

Light Hadron Production @ BABAR

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- Charged hadron identification
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 - π^{\pm} , K[±], p/p scaling properties

POLARIZED FRAGMENTATION FUNCTION

- Collins fragmentation function
- Reference frames and analysis strategy
- BABAR preliminary results: Collins asymmetries *vs*. fractional energies, pion transverse momentum, and analysis axis polar angle

SUMMARY and CONCLUSIONS

Hadron production in *e⁺e⁻* annihilation

The $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z \rightarrow hadrons$ process can be subdivided into four steps:

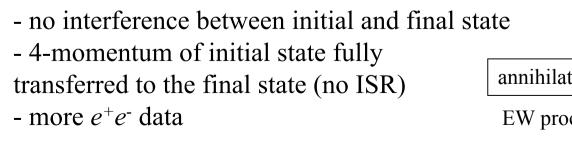
1) e^+e^- annihilate into an intermediate boson (γ^*/Z) which decays into a quark-antiquark pair

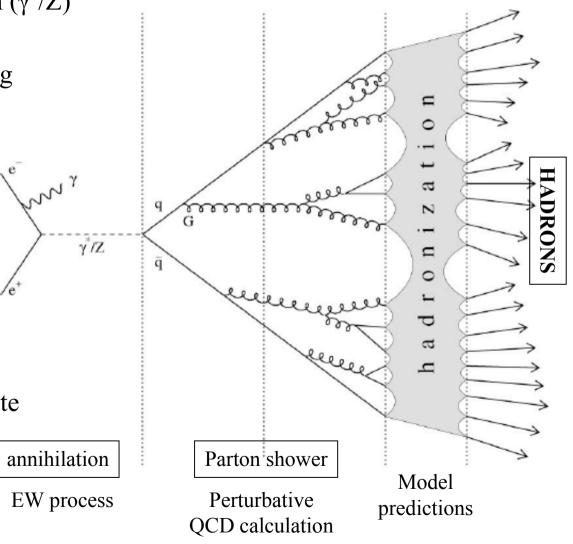
2) the radiation of gluons and gluon-splitting into $q\overline{q}$ pairs leads to a **parton shower**

3) the process of hadronization which summarizes the transition of quarks and gluons into hadrons

4) The hadrons **decay** into "stable" particles...that can be **observed** in a detector

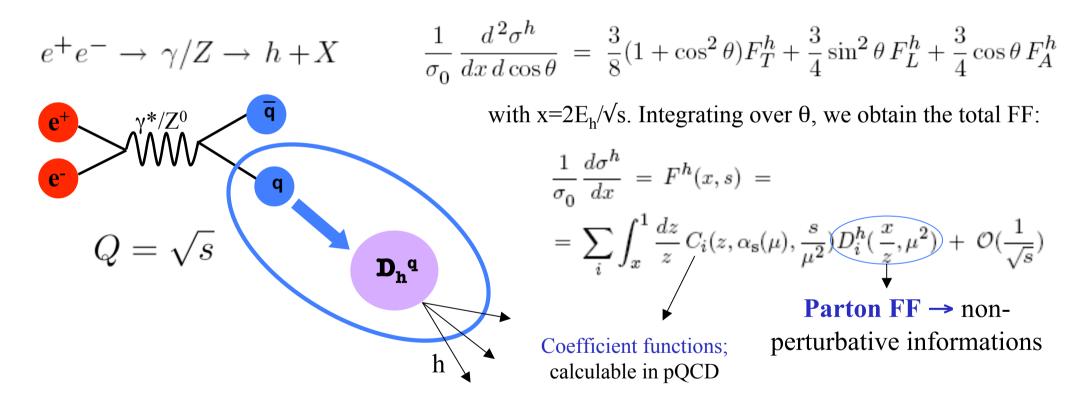
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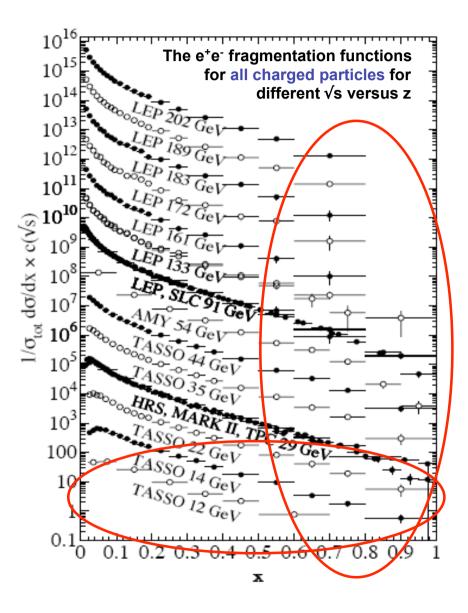
Fragmentation Function

Fragmentation functions (FFs) are the most important physics quantities in describing the hadron production in high energy reactions ==> they quantify the hadronization of quarks and/or gluons that occur when hadron is produced



Ideally, given a (hard) parton i ($i=u/\overline{u},d/\overline{d},s/\overline{s},c/\overline{c},b/\overline{b},g$), we want to find the **probability** D_i^h that it fragments into a hadron h carrying away a fraction z of the parton momentum

