

Transverse Spin Phenomenology

An Overview

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Transverse spin effects: generalities

Spin four-vector: $S^\mu = \lambda \frac{P^\mu}{M} + S_\perp^\mu$, $S^\mu S_\mu = -1$

The spin transverse component of fast particles is suppressed by M/E

Naïve conclusion: **transverse spin effects are irrelevant at high energies**

In inclusive DIS transverse spin effects are indeed subdominant (twist-3):

Quark-parton model: $g_1(x) + g_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_a e_a^2 g_T^a(x)$

$$g_T(x) = g_T^{WW}(x) [\text{twist } 2] + \tilde{g}_T(x) [\text{twist } 3]$$

Recent data from JLab at $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ [JLab E97-103] show evidence of higher-twist effects ($g_2 \neq g_2^{WW}$)

There are high-energy hadronic processes where **transverse polarization effects** are unsuppressed and **dominant**: e.g., transversely polarized Drell–Yan production [Ralston and Soper 1979; Artru and Mekhfi 1990; Jaffe and Ji 1991; Cortes, Pire and Ralston 1992]

A new leading twist quark distribution function: **transversity distribution**

Other transverse spin effects arise from various **k_T -dependent distributions** [Kotzinian; Mulders et al.; ... 1993-98]

SIDIS experiments with **transversely polarized targets** (p^\uparrow , D^\uparrow) [HERMES, COMPASS]

Transverse spin phenomena: where we stand

Transverse single-spin asymmetries well established and sizable

This is a highly non-trivial result:

- Initial-state interactions generate unsuppressed spin asymmetries
- Final-state interactions do not wash out spin effects

First extractions of Sivers function and transversity from data

Transverse spin phenomena: where we are going

For a truly global analysis of transverse spin data we need:

- **Many observables** (i.e., a large variety of processes and targets) and a **limited set of distribution functions** to be fitted (h_1 , f_{1T}^\perp , h_1^\perp , H_1^\perp)
→ Warning: any experimental preanalysis should be consistent with subsequent fits
- A **general theoretical framework**, comprising:
 - A choice of functional forms for the x and k_T -dependence: e.g. $x^\alpha(1-x)^\beta$ and Gaussians in k_T
 - Physical constraints (positivity, Soffer bound, ...)
 - A number of model assumptions (relation between h_1 and g_1 , large- N_c expectations, lattice results, ...), to be progressively reduced
 - Q^2 evolution of distributions and full theoretical understanding of processes

The three main distribution functions related to transverse spin

- Transversity distribution $h_1(x)$
- Sivers distribution $f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2)$
- Boer–Mulders distribution $h_1^\perp(x, k_T^2)$

Related quantity (couples to h_1): Collins fragmentation function $H_1^\perp(z, P_T^2)$

Transversity: a summary

Transversely polarized quarks ($\uparrow\downarrow$) in a transversely polarized proton (\uparrow):

$$h_1(x) = q_\uparrow(x) - q_\downarrow(x) \quad [\text{also called } \Delta_T q(x)]$$

Field-theoretical definition:

$$h_1(x) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^+ \gamma_\perp \gamma_5 \psi(\xi) | P, S \rangle \Big|_{\xi^+ = \vec{\xi}_\perp = 0}$$

Tensor charge: first moment of $h_1 - \bar{h}_1$

$$\langle P, S | \bar{\psi}_q(0) i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \psi_q(0) | P, S \rangle = 2 \delta q S^{[\mu} P^{\nu]}, \quad \delta q = \int_0^1 dx [h_1^q(x) - \bar{h}_1^q(x)]$$

Leading twist: unsuppressed by powers of $1/Q$

Chirally odd: non diagonal in helicity basis

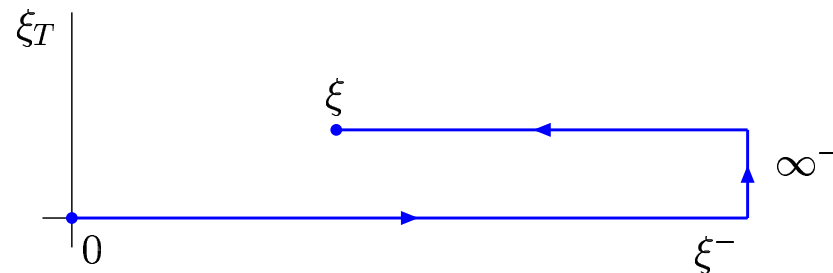
Non-singlet evolution: **no gluonic transversity**

Soffer inequality: $|h_1(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2} [f_1(x) + g_1(x)]$

k_T -dependent distributions

$$\mathcal{P}_{q/p}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{\xi}_T}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ixP^+\xi^- - i\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}_T} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(\xi) \gamma^+ W(0, \xi) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

Wilson line $W_C = \text{P exp} \left[-ig \int_C A(x) \cdot dx \right]$: path C depends on the process



$$\text{SIDIS : } W(0, \xi) = W(0^-, 0_T; \infty^-, 0_T) W(\infty^-, 0_T; \infty^-, \xi_T) W(\infty^-, \xi_T; \xi^-, \xi_T)$$

In light-cone gauge the potential at ∞^- does not vanish [Belitsky, Ji & Yuan 2003]

The “T-odd” couple: f_{1T}^\perp and h_1^\perp

Transverse spin naturally couples to **transverse momenta**. Many possible correlations between \mathbf{k}_T , \mathbf{S}_T and \mathbf{S}_{qT} giving rise to single-spin asymmetries.

f_{1T}^\perp and h_1^\perp measure the correlations: $(\hat{\mathbf{P}} \times \mathbf{k}_T) \cdot \mathbf{S}_T$ and $(\hat{\mathbf{P}} \times \mathbf{k}_T) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{qT}$

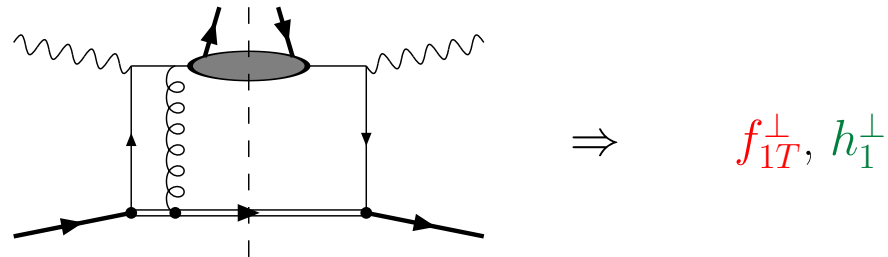
Sivers distribution function: azimuthal asymmetry of unpolarized quarks inside a transversely polarized proton

$$\mathcal{P}_{q/p\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) - \mathcal{P}_{q/p\uparrow}(x, -\mathbf{k}_T) = \frac{(\mathbf{k}_T \times \hat{\mathbf{P}}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M} f_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$$

Boer-Mulders distribution function: spin asymmetry of transversely polarized quarks inside an unpolarized proton

$$\mathcal{P}_{q\uparrow/p}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) - \mathcal{P}_{q\downarrow/p}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) = \frac{(\mathbf{k}_T \times \hat{\mathbf{P}}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{qT}}{M} h_1^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$$

An explicit calculation [Brodsky, Hwang & Schmidt 2002] shows that f_{1T}^\perp and h_1^\perp are generated by gluon exchange between the struck quark and the spectator:



Time reversal invariance implies [Collins 2002]

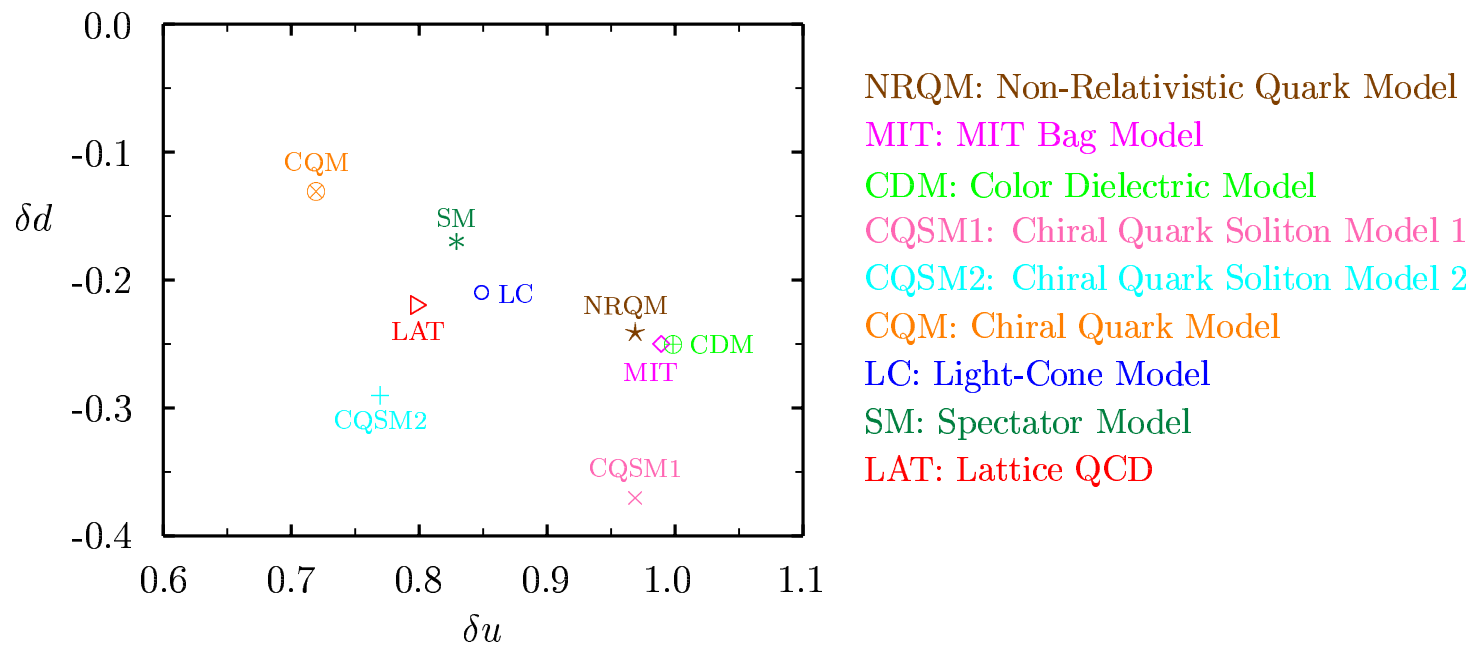
$$f_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)_{\text{SIDIS}} = -f_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)_{\text{DY}}, \quad h_1^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)_{\text{SIDIS}} = -h_1^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)_{\text{DY}}$$

