

# PHENIX mid-rapidity $A_{LL}^{\pi^0}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV

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# 1. Motivation

- $S_p = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$

$$\Delta\Sigma = 0.366 \pm_{0.062}^{0.042} \text{ (PRL 101, (2008) 07200)}$$

→ want to measure  $\Delta G$

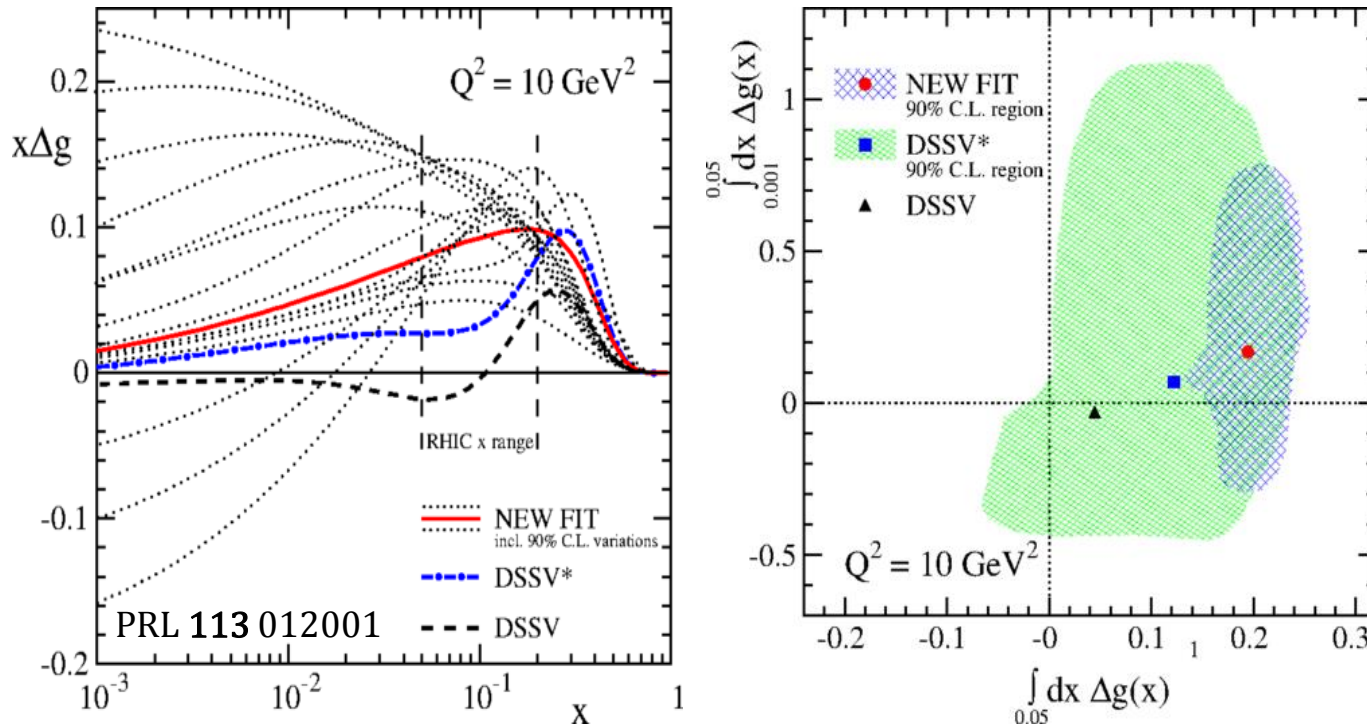
- Access to  $\Delta g$  via polarized PP collision and  $A_{LL}$  measurement.

- RHIC  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV results

PHENIX  $A_{LL}^{\pi^0}$ :  $0.02 < x$ , PRD **90** 012007

Star  $A_{LL}^{Jet}$ :  $0.05 < x$ , PRL **100** 232003

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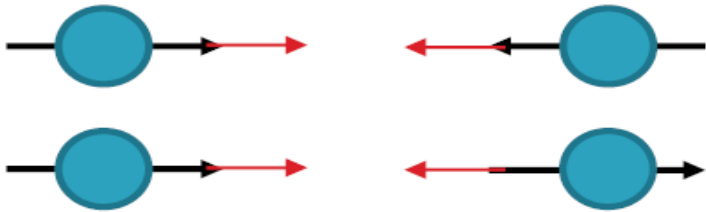
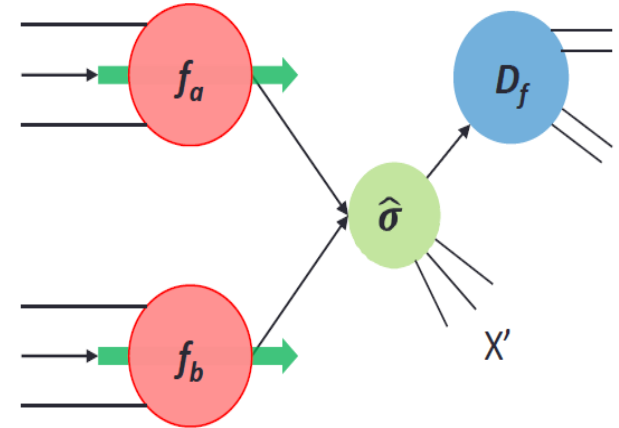
- Want to access lower  $x$  region!

