

A Personal Wish List

~~Theorist's Priorities~~  
for RHIC spin & p/d A  
Programs beyond 2015



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# outline & disclaimer

quote from Steve Vigdor's charge for my talk

“... this should contain the measurements you think it would be most important to make, even if you judge that we do not presently have the luminosity to make them ...”

so, be prepared for some bold ideas along the way

-  further improvements of helicity PDFs “rare probes”,  $A_L$  with  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $W+c$ ,  $\Lambda$
-  transverse spin phenomena transversity from  $A_{TT}$ ,  $A_N$  in  $DY$ ,  $^3\text{He}$
-  opportunities in  $p(d)A$  forward correlations,  $DY$ , polarization

my humble input for discussions - not meant to be an exhaustive list



**HELICITY PDFs IN 2015+**

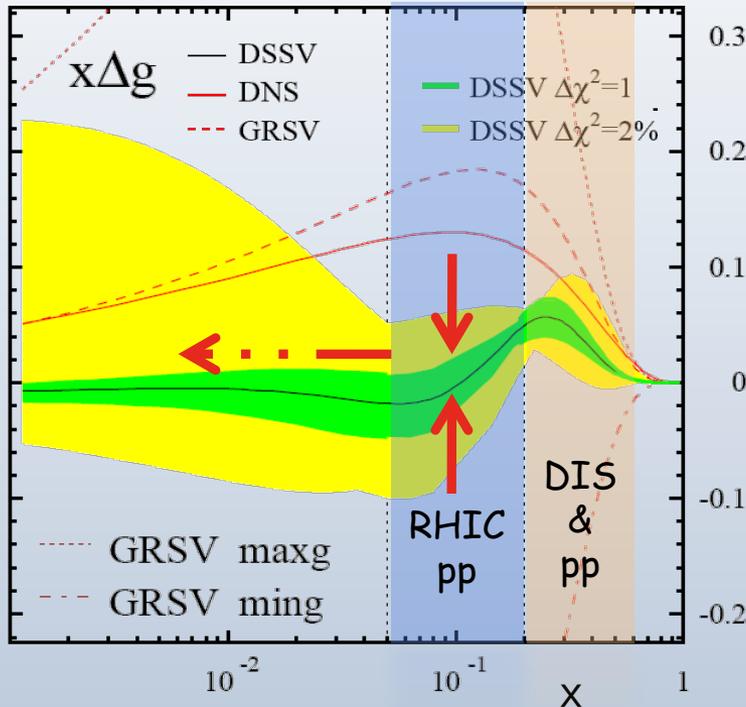
# $\Delta g$ - where are we now/in 2015

- inclusive pions & jets remain to be the bread & butter probes
- jet/hadron correlations essential to cover smaller  $x$

straightforward  
to analyze  
in global fits

current  
status:

DSSV global fit  
de Florian, Sassot,  
MS, Vogelsang



DSSV includes "only" RHIC run6 data

by around 2015 expect to have:

- DSSV 2.0 global analysis based on new world data
- reduced uncertainties on  $\Delta g$  in current  $x$  range
- possibility of a node further scrutinized  
"evidence" may become statistically significant or not
- extend  $x$ -range towards somewhat lower  $x$   
500 GeV running & particle correlations

full 1<sup>st</sup> moment (proton spin sum) will have  
smaller but still significant uncertainties  
from unmeasured small  $x$  region

# $\Delta g$ - where are we now/in 2015 (cont'd)

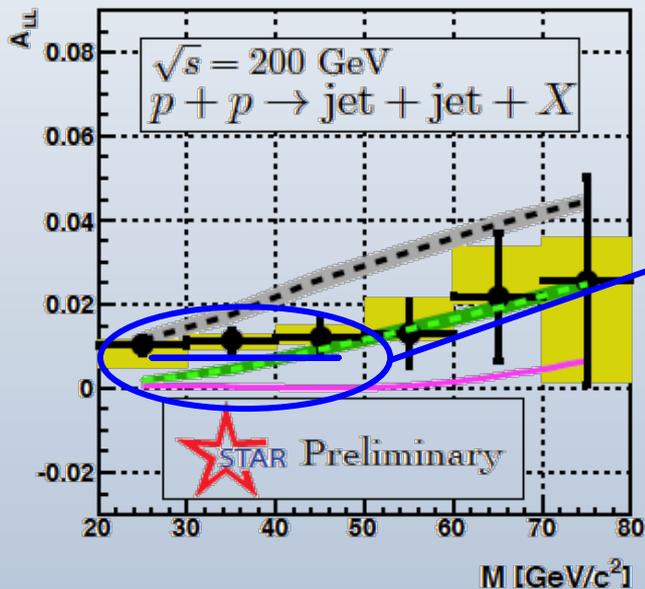
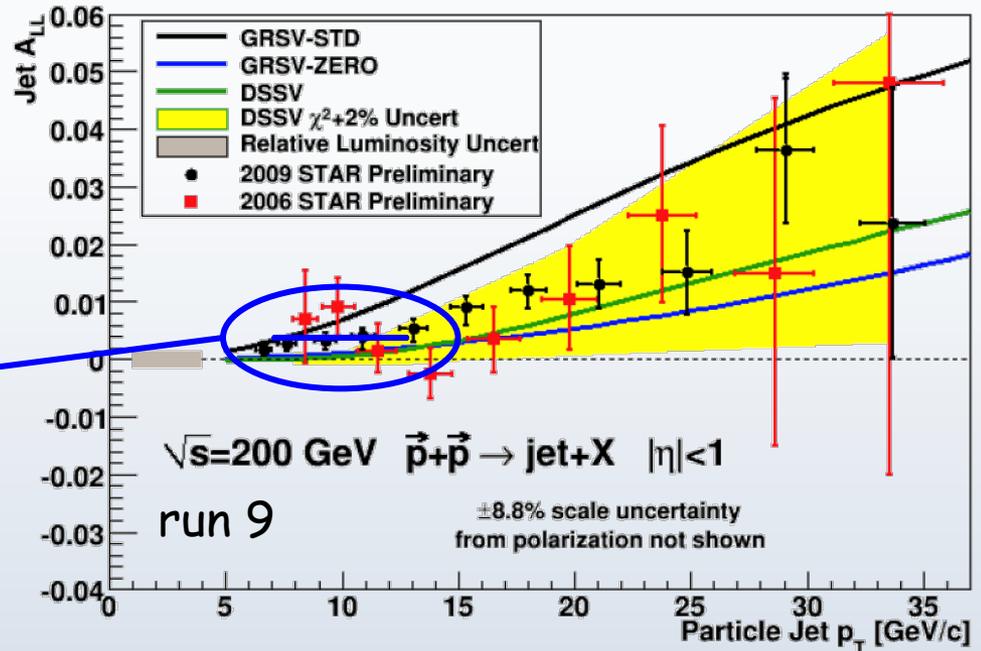
we continuously make progress on  $\Delta g$ : interesting trends in preliminary run-9 data

- run 9 data: smaller uncertainties

better constraint on  $\Delta g$

node in  $\Delta g$  might go away ?

slightly larger polarization ?  
as compared to DSSV analysis



similar trend in di-jets

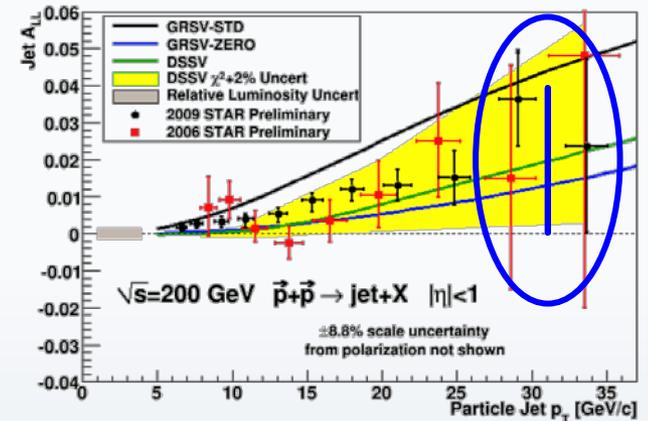
new data ready to go into  
DSSV global analysis once available  
(to quantify their impact)

# $\Delta g$ - further improvements from RHIC ?



important to measure  $A_{LL}$  precisely  
also at large  $p_T$  (where  $gg$  scattering is small)

- $qg$  scattering  $\rightarrow$  sign of  $\Delta g$  at large  $x$
- expect rise a large  $p_T$  due to large  $\Delta q/q$  at large  $x$  (as extracted from DIS)



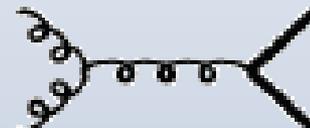
current determinations of  $\Delta g$  from pions and jets is based on the *same* partonic hard scattering processes

- with sufficient luminosity we can probe  $\Delta g$  in other, *independent* channels

prompt photons



heavy flavors

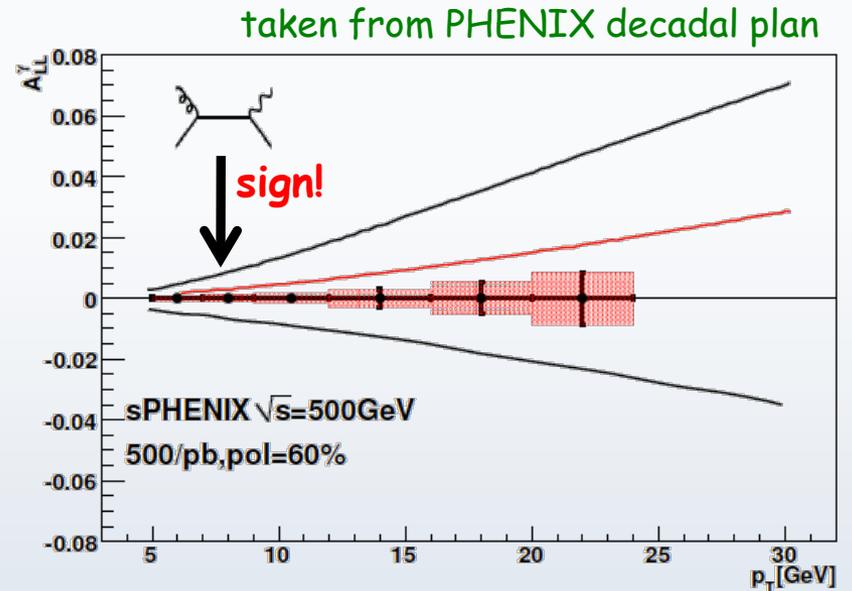
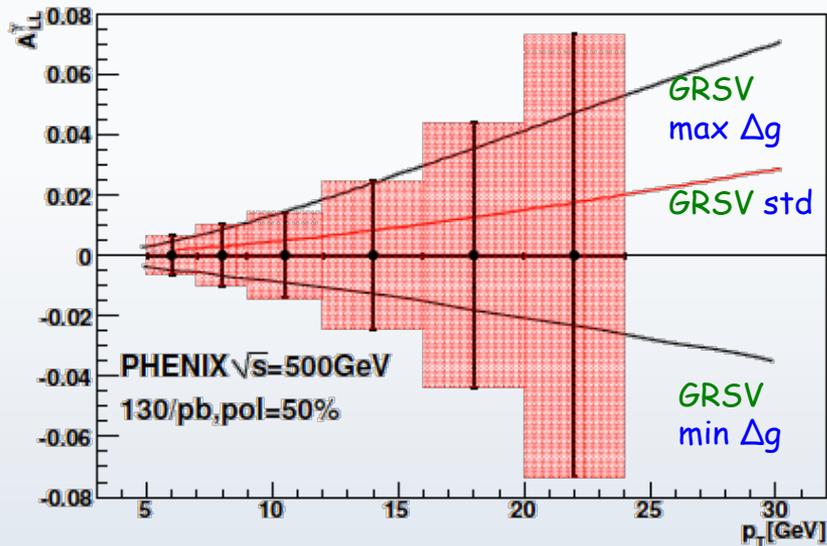


rare probes

- ✓ much smaller number of subprocesses
- ✓ photons sensitive to sign of  $\Delta g$
- ✓ different hard scattering dynamics

crucial in understanding  
spin-dep. QCD hard scattering  
test idea of factorization  
and universality

