# Local polarimetry at RHIC experiments



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# Outline

- RHIC spin program
- Local polarimetry
  - Performed by very forward neutron A<sub>N</sub> (at PHENIX) and charged particles A<sub>N</sub> (STAR)
- First polarized pp collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ - So far  $\sqrt{s} = 62$  and 200 GeV are performed
- Origin of these A<sub>N</sub>
- Discussion
- Summary

# RHIC spin program

- Understanding of proton spin structure
  - Spin puzzle

Proton spin :  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta g + \Delta L$ 

– Polarized DIS extracts quark contribution  $\Delta\Sigma \sim 0.25$ 



• RHIC spin program : gluon and sea contributions

$$A_{LL} \equiv \frac{\sigma^{++} - \sigma^{+-}}{\sigma^{++} + \sigma^{+-}} \quad A_{LL}^{g+g} \sim \frac{\Delta g(x_1)}{g(x_1)} \cdot \frac{\Delta g(x_2)}{g(x_2)} \cdot \hat{a}_{LL}^{g+g}$$
Versus
Needs longitudinal
polarized beams
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#### Polarized proton beams at RHIC

- Proton spin is keeping in transverse direction
  - Keeping by Siberian snake magnet
  - Polarization is measured by pC (pp) and CNI polarimeter.
- Spin is rotated to longitudinal at collision points
  - Rotated by Spin rotator magnet
  - Spin direction is monitored by Local polarimeter





# Local polarimetry

By measuring  $A_N$ 

$$A_{N} \equiv \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow}} = \frac{\sigma_{L}^{\uparrow} - \sigma_{R}^{\uparrow}}{\sigma_{L}^{\uparrow} + \sigma_{R}^{\uparrow}}, \ A_{N} = \frac{1}{P} \cdot \varepsilon_{N}$$

in any produced particle from polarized proton collision,

Spin rotator OFF (Transverse run) • pC CNI pol.  $\rightarrow$  Finite  $A_N^{pC}$ • Local pol  $\rightarrow$  Finite  $A_N$ Spin rotator ON (Longitudinal run) • pC CNI pol.  $\rightarrow$  Finite  $A_N^{pC}$ 

• Local pol 
$$\rightarrow A_N = 0$$

Local polarimetry is necessary in each experiment

What we measure at PHENIX Very forward neutron  $A_N$  at ZDC

- ZDC (Zero Degree Calorimeter)
  - 3 modules : 5.1  $\lambda_{I}$ 
    - $(1.7 \lambda_{\rm I} 50 X_0 \text{ for each module})$
  - $-\Delta E/E \sim 20\%$  for 100 GeV neutron
- SMD (Shower Max Detector)
  - Sintillator hodoscope in x and y
  - ~1 cm position resolution for 50 GeV neutron (by simulation)
- This is global detector at RHIC





η > 6.5

110cm

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# Very forward neutron A<sub>N</sub>

- Discovered at RHIC-IP12 experiment (2001-2)
  - (First) pol. pp collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$
  - -10% in forward kinematics
  - Consistent with zero in backward





#### What we measure at STAR Forward charged particle A<sub>N</sub> at BBC

- BBC (Beam Beam Counter)
  - Hexagonal scintillator
- VPD (Vertex Position Detector)
  - <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch Cherenkov radiator
  - $\rightarrow$  Both are counting charged particles



Detector	η range
BBC (outer)	3.3 - 3.9
BBC (inner)	3.9 - 5.0
VPD	4.2 - 5.0



### Charged particle A<sub>N</sub> in BBC



# Local pol. operation at PHENIX



- Significant raw A<sub>N</sub> is observed at transverse RUN, while it is ~0 at longitudinal RUN.
- Beam polarizations during these period are almost same : 45-50%
- Calculate longitudinal component quantitatively
  - achieve 99% until RHIC 2008 run

#### Polarized pp collision @ $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$

• In this year run, RHIC pol. beams were colliding at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV in PHENIX and STAR !

