

# The Gluon Sivers Function: definition and constraints

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# Summary

- **The Gluon Sivers Function (GSF): Definition and properties**
- **Theoretical constraints**
- **Phenomenological estimates and constraints**
- **Conclusions and outlook**

- **Some (of many) useful theo refs. :**

**D. Boer, C. Lorcé, C. Pisano, J. Zhou, Adv. High Energy Phys. 2015, 371396 (2015)**

**M. Burkardt, PRD 69, 091501(R) (2004)**

**U. D'Alesio, F. Murgia, C. Pisano, JHEP 1509, 119 (2015)**

**M. Anselmino, U. D'Alesio, M. Melis, F. Murgia, PRD 74, 094011 (2006)**

**S.J. Brodsky, S. Gardner, PLB 643, 22 (2006)**

# GSF – Interest

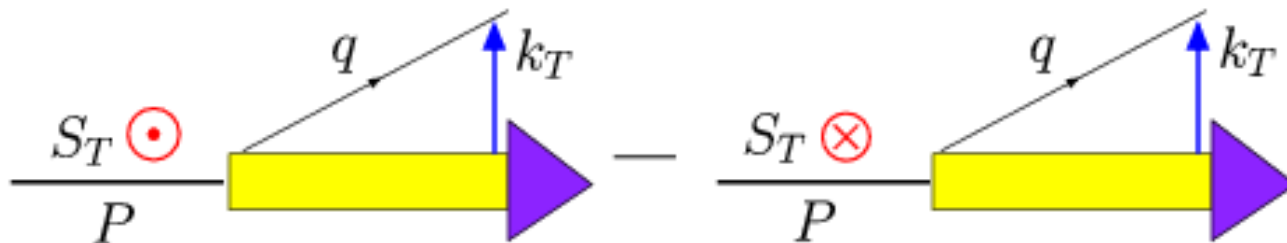
- Role of Gluon orbital angular momentum
- Study of gluon-initiated (sub)processes:
  - pp collisions at mid-rapidity and moderate transverse momentum
  - Gluon-fusion processes [Heavy Quarkonium or  $Q\bar{Q}$  pairs, Higgs,...]
  - Photon-gluon fusion in SIDIS [high- $p_T$  hadron pairs, COMPASS]

# The (gluon) Sivers Function

- Describes the (possible) asymmetry in the azimuthal distribution of unpolarized partons (quarks, antiquarks, gluons) inside a spin-1/2 transversely polarized hadron
- Related to correlations among the hadron transverse polarization vector,  $S_T$ , its momentum,  $P$ , and the intrinsic parton transverse momentum  $k_\perp$
- This azimuthal asymmetry at partonic level reflects on angular asymmetries at hadronic level for observed particles in high-energy polarized hadronic collisions (SIDIS, pp, ep collisions,...)

$$\hat{f}_{a/p\uparrow,\downarrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = f_{a/p}(x, |\mathbf{k}_\perp|) \pm \frac{1}{2} \Delta^N f_{a/p\uparrow}(x, |\mathbf{k}_\perp|) [(\hat{\mathbf{P}} \times \hat{\mathbf{k}}_\perp) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_T]$$

$$\hat{f}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp; \pm \mathbf{S}_T) = f_1(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) \mp \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{P}} \times \mathbf{k}_\perp) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_T}{M} f_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$$



# GSF – Theoretical approaches - I

## ■ TMD generalized parton model (TMD-GPM):

- Simplest direct generalization of collinear LO QCD-improved parton model
- Assumes (and tests) factorization and universality of TMD PDFs and FFs [one single "universal" GSF]
- No strong phenomenological indication of sizable factorization and universality breaking effects

[see however recent RHIC  $A_N$  data in  $pp \rightarrow W^\pm X$ ] **STAR 1511.06003 nucl-ex**

- Color-gauge invariant version (CGI-GPM) proposed by Gamberg and Kang [PLB 696 (2011)] for the quark sector; process dependence of quark SF studied in  $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \text{jet } \pi X$  [D'Alesio et al. - PLB 704 (2011)]; extension to gluon sector in progress [see talk by P. Taelis later this morning]
- Usually (but not necessarily) uses a simple factorized (in  $x$  and  $k_\tau$ ) form, for TMDs; DGLAP-type collinear evolution in  $x$ , no evo in  $k_\tau$

$$(\Delta) \hat{f}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp; \mathbf{S}) = N(x) f(x) \left( \frac{k_\perp}{M} \right)^n \exp \left( \frac{-k_\perp^2}{\langle k_\perp^2 \rangle_n} \right) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

# GSF – Theoretical approaches II

- TMD factorization approach [ $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \simeq \mathbf{k}_\perp \simeq \mathbf{q}_T \ll Q$  – two energy scales]:
  - Factorization proven in SIDIS, DY, ...,
  - Inclusion of color gauge invariant links (Wilson lines)
  - ISIs and FSIs result in calculable process dependence of naively T-odd TMD-PDFs like the Sivers and Boer-Mulders functions

$$\hat{f}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp; \mathbf{S}_T) = \frac{\delta_T^{jl}}{xP^+} \int \frac{dz^- d^2 z_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ik \cdot z} \langle P, S_T | 2\text{Tr}[F^{+j}(0)U_{[0,z]}F^{+l}(z)U_{[z,0]}] | P, S_T \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0}$$