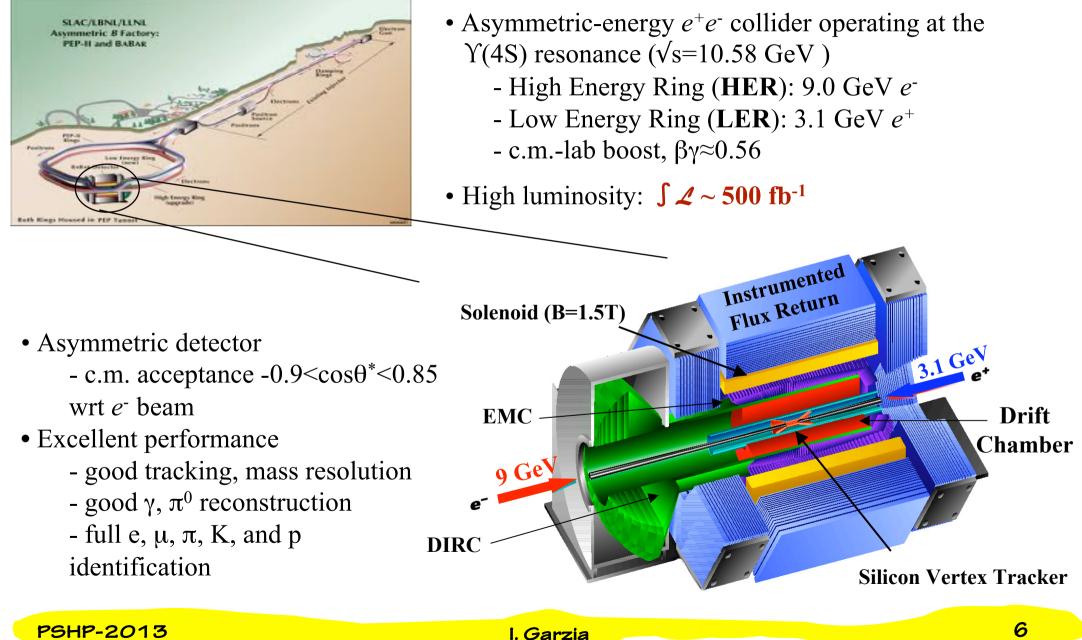




- Perturbative QCD corrections lead to logarithmic scaling violations via the evolution equations (DGLAP)
- Most of the data are obtained at the Z^0
- Measurement of both quark and antiquark fragmentation
- 3-jet fragmentation to access gluon FF difficult
- The information on how the individual q flavour fragments into h depends on the "tagging techniques"
- Many attempts to extract FF from e⁺e⁻ data: KKP, AKK, HKNS, Kretzer ...
 - NPB 725,181(2006), NPB 803,42(2008), PRD 75,094009(2007), PRD 62,054001(2000), NPB 582,514(2000);
- Global analysis: e⁺e⁻, SIDIS, and pp
 - PRD 75,114010(2007), PRD 76,074033(2007), arXiv:1209.3240

Few data at high x and at low energy Less information for identified charged particles

PEP-II and the BaBar detector at SLAC



Production of charged pions, kaons, and protons @ BABAR

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow u\overline{u}, d\overline{d}, s\overline{s}, c\overline{c} \rightarrow hX (h = \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, p/\overline{p})$ 4 : 1 : 1 : 4 @ 10.54 GeV

✓ PRD **88**, 032011 (2013)

- ✓ Data samples used: 0.91 fb⁻¹ @ 10.54 GeV + 3.6 fb⁻¹ on-peak for checks and calibrations
- ✓ "**Prompt**" and "**conventional**" hadrons:

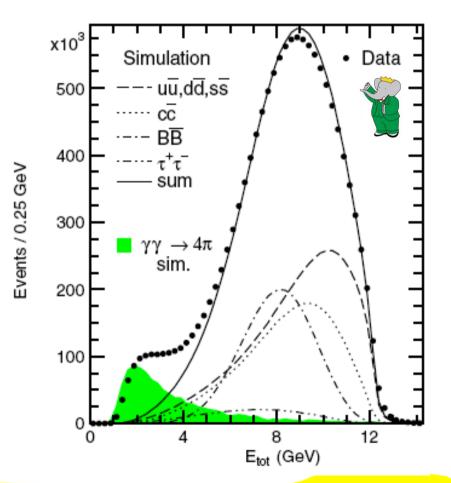
- prompt: primary hadrons or products of a decay chain in which all particles have lifetimes shorter than 10^{-11} s

- conventional: includes the decay daughters of particles with lifetimes in the range 1-
- $3x10^{-11}$ (i.e. K_{s}^{0} and weakly decaying strange baryons)
- \checkmark The uncertainties on the results are dominated by systematic contributions.

Hadronic event selection

2.2 million of events:

- 3 or more reconstructed charged-particle tracks and one good vertex ($\chi^2 < 0.01$)
- Event well contained within the sensitive volume:
 - thrust axis well within DIRC detector acceptance region
 - $5 < E_{tot} < 14 \text{ GeV}$
- reject leptonic events
 - Fox-Wolfram moment < 0.9
 - electron veto
- → Consistency between data and simulation: E_{tot} distributions limit efficiency error to 0.5%
- → τ-pairs: 4% of events, but up to 20% of high-p_{lab} tracks
- → radiative Bhabhas: few % of high-p_{lab} forward/backward tracks
- \rightarrow two-photon events: < 1%
- \rightarrow negligible contribution from the other background sources



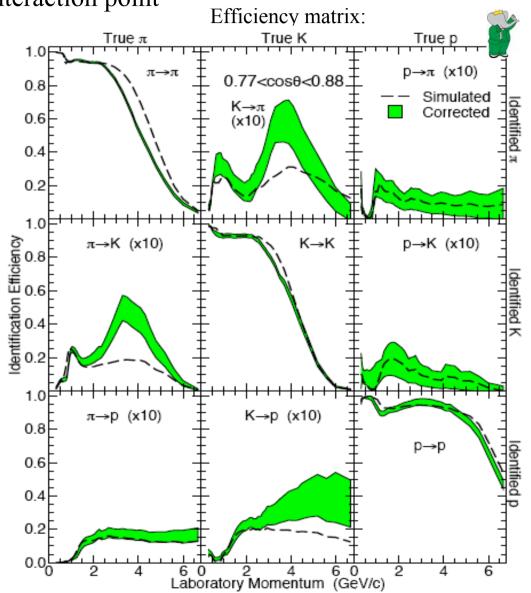
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Charged hadron identification

- Well-reconstructed tracks from the primary interaction point
- Excellent identification of π^{\pm} , K[±], and p/p \Rightarrow Cherenkov light plus dE/dx

- Efficiency matrix E_{ij} : performance of our hadron identification procedure as a function of p_{lab}

- very hight at low p_{lab} (good dE/dx)
- plateau for p_{lab} where DIRC provides good separation
- fall off at highest p_{lab}, where the Cherekov angles for different particles converge
- calibrated using data control samples
 - → we derive corrections to the simulated efficiency matrix (green band)
- large efficiency over much of the momentum range
- few-% mis-identification



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Differential cross section measurements

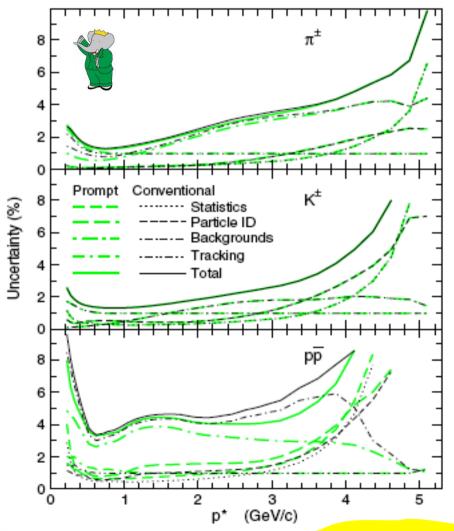
• We use E_{ij} to construct the raw production rates $(1/N_{evt}^{sel})(dn_i/dp_{lab})$, defined as the number reconstructed particles per selected event per unit momentum in the lab frame