1. mid-rapidity  $A_{LL}^{\pi^0} \sqrt{s} = 510 \text{ GeV} : 0.01 < x$

2. Forward-rapidity  $A_{LL}^{EM \text{ cluster}} : 0.002 < x$

# 1. Motivation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet A_{LL}^h &= \frac{\sigma_{++-}^h - \sigma_{+-}^h}{\sigma_{+++}^h + \sigma_{+-}^h} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{f_a, f_b, f} \Delta f_a \otimes \Delta f_b \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{f_a f_b \rightarrow f X} \otimes D_f^h}{\sum_{f_a, f_b, f} f_a \otimes f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{f_a f_b \rightarrow f X} \otimes D_f^h} \\
 &\approx A_{gg} \Delta g^2 + B_{gq} \Delta g \Delta q + C_{qq'} \Delta q \Delta q'
 \end{aligned}$$



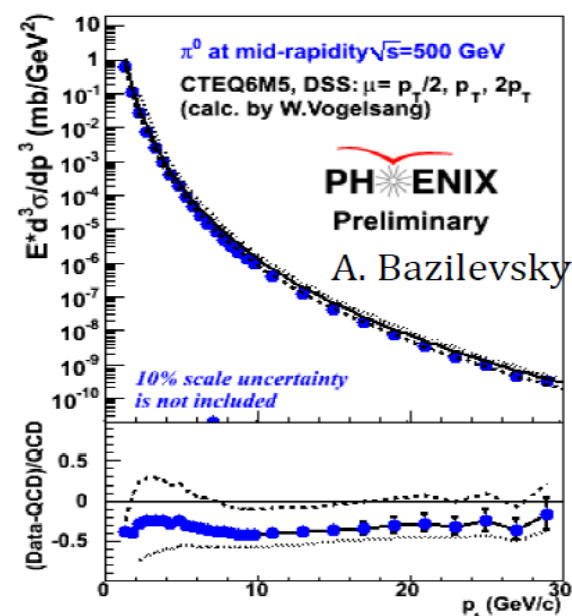
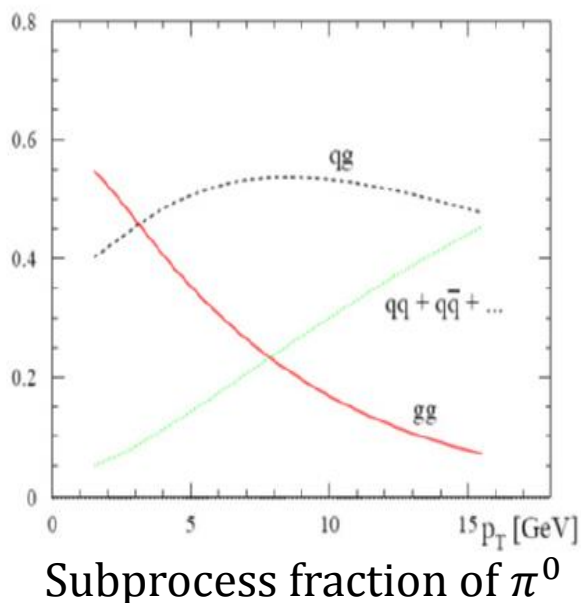
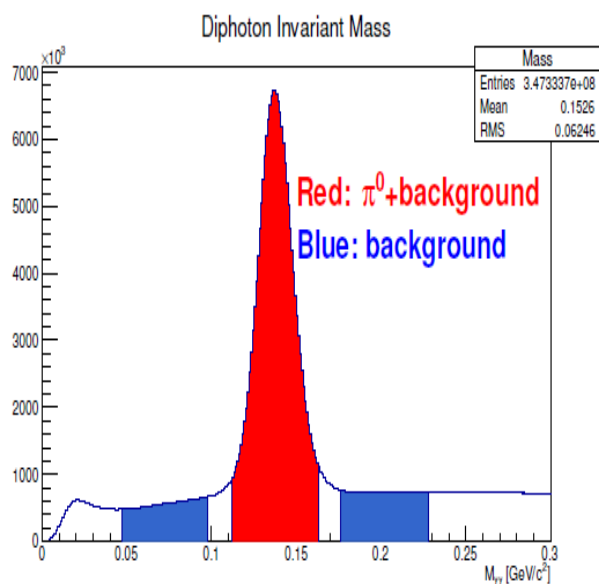
$$\begin{aligned}
 &gg \rightarrow gg \\
 &\propto \frac{\Delta g}{g} \frac{\Delta g}{g}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &gq \rightarrow gq \\
 &\propto \frac{\Delta q}{q} \frac{\Delta g}{g}
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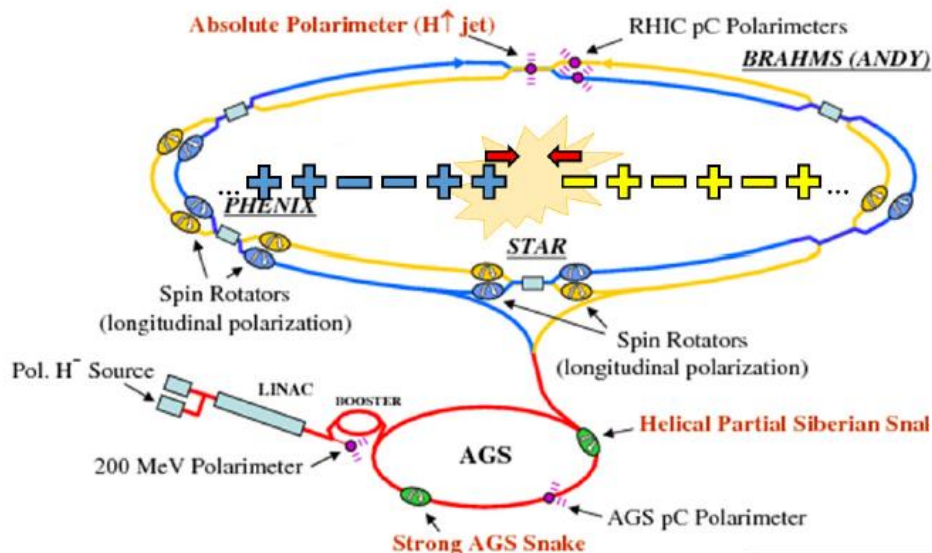
$$\begin{aligned}
 &qq \rightarrow qq \\
 &\propto \frac{\Delta q}{q} \frac{\Delta q}{q}
 \end{aligned}$$