Can be checked by comparing **SIDIS** to **single-polarized DY**

What we know about transversity

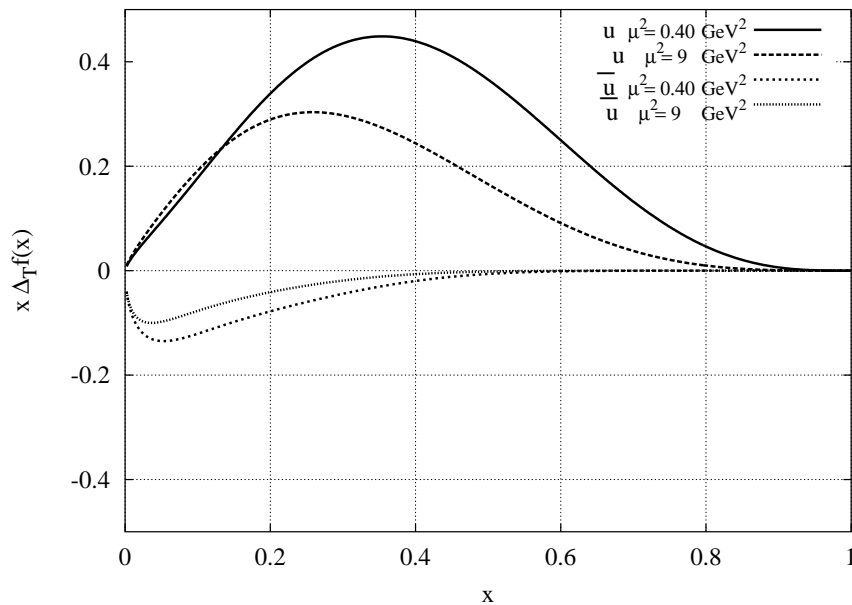
- Models show that $h_1 \simeq g_1$ at very low scales (< 1 GeV)
 - In NRQM, $h_1 = g_1$ exactly. In relativistic models the difference is due to lower components of wf's: h_1 measures relativistic effects
- Sign and magnitude of antiquark distributions more uncertain
(But even for helicity densities the situation is unsettled)
- QCD evolution of h_1 known up to NLO
 - No mixing with gluons
 - Tensor charges decrease with Q^2
 - Evolution of h_1 different from that of g_1 especially at low x
- First extraction of h_1 (in combination with H_1^\perp) from a fit to HERMES, COMPASS, BELLE data [Anselmino et al. 2006]

Tensor charges in various models

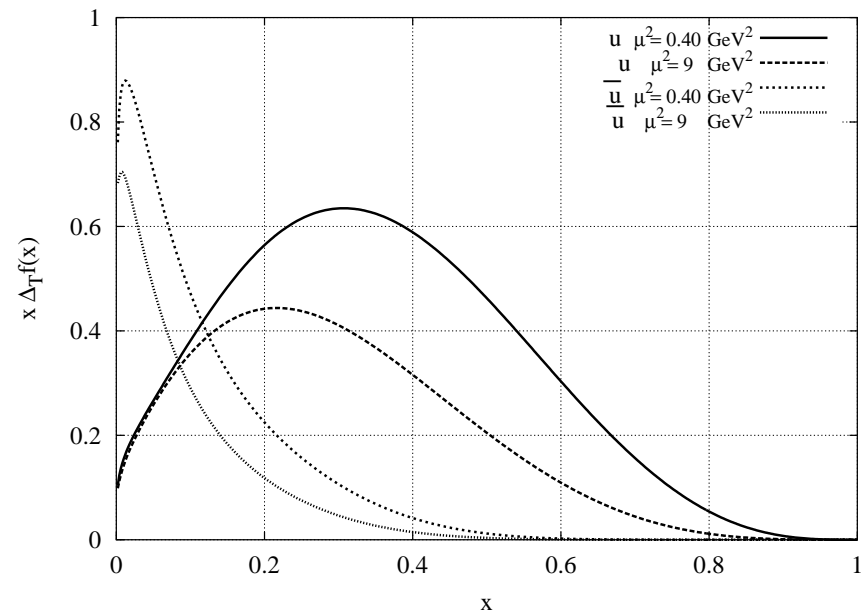


$$\delta u \sim 0.7 - 1.0, \quad \delta d \sim -(0.1 - 0.4) \quad \text{at } Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Using the GRV parametrizations of pdf's to model transversity



$$h_1 = g_1 \text{ at } Q_0^2 = 0.40 \text{ GeV}^2$$



$$h_1 = \frac{1}{2}(f_1 + g_1) \text{ at } Q_0^2 = 0.40 \text{ GeV}^2$$

What we know about the Sivers function

- **Spectator models**: simplest way to construct f_{1T}^\perp , but many free parameters (masses, nucleon-quark-diquark vertices, average transverse momentum)

Problem: $f_{1T}^{\perp d}$ comes out too small (compared to data)

- **Large- N_c prediction**: isoscalar f_{1T}^\perp suppressed

$$f_{1T}^{\perp u} \simeq -f_{1T}^{\perp d}$$

- Transverse distortion of pdf's in **impact parameter space** [Burkardt]

Sivers function opposite in sign to the anomalous magnetic moment

$$f_{1T}^{\perp u} < 0, f_{1T}^{\perp d} > 0 \quad (\text{confirmed by data})$$

- f_{1T}^\perp can be **extracted** from HERMES and COMPASS single-spin asymmetry measurements

What we know about the Boer–Mulders function

- Only one class of data pertinent to h_1^\perp : NA10 and E615 measurements of $\cos 2\phi$ asymmetry in $\pi^- N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$
- **Spectator models**: $h_1^\perp = f_{1T}^\perp$ if only scalar diquarks are considered.
 k_T -dependence may be adjusted to the Q_T behavior of $\cos 2\phi$ data
- **Large- N_c prediction**: isovector h_1^\perp suppressed

$$h_1^{\perp u} \simeq h_1^{\perp d}$$

- **Burkardt's approach**: h_1^\perp related to the first moment of some GPD's
Lattice results: indication for $h_1^{\perp u} < 0$
- Plausible working hypothesis:

$$h_1^{\perp u} = f_{1T}^{\perp u}, \quad h_1^{\perp d} = -f_{1T}^{\perp d}$$

The explored territory

Pion leptonproduction from a transversely polarized target:

$$e p^\uparrow (D^\uparrow) \rightarrow e' \pi X$$

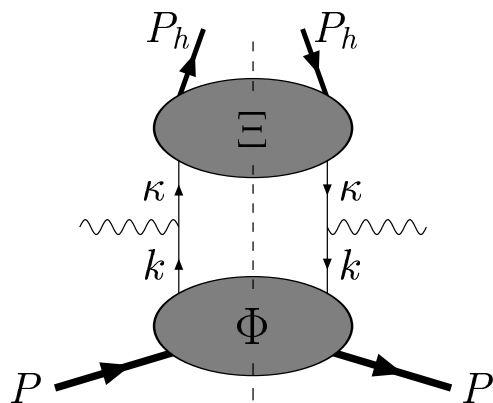
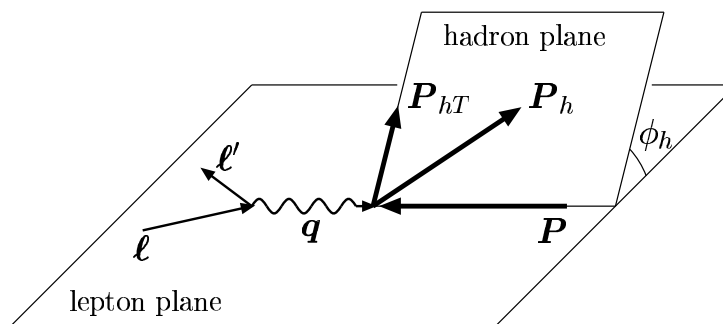
Collins and Sivers effects with different angular distributions

Another explored land: $p p^\uparrow \rightarrow h X$

Large SSA's, but theoretically complicated and unclear

Semi-inclusive DIS with a transversely polarized target

$$e p^\uparrow \rightarrow e' h X$$



$$W^{\mu\nu} \sim \text{Tr} [\Phi \gamma^\mu \Xi \gamma^\nu]$$

Ξ fragmentation matrix

Two sources of single-spin transverse asymmetries:

- azimuthal asymmetry of unpolarized quarks inside the transversely polarized proton (Sivers effect) [f_1 couples to f_{1T}^\perp]
- spin asymmetry of transversely polarized quarks fragmenting into an unpolarized hadron (Collins effect) [h_1 couples to H_1^\perp]

Collins fragmentation function:

$$\mathcal{N}_{h/q\uparrow}(z, \mathbf{P}_{hT}) - \mathcal{N}_{h/q\downarrow}(z, \mathbf{P}_{hT}) = \frac{(\hat{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}_T \times \mathbf{P}_{hT}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{qT}}{zM_h} H_1^\perp(z, \mathbf{P}_{hT}^2)$$

