


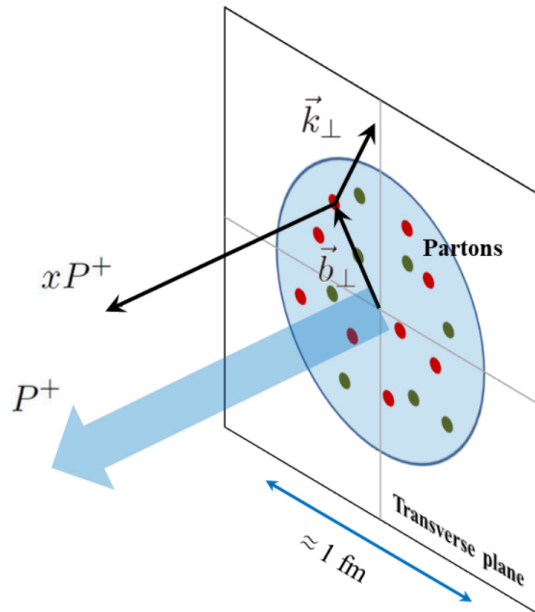
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# The Multidimensional Parton Structure of Hadrons

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# Outline



Light-cone variables for generic  
4-vector  $a^\mu = (a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3)$

$$a^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^0 \pm a^3) \quad \vec{a}_\perp = (a^1, a^2)$$

1. Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)
2. Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distributions (TMDs)
3. Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)
4. Generalized TMDs (GTMDs)

→ overlap with lectures by Olness, Surrow, Tu, Nadolsky, Siritsyn, ...

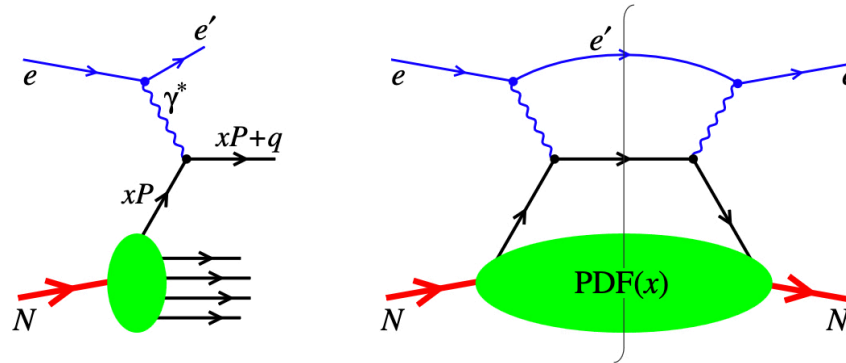
**Disclaimer:** we can only discuss bits and pieces

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- (and many more ...)

# Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering (DIS) and 1D Imaging

- Process:  $e + N \rightarrow e + X$



- Independent variables (unpolarized cross section)

$$Q^2 = -q^2 > 0 \quad x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \quad y \approx \frac{Q^2}{x_B S} \quad (\text{not independent})$$

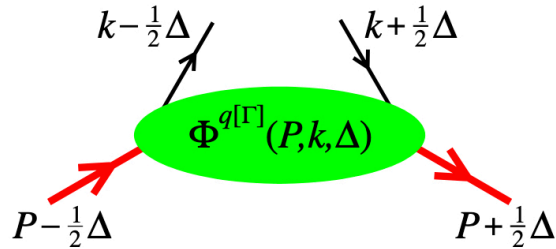
- Unpolarized DIS cross section in parton model

$$d\sigma_{\text{unp}} = \sum_{q, \bar{q}} \int_0^1 dx f_1^q(x) d\hat{\sigma}_{eq \rightarrow eq}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\sigma}_{eq \rightarrow eq}}{dx_B dQ^2} = e_q^2 \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}}{Q^4} [1 + (1 - y)^2] \delta(x - x_B)$$

# PDFs: Correlator and Kinematics

- Object of interest (neglecting spin labels)



$$P = \frac{1}{2}(p + p') \quad \Delta = p' - p$$

$$\Phi_{ij}^q(P, k, \Delta) = \int \frac{d^4 z}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle p' | \bar{\psi}_j^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \mathcal{W}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi_i^q(\frac{z}{2}) | p \rangle$$

$$\Phi^{q[\Gamma]}(P, k, \Delta) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 z}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle p' | \bar{\psi}^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \Gamma \mathcal{W}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi^q(\frac{z}{2}) | p \rangle$$

- PDFs defined through

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{PDF}}^{q[\Gamma]}(P, x) &= \int d^4 k \Phi^{q[\Gamma]}(P, k, 0) \delta(k^+ - xP^+) \\ &= \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \Gamma \mathcal{W}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi^q(\frac{z}{2}) | P \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = \vec{z}_\perp = 0} \end{aligned}$$

# PDFs of Quarks

- Including polarization for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ :  $|P\rangle \rightarrow |P, S\rangle$

$$S = \left( \frac{\Lambda P^+}{M}, -\frac{\Lambda P^-}{M}, \vec{S}_\perp \right) \quad S^2 = -\Lambda^2 - \vec{S}_\perp^2 = -1 \quad P \cdot S = 0$$

- Definition of leading-twist (twist-2) quark PDFs

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^q(x) &= \Phi_{\text{PDF}}^{q[\gamma^+]}(P, S, x) \\ &= \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \gamma^+ \mathcal{W}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi^q(\frac{z}{2}) | P, S \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = z_\perp = 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Lambda g_1^q(x) = \Phi_{\text{PDF}}^{q[\gamma^+ \gamma_5]}(P, S, x)$$

$$S_\perp^i h_1^q(x) = \Phi_{\text{PDF}}^{q[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5]}(P, S, x) \quad (\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2}[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu])$$

- general structure of qq-correlator follows from parity, hermiticity, time-reversal
- PDFs depend on renormalization scale  $\mu$ , which has been suppressed

- More on polarization dependence
  - quarks with definite helicity/chirality

$$P_\lambda = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \lambda \gamma_5) \quad (\lambda = \pm 1) \quad P_\lambda^2 = P_\lambda \quad P_+ P_- = P_- P_+ = 0$$

$$\psi_\lambda = P_\lambda \psi \quad \bar{\psi}_\lambda = \bar{\psi} P_{-\lambda}$$

- rewriting of operator for  $f_1^q$

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \psi = \bar{\psi}_+ \gamma^+ \psi_+ + \bar{\psi}_- \gamma^+ \psi_-$$

→  $f_1^q$  describes **sum** of two densities

- rewriting of operator for  $g_1^q$

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \gamma_5 \psi = \bar{\psi}_+ \gamma^+ \psi_+ - \bar{\psi}_- \gamma^+ \psi_-$$

→  $g_1^q$  describes **difference** of two densities (can become negative)

- $h_1$  describes **difference** of two densities for **transverse** quark polarization

$$\bar{\psi} i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \psi = \bar{\psi}_+ i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \psi_- + \bar{\psi}_- i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \psi_+$$

→  $h_1^q$  is **chiral odd** (decouples from DIS)

- Interpretation as number densities using light-front quantization
- Density interpretation spoiled by QCD effects (radiative corrections)
- $g_1^q$  and  $h_1^q$  can also be interpreted as strength of spin-spin correlations

$$\lambda \Phi_{\text{PDF}}^{q[\gamma^+ \gamma_5]}(P, S, x) = \lambda \Lambda g_1^q(x)$$

$$s_{\perp}^i \Phi_{\text{PDF}}^{q[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5]}(P, S, x) = \vec{s}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{S}_{\perp} h_1^q(x)$$

- Decomposing the qq-correlator in terms of PDFs

$$\Phi^q = \frac{1}{2} \Phi^{q[\gamma^+]} \gamma^- - \frac{1}{2} \Phi^{q[\gamma^+ \gamma_5]} \gamma^- \gamma_5 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi^{q[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5]} i\sigma^{i-} \gamma_5 + \dots$$

– all other terms suppressed for large  $P^+$

- Leading-twist PDFs of gluons ( $\langle P | F^{+i} F^{+j} | P \rangle$ )

$$f_1^g(x) = g(x) \quad \rightarrow \text{unpolarized gluon PDF}$$

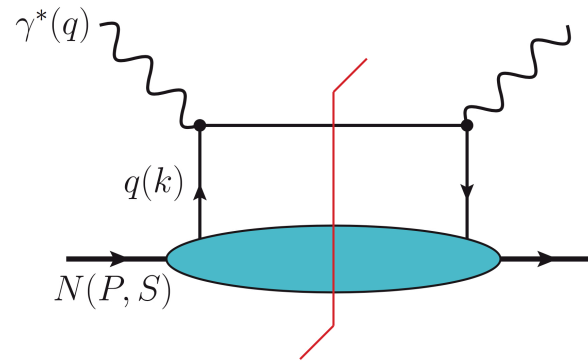
$$g_1^g(x) = \Delta g(x) \quad \rightarrow \text{gluon helicity PDF}$$