- Two "universal" GSFs with different properties (charge conjugation, evolution, x-dependence) and constraints [Buffing et al. PRD88 054027 (2013)]
- For a given process, the GSF involved is a combination of the two universal ones; the coefficients are calculable for each partonic subprocess

$$f_{1T}^{\perp g[U]}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) = \sum_{c=1}^2 C_{G,c}^{[U]} f_{1T}^{\perp g(Ac)}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) \quad Ac \Rightarrow f, d$$

- TMD evolution formalized, details under phenomenological investigation

# GSF – Theoretical approaches - III

## ■ Relation with collinear Twist-3 approach and three-gluon correlations

- In LO collinear pQCD TSSAs appear in hadronic processes with one single energy scale [ $Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ ] at twist-3 level, involving quark-gluon correlations (Efremov-Teryaev-Qiu-Sterman function) and trigluon correlations

$$T_G^{(\pm)}(x, x) = -\frac{2M\delta_T^{lm}}{x(P^+)^2} \int \frac{dz^- d\eta}{2\pi} e^{ik \cdot z} \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{P}} \times \hat{\mathbf{S}}_T)^j}{2M} \langle P, S | C_{\pm}^{abc} F_a^{+l}(0) F_b^{+j}(\eta z) F_c^{+m}(z) | P, S \rangle \Big|_{z^+ = |z_{\perp}| = 0}$$

- At tree level, the first transverse moment of the two universal TMD GSFs is related to the two distinct trigluon correlation functions

$$f_{1T}^{\perp(1)g[f,d]}(x) = \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \frac{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{2M^2} f_{1T}^{\perp g[f,d]}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2) \propto \frac{T_G^{(\pm)}(x, x)}{M}$$

- In the color-gauge invariant GPM one finds again a similar situation: TMD PDFs become process-dependent because of ISIs and FSIs; two different GSFs are involved; however, there are still some differences w.r.t. the twist-3 approach



# Theoretical constraints – I

**Positivity bound (usually very loose)**

$$\left| \frac{\Delta^N f_{g/p^\uparrow}(x, |\mathbf{k}_\perp|)}{2 f_{g/p}(x, |\mathbf{k}_\perp|)} \right| = \left| \frac{\hat{f}_{g/p^\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) - \hat{f}_{g/p^\downarrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)}{\hat{f}_{q/p^\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) + \hat{f}_{q/p^\downarrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)} \right| \leq 1$$

**Large transverse momentum tail**

[Schäfer, Zhou PRD88 014008 (2013)]

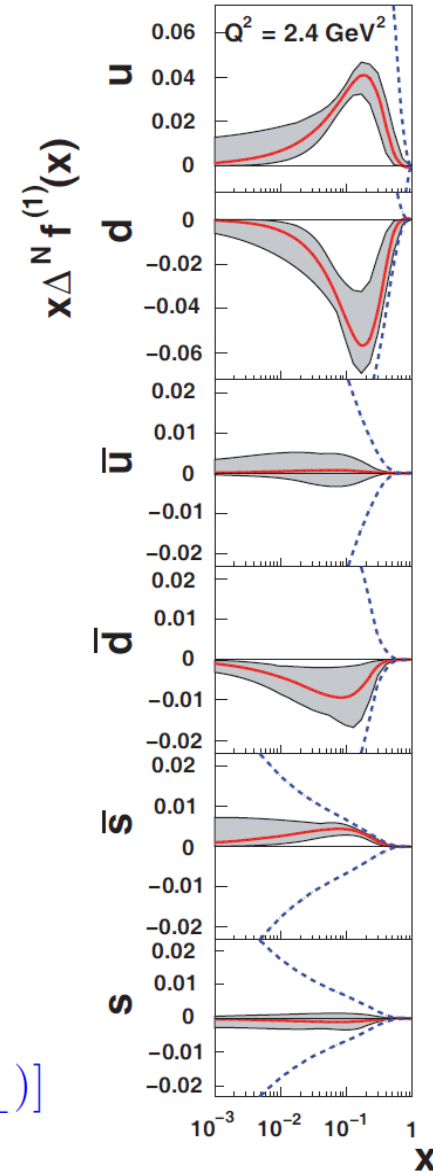
$$f_{1T}^{\perp g[f,d]}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) \sim \alpha_s \frac{M^2}{\mathbf{k}_\perp^4} [K \otimes (T_{q,F}, T_G^{(\pm)})](x) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{k}_\perp^2 \gg M^2$$

**Large  $N_c$  QCD ( $x \sim 1/N_c$ , valence region)**

[Pobylitsa hep-ph/0301236]

$$f_{1T}^{\perp u}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) = -f_{1T}^{\perp d}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c}\right)$$

$$f_{1T}^{\perp g}(x) \sim f_{1T}^{\perp u}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) + f_{1T}^{\perp d}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) \sim \frac{1}{N_c} [f_{1T}^{\perp u}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) - f_{1T}^{\perp d}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)]$$





# Theoretical constraints - II

## Burkardt Sum Rule [PRD69, 091501 (2004)]

$$\sum_{a=q,\bar{q},g} \langle \mathbf{k}_{\perp a} \rangle = \sum_{a=q,\bar{q},g} \int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \hat{f}_{a/p\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) = 0$$

$$\langle \mathbf{k}_{\perp a} \rangle = M (\mathbf{S}_T \times \hat{\mathbf{P}}) \int_0^1 dx \Delta^N f_{a/p\uparrow}^{(1)}(x) = \langle k_{\perp a} \rangle (\mathbf{S}_T \times \hat{\mathbf{P}})$$

