

The $g_T(x)$ contribution to single spin asymmetry in SIDIS

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Single-Spin Asymmetries

- Collisions involving transversely polarised hadrons - left-right asymmetry in particle production
- Observed in various pp and ep processes since the 70s

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

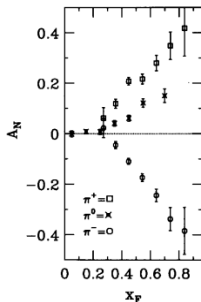
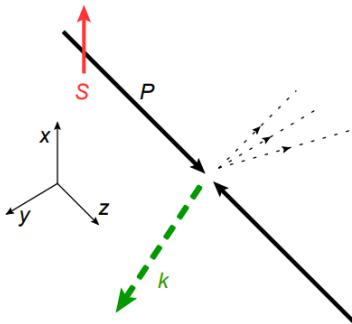


Fig. 4. A_N versus x_F for π^+ , π^- and π^0 data.



Single-Spin Asymmetries

- QCD is time reversal invariant
- SSAs are T-odd:

$$A_N \propto S \cdot (P \times k)$$

An phase (interference) is required!

- Quest for theoretical description of SSAs is a quest for sources of a complex phase

Theoretical description of SSAs

- In a collinear factorization framework, SSAs have been described in terms of **three-parton correlation functions**, i.e **twist-3 parton distribution functions (ETQS) functions** and **twist-3 fragmentation functions**

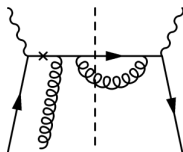
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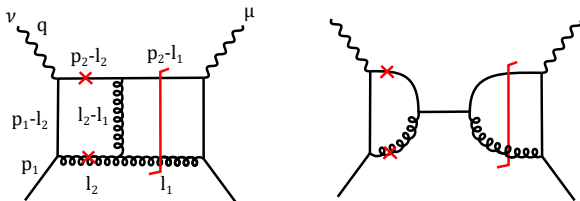
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- Eg., above hard part can be convolved with ETQS distribution. Complex phase arises when internal propagator goes on-shell.
$$1/(k^2 + i\epsilon) = \text{PV}(1/k^2) + i\pi\delta(k^2)$$
- Twist-3 distributions not very well known.

Theoretical description of SSAs

SSA from $g_T(x)$:



- In an earlier work, my collaborators and D.J. Yang had shown that the twist-3 quark distribution $g_T(x)$ can lead to SSA in SIDIS at the two-loop level

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- Imaginary phase arises from when certain internal propagators are cut.
- g_T is a chiral-even transverse-spin dependent contribution to the quark-quark correlator

$$\int \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{i\lambda x} \langle PS | \bar{\psi}(0) \psi(\lambda n) | PS \rangle = \frac{M_N}{2} \gamma_5 \not{\epsilon}_T g_T(x) + \dots$$

SSAs at two loops

- Schematically,

$$d\sigma^{\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow} \propto \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{dP_{hT}} \sim g_T(x) \otimes H^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z)$$

- Wandzura-Wilczek relation:

$$g_T(x) = \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} \Delta q(x') + (\text{genuine twist-3})$$

- In effect,

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma}{dP_{hT}} \sim g_T(x) \otimes H^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z) \sim \Delta q(x) \otimes H^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z)$$

- SSA completely determined in terms of well understood twist-2 distributions!

This work

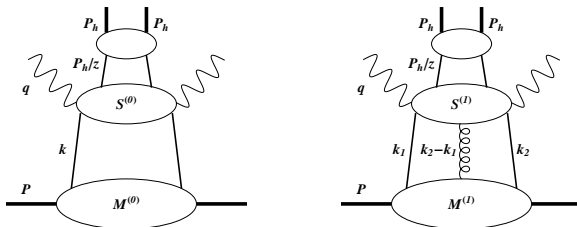
In this work we,

1. extend the analysis to include gluon-initiated contribution from the twist-3 distribution \mathcal{G}_{3T} , which is the gluonic counterpart of g_T .
 - In analogy with the quark case,

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma}{dP_{hT}} \sim \mathcal{G}_{3T}(x) \otimes H_g^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z) \sim \Delta G(x) \otimes H_g^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z)$$

2. present numerical estimates for asymmetry in SIDIS through these mechanisms at COMPASS and EIC.