# Inclusive DIS with qq-Correlator

- Process

$$e(l, \lambda_\ell) + N(P, S) \rightarrow e(l', \lambda'_\ell) + X$$

- Handbag diagram



- Cross section

$$d\sigma \sim L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

- Leptonic tensor

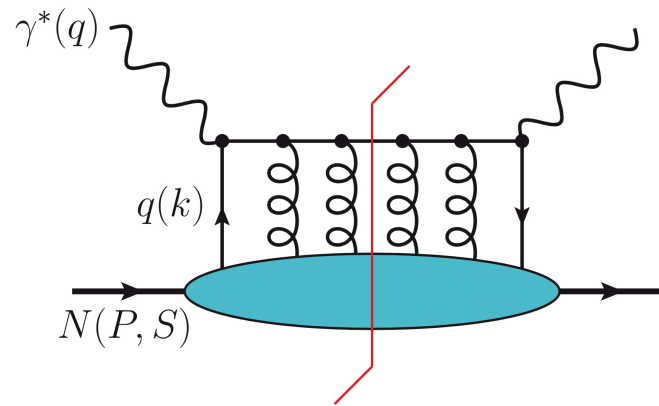
$$\begin{aligned} L^{\mu\nu} &= \left[ \bar{u}(l', \lambda'_\ell) \gamma^\nu u(l, \lambda_\ell) \right] \left[ \bar{u}(l', \lambda'_\ell) \gamma^\mu u(l, \lambda_\ell) \right]^* \\ &= 2 \left( l^\mu l'^\nu + l'^\mu l^\nu - l \cdot l' g^{\mu\nu} \right) + 2i \lambda_\ell \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} l_\rho l'_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

- Hadronic tensor (neglect  $m_q$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
W^{\mu\nu} &\sim \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^4k \text{Tr} \left[ \Phi^q(k) \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \gamma^\nu \right] \delta((k+q)^2) \\
&= \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^4k \Phi^{q[\gamma^+]}(k) \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma^- \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \gamma^\nu \right] \delta((k+q)^2) + \dots \\
&= \sum_q \frac{e_q^2}{2} \int d^4k \Phi^{q[\gamma^+]}(k) \text{Tr} \left( \left[ \gamma^- \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \gamma^\nu \right] \delta((k+q)^2) \right) \Big|_{k^- = \vec{k}_\perp = 0} + \dots \\
&= \sum_q \frac{e_q^2}{2} \int dk^+ \Phi^{q[\gamma^+]}(x) \text{Tr} \left( \left[ \gamma^- \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \gamma^\nu \right] \delta((k+q)^2) \right) \Big|_{k^- = \vec{k}_\perp = 0} \\
&= \sum_q \frac{e_q^2}{2} \int \frac{dk^+}{k^+} \underbrace{\Phi^{q[\gamma^+]}(x)}_{f_1^q(x)} \text{Tr} \left( \left[ \not{k} \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \gamma^\nu \right] \underbrace{\delta((k+q)^2)}_{\frac{x_B}{Q^2} \delta(x-x_B)} \right) \Big|_{k^- = \vec{k}_\perp = 0} + \dots \\
&= \frac{1}{Q^2} \sum_q \frac{e_q^2}{2} f_1^q(x_B) \text{Tr} \left( \left[ \not{k} \gamma^\mu (\not{k} + \not{q}) \gamma^\nu \right] \right) \Big|_{k^+ = x_B P^+, k^- = \vec{k}_\perp = 0}
\end{aligned}$$

- result agrees with the one obtained in parton model

- Handbag diagram including re-scattering of quark



- including re-scattering graphs (to all orders) renders gauge-invariant correlator

$$\Phi_{ij}^q(P, S, x) = \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}_j^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \mathcal{W}_{\text{PDF}}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi_i^q(\frac{z}{2}) | P, S \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = z_{\perp} = 0}$$

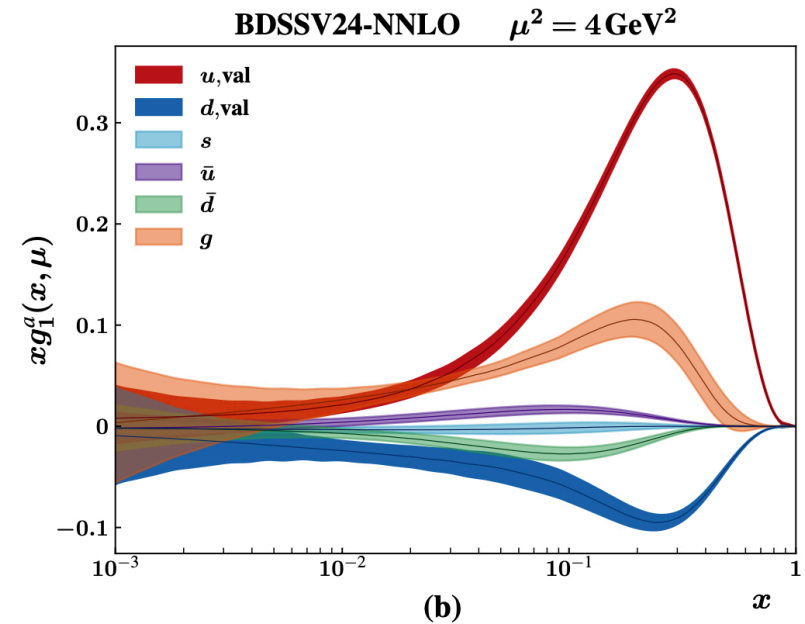
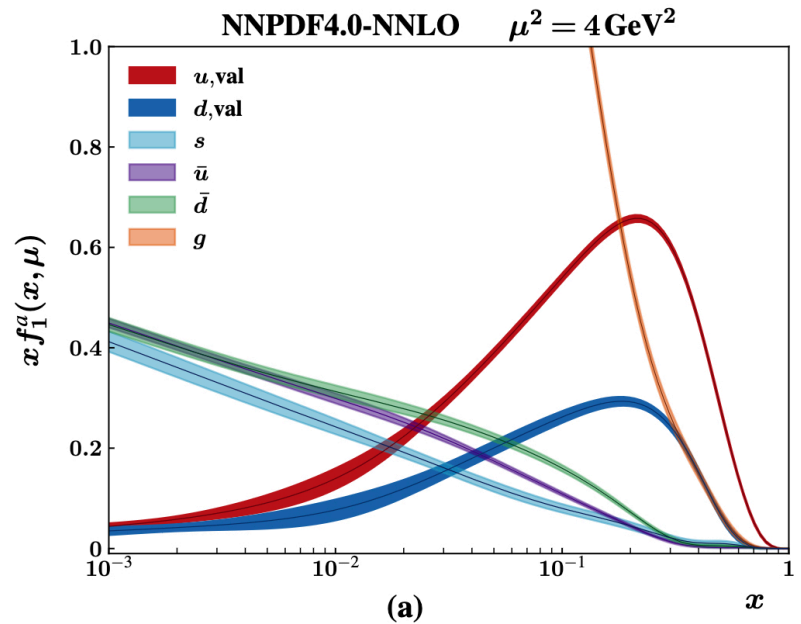
$$\mathcal{W}[a, b] = \mathcal{P} \exp \left( ig \int_a^b dy^\mu A_\mu(y) \right)$$

- in other words:  $\mathcal{W}_{\text{PDF}}$  generated by final-state interaction (FSI) of active quark
- path of  $\mathcal{W}_{\text{PDF}}$  is straight line  $\rightarrow \mathcal{W}_{\text{PDF}} = \mathbb{1}$  for  $A^+ = 0$  (light-cone gauge)

# PDFs: Results from Experimental Data

- Unpolarized and helicity PDFs of the proton

(figures from 2507.12664)

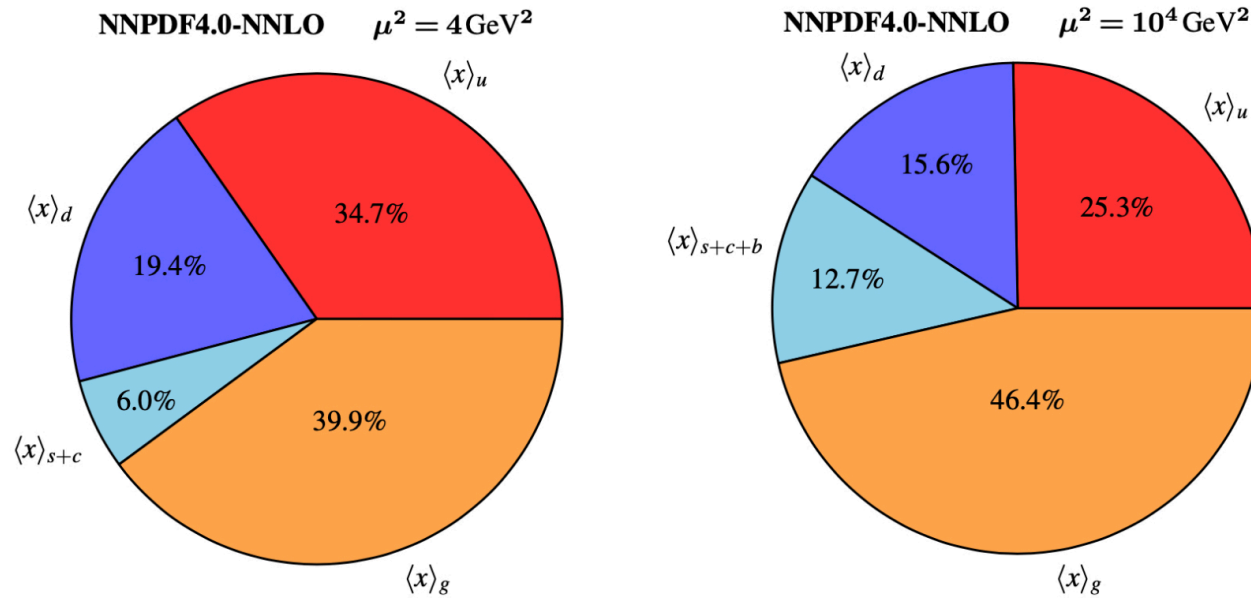


- valence distributions:  $f_1^{u,\text{val}} = f_1^u - f_1^{\bar{u}}$        $f_1^{d,\text{val}} = f_1^d - f_1^{\bar{d}}$
- PDFs depend on renormalization scheme ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ) and renormalization scale  $\mu$
- unpolarized PDFs rather well known; helicity PDFs have larger uncertainties

