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Run	Species	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	Spin
12	p+p	200	transverse
12	p+p	510	longitudinal
13	p+p	510	longitudinal
15	p+p	200	longitudinal
15	p+p p+Al p+Au	200	transverse













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## **SEA QUARKS AND FLAVOR SYMMETRIES**



 $\Delta \chi^2 = 1$  (Hessian)

 $10^{-1}$ 

x

 $10^{-2}$ 

 $10^{-1}$ 

х

 $10^{-2}$ 

-0.0

## SEA QUARKS AND FLAVOR SYMMETRIES



$$A_{L} = \frac{\sigma_{+} - \sigma_{-}}{\sigma_{+} + \sigma_{-}}$$

$$A_L^{W^+} \propto \frac{-\Delta u(x_1)\overline{d}(x_2) + \Delta \overline{d}(x_1)u(x_2)}{u(x_1)\overline{d}(x_2) + \overline{d}(x_1)u(x_2)}$$

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**MIDRAPIDITY** 



 $W^{+/-} \rightarrow e^{+/-} + \nu_e$ 

FORWARD



 $W^{+/-} \rightarrow \mu^{+/-} + \nu_e$ 



- First muon channel W A<sub>L</sub> !
- Theoretical curves use the polarized NLO generator CHE with various global fits implemented.
- Backward  $\mu^{-}$  are at upper limit of uncertainty bands indicating  $\Delta \overline{u}$  is larger than fits without RHIC data indicate – similar to mid-rapidity data.
- Forward  $\mu^-$  ( $\sim \Delta d/d$ ) is below DSSV08  $\rightarrow$  could be explained by sign change in  $\Delta d$  for x > 0.5 ?
- Backward  $\mu^+$  show smaller than predicted asymmetries. Possibly due to under-estimated error bars in unpolarized sector due to large  $\bar{d}$ contribution in data.







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- These data show a significant preference for a Δ*ū* > Δ*d* for 0.05 <x < 0.25 at Q<sup>2</sup> = 10 GeV.





# W<sup>+/-</sup> CROSS-SECTIONS

#### PHYS. REV. D 98, 032007 (2018)



- Measured at forward and backward rapidity and averaged over arms
- 2013 W→ µ systematic error is dominated by the large uncertainty on the signal-tobackground ratios.
- Good agreement with previous measurements and theoretical predictions.

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### $\Delta { m G}$ status circa ~2015

- Based on DSSV14 and includes PHENIX inclusive  $\pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$  and STAR inclusive jets and forward  $\pi^0$  at 200 and 62 GeV.
- $\Delta G$  saturates at ~10<sup>-3</sup> and 70% of proton spin
- Uncertainties increase dramatically outside kinematic reach of existing data.
- Two approaches to reduce uncertainties:
  - 1) Measure correlation observables to help map out shape of  $\Delta g(x)$ .
  - 2) Measure asymmetries sensitive to lower x



Phys.Rev. D92, 094030 (2015)



#### **200 GEV MID-RAPIDITY DIJETS**

- Inclusive jets sample broad range of parton momentum fraction x.
- This limits constraints on the functional form of  $\Delta g(x)$  and increases uncertainty at lower x.
- Dijets allow for reconstruction of the initial parton x<sub>1</sub> and x<sub>2</sub> at leading order.

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \left( p_{T3} e^{\pm \eta_3} + p_{T4} e^{\pm \eta_4} \right)$$
$$|\cos \theta^*| = \tanh \left| \frac{\eta_3 - \eta_4}{2} \right|$$





200 GEV MID-RAPIDITY DIJET ALL





Phys.Rev. D95, 071103 (2017)



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#### 200 GEV FORWARD-RAPIDITY DIJET ALL

- First forward jet analysis
- Utilized machine learning techniques to deal with dropping TPC efficiency
- Incorporated underlying event subtraction
- Asymmetries sample both low x gluons and high x quarks!



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### PAUSE ... FOR A THEORETICAL INTERLUDE

Monte Carlo sampling variant of the DSSV14 set of helicity parton densities
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- New paper implements reweighting with STAR 200 GeV mid+forward rapidity dijets.
- Moderate increase of gluon polarization in the range 0.05 < x < 0.2 change is within uncertainty of the DSSV14 replicas.
- Sizable reduction of width of 1-sigma uncertainty band, especially for x > 0.2.