# $\Delta g$ from prompt photons ?



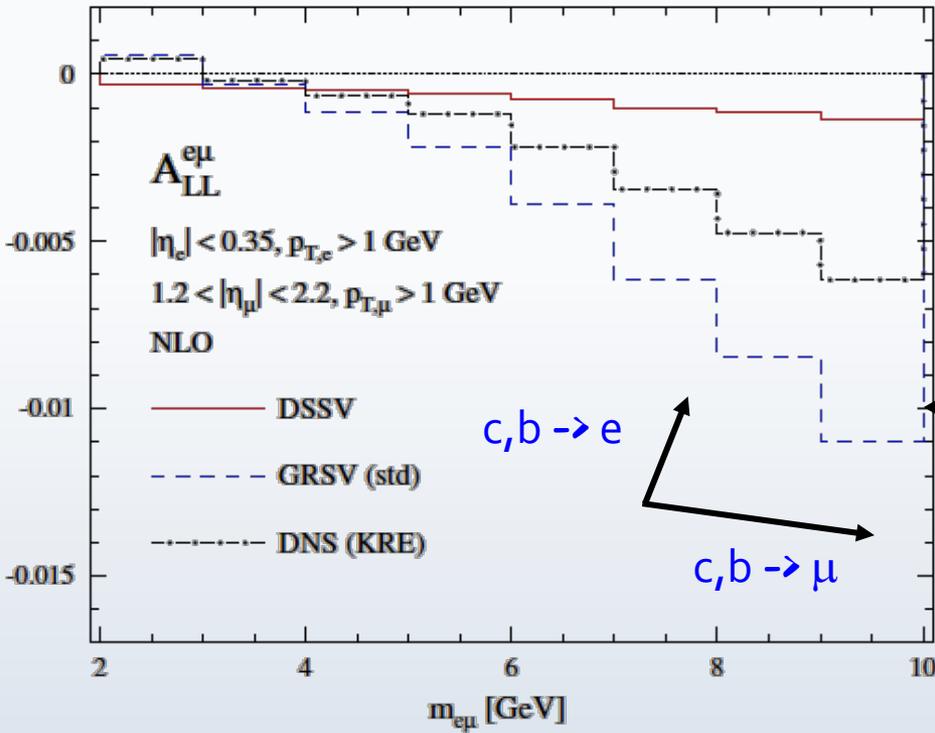
still *the* golden channel for  $\Delta g$  in pp measurement should be done

- only probe in pp which provides sensitivity to sign of  $\Delta g$  at small  $p_T$  (i.e. small  $x$ !)
- requires a significant integrated luminosity ( **$0.5 \div 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$** ) to make an impact
- straightforward to include in global QCD analysis; NLO corrections known
- $\gamma$ -jet correlations would allow for detailed mapping of  $x$  dependence

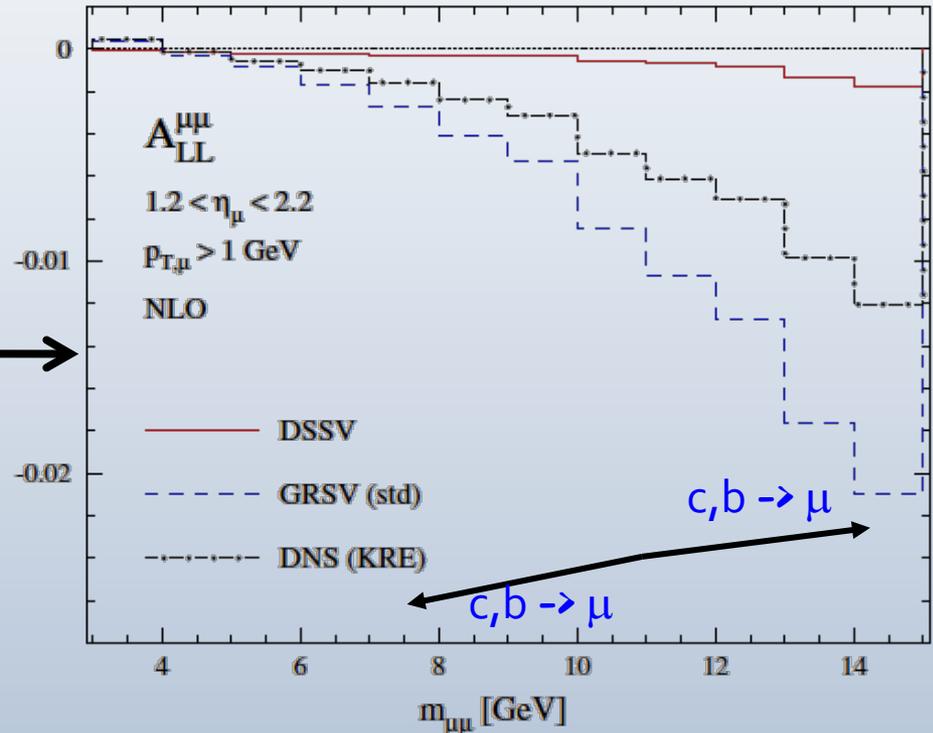
# $\Delta g$ from heavy flavors ?

- correlations most promising  
(recent NLO calculation [Riedl, Schafer, MS](#))
- correlation between  $A_{LL}$  and  $\Delta g$  at large enough invariant mass (= larger  $x$ )

**forward-central e- $\mu$  coincidences**



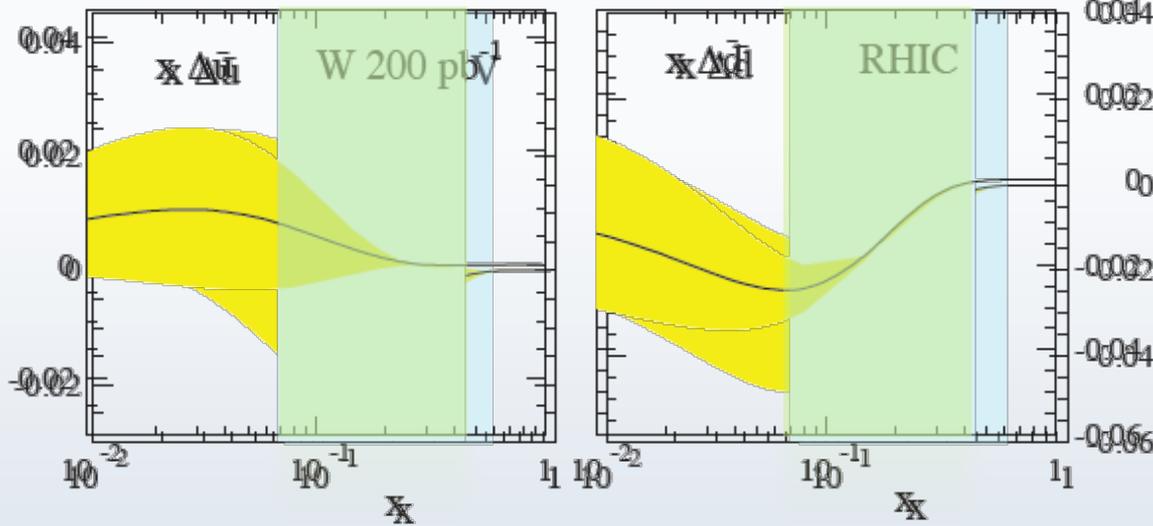
**forward-backward  $\mu$ - $\mu$  coincidences**



luminosities of a **few hundred  $\text{pb}^{-1}$**  are required for meaningful measurements at  $m_{e\mu, \mu\mu}$  up to  $10 \div 12 \text{ GeV}$  (less compelling than prompt photons)

# $\Delta q$ 's - where are we now/in 2015

W-boson program completed (?) by 2015 - what do we expect to learn?



simulated uncertainty of RHIC

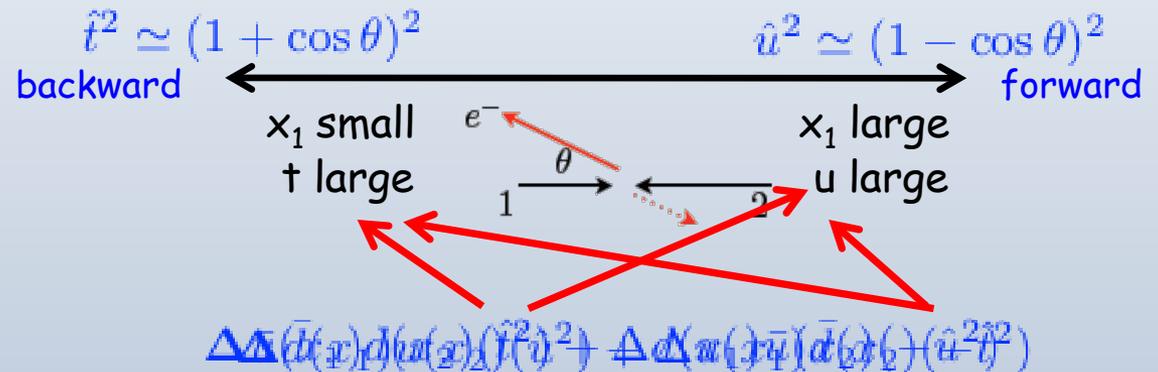
W boson data on global fit

de Florian, Vogelsang

- ✓ reduction of uncertainties for  $0.07 < x < 0.4$
- ✓ can test consistency of low  $Q^2$  SIDIS data in that  $x$  regime

## complication:

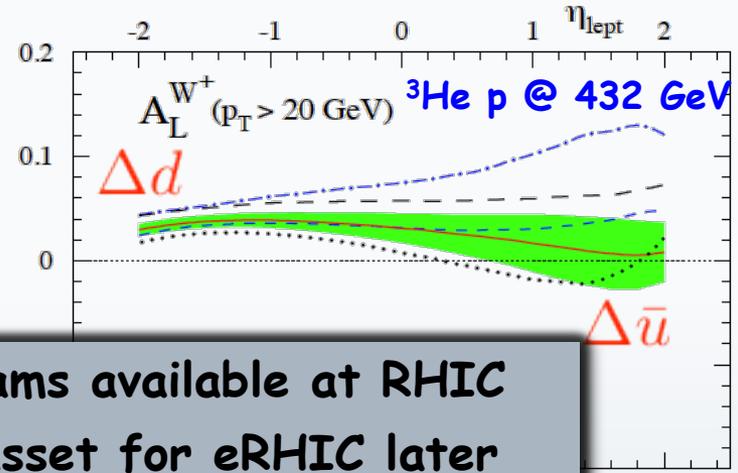
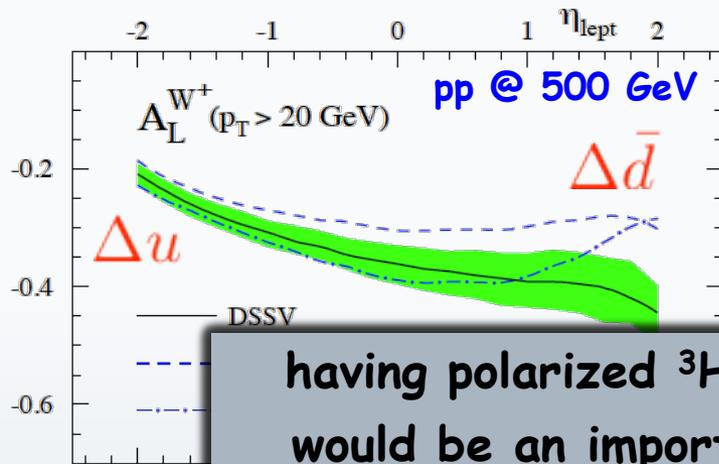
angular and PDF  $x$  dependence for decay lepton not always work hand-in-hand



can we flip  $u \leftrightarrow d$  around?