## Fits to SIDIS data for quark SF at $Q^2 = 2.4 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\langle k_{\perp u} \rangle = 96_{-28}^{+60} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle k_{\perp d} \rangle = -113_{-51}^{+45} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle k_{\perp u} \rangle - \langle k_{\perp d} \rangle \sim 209 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle k_{\perp u} \rangle + \langle k_{\perp d} \rangle = -17_{-55}^{+37} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle k_{\perp \bar{u}} \rangle + \langle k_{\perp \bar{d}} \rangle + \langle k_{\perp s} \rangle + \langle k_{\perp \bar{s}} \rangle = -14_{-66}^{+43} \text{ MeV}$$

$$-10 \leq \langle k_{\perp g} \rangle \leq 48 \text{ (MeV)}$$

Anselmino et al  
EPJA 39 (2009)

# Phenomenology of (or: where to look for) the GSF - I

## Single and double inclusive production in polarized pp collisions

- GSF cannot be easily disentangled by quark Sivers contributions
- Kinematics selection such that  $x_g$  (the gluon LC momentum fraction) is small, enhancing gluon vs. quark contributions and the role of GSF
- $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \gamma X$  in the negative  $x_F$  region, at medium-large  $p_T$  [GPM, Twist-3]
  - Problem: Sivers effect suppressed in the negative  $x_F$  range, SSAs are usually very small
- $pp^\uparrow \rightarrow \pi X, \text{ jet } X$  mid-rapidity and relatively low  $p_T$  [GPM, Twist-3]
- $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \text{jet } \pi X$  at central, mid-rapidity and relatively low  $p_T$  [GPM, TMDfact]
- $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow D X$  at central, mid-rapidity and relatively low  $p_T$  [GPM, Twist-3]
- $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \text{jet } \gamma X$ , with proper cuts on  $\eta_\gamma$  and  $\eta_{\text{jet}}$  [GPM, TMDfact]
- $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \text{jet } X, \text{ jet jet } X$  [GPM, TMDfact]
- $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \eta_{c,b} X, Q\bar{Q} X, D^0\bar{D}^0 X, J/\psi \gamma X, J/\psi J/\psi X, \dots$

RHIC  
AFTER@LHC

# Phenomenology of (or: where to look for) the GSF - II

## Inclusive and semi-inclusive production in polarized ep collisions

- $ep^\uparrow \rightarrow e' \pi^+ X$  vs.  $e^2H^\uparrow \rightarrow e' \pi^+ X$  bound on gluon OM and GSF  
[Brodsky, Gardner, PLB 643, 22 (2006)]
- $ep^\uparrow \rightarrow e' h_1 h_2 X$  large  $p_T$  hadron pair production [COMPASS]  
[Kotzinian et al PRL 113 062003 (2014) – COMPASS JoP Conf. Series 678 (2016)]
- $ep^\uparrow \rightarrow J/\psi X$  (including WW contribution – real photons) [GPM+CEM]  
[Godbole, Mukherjee et al PRD 88 014029 (2013)]
- $ep^\uparrow \rightarrow e' D X, e' Q\bar{Q} X, e' D^0\bar{D}^0 X, \dots$

**EIC**

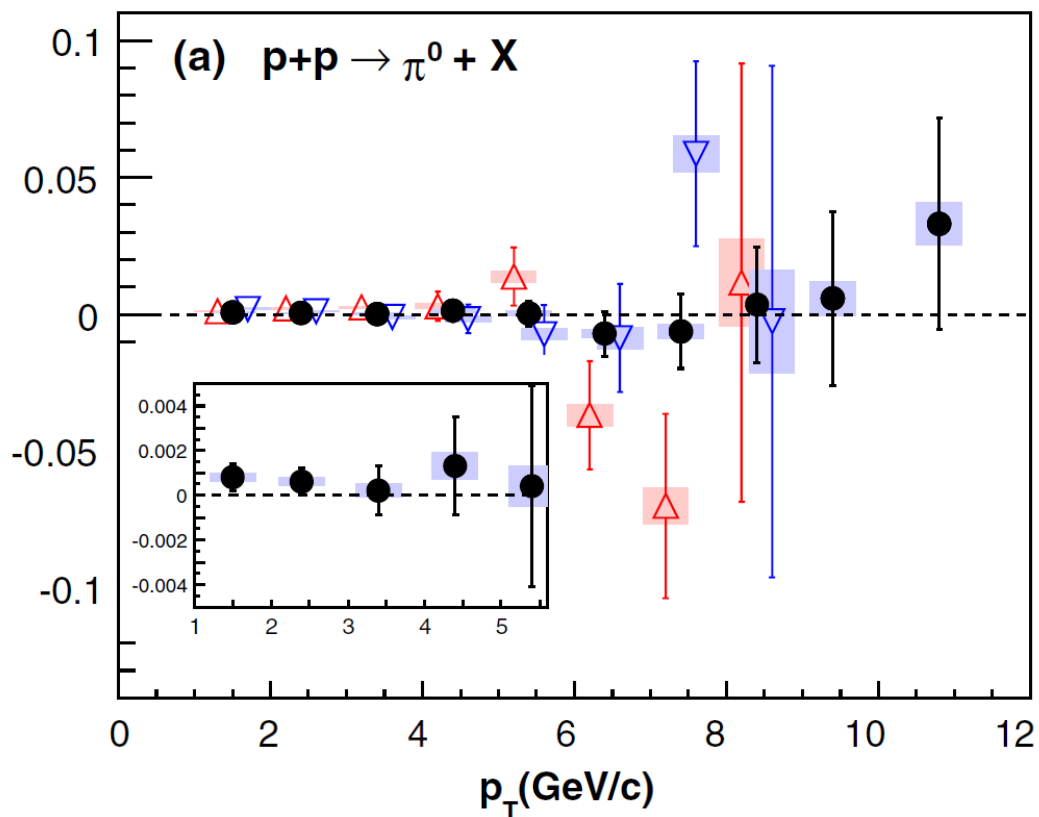
arXiv: 1108.1713 [nucl-th]