- Parton momentum fractions

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x f_1^q(x, \mu) = \langle x \rangle_q(\mu) \quad \int_0^1 dx x f_1^g(x, \mu) = \langle x \rangle_g(\mu) \quad \sum_a \langle x \rangle_a(\mu) = 1$$

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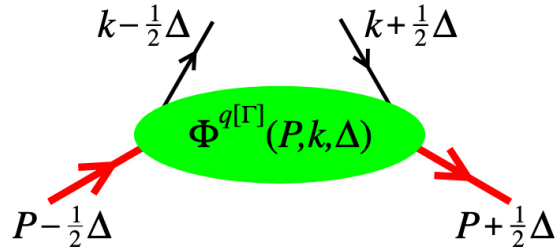


- asymptotic values

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle x \rangle_q(\mu)}{\langle x \rangle_g(\mu)} = \frac{3}{16} \rightarrow \langle x \rangle_q(\infty) \approx 8.8\% \quad \langle x \rangle_g(\infty) \approx 47.1\%$$

# TMDs: Correlator and Kinematics

- Object of interest (neglecting spin labels)



$$P = \frac{1}{2}(p + p') \quad \Delta = p' - p$$

$$\Phi^{q[\Gamma]}(P, k, \Delta) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 z}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle p' | \bar{\psi}^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \Gamma \mathcal{W}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi^q(\frac{z}{2}) | p \rangle$$

- TMDs defined through

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{TMD}}^{q[\Gamma]}(P, x, \vec{k}_\perp) &= \int dk^+ dk^- \Phi^{q[\Gamma]}(P, k, \mathbf{0}) \delta(k^+ - xP^+) \\ &= \int \frac{dz^- d^2 \vec{z}_\perp}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}^q(-\frac{z}{2}) \Gamma \mathcal{W}[-\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}] \psi^q(\frac{z}{2}) | P \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = 0} \end{aligned}$$

# TMDs of Quarks

- Definition of leading-power (leading-twist) quark TMDs

(Mulders, Tangerman, 1995 / Boer, Mulders, 1997 / Bacchetta et al, 2006)

$$\Phi_{\text{TMD}}^{q[\gamma^+]}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = f_1^q - \frac{\varepsilon_\perp^{ij} k_\perp^i S_\perp^j}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}$$

$$\lambda \Phi_{\text{TMD}}^{q[\gamma^+ \gamma_5]}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) = \lambda \Lambda g_1^q + \frac{\lambda \vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{S}_\perp}{M} g_{1T}^{\perp q}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_\perp^i \Phi_{\text{TMD}}^{q[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5]}(x, \vec{k}_\perp) &= \vec{s}_\perp \cdot \vec{S}_\perp h_1^q + \frac{\Lambda \vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{s}_\perp}{M} h_{1L}^{\perp q} - \frac{\varepsilon_\perp^{ij} k_\perp^i s_\perp^j}{M} h_1^{\perp q} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2M^2} \left( 2 \vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{s}_\perp \vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{S}_\perp - \vec{k}_\perp^2 \vec{s}_\perp \cdot \vec{S}_\perp \right) h_{1T}^{\perp q} \end{aligned}$$

- TMDs depend on  $x$  and  $\vec{k}_\perp^2 \rightarrow$  forward limit is readily recovered
- general structure of qq-correlator follows from parity, hermiticity, time-reversal
- TMDs depend on two auxiliary scales ( $\mu, \zeta$ )
- 8 leading-power gluon TMDs

- Quark TMDs have names

$f_{1T}^{\perp q}$  : Sivers function (Sivers, 1989)

$h_1^{\perp q}$  : Boer-Mulders function (Boer, Mulders, 1997)

$g_{1T}^{\perp q}$   $h_{1L}^{\perp q}$  : worm-gear functions (polarization of hadron and quark perpendicular)

$h_{1T}^{\perp q}$  : pretzelosity (quadrupole pattern of pre-factor)

- Overview

(figure from 2507.12664)

		Quark Polarization		
		U	L	T
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1$		$h_1^{\perp}$
	L		$g_1$	$h_{1L}^{\perp}$
	T	$f_{1T}^{\perp}$	$g_{1T}^{\perp}$	$h_1, h_{1T}^{\perp}$

– no TMD for U/L and L/U polarizations due to parity invariance

- “Stamp collecting”? ... maybe ... but we are in good company
  - periodic table of elements

1 H																	2 He															
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne															
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar															
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr															
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe															
55 Cs	56 Ba											72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn						
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																		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

don't forget the isotopes ...

- (supersymmetric) extensions of the Standard Model
- materials science
- etc.

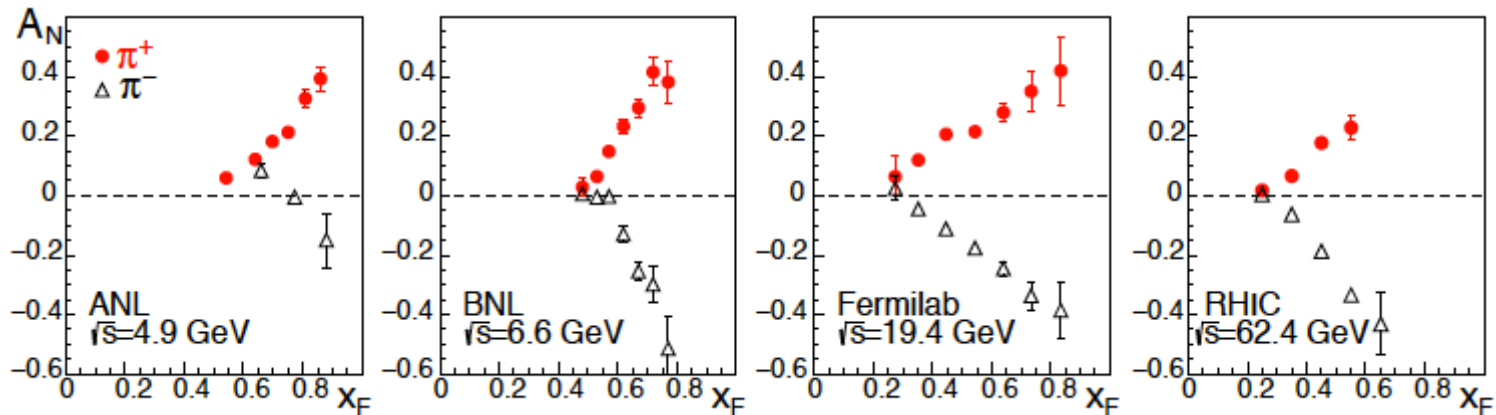
- Siverson function: a closer look

- density of unpolarized quarks in (transversely) polarized nucleon

$$\Phi_{\text{TMD}}^{q[\gamma^+]}(P, S, x, \vec{k}_\perp) = f_1^q(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2) - \frac{(\vec{k}_\perp \times \vec{S}_\perp) \cdot \hat{P}}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2)$$

- $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$  describes **difference** of two densities for transverse nucleon polarization
- $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$  can generate transverse single-spin asymmetries (SSAs) in scattering processes
- observed large transverse SSAs were motivation for Siverson to explore this effect

$$A_N = \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow - d\sigma^\downarrow}{d\sigma^\uparrow + d\sigma^\downarrow} \sim \frac{d\sigma_L - d\sigma_R}{d\sigma_L + d\sigma_R}$$



(figure from Aidala et al, 1209.2803)

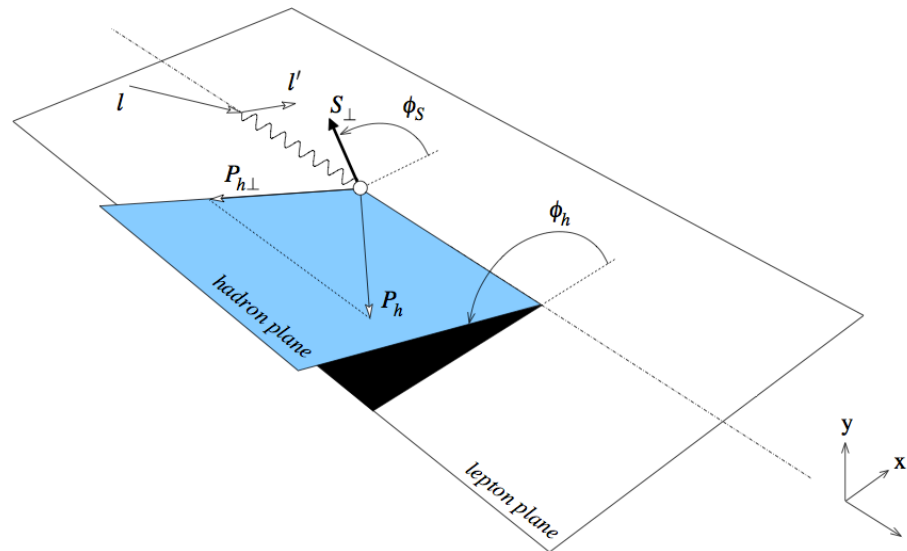
# TMDs in Semi-Inclusive DIS (SIDIS)

- Process

$$\ell(l, \lambda_\ell) + N(P, S) \rightarrow \ell(l', \lambda'_\ell) + h(P_h) + X$$

