Transverse Spin Results from STAR

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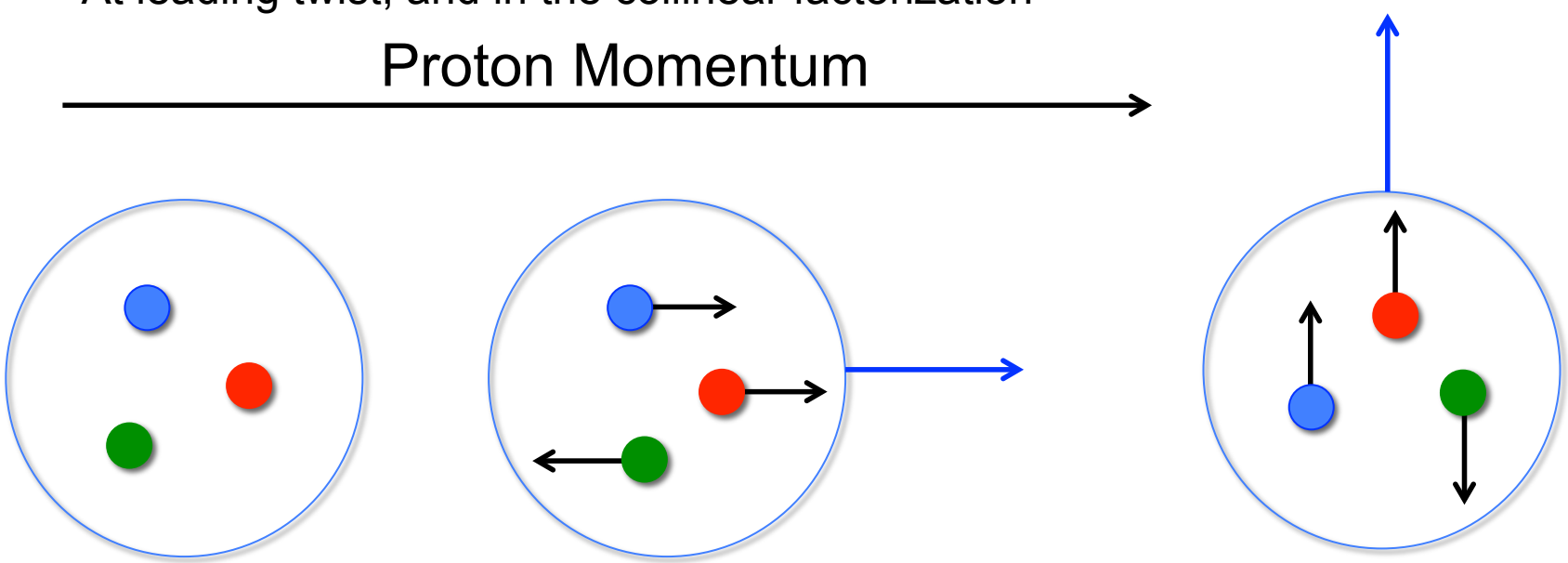
Describing the Proton's Spin Structure

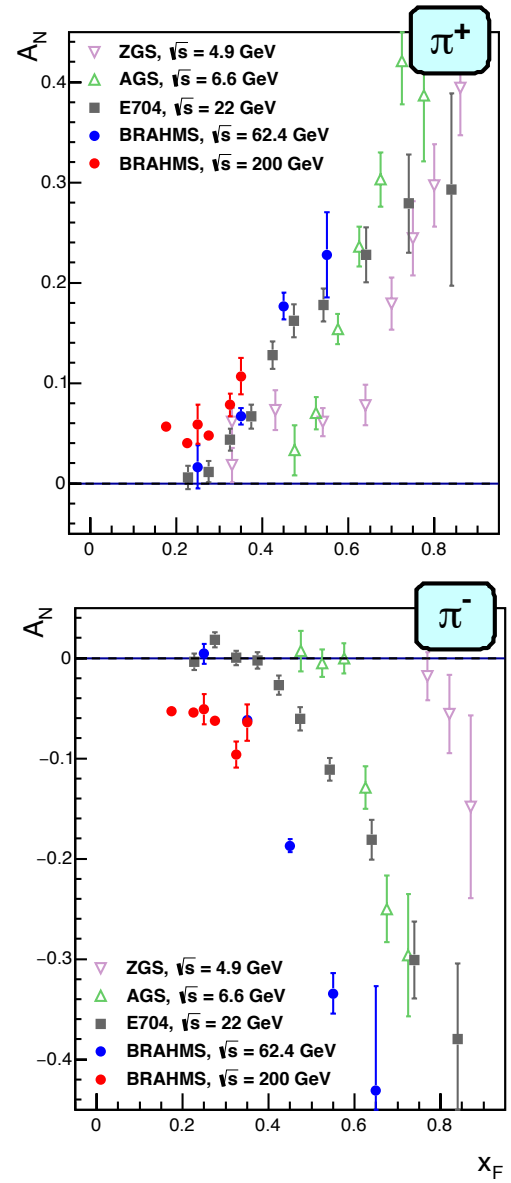
Distribution	Partons	Name	Proton Polarization
f(x)	q, G	Momentum	Unpolarized
Δf(x)	q, G	Helicity	Longitudinal
$h_1(x)$	q	Transversity	Transverse

*At leading twist, and in the collinear factorization



Factorization Schemes

- Leading twist collinear factorization fails to accurately reproduce large inclusive pion single-spin asymmetries (SSA)
  - It predicts these results should be nearly zero!
- SSA allow for detailed study of the proton's transverse spin structure
- TMD factorization used when there are two momentum scales: $\Lambda_{QCD} \leq p_T << Q$
  - Hadrons in jets, W/Z boson, etc.
- Twist-3 collinear correlators are used to describe results where there is a single momentum scale: $\Lambda_{QCD} << Q$
  - Inclusive jet, direct-γ



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TMD Q^2 evolution
Universality
Factorization breaking effects

Why Look to p+p? Kinematic Coverage!

- STAR covers a similar range in *x* to that of SIDIS results
  - Important for studies of TMD universality

- Much higher in Q^2
  - We can learn something about the evolution of TMDs

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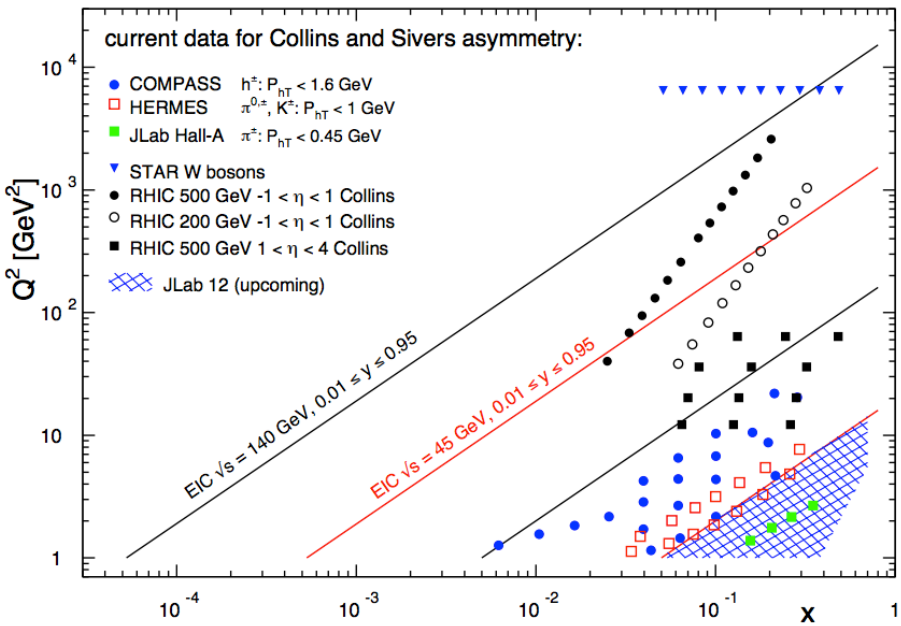

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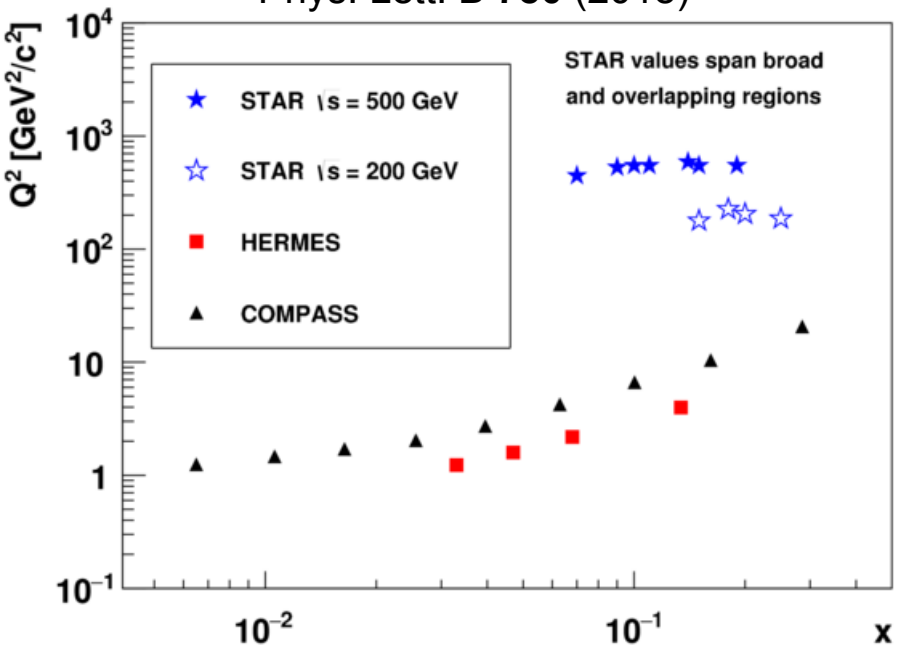