Why g_T at two loops?



- g_T appears in the hadronic tensor through the collinear expansion of the two-parton correlator $M^{(0)}$.

$$M^{(0)} \sim \not{p} f(x) + M_N \not{p} \gamma_5 (S \cdot n) \Delta q(x) + M_N \not{p} \gamma_5 g_T(x) + \dots$$

- g_T appears in correlator with γ_5 . Traces involving γ_5 produce a factor of $i \implies g_T$ receives no contributions from hard part $S^{(0)}$ at the Born level

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- Can receive non-zero contributions beyond Born level.

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Gluon initiated contribution \mathcal{G}_{3T}

Two-gluon correlator in a polarised proton,

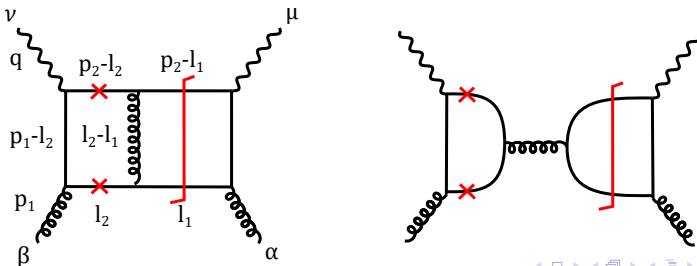
$$M^{(0)\alpha\beta} \sim \langle PS_T | F^{n\alpha} W F^{n\beta} | PS_T \rangle \sim xG(x)g_T^{\alpha\beta} + iM_N x \Delta G(x)(S \cdot n)\epsilon^{nr\alpha\beta} \\ + iM_N x \mathcal{G}_{3T}(x)\epsilon^{n\alpha\beta}S_\perp$$

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Hatta, Tanaka, Yoshida, JHEP 02, 003 (2013)

- \mathcal{G}_{3T} - transverse spin dependent contribution to the two-gluon correlator.
- WW approximation

$$\mathcal{G}_{3T}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} \Delta G(x') + (\text{genuine twist three})$$

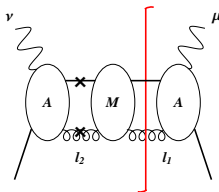


Calculation of hard part

Asymmetry can be written schematically as,

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\alpha\phi_h+\beta\phi_S)} \sim \frac{\alpha_s^2 (xg_T(x) \text{ or } x\mathcal{G}_{3T}(x)) \otimes H^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z)}{\alpha_s q(x) \otimes H^{(1)} \otimes D_1(z)} \sim \alpha_s \frac{x\Delta q \text{ or } x\Delta G}{q(x)}$$

All contributions to $H^{(2)}$ have a generic 'AMA' structure:



- Each blob represents 2-2 scattering
- Phase arises from cutting internal lines, i.e., regions of loop momentum l_2 where the two lines go on-shell.
- Potential divergence when l_2 gluon is collinear to proton cancels out between $S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$ and $\frac{dS_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}}{dk_T^\alpha}$