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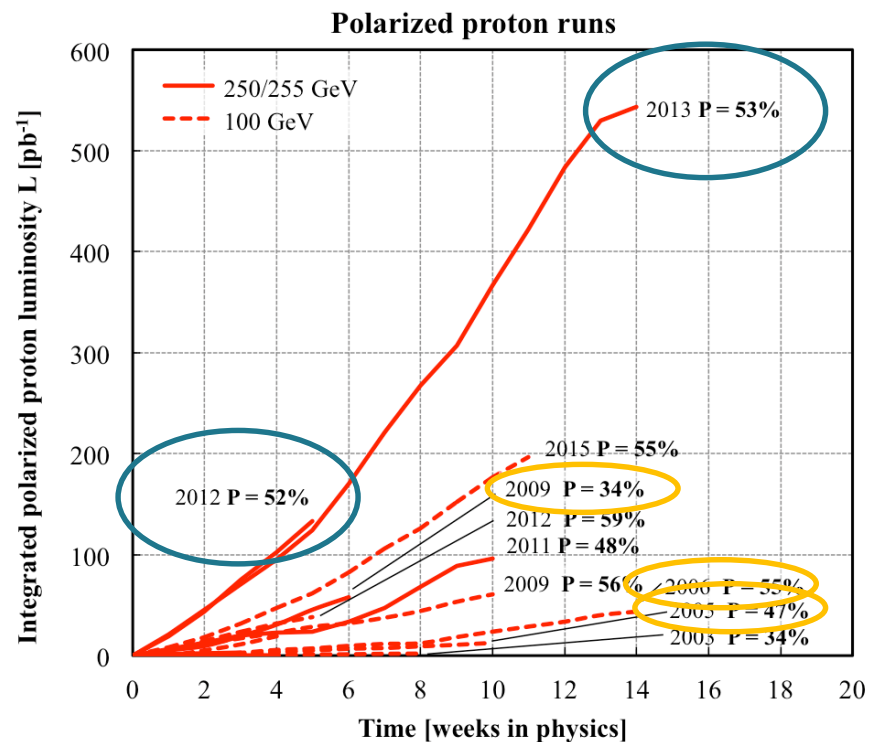
- Advantage of  $\pi^0$  channel:
  1. Large stat. and identifiable peak.
  2. Large fraction of  $\pi^0$  from gg or gq scattering.
  3. Reasonably constrained fragmentation function.
  4. Safe to use factorization.



