

# Selected results and future prospects of the high-energy polarized p+p program at RHIC at BNL





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### Outline



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  - Gluon related studies
  - Quark / Anti-quark related studies

Summary and Outlook



How do we probe the structure and dynamics of matter in ep vs. pp scattering?



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- Explore proton spin structure using high-energy polarized p+p collisions: Helicity
  - Observable: Quark/Anti-quark polarization (W production)
    - Longitudinal single-spin
       asymmetry A<sub>L</sub>

 $A_L = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-}$ 

- Parity (Spatial inversion) violating for W production!
- Observable: Gluon polarization (Jet/Hadron production)
  - Double longitudinal single-spin
     asymmetry A<sub>LL</sub>

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

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The world's first polarized proton-proton collider



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### Experimental aspects - RHIC

#### Polarized p-p collisions

- Production runs at
   Js=200GeV (long.
   polarization) in 2005, 2006,
   2009 and 2015: Jet and
   Hadron production (Gluon
   polarization)
- Production runs at *J*s=500GeV (long. polarization) in 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013: W production (Quark polarization) / Jet and Hadron production (Gluon polarization)



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## Experimental aspects - PHENIX

#### Overview

 $\circ$   $\pi^0$ , n, y

- $\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)$
- □ Electromagnetic Calorimeter (PbSc/PbGl) ( $|\eta < 0.35, \varphi = 2 \times \pi/2$ )
- $O \quad \pi^{\pm}, \, e, \, J/\psi {\rightarrow} e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} e^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ 
  - Drift Chamber (DC)
  - Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector (RICH)
  - Electromagnetic Calorimeter (PbSc/PbGl)
- $o \quad \mu, \, J/\psi {\rightarrow} \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ 
  - □ Muon Id/Muon Tracker (1.2< $|\eta|$ <2.4 + 2 $\pi$ )
- Ο π<sup>0</sup>, η
  - $\square MPC (3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9 + 2\pi)$
- O Relative Luminosity
  - □ Beam Beam Counter (BBC) (3.0< n<3.9)
  - Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)





### Experimental aspects - STAR

#### Overview

- Calorimetry system with 2π coverage: BEMC (-1<η<1) and EEMC (1.09<η<2)</li>
- TPC: Tracking and particle ID (-1.3<n<1.3)
- FGT: Tracking (1<n<2)
- ZDC: Relative luminosity and local polarimetry (500GeV)
- BBC: Relative
   luminosity and
   Minimum bias trigger



$$\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)$$



**C** RHIC Gluon studies: Jet-type measurements



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- J Uncertainty of unpolarized gluon distribution function g(x)
  - Large uncertainties of unpolarized gluon distribution

function for  $\times > 0.1$  / Challenging to provide

additional constraint from LHC experiments

- RHIC mid-rapidity jet production probes x-range around x=0.1 of approximately 0.05 < x < 0.3
- New STAR Inclusive Jet cross-section
   measurement using anti-kT algorithm with improved
   statistical precision and reduced systematic
   uncertainties will provide important and needed
   constraint on g(x) at high x





## Results

#### Mid-rapidity Inclusive Jet cross-section measurement (1)

 Unfolded inclusive jet cross-section using anti-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm (R=0.6) (Smaller dependence on underlying event (UE) and Pile-up)

$$\begin{split} D_{ij} &= \min\left(\frac{1}{k_{T,i}^2}, \frac{1}{k_{T,j}^2}\right) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R} \\ \Delta R_{ij}^2 &= (\eta_i - \eta_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2 \qquad D_i = \frac{1}{k_{T,i}^2} \\ d &= \min\left(\{D_{ij}, D_i\}\right) \\ \text{If } d &= D_{ij}: \text{ Combine jet i and jet j} \\ \text{If } d &= D_i: \text{ Define jet i as final jet} \end{split}$$

#### corrected to particle level for three different pseudo-rapidity regions of |n|<1,

|n|<0.5 and 0.5<|n|<1.0

- Hadronization and UE corrections evaluated 0 using PYTHIA applied to NLO calculations applied to pure NLO calculations for data comparison
- Comparison to NLO calculations for CT10, 0 NNPDF3.0 and MRST-W2008 with a preference for CT10

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Systematic Err.



### STAR: Mid-rapidity Inclusive Jet cross-section measurement (Run 9) (2)

 Quantitative comparison between data and theory of (Data-Theory)/ Theory showing

UE/hadronization corrections applied to pure NLO calculations

Data systematic errors

CT10 scale uncertainties

CT10 pdf uncertainites

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### STAR: Mid-rapidity Inclusive Jet cross-section measurement (Run 9) (3)

 Quantitative comparison between data and theory of (Data-Theory)/ Theory showing

UE/hadronization corrections applied to pure NLO calculations

Data systematic errors

CT10 scale uncertainties

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**STAR:** Mid-rapidity Inclusive Jet A<sub>LL</sub> measurement (Run 9) at 200GeV



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L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, (2015) 092002.

