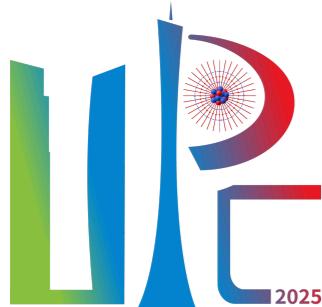


# Semi-inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering and the Electron-ion Collider in China



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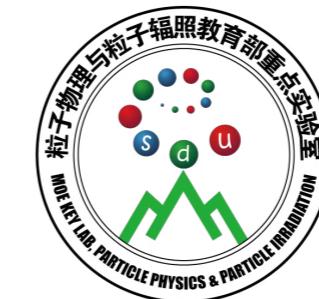
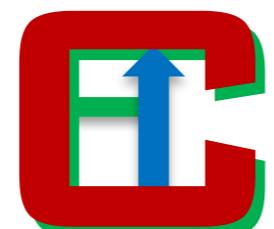
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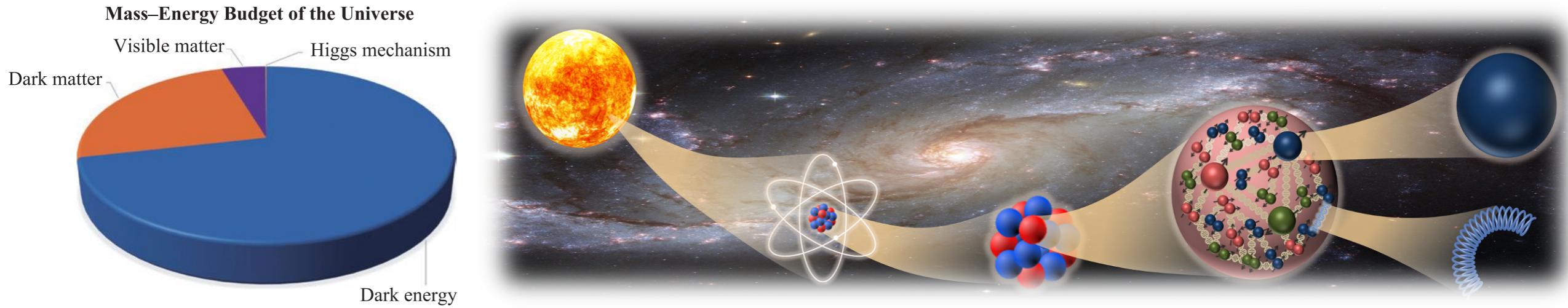
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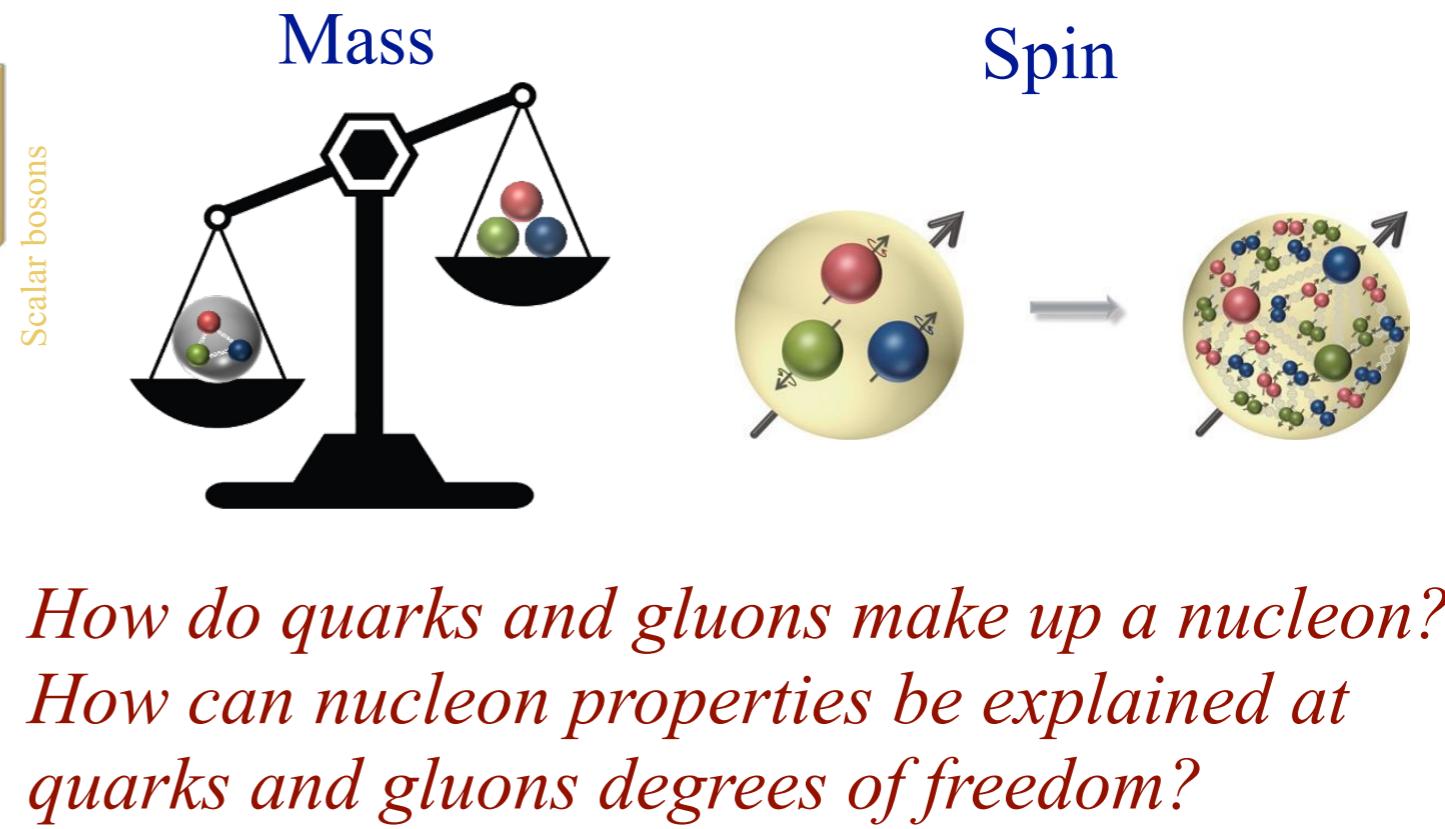


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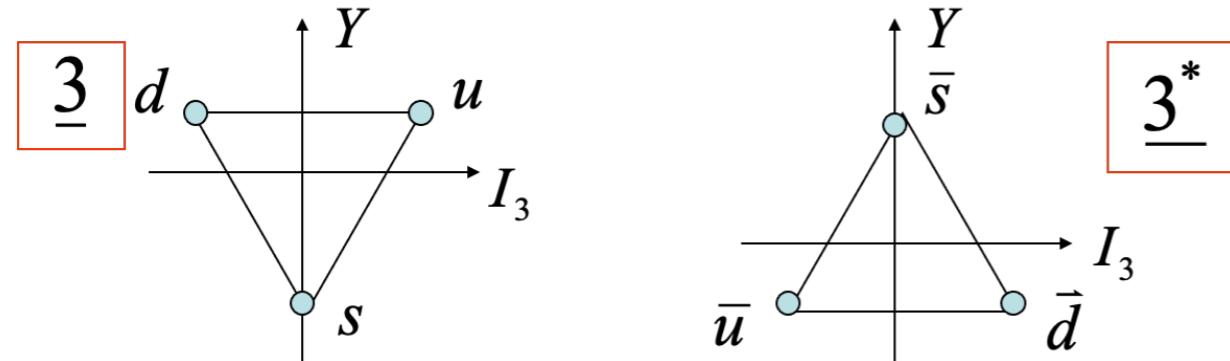
Three generations of matter

Quarks	I	II	III	Force carriers
	u	c	t	g
	Up quark Mass $\approx$ 2.2 MeV Charge = 2/3 Spin = 1/2	Charm quark Mass $\approx$ 1.28 GeV Charge = 2/3 Spin = 1/2	Top quark Mass $\approx$ 173.1 GeV Charge = 2/3 Spin = 1/2	Gluon Mass = 0 Charge = 0 Spin = 1
	d	s	b	$\gamma$
	Down quark Mass $\approx$ 4.7 MeV Charge = -1/3 Spin = 1/2	Strange quark Mass $\approx$ 96 MeV Charge = -1/3 Spin = 1/2	Bottom quark Mass $\approx$ 4.18 GeV Charge = -1/3 Spin = 1/2	Photon Mass = 0 Charge = 0 Spin = 1
Leptons	e	$\mu$	$\tau$	Z
	Electron Mass $\approx$ 0.511 MeV Charge = -1 Spin = 1/2	Muon Mass $\approx$ 105.66 MeV Charge = -1 Spin = 1/2	Tau Mass $\approx$ 1.7768 GeV Charge = -1 Spin = 1/2	Z boson Mass $\approx$ 91.19 GeV Charge = 0 Spin = 1
	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$	W
	Electron neutrino Mass $<$ 1 eV Charge = 0 Spin = 1/2	Muon neutrino Mass $<$ 0.17 MeV Charge = 0 Spin = 1/2	Tau neutrino Mass $<$ 18.2 MeV Charge = 0 Spin = 1/2	W boson Mass $\approx$ 80.39 GeV Charge = +/-1 Spin = 1



# Proton Spin Structure in Naïve Quark Model

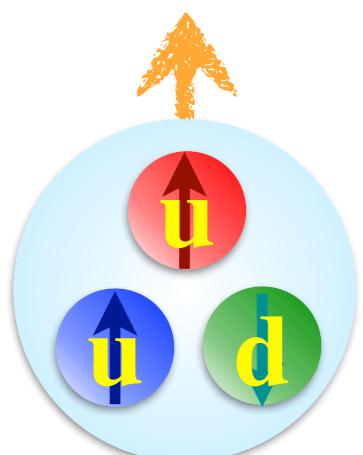
Quark model:



M. Gell-Mann, Phys. Lett. 8, 214 (1964);  
G. Zweig, CERN Report No. TH-401 (1964).

ordinary baryons:  $|qqq\rangle$ , mesons:  $|q\bar{q}\rangle$

Spin-flavor wave function of the proton:



$$\begin{aligned} |p_{\uparrow}\rangle = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \left[ 2 |u_{\uparrow}d_{\downarrow}u_{\uparrow}\rangle + 2 |u_{\uparrow}u_{\uparrow}d_{\downarrow}\rangle + 2 |d_{\downarrow}u_{\uparrow}u_{\uparrow}\rangle - |u_{\uparrow}u_{\downarrow}d_{\uparrow}\rangle \right. \\ & - |u_{\uparrow}d_{\uparrow}u_{\downarrow}\rangle - |u_{\downarrow}d_{\uparrow}u_{\uparrow}\rangle - |d_{\uparrow}u_{\downarrow}u_{\uparrow}\rangle - |d_{\uparrow}u_{\uparrow}u_{\downarrow}\rangle - \left. |u_{\downarrow}u_{\uparrow}d_{\uparrow}\rangle \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta u = u_{\uparrow} - u_{\downarrow} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \Delta d = d_{\uparrow} - d_{\downarrow} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

*The sum of quark spins gives the proton spin.*

# Lepton-Hadron Deep Inelastic Scattering

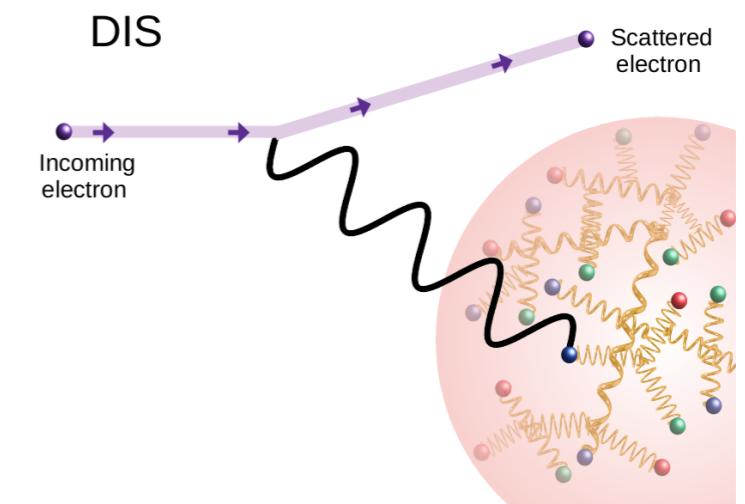
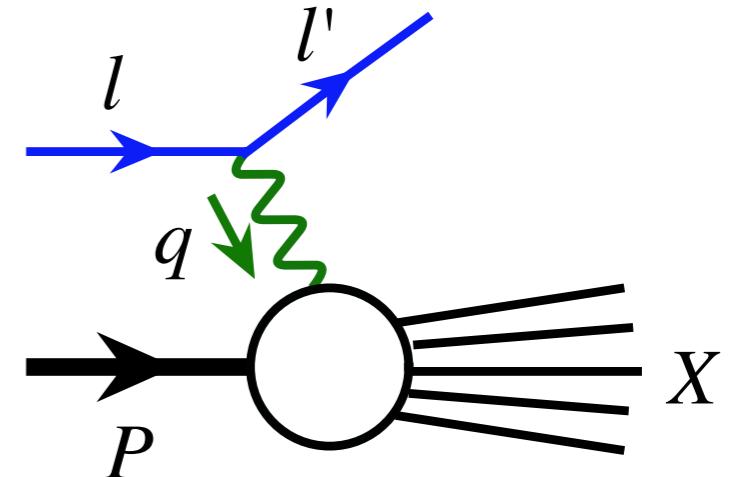
Inclusive DIS at a large momentum transfer:  $Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