- we count $n_i = n \sum_i E_{ij} f_i$, and calculate f_i , the true fraction of tracks of type i
- Correct these spectra for
 - **physics background** (mostly $\tau^+\tau^-$) and normalize by the estimated number of hadronic events in the selected sample
 - interaction in the detector material (up to 4% at low momentum)

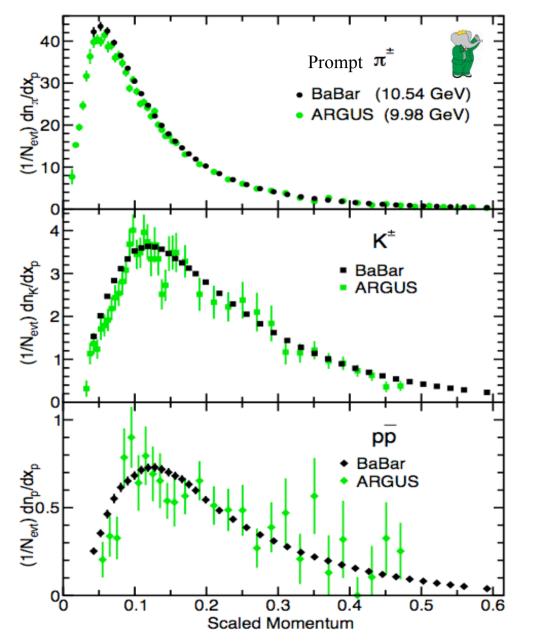
- track and event selection efficiencies, momentum resolution, transform to c.m. frame

• extensive systematic cross checks: data-MC comparison, check for θ , ϕ ,... dependence, compare positive and negative charged tracks,...

- largest uncertainties from particle identification, backgrounds, and tracking efficiencies



Cross section results



• Cross section results in term of scaled momentum $x_p = 2p^*/E_{cm}$

- coverage from 0.2 GeV/c to the kinematic limit of 5.27 GeV/c

• Compare nicely with previous data from ARGUS^[1]

- consistent everywhere for $x_p > 0.1$
- mass driven scaling violation for $x_p < 0.1$: ARGUS data systematically below
- BABAR more precise
- BABAR better coverage at high x_p
- ARGUS extends to low momentum for $\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow$ complementary information

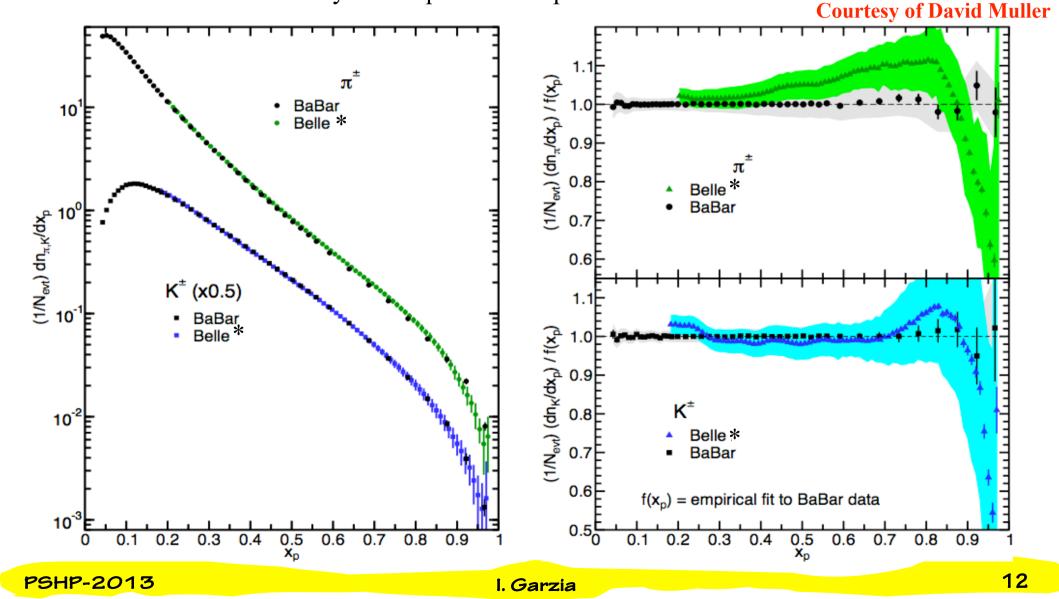
[1] H. Albrecht et al. (ARGUS Collaboration) Z. Phys. C 44, 547 (1989).

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BaBar/Belle comparison

Belle have measured differential cross section *dσ/dz* [PRL 111, 062002 (2013)]
we renormalize arbitrarily to compare the shapes

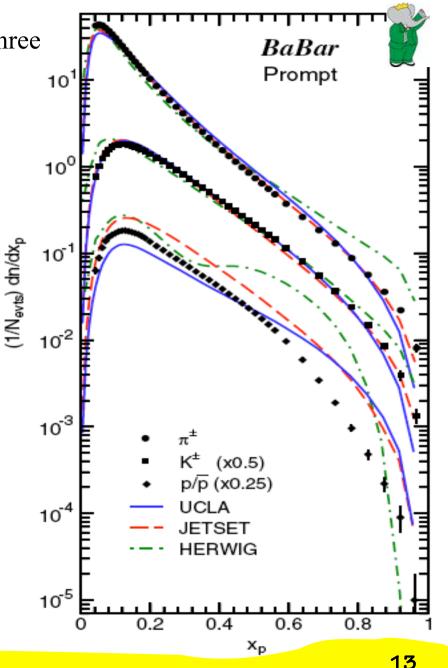


Comparison with hadronization models

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We compare our cross section with the predictions of three hadronization models: **JETSET, HERWIG, UCLA:**

- each model contains free parameters controlling various aspects of the hadronization process
- many parameters for JETSET ⇒ model many hadron species in detail
- few free parameters for UCLA and HERWIG ⇒ global description
- **Default parameters used** (based on previous data: higher energies plus ARGUS data)
- Large discrepancies in general
 - all the models qualitatively describe the bulk of the spectra
 - no model describes any spectrum in detail
- **Peak positions consistent with data** (except for the HERWIG K[±])
- Similar discrepancies observed at higher energies