Calculation of hard part

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^6 \Delta \sigma}{dx_B dQ^2 dz_f dq_T^2 d\phi d\chi} &= \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2 \alpha_S^2 M_N}{16\pi^2 x_B^2 S_{ep}^2 Q^2} \sum_k \mathcal{A}_k \mathcal{S}_k \int \frac{dx}{x} \int \frac{dz}{z} \\
 &\times \delta \left(\frac{q_T^2}{Q^2} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\hat{x}} \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{\hat{z}} \right) \right) \\
 &\times \sum_f e_f^2 \left[D_f(z) x^2 \frac{\partial g_{Tf}(x)}{\partial x} \Delta \hat{\sigma}_{Dk}^{qq} + D_f(z) x g_{Tf}(x) \Delta \hat{\sigma}_k^{qq} + (\text{qg channel}) + (\text{gq channel}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{D8}^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x} \hat{z}}{2N_c^2 Q(1 - \hat{z})^2} \left[(1 - \hat{z}) \left(1 - \hat{x} + \hat{z} - 3\hat{x}\hat{z} + N_c^2 (1 - \hat{x} - \hat{z} + 3\hat{x}\hat{z}) \right) + 2(1 - 2\hat{x}) \hat{z} \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{D9}^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) (1 - \hat{x}) \hat{x} \hat{z}}{2N_c^2 q_T (1 - \hat{z})^2} \left[(1 - \hat{z}) \left(3N_c^2 (1 - \hat{z}) + 3\hat{z} - 1 \right) - 2(1 - 2\hat{z}) \log(\hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_1^{qv} = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c^2 q_T (1 - \hat{z})} \hat{z} \left[(1 - \hat{z}) (\hat{z} \hat{x} (\hat{x} (3 + 10\hat{z}) - 3(1 + \hat{z})) - 1) + N_c^2 \hat{z} \left(\hat{x}^2 (3 + 2\hat{z} (5\hat{z} - 6)) - 1 - 3\hat{x}(1 - \hat{z})^2 \right) + 6\hat{x} (2\hat{z} - 1) \hat{z}^2 \log(\hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_2^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{N_c^3 q_T (1 - \hat{z})} \left[(1 - \hat{z}) \left((1 + N_c^2) (-1 + \hat{x}) + (N_c^2 - 1) (1 - 3\hat{x}) \hat{z} \right) + 2(2\hat{z} - 1) \hat{z} \log(\hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_3^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{4N_c^2 Q (1 - \hat{x}) (1 - \hat{z})^2} \left[(1 - \hat{z}) \left\{ (1 - \hat{z}) (5\hat{x} + N_c^2 (2 - 11\hat{z})) \hat{z} - (1 + N_c^2) (1 - \hat{x})^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - (N_c^2 - 1) (1 + \hat{x} (14\hat{x} - 13)) \hat{z}^2 \right\} - 2\hat{z} (1 - \hat{z} - \hat{x} (5 - 4\hat{x} - 8(1 - \hat{x}) \hat{z})) \log(\hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_4^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{2N_c^2 q_T (1 - \hat{z})^2} \left[(1 - \hat{z}) \left\{ 3(1 - \hat{z})^2 + \hat{x} (-3 + (5 - 4\hat{z}) \hat{z}) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - N_c^2 (1 - \hat{z}) (2 - 3\hat{z} + \hat{x} (-2 + 4\hat{z})) \right\} - 2 \left(\hat{x} - (1 - \hat{z})^2 - 2\hat{x} (1 - \hat{z}) \hat{z} \right) \log(\hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_8^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{4N_c^2 Q (1 - \hat{x}) (1 - \hat{z})^2} \left[(1 + N_c^2) (1 - \hat{x})^2 + (1 - \hat{x}) (5 - 10\hat{x} + N_c^2 (6\hat{x} - 5)) \hat{z} \right. \\ \left. - (9 + \hat{x} (15\hat{x} - 26) - N_c^2 (7 + 9(\hat{x} - 2) \hat{x})) \hat{z}^2 \right. \\ \left. - (N_c^2 - 1) (3 + \hat{x} (4\hat{x} - 9)) \hat{z}^3 - 2\hat{z} (\hat{x} (7 - 4\hat{x} - 2\hat{z}) + \hat{z} - 3) \log(\hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{D8}^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{2N_c^2 Q \hat{z}} \left[\hat{z} (-2 + \hat{z} - N_c^2 \hat{z} + \hat{x} (4 - 3\hat{z} + N_c^2 (-2 + 3\hat{z}))) - 2(1 - 2\hat{x}) (1 - \hat{z}) \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_{D9}^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) (1 - \hat{x}) \hat{x} (1 - \hat{z})}{2N_c^2 q_T \hat{z}^2} \left[\hat{z} (2 + 3(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{z}) + (2 - 4\hat{z}) \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_1^{qv} = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c^2 q_T \hat{z}^2} \left[\hat{z} (1 + \hat{x}^2 (-13 + 23\hat{z} - 10\hat{z}^2) + 3\hat{x} (2 - 3\hat{z} + \hat{z}^2)) \right. \\ \left. - N_c^2 (1 - \hat{z}) (-1 - 3\hat{x}\hat{z} + \hat{x}^2 (1 - 8\hat{z} + 10\hat{z}^2)) - 6\hat{x} (-1 + 2\hat{z}) (1 - \hat{z})^2 \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_2^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x} (1 - \hat{z})}{N_c^2 q_T \hat{z}^2} \left[\hat{z} (2 - \hat{z} + N_c^2 \hat{z} - \hat{x} (4 - 3\hat{z} + N_c^2 (-2 + 3\hat{z}))) + 2(1 - 2\hat{x}) (1 - \hat{z}) \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_3^{qv} = -\frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{4N_c^2 Q (1 - \hat{x}) \hat{z}^2} \left[\hat{z} \left\{ (-1 + \hat{z}) (2 + (N_c^2 - 1) \hat{z}) + \hat{x} (10 - 24\hat{z} + 13\hat{z}^2 + N_c^2 (-4 + 16\hat{z} - 13\hat{z}^2)) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \hat{x}^2 (-8 + 23\hat{z} - 14\hat{z}^2 + N_c^2 (4 - 17\hat{z} + 14\hat{z}^2)) \right\} \right. \\ \left. + 2(1 - \hat{z}) (-1 + \hat{x} (5 - 8\hat{z}) + \hat{z} + \hat{x}^2 (-4 + 8\hat{z})) \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_4^{qv} = -\frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x} (1 - \hat{z})}{2N_c^2 q_T \hat{z}^3} \left[\hat{z} (2 + (4N_c^2 - 3) \hat{z} - 3(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{z}^2 + \hat{x} (-2 + (3 - 2N_c^2) \hat{z} + 4(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{z}^2)) \right. \\ \left. + 2 \left((1 - \hat{z})^2 - \hat{x} (1 - 2\hat{z} + 2\hat{z}^2) \right) \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