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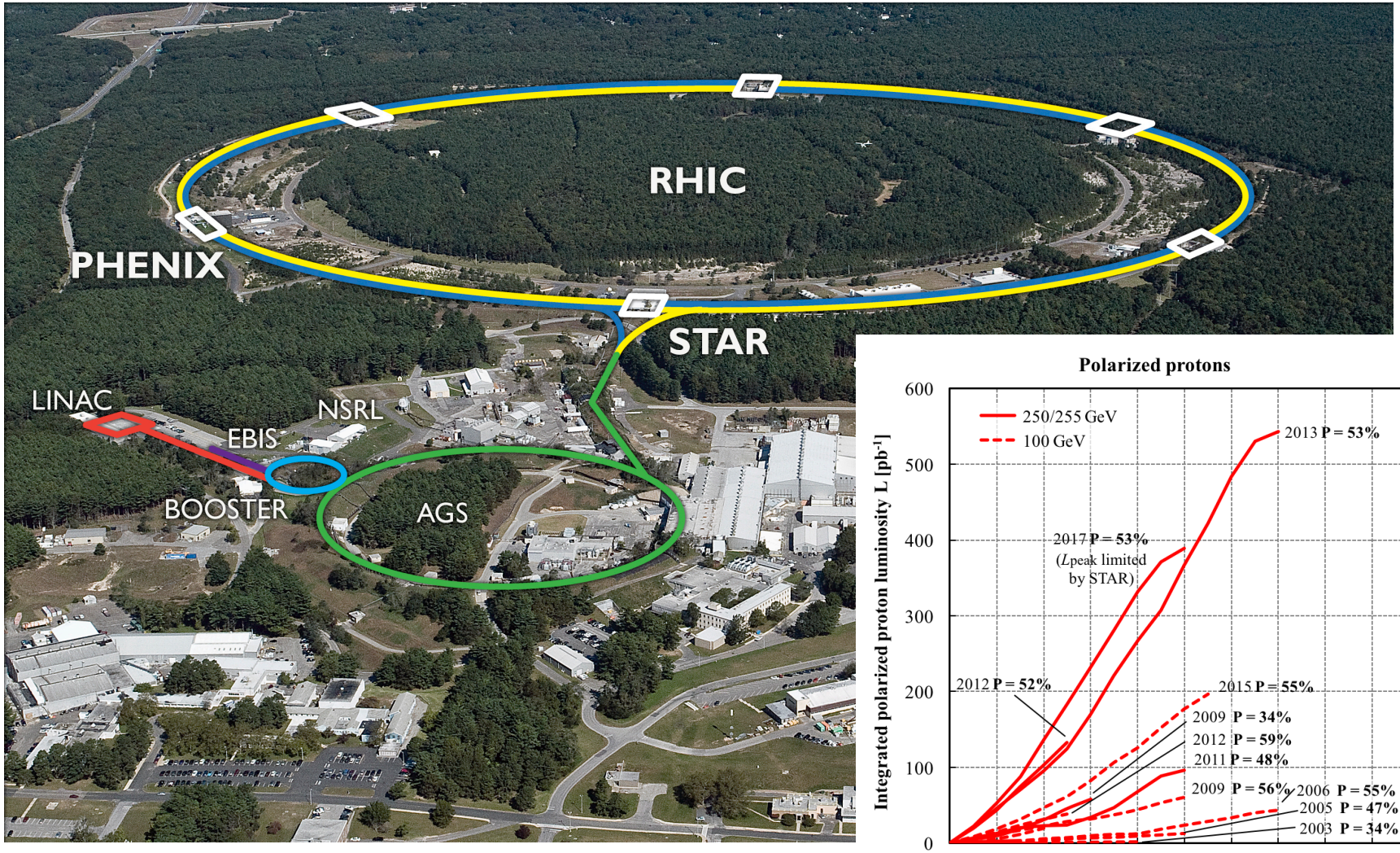

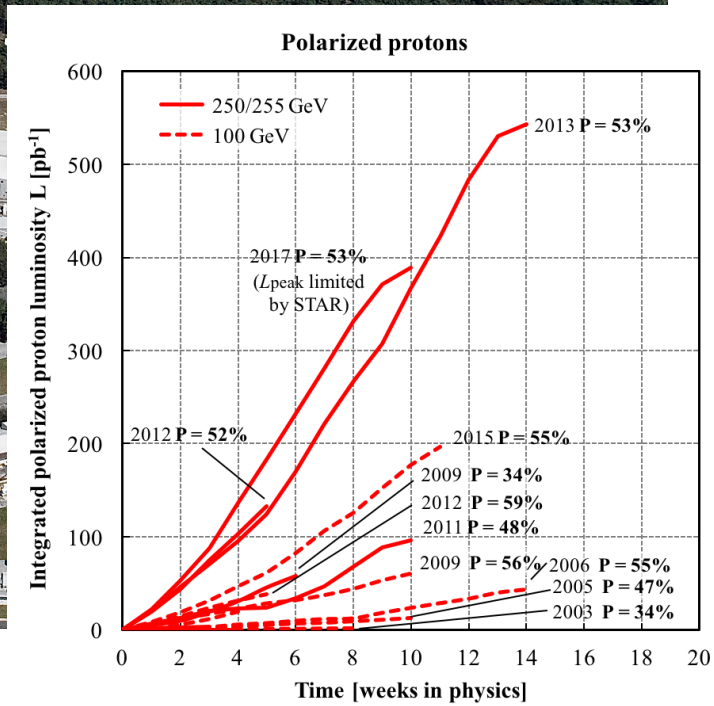

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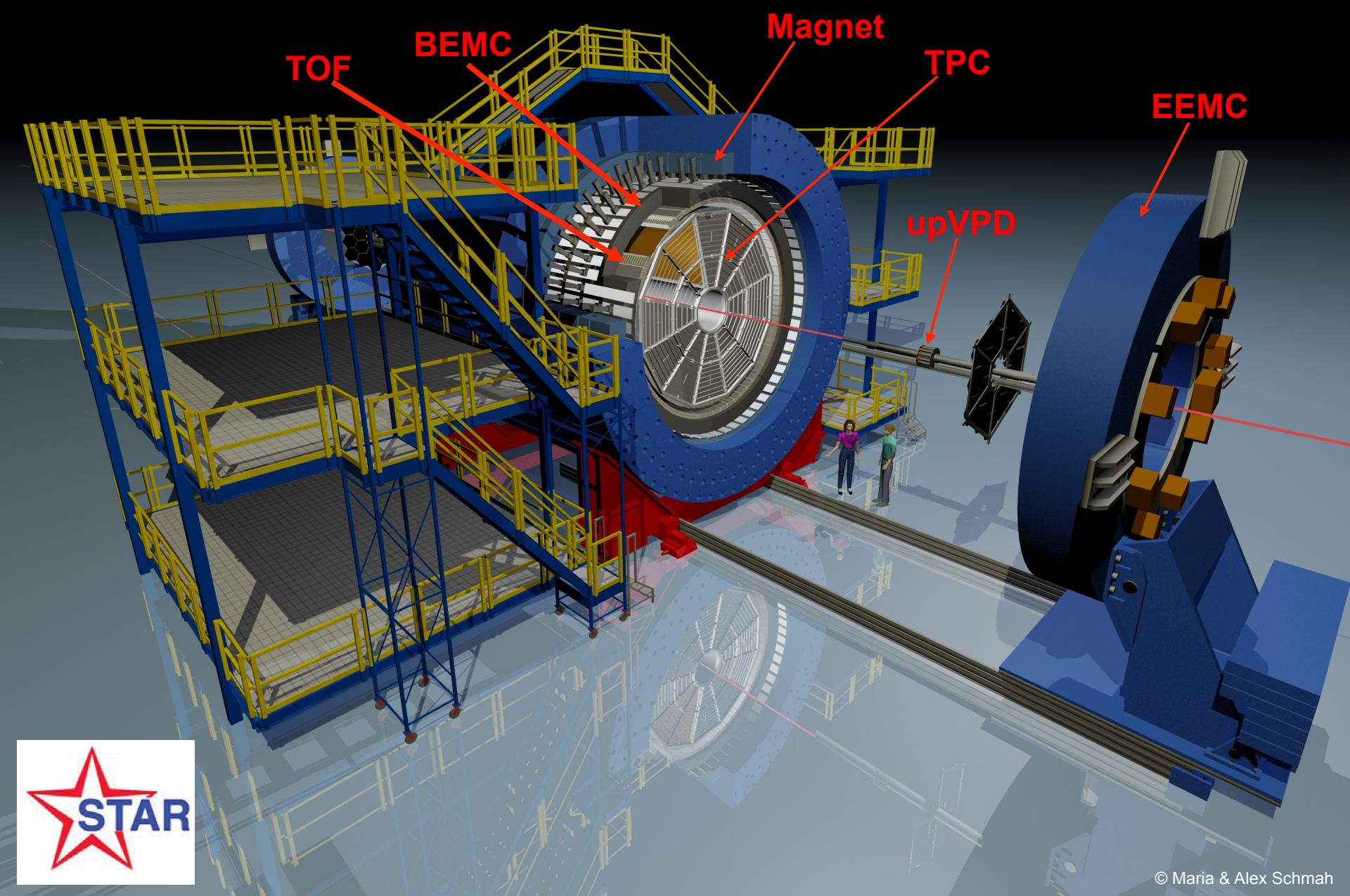

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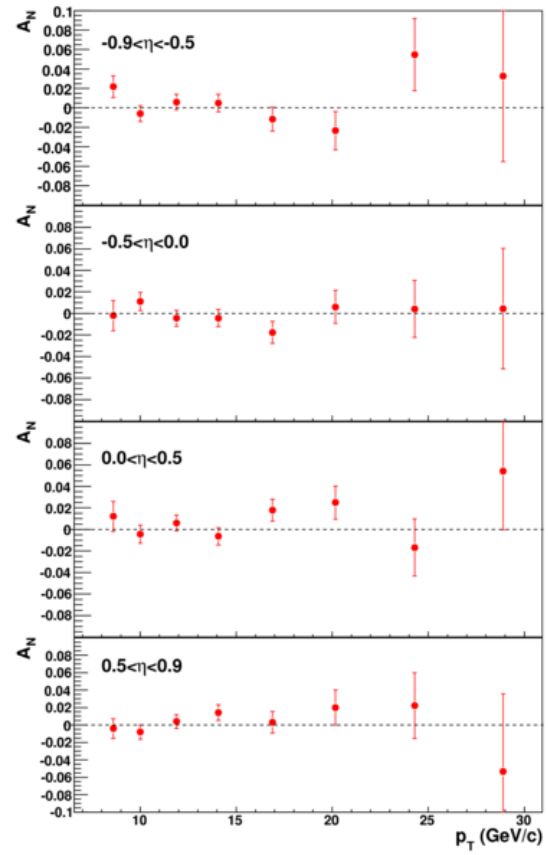

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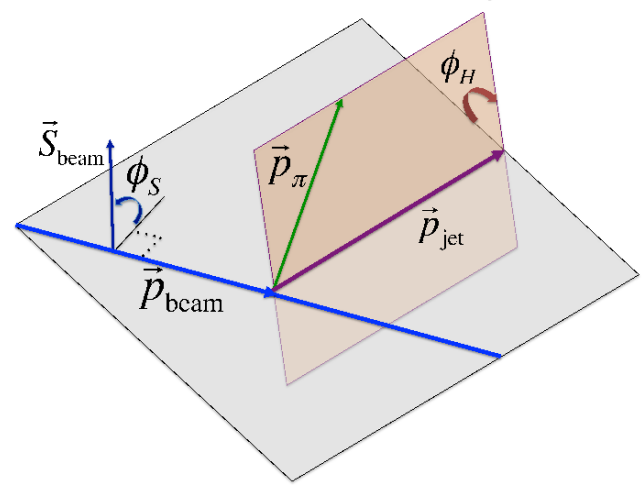