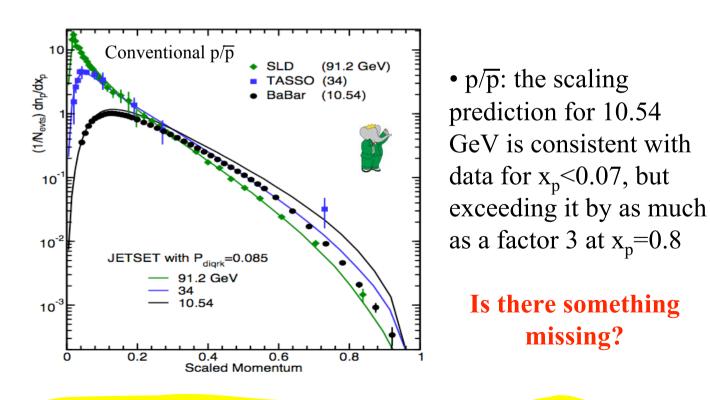


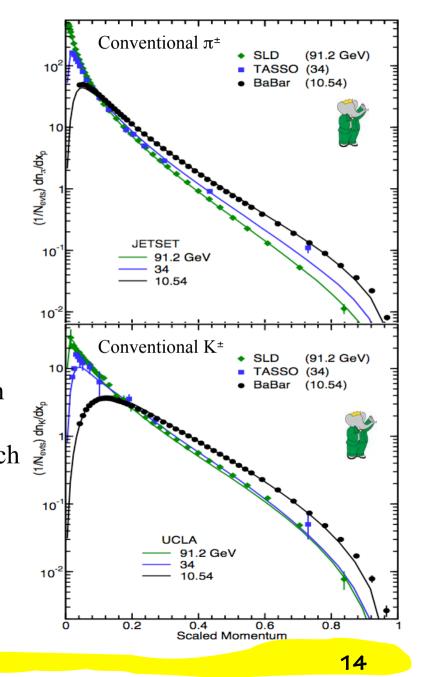
Scaling Properties

Consider π , K, and p from BABAR, TASSO and SLD • Strong scaling violation at high x_p (running of α_s) and at low x_p (pion mass)

• **K**[±]: the different flavor composition of the three samples modifies the expected scaling violation

- models predict about 10%-15% more scaling violation than is observed







Test of MLLA+LPHD QCD

Transform our cross section into the variable $\xi = -\ln(x_p)$

Modified Leading Logarithm Approximation (MLLA) with Local Parton-Hadron Duality (LPHD) ansatz:

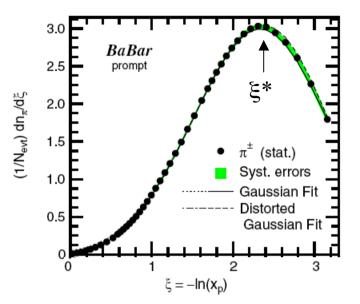
• a Gaussian function should provide a good description of these spectra

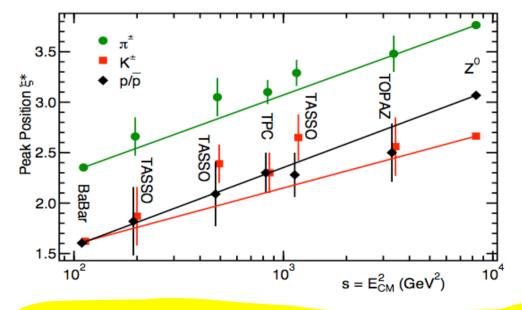
• fit the spectra with a (distorted) Gaussian function ==> reasonable description of the data

- the peak position ξ^* should decrease exponentially with increasing hadron mass at a given E_{cm}

• $\xi_{\pi}^* > \xi_K^*$, but $\xi_K^* \sim \xi_{p/p}^*$ (consistent with behavior at higher E)

• should increase logarithmically with E_{cm} for a given hadron type





- BABAR and Z⁰ data provide precise slope; the other data are consistent with the line that joins BABAR and Z⁰ data - Similar slopes of the lines for pions and protons; different for kaons ==> changing flavor composition with increasing E_{CM}

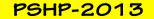
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Inclusive production of charged pion pairs

Collins Fragmentation Function @ BABAR

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow u\overline{u}, d\overline{d}, s\overline{s} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}\pi^{\pm}X$

✓ Preliminary results ⇒SUBMITTED TO PRD (<u>arXiv:1309.5278</u>) ✓ Data samples used: 468 fb⁻¹ at E_{CM} ~10.58 GeV



Collins Fragmentation Function

Polarized FF (Collins FF): dependence on $z=2E_h/\sqrt{s}$, P_{\perp} , and s_q

"Standard" unpolarized FF

$$D_1^{q\uparrow}(z, \mathbf{P}_\perp; s_q) = D_1^{q}(z, P_\perp) + \frac{P_\perp}{zM_h} H_1^{\perp q}(z, P_\perp) \mathbf{s}_q \cdot (\mathbf{k}_q \times \mathbf{P}_\perp)$$

- \mathbf{H}_1^{\perp} is the **polarized** fragmentation function or **Collins FF**
- Chiral-odd function
- could arise from a **spin-orbit** coupling
- leads to an asymmetry in the angular distribution of final state particles (Collins effect) NPB 396,161(1993)
- first non-zero Collins effect observed in SIDIS PRL 94,012002(2005) NPB 765, 31(2007)

In e^+e^- annihilation, γ^* (spin-1) \rightarrow spin-1/2 q and \overline{q}

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- in a given event, the spin directions are unknown, but they must be parallel
- they have a polarization component transverse to the q direction $\sim \sin^2\theta$ (θ wrt the e^+e^-)
- exploit this correlation by using hadrons in opposite jets

$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q} \rightarrow \pi_1\pi_2 X \quad (q=u, d, s) = > \sigma \propto \cos(\phi_i) H_1^{\perp}(z_1) \otimes H_1^{\perp}(z_2),$

