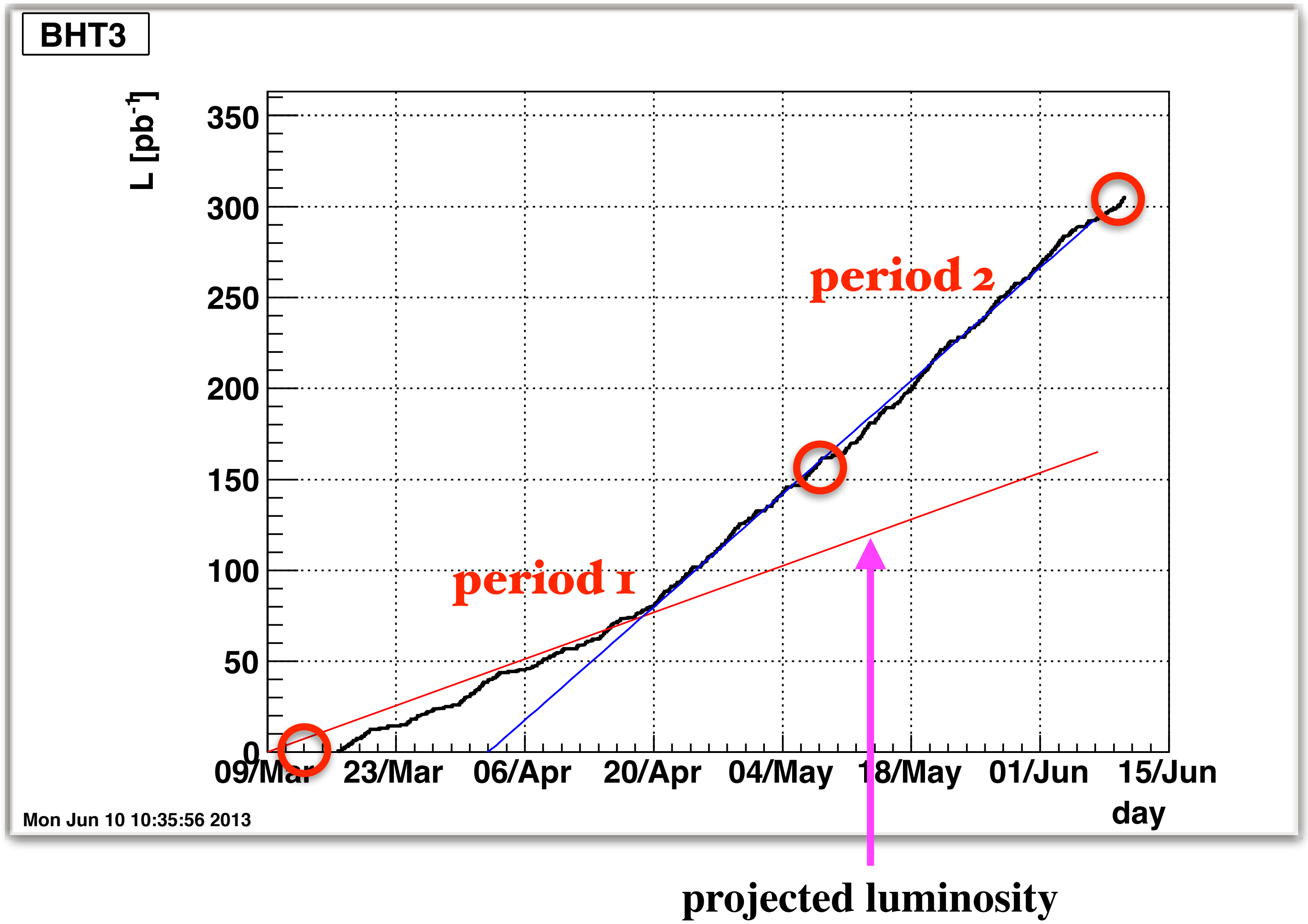
STAR 2013 W Analysis Status

2013 Data Sample

Barrel EMC triggered Integrated Luminosity

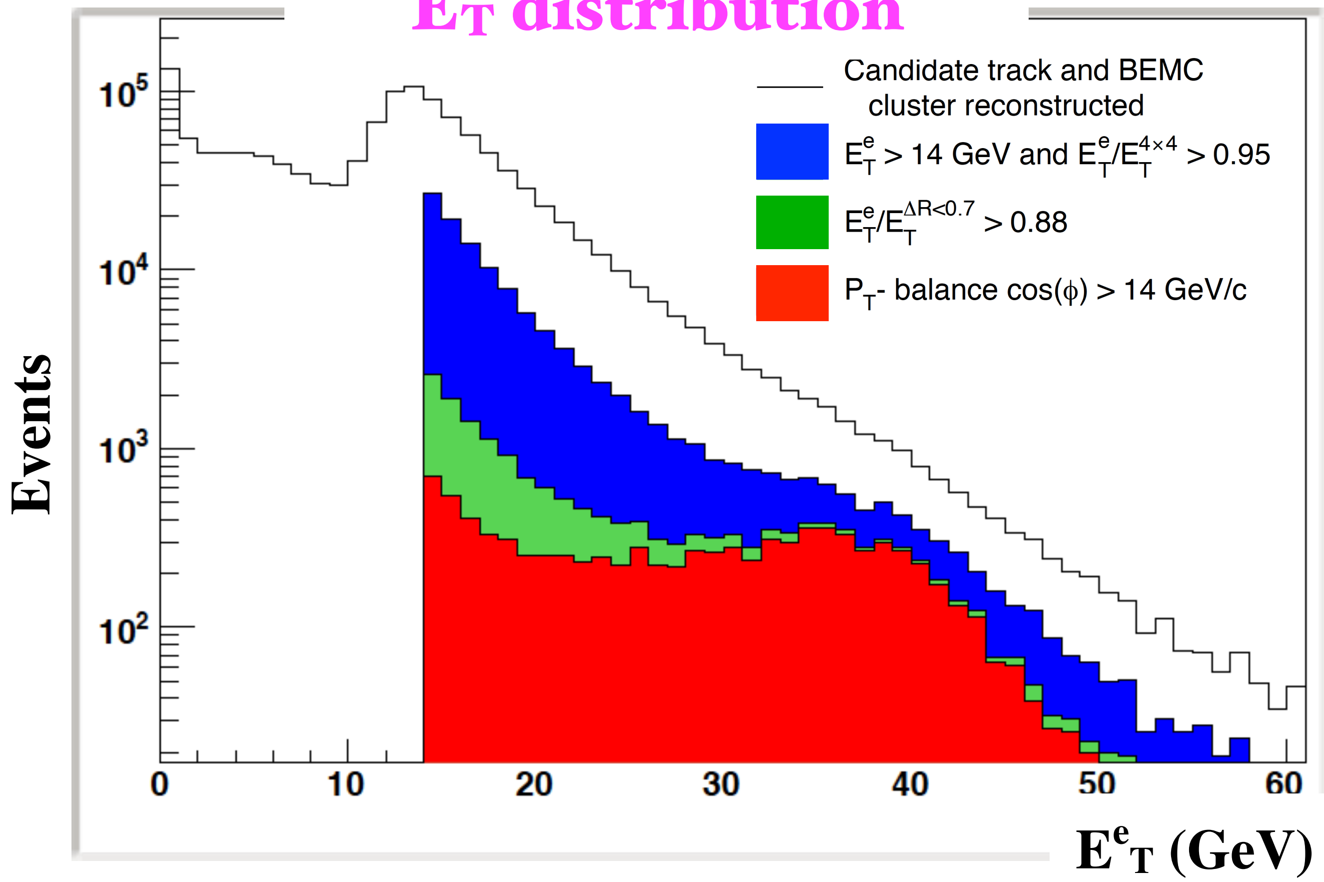


	L (pb^{-1})	P	FOM (P^2L (pb^{-1}))
Run 9	12	0.38	1.7
Run 11	9.4	0.49	2.3
Run 12	72	0.56	24
Run 13	~ 300	0.54	~ 87

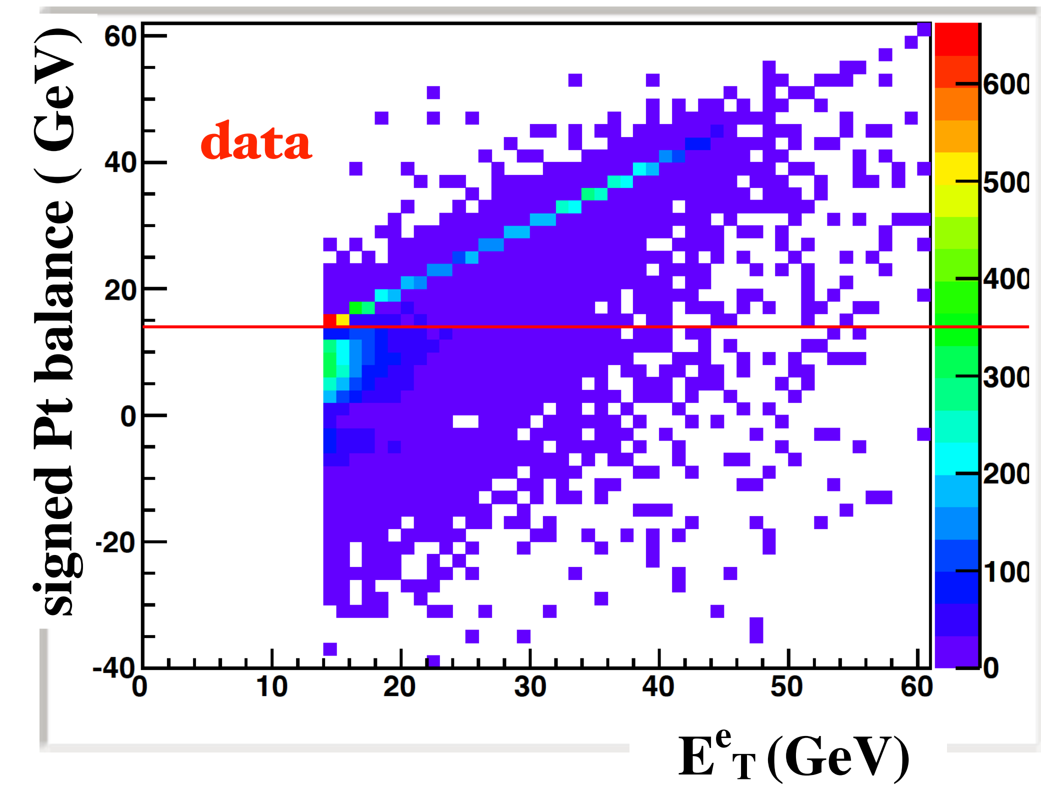
In 2013 STAR collected an average luminosity of ~300 pb^{-1} at $\sqrt{s}$ =500 GeV with an average beam polarization of ~54% .