## 2. RHIC Spin Runs

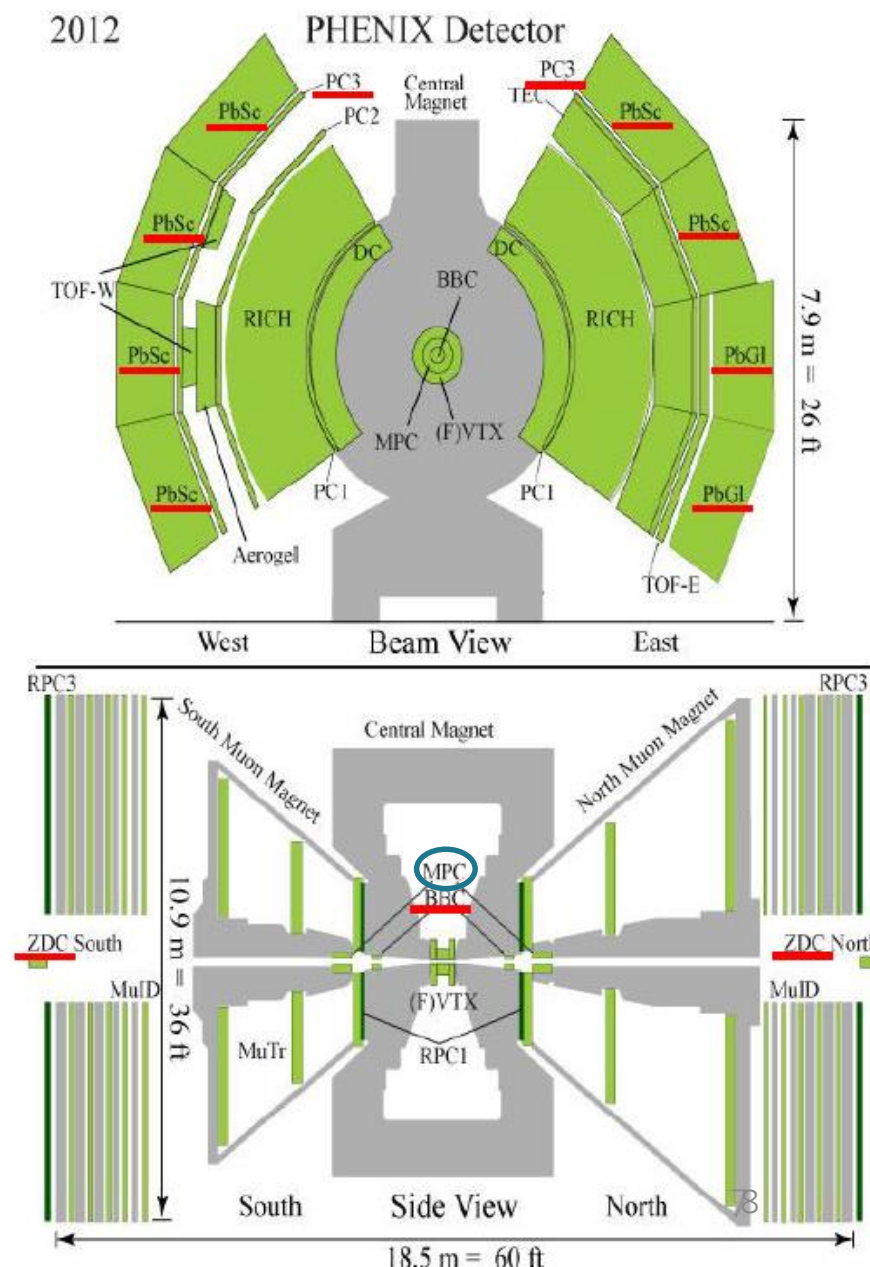


- Polarized proton on bunch level.  
Bunch spacing: 106ns  
→ Reduce syst.
- Large luminosity at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV



## 2. PHENIX detector

- EMCal : PbSc, PbGl  
 $|\eta| < 0.35, \Delta\phi = 90^\circ$   
 measure energy, hit position and ToF.  
 main  $\gamma$  detector.
- PC3 : charged particle rejection.
- BBC: minbias event trigger,  
 vertex, event t0, luminosity
- ZDC: luminosity
- \* MPC: Forward-rapidity  $A_{LL}^{EM\ cluster}$