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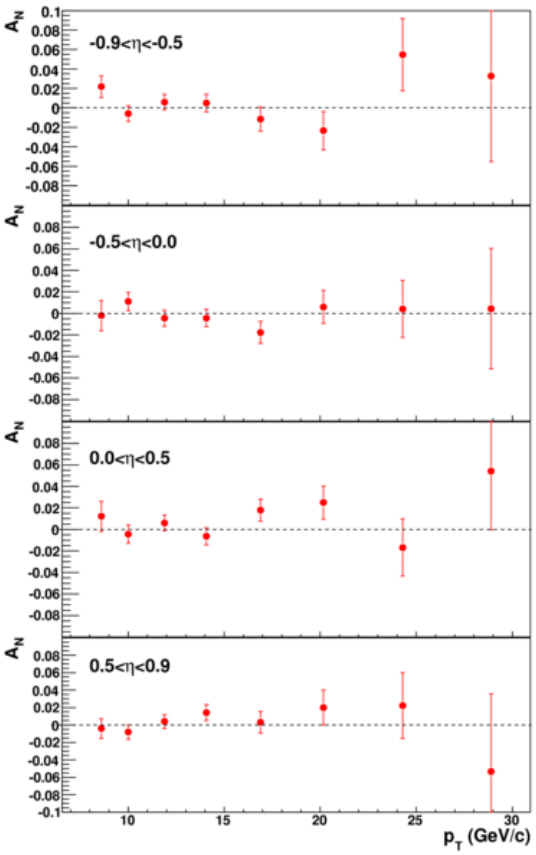

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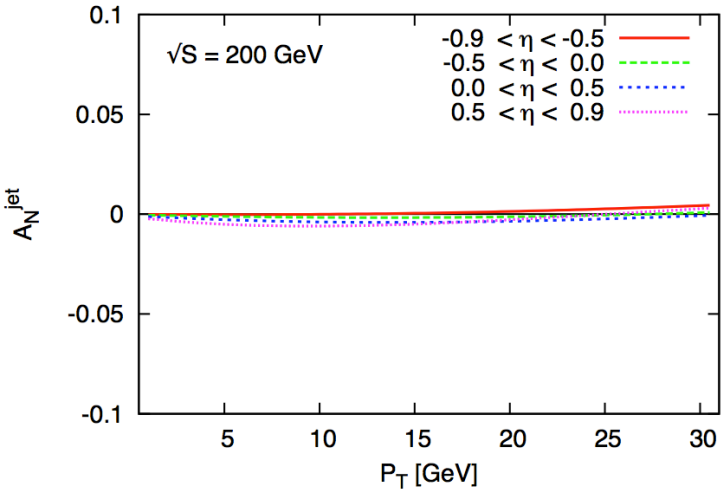

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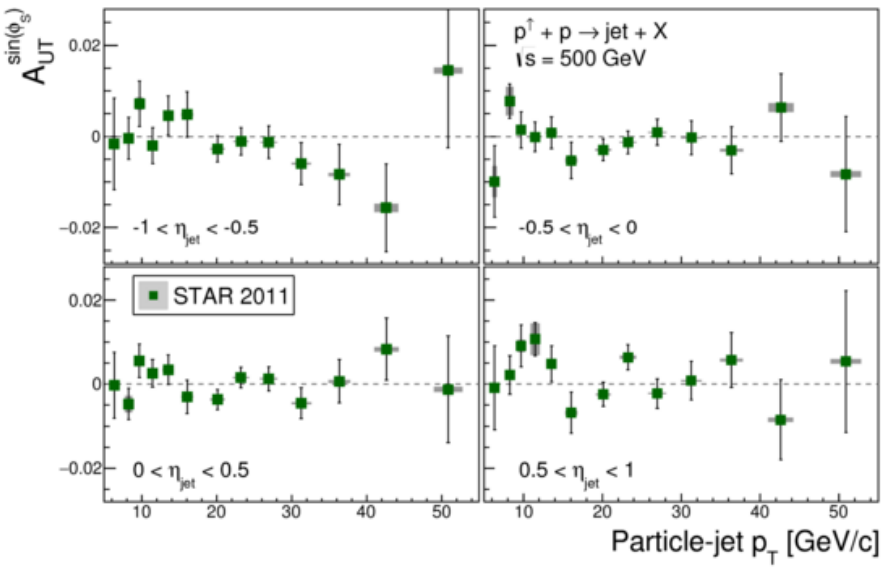
  - Enhanced gluon input!



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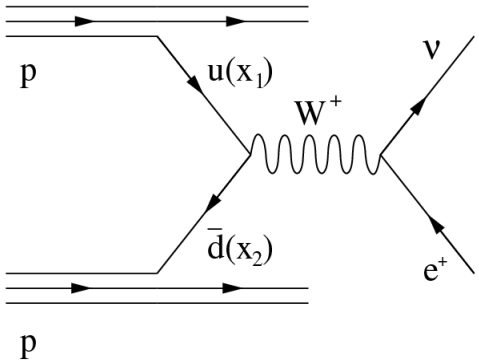

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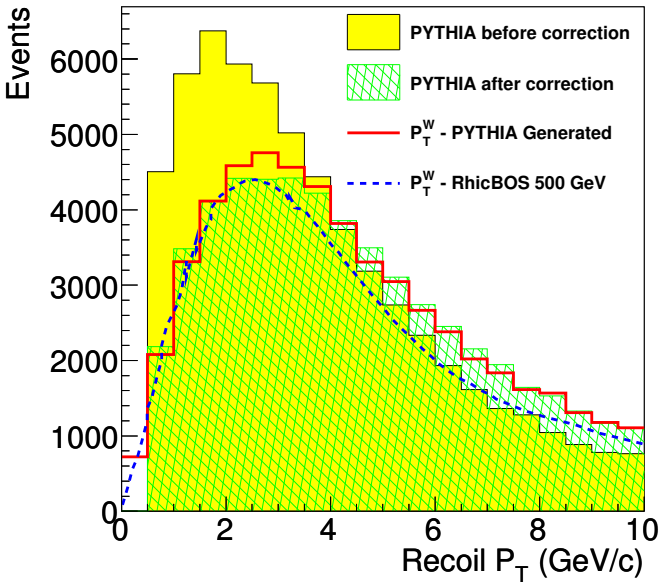
- Kinematics of W fully reconstructed:

$$\vec{p}_T^{\,W} = \vec{p}_T^{\,e} + \vec{p}_T^{\,\nu}$$

  - Efficiency and fiducial losses accounted for with Pythia MC embedded into data



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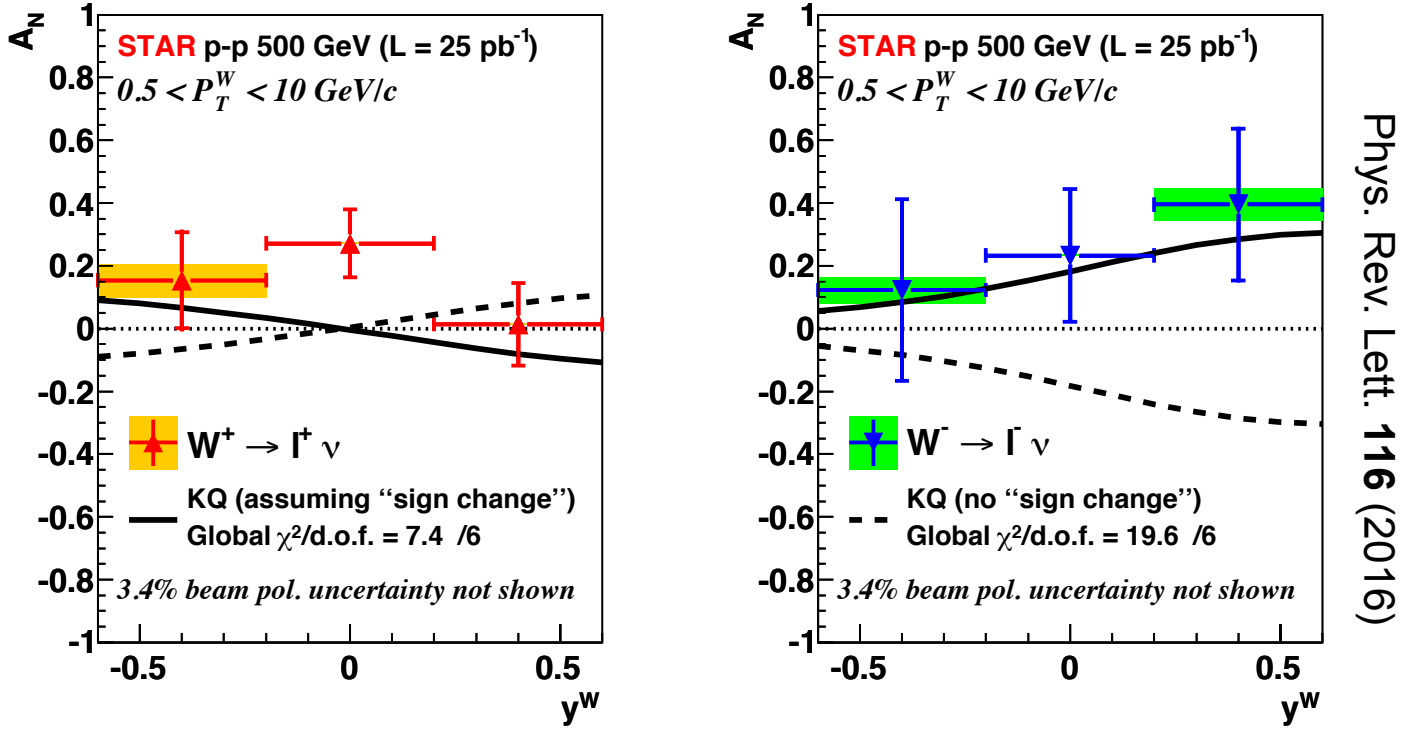

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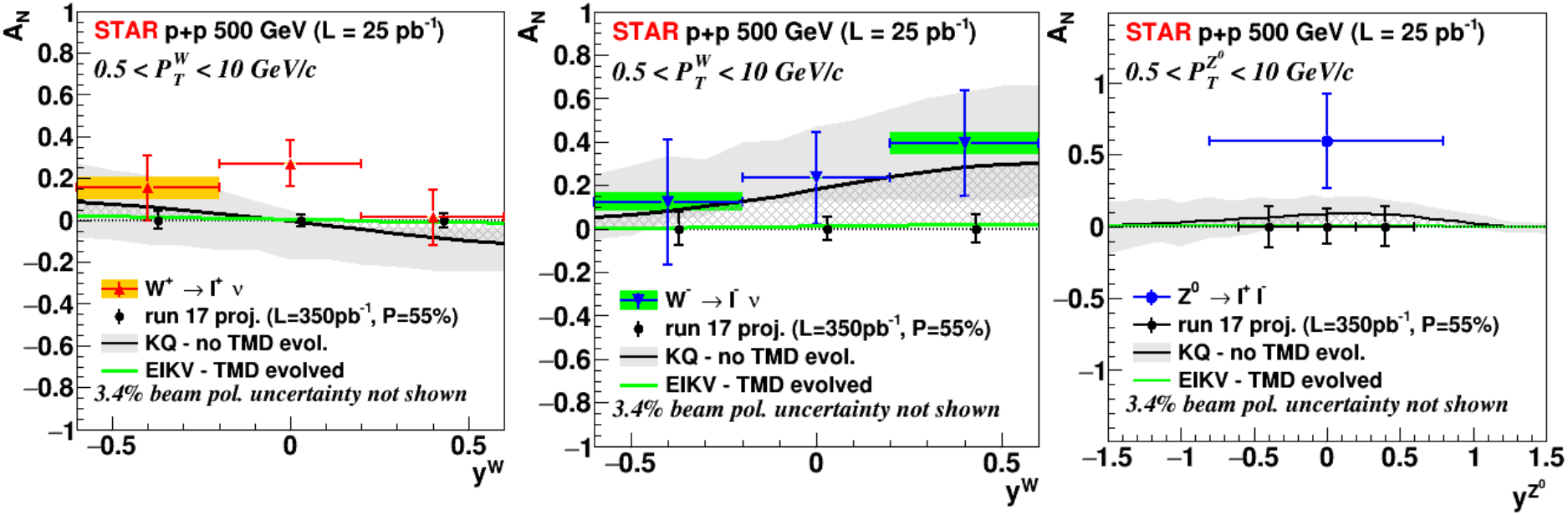
- ★ A_N results for both W^+ and W^- favor theory curves which DO assume a Sivers sign change
- ★ KQ theory curves: Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 172001
  - ★ Assume no TMD evolution
  - ★ Evolution effects seem rather small!