$$\Delta \hat{\sigma}_8^{qv} = \frac{(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{x}}{4N_c^2 Q (1 - \hat{x}) \hat{z}^2} \left[\hat{z} \left\{ 6 - (1 + N_c^2) \hat{z} + 3(N_c^2 - 1) \hat{z}^2 + \hat{x} (-22 + 8\hat{z} + 9\hat{z}^2 + N_c^2 (4 - 9\hat{z}^2)) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \hat{x}^2 (16 - 9\hat{z} - 4\hat{z}^2 + N_c^2 (-4 + 3\hat{z} + 4\hat{z}^2)) \right\} + 2(1 - \hat{z}) (3 + 8\hat{x}^2 + \hat{z} - \hat{x} (11 + 2\hat{z})) \log(1 - \hat{z}) \right],$$

Numerical results

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\alpha\phi_h+\beta\phi_S)} = \frac{2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_h d\phi_S \sin(\alpha\phi_h + \beta\phi_S) [d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S) - d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S + \pi)]}{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_h d\phi_S [d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S) + d\sigma(\phi_h, \phi_S + \pi)]},$$

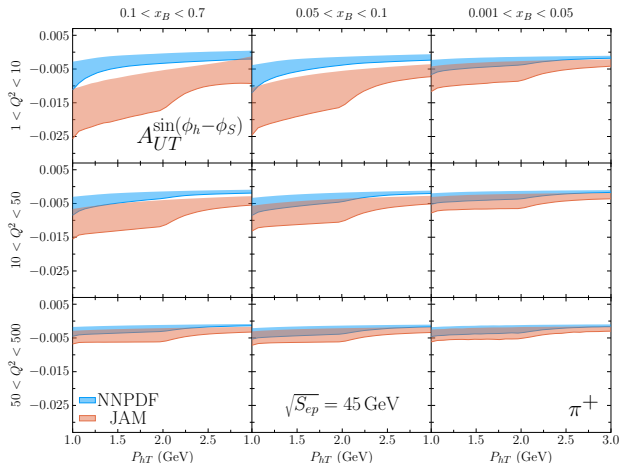
- Five independent moments including Sivers $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h-\phi_S)}$ and Collins $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h+\phi_S)}$
- Sivers and Collins asymmetry **NOT** from Sivers and Collins functions.
- $g_T(x)$ and \mathcal{G}_{3T} from helicity distributions using the WW approximation.

$$g_T(x) = \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} \Delta q(x'), \quad \mathcal{G}_{3T}(x) = \int_x^1 \frac{dx'}{x'} \Delta G(x')$$

- We used the latest fits of helicity distributions from NNPDF and JAM.
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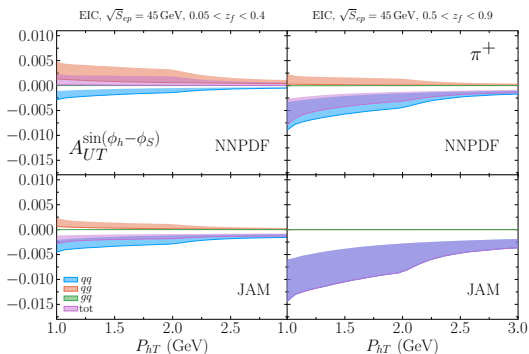
$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\alpha\phi_h+\beta\phi_S)} \sim \frac{\alpha_s^2 (xg_T(x) \text{ or } x\mathcal{G}_{3T}(x)) \otimes H^{(2)} \otimes D_1(z)}{\alpha_s q(x) \otimes H^{(1)} \otimes D_1(z)} \sim \alpha_s \frac{x\Delta q \text{ or } x\Delta G}{q(x)}$$

Sivers asymmetry at EIC



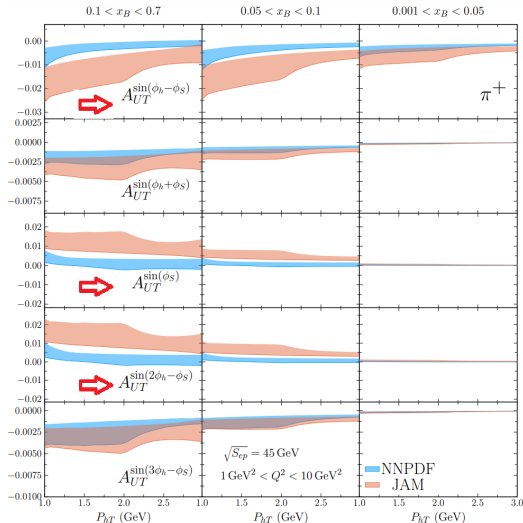
- Sivers asymmetry up to 2% with JAM at moderate-to-large x and low Q^2 .
- Decreases at low- x .