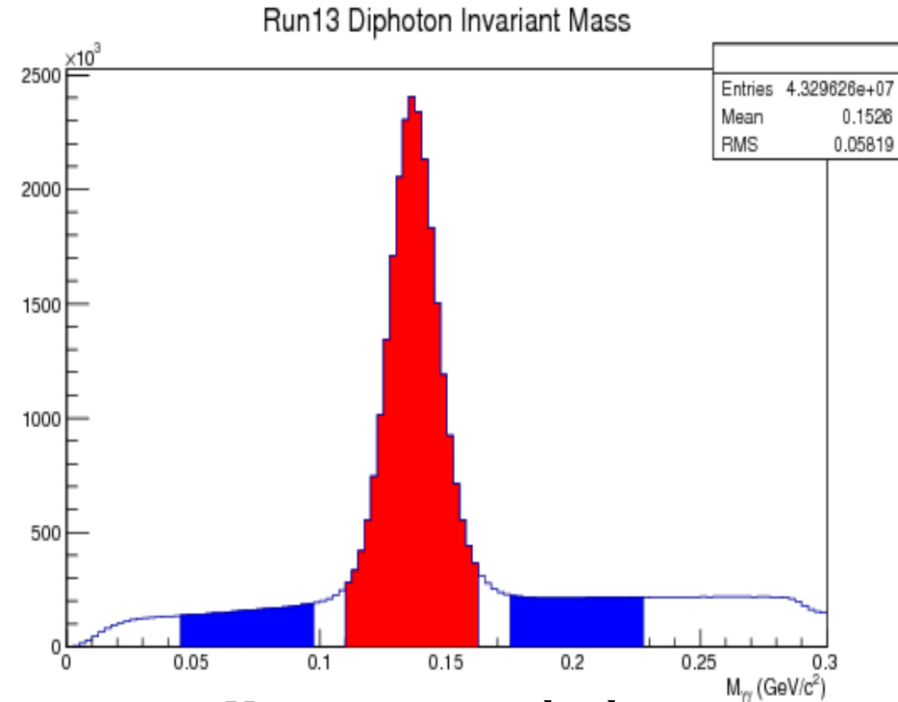


### 3. Analysis procedure - $A_{LL}$

- $N^{Peak}$  : events  $0.112\text{GeV} < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.162\text{GeV} \sim 2\sigma$   
 $N^{Side}$  : events  $0.047\text{GeV} < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.097\text{GeV}$   
or  $0.177\text{GeV} < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 0.227\text{GeV}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet A^{Peak(Side)}_{LL} &= \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{P_B P_Y} \frac{\frac{N^{peak(side)}_{++}}{L_{++}} - \frac{N^{peak(side)}_{+-}}{L_{+-}}}{\frac{N^{peak(side)}_{++}}{L_{++}} + \frac{N^{peak(side)}_{+-}}{L_{+-}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{P_B P_Y} \frac{N^{Peak(Side)}_{++} - R N^{Peak(Side)}_{+-}}{N^{Peak(Side)}_{++} + R N^{Peak(Side)}_{+-}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where } R = \frac{\sum BBC_{++}}{\sum BBC_{+-}}$$



Various cut applied to  
reduce background

### 3. Analysis procedure - $A_{LL}$

- To correct asymmetry from background,

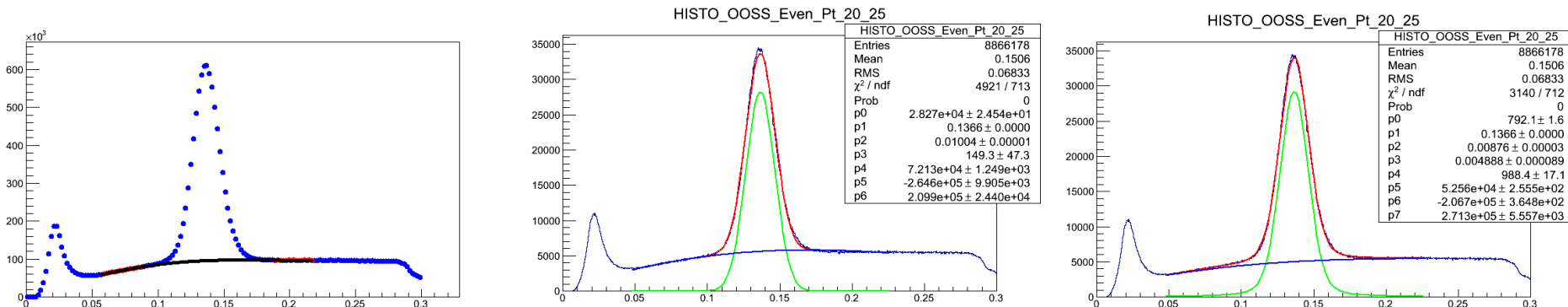
$$A_{LL}^{\pi^0} = \frac{A_{LL}^{Peak} - r A_{LL}^{Side.}}{1 - r}$$

$r$  = background fraction under  $\pi^0$  peak.

- To estimate  $r$ , GPR, Gaus+Pol3 or Voigt+Pol3 fitting.

GPR: best estimator  $\because$  no assumption of functional form.

To be conservative, small discrepancy of  $r$  from fittings  $\rightarrow$  syst.



### 3. Analysis procedure – $\Delta$ Relative luminosity

- Relative luminosity,  $R = \frac{\sum BBC_{++}}{\sum BBC_{+-}}$ :

underlying syst. source of all  $A_{LL}$  measurement

$$\text{cf) } A_{LL} = \frac{1}{P_B P_Y} \frac{N_{++} - RN_{+-}}{N_{++} + RN_{+-}}$$

- To measure relative luminosity precisely,

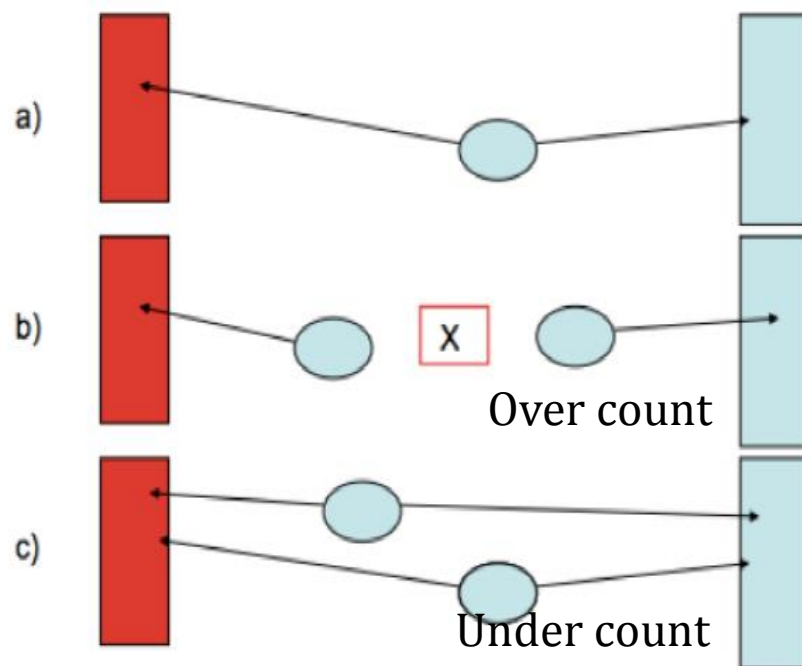
1. High stat.
2. Low background.
3. Same acceptance of detector is being used.
4. No helicity dependence, i.e. zero  $A_{LL}$ .