Mid-rapidity Analysis Status : W selection

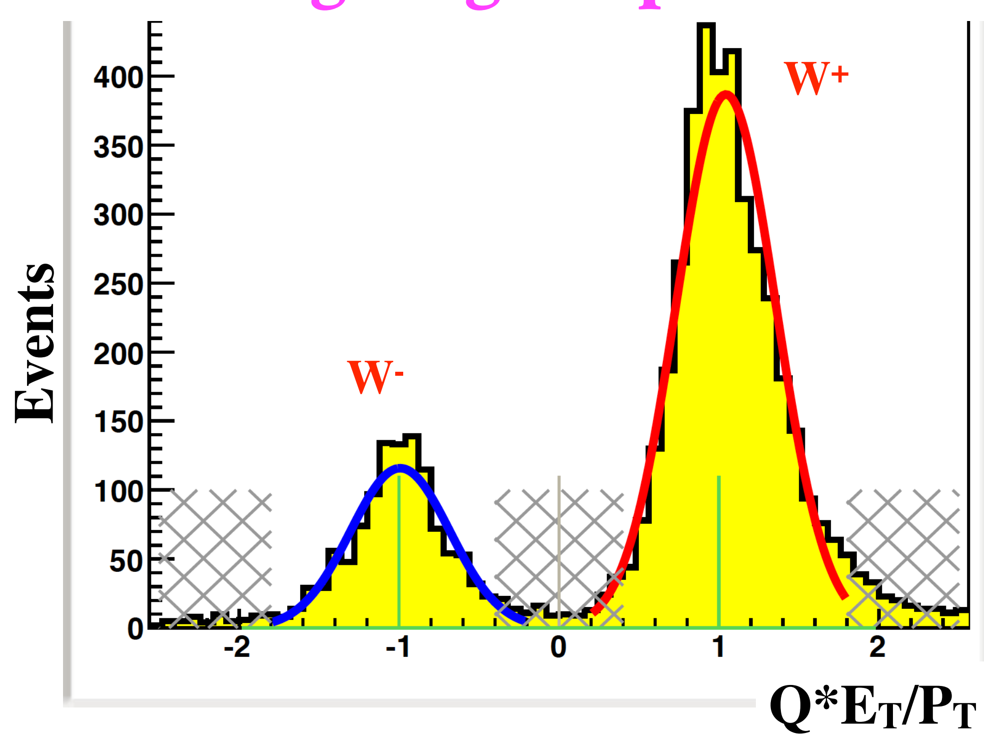
E_T distribution

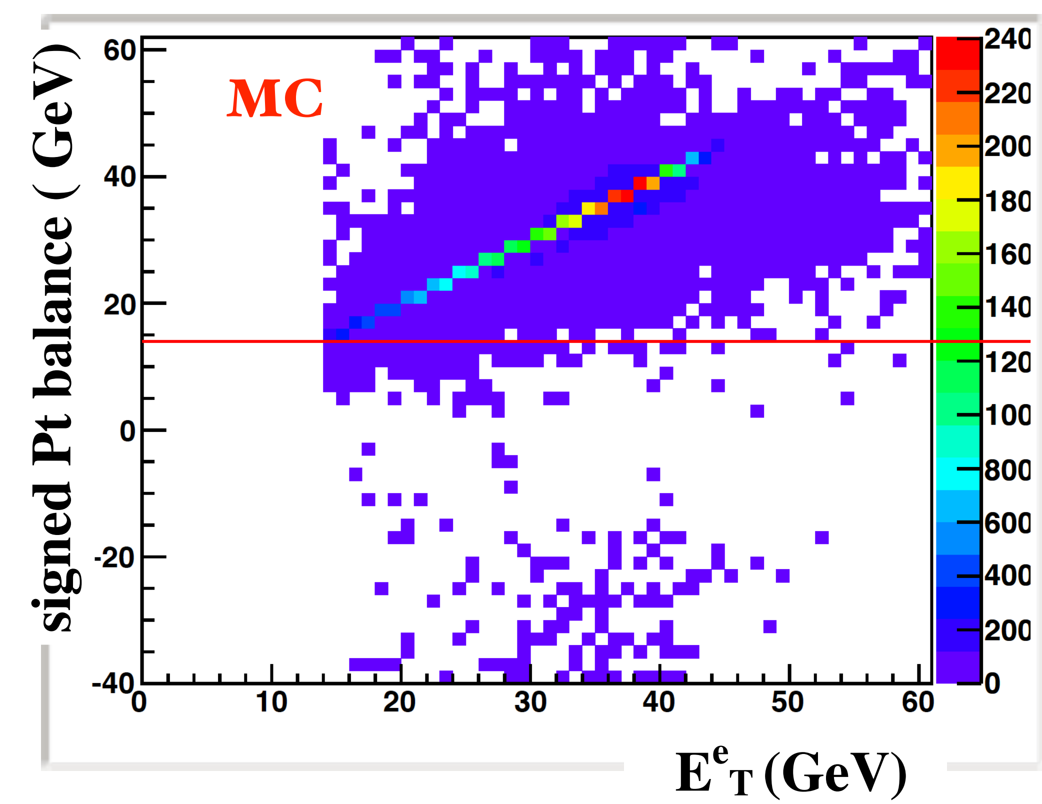


Sign-P_T balance



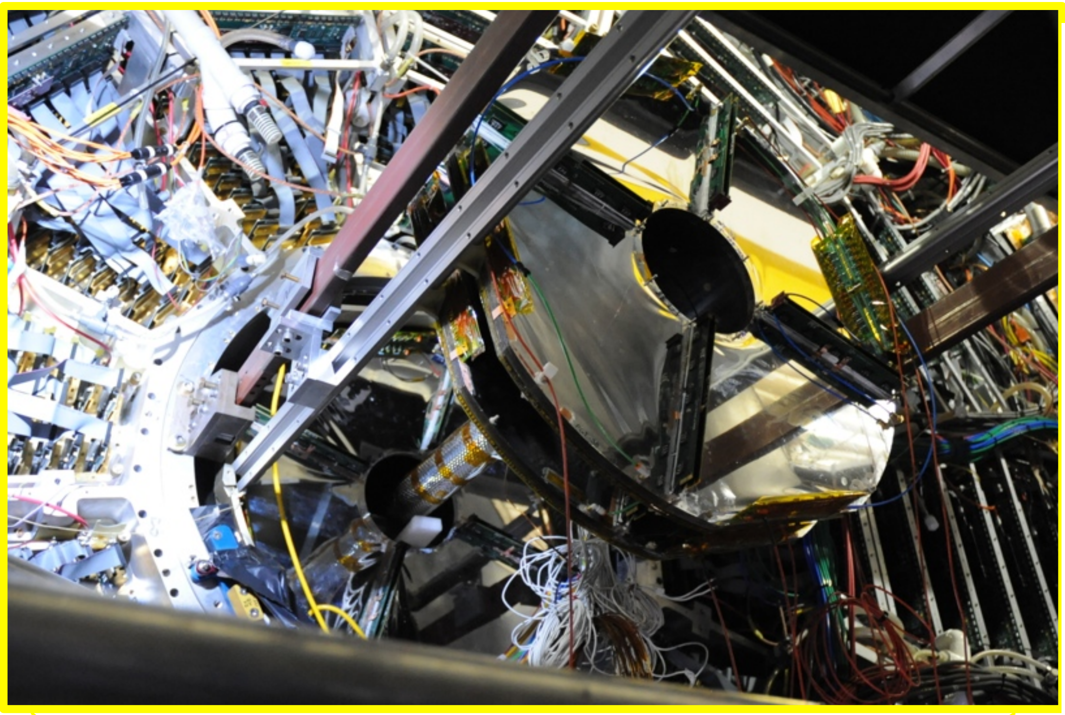
Charge-sign Separation

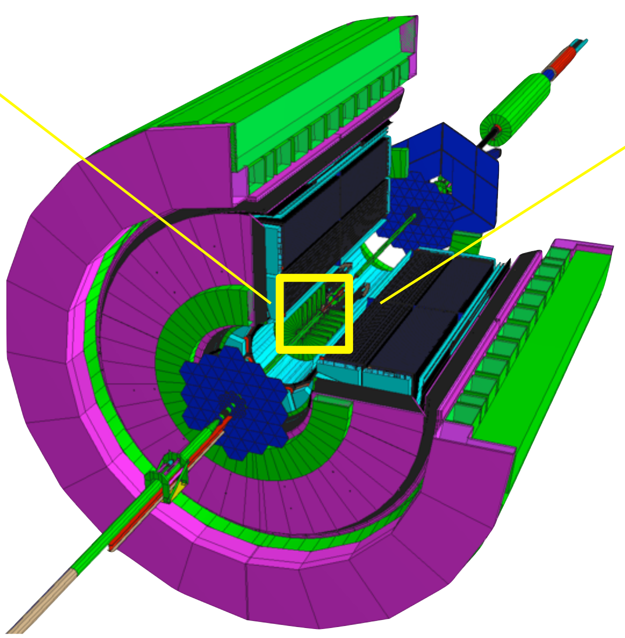




Forward-rapidity Analysis Status :

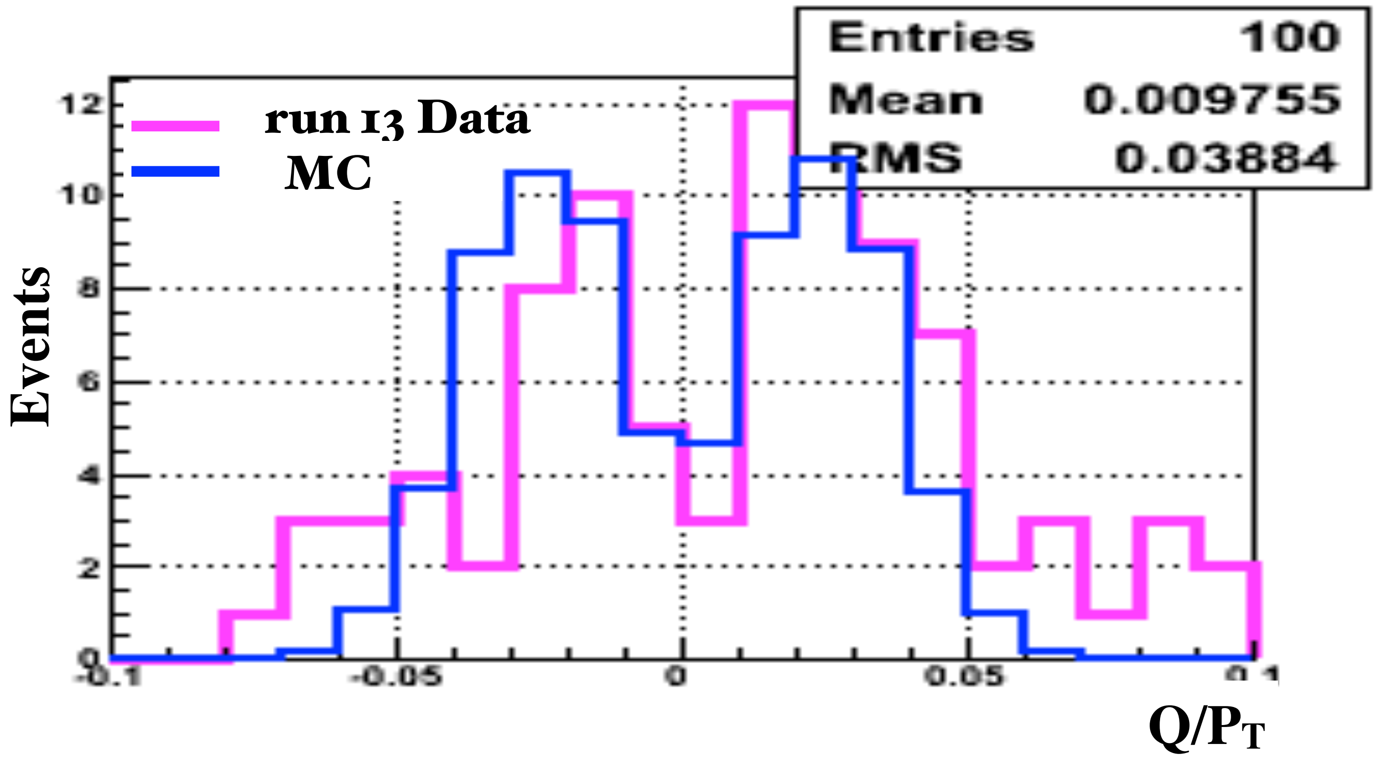
FGT (Forward Gem Tracker)





W Charge-sign Separation using FGT

FGT(2≥hits)+Vertex+EEMC+Prompt



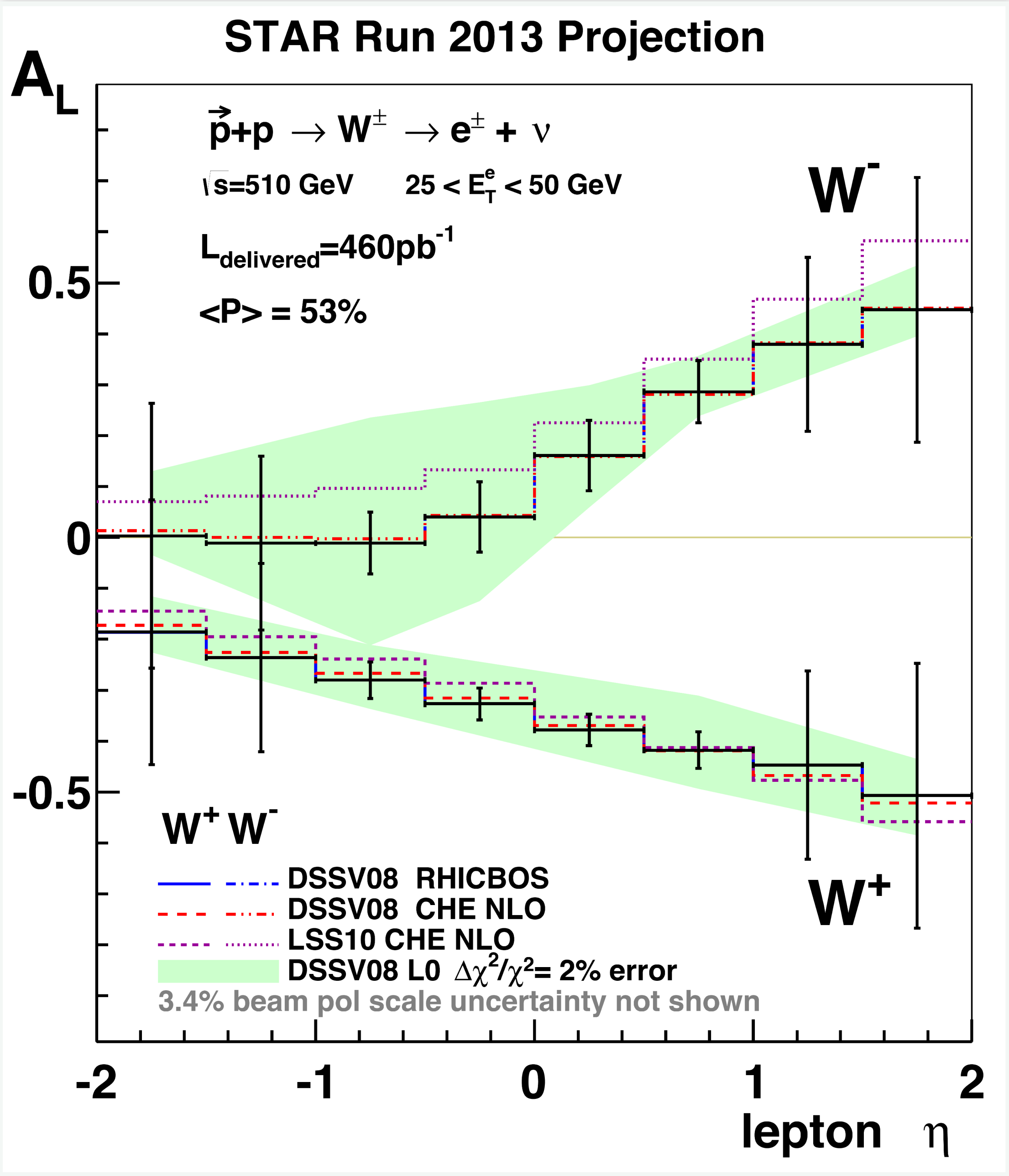
Prompt = actual measurement using TPC internal Multi-Wire proportional chamber