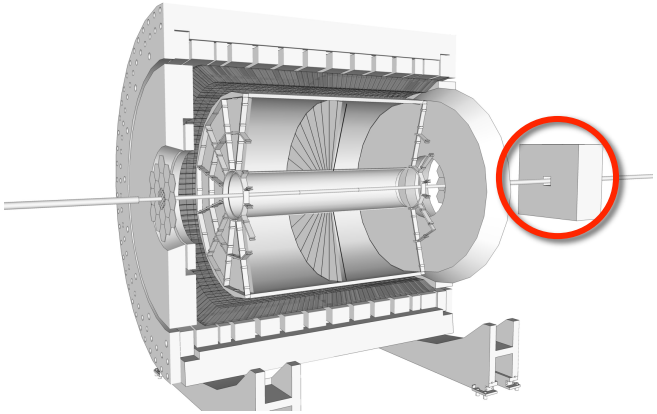
Coming soon: A_N for $W^{\pm}$ and Z^0 from 2017!

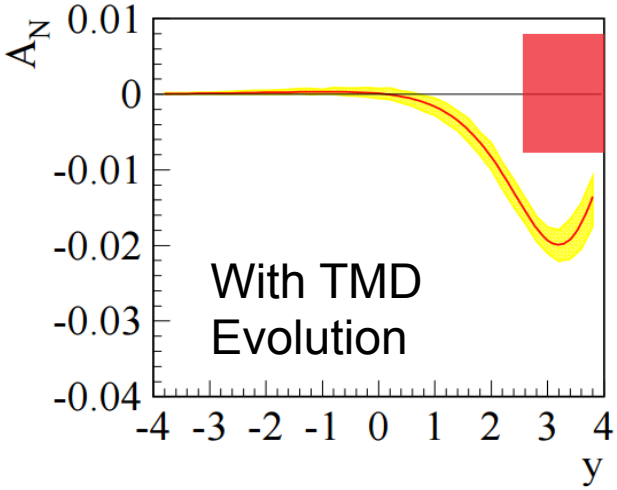


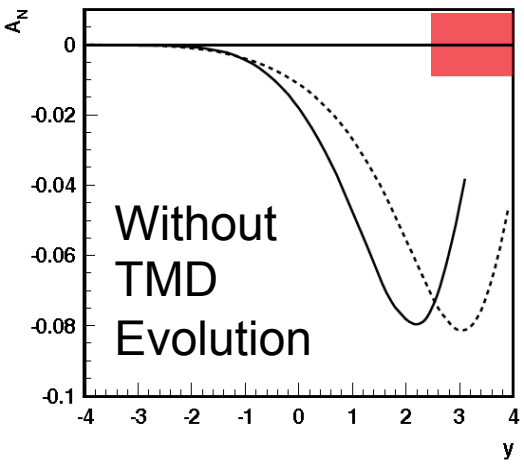
- 2017 transverse p+p run collected 350 pb^{-1} integrated luminosity
- This increase in statistical power will provide:
  - An enhanced look at the Sivers sign change
  - Input on sea quark Sivers function
  - Additional input on TMD evolution
- EIKV theory curves: Phys. Rev. D **89**, 074013 (2014)

Coming soon: Drell-Yan from 2017!

- FMS outfitted with postshower for 2017 run
  - Combined with preshower detector allows for factor of 10^6 suppression of QCD background to signal ratio
- FMS allows for forward e^+e^- DY coverage:
  - $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$ and $4.0\ \mathrm{GeV}/c^2 < M_{e^+e^-} < 9.0\ \mathrm{GeV}/c^2$
- Red square: statistical precision using 400 pb^{-1}







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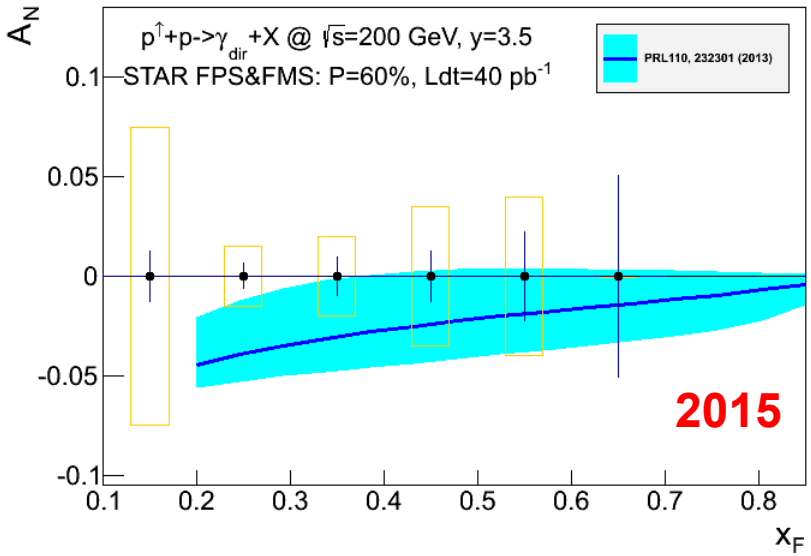
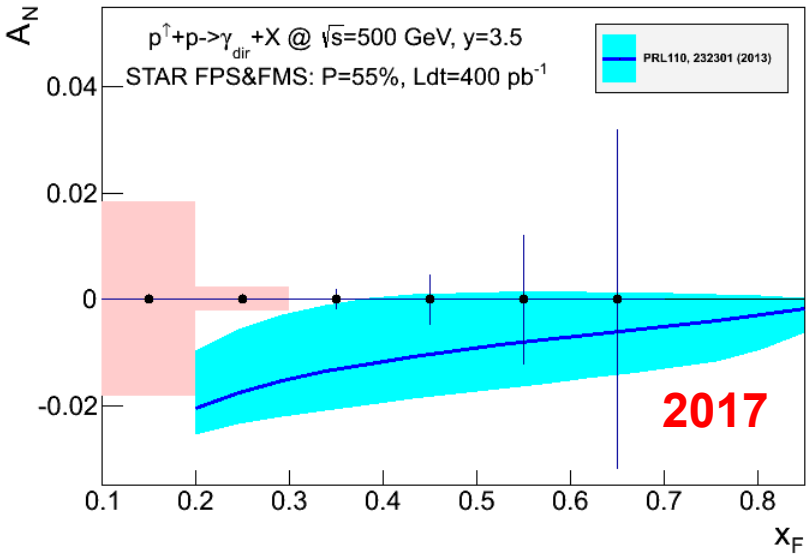
- Statistical projections (lines) with systematic error estimates (boxes) given below
  - Blue curves are predictions based on SIDIS results





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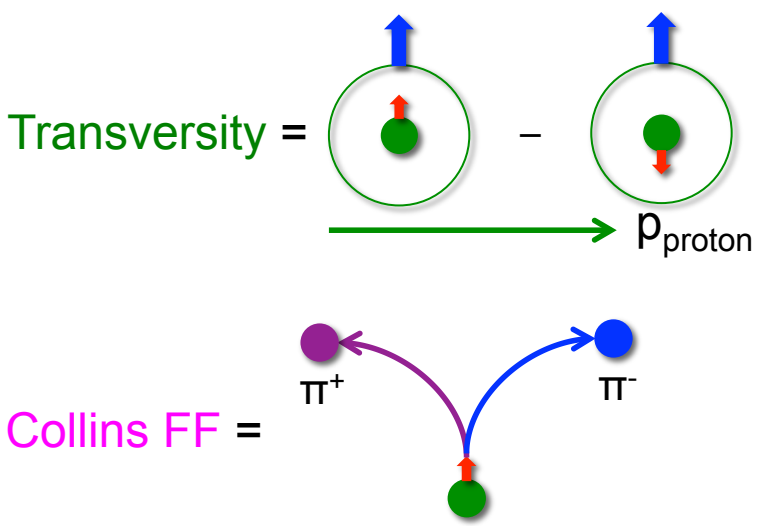

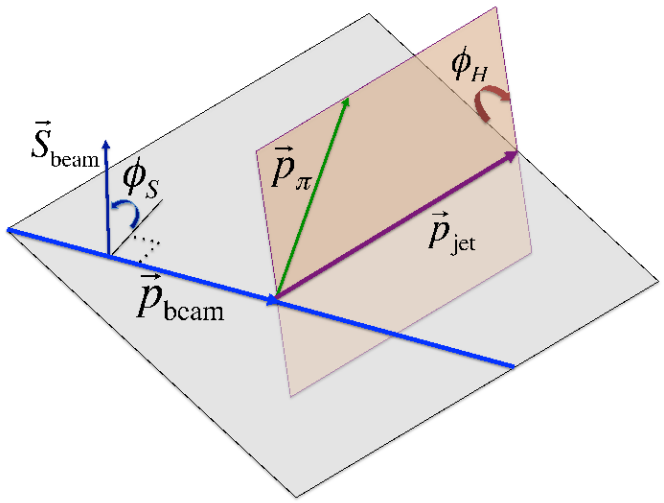

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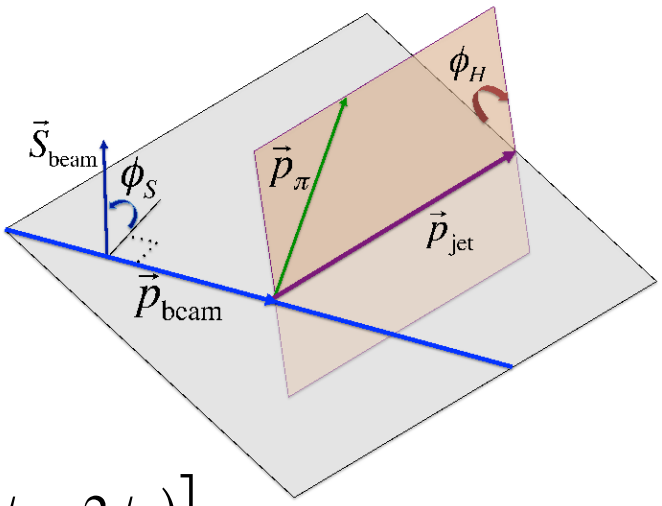