# Bound on GSF from RHIC $p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ mid-rapidity data

## PHENIX data

$A_N$

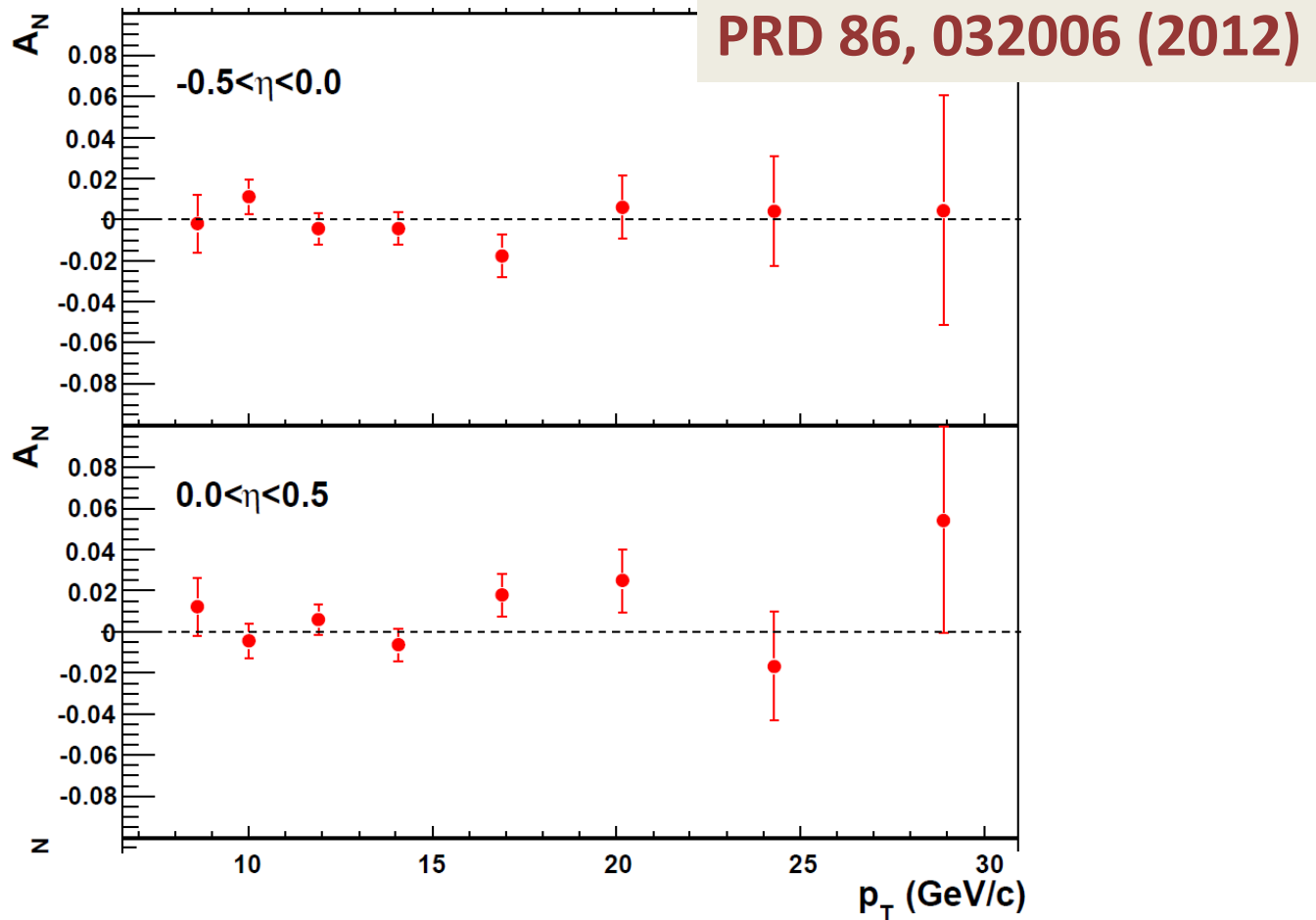
$p+p \sqrt{s}=200 \text{ GeV}$



PRD90, 012006 (2014)

- $-0.35 < \eta < 0.35$
- △  $0.20 < |\eta| < 0.35, x_F > 0$
- ▽  $0.20 < |\eta| < 0.35, x_F < 0$