FGT res=0.02cm , VTX-XY res=0.02cm, VTX-Z res=1cm, TPC prompt res=0.1cm, EEMC res=0.3cm

~2.5 sigma separation with FGT+VTX+EEMC +PROMPT (~1/3 events)

STAR 2013 W A_L Projections

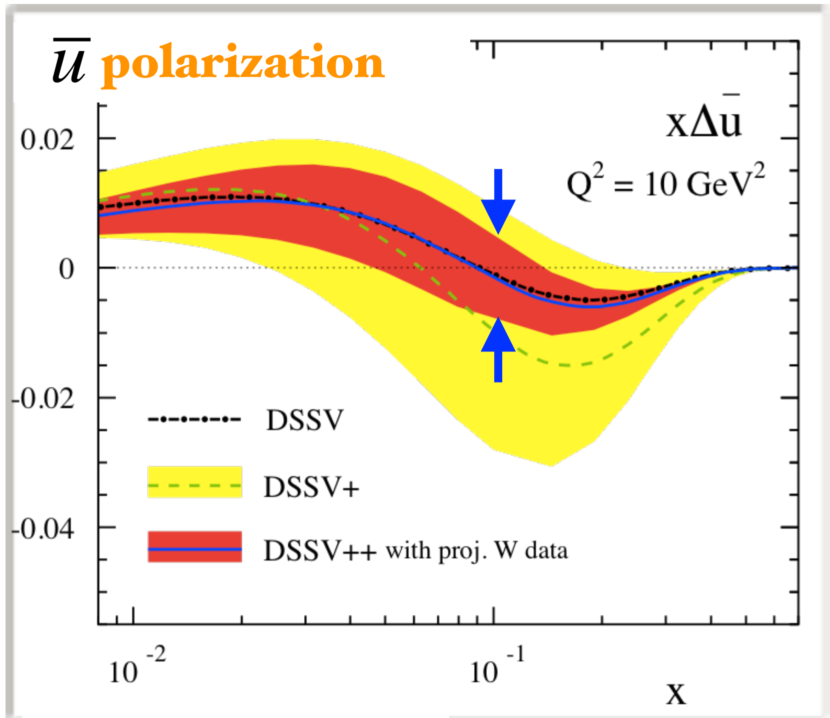
STAR W A_L Projections

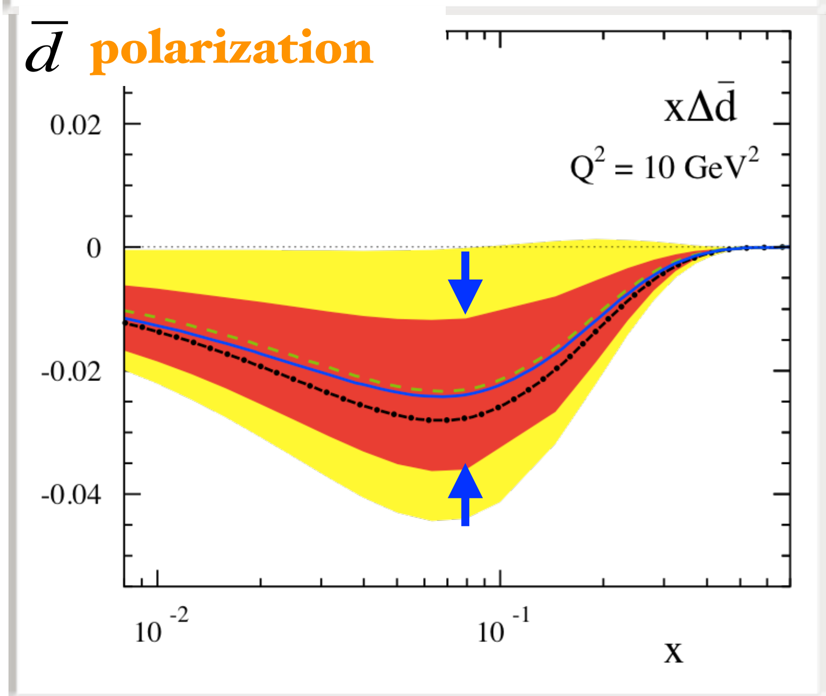


Higher precision results are expected from much larger statistics

Extension of forward and backward acceptance enhances sensitivity to $\bar{u}$ and $\bar{d}$ quark polarization

Impact on antiquark polarization





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Summary / Outlook

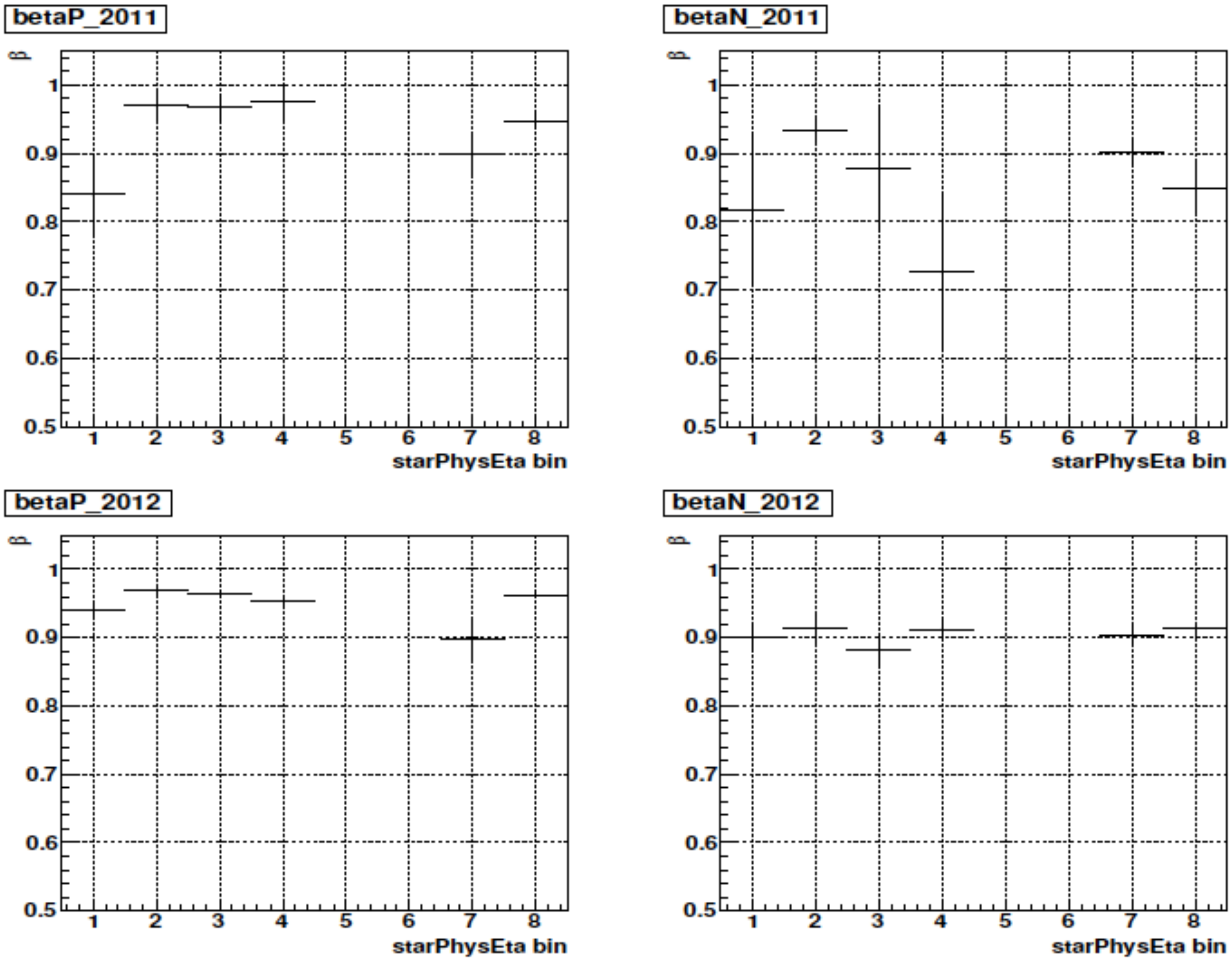
- The Production of W Bosons in polarized p+p collisions provides a new means to study the spin and flavor asymmetries of the proton sea quark distributions
- STAR has measured the parity violating single-spin asymmetry A_L for $|\eta_e| < 1.4$ from 2012 and 2011 data, providing the first detailed look at the asymmetry's η_e dependance.
- STAR 2012 W A_L results provide significant constraints on anti u and anti d quark polarization.
- The first half of the data from the high statistics 2013 run is in the final state of analysis and the analysis of the second half is under way.
- Higher precision result from 2013 will improve the constraints on the sea quark polarization.

Backup

systematic uncertainties

- Beam polarization uncertainty: correlated scale 3.4%
- Relative luminosity uncertainty: correlated offset $\Delta A_L = 0.007$
- Background estimation: less than 10% of statistical error

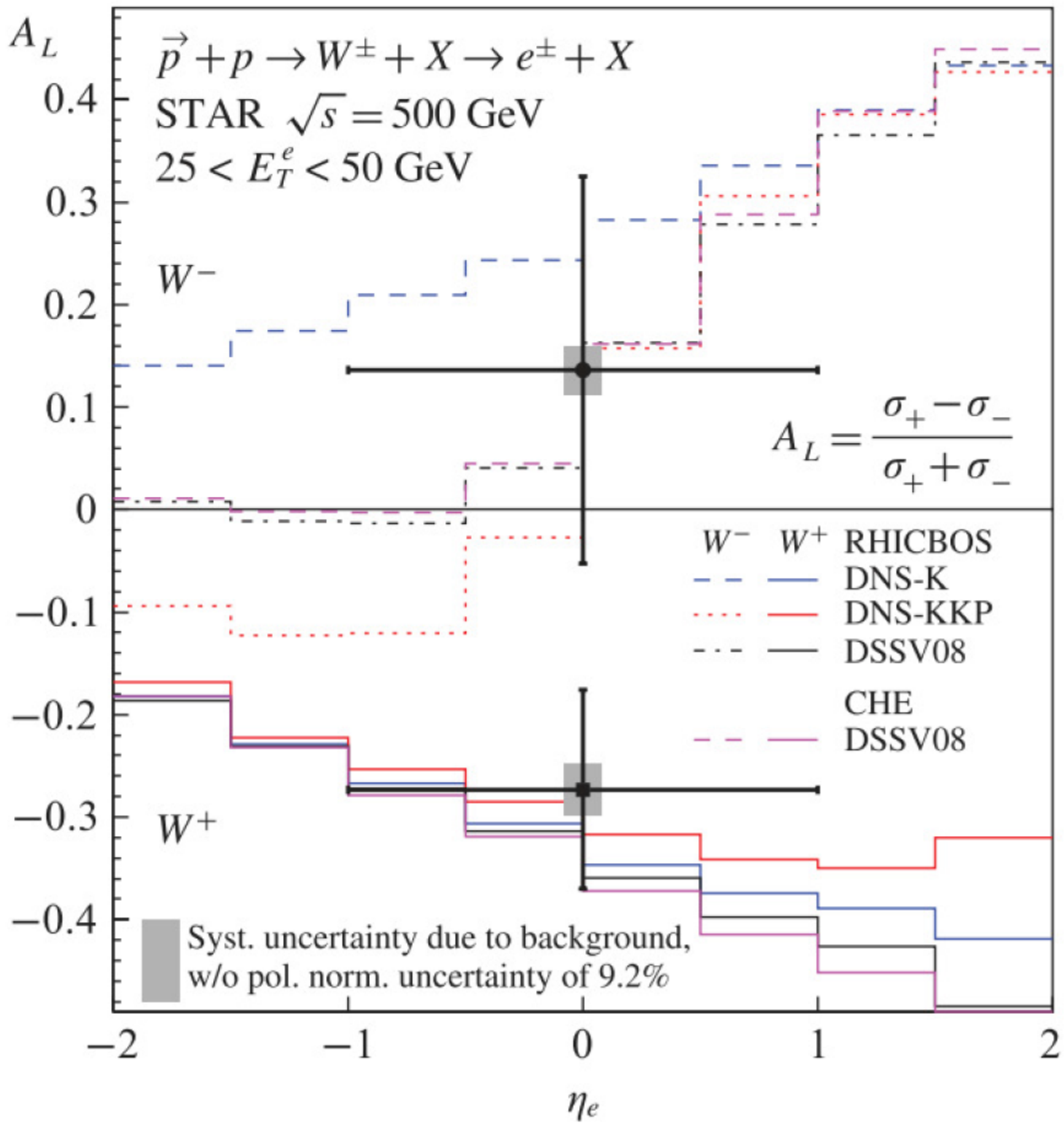
unpolarized BG β



W^+ β: ~ 0.95, W^- β: ~ 0.9

where $\beta = S/(S+B)$, S and B are the number of signal and background events in [25, 50] GeV