Channel breakdown



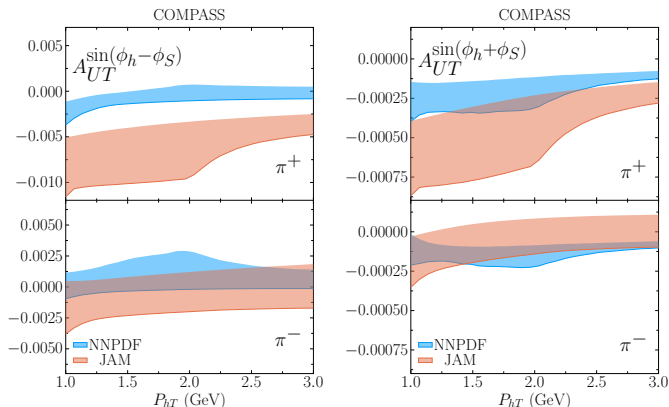
- **cancellation** between qq and qg channels
- qg channel kinematically suppressed at large z_f — sign change in asymmetry with NNPDF
- JAM has smaller $g \rightarrow \pi^+$ FF \implies less cancellations
- Negligible contribution from gluon-initiated (gq) channel (x^2 suppression).

All A_{UT} moments at EIC



- $\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)$ (Sivers), $\sin(\phi_S)$ and $\sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S)$ moments are at percent level. Collins negligible.

Sivers and Collins at COMPASS



- Sivers at percent level for π^+ with JAM. Collins negligible.
- Only available datapoint from COMPASS at $P_{hT} \approx 1.5$ shows positive Sivers asymmetry ($\sim 2.5\%$) but with large errors.

Adolph et al., Phys. Lett. B744, 250 (2015)

Comparison with the KPR estimate

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Transverse Quark Polarization in Large- p_T Reactions, e^+e^- Jets, and Leptoproduction: A Test of Quantum Chromodynamics

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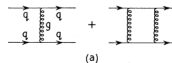
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We point out that the polarization P of a scattered or produced quark is calculable perturbatively in quantum chromodynamics for $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, large- p_T hadron reactions, and large- Q^2 leptoproduction, and is infrared finite. The quantum-chromodynamics prediction is that $P \rightarrow 0$ in the scaling limit. Experimental tests are or will soon be possible in $pp \rightarrow AX$ (where presently $P(\Lambda) \approx 25\%$ for $p_T > 2$ GeV/c) and in $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ quark jets.

etc., as shown in Fig. 1. There is a nonzero imaginary amplitude from the box diagram, and thus

$$P \propto g^4 \times g^2 / g^4.$$

For $\alpha_s = g^2/4\pi$ of order $1/3$, there could be sizable polarization. However, because QCD is a vector-gluon theory the quark helicities are preserved for zero quark mass (m_q) so that $P=0$.



- Kane, Pumplin and Repko (1978) presented the first parametric estimate of SSA in pQCD as

$$A_N \sim \alpha_s \frac{m_q}{P_{hT}}$$

- expected to vanish since $m_q \rightarrow 0$
- but in this mechanism,

$$A_N \sim \alpha_s \frac{xM_N}{P_{hT}}$$

Conclusions

Presented numerical results for g_T contribution to SSA at two loops.

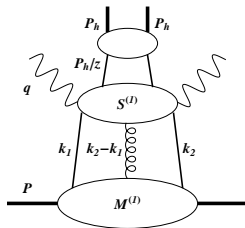
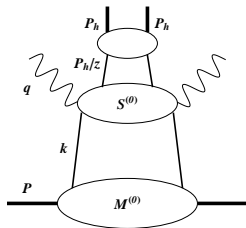
- Asymmetry can be calculated entirely in terms of well-known twist-2 distributions.
- Upto 2% Sivers asymmetry at EIC at low- Q^2 with $P_{hT} > 1$.
- Asymmetry suppressed at small- x .
- Two-loop mechanism needs to be accounted for when constraining other mechanisms (ETQS, twist-3 fragmentation etc.).

Work in progress...

- Calculating similar contributions for SSA in pp
- Open-charm in SIDIS - isolates the \mathcal{G}_{3T} contribution.