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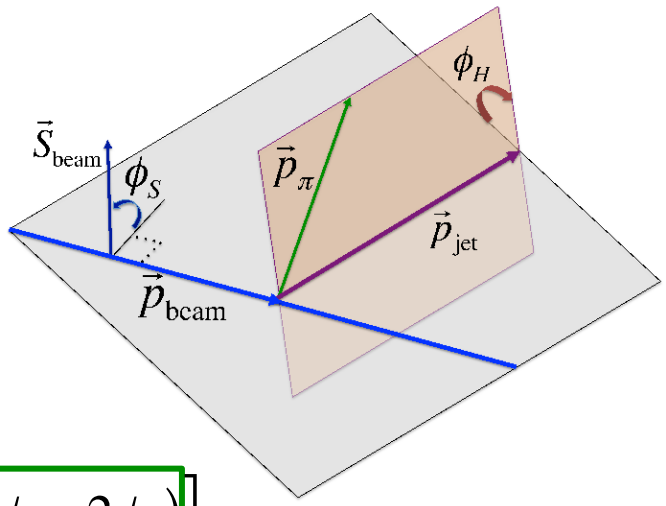

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Linearly Polarized Gluons × Collins-like

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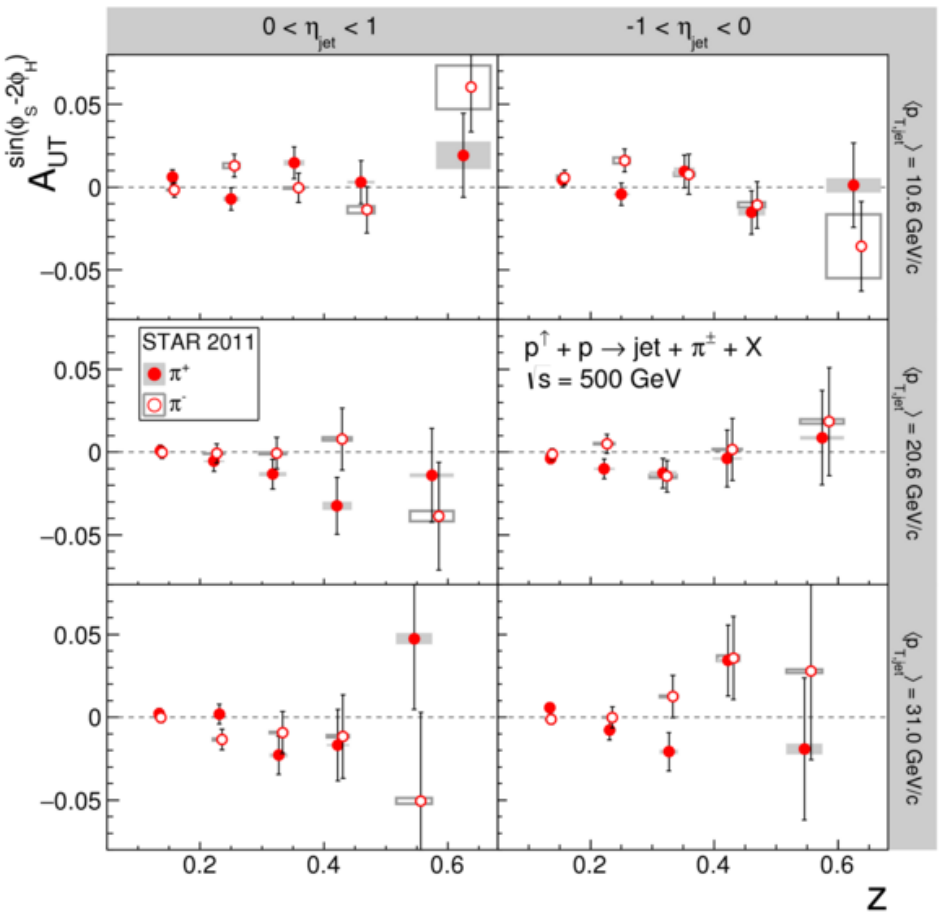

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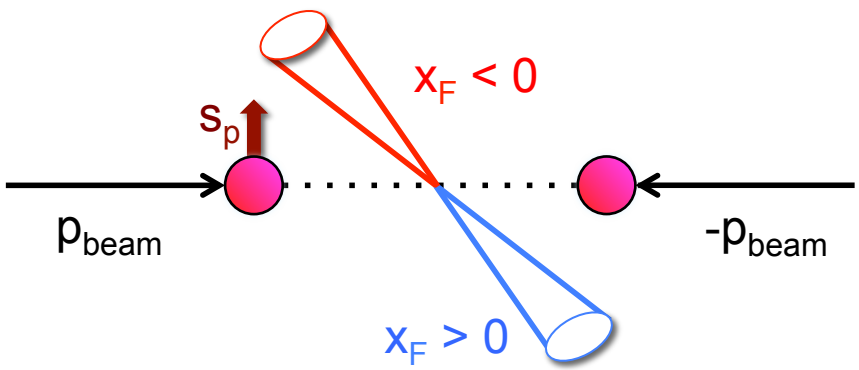

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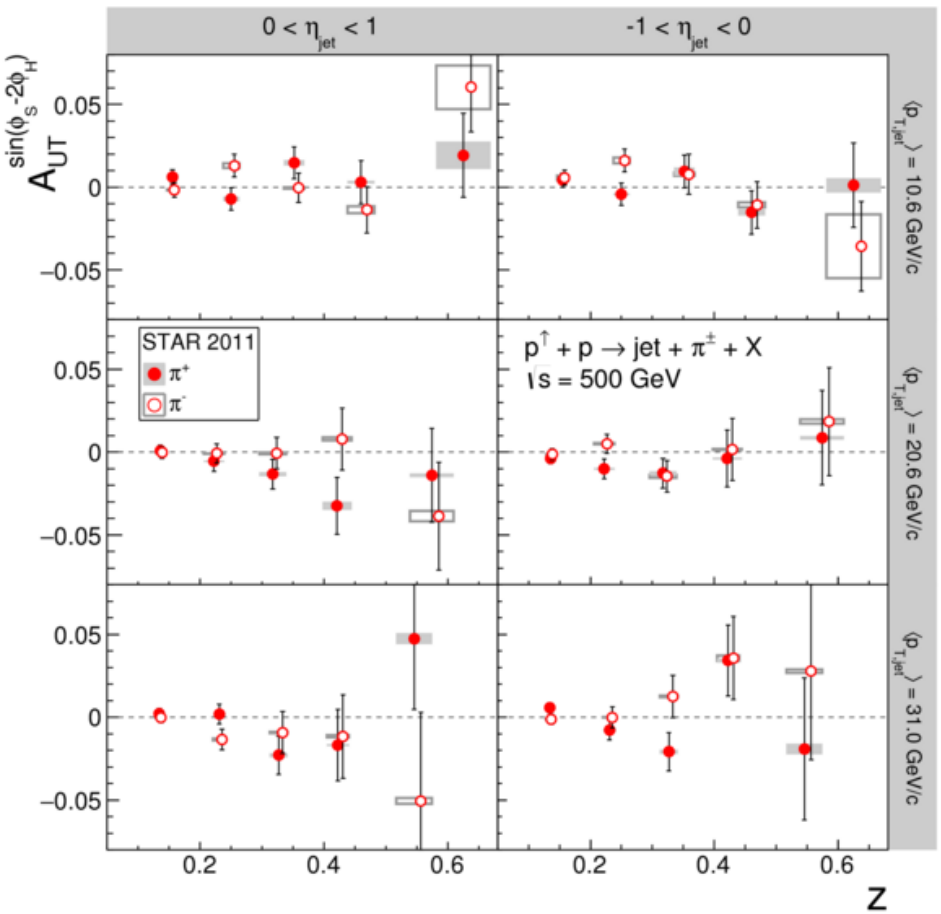

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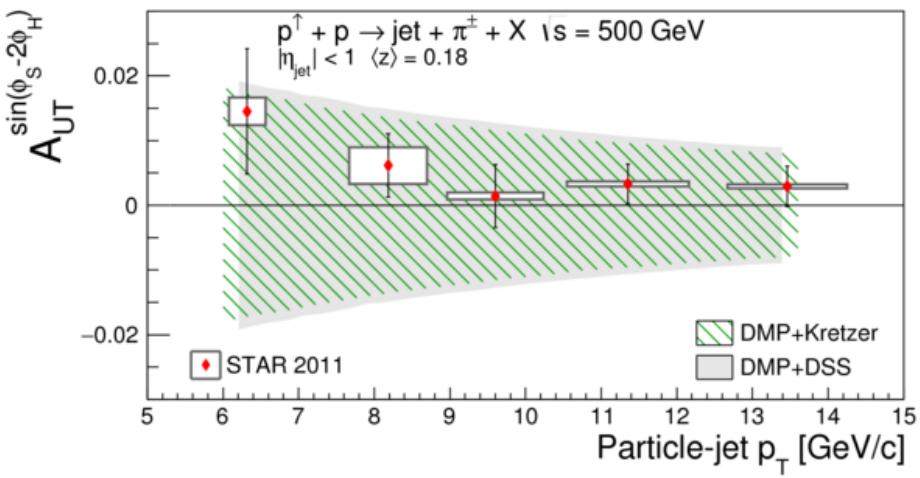

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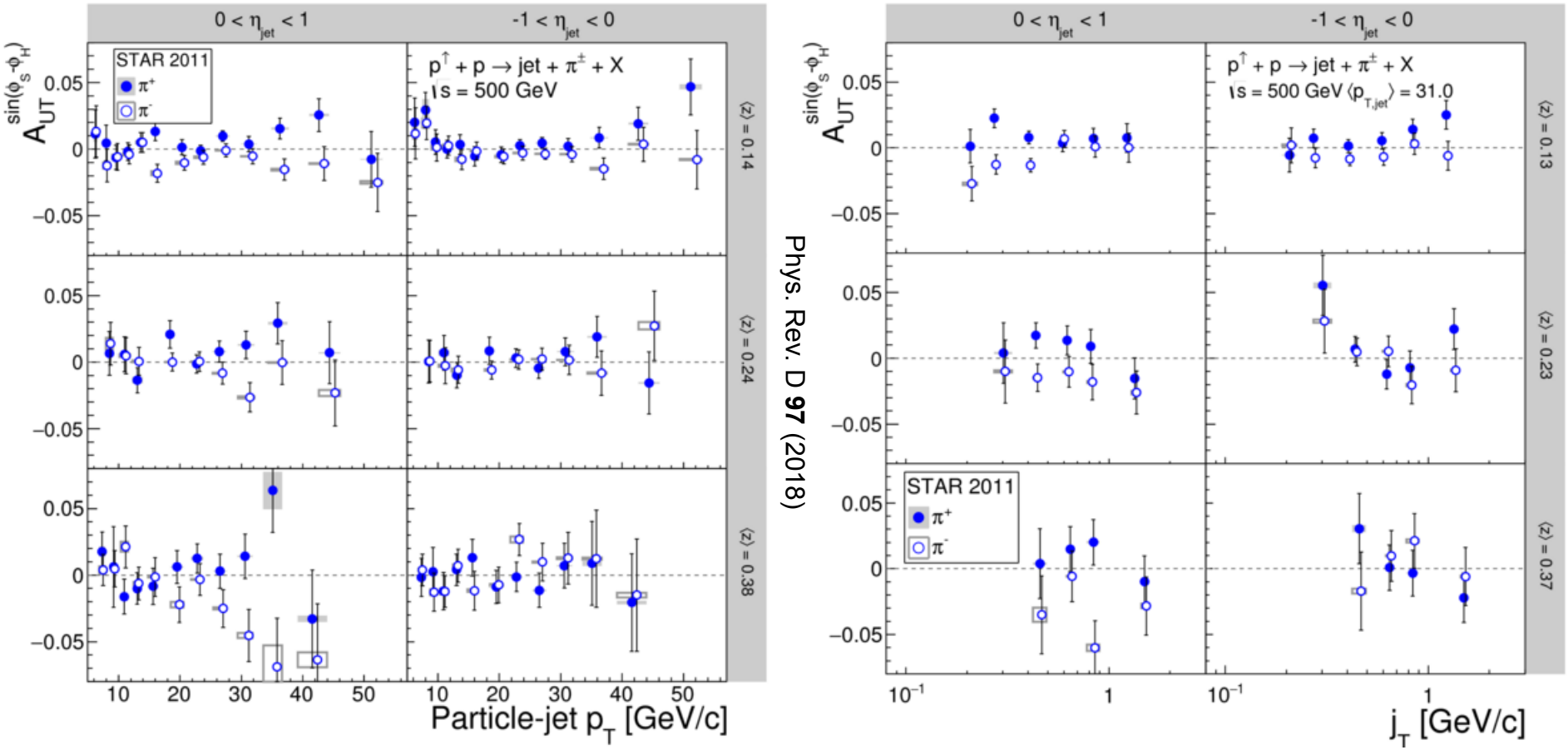