STAR 2009 W Results



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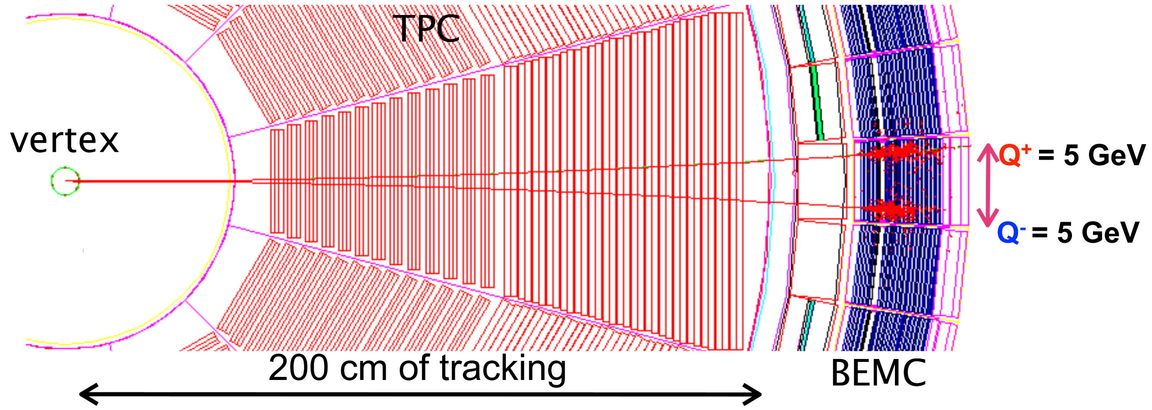
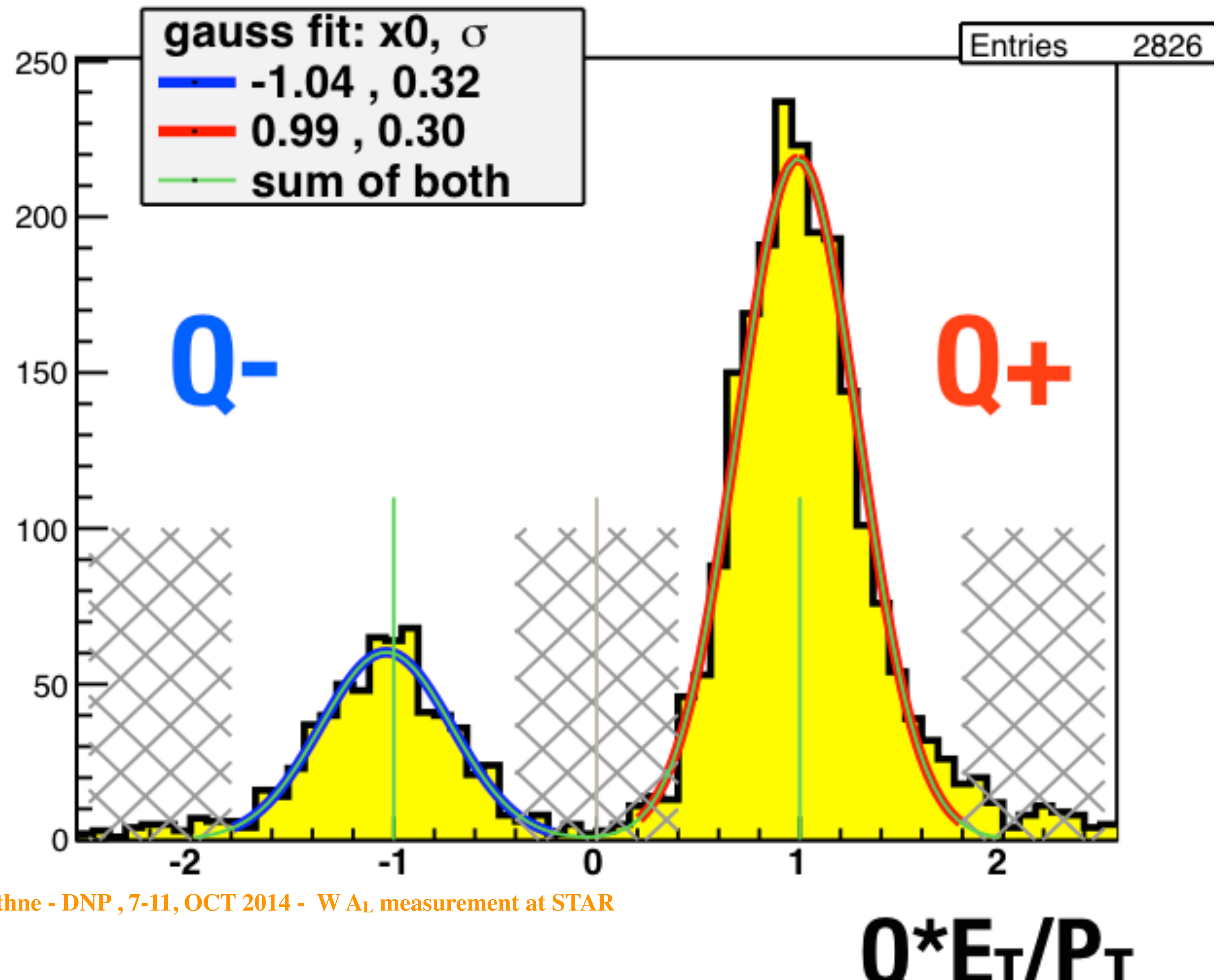
Run	L (pb^{-1})	$W^+(W^-)$ raw yield
2009	12	462 (192)
2011	9	342 (103)
2012	77	2417 (734)

Mid-Rapidity charge sign separation



- Charge sign reconstruction based on TPC track bending
- Estimate wrong sign contamination by fitting $Q * E_T/pT$ with Gaussian.

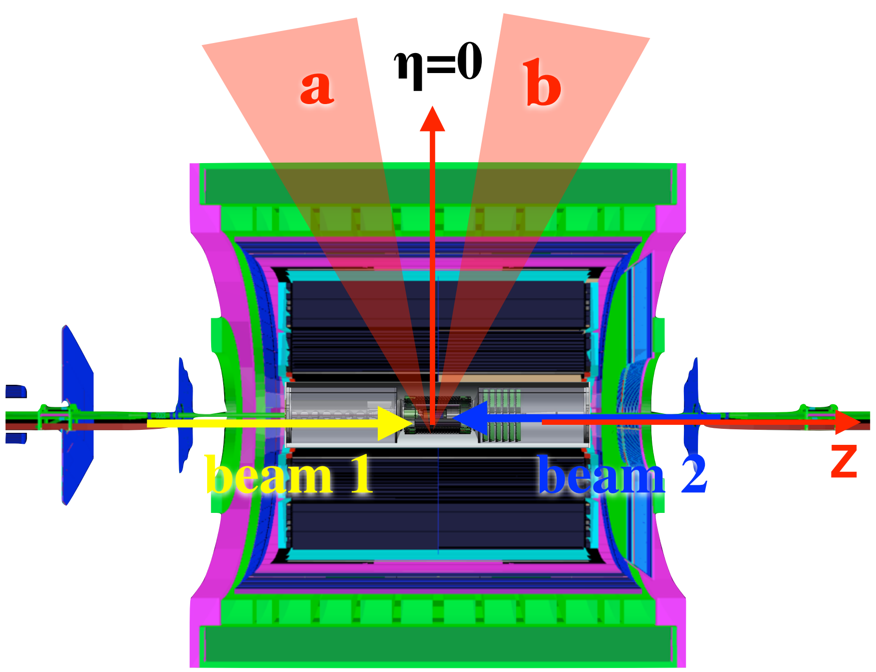


Extracting Asymmetries using Profile Likelihood Method

- Profile Likelihood method used in extracting Asymmetries from combination of run 2012 and run 2011 data [simple gaussian uncertainties breakdown particularly for small 2011 data sample]

- Define likelihood function for 8 spin-dependent yields from pair of symmetric η region of STAR

$$L = \Pi_i^4 p(M_i^a \mid \mu_i^a) p(M_i^b \mid \mu_i^b) g(\beta^a) g(\beta^b)$$



$p(M_i \mid \mu_i)$ - Poisson probability, for measured spin sorted yield M_i in the expected value μ_i given by:

$$\mu_{++}^a = I_{++}N(1 + P_1\beta A_L^{+\eta_e} + P_2\beta A_L^{-\eta_e} + P_1P_2\beta A_{LL}$$

$$\mu_{+-}^a = I_{+-}N(1 + P_1\beta A_L^{+\eta_e} - P_2\beta A_L^{-\eta_e} - P_1P_2\beta A_{LL}$$

$$\mu_{-+}^a = I_{-+}N(1 - P_1\beta A_L^{+\eta_e} + P_2\beta A_L^{-\eta_e} - P_1P_2\beta A_{LL}$$

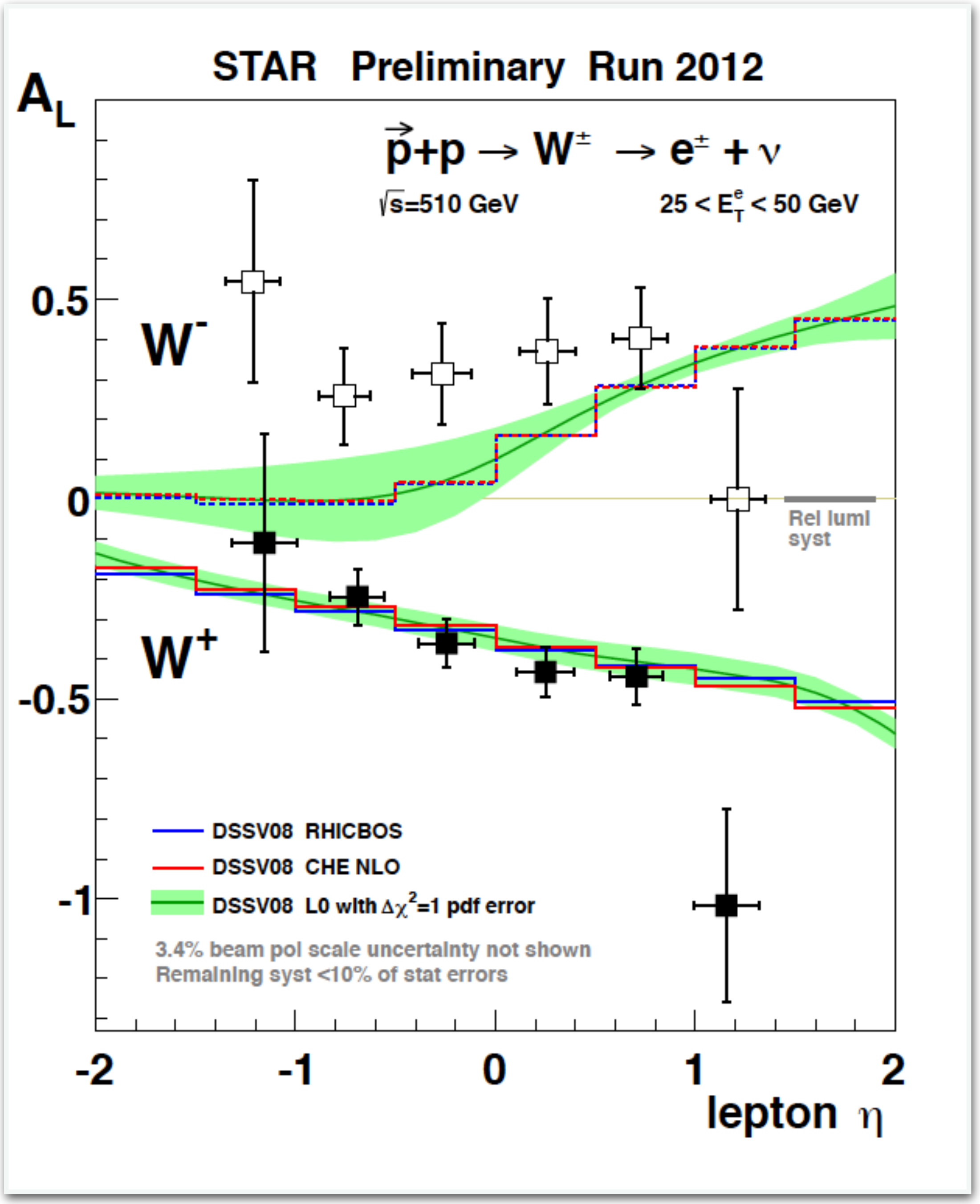
$$\mu_{--}^a = I_{--}N(1 - P_1\beta A_L^{+\eta_e} - P_2\beta A_L^{-\eta_e} + P_1P_2\beta A_{LL}$$