Transversely polarized pion leptonproduction cross section:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma_{UT} \quad \sim \quad & A(y) \mathcal{I} \left[\frac{\boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT}}{M_h} h_1^a H_1^{\perp a} \right] \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \quad \text{Collins} \\
 & + B(y) \mathcal{I} \left[\frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT}}{M_h} f_{1T}^{\perp a} D_1^a \right] \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \quad \text{Sivers} \\
 & + \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S) \quad \text{term}
 \end{aligned}$$

Convolutions defined as:

$$\mathcal{I}[f D] \equiv \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \int d^2 \boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{P}_{hT}/z - \boldsymbol{\kappa}_T) f(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) D(z, \boldsymbol{\kappa}_T^2)$$

Assuming Gaussian dependence on transverse momenta, $\mathcal{I}[f D] \propto f D$

Angular distributions disentangled by taking azimuthal moments, e.g.:

$$\langle \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \rangle \equiv \frac{\int d\phi_h d\phi_S \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) [d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S) - d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S + \pi)]}{\int d\phi_h d\phi_S [d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S) + d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S + \pi)]}$$

Collins asymmetries

Transversity couples to Collins function:

$$A_T^{\pi^+}(p) \sim 4 h_1^u H_1^{\perp \text{fav}} + h_1^d H_1^{\perp \text{unf}}$$

$$A_T^{\pi^-}(p) \sim 4 h_1^u H_1^{\perp \text{unf}} + h_1^d H_1^{\perp \text{fav}}$$

Indications from data:

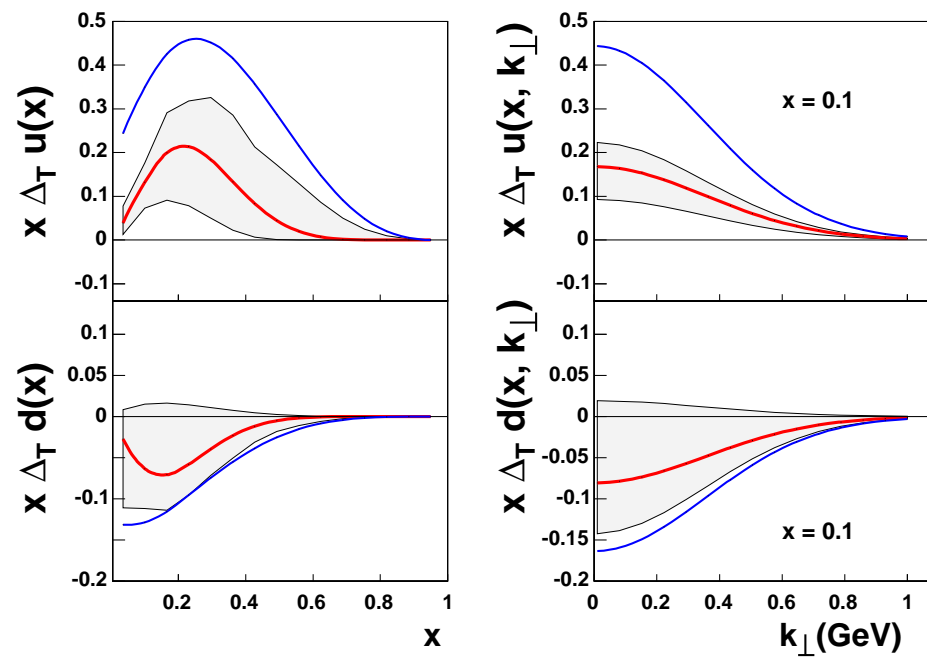
- h_1^u positive, h_1^d negative
- Large unfavored Collins functions (with $H_1^{\perp \text{fav}}$ negative)

Independent information on H_1^{\perp} :

e^+e^- data at b -factories: direct measurement of H_1^{\perp} [Belle]

Transversity from a fit to HERMES, COMPASS and BELLE data

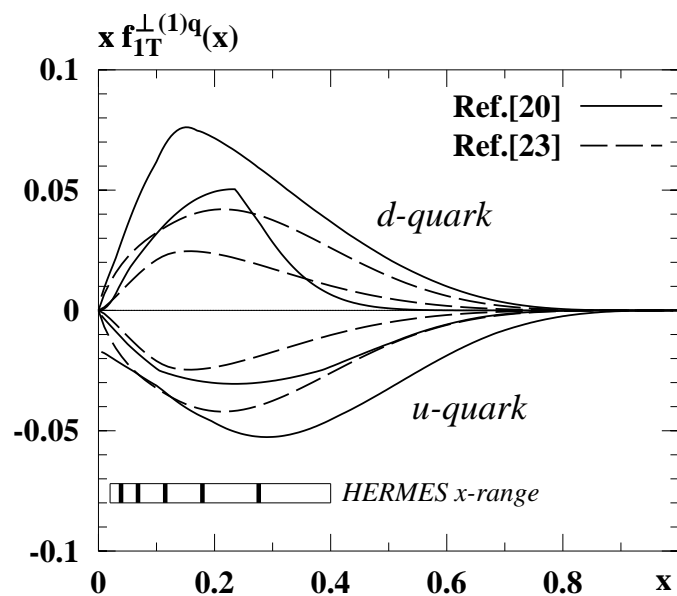
[Anselmino et al. 2007, see Prokudin's talk]



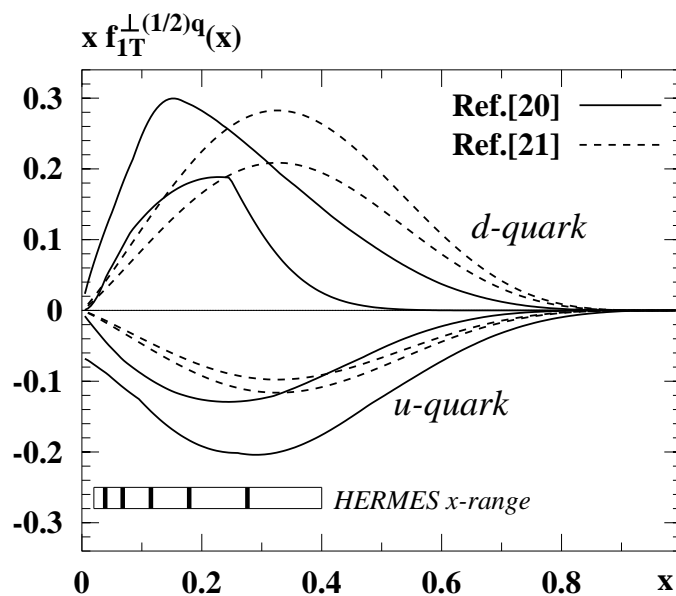
Transversity parametrized as $h_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} N x^{\alpha} (1-x)^{\beta} [f_1(x) + g_1(x)]$

Central values much below the Soffer bound

Sivers function from fits to HERMES and COMPASS data



[Anselmino et al.] vs. [Collins et al.]



[Anselmino et al.] vs. [Vogelsang & Yuan]

$$f_{1T}^{\perp}(x, k_T^2) = N x^a (1-x)^b \frac{M M_0}{k_T^2 + M_0^2} f_1(x, k_T^2)$$

Gaussian k_T dependence with $\langle k_T^2 \rangle = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$

On the edge of the explored territory

Neutron target: $e n^\uparrow \rightarrow e' \pi X$

Other occurrences of transversity in polarized SIDIS

Azimuthal asymmetries in unpolarized SIDIS

Transversely polarized neutron target [JLab exp. E03-004]

Kinematics: $x = 0.19 - 0.34$, $Q^2 = 1.7 - 2.7 \text{ GeV}^2$

Collins asymmetries:

$$A_T^{\pi^+}(n) \sim 4 h_1^d H_1^{\perp \text{fav}} + h_1^u H_1^{\perp \text{unf}}$$

$$A_T^{\pi^-}(n) \sim 4 h_1^d H_1^{\perp \text{unf}} + h_1^u H_1^{\perp \text{fav}}$$

Combining p and n , π^+ and π^- one can disentangle h_1^u , h_1^d , $H_1^{\perp \text{fav}}$ and $H_1^{\perp \text{unf}}$

Other transverse spin observables in $e^{(\rightarrow)} p^{\uparrow(\rightarrow)} \rightarrow e' \pi X$

P_{hT} distributions:

- Unpolarized lepton beam: $d\sigma_{UL} \sim h_{1L}^{\perp} \otimes H_1^{\perp} \sin 2\phi_h$
Collins effect with longitudinally polarized target
- Longitudinally polarized lepton beam: $d\sigma_{LT} \sim g_{1T} \otimes H_1^{\perp} \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)$
Longitudinally polarized quarks inside a transversely polarized hadron

Integrated cross-sections (at twist 3):

- Unpolarized lepton beam: $d\sigma_{UT} \sim h_1(x) \tilde{H}(z) \sin \phi_S$
 h_1 couples to the twist-3 fragmentation function \tilde{H}
- Longitudinally polarized lepton beam: $d\sigma_{LT} \sim h_1(x) \tilde{E}(z) \sin \phi_S$
 h_1 couples to the twist-3 fragmentation function \tilde{E}

The distributions g_{1T} and h_{1L}^\perp are related to g_1 and h_1 , respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{g_{1T}^{(1)}(x)}{x} &= \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} g_1(y) - \frac{m}{M} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y^2} h_1(x) - \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \tilde{g}_T(x) \\ \frac{h_{1L}^{\perp(1)}(x)}{x^2} &= - \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} h_1(y) + \frac{m}{M} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y^3} g_1(x) + \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y^2} \tilde{h}_L(x)\end{aligned}$$

Neglecting quark mass terms and twist-3 contributions (related to quark-gluon correlators) we get **Wandzura-Wilczek**-type relations

Azimuthal asymmetries in unpolarized SIDIS

The Boer-Mulders function h_1^\perp produces azimuthal asymmetries in unpolarized processes