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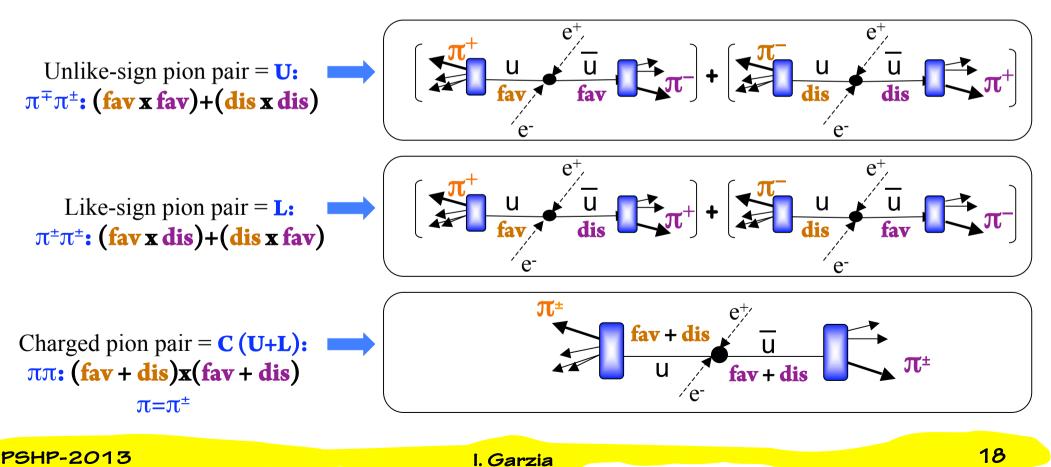
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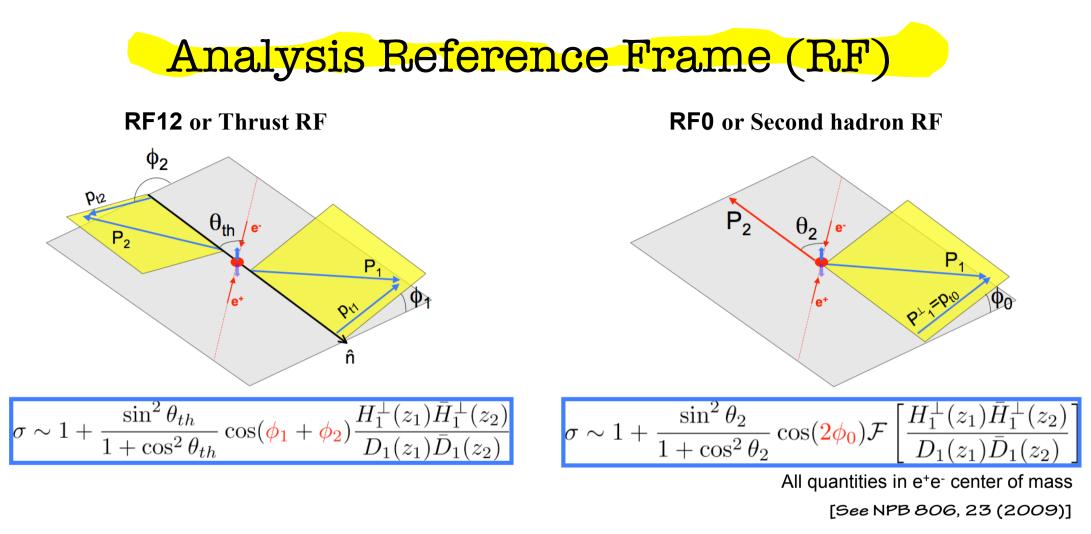
Favored and Disfavored processes

$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q} \rightarrow \pi_1^{\pm}\pi_2^{\pm}X \ (q\overline{q}=u\overline{u}, d\overline{d}, s\overline{s})$

Different combinations of charged pions \Rightarrow sensitivity to **favored** or **disfavored** FFs

- **favored** fragmentation process describes the fragmentation of a quark of flavor q into a hadron with a valence quark of the same flavor: i.e.: $U \rightarrow \pi^+$, $d \rightarrow \pi^-$
- **disfavored** for $d \rightarrow \pi^+$, $u \rightarrow \pi^-$, and $s \rightarrow \pi^{\pm}$





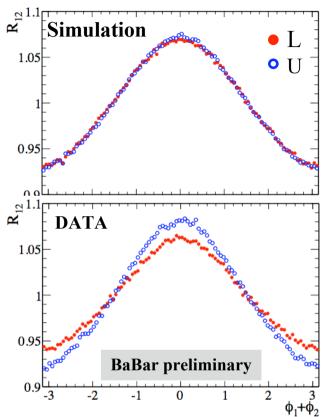
• Selection of hadronic events:

-number of well-reconstructed charged tracks > 2 from the interaction point

- Selection of two-jet topology events: thrust>0.8
- Selection of pions in the detector acceptance region: $0.41 < \theta_{lab} < 2.54$ rad
- Pion fractional energies: $0.15 < z = 2E_h / \sqrt{s} < 0.9$

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Raw asymmetries and double ratios



- Collins asymmetry:
- consider all the U (unlike) and L (like) sign pion pairs
- make histograms of $\phi_{\alpha} = \phi_1 + \phi_2$ or $2\phi_0 (\alpha = 12, 0)$
- The MC generator (JETSET) does not include the Collins effect → flat distribution is expected
- strong modulation due to acceptance of the detector
- but similar distribution for ${\bf U}$ and ${\bf L}$ pairs
- Data shows difference between U and L distributions, that can be ascribed to the **Collins effect**

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Acceptance effects can be reduced by performing the ratio of U/L sign pion pairs (or U/C):

- MC: consistent with a flat distribution
- Data: cosine modulation clearly visible

$$\frac{R_{\alpha}^{U}}{R_{\alpha}^{L(C)}} = \frac{N^{U}(\phi_{\alpha})/\langle N^{U}(\phi_{\alpha})\rangle}{N^{L(C)}(\phi_{\alpha})/\langle N^{L(C)}(\phi_{\alpha})\rangle} \to B_{\alpha}^{UL(UC)} + A_{\alpha}^{UL,(UC)} \cdot \cos(\phi_{\alpha})$$

• DATA

MC

BaBar preliminary

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Asymmetry binning and corrections

- The Collins effect is expected to depend on z_1, z_2, p_{t1}, p_{t2} (or p_{t0}), as well as $\cos\theta_{th}$ (or $\cos\theta_2$) \Rightarrow analyze in bins of these quantities
- Simulated asymmetries also depend on these quantities →must correct in each bin independently ⇒ Systematic on MC value evaluated by varying track selection/acceptance