P_1, P_2 - beam polarization; $A_L^{+\eta_e}(A_L^{-\eta_e})$ - single spin asymmetry; A_{LL} - double spin asymmetry; N - spin averaged yield; $I_{\pm\pm}$ - relative luminosity

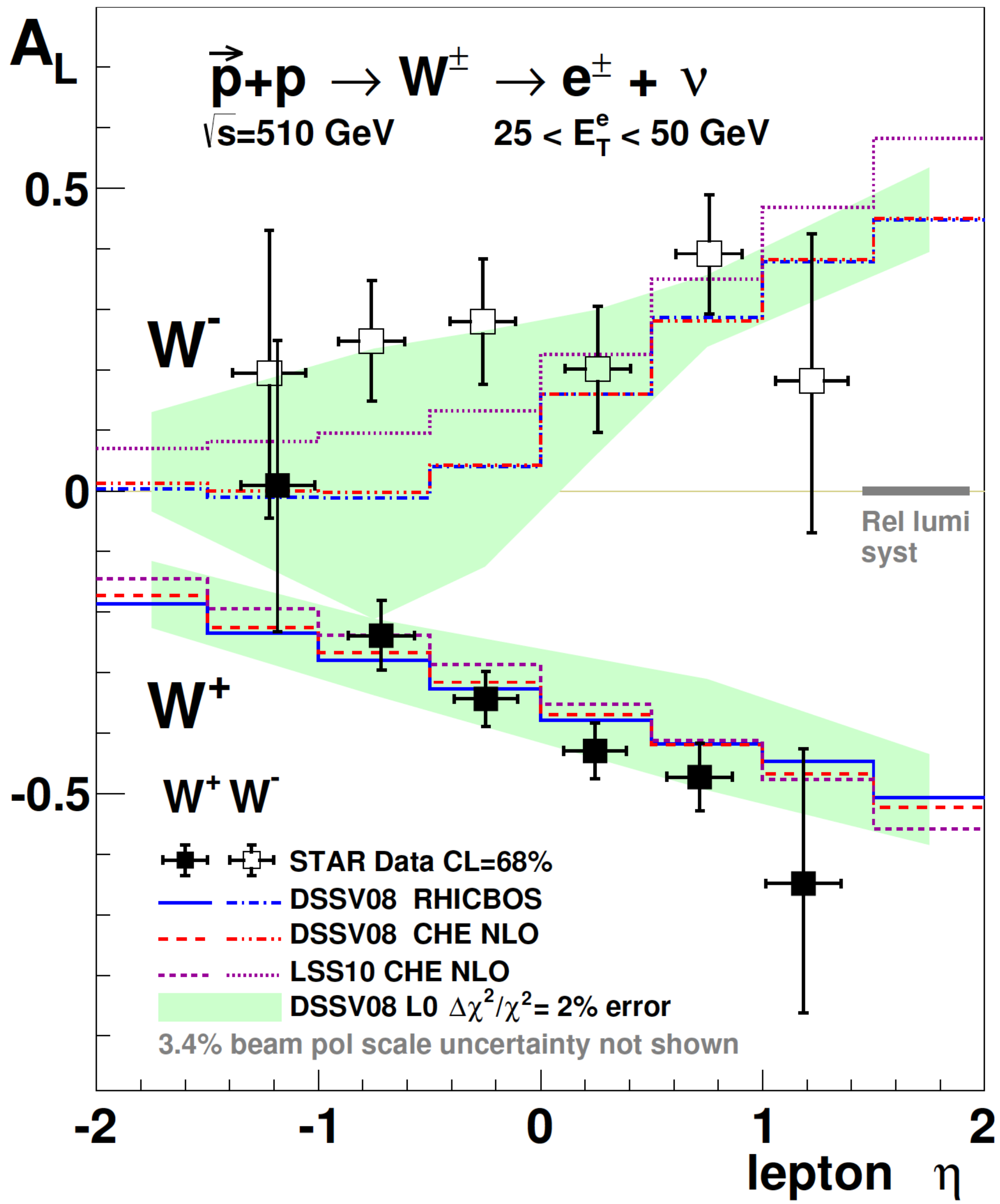
g(β) - Gaussian probability for estimated dilution background β

Extract asymmetries from likelihood function $L_{2011} \times L_{2012}$

Run 12 Preliminary results compare to Final



STAR FINAL Run 2012+2011



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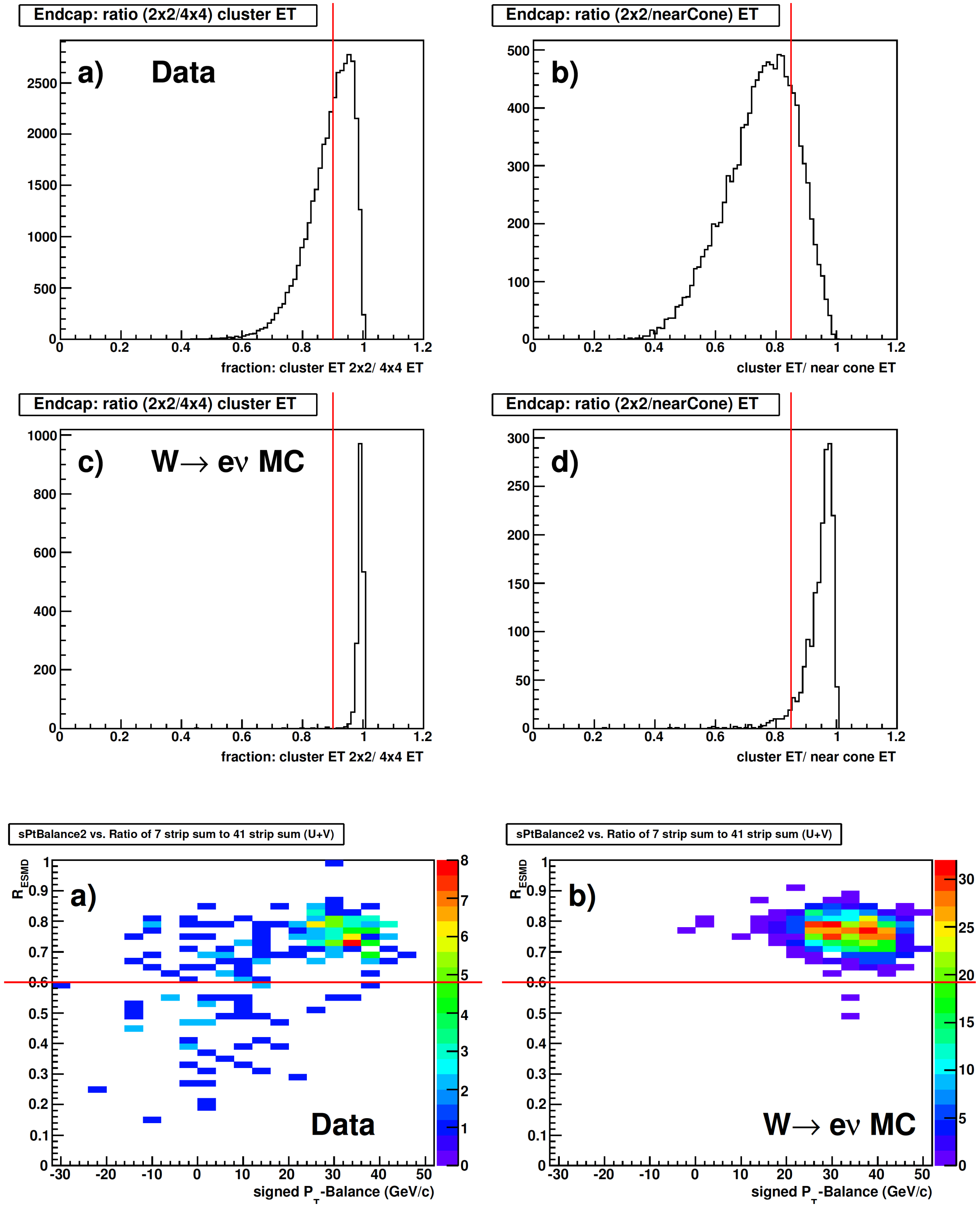
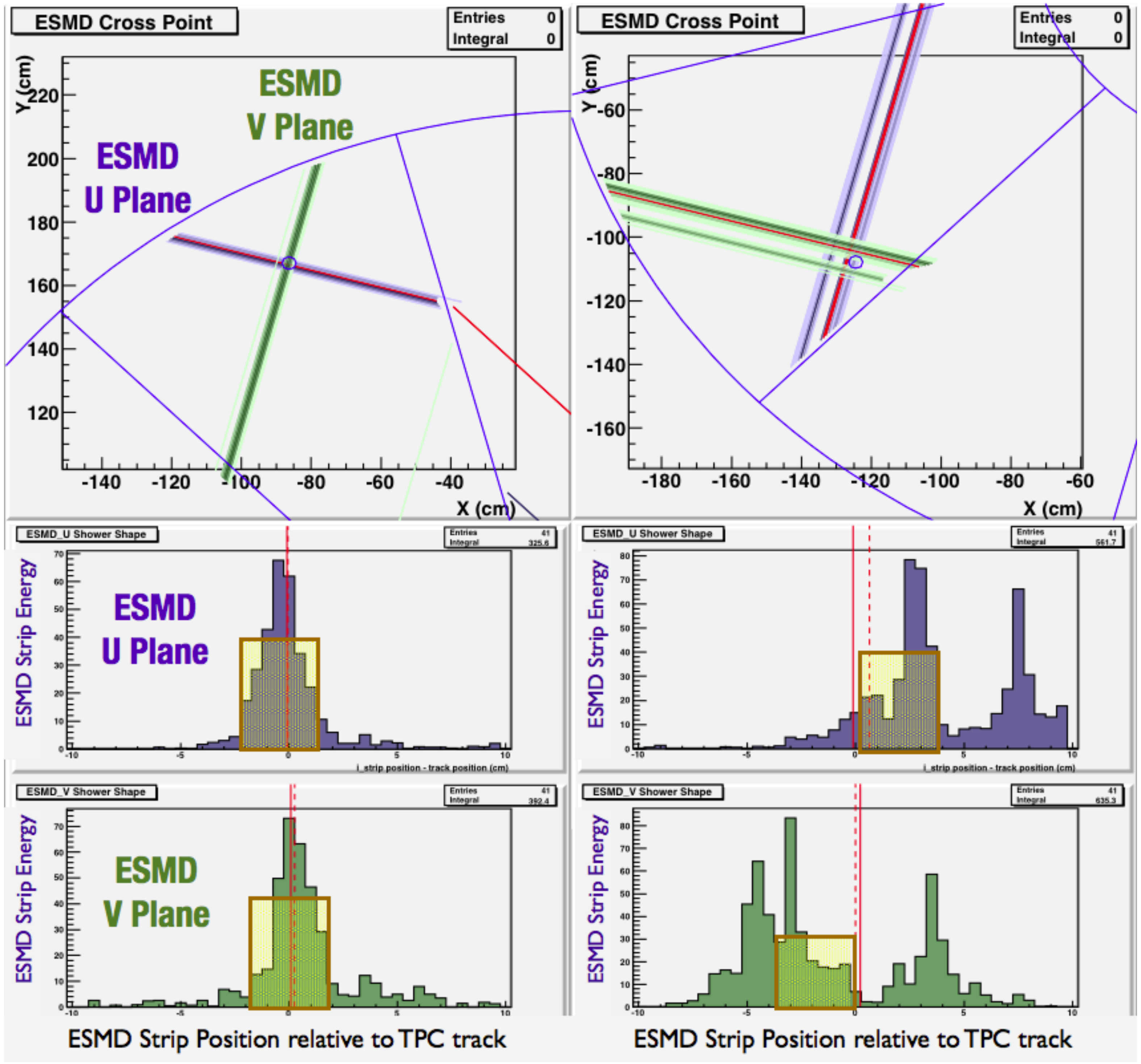
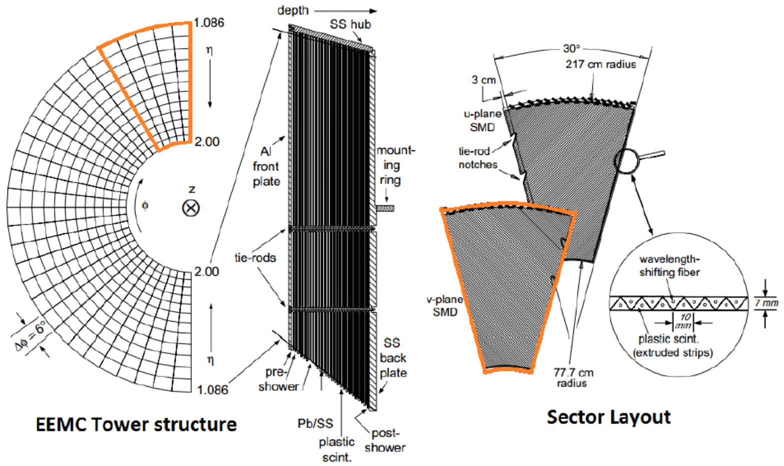
Endcap W Selection