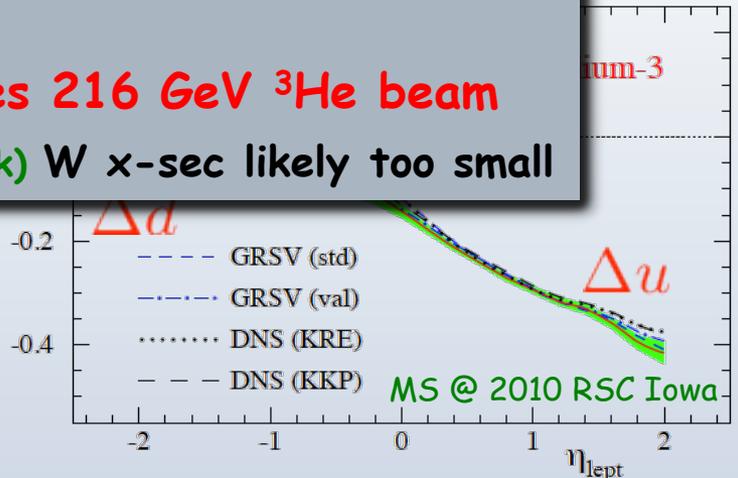
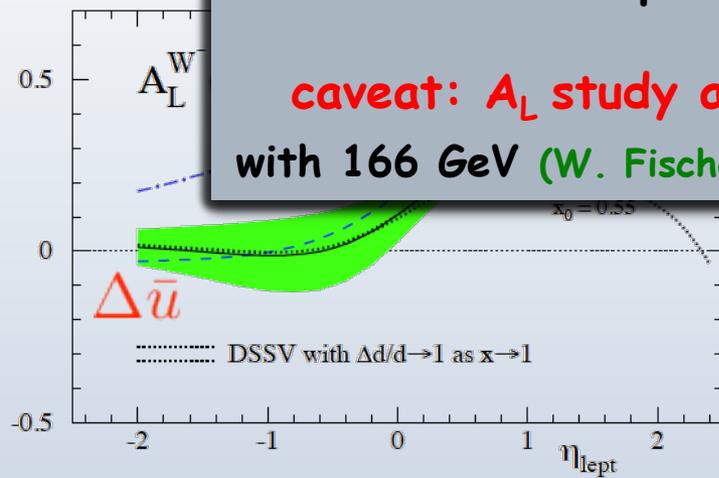
strong sensitivity to  $\Delta u$

# $A_L^W$ : pp vs $^3\text{He}$ -p collisions



having polarized  $^3\text{He}$  beams available at RHIC would be an important asset for eRHIC later

**caveat:  $A_L$  study assumes 216 GeV  $^3\text{He}$  beam with 166 GeV (W. Fischer's talk) W x-sec likely too small**

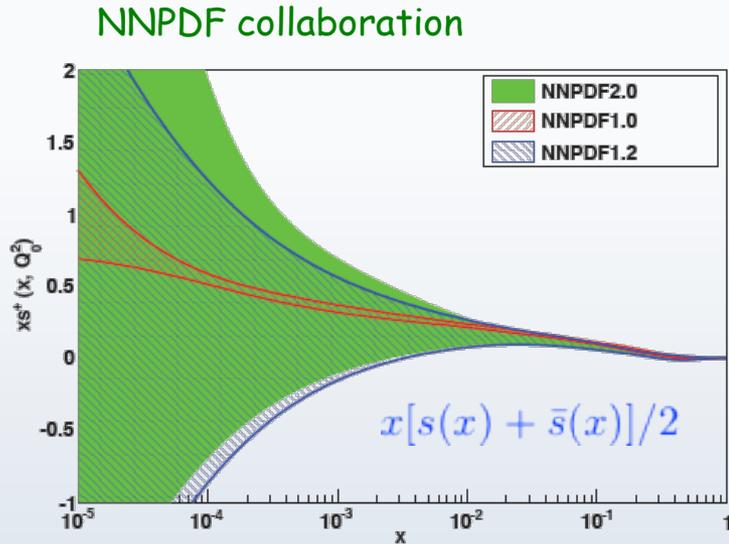


polarized  $^3\text{He}$  mainly a neutron target:  $0.865 n + 2*(-0.027) p$  but unpol.  $^3\text{He}$  is  $n+2p$   
 $\rightarrow A_L$  no longer probes  $\Delta q/q$  as in pp; but irrelevant "complication" in a global analysis

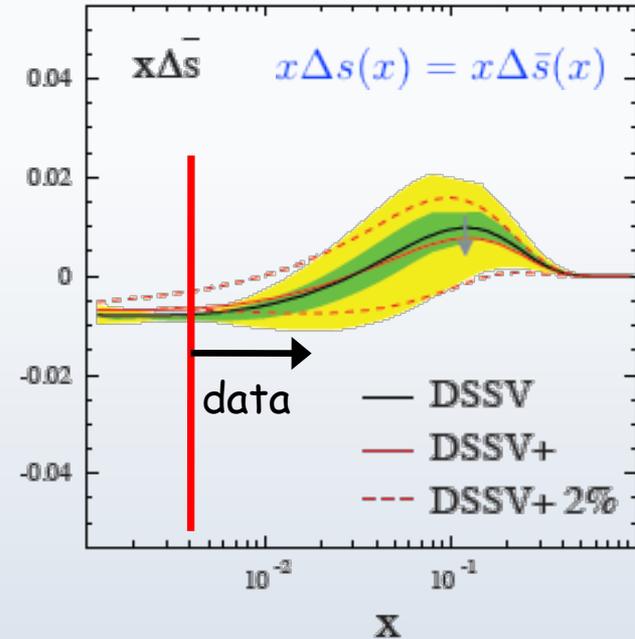
like in pp: need significant running time/luminosity  $O(\text{few hundred pb}^{-1})$ ; polarimetry ?

# what about $\Delta s$ at RHIC ?

strangeness is one of the least known quantities in hadronic physics



DSSV (incl. latest COMPASS data)



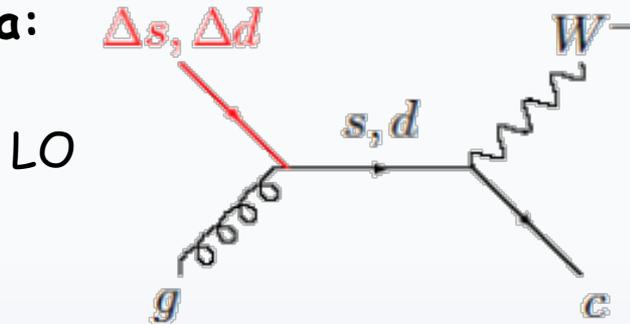
- substantial uncertainties
- known issues with HERMES data at large  $x$
- **hot topic:**  $s(x) - \bar{s}(x)$

- **surprise:**  $\Delta s$  small & positive from SIDIS data
- but 1<sup>st</sup> moment is negative and sizable due to "constraint" from hyperon decays (F,D) (assumed SU(3) symmetry debatable [M. Savage](#))
- drives uncertainties on  $\Delta\Sigma$  (spin sum)

notoriously difficult to determine in pp collisions  
 only two options @ RHIC:  $W$ +charm and polarized Lambdas

# $\Delta s$ from $W$ +charm production

simple idea:



two competing contributions:

$\Delta s' g$  and  $s' \Delta g$  scattering

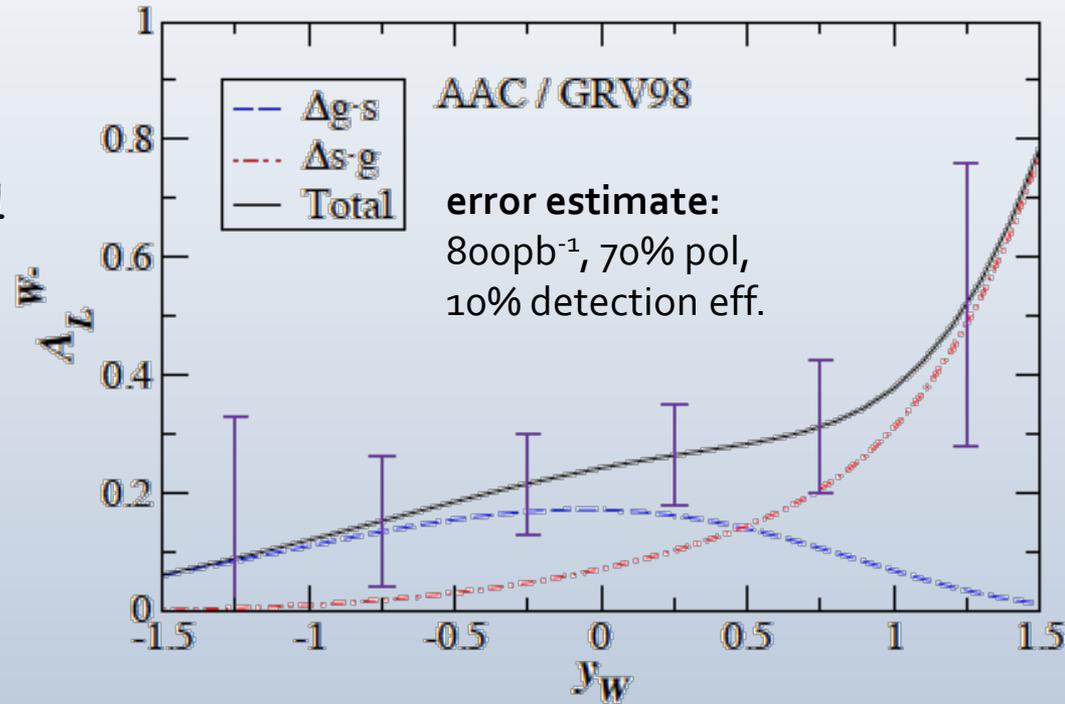
$$s' \equiv s |V_{cs}|^2 + d |V_{cd}|^2$$

any sensitivity to  $\Delta s$  ?

find:

- $\Delta s$  contribution enhanced for  $y_W > 1$   
probes  $\Delta s$  large  $x$
- extremely rare probe  
cross section of order 1pb
- does not include  $W$  decay