Condition 1, 2, 3 are trivial, but condition 4 is not easy.

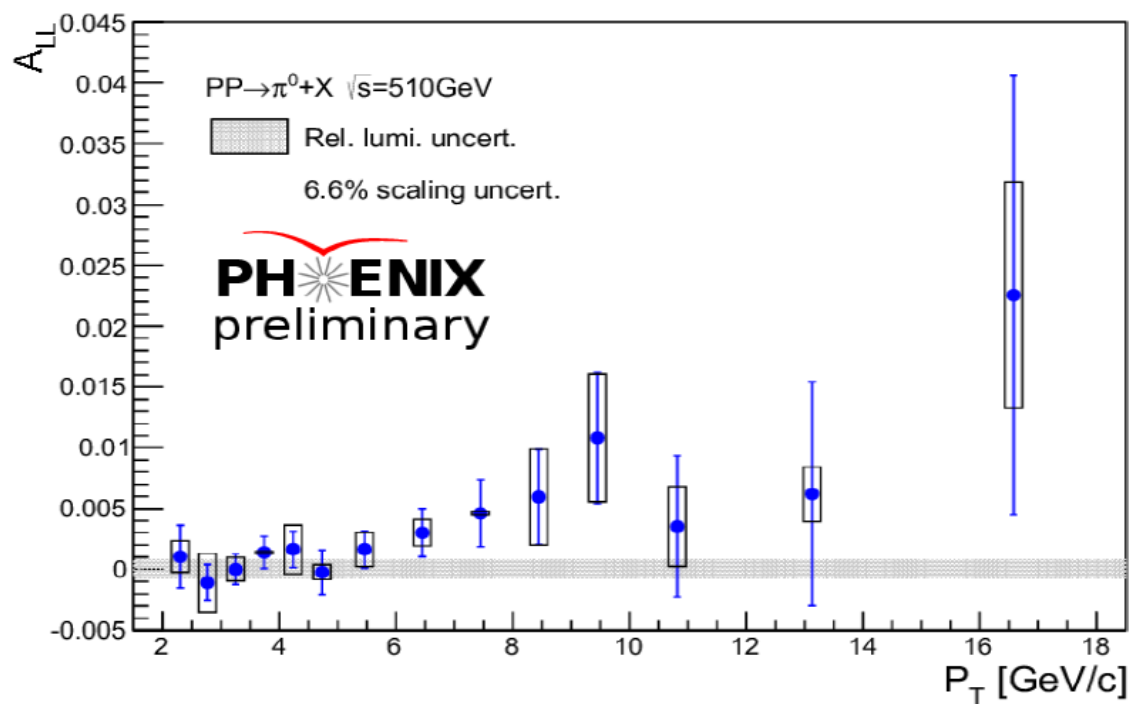
- Need to measure  $A_{LL}$  of luminosity detector.

### 3. Analysis procedure – $\Delta$ Relative luminosity

- To measure  $A_{LL}$  of luminosity detector,  $A_{LL}^{ZDC/BBC}$  is measured.
- Luminosity miscounted  
: piled collisions, single sided collisions, or vertex width and resolution  
fully corrected to obtained  $A_{LL}^{ZDC/BBC}$ .
- $\Delta A_{LL}(syst. Rel. Lumi)$   
 $\sim 50\% \Delta A_{LL}(stat.)$  of richest  $P_T$  bin