- dominated by the scattering of the lepton off an active quark/parton
- not sensitive to the dynamics at a hadronic scale  $\sim 1/\text{fm}$
- collinear factorization:

$$\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes f_{i/P}(x, \mu^2)$$

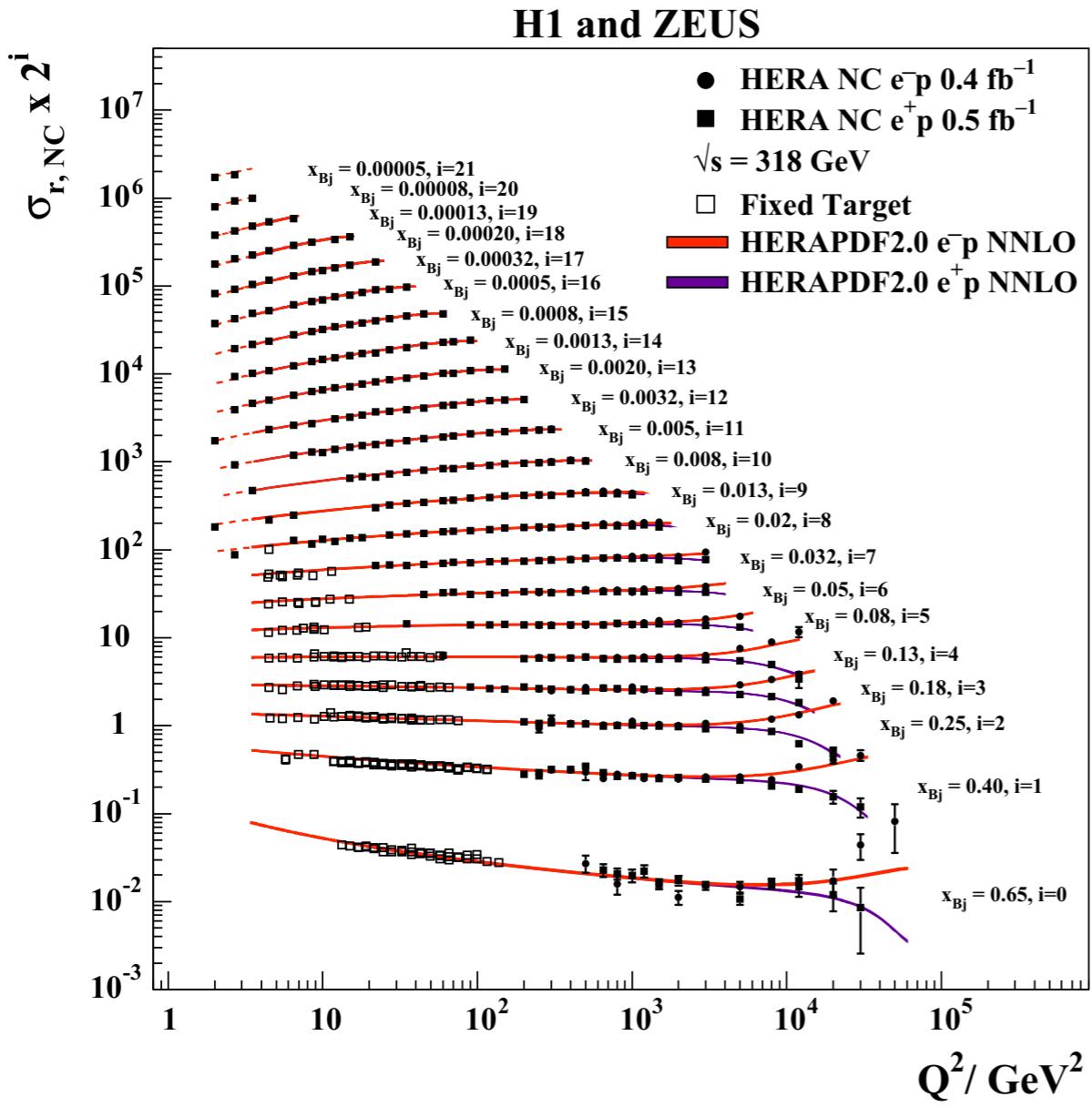
- overall corrections suppressed by  $1/Q^n$
- indirectly “see” quarks, gluons and their dynamics
- predictive power relies on
  - precision of the probe
  - universality of  $f_{i/P}(x, \mu^2)$

Modern “Rutherford” experiment.

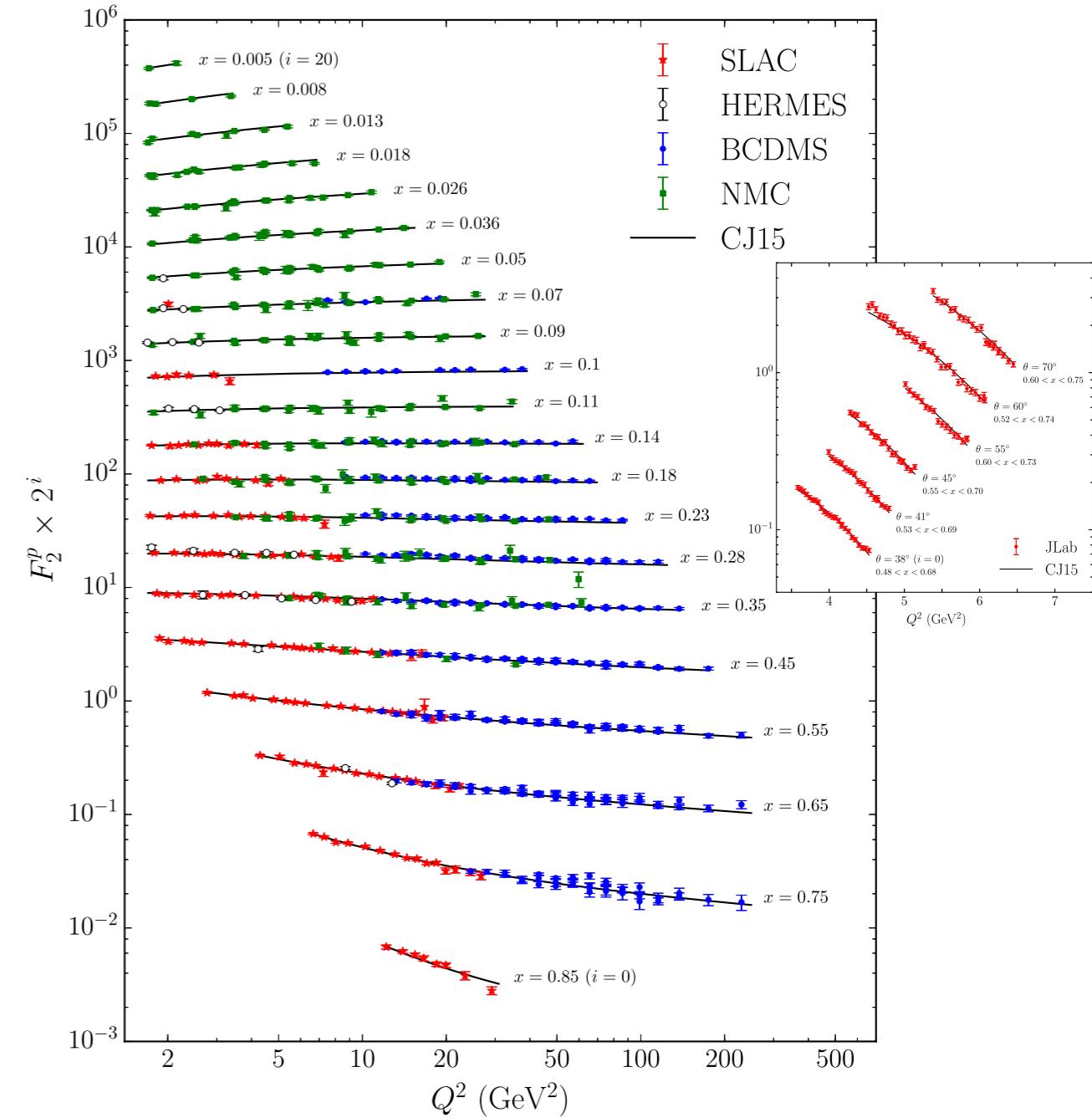


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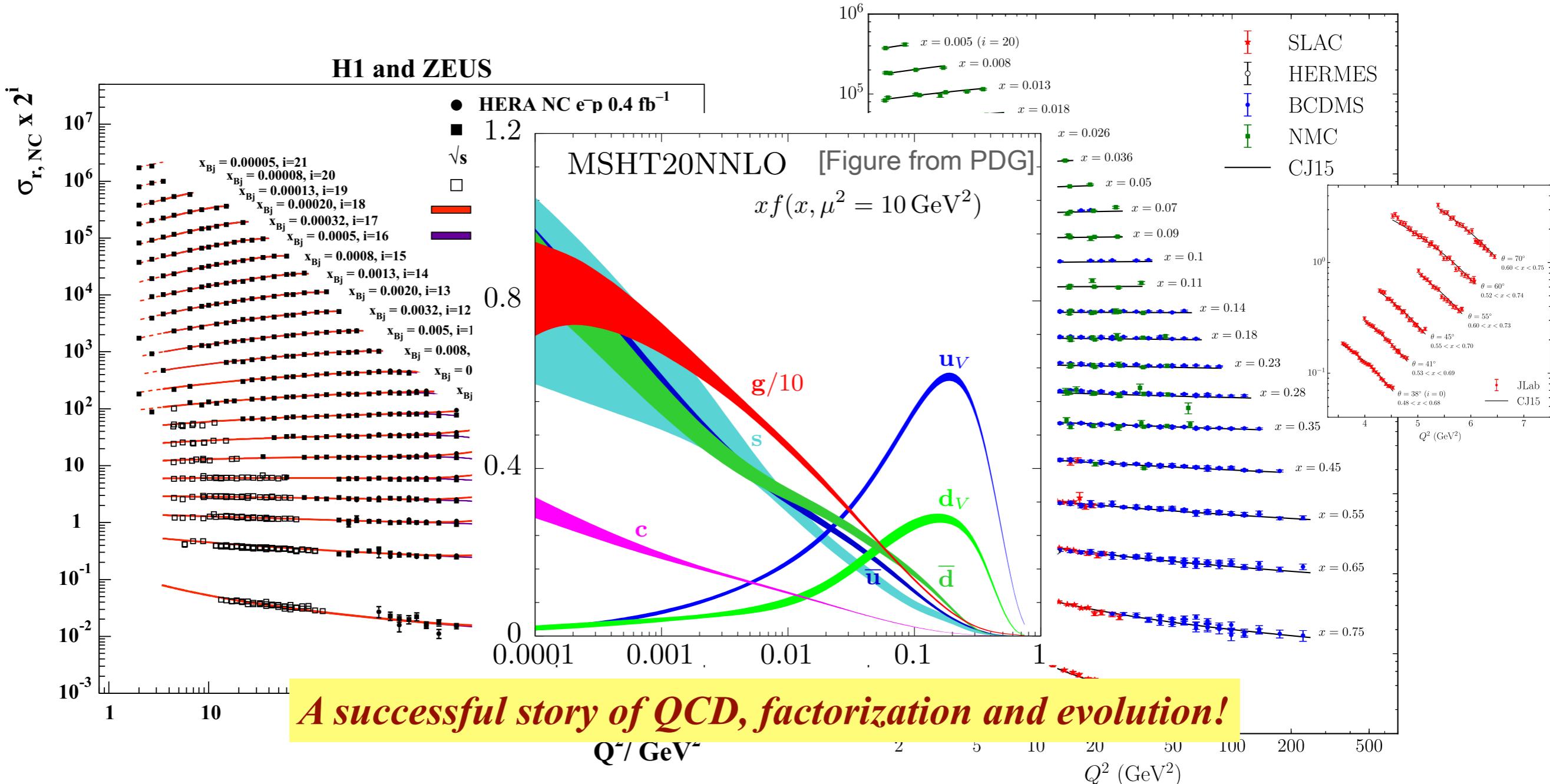


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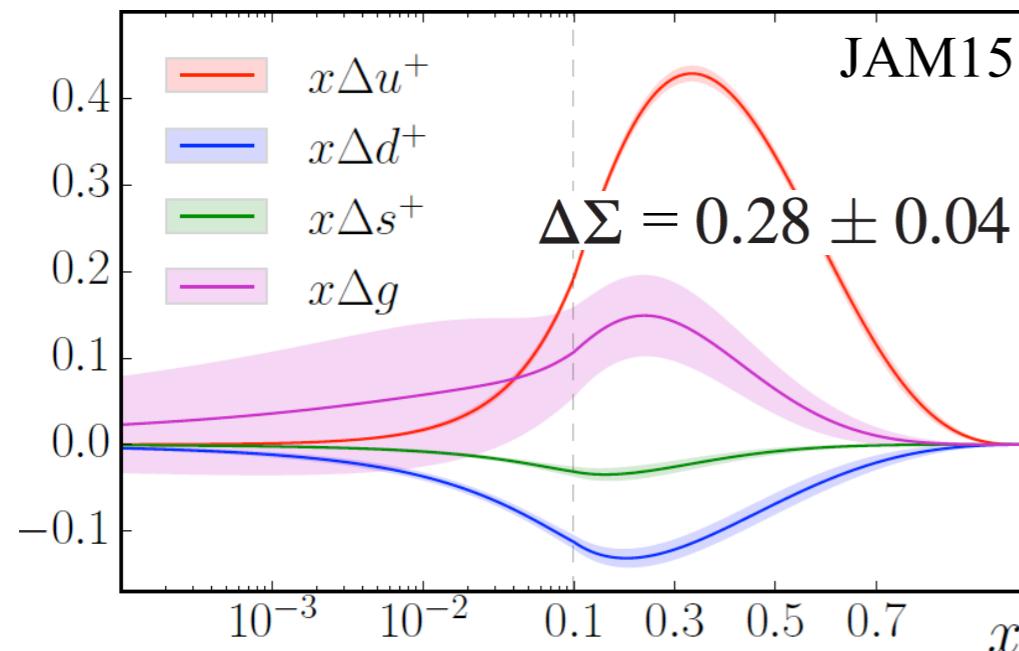
# Nucleon Spin Structure