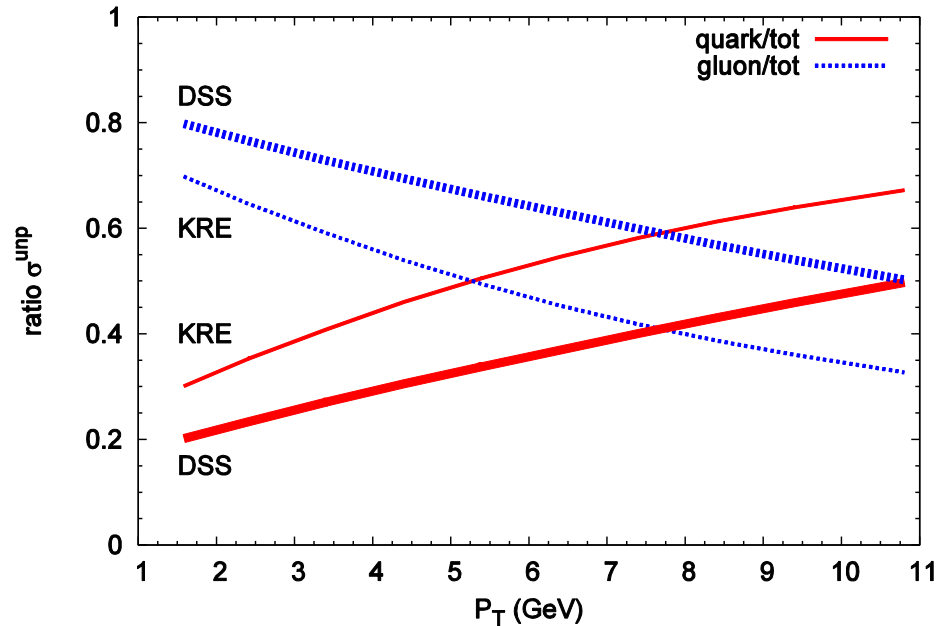
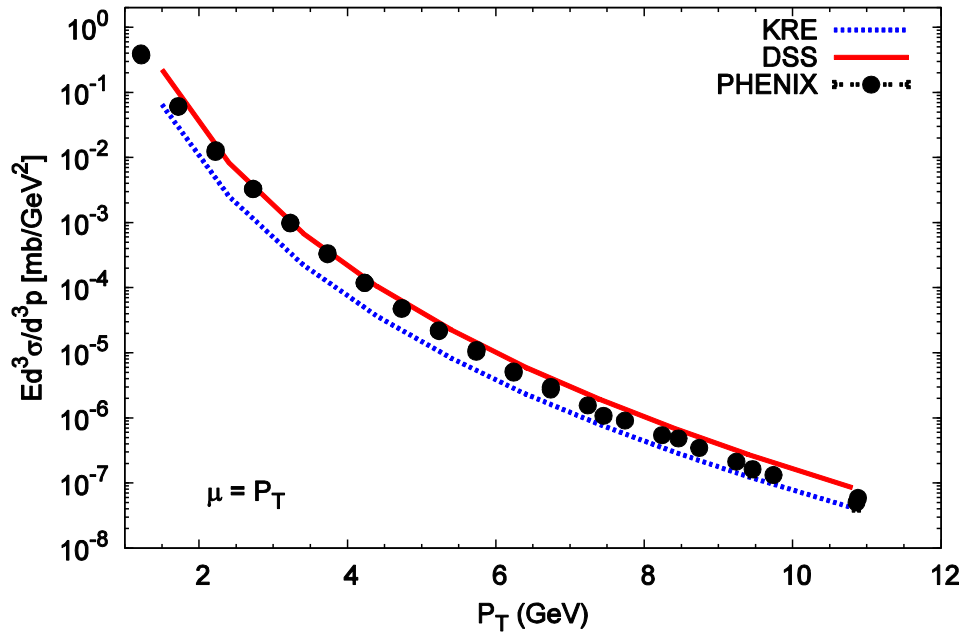
# STAR Results - $A_N(p^\uparrow p \rightarrow \text{jet} + X)$



Not used for GSF estimate – new GSF bound consistent

# Unpolarized cross section

U. D'Alesio, F. Murgia, C. Pisano, JHEP 1509, 119 (2015)

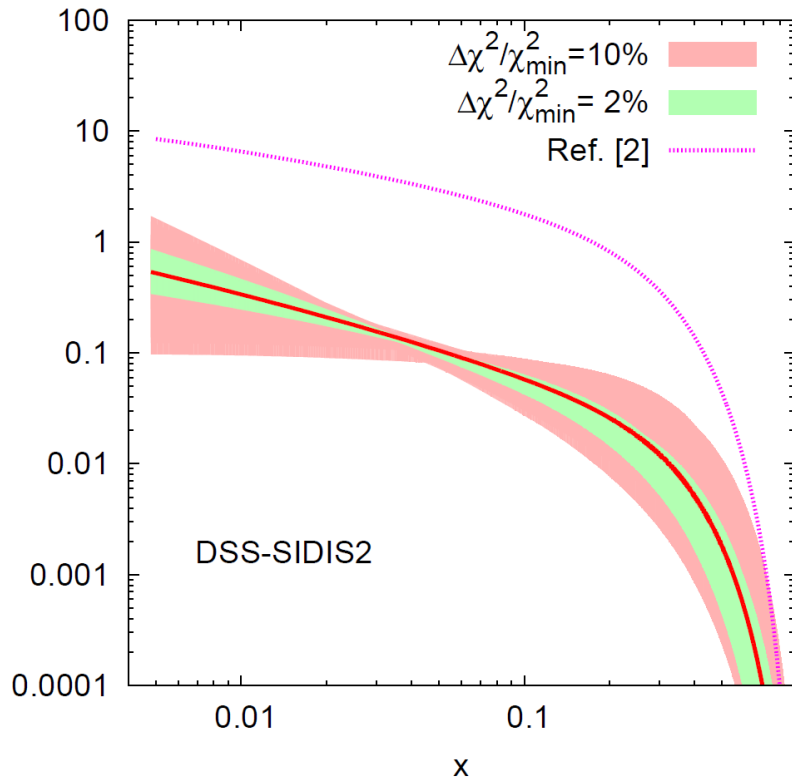


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PRL 91, 241803 (2003)  
PRD 76, 051106 (2007)