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- Multi-dimensional binning scheme provides the fine details that could be lost if integrated over
- (p_T,η) related to (Q^2,x) dependence of transversity

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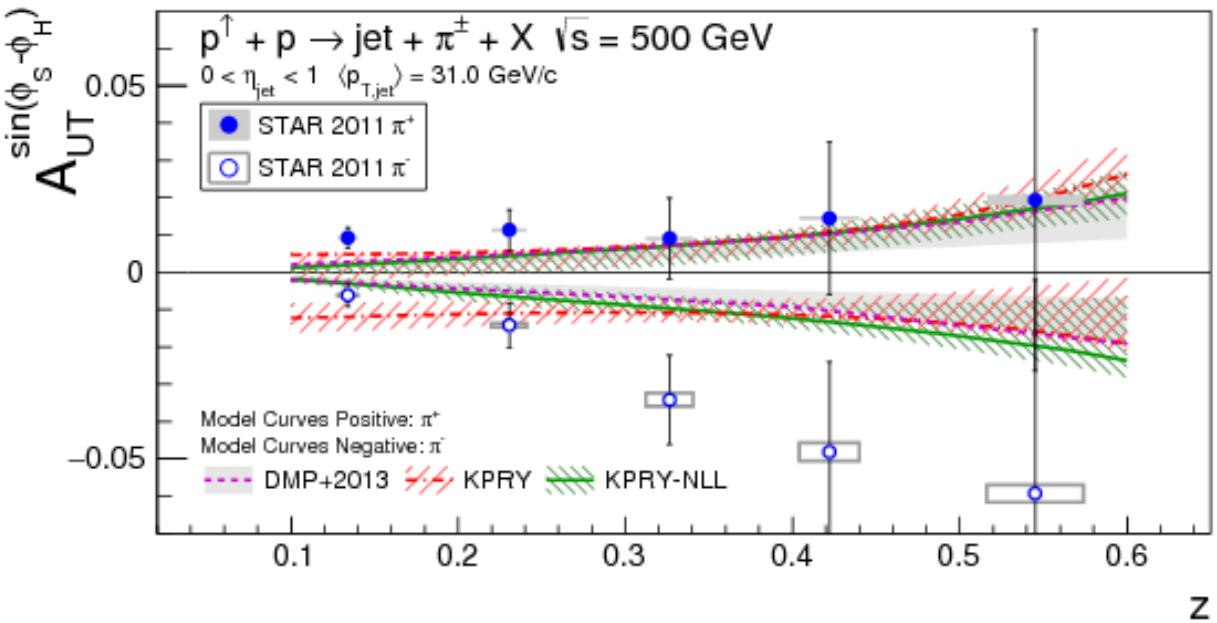

- ★ Theory curves use transversity and Collins FFs extracted from SIDIS and e^+e^-
- ★ STAR results agree quite well with these curves
- ★ Points to universality of Collins function and small factorization breaking effects!

Data:
Phys. Rev. D **97** (2018)

Theory curves:
Phys. Lett. B773 (2017) 300-306
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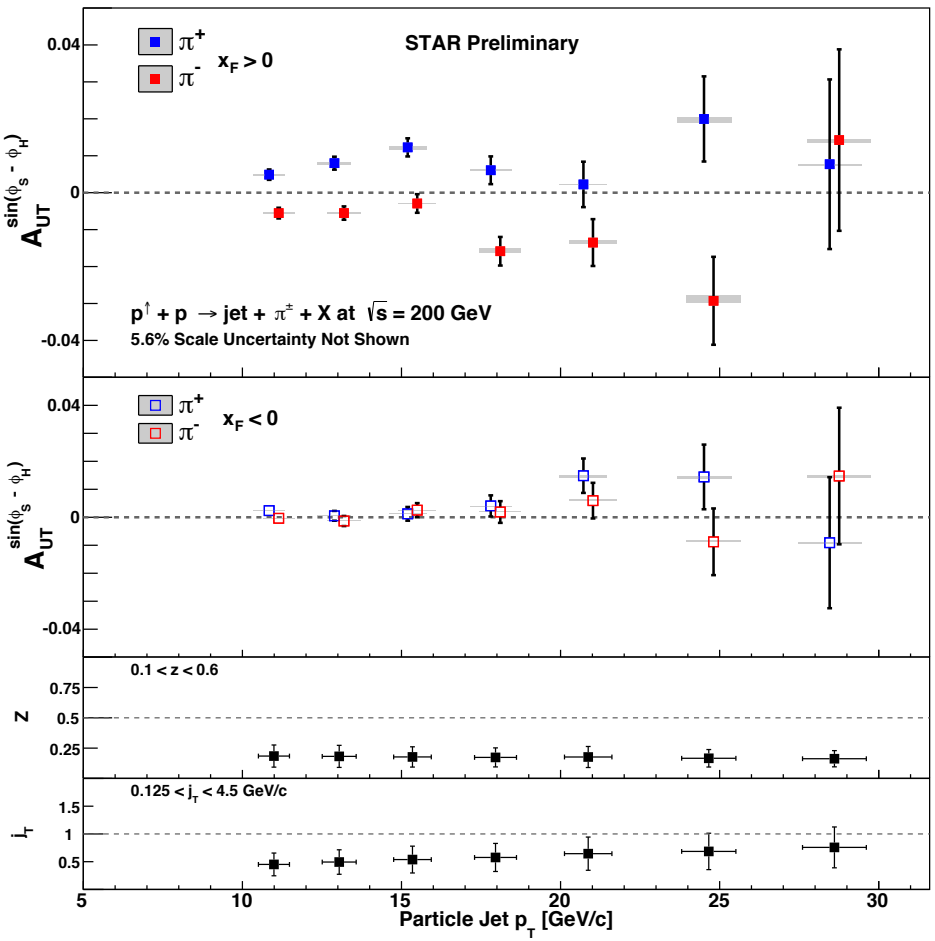