## Proton spin puzzle

$$\Delta\Sigma = \Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s \sim 0.3$$

## Spin decomposition

$$J = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$$



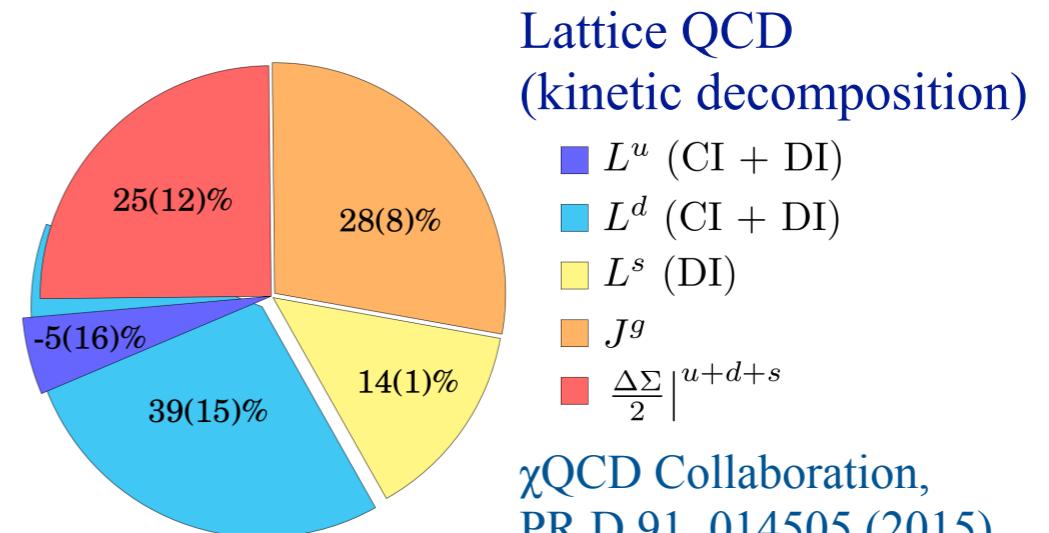
JAM Collaboration, PR D 93, 074005 (2016).

JAM17:  $\Delta\Sigma = 0.36 \pm 0.09$

JAM Collaboration, PRL 119, 132001 (2017).

Quark spin only contributes a small fraction to the nucleon spin.

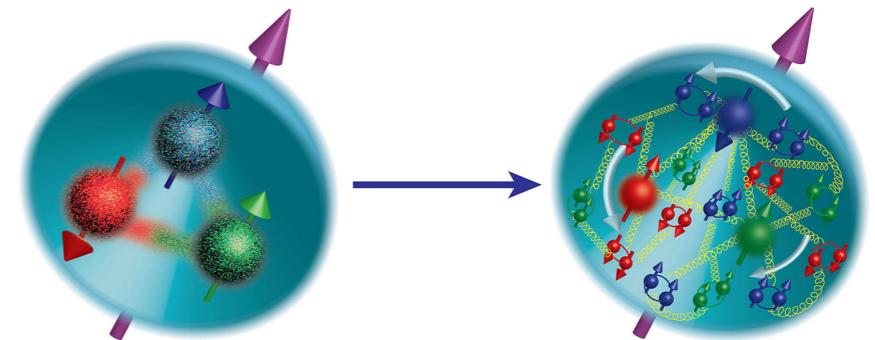
J. Ashman *et al.*, PLB 206, 364 (1988); NP B328, 1 (1989).



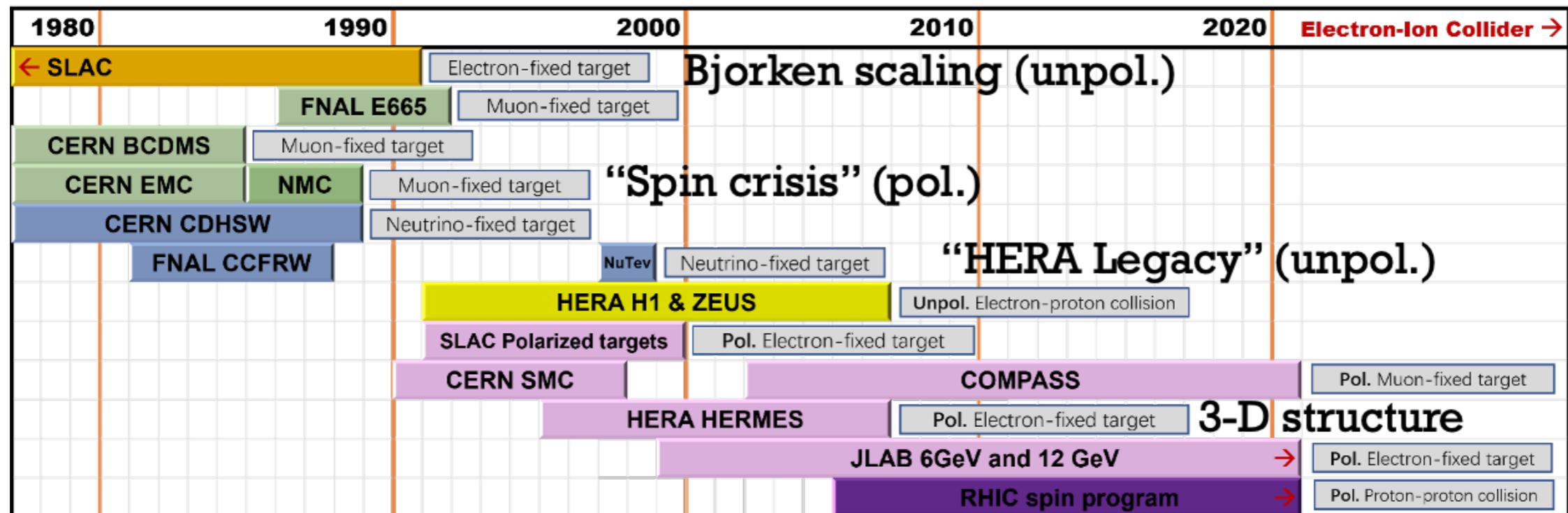
Gluon spin from LQCD:  $S_g = 0.251(47)(16)$

50% of total proton spin

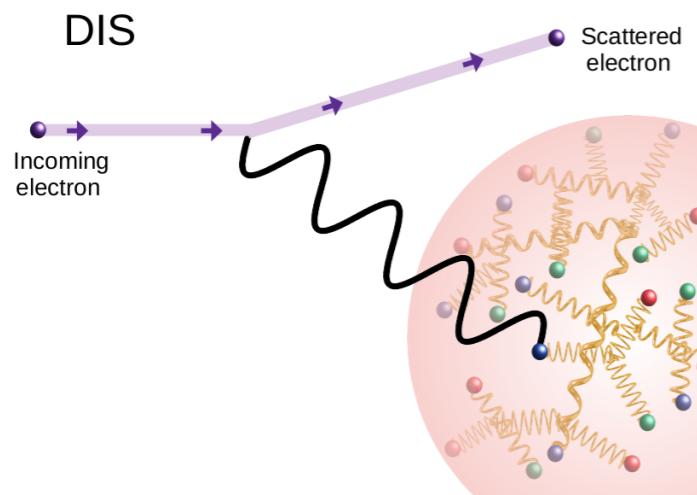
Y.-B. Yang *et al.* (χQCD Collaboration), PRL 118, 102001 (2017).



# Lepton Scattering: An Ideal Tool



[Figure from X.Y. Zhao]



[Figure from DESY-21-099]

## Modern “Rutherford Scattering” Experiment

- Start from unpolarized fixed targets
- Extended unpolarized collider experiments
- and polarized fixed-target experiments

## Need polarized electron-ion collider

- High luminosity:  $10^2 \sim 10^3 \times$  HERA lumi.
- High polarization: both electron and ion beams
- Large acceptance: nearly full detector coverage

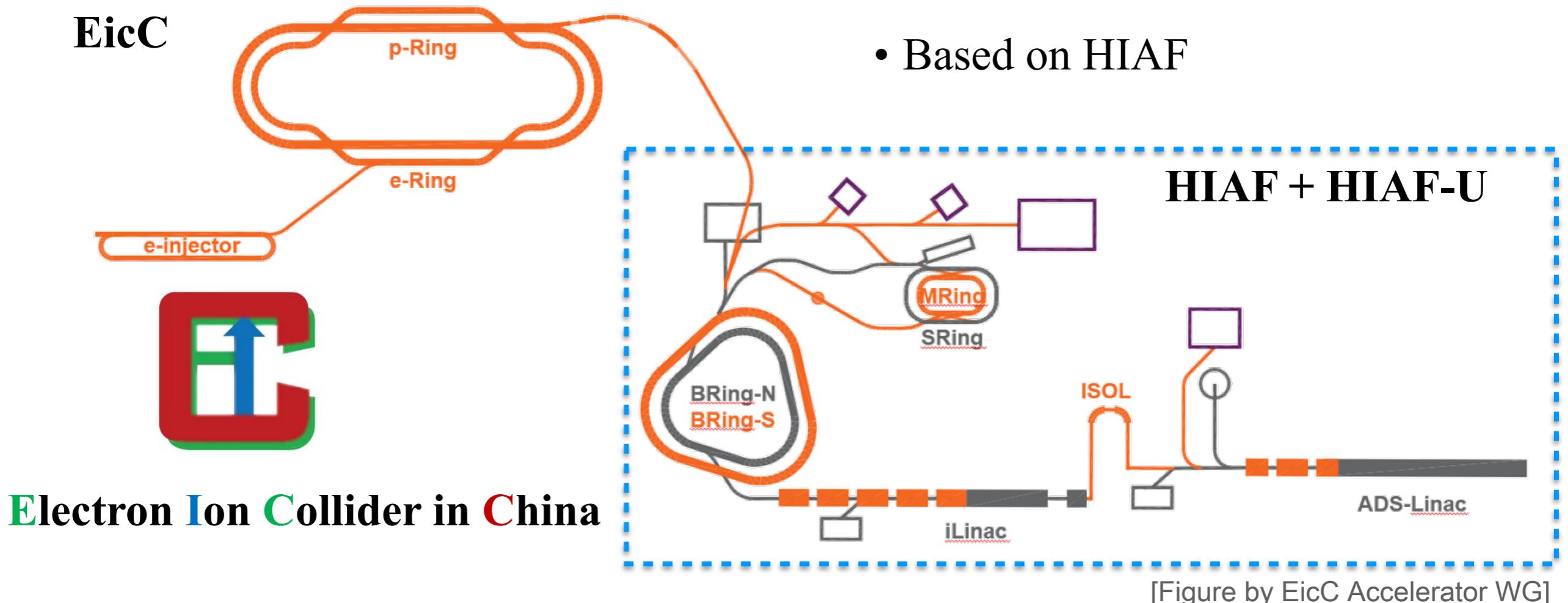
# HIAF in Huizhou (惠州)



## High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility

- a national facility on nuclear physics, atomic physics, heavy-ion applications ...
- open to scientists all over the world
- provide intense beams of primary and radioactive ions
- beam commissioning in 2025

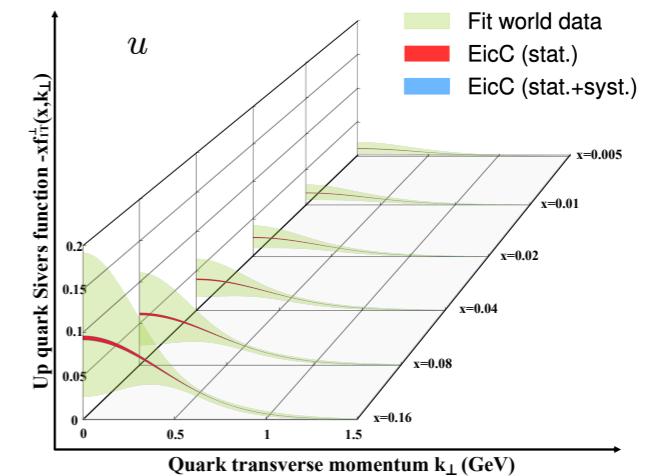
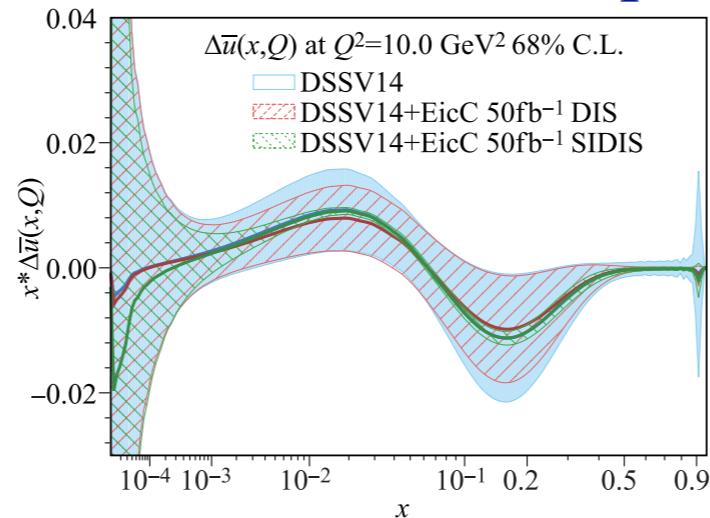
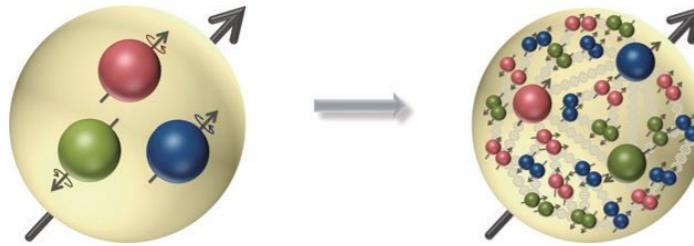
# Electron-ion Collider in China