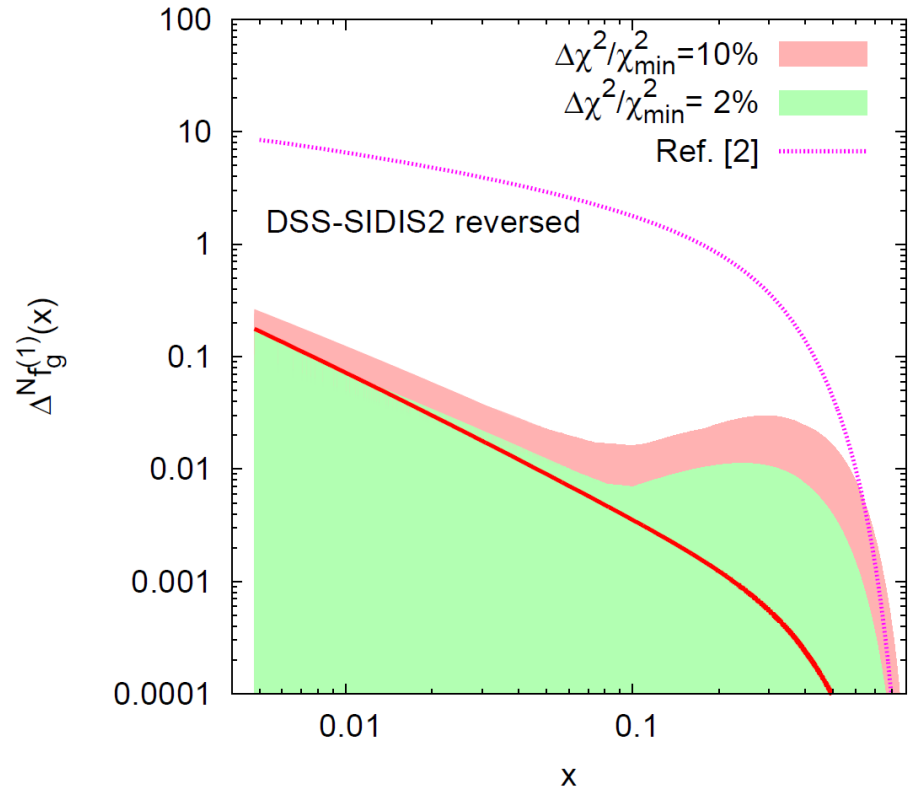
# Results

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## GPM



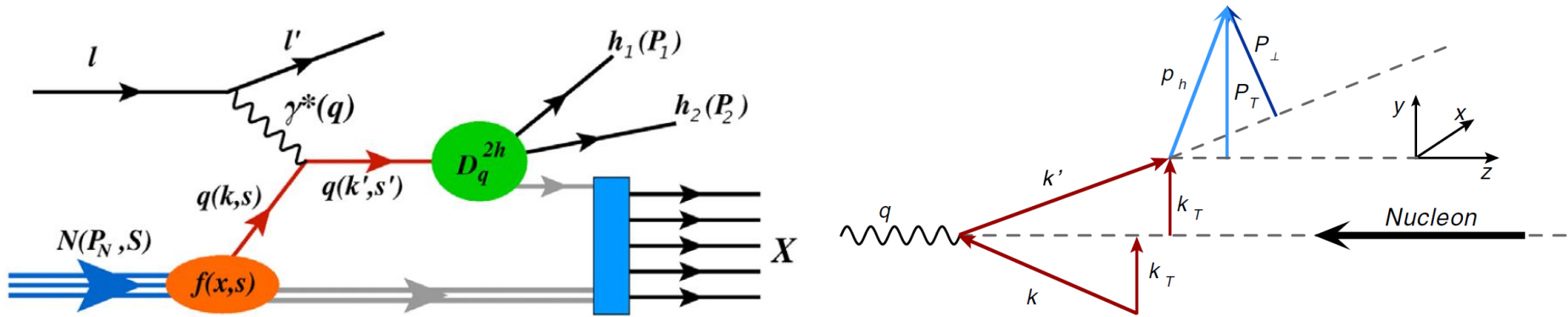
## CGI-GPM



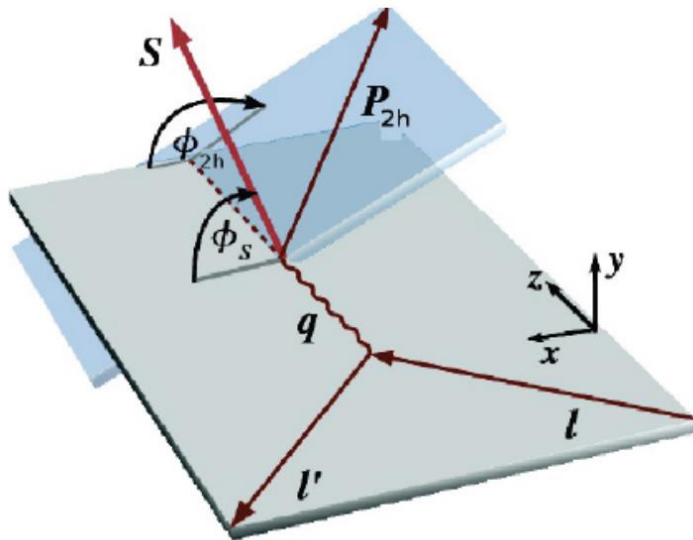
$$\Delta N f_{g/p^\uparrow}^{(1)}(x) = \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp}{4M} \Delta N f_{g/p^\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = -f_{1T}^{\perp(1)g}(x)$$