- 6 independent kinematic variables

$$Q^2 \quad x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} \quad \phi_S \quad z_h = \frac{P \cdot P_h}{P \cdot q} \quad P_{h\perp} = |\vec{P}_{h\perp}| \quad \phi_h$$



(figure from Bacchetta et al, hep-ph/0611265)

- Model-independent form of cross section (in notation of hep-ph/0611265)

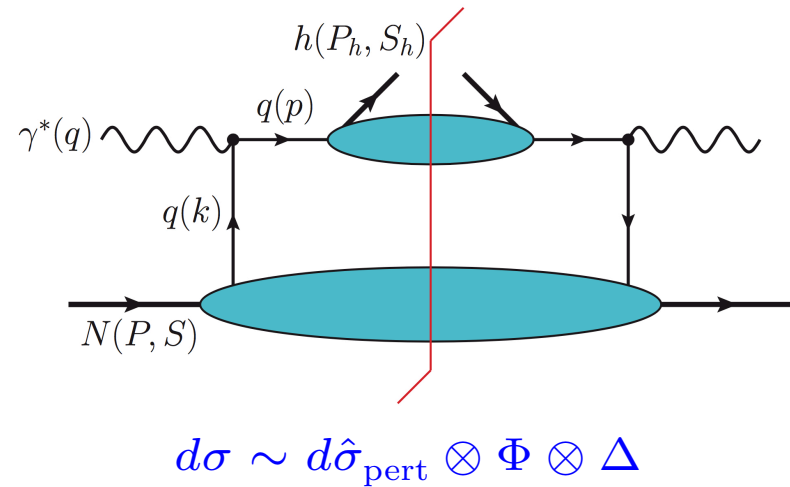
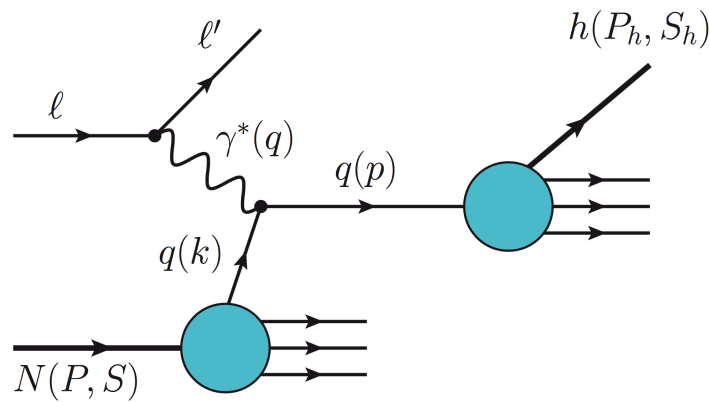
$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\sigma}{dx_B dy d\phi_S dz_h d\phi_h dP_{h\perp}^2} \sim & \left\{ (1 - y + \frac{1}{2}y^2) F_{UU,T} + (1 - y) \cos(2\phi_h) F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} \right. \\
& + \Lambda (1 - y) \sin(2\phi_h) F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h} + \lambda_\ell \Lambda y (1 - \frac{1}{2}y) F_{LL} \\
& + |\vec{S}_\perp| (1 - y + \frac{1}{2}y^2) \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \\
& + |\vec{S}_\perp| (1 - y) \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \\
& + |\vec{S}_\perp| (1 - y) \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S)} \\
& \left. + \lambda_\ell |\vec{S}_\perp| y (1 - \frac{1}{2}y) \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + 10 \text{ additional terms} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

- structure functions depend on 4 variables:

$$F_i = F_i(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}^2, Q^2)$$

- at low  $P_{h\perp}$ , leading contribution to  $d\sigma$  given by 8 listed structure functions

- Feynman diagram at tree level



– factorization formula depends on kinematics:

1. cross section integrated upon  $P_{h\perp}$
2. cross section differential in  $P_{h\perp}$ , and  $P_{h\perp} \sim Q$
3. cross section differential in  $P_{h\perp}$ , and  $P_{h\perp} \ll Q \rightarrow$  realm of TMDs

– full description of differential cross section from small to large  $P_{h\perp}$  still area of active research (see, e.g., Collins et al, 1605.00671)

- Hadronic tensor at tree level

$$W^{\mu\nu} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^4k d^4p \delta^{(4)}(k + q - p) \text{Tr} \left[ \Phi^q(k) \gamma^\mu \Delta^q(p) \gamma^\nu \right]$$

- consider  $P^+$  and  $P_h^-$  large, as well as  $k^+ = xP^+$  and  $P_h^- = zp^-$
- consider frame with  $\vec{P}_{h\perp} = 0$ , and small  $\vec{q}_\perp \neq 0$
- neglect small light-cone components of parton momenta  $k^-$  and  $p^+$  in delta-function (approximation for TMD parton model)

$$W^{\mu\nu} \sim \frac{2 x_B z_h}{Q^2} \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\vec{k}_\perp d^2\vec{p}_\perp \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_\perp + \vec{q}_\perp - \vec{p}_\perp) \\ \times \text{Tr} \left[ \Phi^q(x_B, \vec{k}_\perp) \gamma^\mu \Delta^q(z_h, \vec{p}_\perp) \gamma^\nu \right]$$

- express  $\Phi^q$  and  $\Delta^q$  in terms of TMD-PDFs and TMD-FFs, respectively
- transverse parton momenta of TMD-PDFs and TMD-FFs are convoluted
- contract with leptonic tensor  $L^{\mu\nu}$
- compare with model-independent form of cross section to find tree-level results for structure functions  $F_i$

- Structure functions at tree level (e.g., hep-ph/0611265)

$$F_{UU,T} = x_B \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2 \vec{k}_\perp d^2 \vec{p}_\perp \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_\perp + \vec{q}_\perp - \vec{p}_\perp) f_1^q(x_B, \vec{k}_\perp^2) D_1^q(z_h, \vec{p}_\perp^2)$$

$$F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} \sim h_1^\perp \otimes H_1^\perp$$

$$F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h} \sim h_{1L}^\perp \otimes H_1^\perp$$

$$F_{LL} \sim g_1 \otimes D_1$$

$$F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sim f_{1T}^\perp \otimes D_1 \quad [\text{Sivers effect}]$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \sim h_1 \otimes H_1^\perp \quad [\text{Collins effect}]$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sim h_{1T}^\perp \otimes H_1^\perp$$

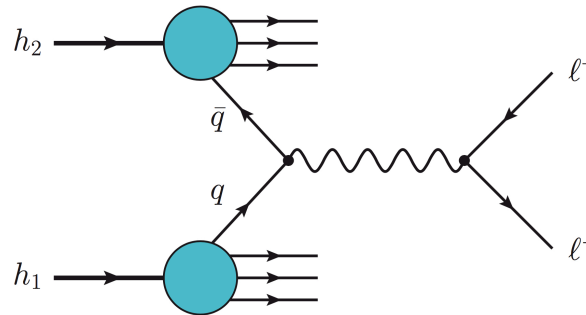
$$F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sim g_{1T}^\perp \otimes D_1$$

- except for  $F_{UU,T}$  expressions are symbolic; in most cases convolutions contain additional powers of transverse parton momenta
- all 8 TMD-PDFs can be studied
- all 8 structure functions have been measured

# TMDs in Other Processes

## 1. Drell-Yan process: $h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow \ell^+ + \ell^- + X$

- Feynman diagram at tree level



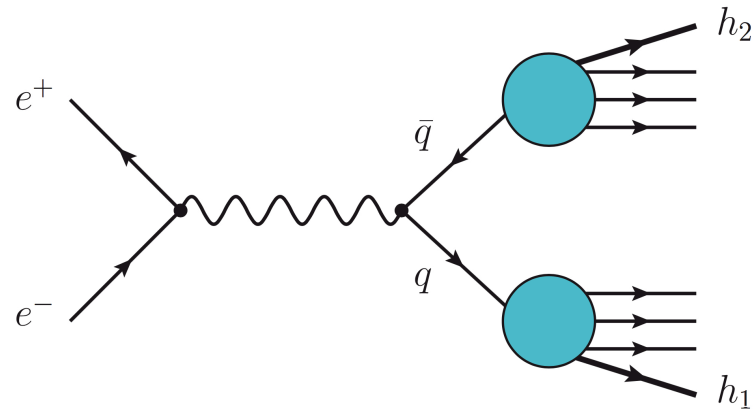
- Hadronic tensor at tree level, for low  $\vec{q}_\perp$  of gauge boson

$$W^{\mu\nu} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\vec{k}_{a\perp} d^2\vec{k}_{b\perp} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{k}_{a\perp} + \vec{k}_{b\perp} - \vec{q}_\perp) \\ \times \text{Tr} \left[ \Phi^q(x_a, \vec{k}_{a\perp}) \gamma^\mu \Phi^{\bar{q}}(x_b, \vec{k}_{b\perp}) \gamma^\nu \right]$$

- sensitivity to “product” of two TMD-PDFs
- longitudinal momentum fractions  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  fixed by kinematics of reaction
- 48 structure functions; cross checks possible for various TMDs  
(Arnold, A.M., Schlegel, 2008)

2. Electron-positron annihilation:  $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow h_1 + h_2 + X$

- Feynman diagram at tree level



- Hadronic tensor at tree level, for low  $\vec{q}_\perp$  of gauge boson

$$W^{\mu\nu} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\vec{p}_{a\perp} d^2\vec{p}_{b\perp} \delta^{(2)}(\vec{p}_{a\perp} + \vec{p}_{b\perp} - \vec{q}_\perp) \\ \times \text{Tr} \left[ \Delta^q(z_a, \vec{p}_{a\perp}) \gamma^\mu \Delta^{\bar{q}}(z_b, \vec{p}_{b\perp}) \gamma^\nu \right]$$