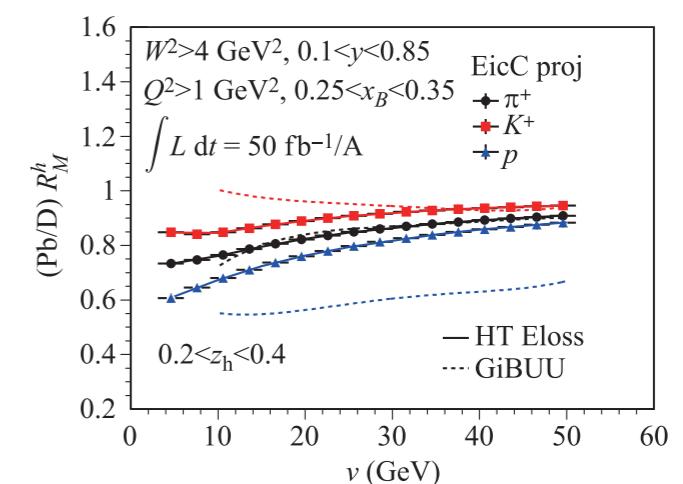
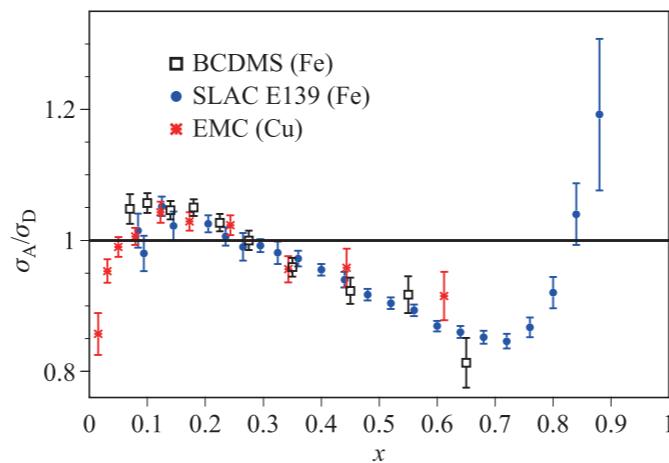
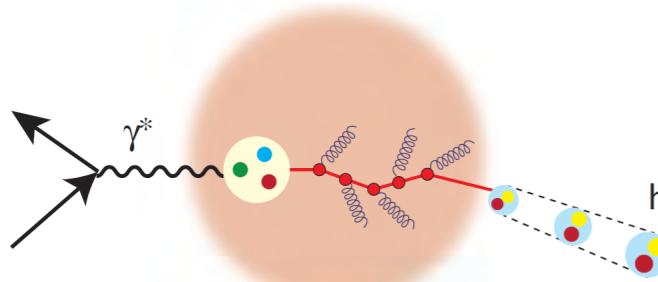
- energy in c.m.:  $15 \sim 20$  GeV
- luminosity:  $\gtrsim 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- electron beam: 3.5 GeV, polarization  $\sim 80\%$
- proton beam: 20 GeV, polarization  $\sim 70\%$
- other available polarized ion beams: d,  ${}^3\text{He}^{++}$
- available unpolarized ion beams:  ${}^7\text{Li}^{3+}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$ ,  ${}^{40}\text{Ca}^{20+}$ ,  ${}^{197}\text{Au}^{79+}$ ,  ${}^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+}$ ,  ${}^{238}\text{U}^{92+}$

# Physics Highlights

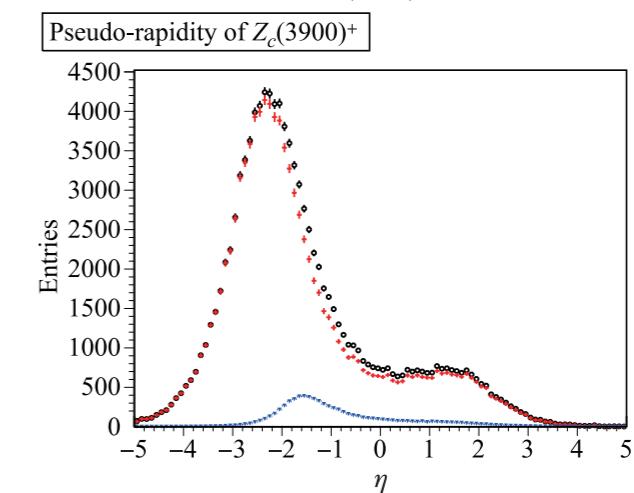
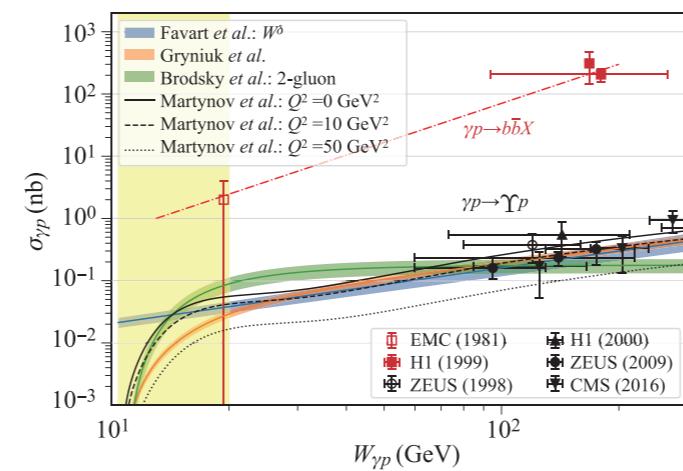
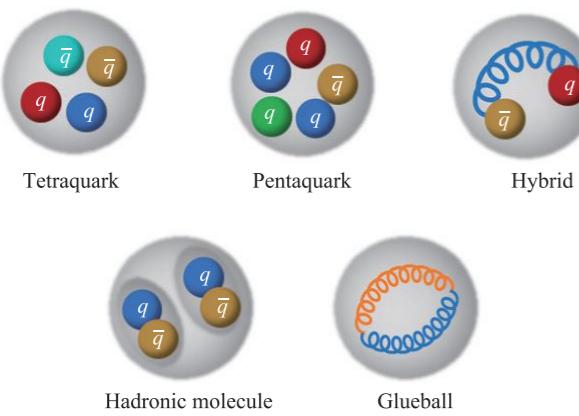
## Partonic structure and three-dimensional landscape of the nucleon



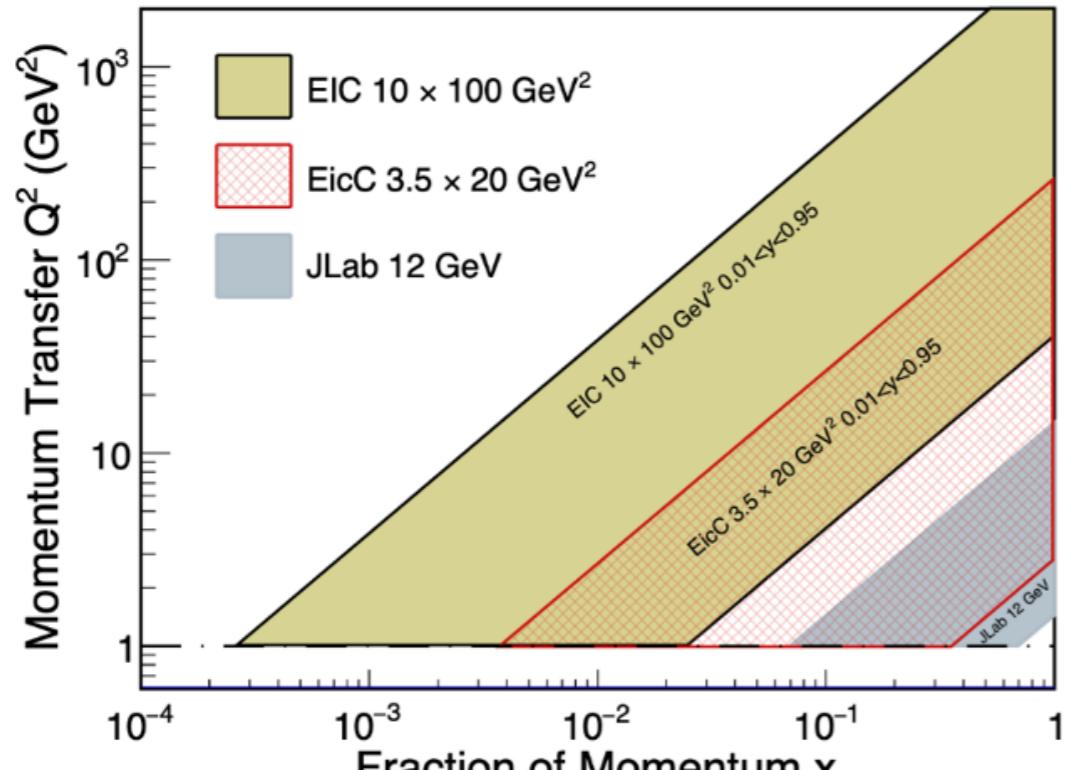
## Partonic structure of nuclei



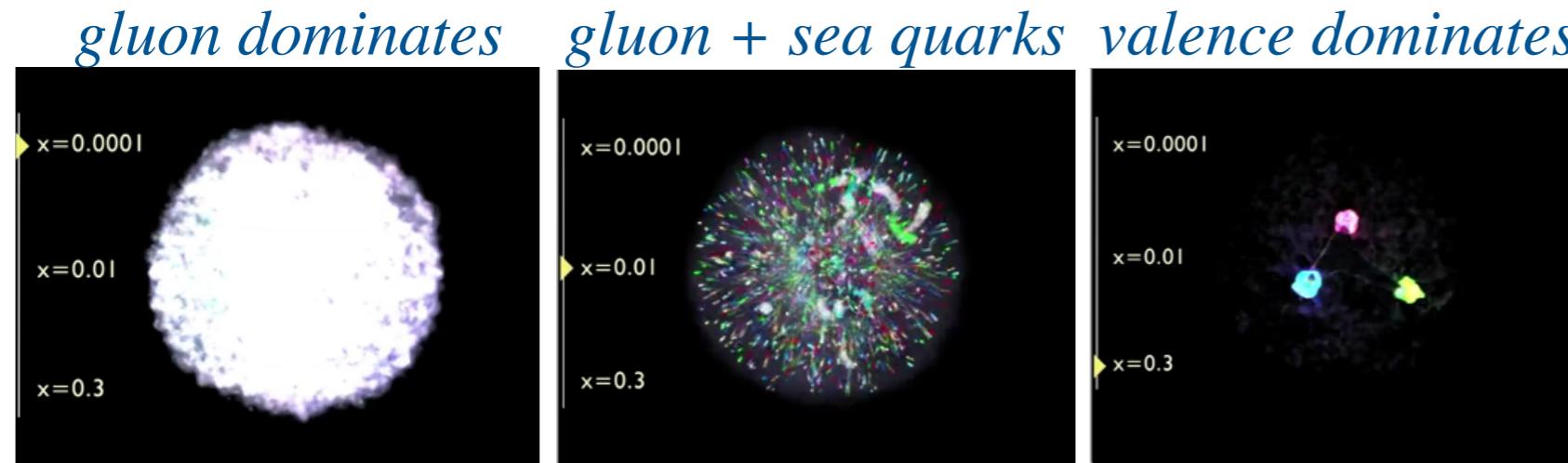
## Exotic hadronic states



# Complementarity of EicC and EIC-US



[Figure from EicC White paper]



R.G. Milner and R. Ent, *Visualizing the proton* 2022

## Nucleon spin:

EicC is optimized to systematically explore the gluon and sea quarks in moderate  $x$  regime  
At a crucial place between JLab and EIC-US

## Proton mass / quarkonium production:

Systematic investigation of  $\Upsilon$  near threshold production  
Complementary kinematic coverage to EIC-US  
Combine with  $J/\psi$  production at JLab

## Exotic hadron states:

Independent confirmation of hidden-charm pentaquarks  
and search for hidden-bottom analogues  
Exotic hadron production: final particles in mid-rapidity

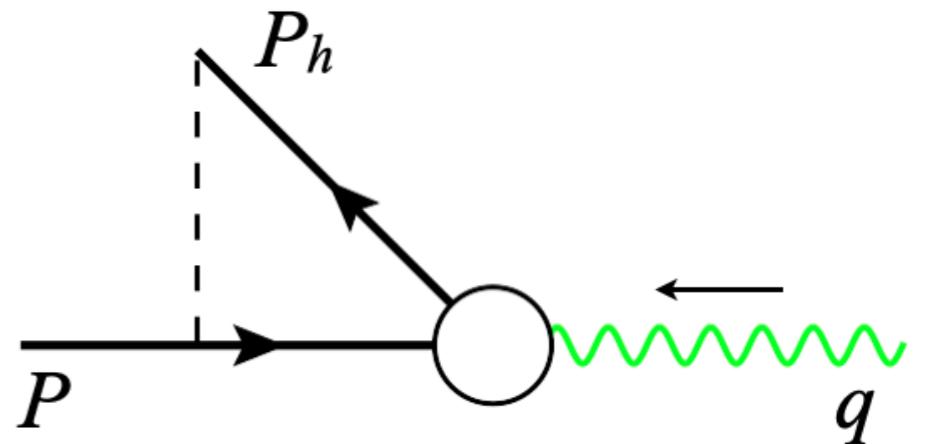
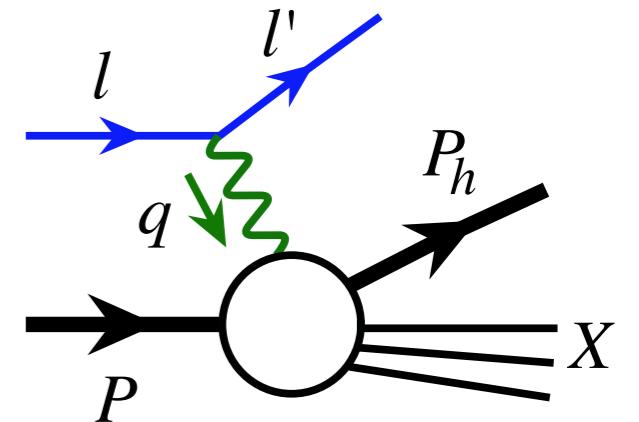
## Partonic structure in nuclear environment:

Parton distribution in nuclei at moderate  $x$   
Fast parton/hadron interaction with cold nuclear matter

# Semi-inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering

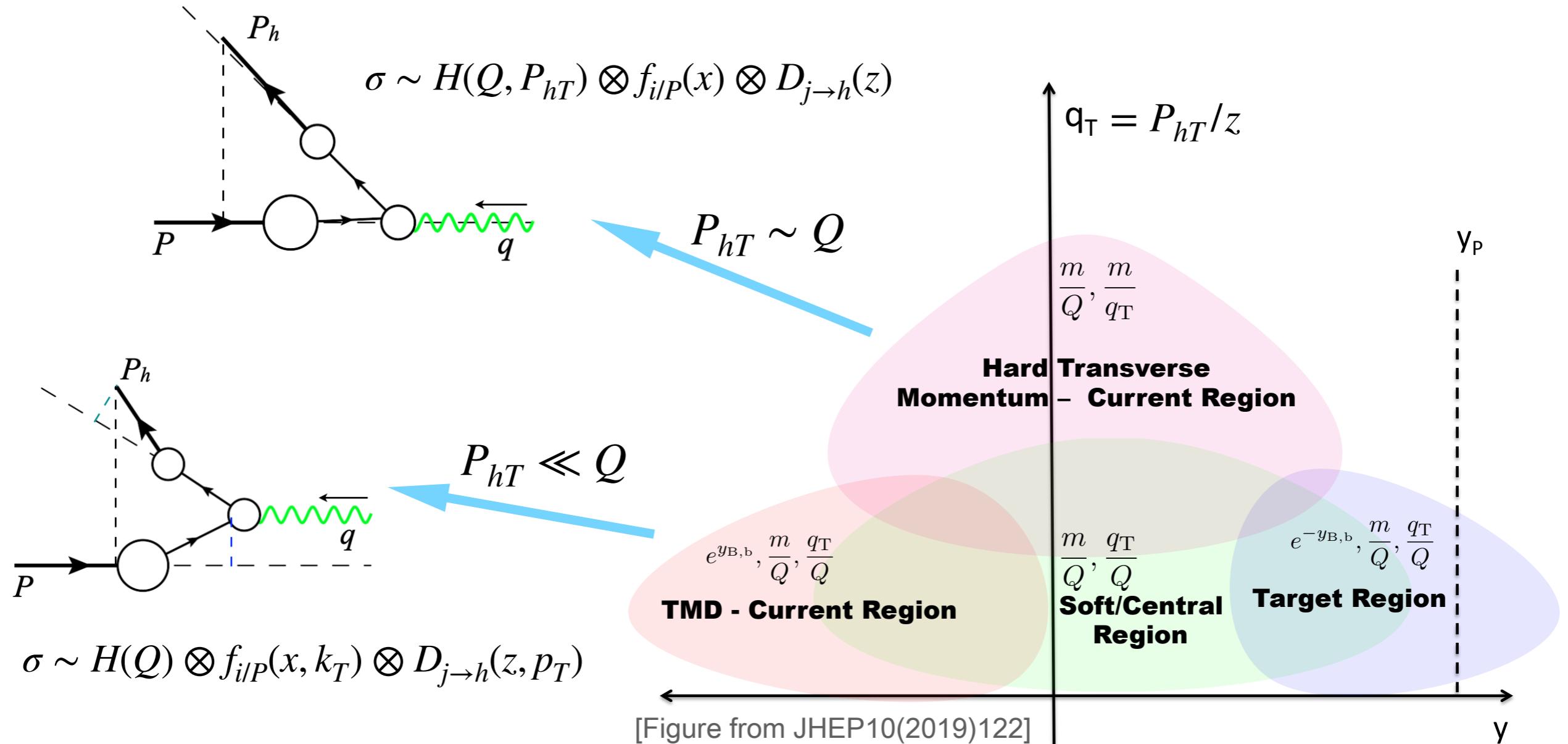
Semi-inclusive DIS: a final state hadron ( $P_h$ ) is identified

- enable us to explore the emergence of color neutral hadrons from colored quarks/gluons
- flavor dependence by selecting different types of observed hadrons: pions, kaons, ...
- a large momentum transfer  $Q$  provides a short-distance probe
- an additional and adjustable momentum scale  $P_{hT}$
- multidimensional imaging of the nucleon



# SIDIS Kinematic Regions

Sketch of kinematic regions of the produced hadron



$P_{hT}$  is defined in the photon-hadron frame

# Structure Functions of SIDIS

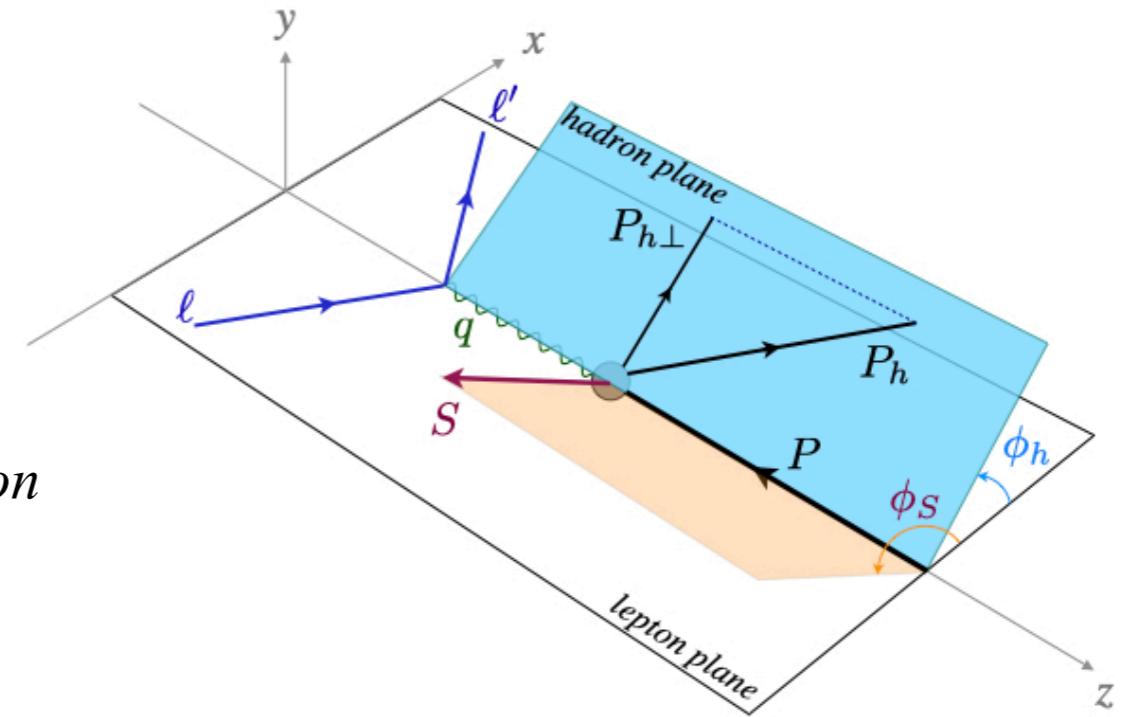
SIDIS differential cross section  
in terms of 18 structure functions

$$F_{AB,C}(x_B, z, P_{hT}^2, Q^2)$$

*A: lepton polarization*  
*B: nucleon polarization*  
*C: virtual photon polarization*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d\sigma}{dx_B \, dy \, dz \, dP_{hT}^2 \, d\phi_h \, d\phi_S} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha^2}{x_B y Q^2} \frac{y^2}{2(1-\epsilon)} \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2x_B} \right) \\
 & \times \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & F_{UU,T} + \epsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UU}^{\cos \phi_h} \cos \phi_h + \epsilon F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} \cos 2\phi_h + \lambda_e \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} F_{LU}^{\sin \phi_h} \sin \phi_h \\
 & + S_L \left[ \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UL}^{\sin \phi_h} \sin \phi_h + \epsilon F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h} \sin 2\phi_h \right] + \lambda_e S_L \left[ \sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} F_{LL}^{\cos \phi_h} \cos \phi_h \right] \\
 & + S_T \left[ \left( F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \epsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right) \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \right. \\
 & + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S) + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UT}^{\sin \phi_S} \sin \phi_S + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S) \left. \right] \\
 & + \lambda_e S_T \left[ \sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S) \right. \\
 & \left. + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} F_{LT}^{\cos \phi_S} \cos \phi_S + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S) \right] \end{aligned} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}$   
 $y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot l}$   
 $z = \frac{P \cdot P_h}{P \cdot q}$   
 $\gamma = \frac{2x_B M}{Q}$

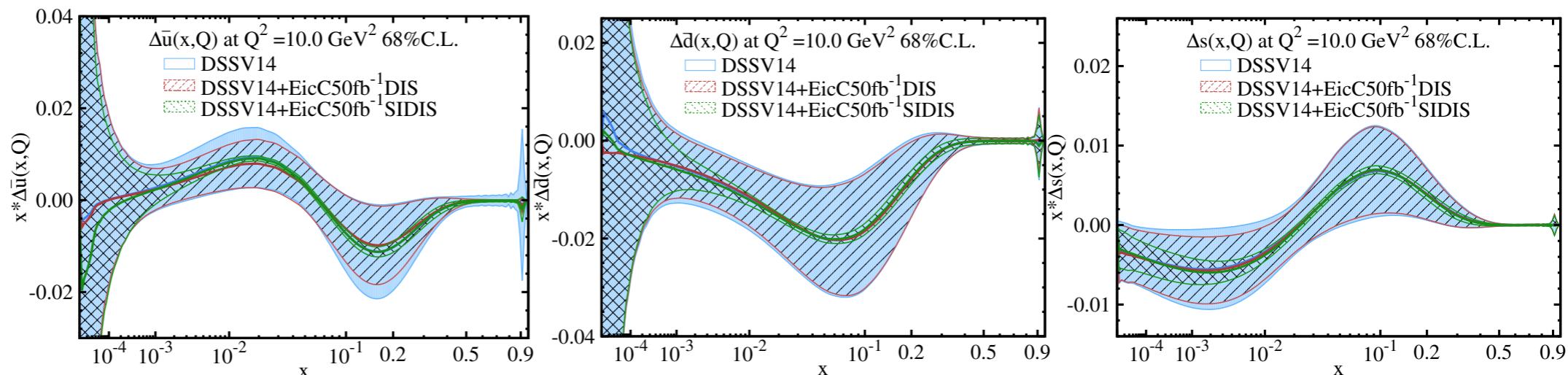


# Leading Twist TMDs

		Quark Polarization		
		U	L	T
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1$ unpolarized		$h_1^\perp$ Boer-Mulders
	L		$g_{1L}$ helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp$ longi-transversity (worm-gear)
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp$ Sivers	$g_{1T}$ trans-helicity (worm-gear)	$h_1$ transversity $h_{1T}^\perp$ pretzelosity

# EicC Impact: Helicity distribution

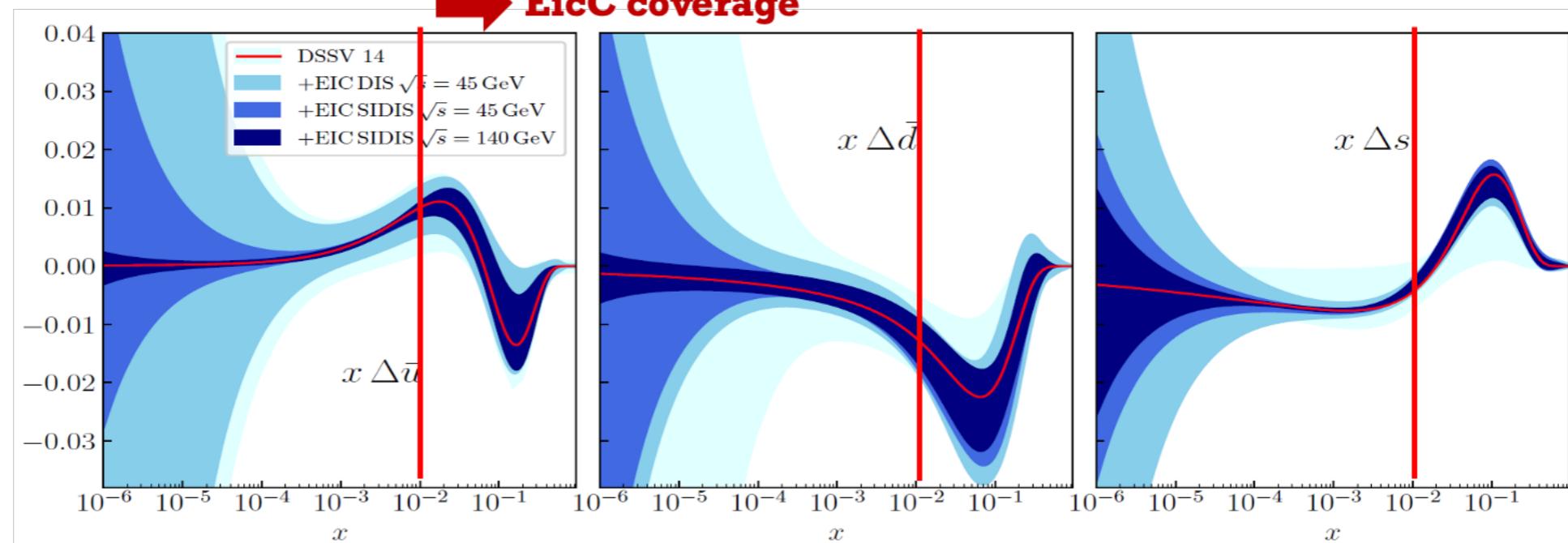
EicC:



D.P. Anderle, T.J. Hou, H. Xing, M. Yan, C.-P. Yuan and Y. Zhao, JHEP 08 (2021) 034.  
Also included in the EicC White paper.