Sudoh, Yokoya (for 2005 RHIC II workshop)



neat but VERY hard to do  
requires  $> 1 \div 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# $\Delta s$ from spin transfer to $\Lambda$ baryons

- idea:**
- study helicity transfer to  $\Lambda$  in  $\vec{p}p \rightarrow \vec{\Lambda}X$  (preferably at forward  $\eta$  where  $x_1$  is large)
  - use self-analyzing decay of  $\Lambda$  to determine its polarization
  - quark model:  $\Lambda$  spin predominantly carried by  $s$  --> **sensitivity to  $\Delta s$**



s-dominance perhaps as naive as proton spin in quark model

- theory prerequisites:**
- reliable NLO sets of  $D_i^\Lambda$  and  $\Delta D_i^\Lambda$  FFs

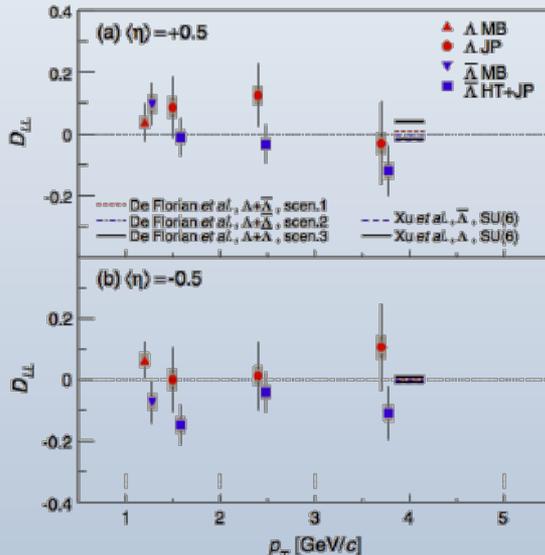
DSV: de Florian, MS, Vogelsang

AKK: Albino et al.

DSV: de Florian, MS, Vogelsang  
sparse data; updates desirable

**3 models for  $\Delta D_i$  considered**

**updates needed**  
don't describe STAR data



- feed-down from hyperon weak decays; effect on polarization?
- compute helicity-transfer subprocesses at NLO  
difficult - many more processes than pion production; work in progress

the good news: "proof of principle" by STAR

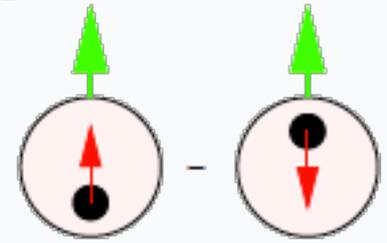
best shot at  $\Delta s$  at RHIC  
needs also some theoretical work though



# TRANSVERSE SPIN PROGRAM IN 2015+

# transversity

transversity  $\delta q(x, Q^2)$  as fundamental as helicity density

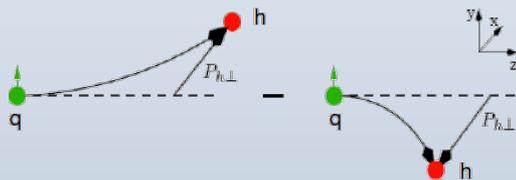


- QCD evolution known to NLO: "evolves away" asymptotically *Vogelsang; Kumano, Miyama; Koike et al.*
- "chiral odd" nature: involves helicity flip -> **no gluon transversity** *Jaffe, Ji; Artru, Mekhfi*
- probes relativistic effects in wave function; info on chiral symmetry breaking *Collins; Jaffe*

## what do we know / how to measure:

needs to be paired with another chiral-odd function

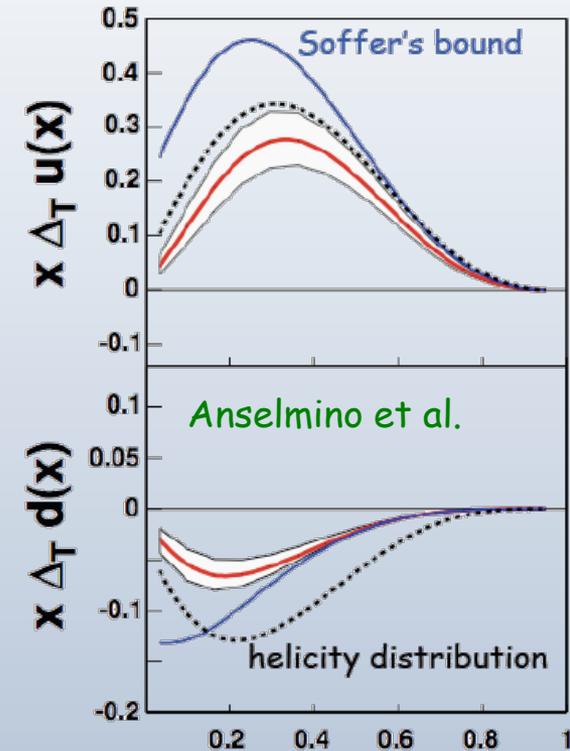
- spin transfer ( $\Lambda$ ): analyzing power small *COMPASS*
- 2-hadron FFs : non-zero *BELLE, COMPASS, HERMES*
- Collins FFs : non-zero & *universal* *BELLE, COMPASS, HERMES*



$$s_q \cdot (p_q \times P_T^h)$$

extraction of  $\delta q$  from combined fit: find  $\delta u > 0$  &  $\delta d < 0$

present error bars contain many assumptions  
transversity for sea quarks?



# transversity and $A_{TT}$

we can also pair transversity with itself  $\rightarrow$  double transverse spin asymmetries  $A_{TT}$

general problem:  $A_{TT} = d\delta\sigma/d\sigma$  strongly diluted by gluon contribution to  $d\sigma$

“golden channel”: Drell Yan **no gluons in LO**

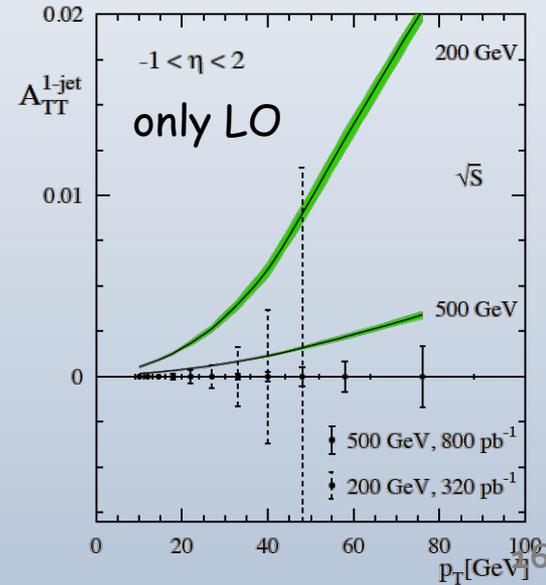
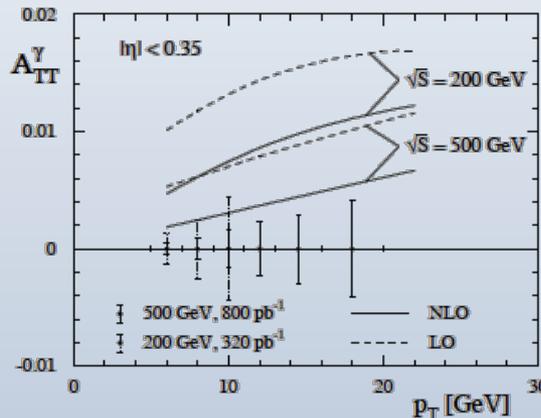
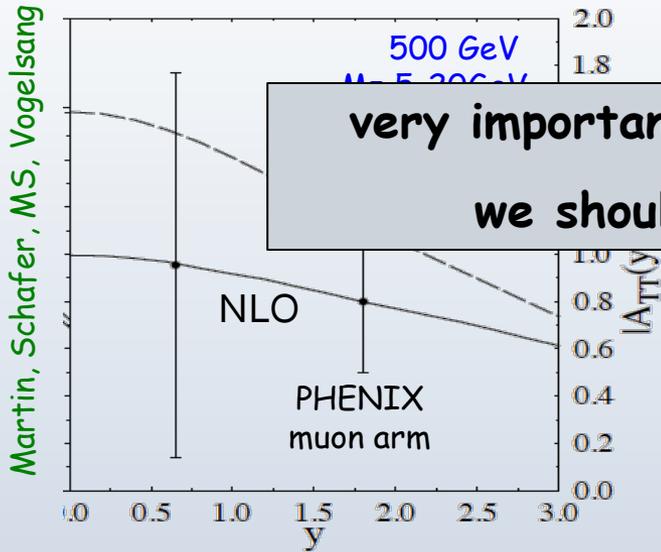
used to “define”  $\delta q$ 's:  
 Ralston, Soper; Ji;  
 Cortes, Pire, Ralston; Jaffe, Ji; ...

find:  $A_{TT}$  at best (upper bound) around 1%

very important but challenging measurements  
 we should keep them on the radar

ectors / accept.

• doing it in polarized  $p\bar{p}$  at GSI more and more remote



photon, hadrons, jets

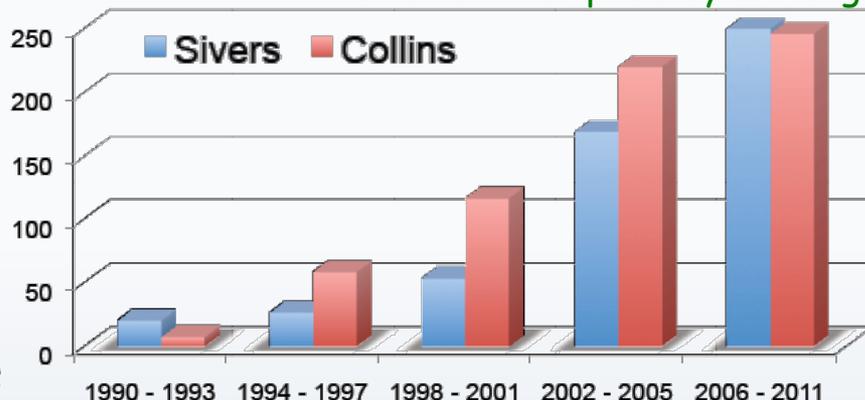
- “selection rule”  $|A_{TT}| \ll |A_{LL}|$   
 Artru, Mekhfi; Ji; Jaffe, Saito
- upper bounds estimated  
 Soffer, MS Vogelsang; Mukherjee, MS, Vogelsang
- never studied: correlations/forward  $\eta$

# single spin asymmetries $A_N$

considerable activity & excitement

- large asymmetries in ep and pp
- theoretical explanation requires to go beyond collinear approximation or to introduce novel twist-3 parton correlations