Appendix

g_T contribution to SSA



- $W^{\mu\nu} = \int_z \frac{dz}{z^2} D(z) w^{\mu\nu},$

$$w_{\mu\nu} = \int_k M^{(0)}(k) S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(k) + \int_{k_1} \int_{k_2} M_{\sigma}^{(1)}(k_1, k_2) S_{\mu\nu}^{(1)\sigma}(k_1, k_2)$$

- Need to include twist-3 distributions \implies consider hadronic tensor upto three parton correlator.
- $M_{ij}^{(0)} \sim \langle PS_T | \bar{\psi}_j \psi_i | PS_T \rangle$
- $M_{ij}^{(1)\sigma} \sim \langle PS_T | \bar{\psi}_j g A^\sigma \psi_i | PS_T \rangle$

g_T contribution to SSA

- Hard part - expand in collinear limit: $k^\mu = xP^\mu + k_T^\mu$

$$S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(k) = S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(xP) + k_T^\alpha \frac{dS_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}}{dk_T^\alpha}(xP)$$

- Soft part

$$M^{(0)} \sim \not{p} f(x) + M_N \not{p} \gamma_5 (S \cdot n) \Delta q(x) + M_N \not{x} \gamma_5 g_T(x) \\ + \text{transversity and higher twist terms...}$$

- g_T appears in correlator with γ_5 . Traces involving γ_5 produce a factor of i .
- Hence g_T receives no contributions from $S^{(0)}$ at the Born level.
- Can receive non-zero contributions beyond Born level.

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g_T contribution to SSA

All order and gauge invariant result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_{\mu\nu} = & \frac{M_N}{2} \int dx g_T(x) \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_5 \not{x} S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(xP) \right] \\
 & - \frac{M_N}{4} \int dx \tilde{g}(x) \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_5 \not{x} S_T^\alpha \frac{\partial S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(k)}{\partial k_T^\alpha} \Big|_{k=xP} \right] \\
 & + \frac{iM_N}{4} \int dx_1 dx_2 \text{Tr} \left[\left(\not{p} \epsilon^{\alpha P n S_T} \frac{G_F(x_1, x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} + i \gamma_5 \not{x} S_T^\alpha \frac{\tilde{G}_F(x_1, x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} \right) S_{\mu\nu\alpha}^{(1)}(x_1 P, x_2 P) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\tilde{g}(x)$ is another "kinematic" twist-3 distribution - first moment of worm-gear TMD g_{1T} (talk by Shohini Bhattacharya)

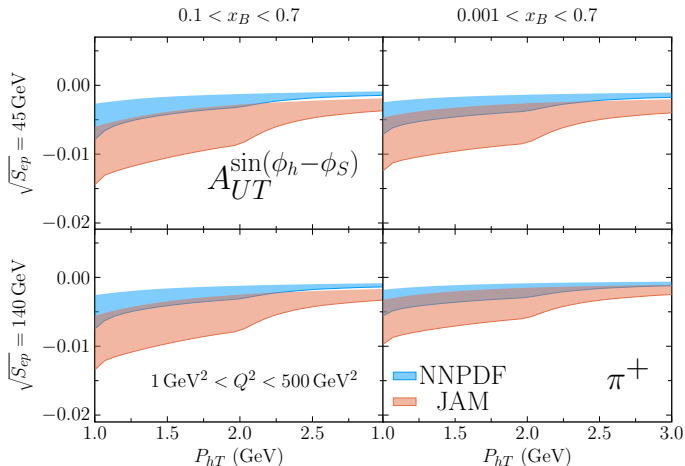
$$g_T(x) + \frac{\tilde{g}(x)}{2x} = \int dx' \frac{G_F(x, x') + \tilde{G}_F(x, x')}{x - x'}$$

Eguchi, Koike, Tanaka, Nucl. Phys. B 763, 198 (2007)

Neglecting explicit twist-3 contributions (WW approximation),

$$w_{\mu\nu} \approx \frac{M_N}{2} \int dx g_T(x) S_T^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial k_T^\alpha} \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \not{x} S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(k)] \right)_{k=xP}$$

Energy dependence



- Percent level Siverts contribution (JAM) at highest EIC energy.