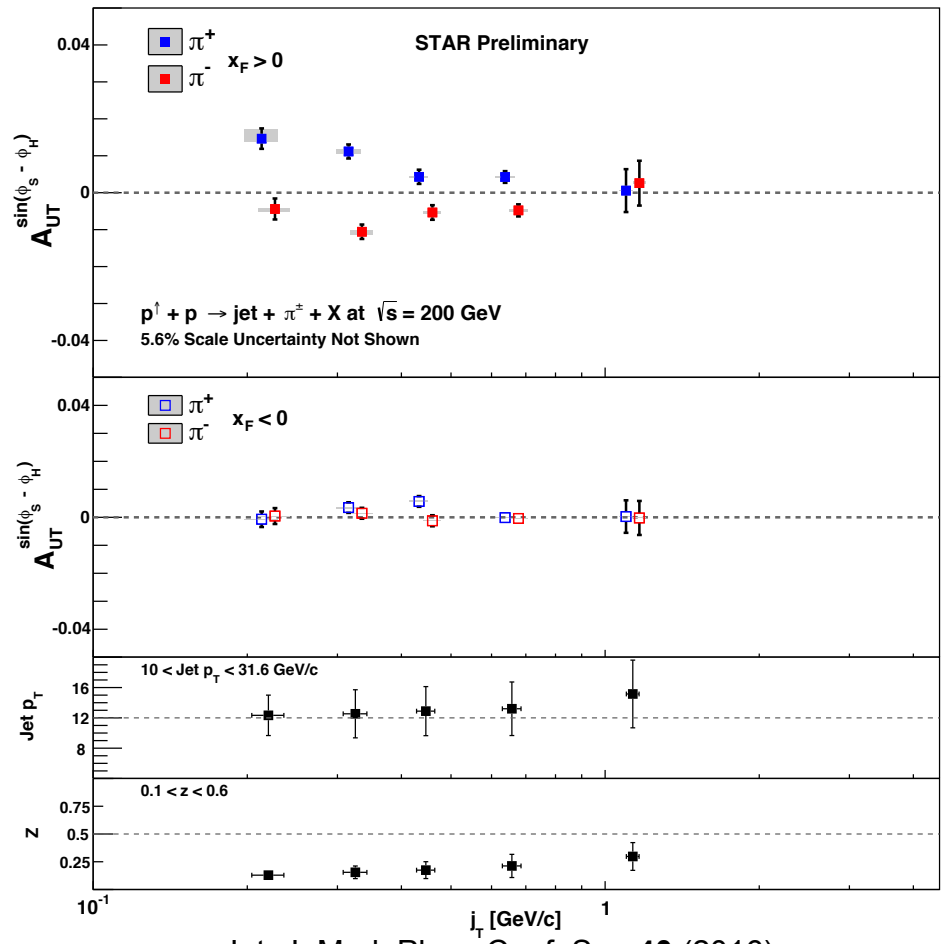

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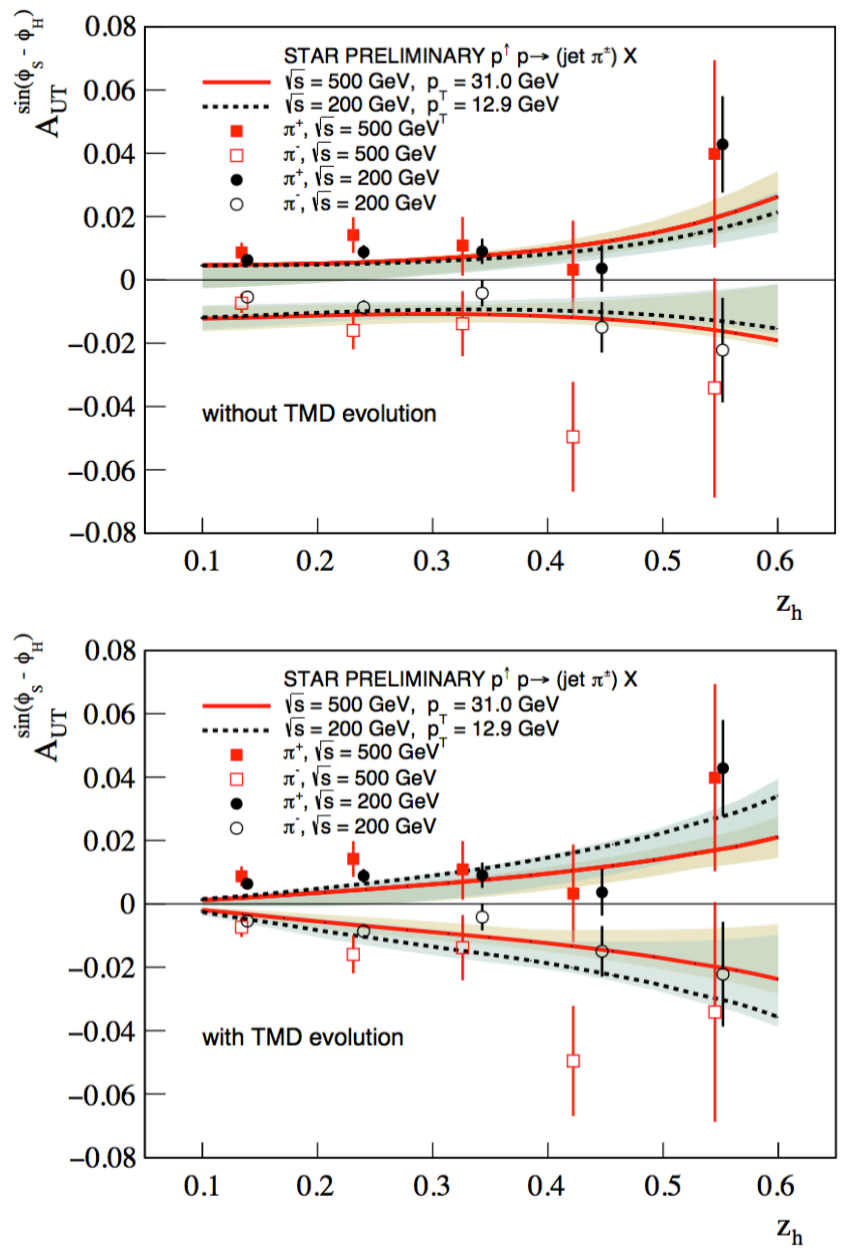
- This will very soon be replaced by final results, with binning similar to 500 GeV!
- Combined with results from 500 GeV analysis gives good look at Q^2 evolution

Theory Comparisons

- Recent theory investigations used transversity and Collins FF extracted from SIDIS and e^+e^- results
  - Compared to STAR preliminary results from $\sqrt{s}$ = 200 and 500 GeV at same kinematics
- Theory results plotted without (top) and with (bottom) evolution applied to the TMDs
  - Both sets match STAR data well, pointing to slow evolution with Q^2
- Within error budget, we see no effects of factorization breaking for Collins asymmetry measured in jets



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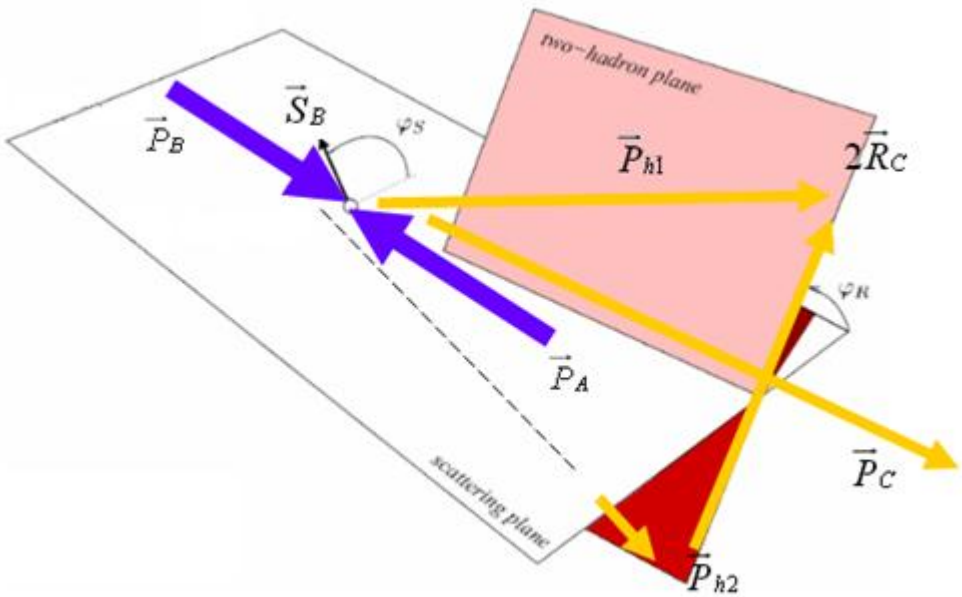
Di-hadron or Interference Fragmentation Function (IFF) Asymmetry

- Correlates quark polarization to azimuthal distribution of final state hadron pairs
- IFF process is collinear, where Collins is dependent upon transverse momentum
- Survives integration over transverse momentum, leading to simpler extraction of transversity
- $\phi_{SR} = \phi_S - \phi_R$ is angle between spin vector and hadron scattering plane



- Experimentally: $d\sigma_{UT} \approx d\sigma_{UU}\left[1 + A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{SR})}\sin\left(\phi_S - \phi_R\right)\right]$

STAR Di-hadron

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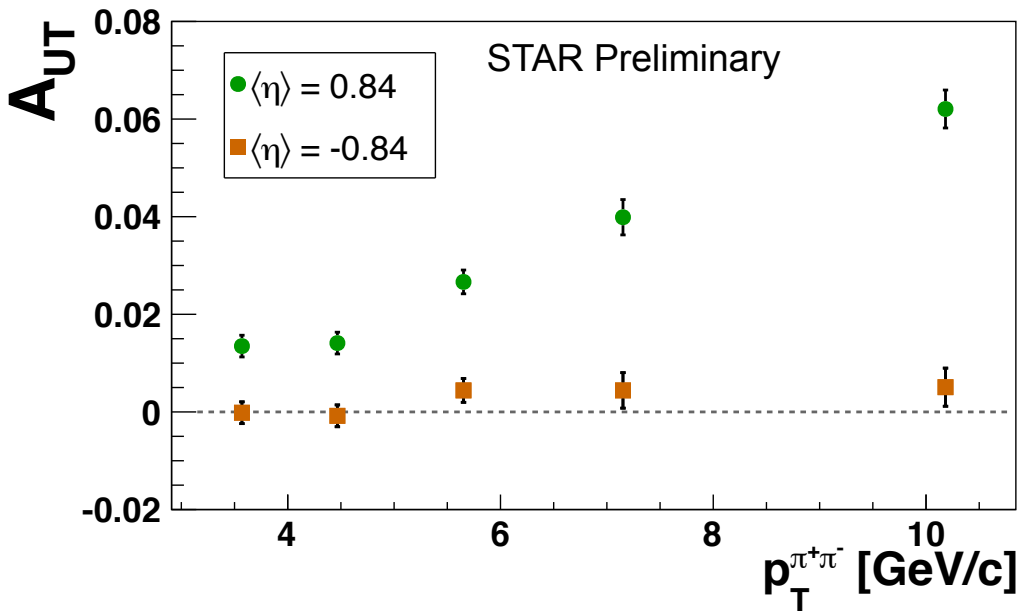

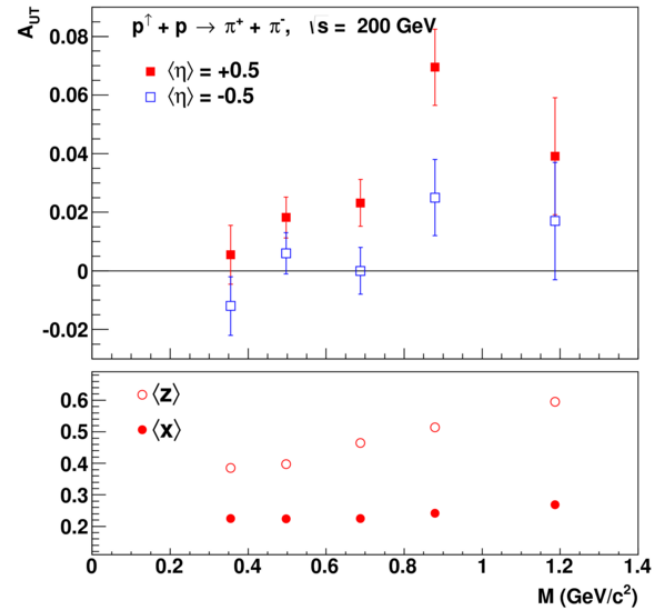

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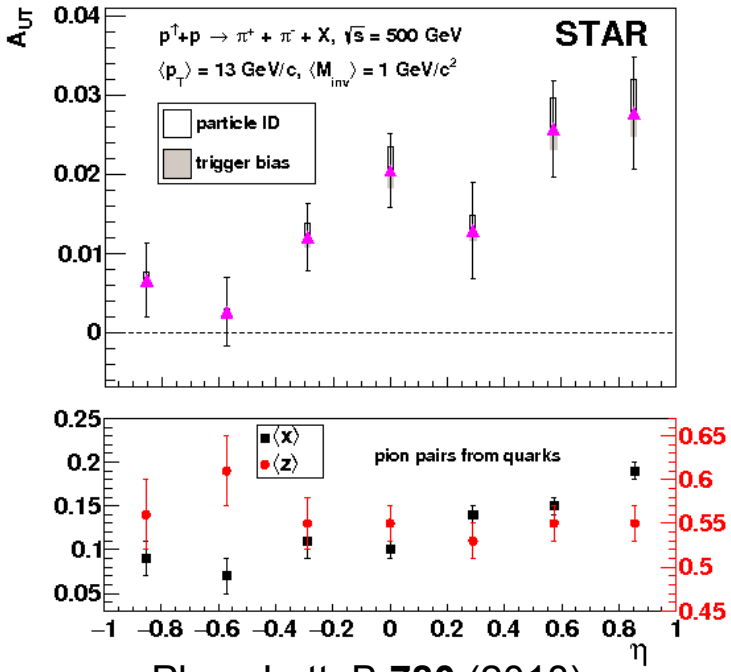

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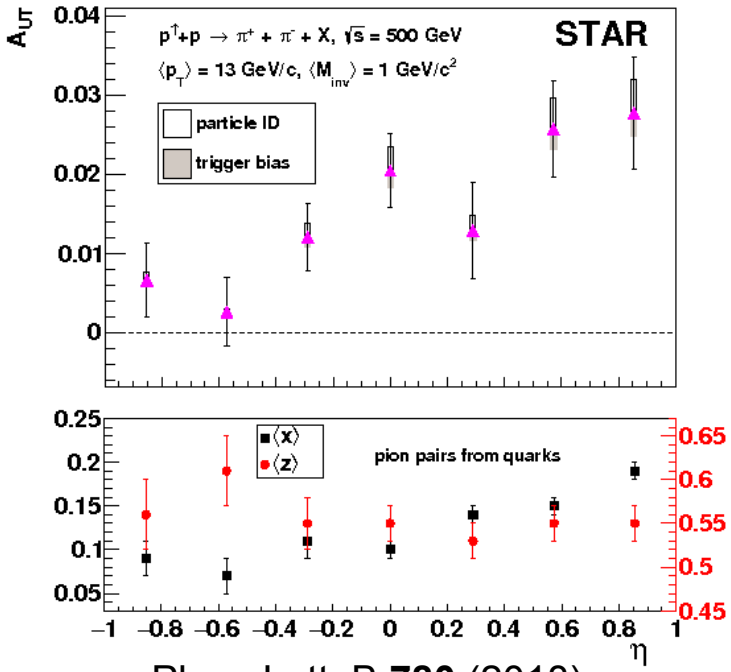