• Run 9 ALL measurement between BB10 and

DSSV / Clearly above zero at low  $p_{\mathsf{T}}$ 

 $\circ$  Larger asymmetry at low  $p_T$  suggests larger gluon

polarization compared to DSSV

• With global analysis, ALL jet result provides

evidence for positive gluon polarization for

x > 0.05



PHENIX: Mid-rapidity neutral pion ALL measurement



A. Adare et al. (PHENIX Collaboration), arXiv:1510/02317.

- Data are well described by NLO pQCD calculations
- New PHENIX Run 13 results at 510GeV



 Consistency between PHENIX and STAR results!



### Results / Status - Gluon polarization program



- DSSV\*: New COMPASS inclusive and semi-inclusive results in addition to Run 5/6 RHIC updates
- DSSV NEW FIT: Strong impact on  $\Delta g(x)$  with RHIC run 9 results:  $0.20^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$  90% C.L. for 0.05 < x
- Similar conclusion by independent global analysis of NNPDF:  $0.23^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$  for 0.05 < x < 0.5

E. R. Nocera et al., Nucl. Phys. B887 (2014) 276. Intersections of BSM Phenomenology and QCD for New Physics Searches, INT Seattle, WA, October 21, 2015 "...better small-x probes are badly needed."



#### $\Box$ Impact on $\Delta g$ from RHIC data





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## Results / Status - q / qbar related studies

Probing the quark flavor structure: W boson production (1)





Probing the quark flavor structure: W boson production (2)



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### Results / Status - q / qbar related studies

Probing dbar / ubar ratio ar RHIC: QCD sea

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- STAR coverage at mid-rapidity: 0.1 < x < 0.3 for -1 < n < 1
- Constraints on global fitting for dbar/ubar through W production at higher Q<sup>2</sup> compared E906
- Independent cross-check of Drell-Yan data

## Results / Status - q / qbar related studies

#### W cross-section ratio measurements

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- Run 11 + Run 12 preliminary result: ~100pb<sup>-1</sup>
- Run 13 data sample with ~300pb<sup>-1</sup> will provide important improvement on precision
- Planned Run 17 data sample of ~400pb<sup>-1</sup>

W cross-section ratio measurements

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- W boson kinematics can be determined by reconstructing the W kinematics via its recoil
- Combination of data/MC simulations allows W boson rapidity reconstruction
- Critical for transverse single-spin asymmetry result of W production probing Sivers sign change

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#### Probing the quark flavor structure: W boson production

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#### STAR W A<sub>L</sub> results / projections

• Measured asymmetries constrain anti-quark

polarizations: Larger asymmetry for W<sup>-</sup> suggest

large anti-u quark polarization!

• Critical: Measurement of W<sup>+</sup> and W<sup>−</sup> asymmetries

as a function  $\eta_e$ 

• Extension of backward / forward  $\eta_e$  acceptance

enhances sensitivity to anti-u / anti-d quark

polarization

•  $\Rightarrow$  STAR Forward GEM Tracker (1<|n<sub>e</sub>|<2)

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L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR Collaboration), arXiv:1404.6880

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Impact of new DSSV global fit result 

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## Summary / Outlook

#### Gluon polarization program

- Several final states (Hadron / Jet) have been measured all pointing to the same conclusion that the gluon polarization is small consistent with COMPASS findings
- O Precise Run 9 ALL measurement: Non-zero ΔG of similar magnitude as quark polarization!
- First Di-Jet measurement opens the path to constrain the shape of  $\Delta g$
- New inclusive jet cross-section: Important constrain for unpol. gluon at high x

#### W boson program

- Mid-rapidity: New W<sup>-</sup> results suggest large anti-u quark polarization along with broken QCD sea
- Strong physics case of unpolarized dbar/ubar probe using W production
- Backward/Forward rapidity: Upgrade of PHENIX forward muon detector (Muon Trigger) and STAR FGT (Forward GEM Tracker)

#### Run 13 / 15 and future

- Run 13: Long. 510GeV Run 13 (~300pb<sup>-1</sup> rec.): W (Anti-quarks) and Jet production (Gluons)
- Q Run 15: 200GeV (Run 15) with long. / trans. pol. p-p running and for the first time polarized p-A running
- Future (Run 17 and beyond): Additional long 500GeV prod. runs Drell-Yan (Run 17) and Forward Di-Jets

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