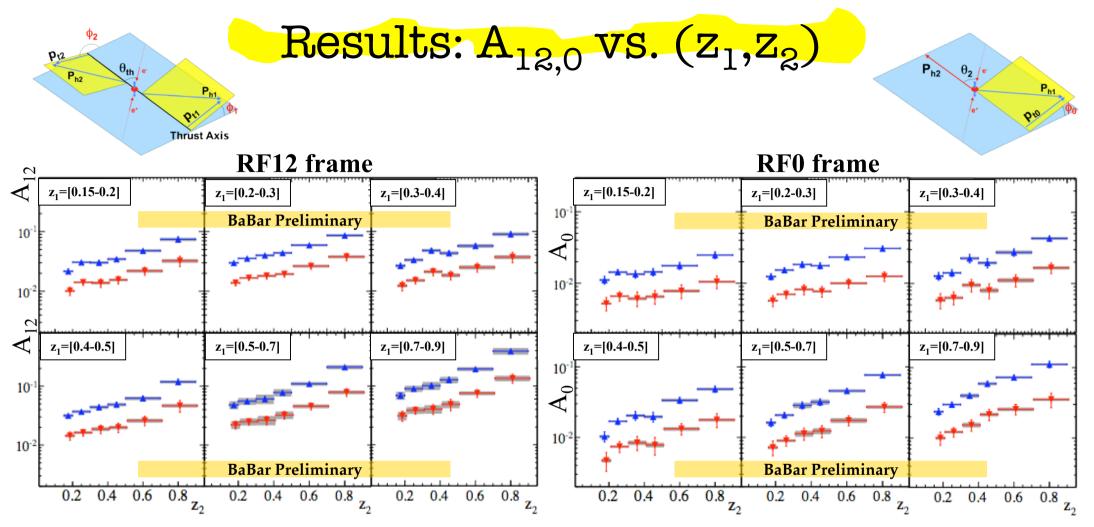
• Asymmetry dilution due to the thrust axis approximation. The corrections in the RF12 frame range between 1.3-2.3 as a function of z, and between 1.3-3 as a function of p_t \Rightarrow No correction needed in the RF0 frame

- Contribution of background events to the asymmetries:
 - $B\overline{B}$ events (very small, mostly at low z)
 - $\tau^+\tau^-$ events (small, important only at high z)
 - \overline{CC} events (important at low/medium z) ==> contribution of about 30% on average
 - We used a **D*±-enhanced control sample** to estimate its effect

$$A_{\alpha}^{meas} = (1 - F_c - F_B - F_{\tau}) \cdot (A_{\alpha} + F_c \cdot A_{\alpha}^{ch})$$
$$A_{\alpha}^{D^*} = f_c \cdot A_{\alpha}^{ch} + (1 - f_c - f_B) \cdot (A_{\alpha})$$

- F_i using MC samples
- A^{BB} = 0
- A^τ small in simulation; checked in

data; we set $A^{\tau} = 0$



• Very significant non-zero A^{UL} and A^{UC} in all bins

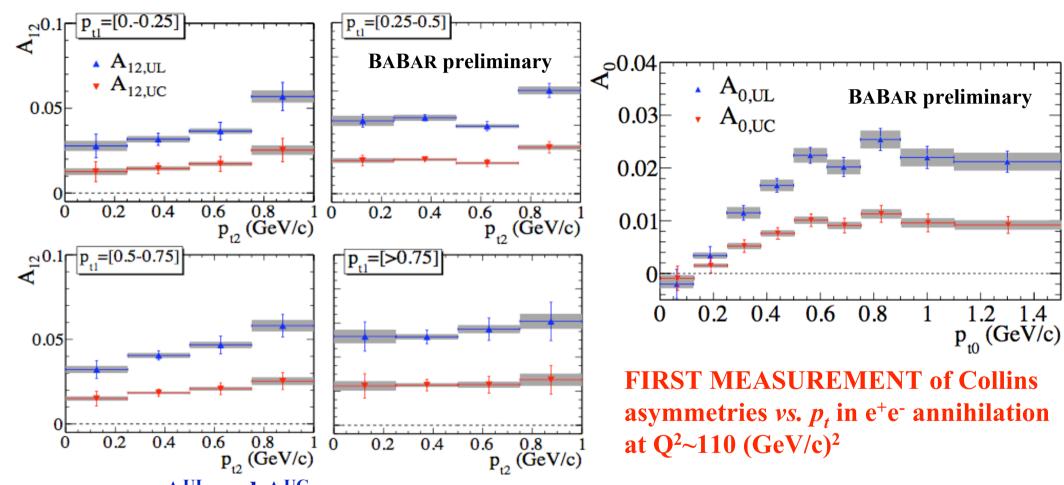
⇒ strong dependence on (z_1, z_2) : A₁₂~1-39%, A₀~0.5-11%

 \Rightarrow A^{UC} < A^{UL} as expected; complementary information about the favored and disfavored fragmentation processes (PRD 73, 094025 (2006))

 \Rightarrow consistent with $z_1 \Leftrightarrow z_2$ symmetry

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Results: A_{12} vs. (p_{t1}, p_{t2}) ; A_0 vs. p_{t0}



 \bullet non-zero A^{UL} and A^{UC}

 \Rightarrow only modest dependence on (p_{t1}, p_{t2}) ; disagreement with the expectation ???

 \Rightarrow A^{UC} < A^{UL}; complementary information on H₁^{⊥, fav} and H₁^{⊥, dis}

 \Rightarrow A₀ < A₁₂, but interesting structure in p_t

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Summary and conclusions

• Measurement of the inclusive spectra for π^{\pm} , K^{\pm}, and p/p hadrons in e^+e^- annihilation at the center of mass energy of 10.54 GeV at BABAR (PRD 88,032011(2013))