- sensitivity to “product” of two TMD-FFs
- longitudinal momentum fractions  $z_a$  and  $z_b$  fixed by kinematics of reaction

### 3. Some additional processes

(a)  $\ell N \rightarrow \ell \text{jet jet } X$        $\ell N \rightarrow \ell J/\psi X$

(b)  $pp \rightarrow \gamma \gamma X$        $pp \rightarrow \gamma \text{jet } X$        $pp \rightarrow \text{jet jet } X$

(c)  $pp \rightarrow (h \text{jet}) X$

(d)  $pp \rightarrow J/\psi X$        $pp \rightarrow \eta_c X$        $pp \rightarrow \text{Higgs } X$

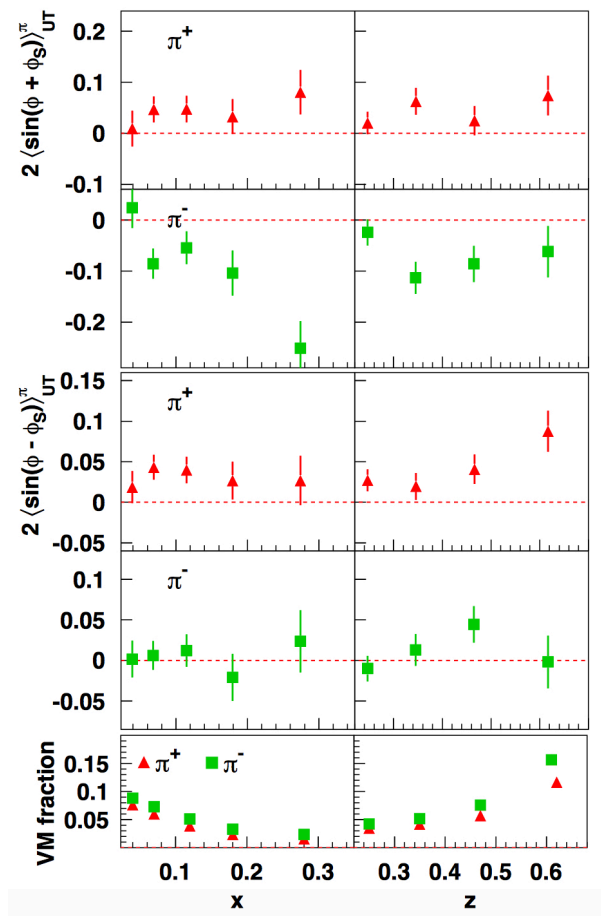
(e)  $p A$ -collisions

(f) etc.

- Very rich phenomenology
- Status of TMD factorization for additional processes:
  - holds in some cases (according to current knowledge)
  - breaks down in some cases
  - unclear in some cases (further studies needed) → active research area

# Measurements of TMD Observables

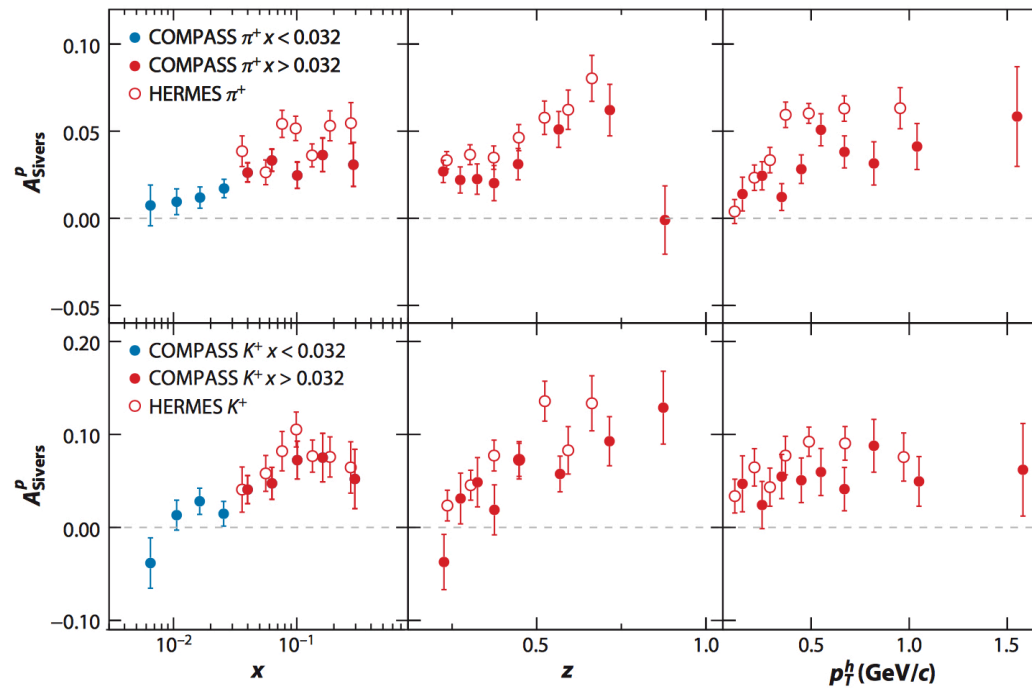
## 1. Pioneering steps for Sivers and Collins effects (HERMES, hep-ph/0408013)



- hydrogen target
- first measurement of Sivers asymmetry,  $F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} / F_{UU,T}$
- first measurement of Collins asymmetry,  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} / F_{UU,T}$
- nonzero Sivers effect for  $\pi^+$
- nonzero Collins effect for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$
- in the meantime, many more data from COMPASS, HERMES, JLab, with hydrogen, deuterium, and  $^3\text{He}$  targets

## 2. More SIDIS data on Sivers effect

### Comparison of data from COMPASS and HERMES



(compilation from Grosse Perdekamp, Yuan, 1510.06783)

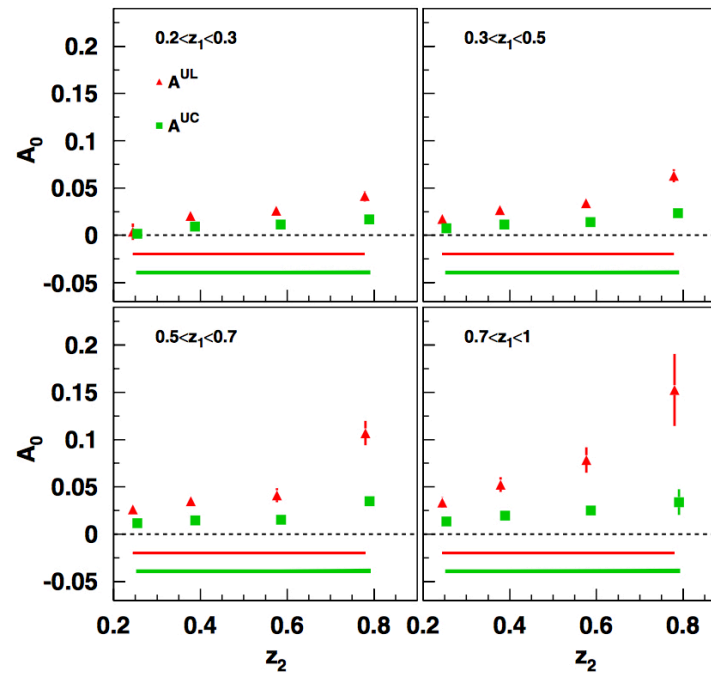
- measurements with hydrogen target, for  $\pi^+$  and  $K^+$  production
- results from COMPASS and HERMES largely agree
- robust nonzero effects
- asymmetry for  $K^+$  at least as large as for  $\pi^+$

### 3. (Double) Collins effect in electron-positron annihilation: $e^+e^- \rightarrow h_1h_2X$

- Azimuthal modulation due to Collins effect (Boer, Jakob, Mulders, hep-ph/9702281)

$$d\sigma \sim \sum_q e_q^2 \left[ D_1^{h_1/q} \otimes D_1^{h_2/\bar{q}} + \cos(2\phi) H_1^\perp{}^{h_1/q} \otimes H_1^\perp{}^{h_2/\bar{q}} \right]$$

- Sample data (Belle, 0805.2975)