Observed $\cos 2\phi_h$ asymmetries in πN Drell-Yan (NA10) and in SIDIS (EMC, ZEUS) at large Q^2

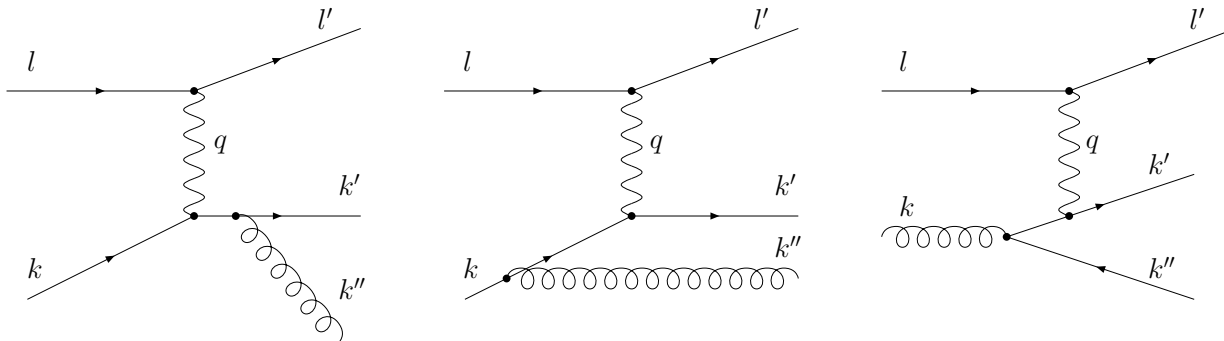
Sources of $\cos 2\phi_h$ asymmetries in SIDIS:

- Non-collinear kinematics (Cahn effect, twist 3)
- Boer-Mulders mechanism (leading twist)
- Perturbative gluon radiation

Cahn + Boer–Mulders effects:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma|_{\cos 2\phi} \sim & \mathcal{I} \left[\frac{2(\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT})^2 - \mathbf{k}_T^2}{Q^2} f_1 D_1 \right] \cos 2\phi_h \\
 & + \mathcal{I} \left[\frac{2(\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT})(\boldsymbol{\kappa}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT}) - \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \boldsymbol{\kappa}_T}{zM M_h} h_1^\perp H_1^\perp \right] \cos 2\phi_h
 \end{aligned}$$

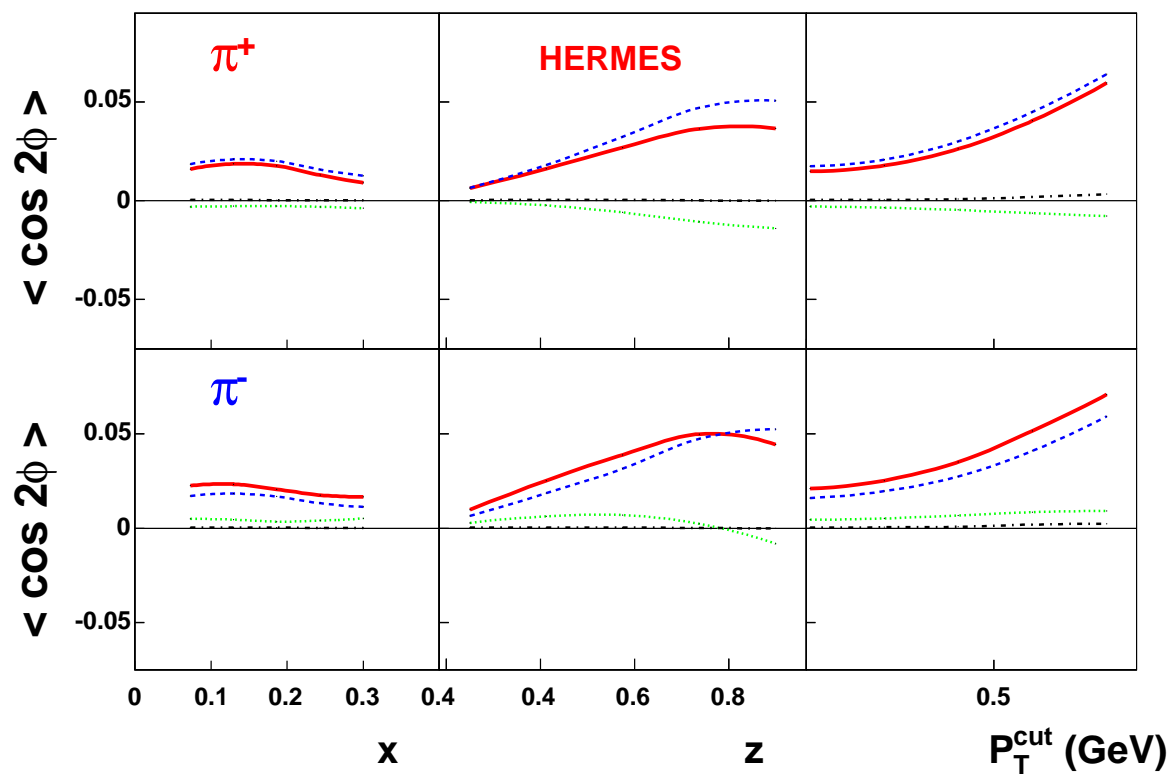
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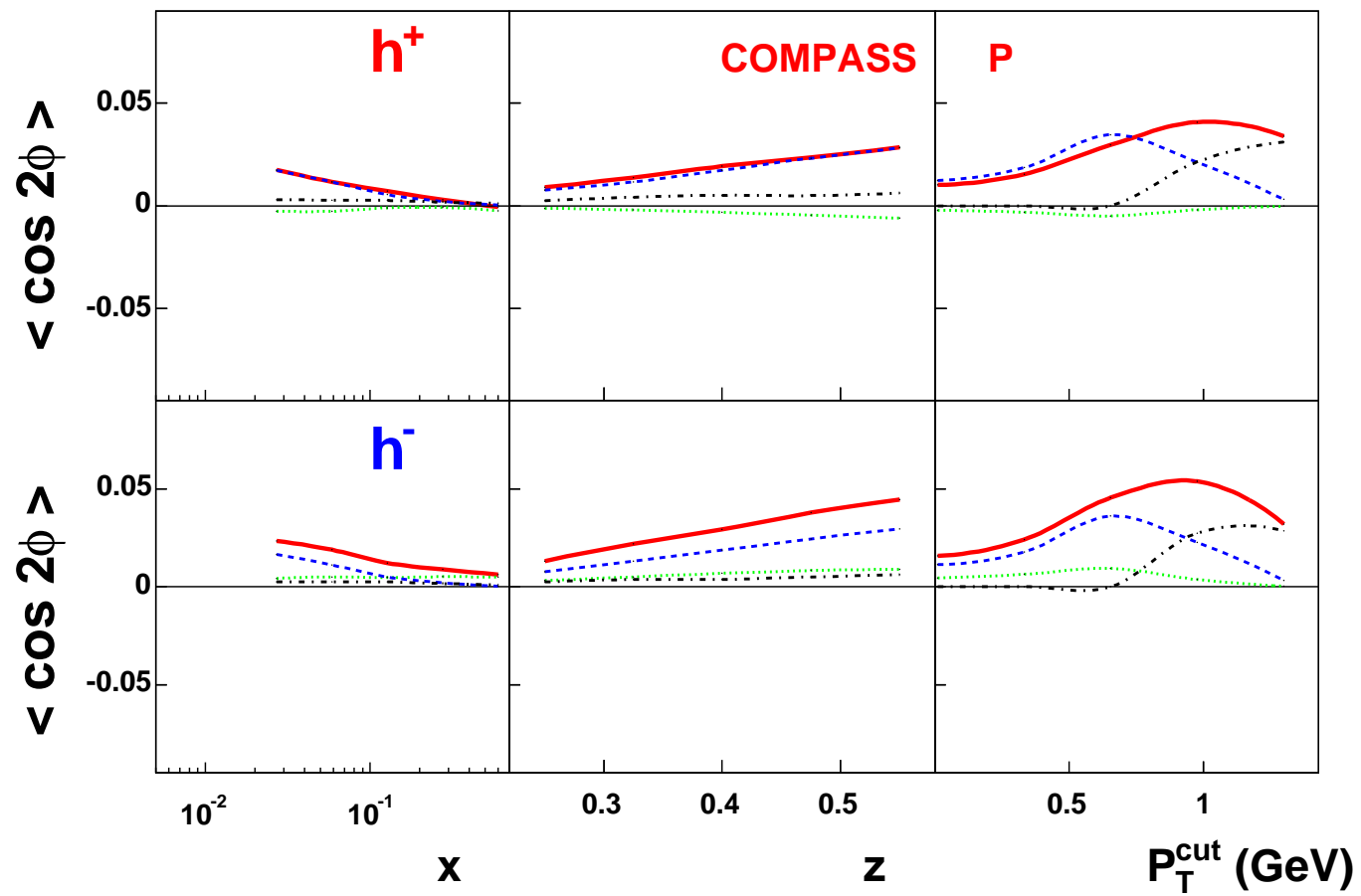
Predictions for $\cos 2\phi$ asymmetry in SIDIS

[VB, Ma, Prokudin 2007]