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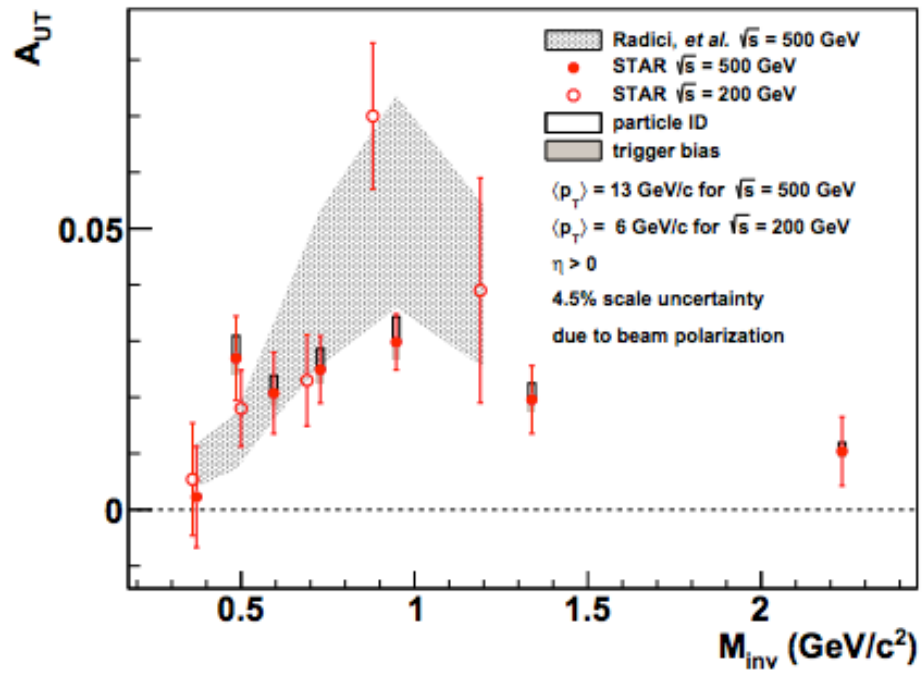

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- Many more results will be coming soon from higher statistics proton-proton datasets and also from p+A collisions

Looking to the Future

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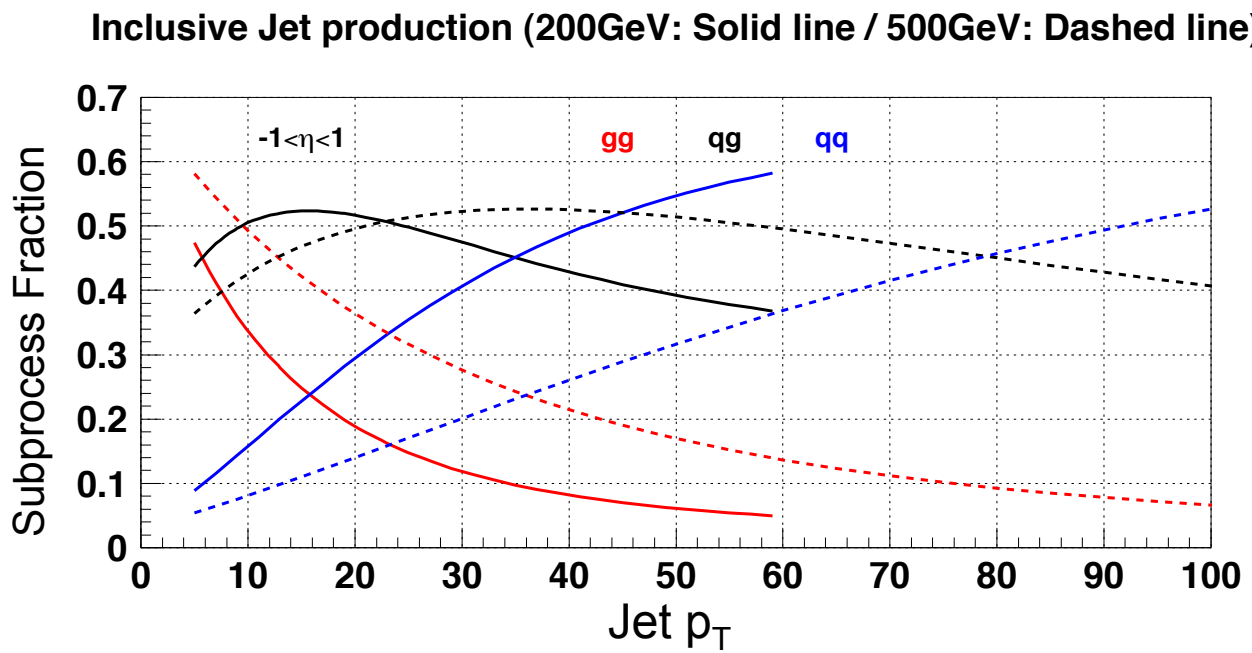
Backup

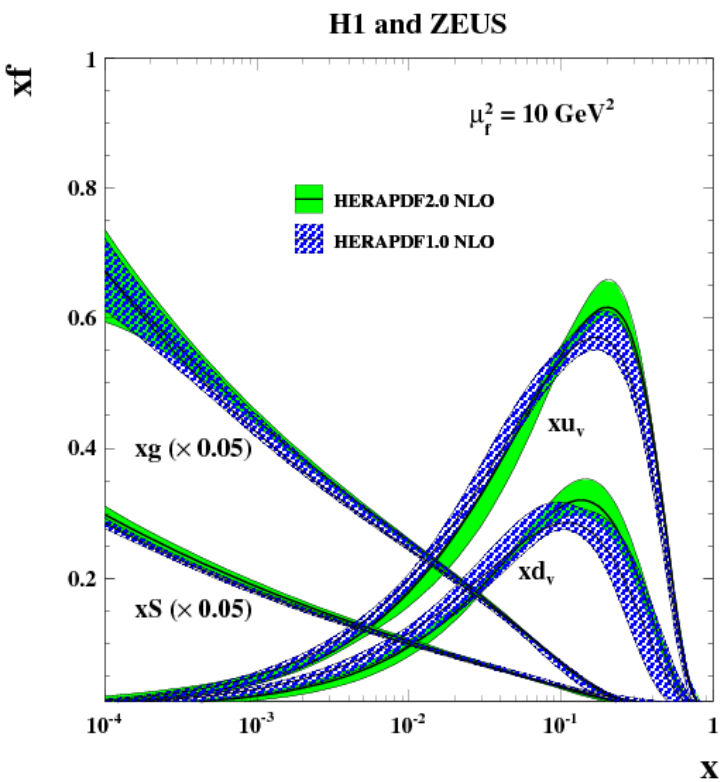
Capabilites at RHIC/STAR

- Proton collisions $\sqrt{s}$ = 200 GeV and $\sqrt{s}$ = 500 GeV
- 500 GeV accesses higher jet p_T than 200 GeV
  - $p_T \approx Q$, so 500 GeV accesses lower *x* with higher gluon content
  - Expect smaller asymmetries for 500 GeV



Current PDF Knowledge

- Valence momentum and helicity PDFs are well constrained



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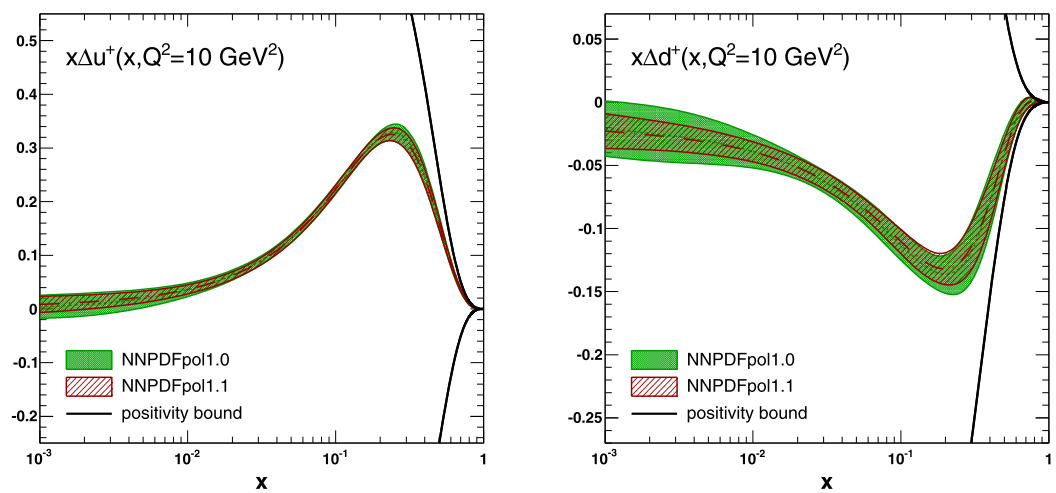

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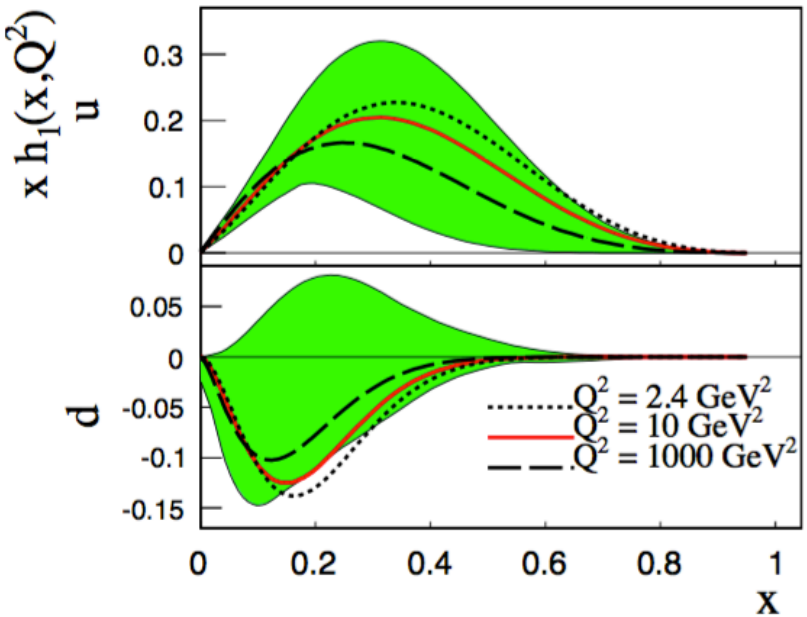
(Limited) Knowledge of Transversity

- Transversity remains wildly unconstrained, even in valence contributions!
- One contributing factor to limited knowledge is because transversity is chiral odd
  - Accessibility highly suppressed in inclusive lepton scattering
- To constrain transversity as well as helicity we need more data across a broad range in *x*
- Can be accessed if paired with another appropriate chiral odd function
  - Single spin asymmetries!



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