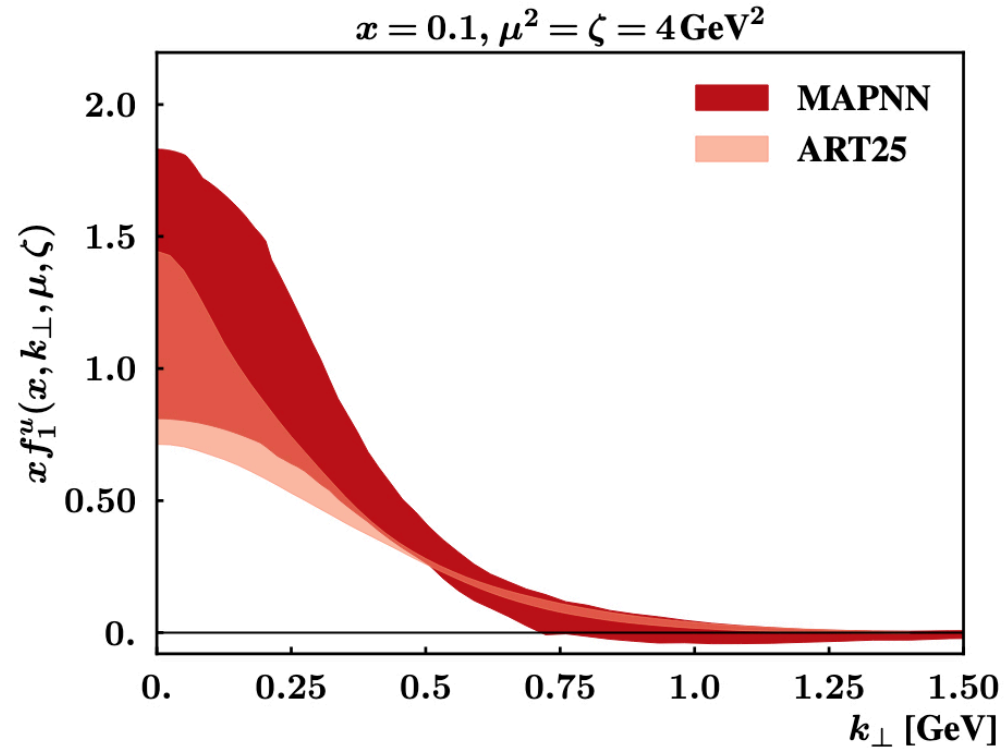


- More data available, also from BaBar and BES

# TMD Extractions from Data

## 1. Unpolarized TMD $f_1^q$

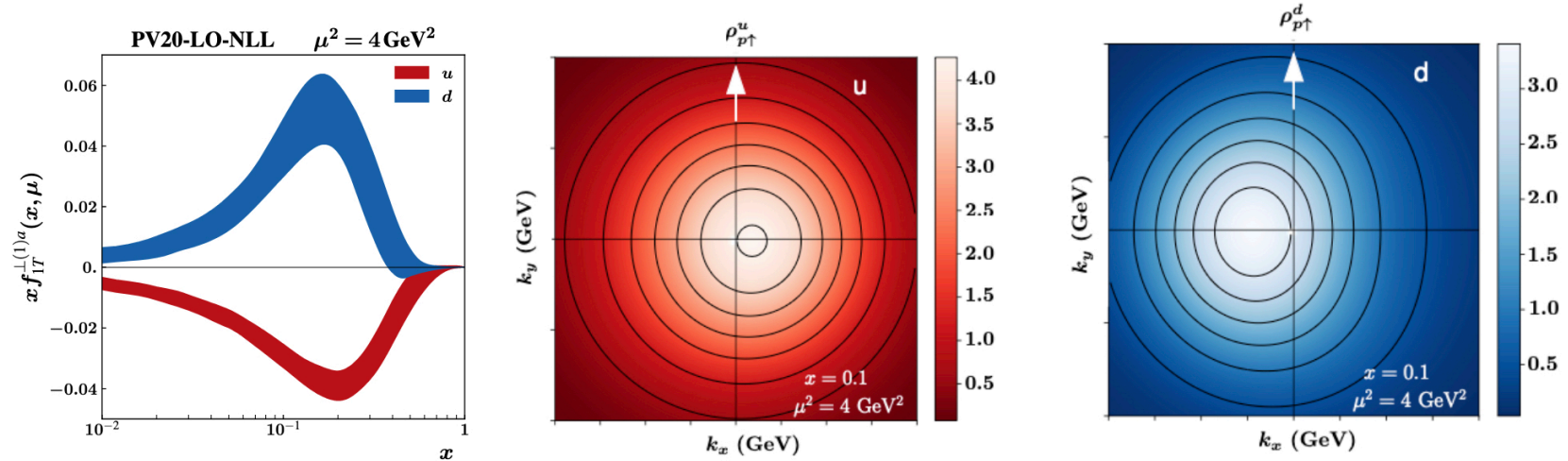
(figure from 2507.12664)



- MAPNN (Bacchetta et al, 2502.04166): DY data only, and neural network approach
- ART25 (Moos et al, 2503.11201): DY and SIDIS data

## 2. Sivers function $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$

(figure from 2507.12664)



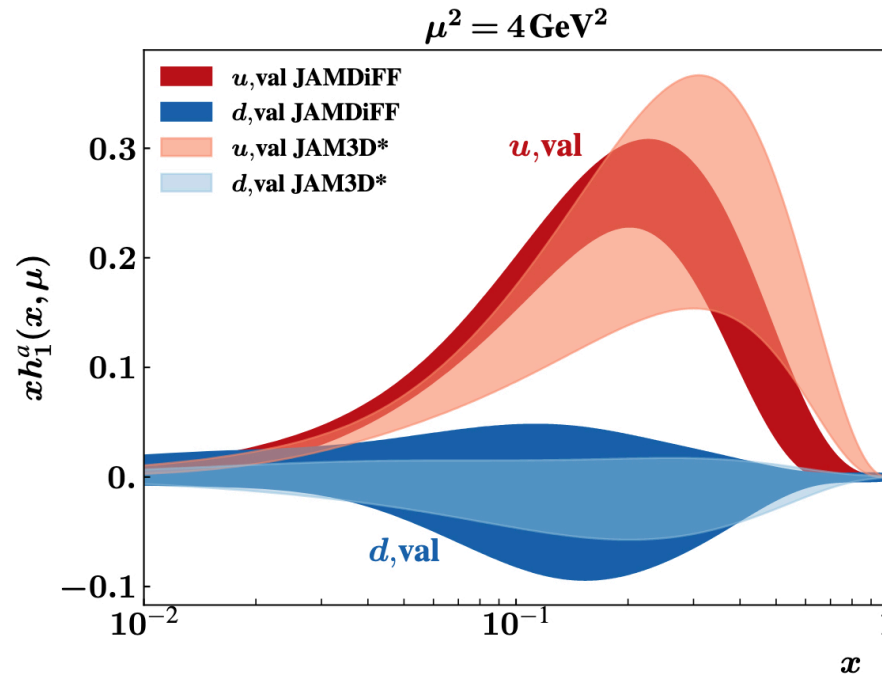
$$f_{1T}^{\perp(1)q}(x) = \int d^2 \vec{k}_{\perp} \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2}{2M^2} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}^2)$$

- PV20 (Bacchetta et al, 2004.14278): SIDIS and DY data for Sivers effect
- Nice agreement with large- $N_c$  prediction:  $f_{1T}^{\perp u} = -f_{1T}^{\perp d} + \mathcal{O}(1/N_c)$  (Pobylitsa, hep-ph/0301236)
- Density of unpolarized quarks in (transversely) polarized nucleon

$$\Phi_{\text{TMD}}^{q[\gamma^+]}(P, S, x, \vec{k}_{\perp}) = f_1^q(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}^2) - \frac{(\vec{k}_{\perp} \times \vec{S}_{\perp}) \cdot \hat{P}}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}^2)$$

### 3. Transversity distribution $h_1^q$

(figure from 2507.12664)



- Transversity distribution in SIDIS via single-hadron and dihadron production

$$A_{UT}^h \sim h_1(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2) \otimes H_1^\perp(z, \vec{p}_\perp^2) \quad A_{UT}^{hh} \sim h_1(x) \otimes H_1^\triangleleft(z, M_h)$$

- JAM3D\* (Gamberg et al, 2205.00999): [Data on single-hadron production](#)
- JAMDiFF (Cocuzza et al, 2306.12998 ): [Data on dihadron production](#)

## Some Remarks on the Evolution of TMDs

- Further reading, for instance:
  - Collins, *Foundations of perturbative QCD*, 2011
  - Rogers, 1509.04766
  - TMD Handbook, 2304.03302

- In QCD, TMDs depend on two (auxiliary) scales

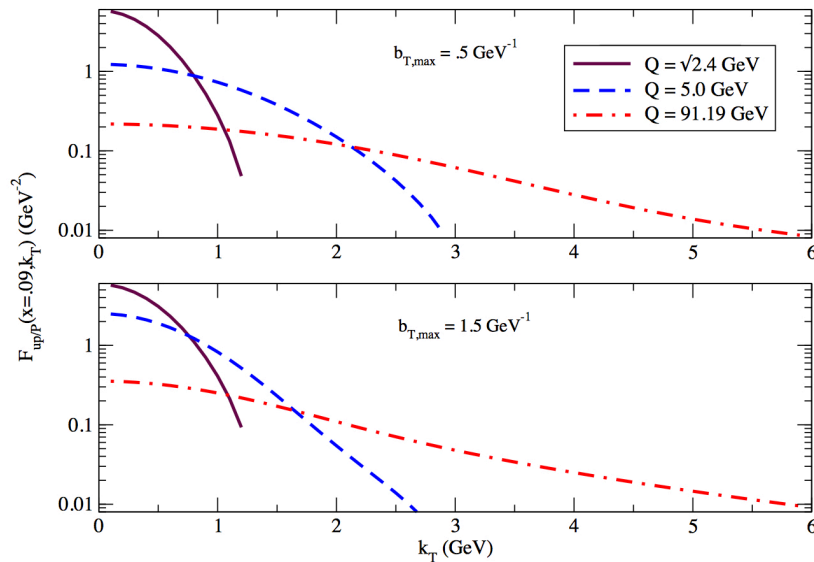
$$f_1^q(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2; \mu, \zeta)$$

- $\mu$ : due to UV divergence
  - $\zeta$ : due to rapidity divergence (different regulators in use)
- Rapidity divergence complicates the relation between TMDs and PDFs
  - after regulating rapidity divergence one has

$$f_1^q(x, \mu) \neq \int d^2\vec{k}_\perp f_1^q(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2; \mu, \zeta)$$

- rapidity divergence cancels for PDF  $f_1(x, \mu)$  (between real and virtual diagrams) (e.g., Collins, hep-ph/0304122)