EIC-US:

→ **EicC coverage**



[Figure from EIC Yellow Report]

# TMD Helicity Distributions

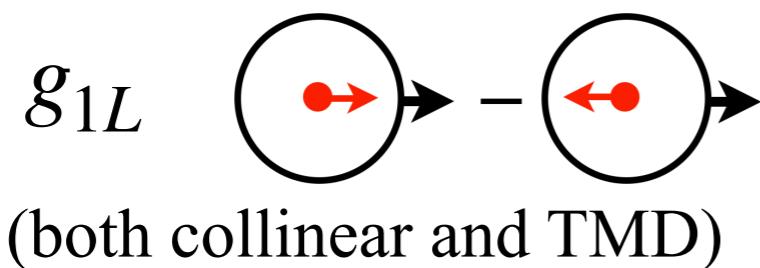
## Longitudinal DSA in SIDIS

$$A_{LL} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-} + \sigma_{--} - \sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-} + \sigma_{--} + \sigma_{-+}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2} F_{LL}(x, z, P_{hT}^2, Q^2)}{F_{UU}(x, z, P_{hT}^2, Q^2)}$$

In TMD region:

$$F_{LL}(x, z, P_{hT}^2, Q^2) \sim g_{1L}(x, k_T^2) \otimes D_1(z, p_T^2)$$

$$F_{UU}(x, z, P_{hT}^2, Q^2) \sim f_1(x, k_T^2) \otimes D_1(z, p_T^2)$$



Several global analyses of collinear helicity  
but no extraction of TMD helicity before!

## $P_{hT}$ dependent DSA measurements

HERMES: proton ( $H_2$ ) and deuteron ( $D_2$ ) targets

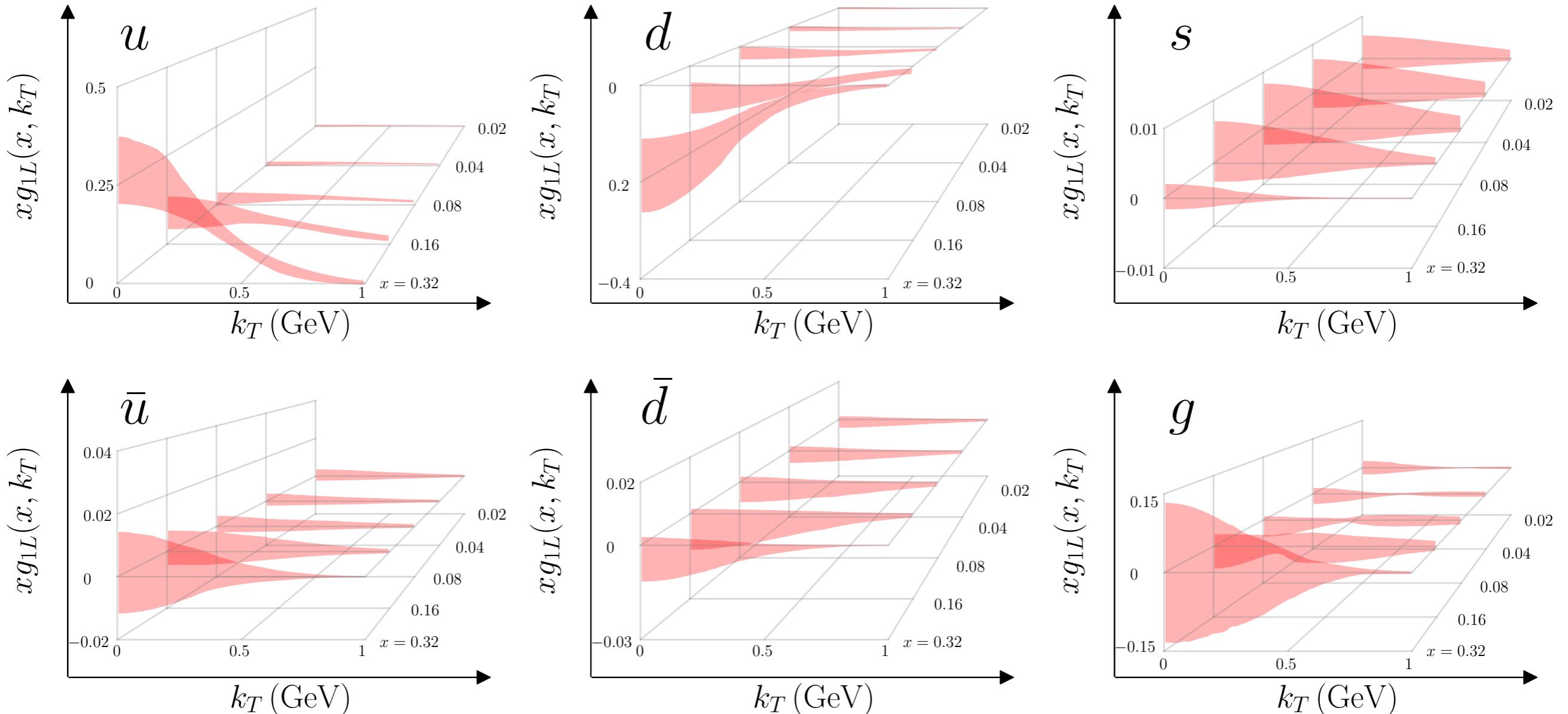
HERMES Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 99 (2019) 112001.

JLab CLAS: proton ( $NH_3$ ) target

CLAS Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B 782 (2018) 662.

# First Extraction of TMD Helicity

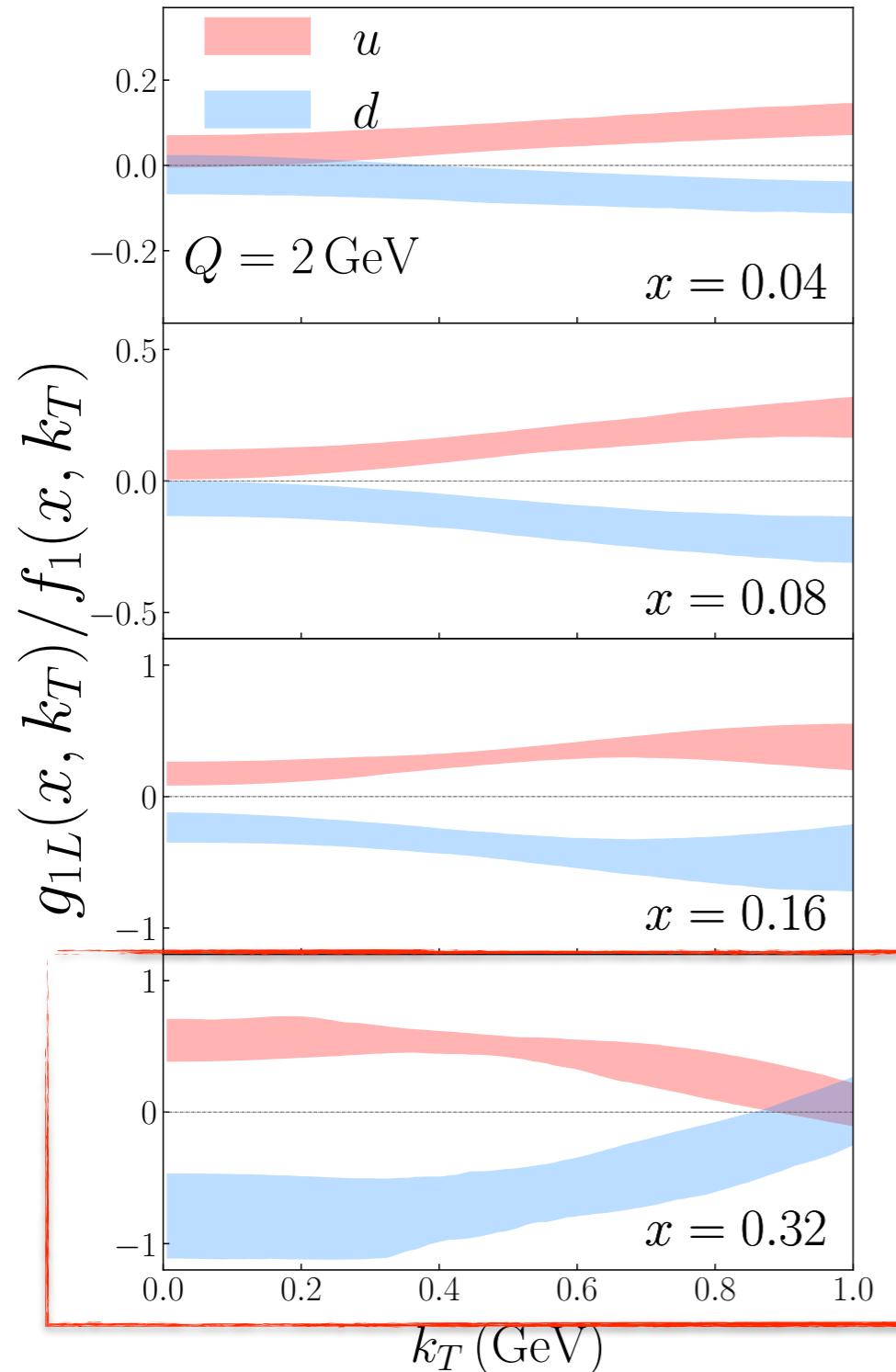
NLO+NNLL analysis results



Nonzero signals for  $u$  and  $d$  quarks, while sea quarks and gluons are loosely constrained.

**K. Yang, TL, P. Sun, Y. Zhao, B.-Q. Ma, Phys. Rev. Lett. 134 (2025) 121902.**

# Transverse Momentum Dependent Polarization



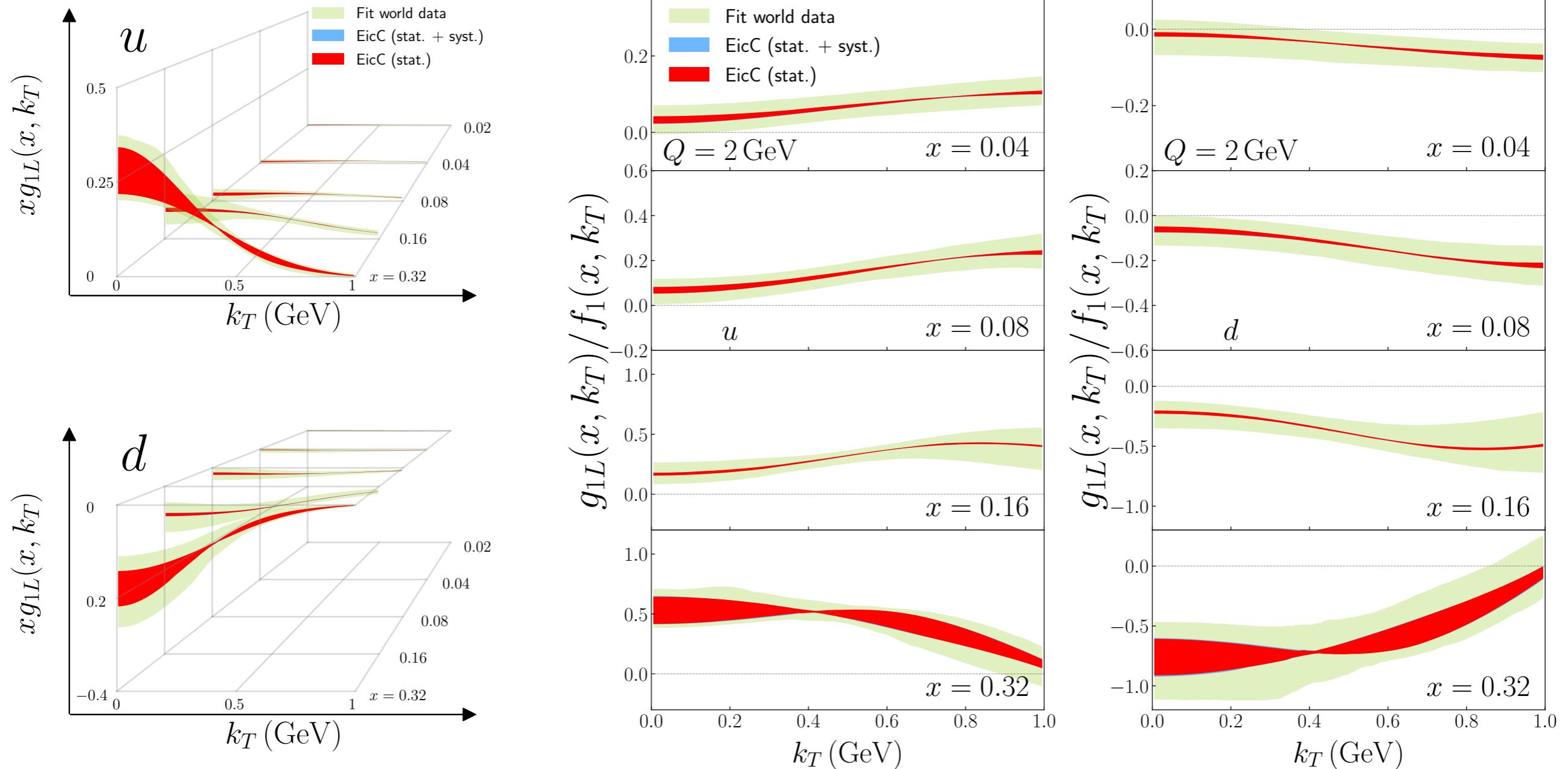
$g_{1L}(x, k_T^2)$  gives the absolute number density difference between spin-parallel and spin-antiparallel quarks.