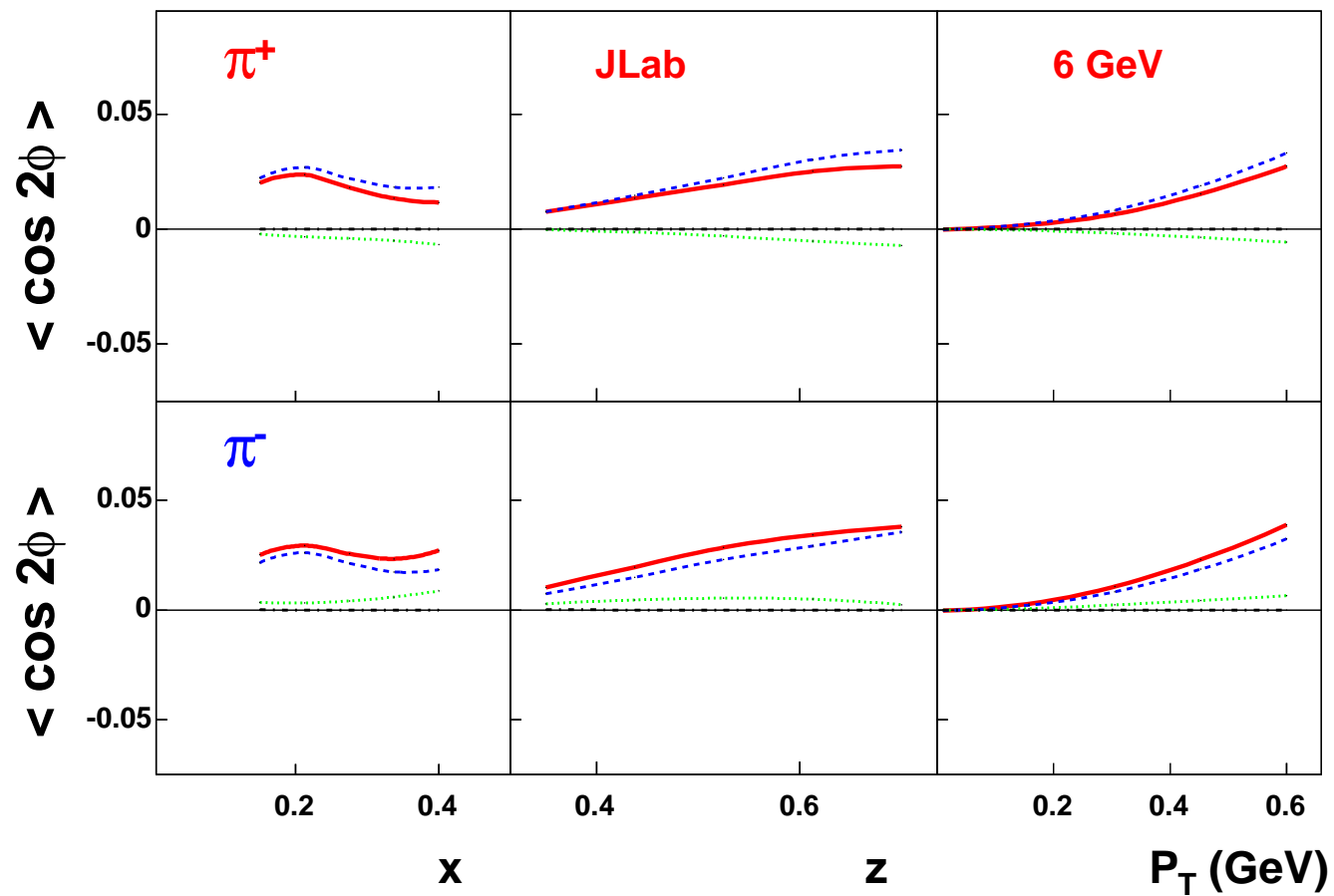
Assume $h_1^{\perp u} = f_{1T}^{\perp u}$, $h_1^{\perp d} = -f_{1T}^{\perp d}$, with f_{1T}^{\perp} and H_1^{\perp} from fits to data



$$\text{Full} = \text{Cahn (HT)} + \text{Boer-Mulders} + \text{NLO QCD}$$

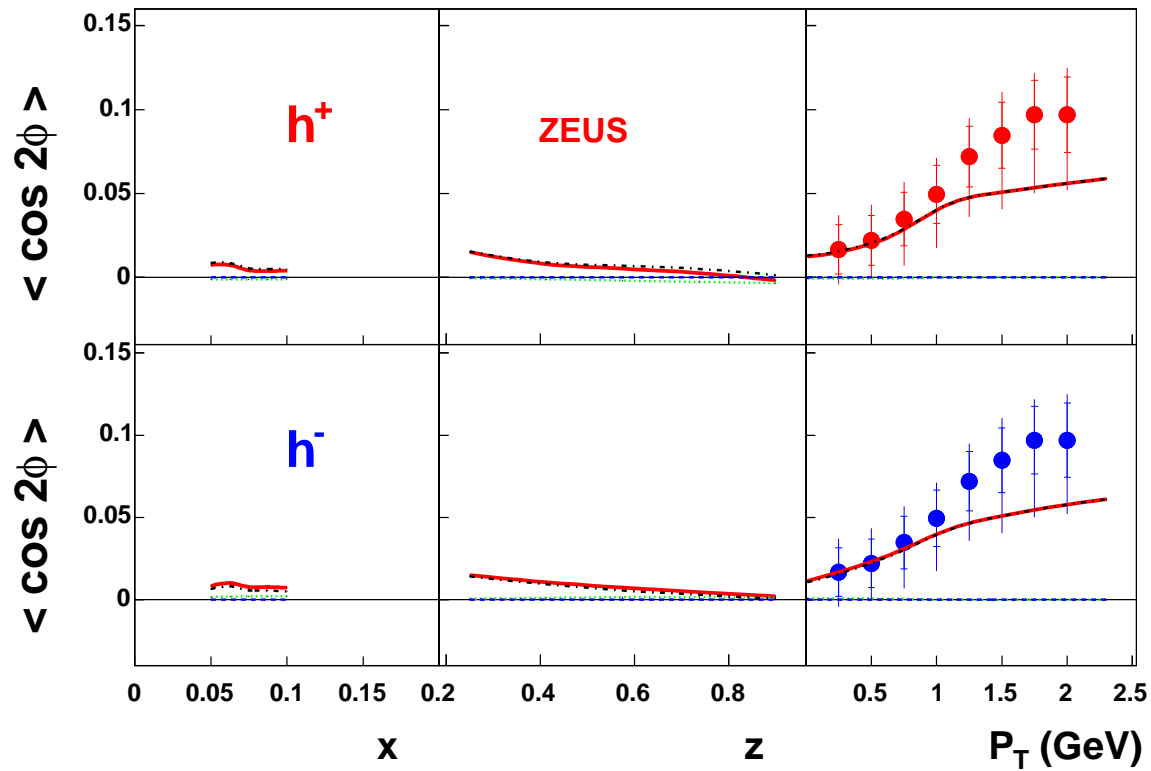


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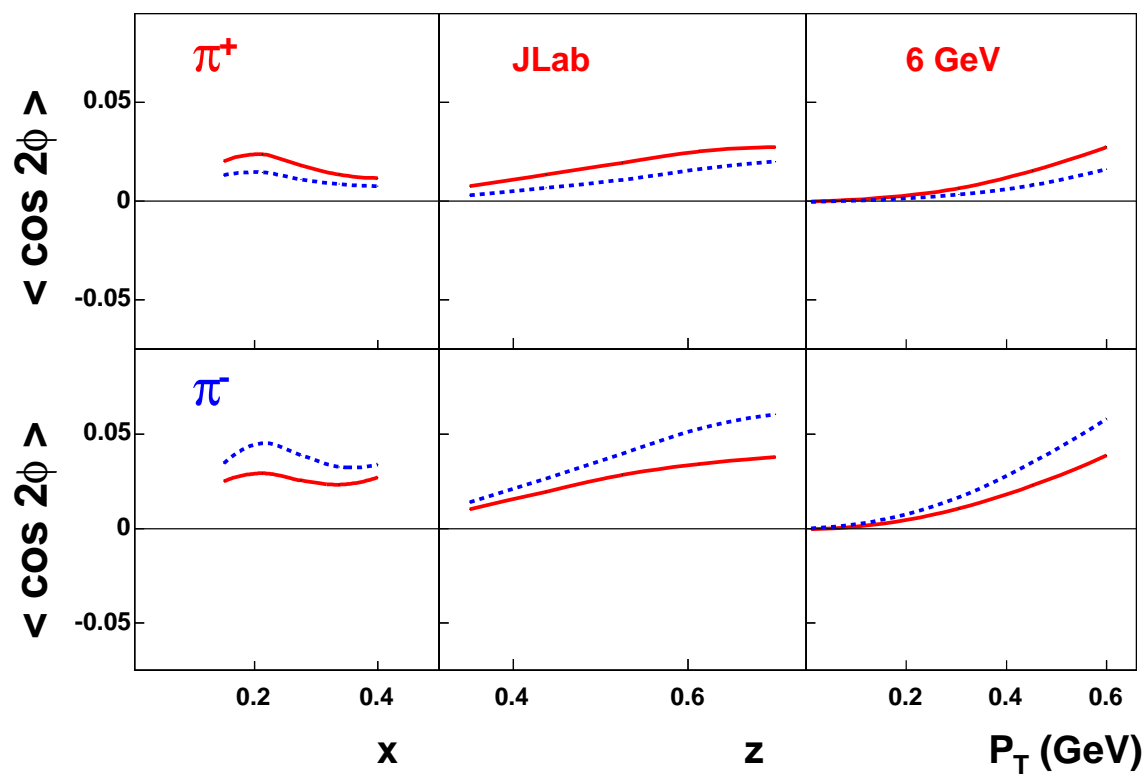
$\cos 2\phi$ asymmetry at large Q^2 (theory vs. ZEUS data)



Fully perturbative effect

Two different assumptions for the sign of $h_1^{\perp d}$:

$$h_1^{\perp d} = -f_{1T}^{\perp d} < 0 \text{ vs. } h_1^{\perp d} = f_{1T}^{\perp d} > 0$$



Comparison of π^+ and π^- asymmetries can give information on the sign of $h_1^{\perp d}$