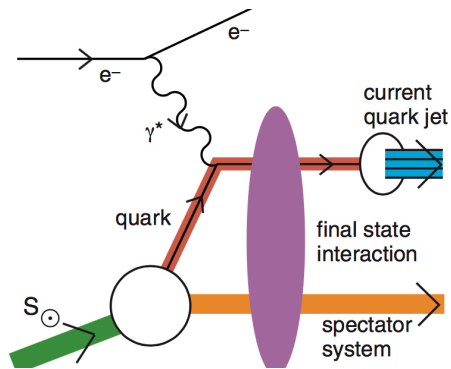
- Evolution of TMDs
  - $\mu$ -dependence: differs from DGLAP evolution
  - $\zeta$ -dependence: governed by Collins-Soper evolution equation (Collins, Soper, 1981)
  - TMD evolution has also dependence on non-perturbative input
    - progress in phenomenology and lattice QCD (e.g., Avkhadiev et al, 2307.12359)
- Numerical study (Aybat, Rogers, 1101.5057)



- evolution broadens TMDs
- evolution typically dilutes effects like Sivers asymmetry

# Eventful History of the Siverson Function

- In 1989, Dennis Siverson suggested the function (correlation)
- In 1992, John Collins argued that  $f_{1T}^{\perp q} = 0$  due to T-reversal invariance
- Model calculation of transverse SSA in DIS (Brodsky, Hwang, Schmidt, hep-ph/0201296)



- spectator system modeled by scalar diquark
- FSI modeled by single photon exchange
- nonzero transverse target SSA  $A_{UT}$
- $A_{UT}$  given by interference of lowest-order graph and (imaginary part of) box graph

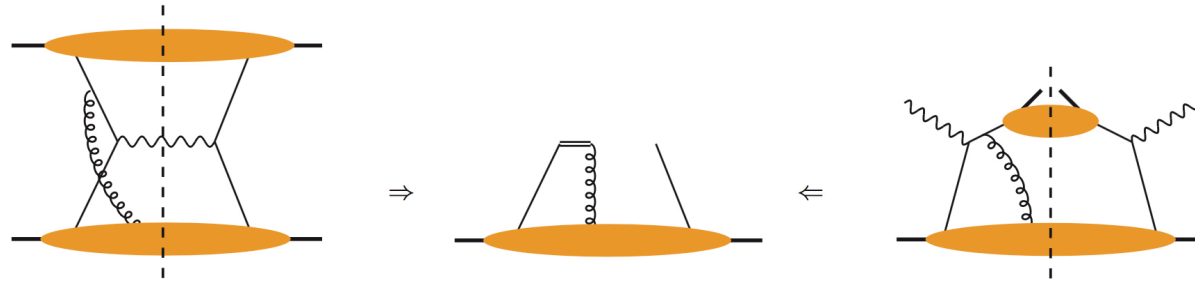
- Interpretation of BHS calculation, correction, prediction (Collins, hep-ph/0204004)
  - nonzero  $A_{UT}$  of BHS can be described in TMD factorization using  $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$
  - if  $\mathcal{W}_{\text{TMD}}$  taken into account, T-reversal does not forbid existence of  $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$
  - T-reversal rather predicts process dependence:

$$f_{1T}^{\perp q} \Big|_{\text{DY}} = - f_{1T}^{\perp q} \Big|_{\text{SIDIS}} \qquad h_1^{\perp q} \Big|_{\text{DY}} = - h_1^{\perp q} \Big|_{\text{SIDIS}}$$

- These developments were of utmost importance for entire TMD field

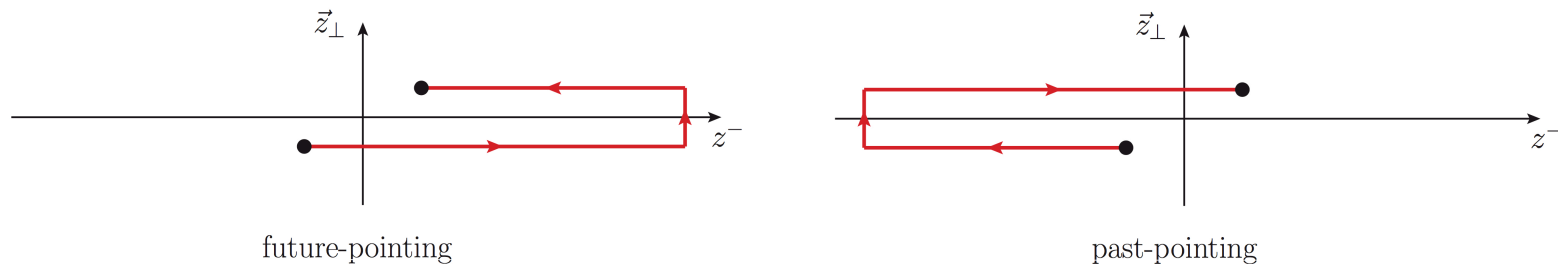
# Process Dependence of the Sivers Function

## 1. Comparing SIDIS and DY



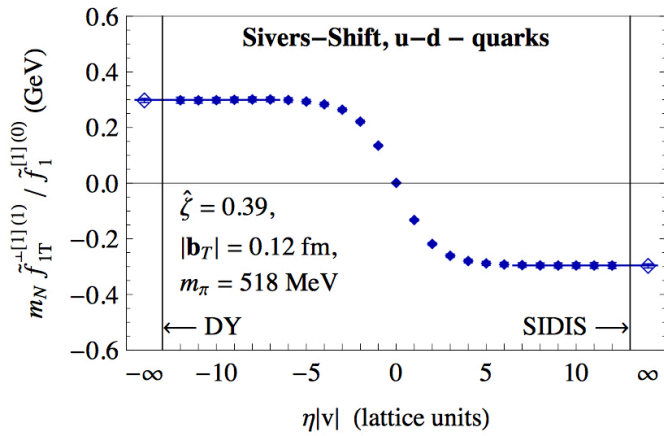
(figure from Diehl, 1512.01328)

- Gauge link structure in SIDIS and DY (FSI vs ISI)



- T-reversal allows one to relate definitions in two processes (Collins, hep-ph/0204004)
  - Six T-even TMDs are universal
  - Two T-odd TMDs change sign between SIDIS and DY
  - **breakdown of universality**, but in well-defined way
  - **strictly speaking, T-odd TMDs not exclusively property of nucleon**

- Sign reversal in lattice QCD (Musch et al, 1111.4249)

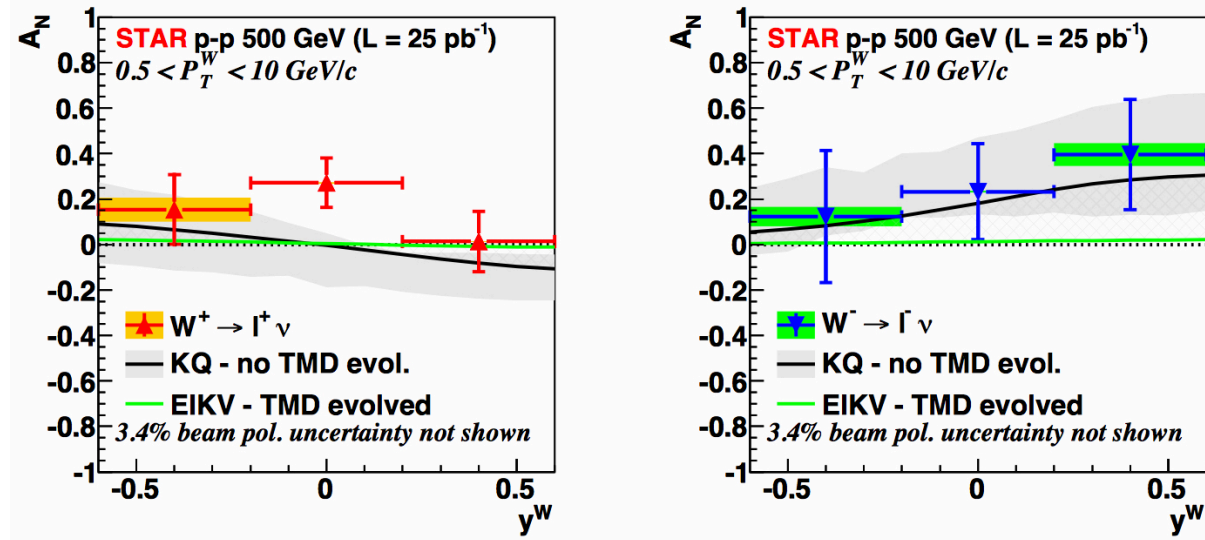


- calculation for staple-like gauge links with finite length
- results saturate for distances of about 0.4 fm

- What if sign reversal of  $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$  not confirmed by experiment?
  - would not imply that QCD is wrong
  - would imply that transverse SSAs not understood in QCD
  - problem with TMD factorization
  - implication on resummation of large transverse momentum logarithms, many observables (at LHC), collinear twist-3 factorization, ...
- Experimental check of process dependence of  $f_{1T}^{\perp}$  was crucial (DOE Hadron Physics Performance Milestone, HP13: *Test unique QCD predictions for relations between single transverse spin phenomena in p-p scattering and those observed in deep-inelastic lepton scattering*)