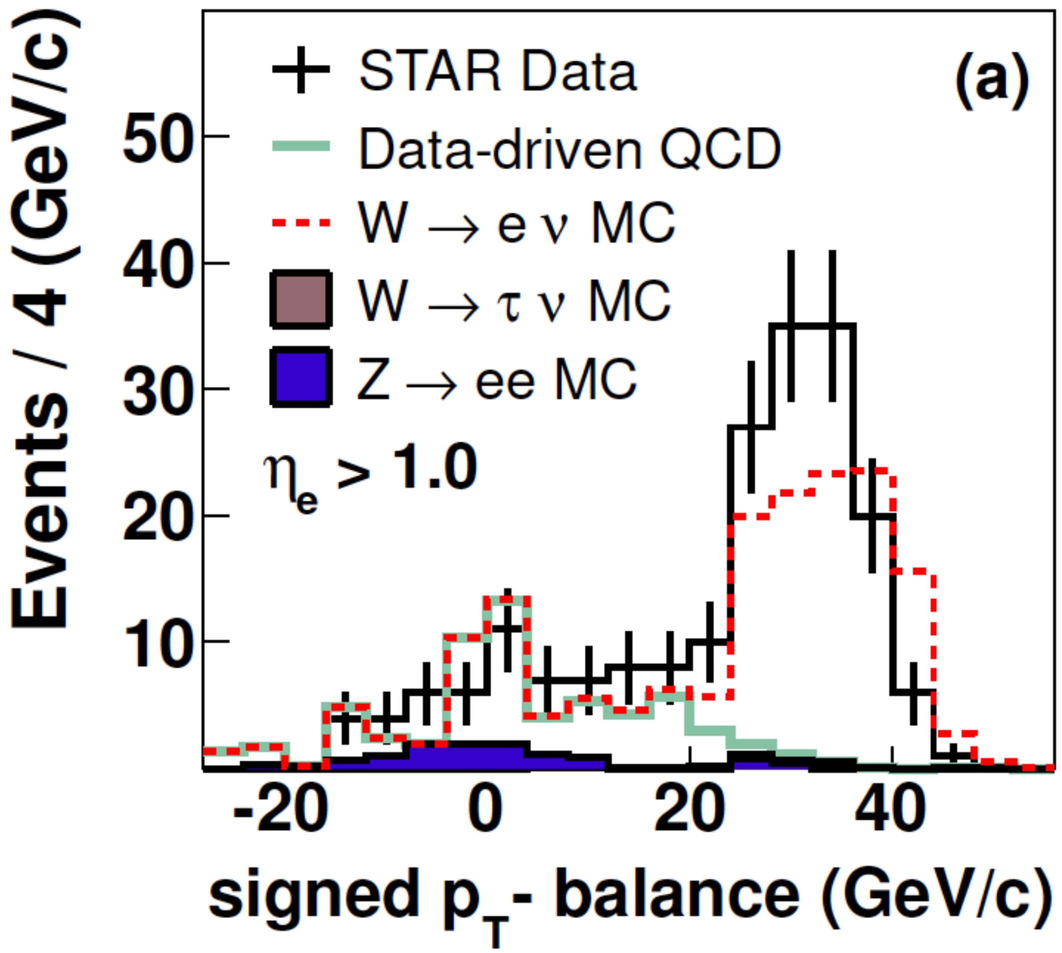
ESMD CUTS

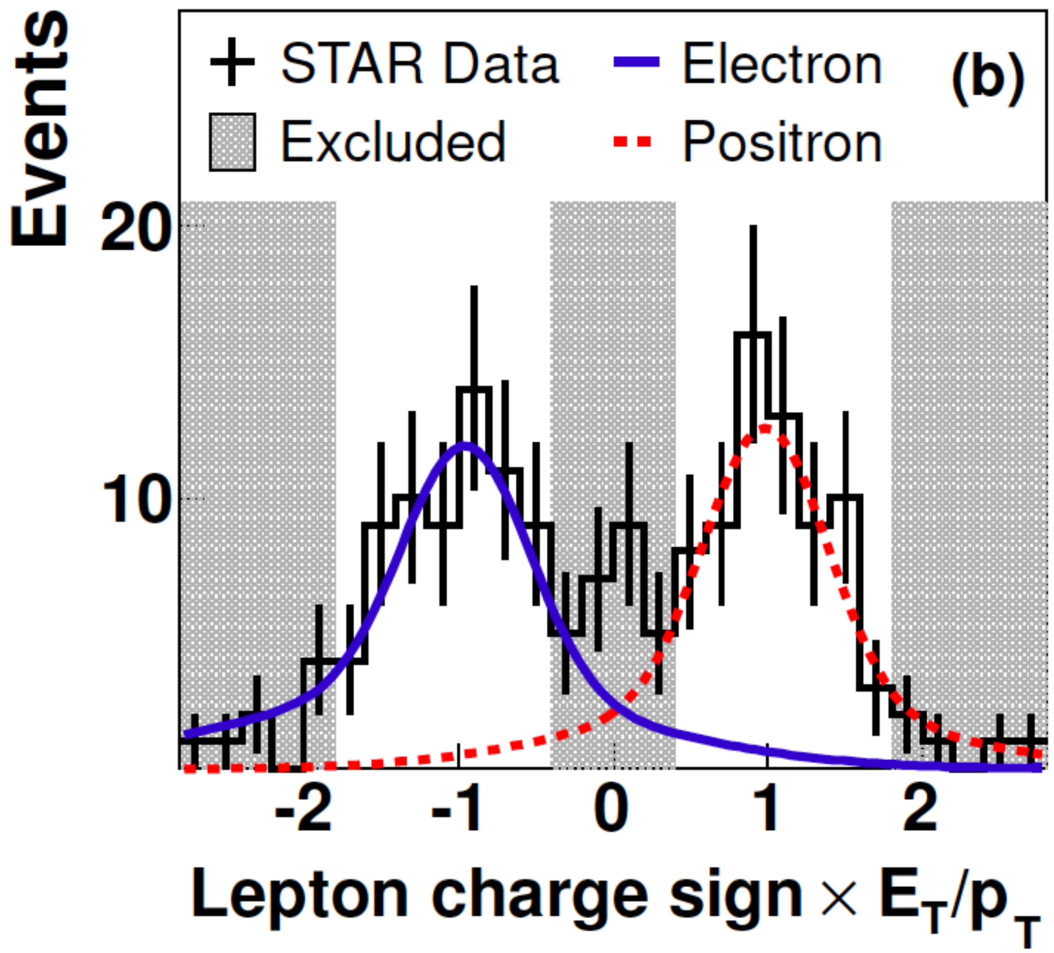




$$R_{ESMD} = \frac{\sum_{i=-3}^{+3} E_i^U + E_i^V}{\sum_{i=-20}^{+20} E_i^U + E_i^V}$$

Forward Rapidity Background Estimation and charge sign separation





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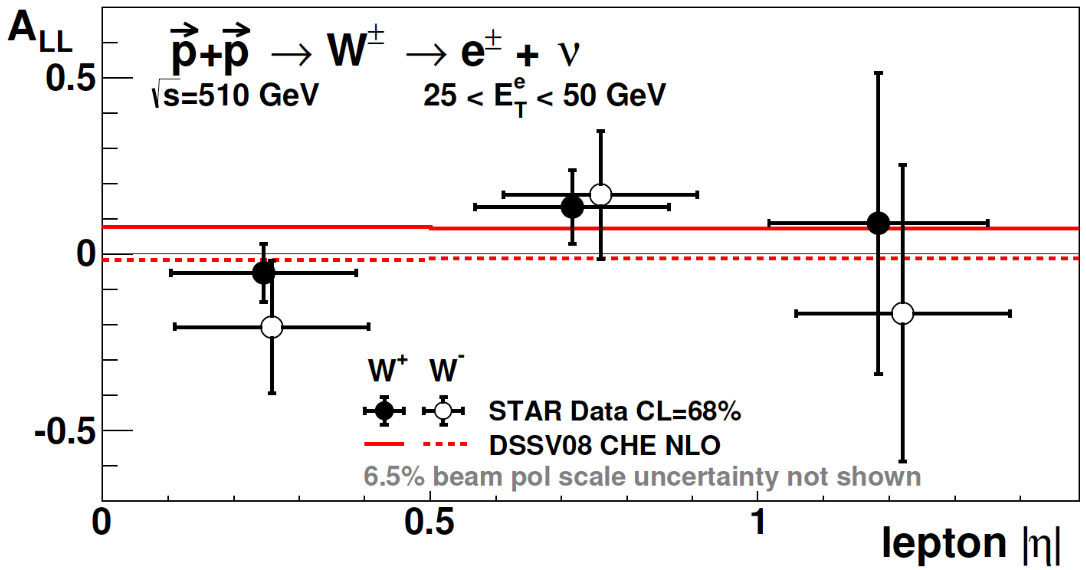
Run 12 ALL and Z AL results

$$A_{LL} = \frac{(\sigma^{++}+\sigma^{--})-(\sigma^{+-}+\sigma^{-+})}{(\sigma^{++}+\sigma^{--})+(\sigma^{+-}+\sigma^{-+})}$$



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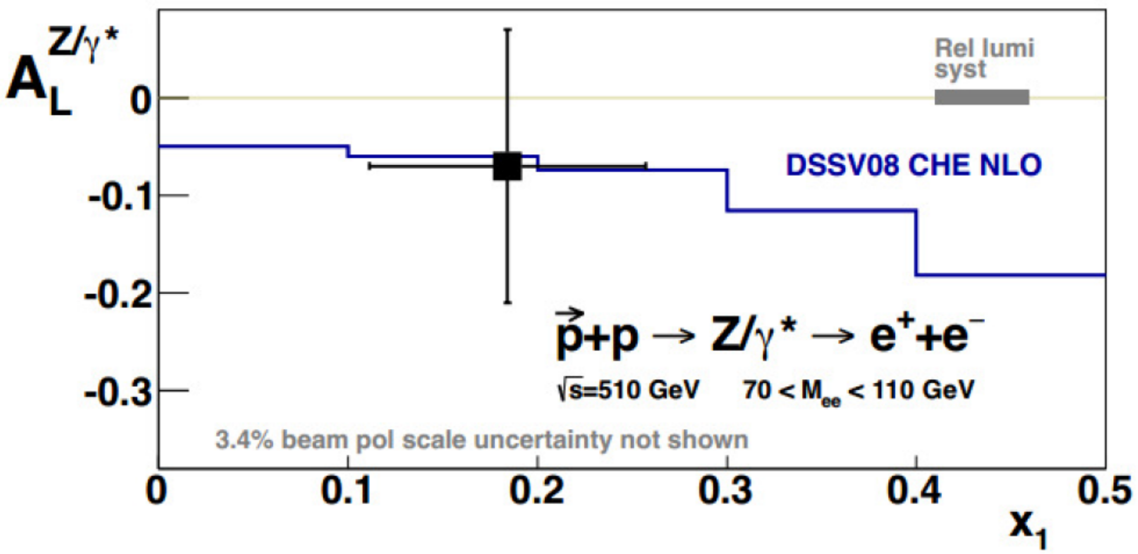
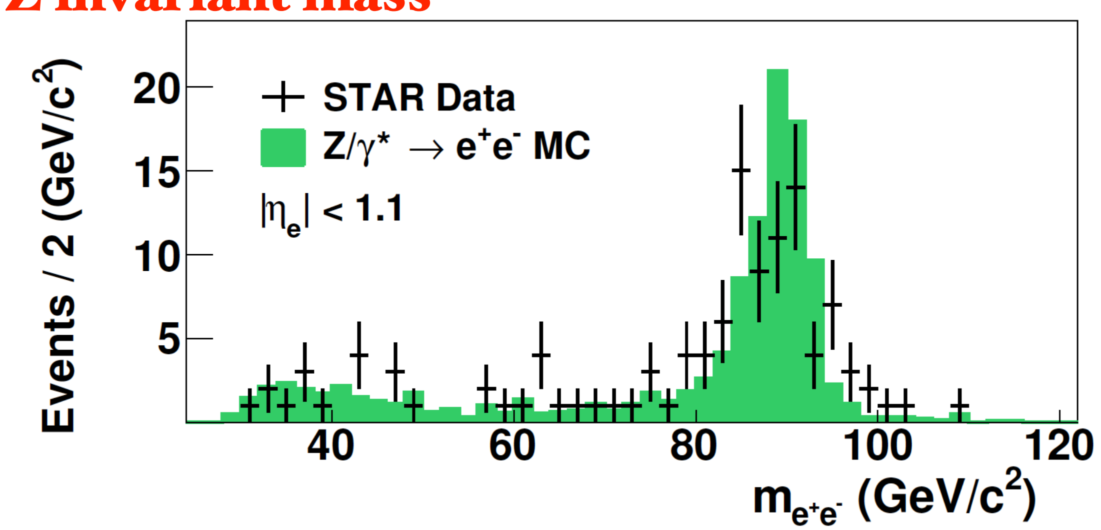