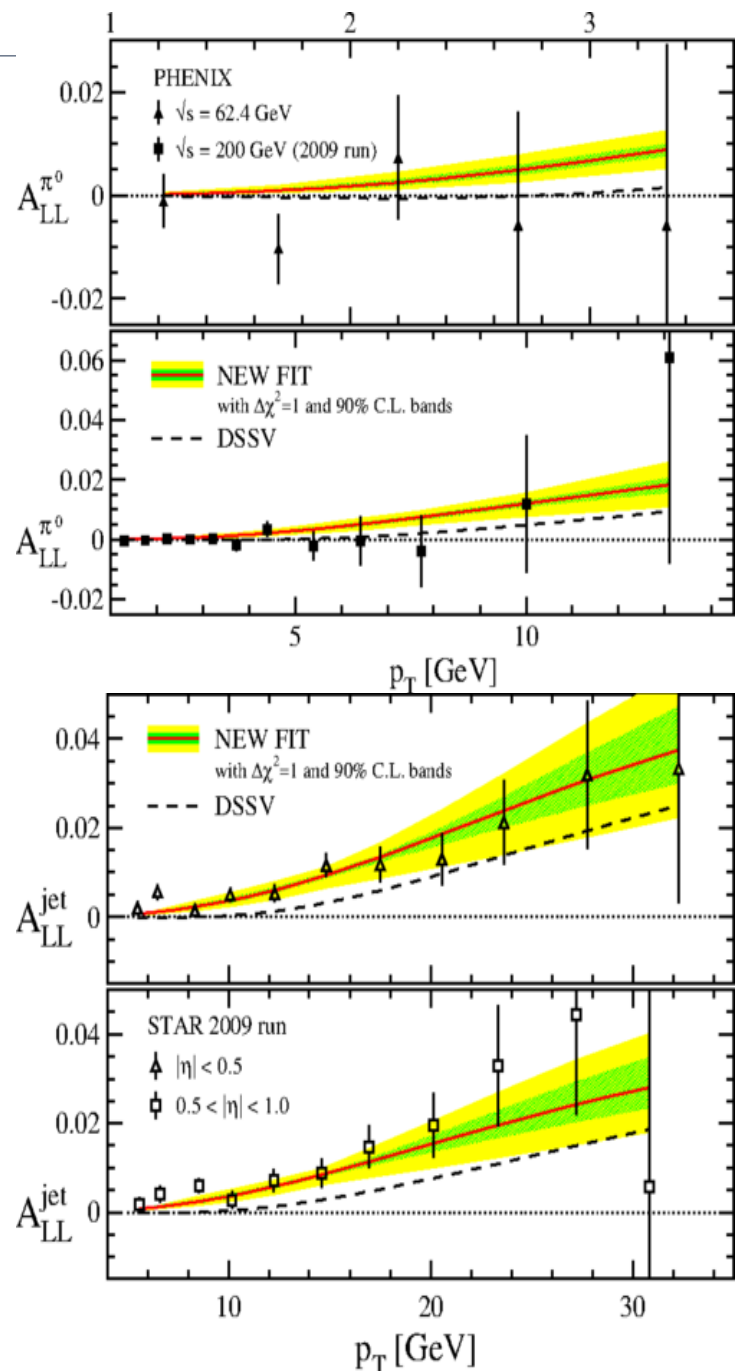


# 4. Preliminary Results

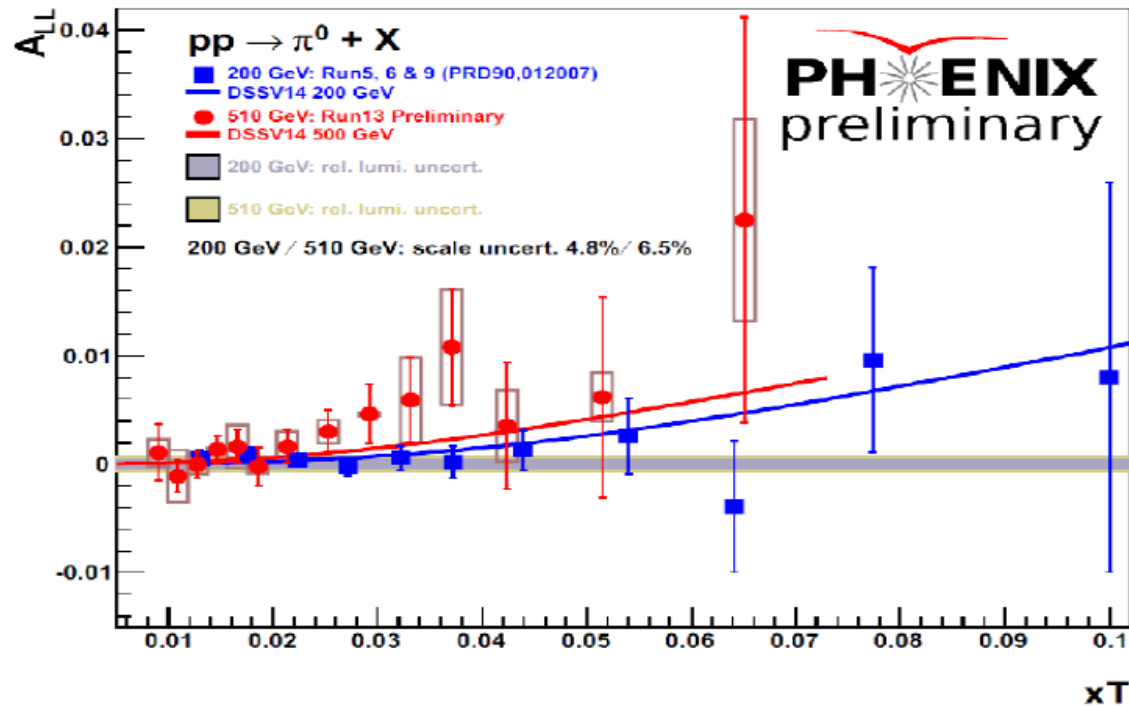


- Non-zero asymmetry is measured.