#### 500 GEV MID-RAPIDITY INCLUSIVE AND DIJET $A_{LL}$

Measurements at higher √s access lower partonic x

$$\mathbf{x} \approx x_T e^{\pm \eta} = \frac{2p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm \eta}$$

 Optimize R<sub>jet</sub> = 0.5 to accommodate increased UE and pileup at higher center of mass energies





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- Reduced  $x_T \sim 0.025$

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Phys.Rev. D100 (2019) no.5 052005





#### RUN 12 510 GEV MID-RAPIDITY DIJET A<sub>ll</sub>

Phys.Rev. D100 (2019) no.5 052005




#### RUN 13 510 GEV MID-RAPIDITY INCLUSIVE AND DIJET $A_{LL}$



**INCLUSIVE JET** 

DIJET

Phys. Rev. D 93, 011501(R)



Excellent agreement between data and theory!



Phys. Rev. D **93**, 011501(R)





Phys. Rev. D 93, 011501(R)



![](_page_39_Figure_2.jpeg)

# **PH\*ENIX** 510 GEV INCLUSIVE MIDRAPIDITY $\Pi^{+/-}$

Sensitive to the sign of  $\Delta G~$  -  $~A_{LL}^{+} > A_{LL}^{-}$ 

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510 GEV FORWARD INCLUSIVE  $\Pi^0 A_{11}$ 

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- Sensitivities down to  $x \sim 10^{-3}$  !
- All theoretical curves use DSS FF

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#### TRANSVERSE SINGLE SPIN ASYMMETRIES

 $A_N = \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R}$ 

- Collide transversely polarized proton with "unpolarized" proton beam.
- Count the # of hadrons that scatter left vs. right.
- Theoretically TSSAs are described by multi-parton correlators in a collinear twist-3 framework.

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![](_page_44_Figure_7.jpeg)

#### TRANSVERSE SINGLE SPIN ASYMMETRIES

- Replace unpolarized proton beam with ion beam.
- Count the *#* of hadrons that scatter left vs. right.
- In the case of forward scattering, a high x polarized parton will scatter from multiple low x partons, many likely to be gluons, before fragmenting. Leads naturally to the question - *How do TSSAs change in a nuclear environment?*
- Intense theoretical work has tried to answer this question by extending gluon saturation frameworks to include spin effects.
- Data from RHIC Run 15 p+p, p+Al and p+Au collisions will give us necessary experimental feedback.

![](_page_45_Picture_7.jpeg)

Phys.Rev. D 74, 074018 (2006) Phys.Rev. D 84, 034019 (2011) Phys.Rev. D 86, 034028 (2012) Phys.Rev. D 94, 054012 (2016) Phys.Rev. D 95, 014008 (2017) Phys.Rev. D 99, 094012 (2019)

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# **PH ENIX** RUN 15 MIDRAPIDITY $\Pi^0 A_N$

![](_page_46_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Central EMCal used for  $\pi^0$  reconstruction.
- $A_N$  in p+p is zero at the ~10<sup>-4</sup> level at mid-rapidity.
- This is typical for mid-rapidity charged and neutral inclusive hadron asymmetries in p+p collisions.

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- Use forward muon trackers (1.2 |η| < 2.4) to detect muons and reconstruct J/ψ.
- J/Psi production predominately from gg fusion at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =200 GeV
- Probes gluon distributions in nuclei
- No clear A dependence only p+Au trends negative

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- Use MuID to tag charged hadrons that stop in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> plane due to hadronic interactions.
- Equal parts pions and Kaons, 5% protons
- As expected, A<sub>N</sub> increases with x<sub>F.</sub>
- K<sup>-</sup> and π asymmetries are opposite sign causing some cancelation for the negative hadron signal.

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- Clear A dependence in azimuthal asymmetry of the yield.
- Fit is a function of A<sup>-α/3</sup> motivated by the expectation (Phys.Rev.D 94, 054013) that the twist-3 FF should modify like A<sup>-α/3</sup> for low momentum hadrons. Here <p<sub>T</sub>> = 2.9 GeV.

Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019) no.12, 122001

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# FORWARD $\Pi^0 A_N$

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- Pions are reconstructed in the Forward Meson Spectrometer
- Asymmetries measured for a large X<sub>F</sub> range 0.2-0.7.
- p+Au asymmetries are nearly as large as p+p asymmetries.
- No large A dependence observed.

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• Neutrons detected in ZDCs at  $|\eta| > 5.9$ 

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![](_page_51_Figure_3.jpeg)

- Clear A dependence
- Asymmetries increase with BBC veto no signals in either BBC. Points to a possible diffractive component?

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#### SIVERS EFFECT IN DIJET PRODUCTION

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### **OBSERVABLE IN DIJET PRODUCTION**

- $\phi_b$  is di-jet bisector angle (the ray points to the tilt direction of the two jets)
- $\zeta$  is the opening angle of dijet in the transverse plane  $\zeta > \pi$  when  $\cos(\Phi_b) > 0$  $\zeta < \pi$  when  $\cos(\Phi_b) < 0$

![](_page_55_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### **OBSERVABLE IN DIJET PRODUCTION**

$$A = \frac{\langle \xi + \rangle - \langle \xi - \rangle}{P}$$

![](_page_56_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_56_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### JET FLAVOR "TAGGING"

Tag associated jets to enhance the purities of u-quarks and d-quarks separately.