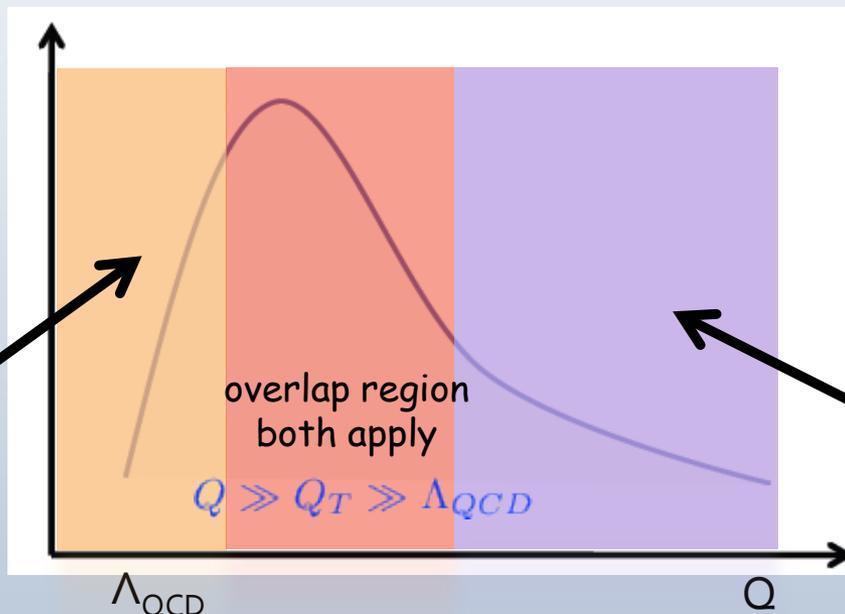
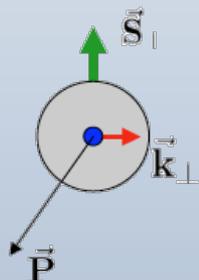
citations compiled by Z. Kang



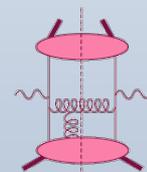
consider, e.g., Drell Yan pairs with  $q_T$

$\Lambda_{QCD} \lesssim q_T \ll Q$   
TMD "factorization"

Sivers effect



$Q, q_T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$   
collinear twist-3 approach



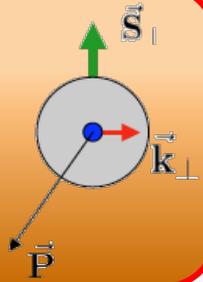
Efremov, Teryaev;  
Qiu, Sterman

# Sivers function and $A_N$

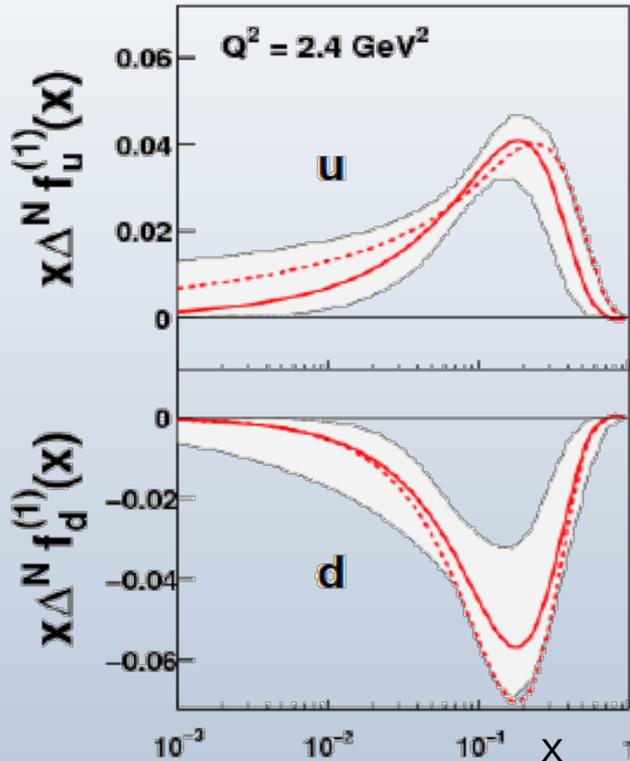
- Sivers fct. encodes physics for small  $p_T$  ( $\ll Q$ ) (or  $p_T$  differences)
- if  $p_T$  is large, it can be treated perturbatively (collinear twist-3 approach)
- no sharp boundary between "intrinsic" and "radiative"  $p_T$   $\rightarrow$  **matching region**

## "Sivers effect"

correlation of transverse spin of proton with  $k_T$  of unpolarized quark



Anselmino et al.



**find:** u and d quark have opposite signs; d larger

- **not a universal function:** non-trivial gauge links

TMD factorization known to work in SIDIS and Drell Yan only but *not* in general pp processes

Ji, Ma, Yuan; ...

considerable theory efforts to understand this better

Collins; Belitsky, Ji, Yuan; Boer, Mulders, Pijlman; Mulders, Rogers; Aybat, Rogers; ....

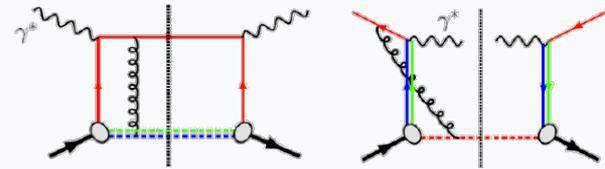
suite of different  $A_N$  measurements from RHIC can contribute significantly

# sign change & $A_N$ for Drell Yan

- gauge-links have profound physics implication:

Sivers fct. changes sign from SIDIS to Drell Yan

critical test for our understanding of TMD's and TMD factorization

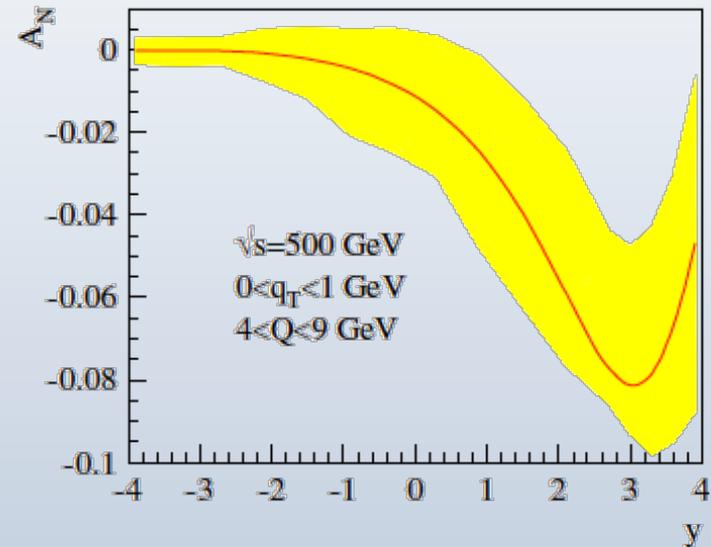
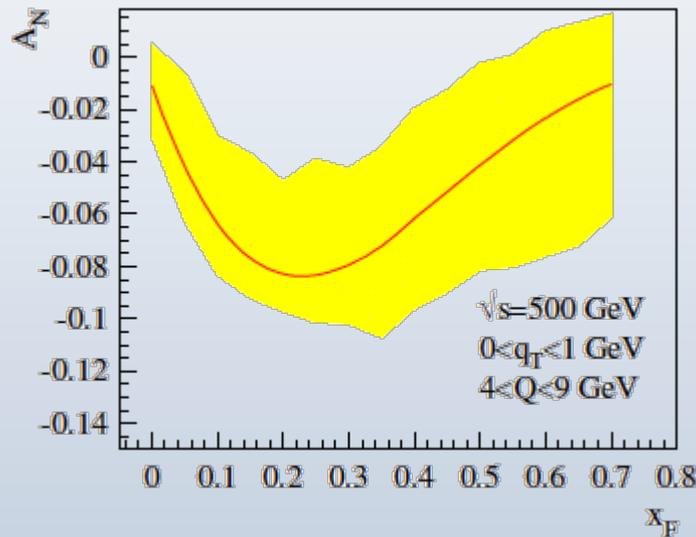


$$f_{1T}^\perp|_{DIS} = -f_{1T}^\perp|_{DY}$$

"attractive"

"repulsive"

expectations for DY Kang, Qiu



- experimental issues: 500 GeV favorable - higher lumi and control of background (HQ decays, etc)
- important first step (analyzing power):  $A_N$  DY experiment in 2012/13

# from sign changes to sign mismatches

- latest twist: "sign mismatch" Kang, Qiu, Vogelsang, Yuan

1<sup>st</sup>  $k_T$  moment of Sivers fct and twist-3 analogue related at operator level

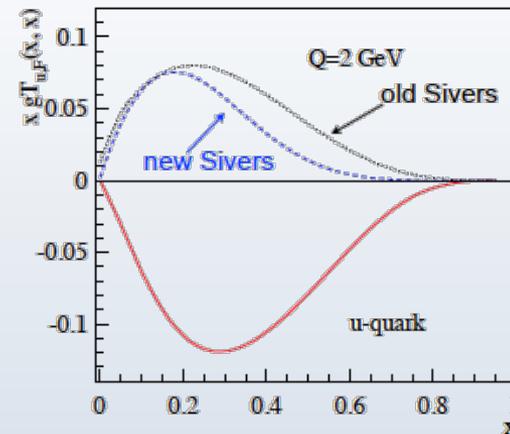
$$g_s T_{q,F}(x, x) = - \int d^2 k_T \frac{|k_T|^2}{M} f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2) |_{\text{SIDIS}}$$

Boer, Mulders, Pijlman;  
Ji, Qiu,, Vogelsang, Yuan

both sides have been extracted from data

find: similar magnitude ✓ but wrong sign ✗

**inconsistency in formalism?**



**possible resolutions:** (1) data constrain Sivers fct only at low  $k_T$ ; function has a node  
phenomenological studies with more flexible Sivers fct. under way

Kang, Prokudin

(2) analysis of  $T_{q,F}$  neglects possible final-state contributions to  $A_N$   
need data for  $A_N$  which are insensitive to fragmentation: photons, jets, DY

- on the bright side: recent progress on evolution for Sivers fct

Kang, Xiao, Yuan

crucial for consistent phenomenology - properly related experiments at different scales

# $A_N$ in $^3\text{He}$ -proton collisions

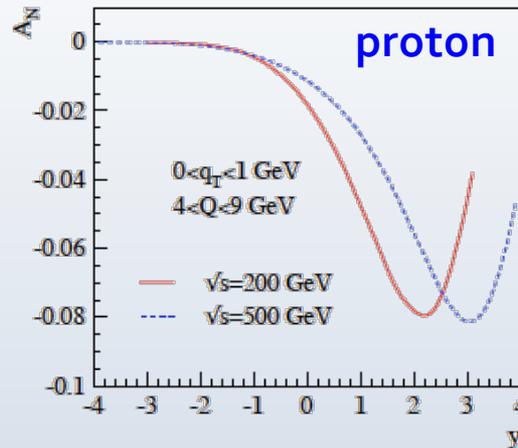
Sivers fcts. for u and d quarks opposite in sign and slightly larger for d quarks



## expectations for Drell Yan

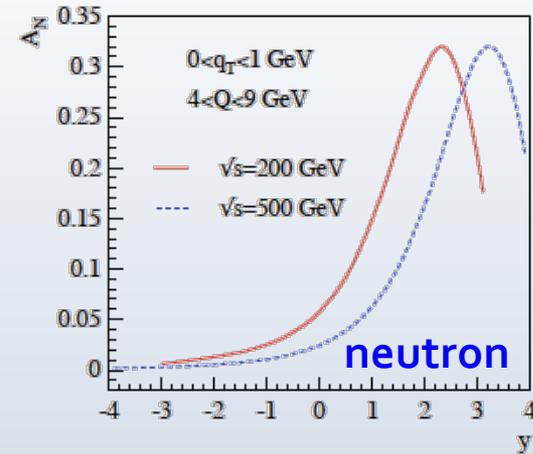
Z. Kang @ 2010 Iowa RSC meeting

- u  $\leftrightarrow$  d isospin rotation leads to different signs for  $A_N$  for protons and neutrons
- asymmetries for neutrons are larger (due to electric charges)



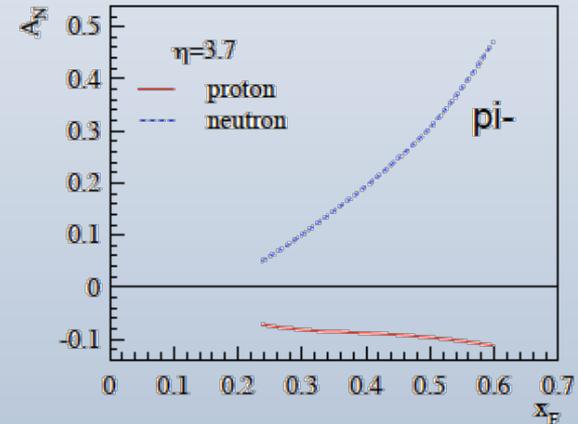
### caveat:

does not yet include possibility of nodes in Sivers function  
 $^3\text{He}$  beam energies!