Note) Not all statistics included.



## 4. Preliminary Results



- $A_{LL}^{\pi^0}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV approaches two times smaller  $x_T (= \frac{2P_T}{\sqrt{s}})$   
→ Significant contribution on global analysis is expected.

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## 5. Plans for finalization and publication

- In preliminary result,  
only Run13 and single triggered (ERT 4x4c) data was used  
→ In final result, Run12 510 GeV and every Run13 data have been used.  
Significant of statistical gain has been achieved.
- With more detail correction of luminosity miscounted by vertex cut,  
 $\Delta A_{LL}(\text{syst. Rel. Lumi})$  has been reduced much.
- Cross check between two analyzers has been done.
- Now preparing publication is ongoing.

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## 6. Summary

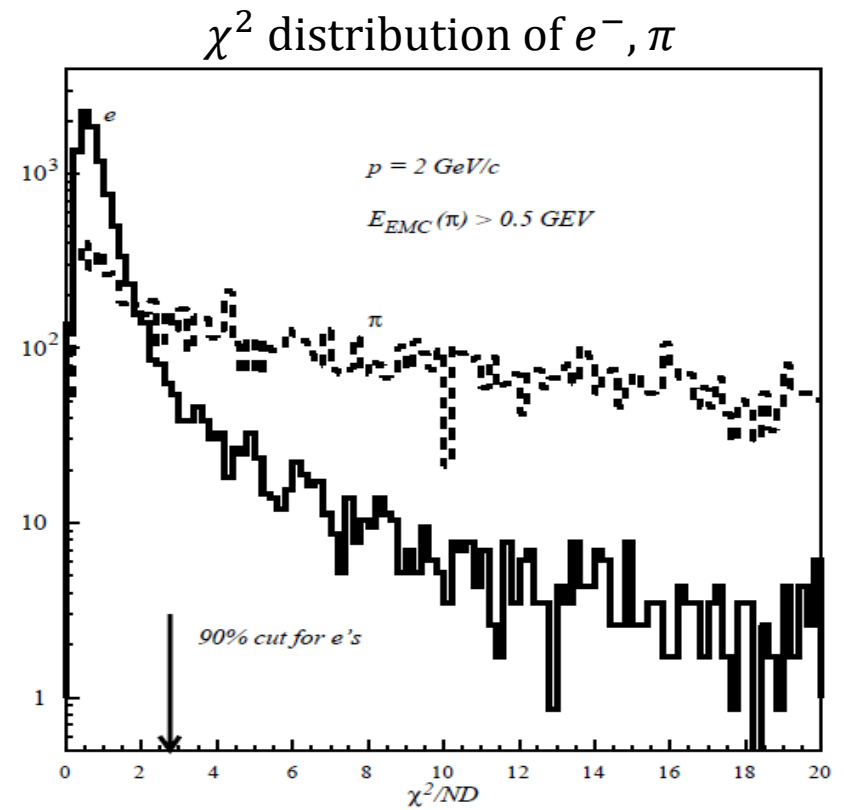
- Measurement of  $A_{LL}^{\pi^0}$  is good tool to constrain  $\Delta g$ .
- To expand experimental sensitivity to lower  $x$  region, measurement at higher energy, or at forward region have been planned.
- Preliminary result of mid-rapidity  $A_{LL}^{\pi^0}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV has been released.  
Non-zero asymmetry is observed.  
Two times smaller  $x_T$ .
- Final result is ready.  
Full statistics analysis.  
Reduced syst. from Rel. Lumi by detail correction of luminosity miscount by vertex cut.  
Cross check.
- Pushing for publication!

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# Back Up

# Shower shape Cuts

- To reduce background from hadronic event.
- Compare measured shower shape with shower of electron beam by calculating
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i (E_i^{elec} - E_i^{meas})^2 / \sigma_i^2$$
- Conventional 2% cut is applied.  
(= Level of killing 2% of real EM)



# ToF Cuts

- $-15\text{ns} < \text{ToF} < 15\text{ns}$  for PbSc,  $-10\text{ns} < \text{ToF} < 10\text{ns}$  for PbGl.
- To reduce background from ghost cluster.
- Ghost cluster : cluster from previous bunch crossing.  
Cluster in EMCal can remain up to 3 bunch crossing.  
→ Source of background.
- Ghost cluster can make different background for different spin patterns.  
→ Systematic difference of  $A_{LL}$  of different spin pattern has been observed.
- Ghost cluster can't associate BBC T0 and wider ToF distribution.  
Thus ghost cluster can be rejected by ToF cuts.
- Pattern separated analysis has been done.

# Charge Veto Cuts

- To reject charged hadrons.
- (a) : photons that convert outside of the magnetic field prior to the EMCal, and have very small  $\theta_{cv}$
- (b) : charged hadrons that bend in the magnetic field, and so have moderate sized  $\theta_{cv}$ .
- (c) : photons that do not convert, and are randomly associated with a different particle's PC3 hit.