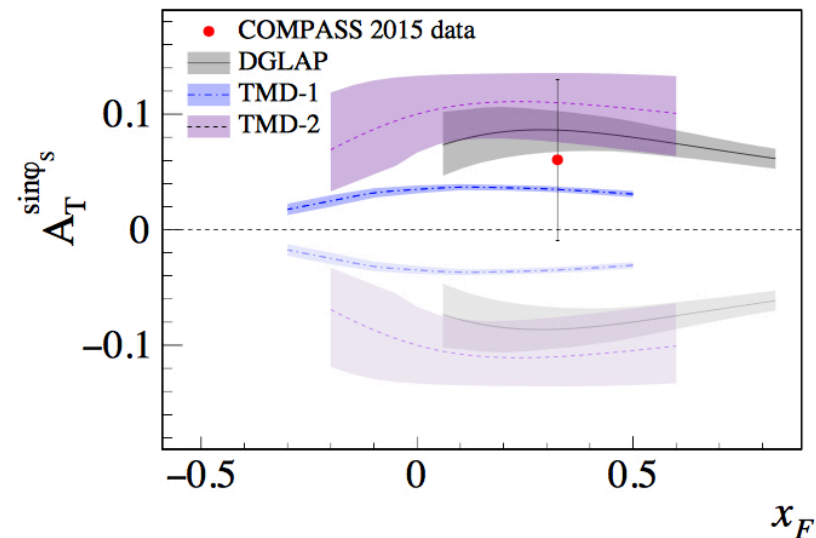
## 2. Phenomenology of process dependence of the Sivers function

- Measurement of Sivers asymmetry in  $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow W^\pm/Z^0 X$  at RHIC (STAR, 1511.06003)



- relevant scale is mass of heavy gauge bosons
- long evolution from measurements of Sivers effect in SIDIS
- calculations with and without TMD evolution lead to very different results for asymmetry
- such measurements can help constrain the (TMD) evolution
- some indication of sign reversal, but not conclusive

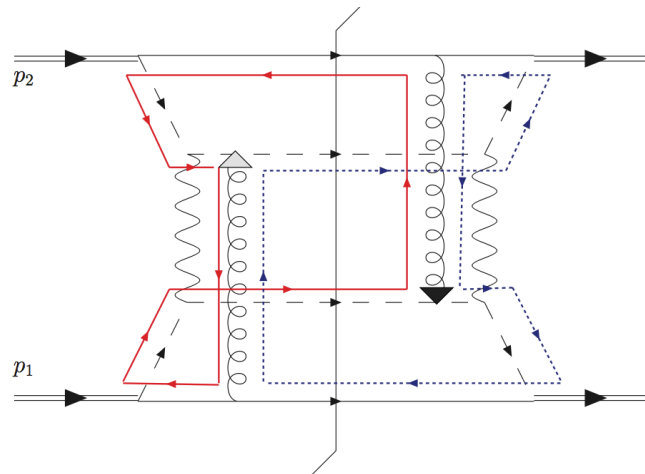
- Measurement of Sivers asymmetry in  $\pi^- p^\uparrow \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$  at COMPASS  
(COMPASS, 1704.00488)



- scale of measurement:  $4.3 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq m_{\mu\mu}^2 \leq 8.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- data point favors sign reversal of Sivers function
- Other work on process dependence of Sivers effect
  - simultaneous study of transverse SSAs in DIS and in SIDIS  
(A.M. et al, 1209.3138)
  - study of transverse SSA in  $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \text{jet} X$   
(Gamberg, Kang, Prokudin, 1302.3213)
- Overall, strong indication from phenomenology that Sivers effect depends on process

# Breakdown of TMD factorization

- Sample process:  $pp \rightarrow \text{jet jet } X$
- Originally thought to obey generalized TMD factorization  
→ definition of TMDs depends on partonic subprocess  
(Bomhof, Mulders, Pijlman, 2004 / ... / Collins, Qiu, 2007 / Collins, 2007)
- But, even generalized TMD factorization breaks down (Rogers, Mulders, 1001.2977)

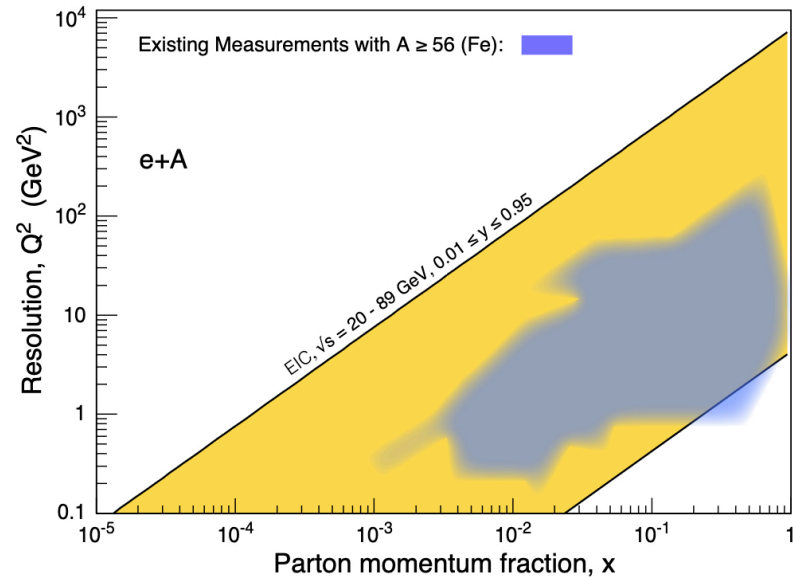
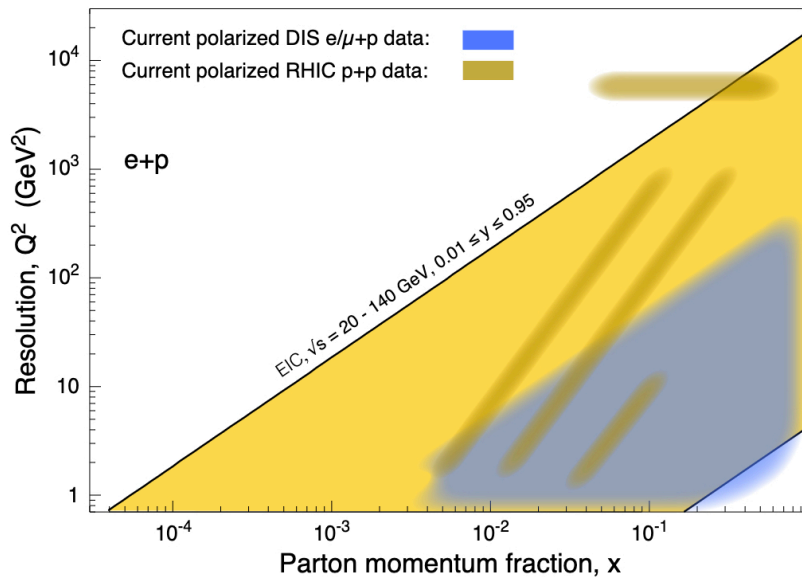


- complicated color flow does not allow one to define two individual TMDs (color-entanglement)
- specific to non-Abelian gauge theory

# TMDs: Opportunities at the EIC

- Kinematics

(figure from EIC Yellow Report, 2103.05419)

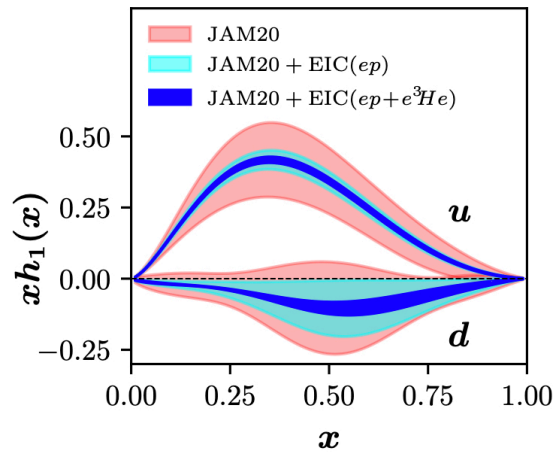


- Compared to fixed-target experiments: much larger kinematic coverage
- Compared to HERA collider: higher luminosity, polarization, nuclear targets

- Example: transversity distribution  $h_1^q$

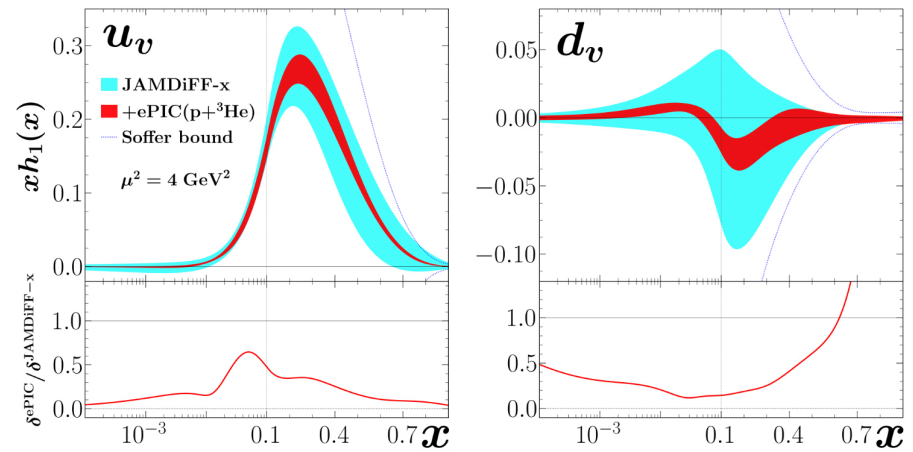
### single-hadron production

(EIC Yellow Report, 2103.05419)



### dihadron production

(Sawaya et al, 2606.00362)



- significant reduction of uncertainties
- proton and  $^3\text{He}$  target needed for constraints on both  $h_1^u$  and  $h_1^d$
- reduced uncertainties provide strong constraints on tensor charges

$$\delta q(\mu) = \int_{-1}^1 dx h_1^q(x, \mu)$$