# GSF in two-hadron electroproduction - I



LO partonic contribution; involves a TMD dihadron fragmentation function (DiFF)



$$P_{T,2h} = P_{1T} + P_{2T}$$

$$R = (P_{1T} - P_{2T})/2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{h_1 h_2}}{d^2 P_T R dR} \propto \sigma_{U,0} + S_T \sigma_{Siv} \sin(\phi_{2h} - \phi_S)$$

Kotzinian et al PRL 113 062003 (2014)

# GSF in two-hadron electroproduction - II

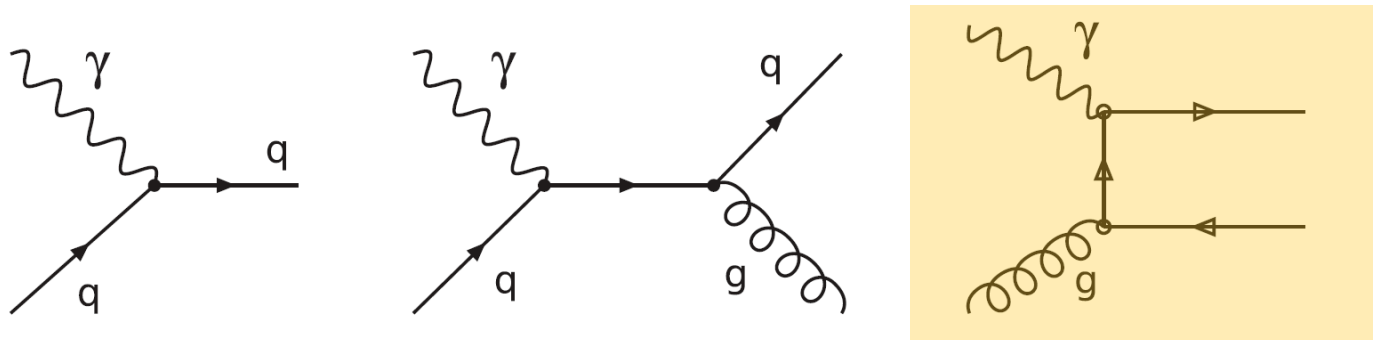


Figure 1: Feynman diagrams considered for  $\gamma^*N$  scattering: a) Leading order process (LP), b) gluon radiation (QCD Compton scattering), c) photogluon fusion (PGF).

$$A_{Siv} = R_{PGF} A_{Siv}^{PGF} + R_{QCDC} A_{Siv}^{QCDC} + R_{LP} A_{Siv}^{LP}$$

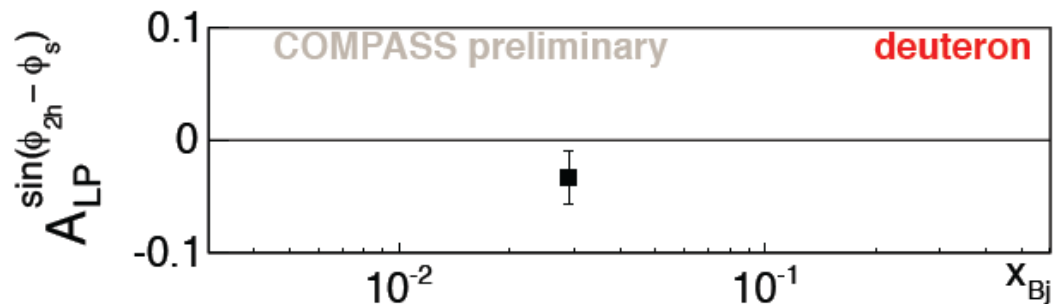
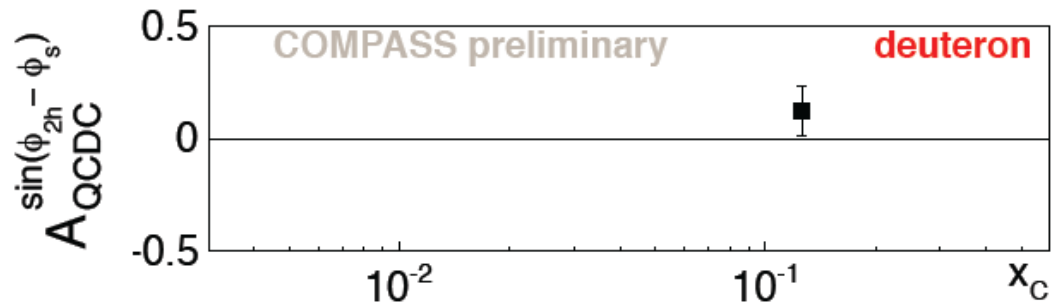
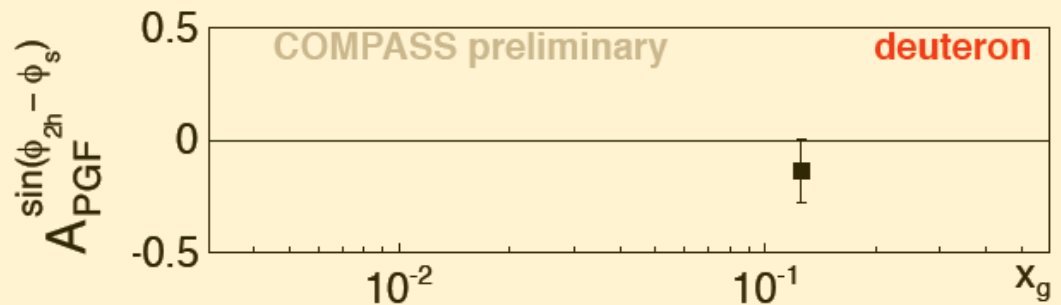
**COMPASS analysis: selection of high transverse momentum hadron pairs in order to enhance the photon-gluon fusion contribution and "isolate" the gluon Sivers effect**