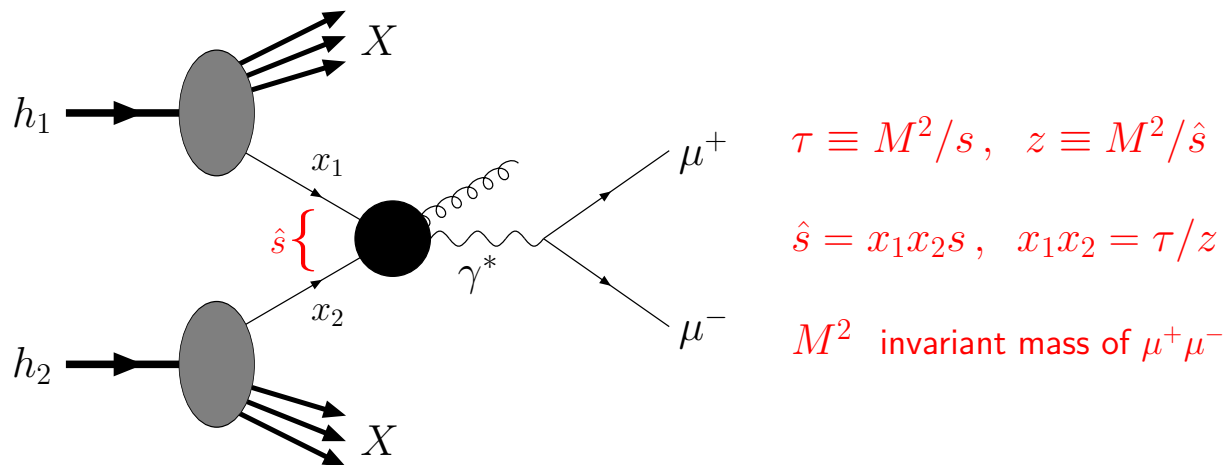
The unexplored territory

Transverse spin effects in Drell–Yan processes at moderate energies

$$\bar{p}^{\uparrow} p^{\uparrow}, p^{\uparrow} p^{\uparrow}, \bar{p} p^{\uparrow}, p p^{\uparrow}, \pi p^{\uparrow}, \bar{p} p, p p, \pi p$$

Drell-Yan dilepton production

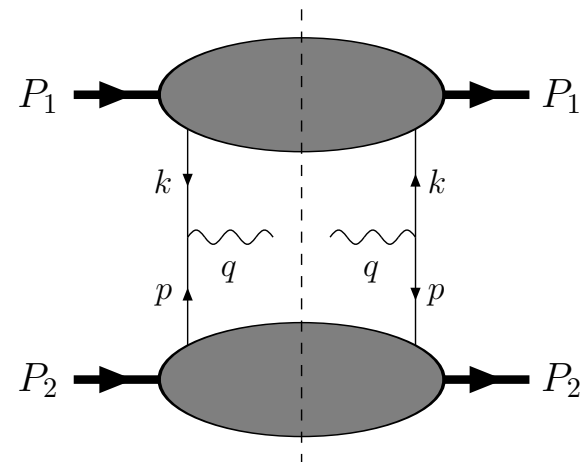
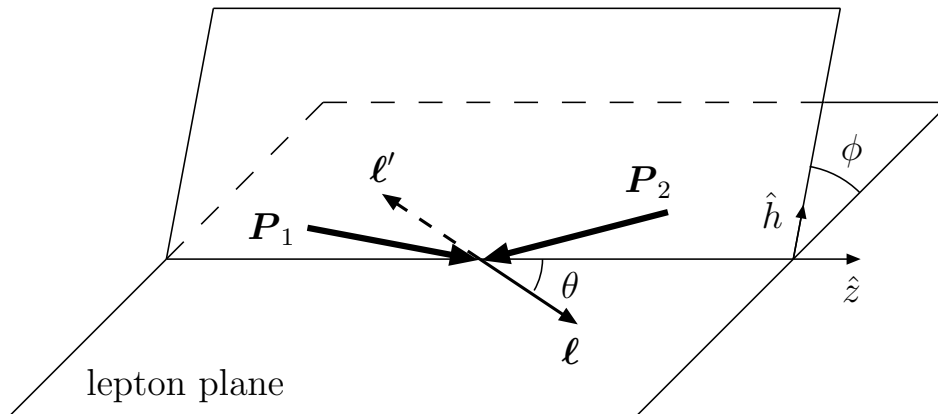
$$h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + X$$



At leading order: $q\bar{q}$ annihilation

$$z = 1, \quad x_1 x_2 = \frac{M^2}{s}, \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{x_1}{x_2} \text{ (rapidity)}$$

Geometry and Kinematics of DY



Collins–Soper frame:

ϕ angle between lepton and hadron plane, \mathbf{q}_T transverse momentum of virtual photon

Relation between transverse momenta: $\mathbf{p}_T + \mathbf{k}_T = \mathbf{q}_T$

GSI-HESR ($\bar{p}p$):

Collider: \bar{p} beam 15 GeV, p beam 3.5 GeV, $s = 4E_p E_{\bar{p}} = 200 \text{ GeV}^2$

Fixed target: \bar{p} beam 15-40 GeV, $s = 2ME_{\bar{p}} = 30\text{-}80 \text{ GeV}^2$

COMPASS (πp): π beam 50-100 GeV, $s = 100\text{-}200 \text{ GeV}^2$

J-PARC (pp): p beam 50 GeV, $s = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$

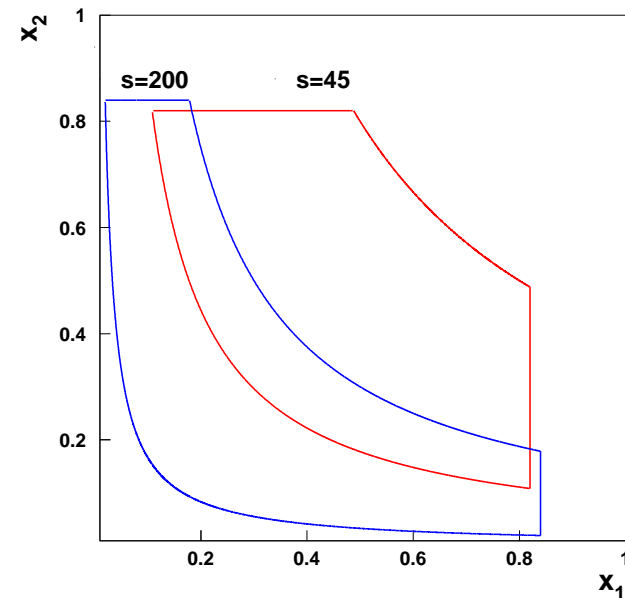
Correlations between x_1, x_2, M^2, s

$s = 45 \text{ GeV}^2, 2 \text{ GeV} \leq M \leq 4 \text{ GeV}$

$s = 200 \text{ GeV}^2, 2 \text{ GeV} \leq M \leq 6 \text{ GeV}$

M must be large enough to apply pQCD

But production rates fall off rapidly with M



Processes and observables

Double polarization ($\bar{p}^\uparrow p^\uparrow, p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy d\phi} \sim h_1(x_1) h_1(x_2) \cos 2(\phi - \phi_{S_1} - \phi_{S_2})$$

Single polarization ($\bar{p}p^\uparrow, pp^\uparrow, \pi p^\uparrow$)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy d^2\mathbf{q}_T d\phi} \sim f_1(x_1, k_T^2) f_{1T}^\perp(x_2, k_T^2) \sin(\phi - \phi_S) + h_1^\perp(x_1, k_T^2) h_1(x_2, k_T^2) \sin(\phi + \phi_S)$$

No polarization ($\bar{p}p, pp, \pi p$)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy d^2\mathbf{q}_T d\phi} \sim h_1^\perp(x_1, k_T^2) h_1^\perp(x_2, k_T^2) \cos 2\phi$$

Doubly polarized DY production

Double transverse asymmetry : $A_{TT}^{DY} = \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}}$

At leading order the hard subprocess is $q\bar{q}$ annihilation:

$$A_{TT}^{DY} \sim \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 h_{1q}(x_1, M^2) \bar{h}_{1q}(x_2, M^2) + [1 \leftrightarrow 2]}{\sum_q e_q^2 f_{1q}(x_1, M^2) \bar{f}_{1q}(x_2, M^2) + [1 \leftrightarrow 2]}$$

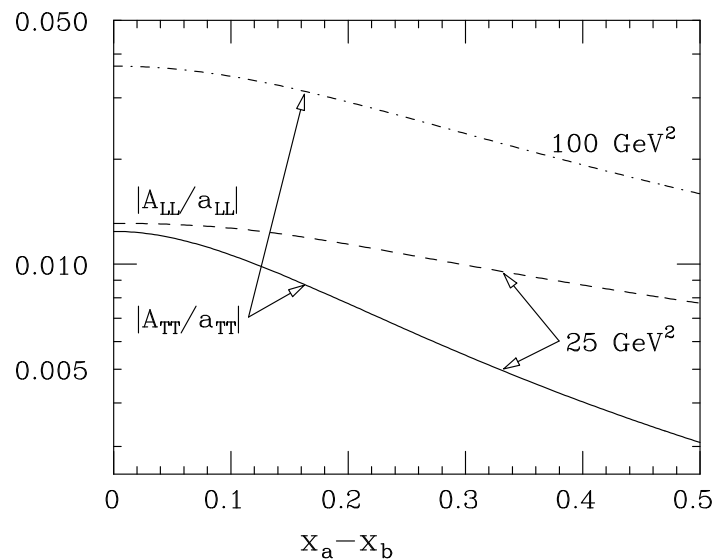
The asymmetry is completely determined by transversity