Z invariant mass



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- Probes different combination of quark polarizations

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma^{++}-\sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++}+\sigma^{+-}} \qquad A_{LL}^{W+} \sim \frac{\Delta u}{u}\frac{\Delta \bar{d}}{\bar{d}} \qquad A_{LL}^{W-} \sim \frac{\Delta d}{d}\frac{\Delta \bar{u}}{\bar{u}}$$

- Asymmetries expected to be smaller, and first measurement consistent with predictions from DSSV

W production: more details

Helicity structure can see in the differential cross section of W

$$\frac{d\sigma_{W^+}}{d\cos\theta} \propto \bar{d}(x_1)u(x_2)(1+\cos\theta)^2 + u(x_1)\bar{d}(x_2)(1-\cos\theta)^2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{W^-}}{d\cos\theta} \propto \bar{u}(x_1)d(x_2)(1-\cos\theta)^2 + d(x_1)\bar{u}(x_2)(1+\cos\theta)^2,$$

W tends to boost direction of the valance quark traveling

Helicity structure of the interaction causes lepton to emit parallel (antiparallel) to W-(W+)

higher (lower) x parton in the collision is most likely quark (antiquark) . And quark is very likely to come from valance region

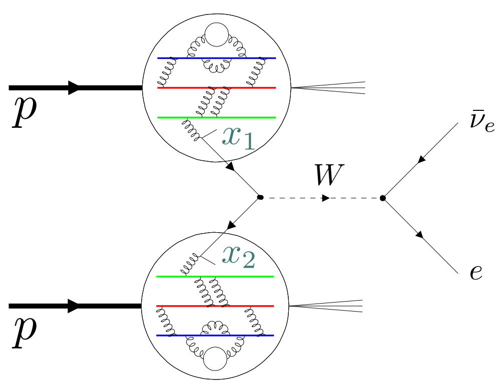
W longitudinal momentum

$$p_{L,W} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}(x_1 - x_2)$$

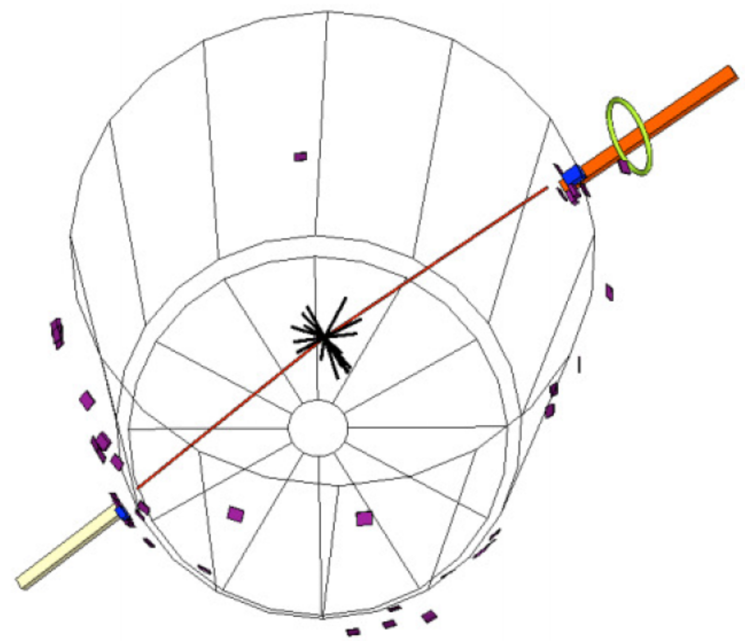
e decay kinematics in lab frame related to W boost direction

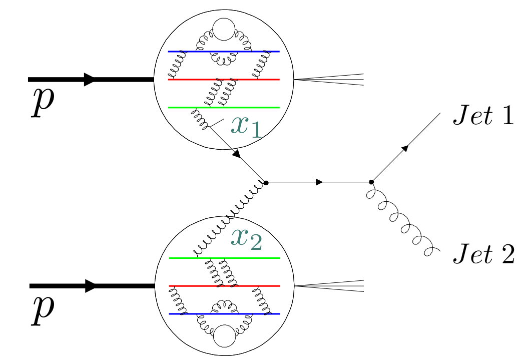
$$p_{L,e}^{lab} = \frac{1}{\gamma}p_{L,e}^{*} + \beta E_e^{lab}, \quad p_{L,e}^{*} = \cos\theta \cdot M_W/2 \quad (p_T^e = \sin\theta \cdot M_W/2).$$

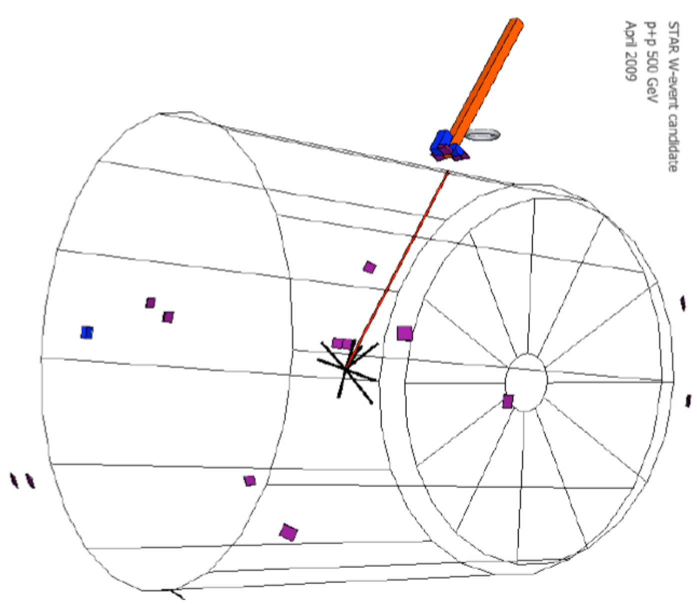
W , di-Jet and Z type events

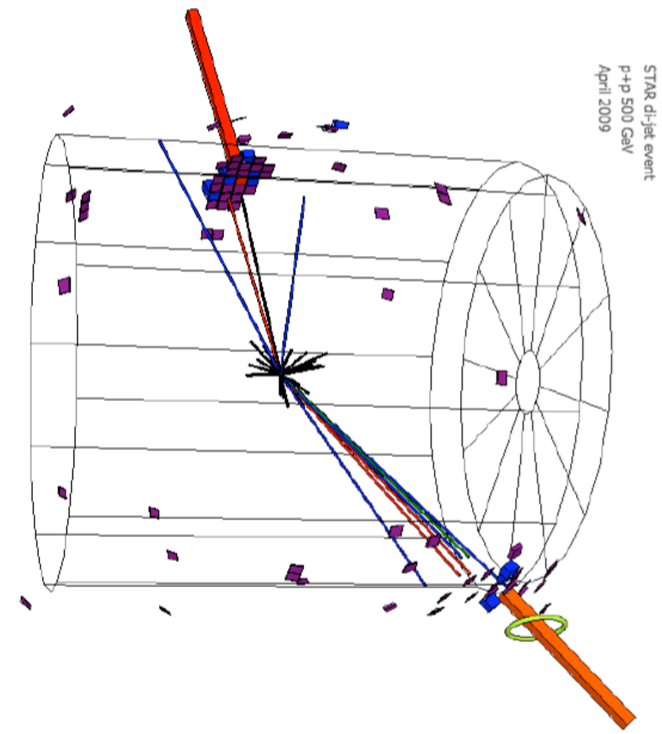


simulated Z-ee event









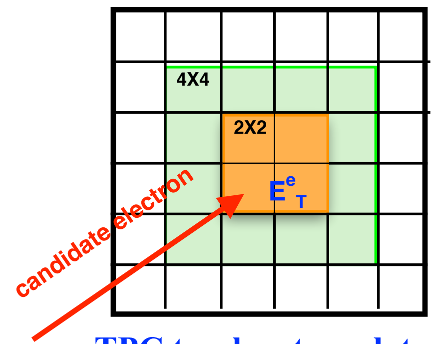
simulated W->e event

simulated di-jet event

Mid-rapidity ($|\eta_e| < 1$) W Selection

- **Match P_T > 10 GeV TPC tracks to EMC cluster**

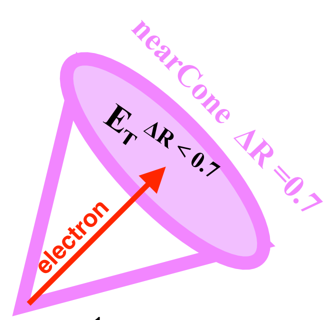
$$E^e_T \,/\, E_T^{4X4} \quad > 0.95$$



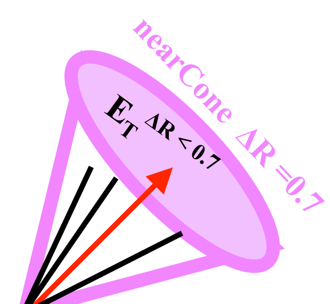
TPC track extrapolated
to Barrel colorimeter tower grid

- **Isolate from QCD di-jet type event**

$$E^e_T \,/\, E_T^{\Delta R < 0.7} \quad > 0.88$$



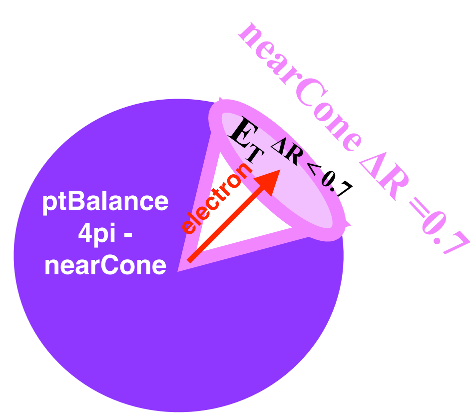
w type



jet type

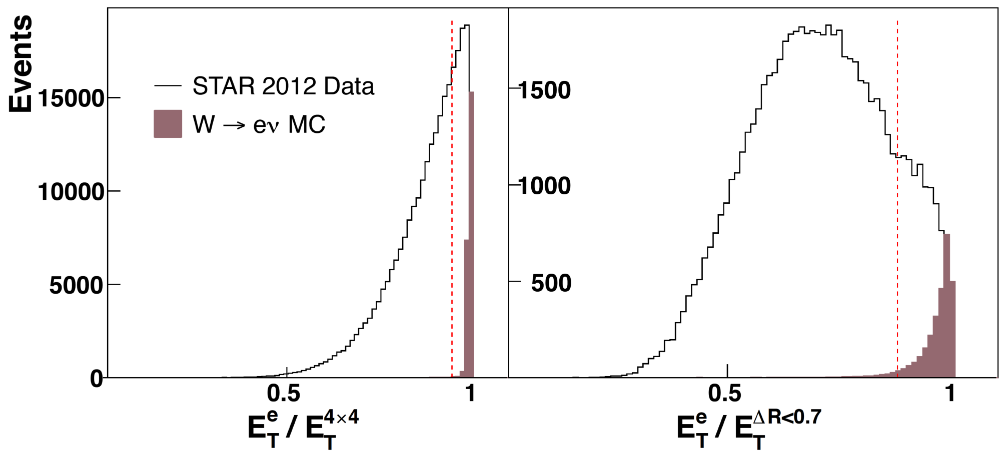
- **Use Larger imbalance of transverse momentum**