COMPASS JoP Conf. Series 678 (2016)

# GSF in two-hadron electroproduction - III

- Inclusive cuts:
  - $Q^2 > 1(\text{GeV}/c)^2$
  - $0.003 < x_{Bj} < 0.7$
  - $0.1 < y < 0.9$
- hadronic cuts
  - $p_{T1} > 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c$
  - $p_{T2} > 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$
  - $z_1 > 0.1$
  - $z_2 > 0.1$

$$z_1 + z_2 < 0.9$$

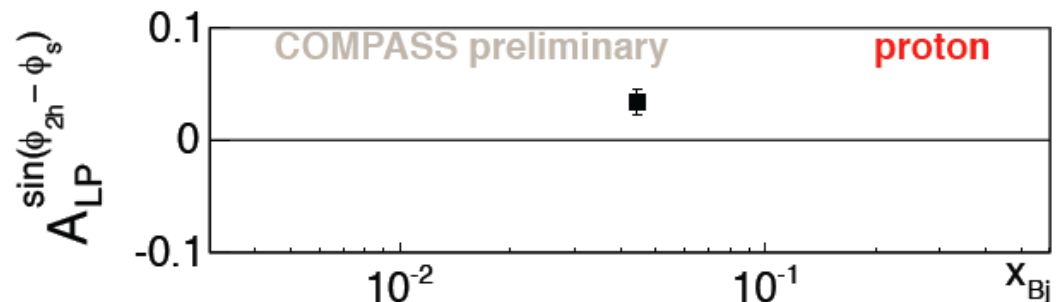
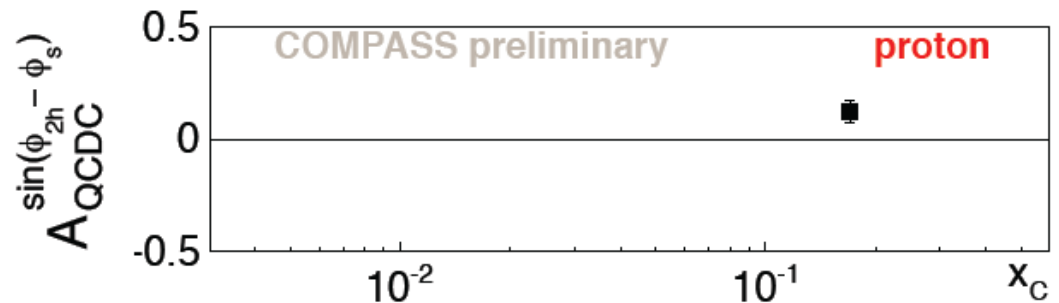
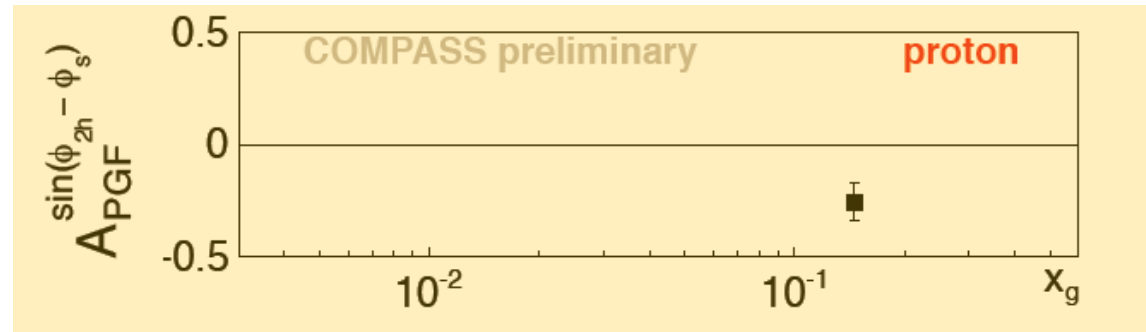


$$A_{PGF}^{\sin(\phi_{2h} - \phi_s)} = -0.14 \pm 0.15(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst.}) \text{ at } \langle x_G \rangle = 0.13$$

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$$z_1 + z_2 < 0.9$$



$$A_{PGF}^{\sin(\phi_{2h} - \phi_s)} = -0.26 \pm 0.09(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.08(\text{syst.}) \text{ at } \langle x_G \rangle = 0.15$$

# Conclusions and outlook

- GSF and gluon orbital angular momentum are crucial for our understanding of the full 3D structure of the nucleon
- Despite huge theoretical and phenomenological efforts little is known on the GSF at present
- Color gauge links complicate the picture leading to two different universal GSFs combined with process-dependent calculable factors (same for three-gluon correlations in the twist-3 approach and for the CGI-GPM)
- Bounds on GSF have been obtained from single inclusive pion production in the mid-rapidity region at RHIC (model dependent)
- Bounds have also been obtained from pion SIDIS data on deuteron and proton targets (model dependent)
- Information on GSF from high- $p_T$  two-hadron electroproduction at COMPASS (model and analysis dependent); further investigation required
- A Combined analysis of several processes where the GSF(s) can play a significant role, at different energies and exp. setups (RHIC, AFTER@LHC, EIC) is crucial for improving our knowledge of the GSF