## expectations for $A_N$ (pions)

- similar effect for  $\pi^\pm$  ( $\pi^0$  unchanged)
- this time computed within twist-3 formalism
- here, effect due to favored/unfavored fragmentation



$^3\text{He}$ : helpful input for understanding of transverse spin phenomena



# PROTON/DEUTERON-HEAVY ION SCATTERING

# key physics objectives for p(d)+A in a nutshell

“usual” argument: p(d)+A needed to “calibrate” understanding of A+A results

detailed questions:



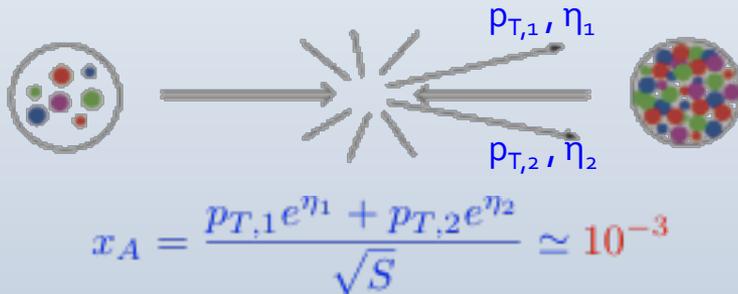
what is the nature of the initial state in heavy ion collisions ?

how important is saturation and what is the dependence of  $Q_s$  on A (and x) ?

where do factorization and nuclear PDFs work ?

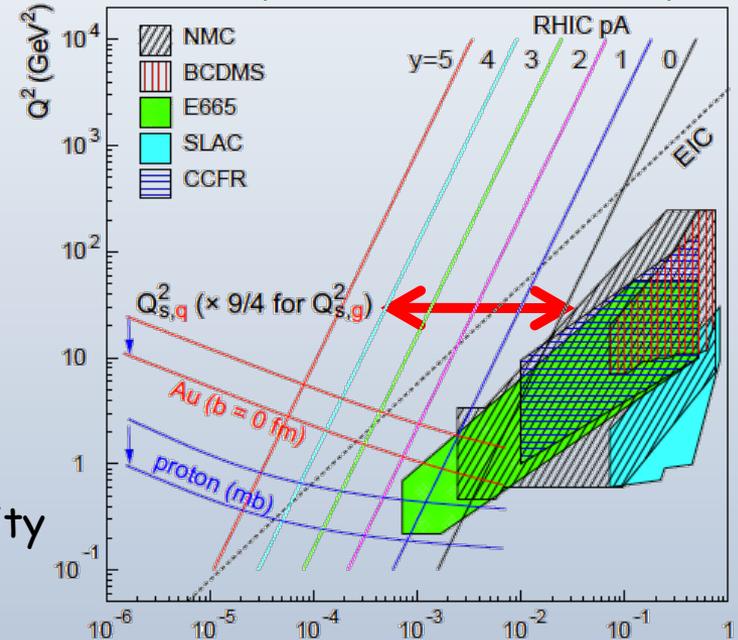
merits of p(d)+A collisions:

best probe: correlations at forward rapidity



- can go in/out of saturation region by changing rapidity
- can test dependence of  $Q_s$  on A (“oompf factor”)

adapted from STAR's decadal plan

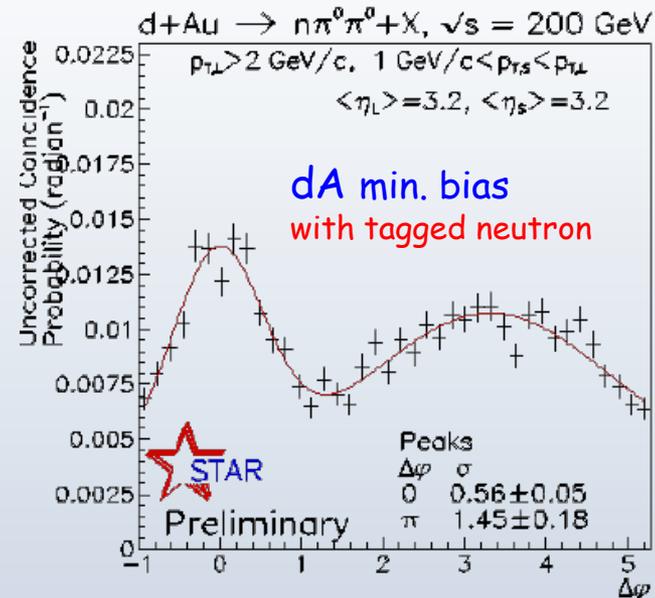
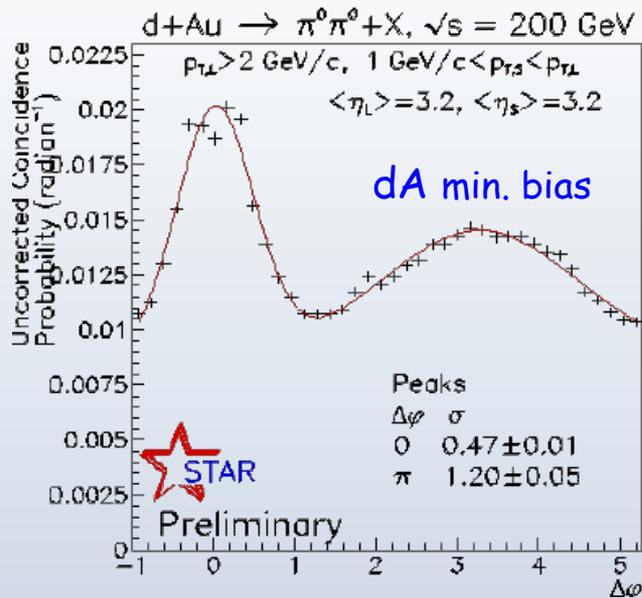




# why pA and not dA? - cont'd

**BUT** do we really need pA collisions to clarify role of MPI?

STAR has obtained 1<sup>st</sup> "pA" results from tagged forward neutrons in dA collisions:

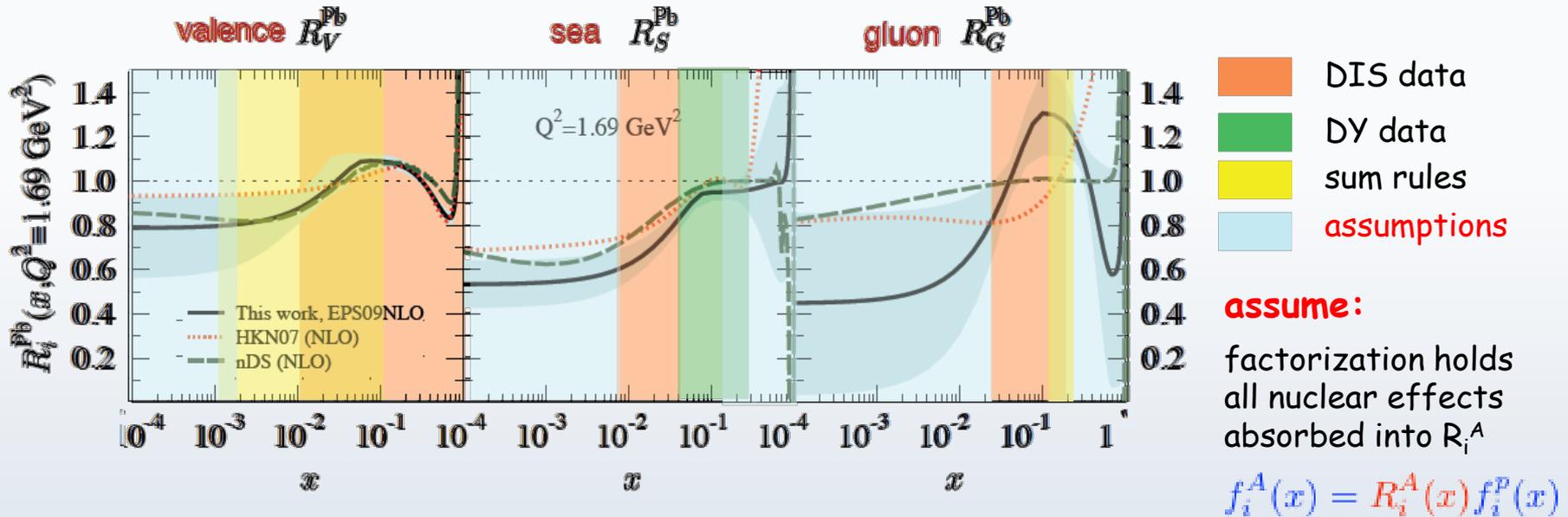


C. Perkins (DIS2011)  
H. Caines (QM 2011)

can we turn tagged neutrons in dA  
into a surrogate for pA collisions ?