Predictions for $A_{TT}^{DY}(pp)$ at RHIC

LO at $\sqrt{s} = 100$ GeV

$h_1 = g_1$ at $Q_0^2 = 0.23 \text{ GeV}^2$

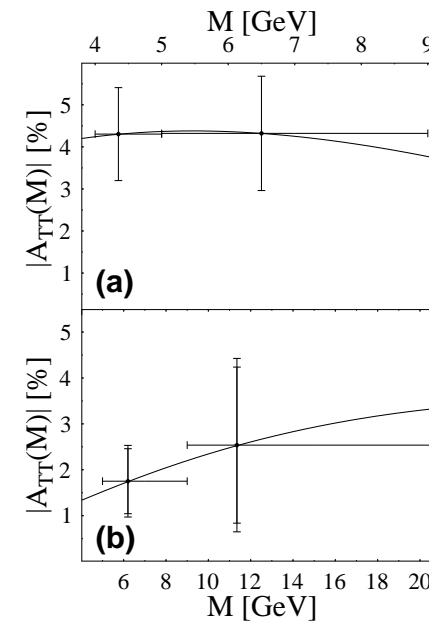
[VB, Calarco & Drago 1997]



NLO at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV

Soffer bound saturated at Q_0

[Martin et al. 1998]



At RHIC energies $A_{TT}^{DY}(pp)$ is expected to be small: $\sim 2 - 3\%$

Why RHIC transverse asymmetries are small:

- $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$, $M < 10 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 = M^2/s < 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$:
low- x region is probed
- Sea transversity distributions are small. The evolution of transversity is suppressed at low x

Two ways to improve the situation [VB, Calarco & Drago 1997]:

- Moderate energies: with $s \sim 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $M > 4 \text{ GeV}$, one has $x_1 x_2 > 0.15$ (intermediate- x region)
- Proton–antiproton scattering probes valence \times valence

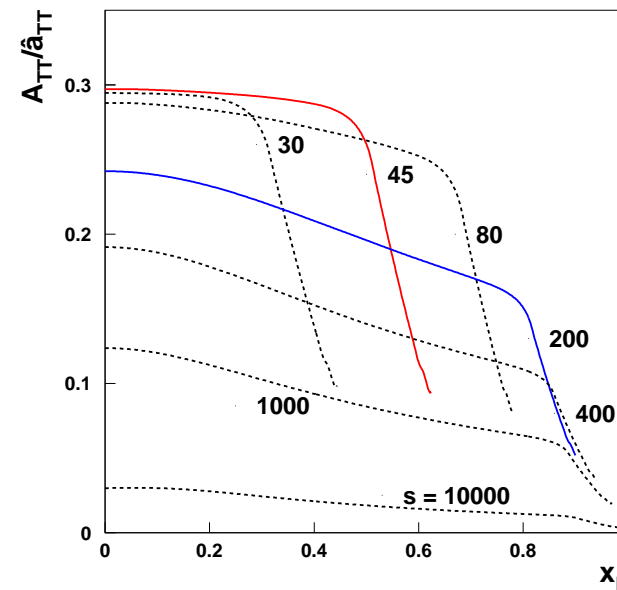
PAX: polarized \bar{p} colliding on polarized p at GSI-HESR [PAX, [hep-ex/0505054](#)]

$$s = 45, 200 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad M > 2 \text{ GeV}, \quad \mathcal{L} > 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

A_{TT} turns out to be large, of order 0.3

LO calculation ($M = 4 \text{ GeV}$) \Rightarrow

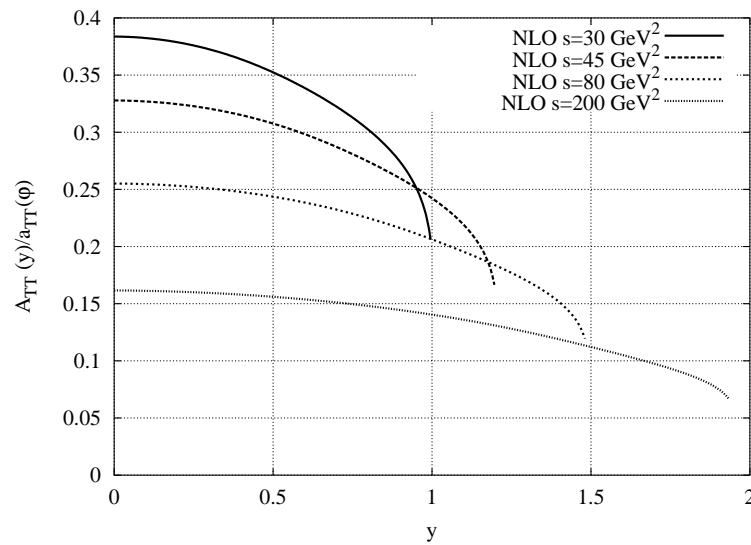
[Anselmino, VB, Drago, Nikolaev 2004]



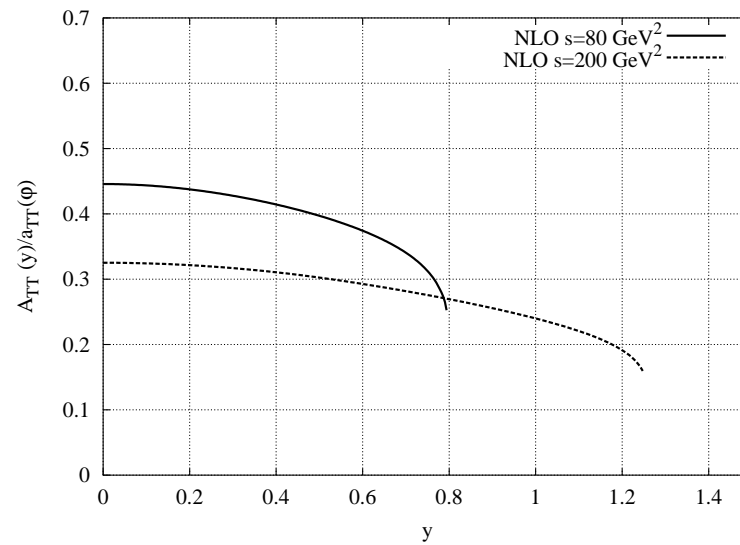
For $p^\uparrow p^\uparrow$ DY at J-PARC asymmetries are expected to be smaller, but still sizable (~ 0.15 - 0.2). Important information on signs of antiquark distributions

NLO predictions of $A_{TT}^{DY}(\bar{p}p)$

[VB et al. 2005]



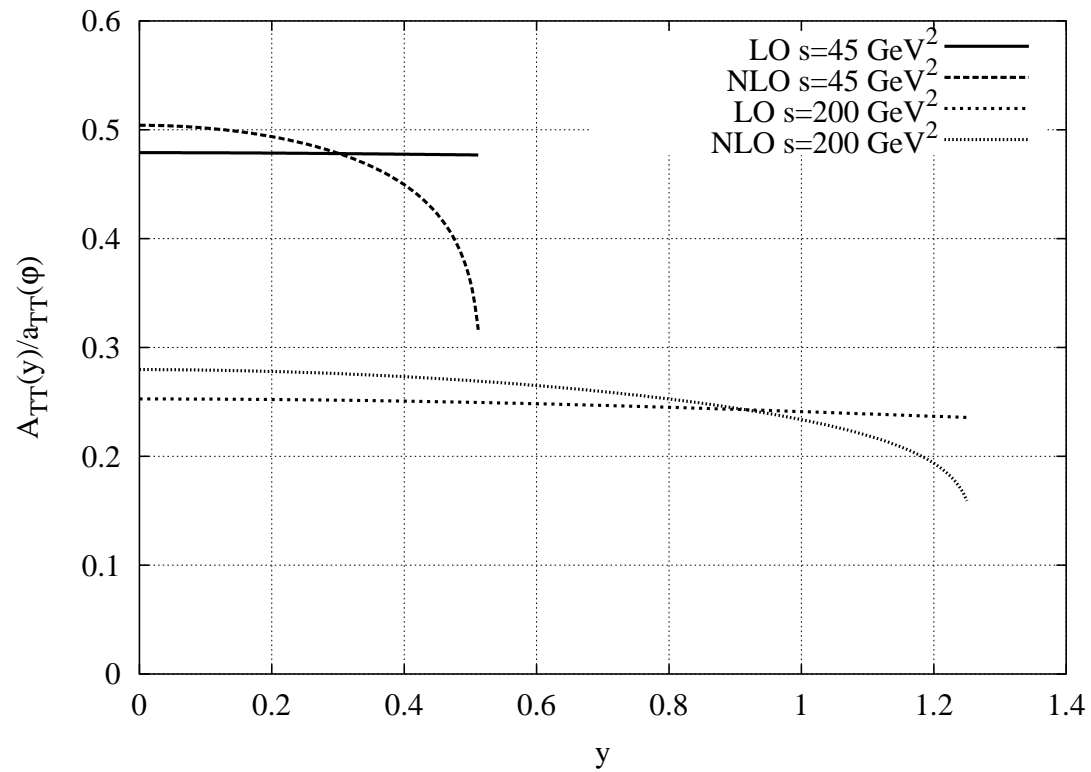
M integrated from 2 to 3 GeV



M integrated from 4 to 7 GeV

Soft-gluon resummation modifies the results by 10 % only [Shimizu et al. 2005]

Leading order vs. Next-to-leading order



Perturbative corrections to the cross sections largely cancel in the ratio. Asymmetries are almost unaffected