- Average polarization ~ 35% (online value)

• PHENIX and STAR measured neutron asymmetry



#### Scaler mode (neutron asymmetry)



- PHENIX has scaler mode too.
  - Significant asymmetry bunch-by-bunch with only 5 mins. data!



## Physics : origin of neutron A<sub>N</sub>

- Cross section measurements such very forward neutron production are already performed at ISR, NA49 (*pp*) and HERA (*ep*)
  - Large cross section at high  $x_F$  region (xF ~ 0.8)
  - No  $\sqrt{s}$  dependence, scaled by  $x_F$  (claimed by ISR 31-63 GeV)
- These behaviors are explained by one pion exchange model.
  - A<sub>N</sub> may be considered as this frame; it is generated by interference btw spin flip by pion exchange and non-spin flip amplitudes.
  - But not understand it quantitatively so far.



# $\theta$ dependent neutron $A_N$ (inclusive neutron trigger)

- Comparison  $A_N$  using various  $\sqrt{s}$ 
  - $A_N$  grows with increasing  $\theta$ -  $A_N$  grows with increasing  $\sqrt{s}$





# $\theta$ dependent neutron $A_N$ (neutron with charged particles trigger)

ZDC/

**SMD** 

- Same behaviors are observed
  - $A_N$  is larger with association of charged particles
- This trigger sample is used for polarimetry



## (trial) $p_T$ dependent neutron $A_N$

- $p_T$  is estimated assuming ISR  $p_T$  shape
  - In this kinematics,  $\mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{T}} \sim \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{F}} * \mathbf{E}\mathbf{p} * \mathbf{\theta}$
  - $A_N$  is showing  $p_T$  dependence; amplitude grows up !





# Origin of charged particle $A_N$

E704 experiment at Fermilab



- Could be considered as mixing of charged particles A<sub>N</sub>
  - $A_N(\pi^+) > 0, A_N(\pi^-) < 0$
  - $A_N(K^+) > 0, A_N(K^-) > 0$
  - $A_{N}(\bar{p}) > 0, A_{N}(p) \sim 0$
  - $\rightarrow$  Will be positive  $A_N$  in total

at RHIC

energy

#### What we learn from $\sqrt{s} = 62, 200$ and 500 GeV

- Very forward neutron A<sub>N</sub>
  - $A_N(62) \le A_N(200) \le A_N(500)$
  - Trigger rate for 62 GeV really low.. (due to narrow  $p_T$  acceptance)
- Charged particle A<sub>N</sub>
  - PHENIX BBC (3.0< $|\eta|$ <3.9) measured finite A<sub>N</sub> at 62 GeV
    - While  $A_N \sim 0$  at 200 GeV  $\rightarrow A_N(62) > A_N(200)$
  - It will depend on  $\eta$  range. Analyses for 62 GeV and 500 GeV at STAR are ongoing
    - STAR has large acceptance,  $3.3 < |\eta| < 5.0$
- Local polarimetry at RHIC,
  - prefers very forward neutron  $A_{\rm N}$  for 500 GeV
  - (would) prefer charged particles  $A_N$  for 62 GeV

### Summary

- RHIC spin program needs local polarimetry in each experiment and has been developed independently
  - PHENIX : by very forward neutron  $A_N$
  - STAR : by forward charged particles  $A_N$ 
    - ← Successfully monitored spin direction for 62 and 200 GeV run.
- In this year, first 500 GeV polarized pp run was performed
  - We also measured large  $A_N$  for leading neutron production
- We learned that need to monitor both  $A_N$  to cover all centerof-mass energy range ( $\sqrt{s} = 62$ , 200 and 500 GeV).
  - A<sub>N</sub> amplitudes are changed due to the physics kinematics.