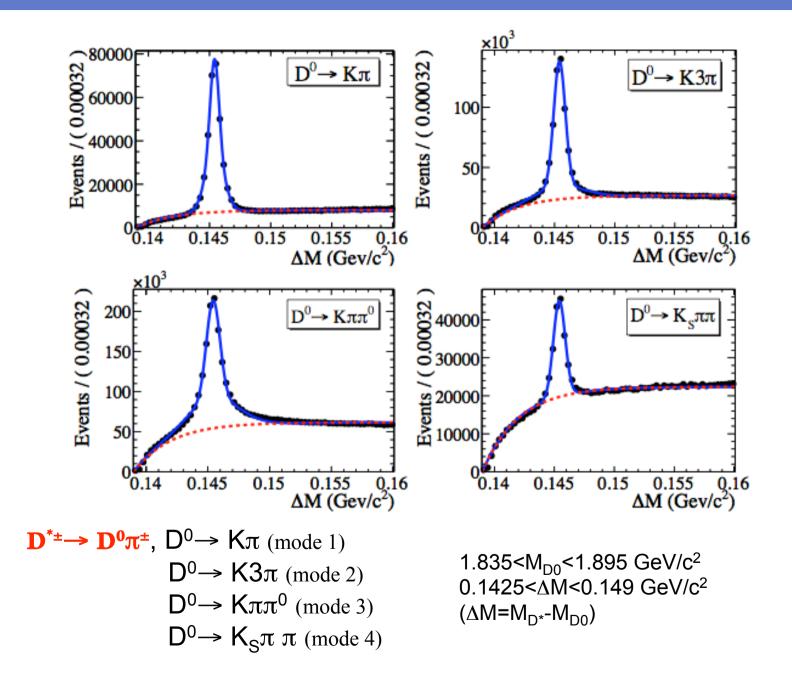
- precise data at high x_p
- consistent with ARGUS data
- shape consistent with Belle results
- Scaling properties:
 - no models predict the correct scaling properties for protons
- Collins effect for light quarks (uds) in two different reference frames (RF12 and RF0)
 - submitted to PRD (arXiv:1309.5278)
 - A_{12} and A_0 increase with increasing z_1, z_2
 - consistent with theoretical expectations
 - general agreement with Belle results (PRD 86, 039905(E) (2012))
 - A_{12} (A_0) increases with p_{t1} , p_{t2} (p_{t0}) for 0<pt<1 GeV/c
 - first measurement in e^+e^- annihilation at $Q^2 \sim 110 \ (GeV/c)^2$
 - important for understanding the evolution of the fragmentation function

Thanks for your attention

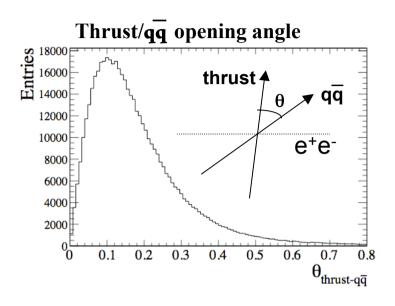
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BACKUP SLIDES

D^{*}±-enhanced control sample



Asymmetry dilution



The experimental method assumes the thrust axis as $q\bar{q}$ direction: this is only a rough approximation

RF12: <u>large smearing</u> since the azimuthal angles ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are calculated with respect to the thrust axis; additional dilution due to very energetic tracks close to the thrust axis.

RF0: the azimuthal angle ϕ_0 is calculated with respect to the second hadron momenta \rightarrow small smearing due to PID and tracking resolution.

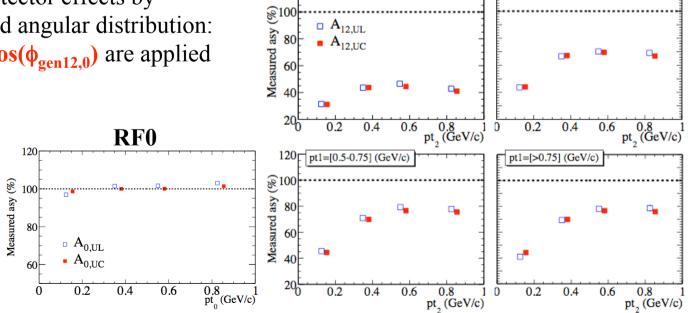
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□ A_{12.UL} A_{12.UC} **RF12**

pt1=[0.25-0.5] (GeV/c)

 \rightarrow We study the influence of the detector effects by correcting a posteriori the generated angular distribution: weights defined as $w^{UL(UC)}=1\pm a \cdot \cos(\phi_{gen12,0})$ are applied to every selected pion pairs.

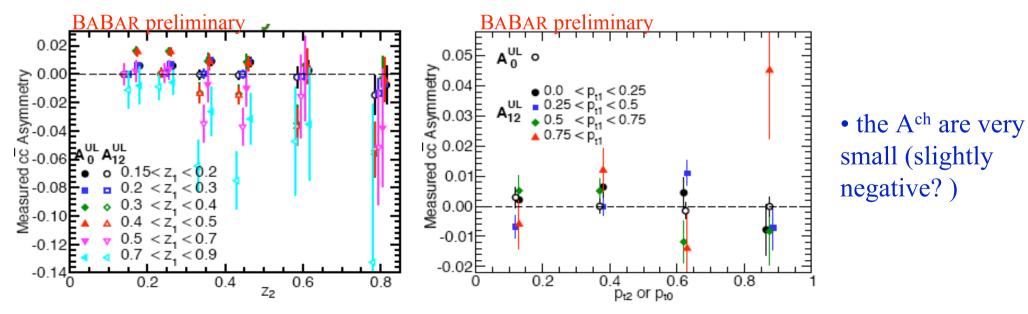
RF12: correction performed for each bins of z and p_t: (1.3-2.3) as a function of z, and (1.3-3) as a function of p_t . **RF0:no correction needed.**



Extraction of the uds asymmetry

- Charm background contribution is about 30% on average
 - Both fragmentation processes and weak decays can introduce azimuthal asymmetries
 - We used a **D*±-enhanced control sample** to estimate its effect on a **bin-by-bin basis**
 - 4 complementary decay modes $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^{\pm}$, with $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi, K3\pi, K\pi\pi^0, K_s\pi\pi$
 - mostly \overline{cc} events, some \overline{BB}
- Again, f_i from MC, data-MC difference as systematic error

$$A_{\alpha}^{meas} = (1 - F_c - F_B - F_{\tau}) \cdot A_{\alpha} + F_c \cdot A_{\alpha}^{ch}$$
$$A_{\alpha}^{D^*} = f_c \cdot A_{\alpha}^{ch} + (1 - f_c - f_B) \cdot A_{\alpha}$$