The ratio  $g_{1L}(x, k_T^2)/f_1(x, k_T^2)$  measures the polarization rate of quarks.

- At large  $x$ , where valence components dominate, the polarization decreases with increasing  $k_T$   
**Qualitatively consistent with kinetic Wigner rotation effects**
- At low  $x$ , where the valence component is no longer adequate, distributions are highly driven by complex QCD dynamics  
The polarization is found increasing with  $k_T$

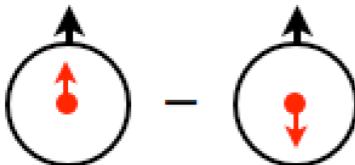
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# EicC Impact: TMD Helicity



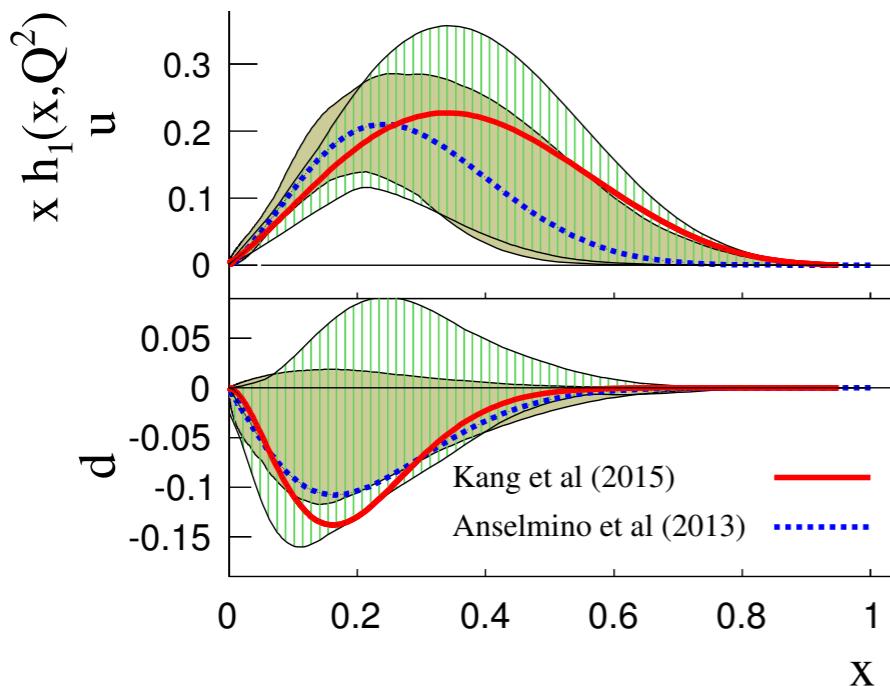
# Transversity Distribution

## Transversity distribution

$$h_1 \quad \text{---} \quad \text{(Collinear & TMD)}$$


A transverse counter part to the longitudinal spin structure: helicity  $g_{1L}$ , but NOT the same.

## Phenomenological extractions



Z.-B. Kang, A. Prokudin, P. Sun, F. Yuan, PRD 93, 014009 (2016).

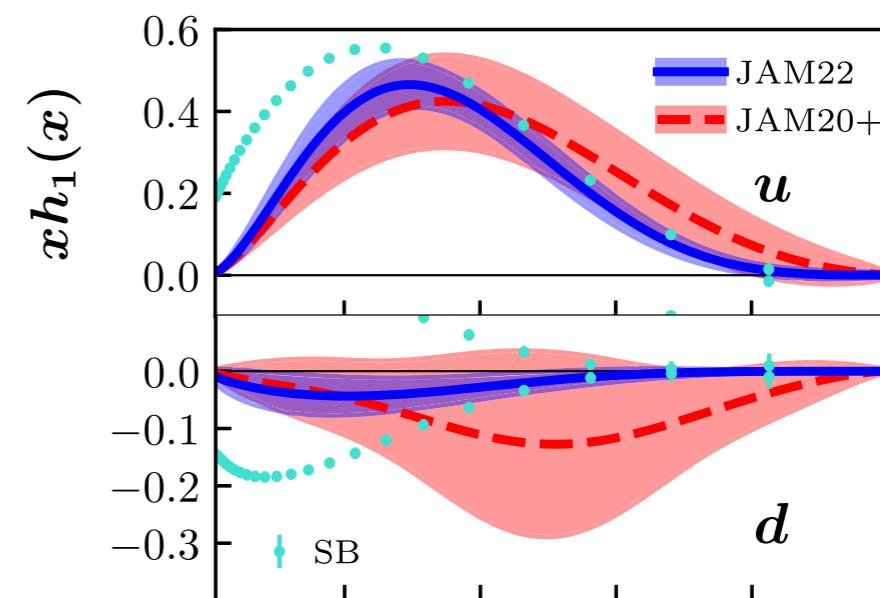
### Chiral-odd:

No mixing with gluons  
Valence dominant  
Couple to another chiral-odd function.

### Effect in SIDIS:

transverse single spin asymmetry  
(Collins asymmetry)

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \sim h_1(x, k_T^2) \otimes H_1^\perp(z, p_T^2)$$

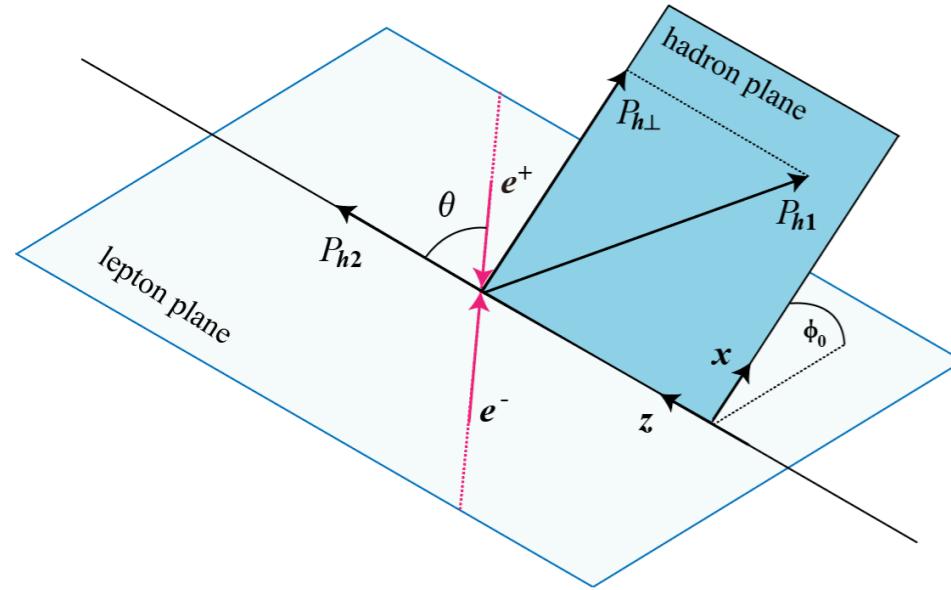


JAM Collaboration, PRD 104, 034014 (2022).

*Assuming vanishing transverse polarization of sea quarks!*

# Complementary Process

Semi-inclusive  $e^+e^-$  annihilation:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow h_1h_2X$



$$\frac{d^5\sigma}{dz_1dz_2d^2\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}d\cos\theta} = \frac{3\pi\alpha^2}{2Q^2}z_1^2z_2^2 \left[ (1 + \cos^2\theta) F_{UU}^{h_1h_2} + \sin^2\theta \cos(2\phi_0) F_{\text{Collins}}^{h_1h_2} \right]$$

In TMD region:  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are near back-to-back,  $P_{hT} \ll Q$

$$F_{\text{Collins}}^{h_1h_2} \sim H_1^{\perp h_1} \otimes H_1^{\perp h_2}$$

Experimental measurements:

Belle:  $\sqrt{s} = 10.58 \text{ GeV}$

Phys. Rev. D 78 (2008) 032011; 86 (2012) 039905(E).

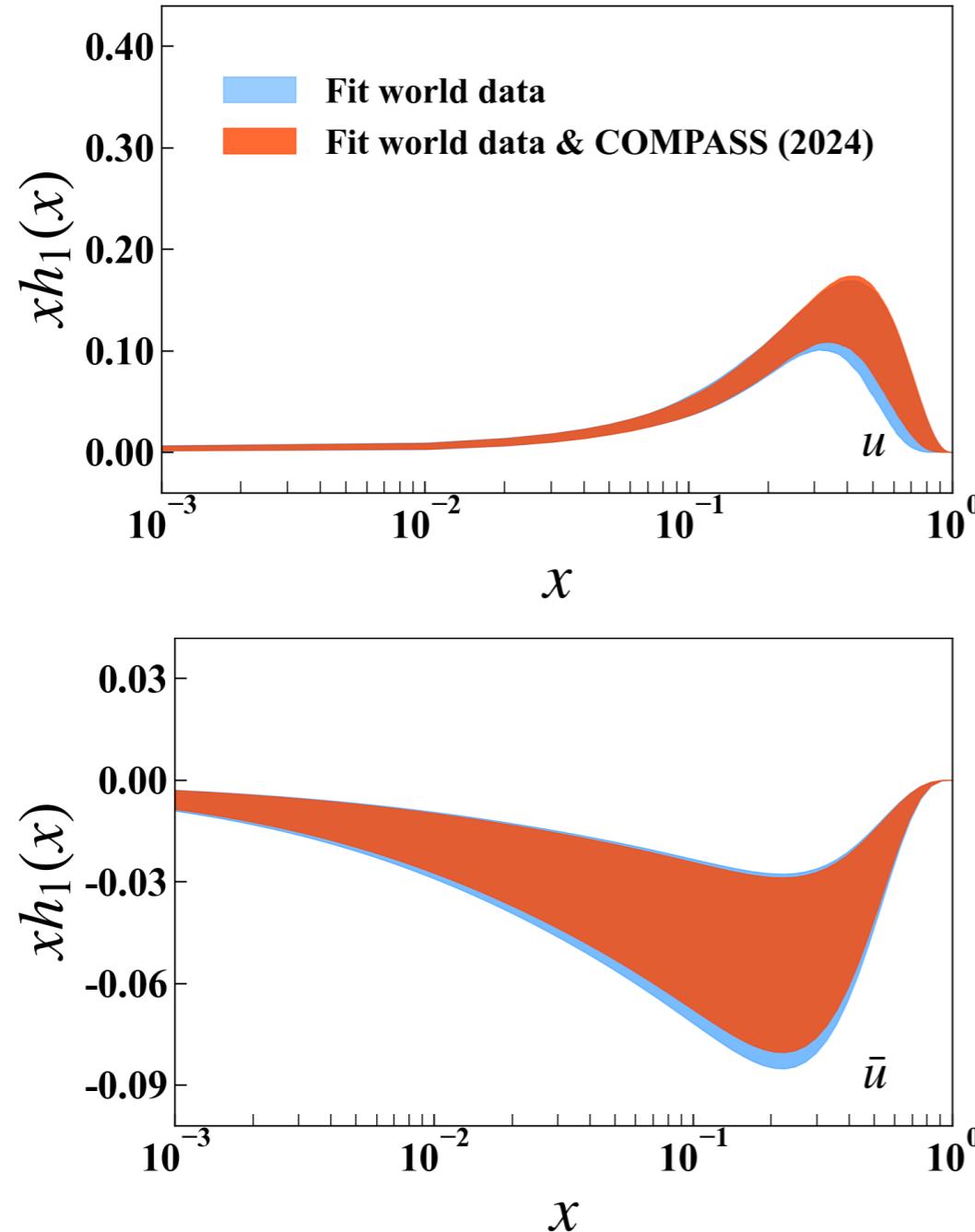
BaBar:  $\sqrt{s} = 10.6 \text{ GeV}$

Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 052003; Phys. Rev. D 92 (2015) 111101.

BESIII:  $\sqrt{s} = 3.68 \text{ GeV}$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 042001.