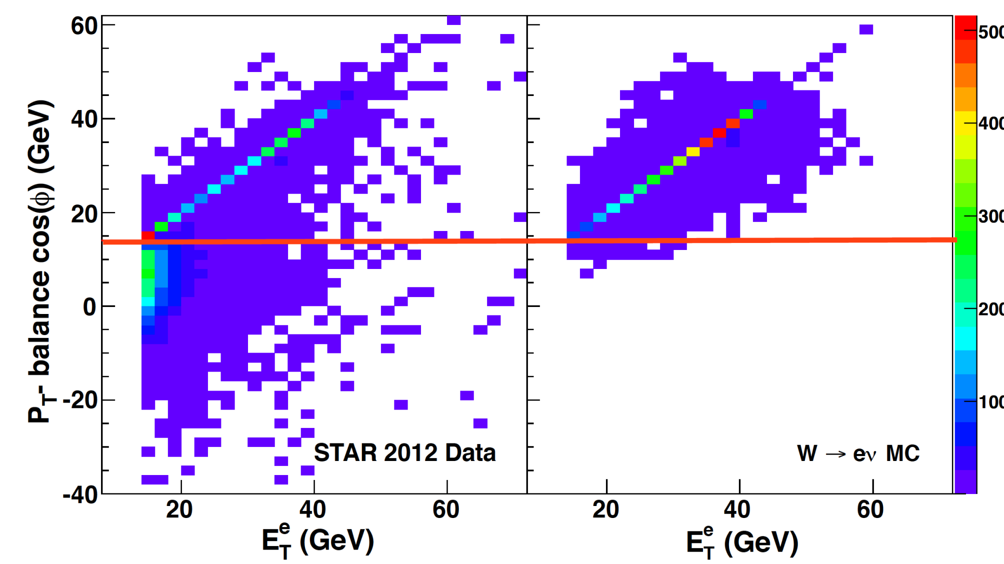
$$\vec{p}_T^{\,balance} = \vec{p}_T^{\,e} + \sum_{\Delta R>0.7} \vec{p}_T^{\,jets}$$

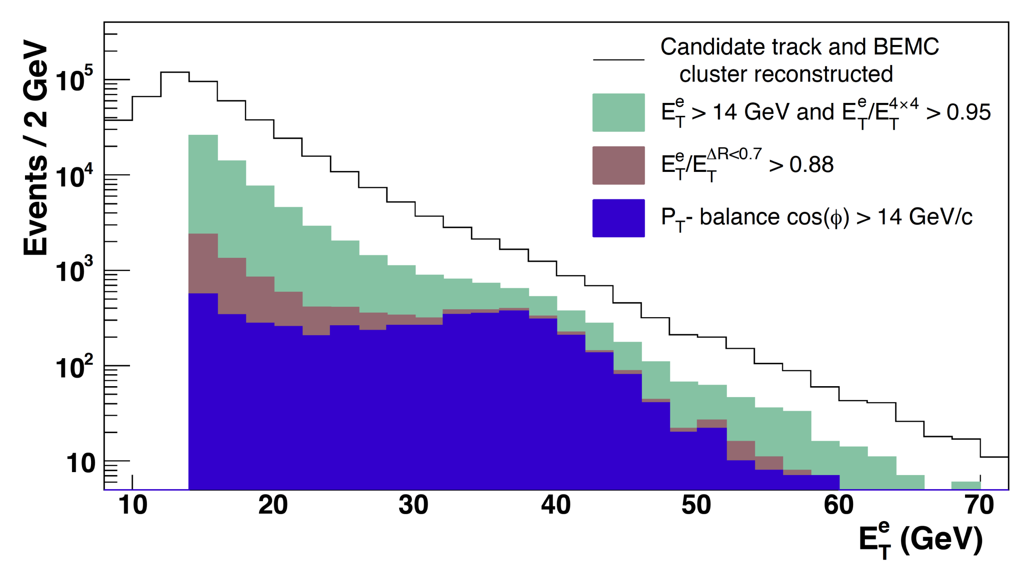


Transverse plane
views

- **e+ and e- Charge sign Separation**

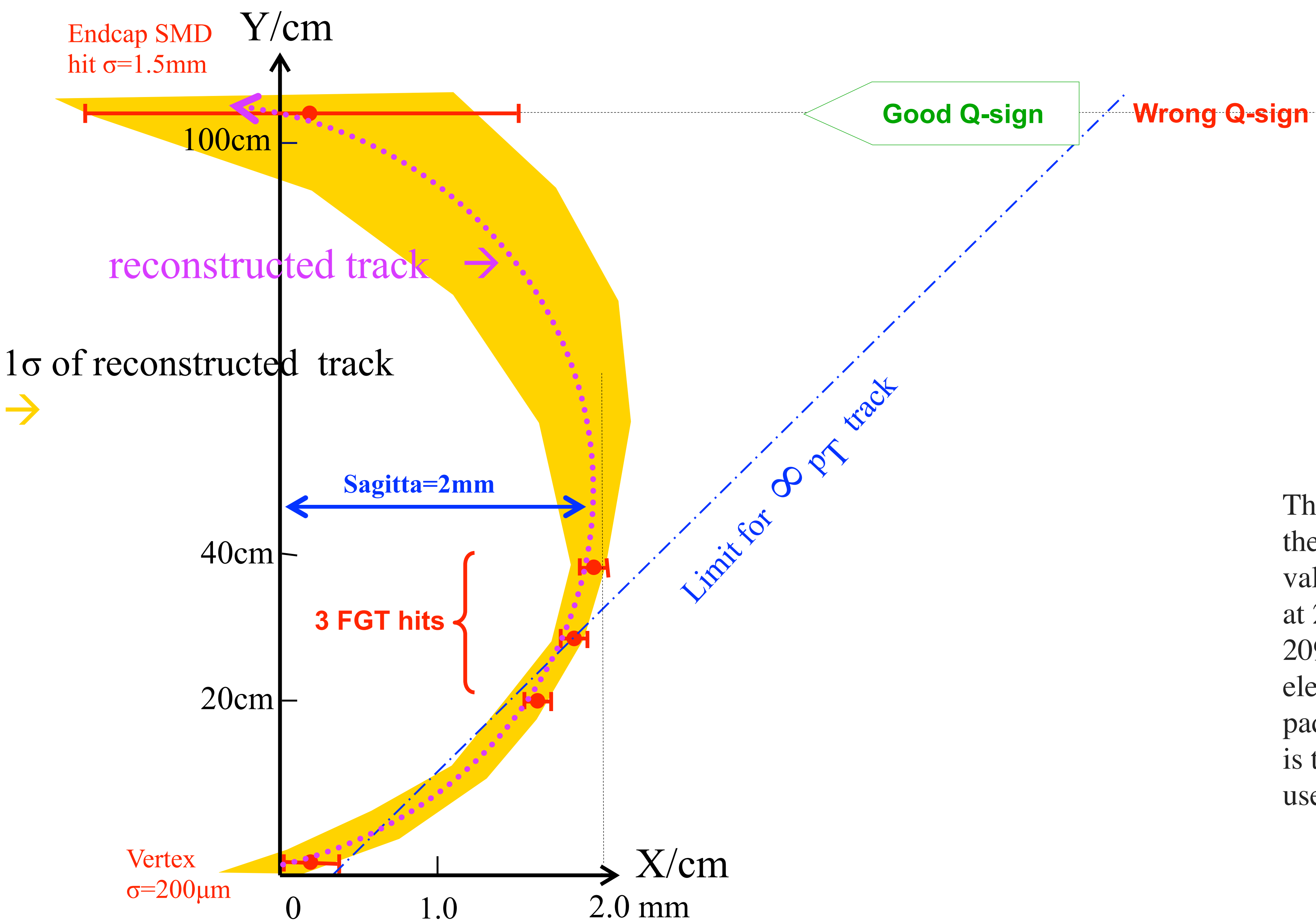






FGT

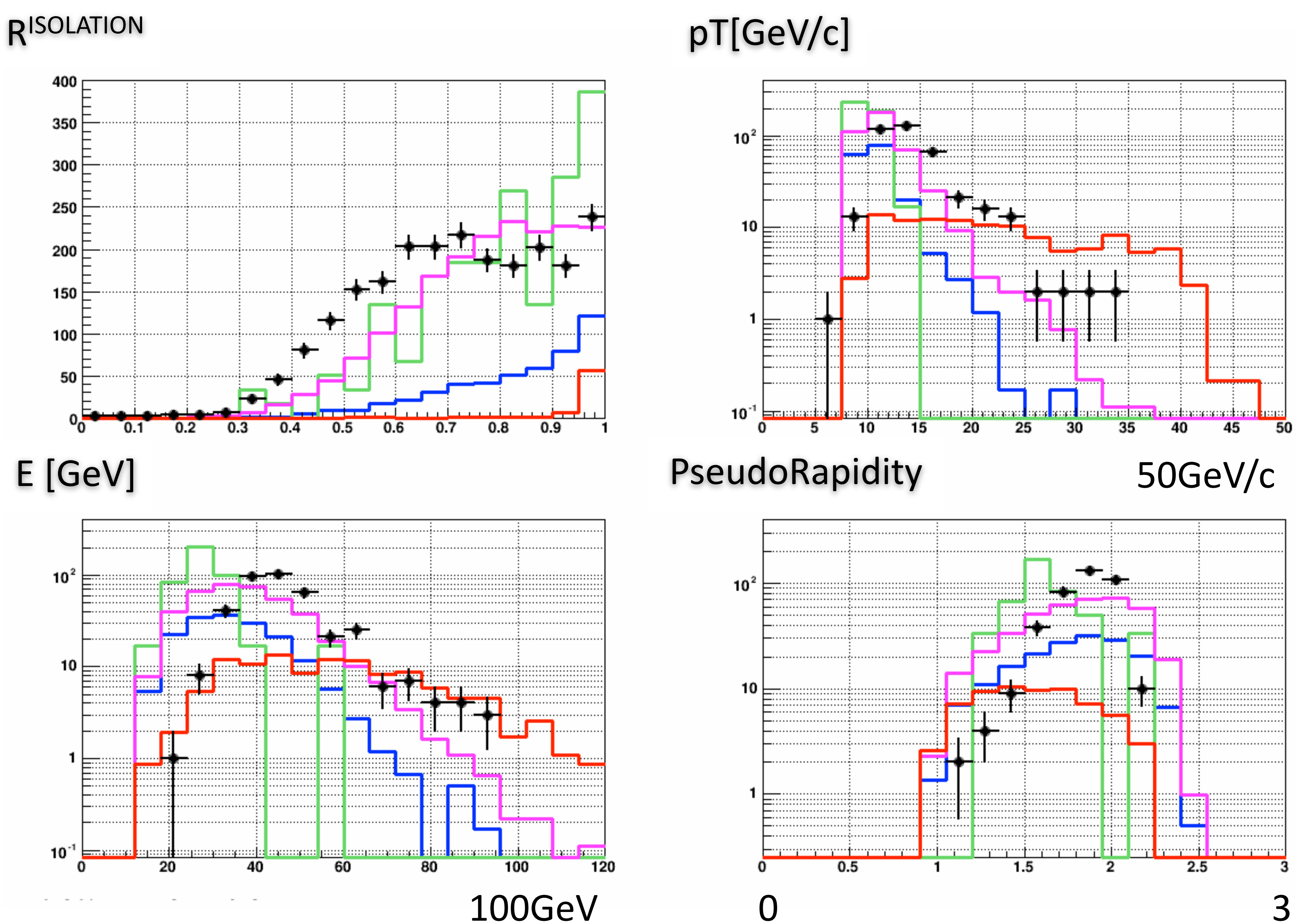
Illustration of charge-sign discrimination



The TPC prompt hits are 'hits' using the ANODE wires located at large Z values
at 209.5 cm for inner subsectors and 209.7 cm for outer subsectors. The electrons from a charge drift to the pad planes. The 'first signal in time' is then
used define a prompt hit.

FGT track reconstruction

- Comparison of data / fast MC: Track reconstruction



Run13 Data (FGT+VTX +EEMC, no prompt)

PYTHIA QCD charged hadrons

PYTHIA W

PYTHIA QCD electrons

PYTHIA QCD photons

The central values are both from the theoretical predictions. So the central values of the polarized anti-u and anti-d quarks should be same. The the uncertainties are estimated from the W yields. For the old version, it maybe estimated from the run9 W efficiency. But for the new version, the W yields are estimated from run13 W efficiency. Due to the higher <zdc> rate , the later one should be a little smaller. I roughly compared the error bars in these two projection plots, the differences is very slight, something like <10%. But, for the new version, we indeed don't have the corresponding polarized anti-u and anti-d distribution.

[simple gaussian uncertainties breakdown particularly for small 2011 data sample]