# factorization and nuclear PDFs

current status of NLO fits: taken from Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado



- we don't know much about gluons in nuclei (and very little about sea quarks)
- fits based on e-m probes (DIS & DY) - no final-state medium effects to worry about  
 factorization dictates the use of standard partonic cross sections and DGLAP evolution of nPDFs

nPDFs happily applied to predict

- $R_{p(d)A}$  for QCD processes (hadrons, jets, HQs,  $J/\Psi$ , ...)
- and even for  $R_{AA}$



final-state/medium effects ?



factorization at all ?  
 centrality dependence ?

we need to *carefully* map out the range of applicability

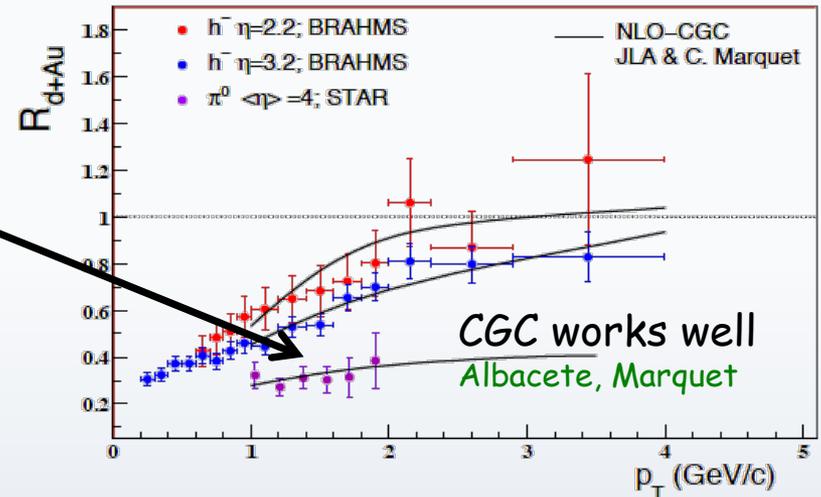
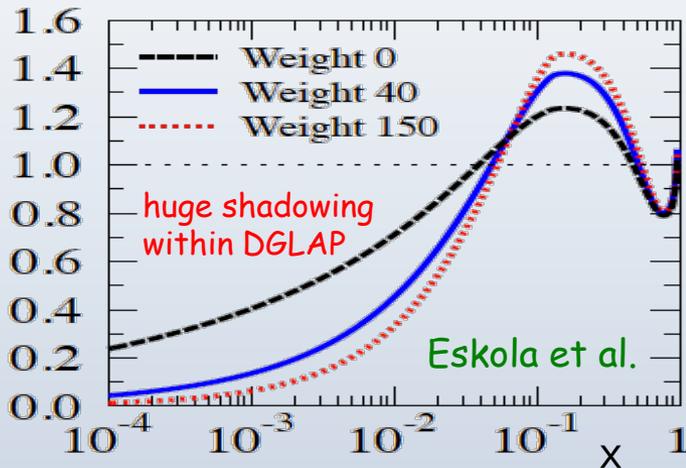
# 1<sup>st</sup> signs for trouble ?

single-hadrons in dAu at forward rapidity:

small  $R_{dAu}$  at forward rapidities  
indicates strong suppression of gluons

need humongous shadowing of  
gluon PDF to describe data

$$R_G^{Pb}(x, Q^2 = 1.69 \text{ GeV}^2)$$



required shadowing would be much (?) less  
if final-state/energy loss effects are relevant



pQCD does not work well at small  $p_T$  and large  $\eta$   
(e.g. pp data at  $\eta=4$  not used in any fits)

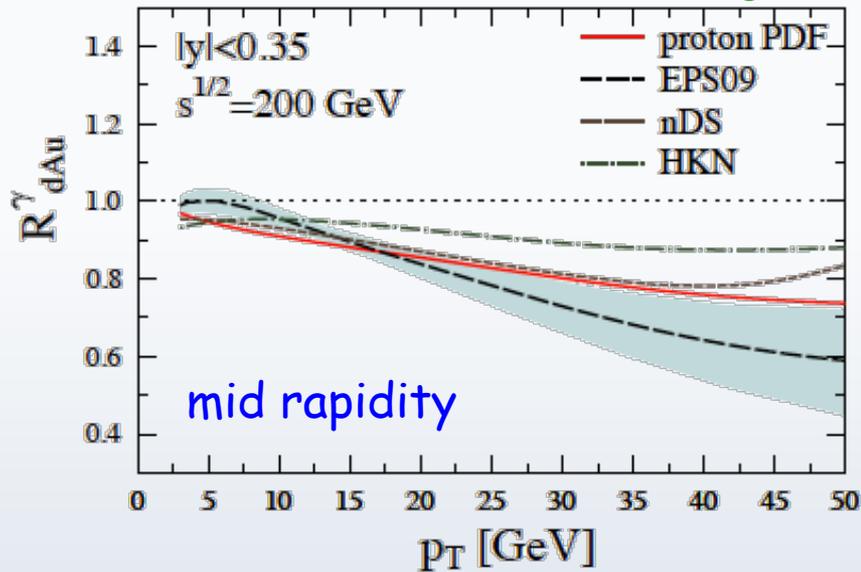
**general issue for forward physics at RHIC**

recall: CGC has  $Q_s$  as additional semi-hard scale

to unambiguously demonstrate breakdown of DGLAP based framework  
we should "keep" clean e-m probes ( $\gamma$ 's & DY) high up on the agenda

# prompt photons in p(d) A

from Arleo, Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado

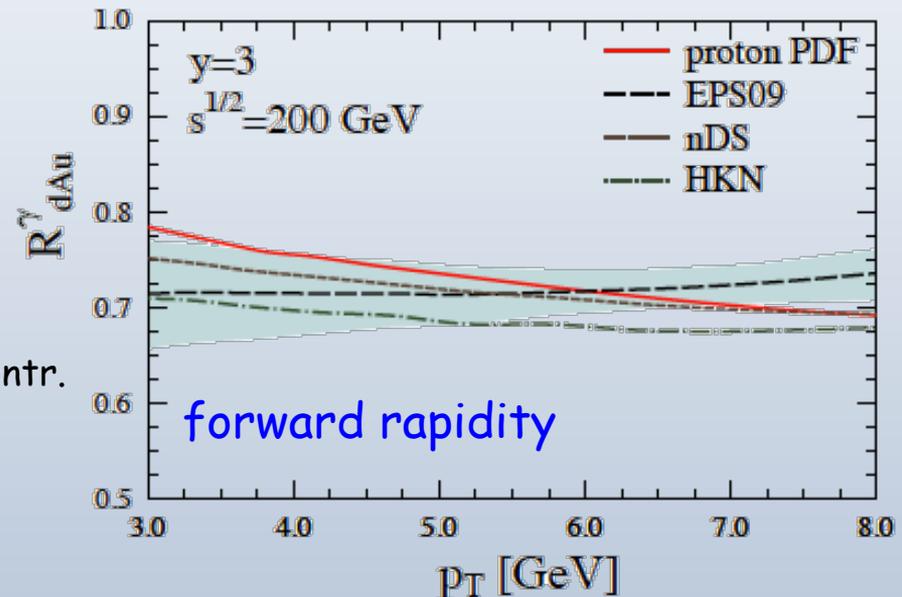


- probes gluon in saturation regime ( $x \approx 10^{-3}$ )
- here “isospin” effect from deuteron !  
vanishes for pA collisions at forward rapidities
- complications: photon isolation/fragmentation contr.
- also: forward photon-jet correlations  
free of complication of 4-pt fcts in CGC formalism

Jalilian-Marian; Gelis, Jalilian-Marian

- sensitivity to nPDFs at fairly large  $x$   
anti-shadowing/EMC region
- need to isolate nuclear from “isospin” effects  
 $\gamma$ 's couple to u-quarks and  $u_p(x) > u_{Au}(x)$

impact on global fits of nPDFs

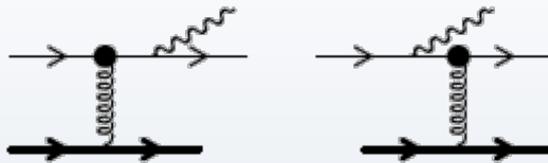


# Drell-Yan in p(d) A

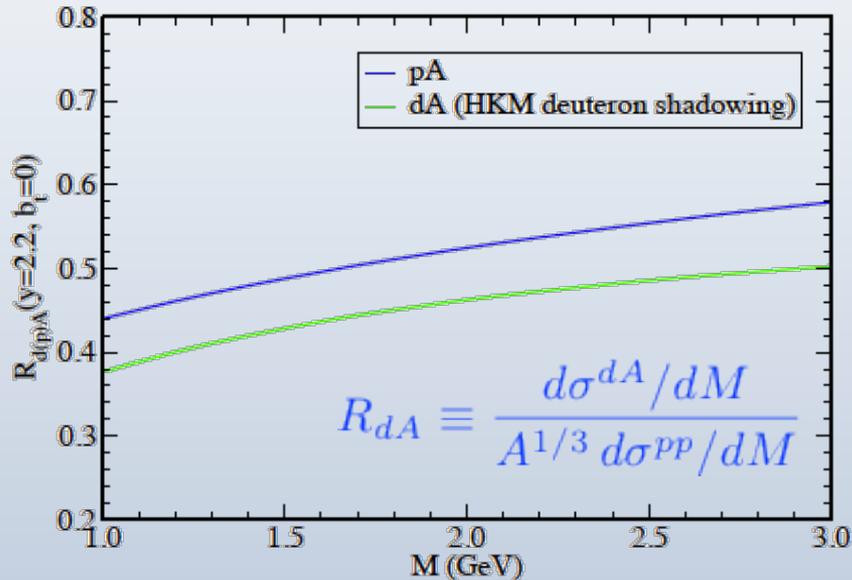
unfortunately, only very limited number of expectations available ...

in **CGC framework**: no equivalent to "LO" qq annihilation, starts with "bremsstrahlung"

Jalilian-Marian;  
Gelis, Jalilian-Marian



- should work for forward lepton pairs with  $M \approx Q_s$ , large  $x$  quarks in p(d), and small  $x$  gluons in the nucleus
- only dipoles contribute ✓



in **TMD framework**:

Yuan (DY workshop);  
Marquet, Xiao, Yuan

for low  $p_T$  pairs can apply TMD factorization

- calculate *universal*  $q(x, k_T)$  based on dipole model
- find (small  $x$ ):

$$xq(x, k_T)|_{k_T \rightarrow 0} \propto N_c/4/\pi^4 \quad \text{TMD's at small } x$$

$$xq(x, k_T)|_{k_T \gg Q_s^2} \propto Q_s^2/k_T^2 \quad \text{contain info on } Q_s$$

(reproduces McLerran, Venugopalan result from 1998)

exp. requirement (background)  $M > 4 \text{ GeV}$   
can we really reach into saturation regime with DY ?

# a case for polarized pA ?

polarized protons are a unique capability of RHIC - we should exploit it as much as possible

not many studies yet: need to look into single spin asymmetries  $A_N$

$A_N$  at forward rapidities can be a unique link between spin and saturation physics

find scaling relation between  $A_N$  in pp and pA: Kang, Yuan, arXiv:1106.1375

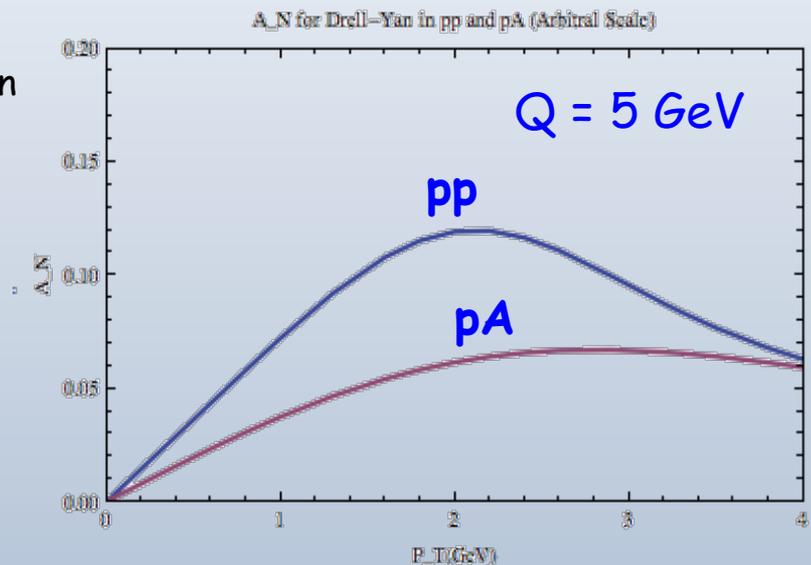
$$\frac{A_N^{pA \rightarrow hX}}{A_N^{pp \rightarrow hX}} \Big|_{P_{h,T}^2 \ll Q_s^2} \approx \frac{Q_{s,p}^2}{Q_{s,A}^2} e^{P_{h,T}^2 \delta^2 / Q_{s,p}^4} \quad P_{h,T} \rightarrow 0 \text{ limit of } A_N \text{ depends on } Q_s$$

$$\frac{A_N^{pA \rightarrow hX}}{A_N^{pp \rightarrow hX}} \Big|_{P_{h,T}^2 \gg Q_s^2} \approx 1 \quad Q_s \text{ drops out for large } P_{h,T}$$

prel. num. study for Drell-Yan

F. Yuan @ BNL DY workshop

do we learn something beyond  
what can be done in unpolarized pA ?