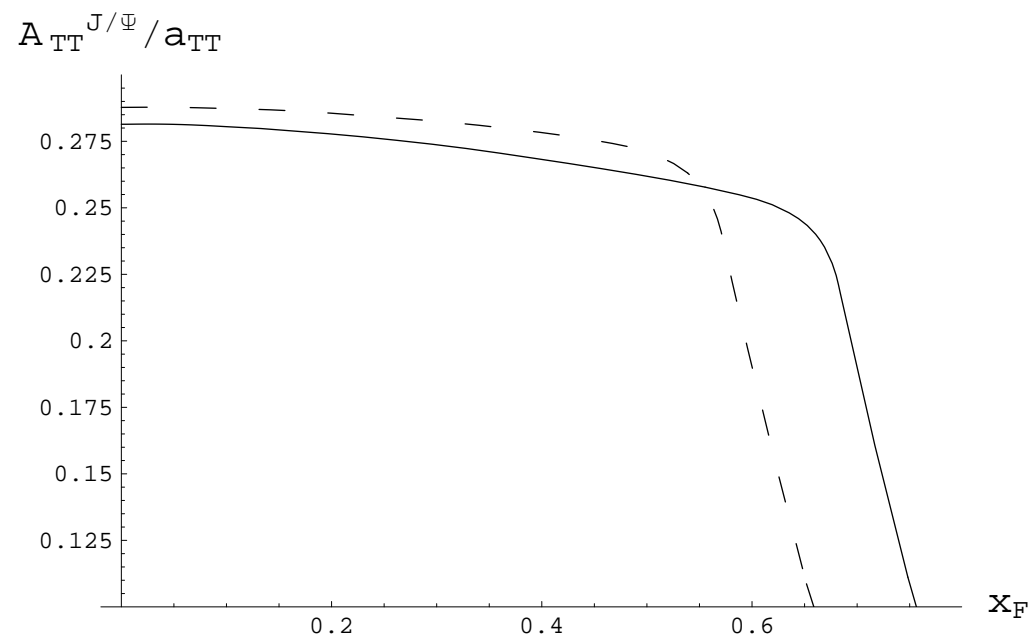
Double transverse DY asymmetries are large, but production rates fall down rapidly for $M > 3$ GeV

$\Rightarrow J/\psi$ production [Anselmino, VB, Drago, Nikolaev 2004]

- Comparison of J/ψ production in $\bar{p}p$ and pp collisions at $s = 80 \text{ GeV}^2$ (SPS data) shows dominance of $\bar{q}q$ annihilation: $\sigma(\bar{p}p) \gg \sigma(pp)$
- The helicity structure of $q\bar{q}J/\psi$ is the same as $q\bar{q}\gamma^*$
- Since the u sector dominates, the J/ψ coupling factorizes out

$$A_{TT}^{J/\psi} \sim \frac{h_{1u}(x_1, M_\psi^2) h_{1u}(x_2, M_\psi^2)}{f_{1u}(x_1, M_\psi^2) f_{1u}(x_2, M_\psi^2)}$$

[Anselmino, VB, Drago, Nikolaev 2004]



$A_{TT}^{J/\psi} \sim 0.3$ (similar results by [Efremov, Goeke & Schweitzer 2004])

Unpolarized DY production

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim 1 + \lambda \cos^2 \theta + \mu \sin 2\theta \cos \phi + \frac{\nu}{2} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi$$

NA10 and E615 results for $\pi^- N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$:

ν increasing with Q_T and large (~ 0.2 at $Q_T = 2$ GeV for $E_\pi = 194$ GeV)

Possible explanations:

- Gluon radiation: partonic asymmetry $\hat{\nu} \sim Q_T^2 / (M^2 + 3Q_T^2/2)$
This contribution turns out to be small when pdf's are inserted
- Boer–Mulders mechanism (correlation between transverse spin and transverse momentum of quarks)

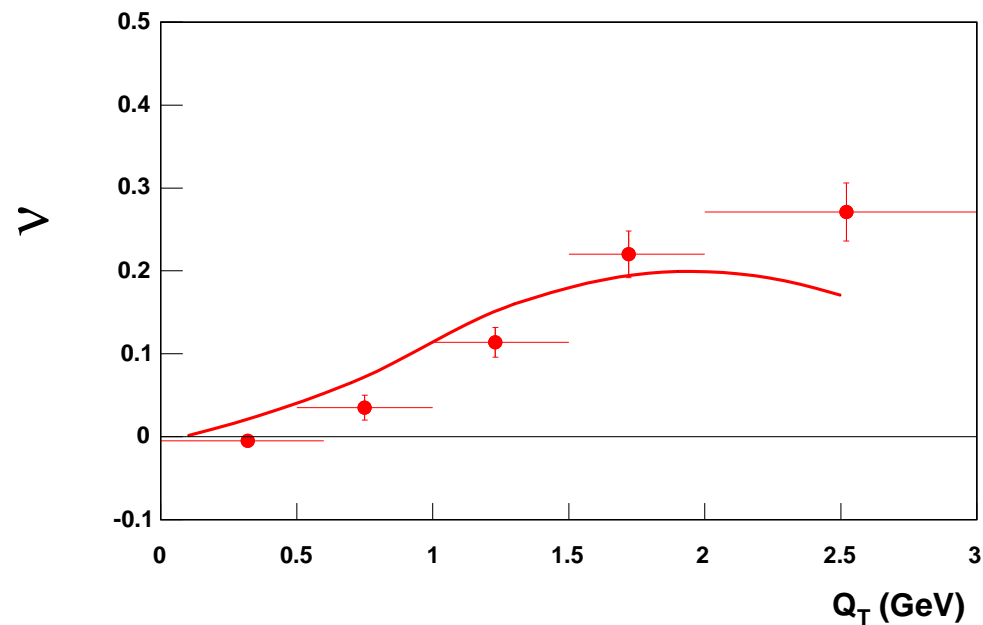
Boer-Mulders effect:

$$\nu \sim \frac{\mathcal{I} \left[(2 \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT} \mathbf{p}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{hT} - \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{p}_T) h_1^\perp \bar{h}_1^\perp \right]}{\mathcal{I} \left[f_1 \bar{f}_1 \right]}$$

Assume $h_1^{\perp u} = f_{1T}^{\perp u}$, with f_{1T}^{\perp} from fits to Sivers asymmetry data, and

$(\bar{h}_1^\perp / \bar{f}_1)_{\pi^-} = (h_1^\perp / f_1)_p$ for u

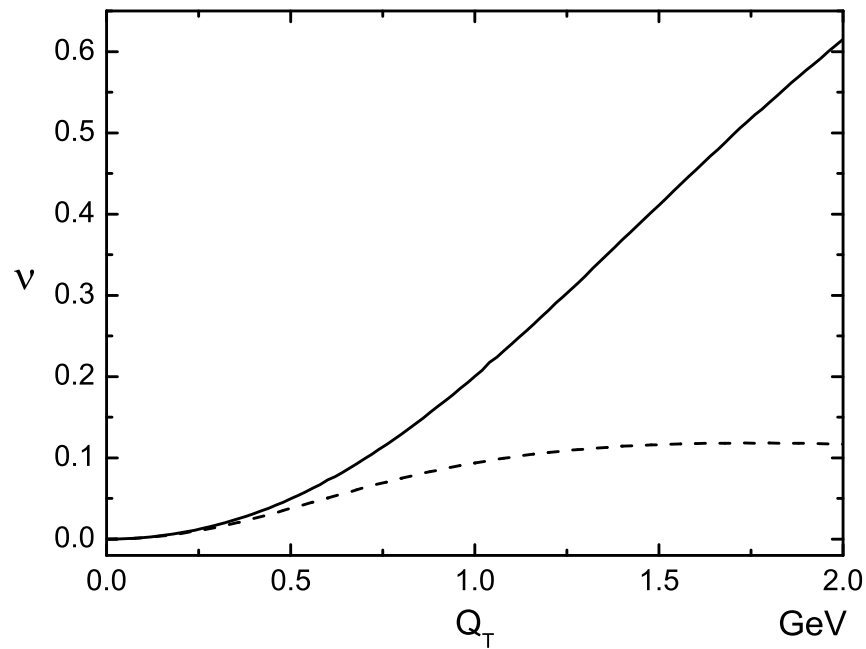
[VB, Prokudin 2007]



Prediction for ν in $\bar{p}p$ Drell-Yan

h_1^\perp from a spectator model adjusted to NA10 data ($\langle k_T^2 \rangle \sim 0.30 \text{ GeV}^2$)

[VB, Lu and Ma 2007]



Solid curve: expectation for $s = 45 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $M^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$

The role of DY processes

- $\bar{p}^\uparrow p^\uparrow \Rightarrow$ valence h_1 , $p^\uparrow p^\uparrow \Rightarrow$ sea h_1
- $\bar{p}p \Rightarrow h_1^\perp$ (Also $\pi p \Rightarrow h_1^\perp$, but involves $h_1^{\perp\pi}$)
- $\bar{p}p^\uparrow, pp^\uparrow, \pi p^\uparrow \Rightarrow f_{1T}^\perp$ via $\sin(\phi - \phi_S)$
- $\bar{p}p^\uparrow \Rightarrow h_1^\perp, h_1$ via $\sin(\phi + \phi_S)$

DY processes explore a wider range of Q^2 compared to SIDIS

Missing theoretical ingredients for a global analysis

- Transverse motion of quarks and higher twists
 - Full understanding of their interplay
 - Systematic phenomenological study of higher twist effects at moderate energies
- Q^2 evolution of k_T -dependent distributions
 - Very little known
 - QCD equations of motion relate k_T moments to twist-3 distributions, whose evolution is known in the large N_c limit [Henneman, Boer, Mulders 2002]

Conclusions

- Transverse single-spin asymmetries are firmly established
- We learned a lot about initial/final-state effects and correlations between transverse spin and transverse motion of quarks
- From the theoretical point of view, transverse spin phenomena are quite well understood, but some aspects (higher twists, QCD evolution, ...) require further study
- Perspectives and goals:
 - Complete theoretical study of processes (perturbative contributions, transverse spin effects, higher twists, ...)
 - SIDIS: increased statistics, extended kinematic ranges (in x and Q^2), more targets and observables
 - New processes: $p\bar{p}$ DY at GSI, pp DY at J-PARC, πp at COMPASS
 - Ultimately: a global analysis of SIDIS, DY, e^+e^- , ...