# bakup

#### Local polarimeter

- Measurement of spin direction of proton beams at collision point as function of spin rotator operation



		<b>BLUE beam</b>		Yellow beam	
RUN	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	$p_T/p$	$p_L/p$	$p_{T}/p$	$p_L/p$
3	200	$0.119 \pm 0.067$	$0.995 \stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle +0.003}{_{\scriptstyle -0.013}}$	$0.223 \pm 0.075$	$0.975 \ {}^{+0.012}_{-0.019}$
4	200	$0.094 \pm 0.047$	$0.997 \substack{+0.002 \\ -0.007}$	$0.074 \pm 0.045$	$0.998 \substack{+0.002 \\ -0.008}$
5	200	$0.100 \pm 0.010$	$0.997 \pm 0.001$	$0.147 \pm 0.012$	$0.989 \pm 0.002$
6	62	$0.107 \pm 0.151$	1.000 - 0.034	$0.112 \pm 0.119$	1.000 - 0.025
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#### Scaler mode : Fill#10371 (transverse pol.)



#### Scaler mode : Fill#10372 (unpol.)



# STAR BBC configuration

Require

East-West coincidence

Top and bottom of inner tiles clean to reduce dilution of asymmetry Keeps ~5% of all bunch crossings. (Backgrounds from single beam accidentals less than ~1% of sample after this requirement.) Keeps 20% of the 5%=1% of all crossings pass both requirements.

Use tiles 5+6 for Left, tiles 2+3 for Right

Typical numbers on the order of

~3M events per bunch per hour

 $\sim$ 3.5  $\sigma$  (statistical) measurement of polarization per bunch per hour

# Estimated $p_T$ distributions



### Will make BBC scaler ?

- Luminosity  $\rightarrow 62:200:500 \sim 1:10:25$
- BBC cross section  $\rightarrow 62:200:500 \sim 14:24:30 \text{ (mb)}$ 
  - 62& 200 : Analysis note 688 500 : Amaresh's presentation at W meeting (2009/06/12) : not final these values
- ZDCN|S ratio relative to BBC  $\rightarrow$  62 : 200 : 500 ~ 24 : 36 : 67
- Total count rate for ZDCN|S  $\rightarrow$  62 : 200 : 500 ~ 1 : 25 : 150
- Total  $A_N / \Delta A_N \rightarrow 62 : 200 : 500 \sim 1 : 15 : 75$



#### Estimation for scaler

- Total  $A_N / \Delta A_N \rightarrow 62 : 200 : 500 = 1 : 15 : 75$ 
  - − 62 GeV → 0.7  $\sigma$  / point (5 mins) → 3.5  $\sigma$  / 2 hours.
  - In addition, BG from charged particles are very high.
    - From pythia simulation, only 14% is neutron while ~25-33% for 200 and 500 GeV (with 5 GeV threshold).

\* Need to consider polarization, rate.



# RHIC A<sub>N</sub> results (BRAHMS)

Detector : Forward Spectrometer (FS) 3.3< $\eta$ <5.25



- $A_N(K^+) \sim A_N(K^-)$ -  $K^+(u\bar{s})$  vs.  $K^-(\bar{u}s)$  why they are same ?
- $A_N(p\_bar)>0$ , while  $A_N(p)\sim 0$ 
  - Large  $A_N$  for anti-proton ?
  - $\rightarrow$  Key is NOT valence quark in transverse physics?

# RHIC A<sub>N</sub> results (BRAHMS)

•  $\pi^+ \bigcirc \pi^-$ : BRAHMS 62.4 GeV RPL 101 042001 (2008)  $\square \pi^+ \square \pi^-$ : E704 19.4 GeV RPL 77 2626 (1996)



### PHENIX LP until RUN8

• Calculate longitudinal component via vertical component

$$\frac{P_L}{P} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{P_T}{P}\right)^2}, \qquad \frac{P_T}{P} = \frac{A_N^{Longitudinal}}{A_N^{Transverse}}.$$

- Spin direction is extracted through the run.
  - Data rate is 100-200 Hz during physics run in PHENIX DAQ
- STAR also has performed LP work using BBC asymmetry Achieved 99 %

Local results are shown for longitudinal runs.

longitudinal beams !

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RUN8 : transverse run only