# AA and pA program @ LHC

CERN-PH-TH/2011-119  
LHC-Project-Report-1181

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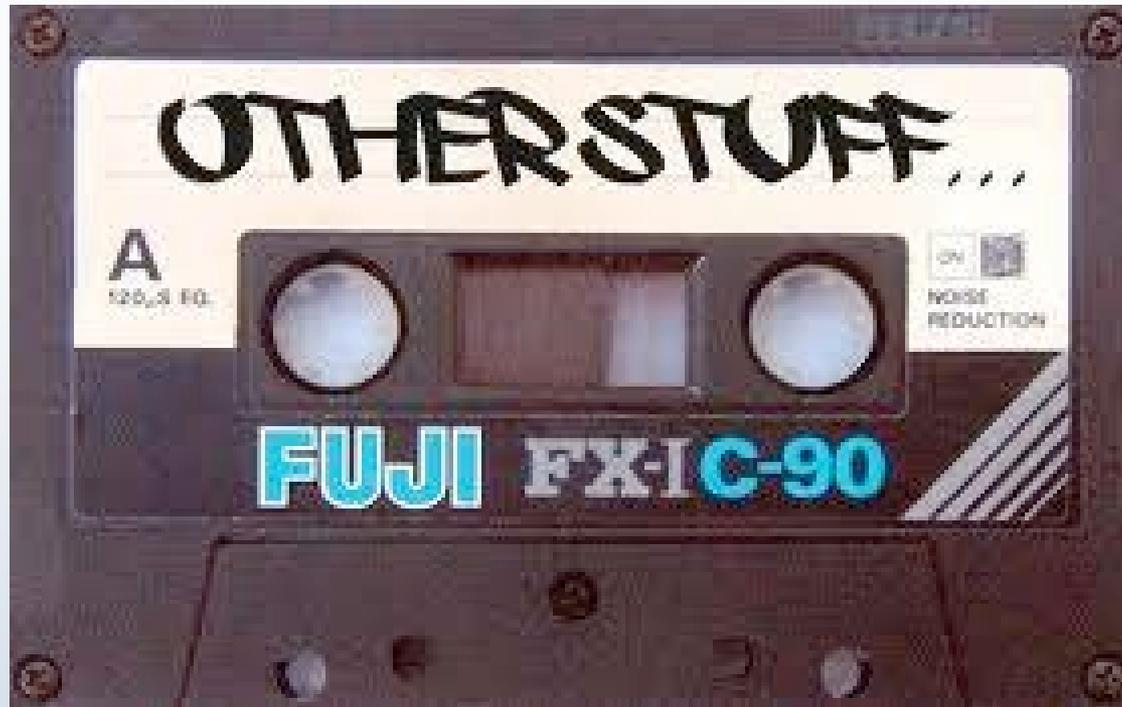
physics agenda has it all

1<sup>st</sup> run might already happen in 2012

can a RHIC p(d)A program in 2015+ still be relevant?

what they don't have:

- so far only Pb ions - no A dependence
- perhaps RHIC energy range/variability more interesting
- no polarization for protons



# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

(NO TIME TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL)

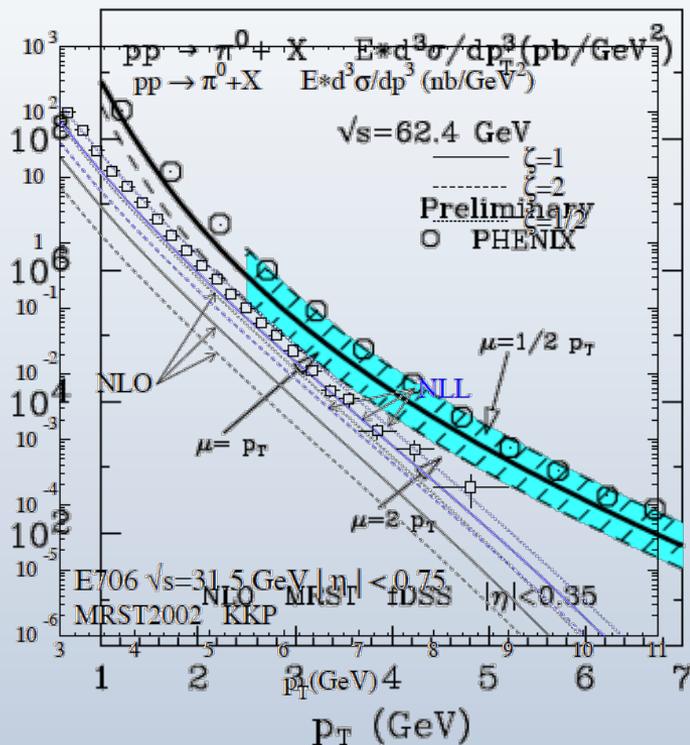
# QCD resummations

if there happens to be a pp program at lower energies (reference for energy scan)

- opportunity to study relevance of QCD threshold resummations

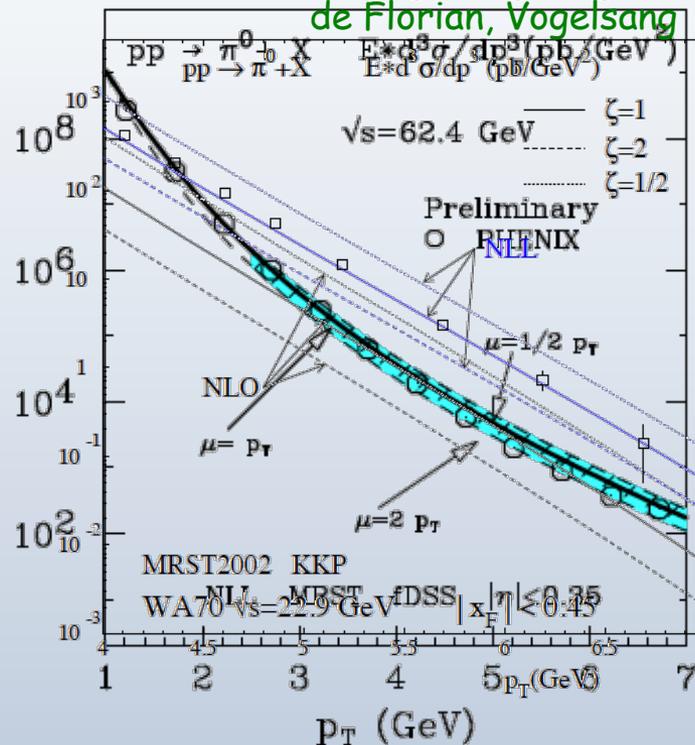
NLL resummations lead to a better description of PHENIX  $\pi^0$  data at 62.4 GeV

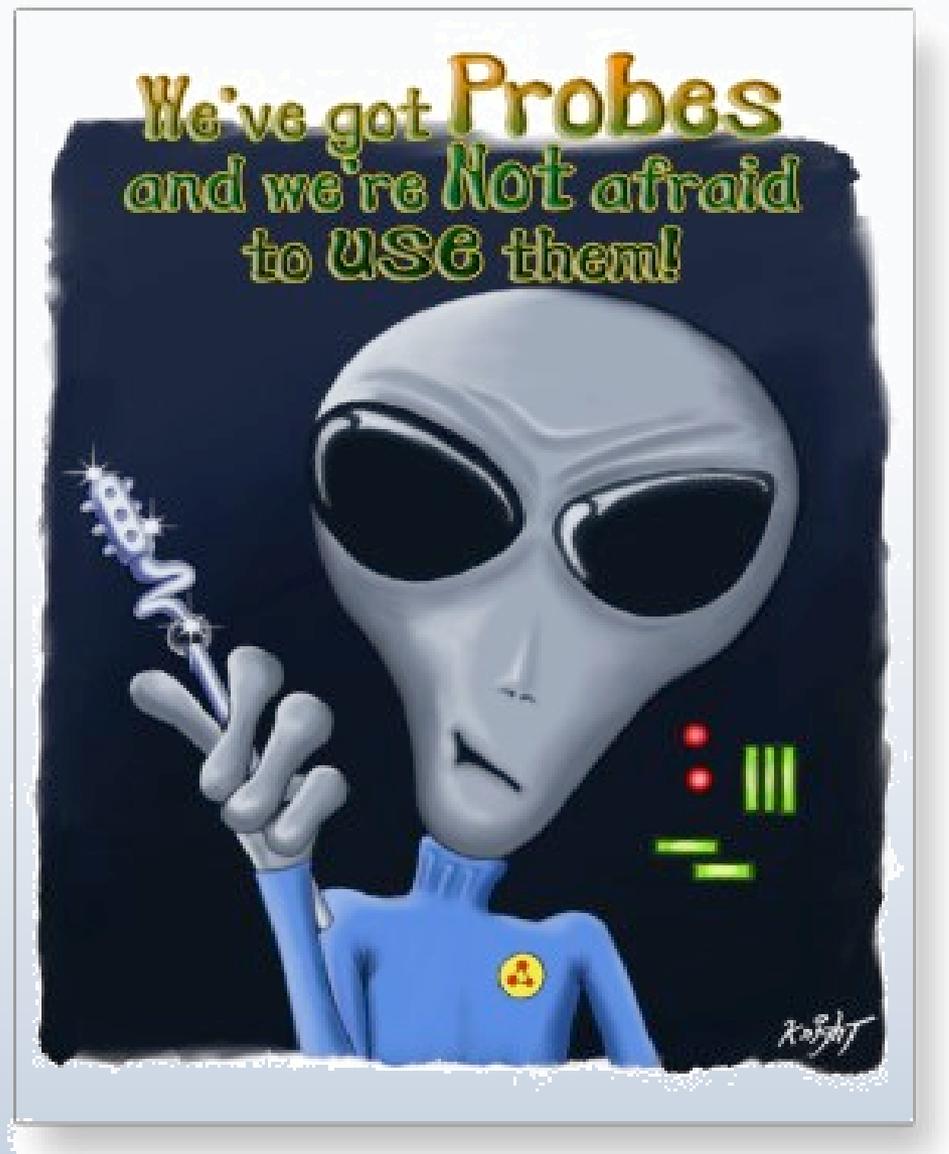
how far down in energy does it work ?



de Florian, Vogelsang, Wagner

de Florian, Vogelsang





# SUMMARY / CONCLUSIONS

no conclusions yet - talk meant to be an input for discussions

two final thoughts, though ...



### on spin

most measurements require a substantial amount ( $> 2$  yrs) of running

correlations with photons,  $A_L$  with  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $A_N$  for Drell Yan,  $A_{TT}$ , ...

unlikely that we can do all: either set priorities (e.g. Drell Yan)

or (?) let one experiment do longitudinal and the other transverse spin

also, certain things like  $\Delta g$  at small  $x$  clearly require an EIC



### on p(d)+A

possible p+Pb running at the LHC will likely determine future directions