![](_page_57_Figure_2.jpeg)

Data is divided into three groups:

- 1. Plus-tagging (Q > 0.25) : enhances the *u*-quark purity.
- 2. Minus-tagging (Q < -0.25): enhances the *d*-quark purity.
- 3. Zero-tagging ( -0.25 < Q < 0.25 ) : u / d fractions are more balanced than the other two taggings.

![](_page_57_Figure_7.jpeg)

Distribution of Q for Events taken by JetPatch2 Trigger (2012 embedding with Pythia6)

#### 2012+2015 Data — Dijet Sivers Asymmetry

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## SO YOU WANT MORE?

## TRANSVERSITY

- QUARK POLARIZATION ALONG THE SPIN OF A TRANSVERSELY POLARIZED PROTON
- Distributions are not well constrained due to chiral-odd nature.
- Must couple to another chiral-odd function, typically a fragmentation function.
- May be a collinear or a transversemomentum-dependent function.

![](_page_67_Figure_5.jpeg)

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# LAMBDA TRANSVESE SPIN TRANSFER $D_{TT}$

$$D_{TT} = \frac{d\sigma^{p\uparrow p \to \Lambda\uparrow X} - d\sigma^{p\uparrow p \to \Lambda\downarrow X}}{d\sigma^{p\uparrow p \to \Lambda\uparrow X} + d\sigma^{p\uparrow p \to \Lambda\downarrow X}} = \frac{d\Delta_T\sigma}{d\sigma}$$

![](_page_68_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_68_Figure_4.jpeg)

If the  $\Lambda$  spin direction is highly correlated with the strange constituent quark spin orientation,  $|\Lambda\rangle = (ud)_{00}s^{\uparrow}$ , then  $D_{TT}$  is sensitive to both the strange transversity PDF and the transversely polarized  $\Lambda$  FF.

![](_page_69_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_69_Picture_1.jpeg)

- First extraction of  $D_{TT}$  from 18 pb<sup>-1</sup> in  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV p+p collisions.
- Lambda asymmetries are consistent with model predictions by Xu, Liang and Sichtermann, PRD 73 (2006) 077503
- Lambda asymmetries are also consistent with zero.

![](_page_69_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### TRANSVERSITY

![](_page_70_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_70_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Interference Fragmentation Functions

Correlation between spin of transversely polarized quark and momentum cross-product of dihadron pair.

#### **Collins Fragmentation Functions**

Correlation between spin of transversely polarized quark and transverse momentum kick given to fragmentation hadron.

![](_page_71_Picture_0.jpeg)

#### TRANSVERSITY $\otimes$ IFF

- First significant transversity signal measured in proton-proton collisions.
- Despite different scales asymmetries are very similar in 200 and 500 GeV when <x<sub>T</sub>> is similar.
- STAR data are well described by IFF theoretical calculations incorporating SIDIS and e+e- data.
- Recent global analysis by Radici and Bacchetta (PRL 120, 192001) shows significant reduction in uncertainty for u quark transversity distributions from STAR data.

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![](_page_71_Figure_7.jpeg)


## TRANSVERSITY $\otimes$ COLLINS FF

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- Complementary TMD channel to the collinear dihadron channel.
- Again asymmetries are very similar in 200 and 500 GeV.
- Additional statistics for both 200 and 500 GeV are on tape!
- Provides input on TMD evolution, which cannot be calculated fully from first principles.





- 200 and 500 GeV tell the same story.
- Shape of j<sub>T</sub> changes with z.
- Peak of distribution moves towards higher <j<sub>T</sub>> as z increases.
- Hadron j<sub>T</sub> is independent of initial state transverse momentum.



## LEPTON DECAY KINEMATICS



W is Left handed
V /V R/L Handed (99.9999%)
lepton decay direction, in the W rest frame, is set by

conservation of angular momentum

 Lepton momentum aligned (antialigned) with W<sup>-</sup> (W<sup>+</sup>) momentum

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## **Jet-Beam Association**

To figure out the "parton flow" from beam to jets, a jet-beam association is performed.

We assume the forward (backward) jet is more likely fragmented from the parton that comes out of +z (-z) beam.



Association efficiency for Events taken by JetPatch2 Trigger



Association efficiency for Events taken by JetPatch1 Trigger



\* The efficiency represents how often we get the association right.

\* The error bar/band represents the statistical error.