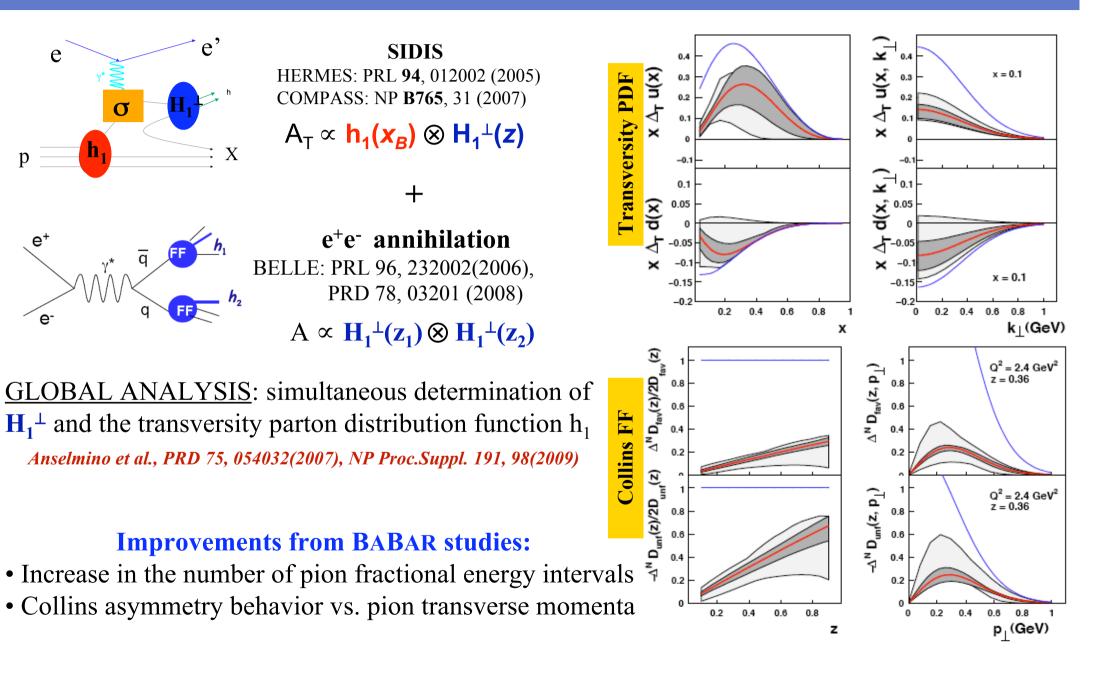
Extraction of Collins FF from data

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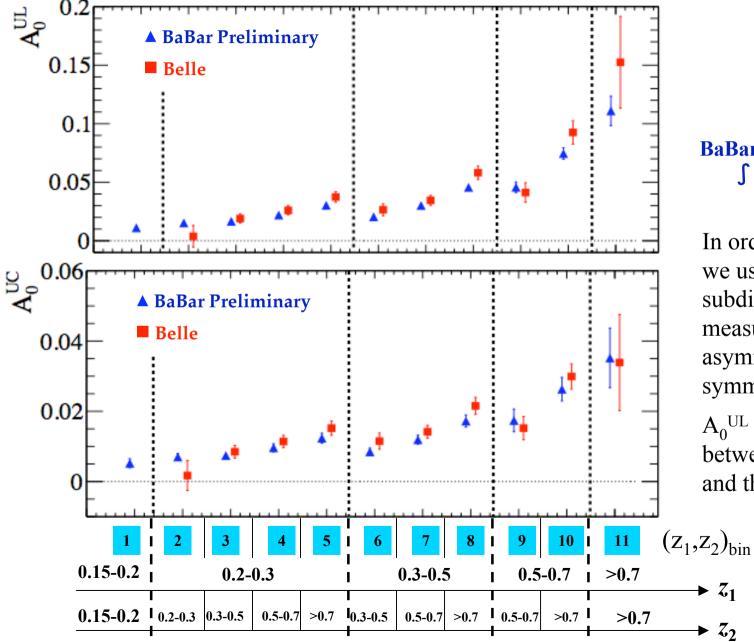
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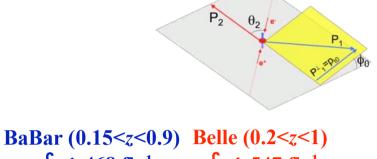
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RFO: Comparison of BaBar/Belle asymmetries



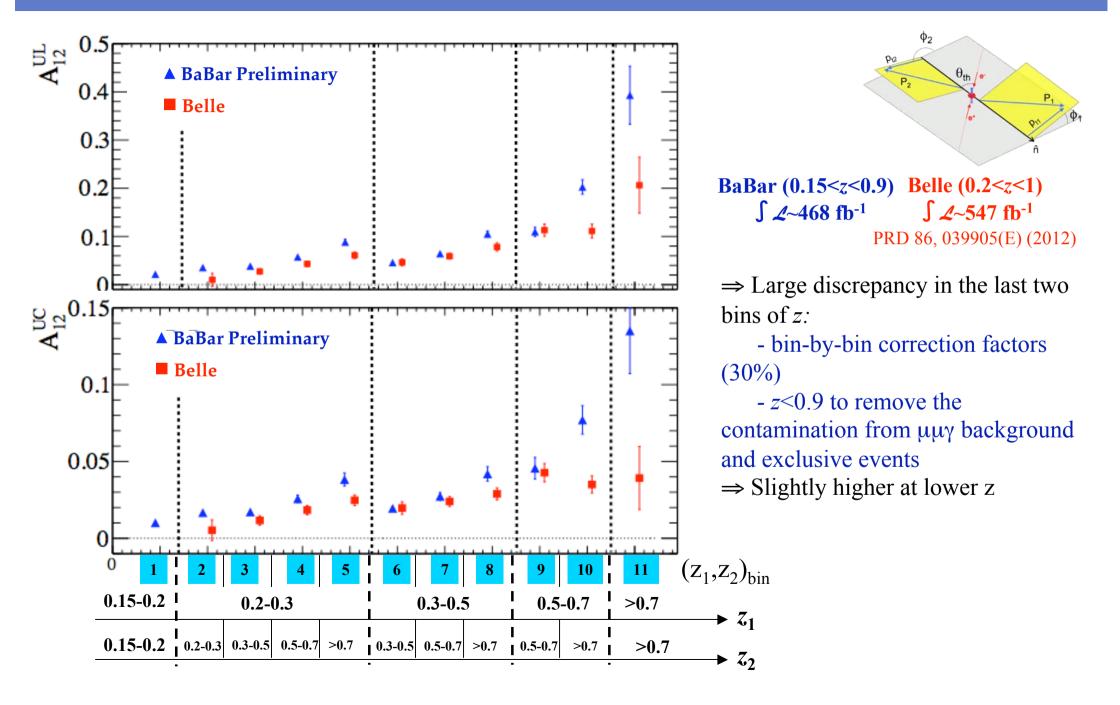


∫ **∠~468 fb⁻¹** ∫ **∠~547 fb⁻¹** PRD 86, 039905(E) (2012)

In order to perform this comparison, we used 10 (+1) symmetrized *z*-bin subdivisions, averaging the measured Belle and BaBar asymmetries which fell in the same symmetric bins

 A_0^{UL} and A_0^{UC} : good agreement between the BaBar asymmetries and the Belle results.

RF12: Comparison of BaBar/Belle asymmetries



Results: A_{12} vs. θ_{th} ; A_0 vs. θ_2