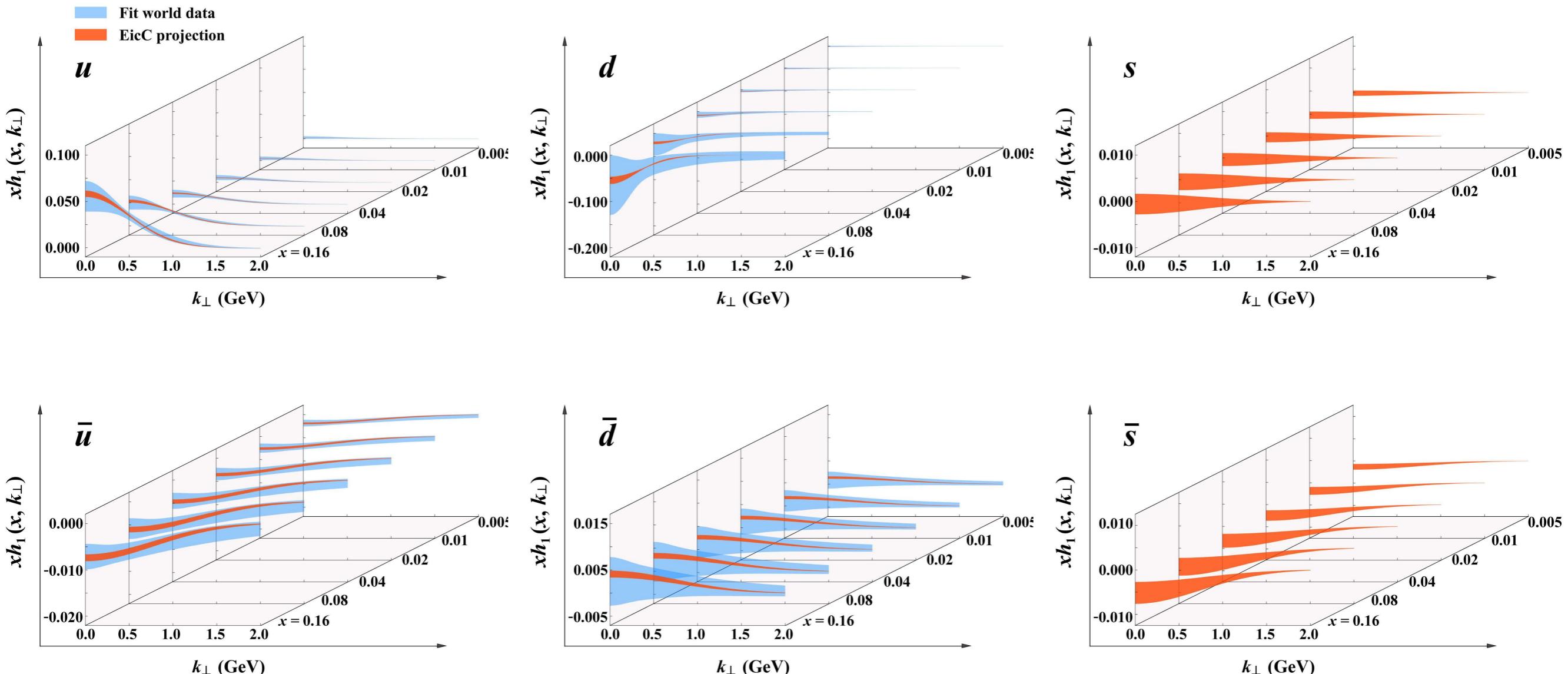
# Transversity Distributions



Without assuming zero sea quark transversity distributions  
Existing world data favor negative  $\bar{u}$  transversity distribution

C. Zeng, H. Dong, TL, P. Sun, Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D 109 (2024) 056002, arXiv:2412.18324

# EicC Impact on Transversity



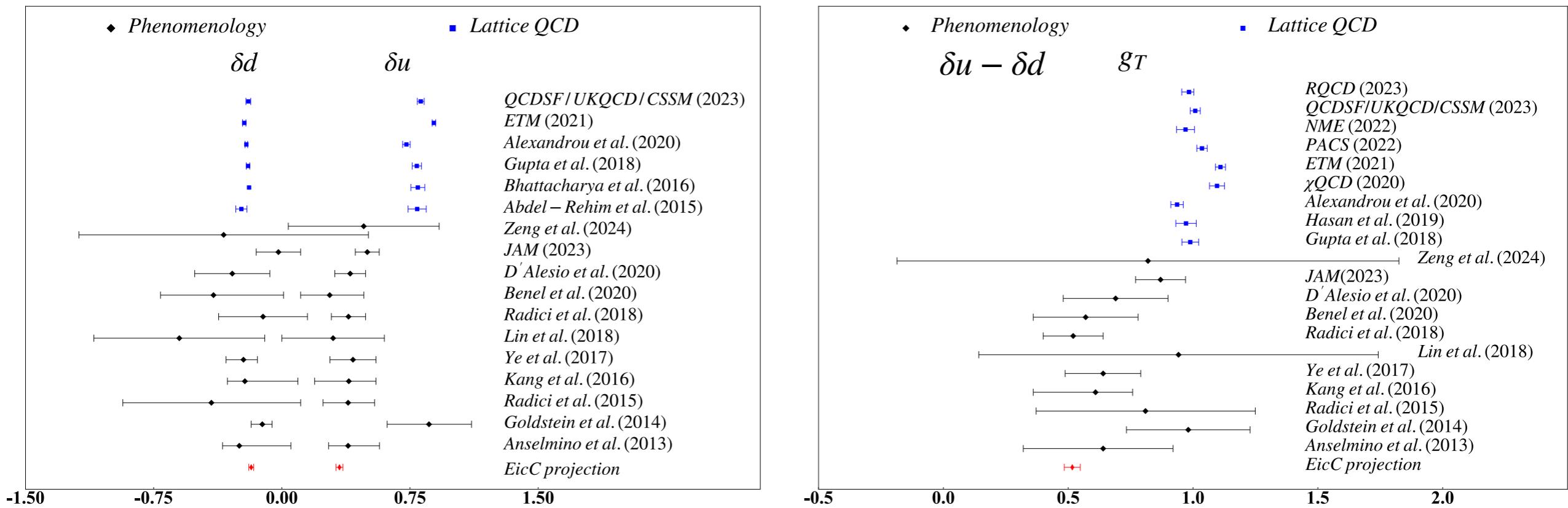
# EicC Impact on Tensor Charge

## Tensor charge

$$\langle P, S | \bar{\psi}^q i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \psi^q | P, S \rangle = g_T^q \bar{u}(P, S) i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 u(P, S)$$

$$g_T^q = \int_0^1 [h_1^q(x) - h_1^{\bar{q}}(x)] dx$$

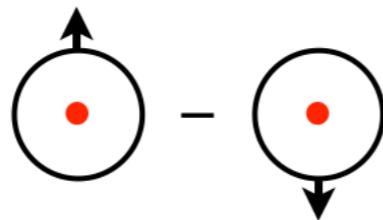
- A fundamental QCD quantity: matrix element of local operators.
- Moment of the transversity distribution: valence quark dominant.
- Calculable in lattice QCD.



# The Sivers Function

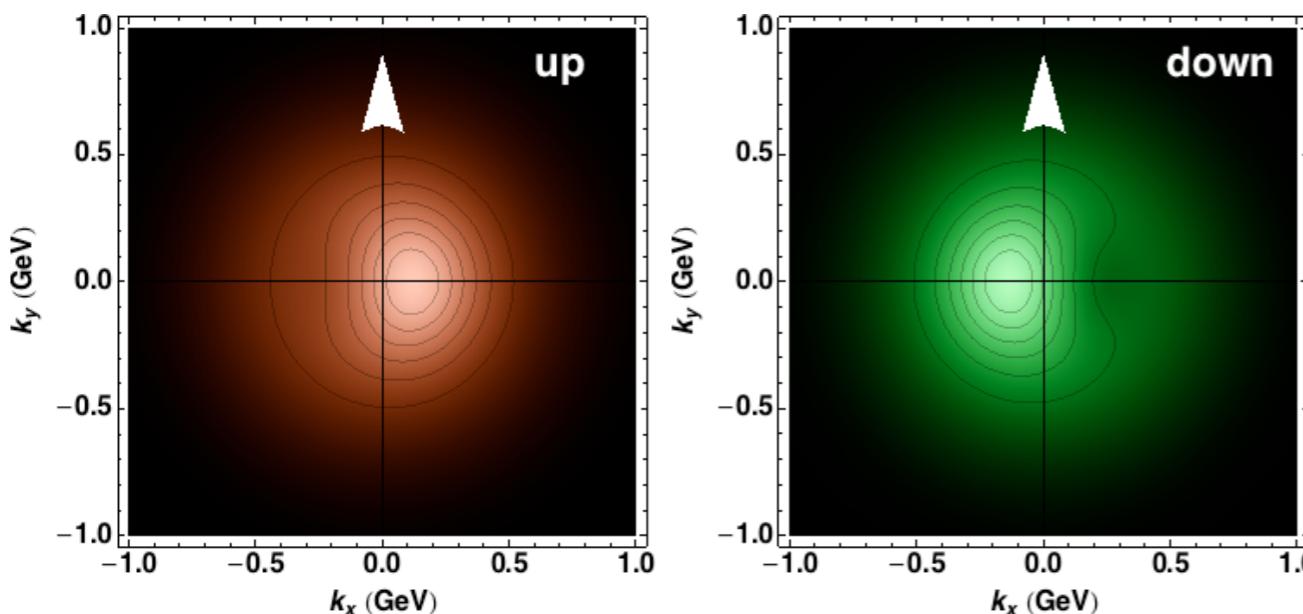
## Sivers TMD distribution function

$$\frac{\epsilon_{ij} k_T^i S_T^j}{M} f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2)$$



*A naive T-odd distribution function*

Transverse momentum distribution  
distorted by nucleon transverse spin



[Figure from A. Bacchetta]

**Effect in SIDIS:**

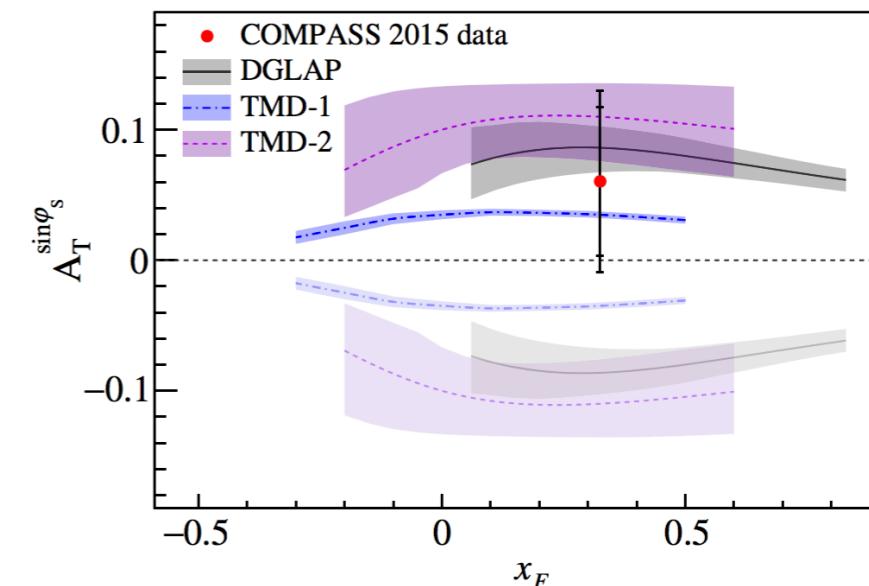
transverse single spin asymmetry  
(Sivers asymmetry)

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)} \sim f_{1T}^\perp \otimes D_1$$

sizable Sivers asymmetry observed  
by HERMES, COMPASS, JLab

**Sign change prediction:**

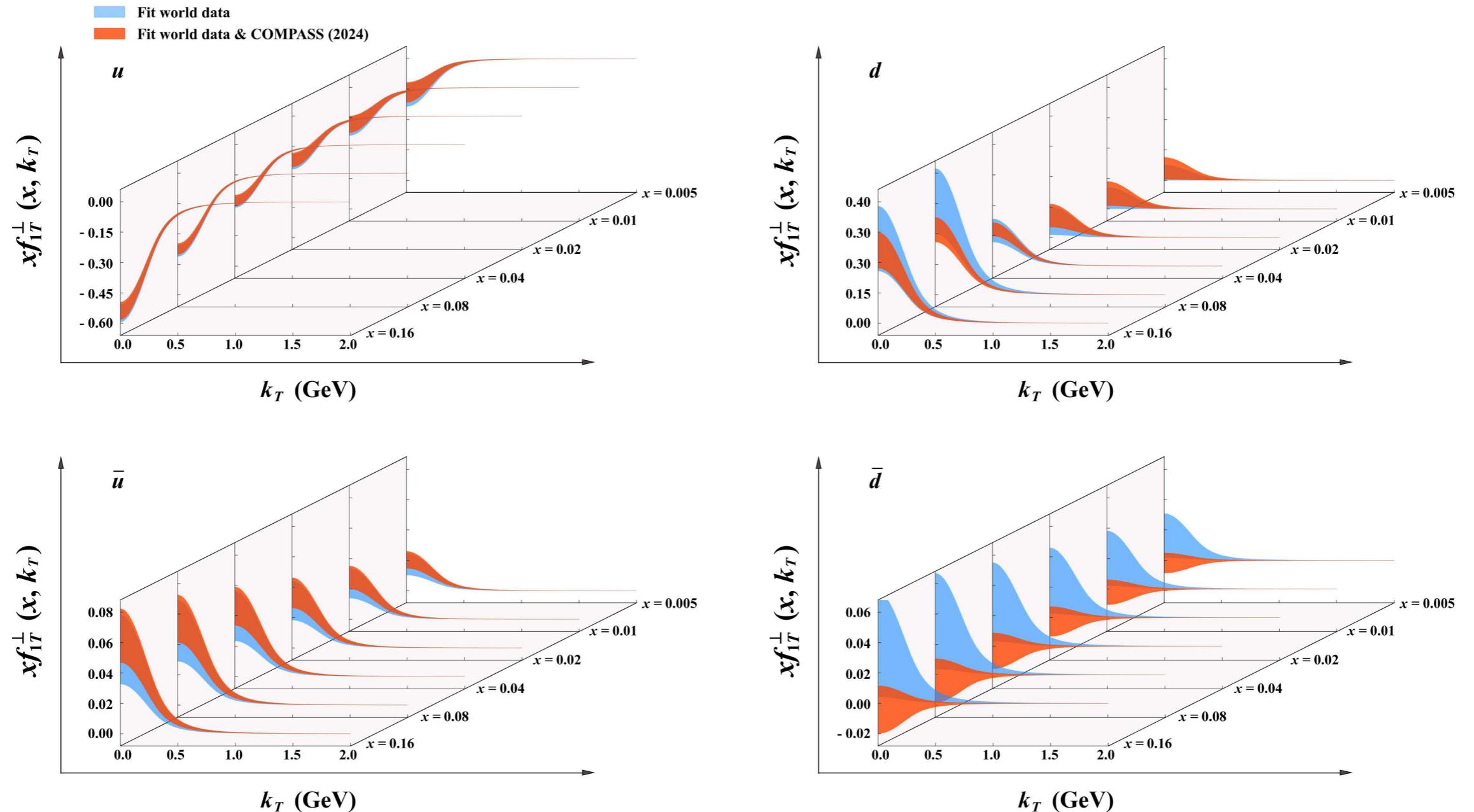
$$f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2) |_{\text{SIDIS}} = -f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2) |_{\text{DY}}$$



COMPASS Collaboration, PRL 119, 112002 (2017).

# Sivers Functions

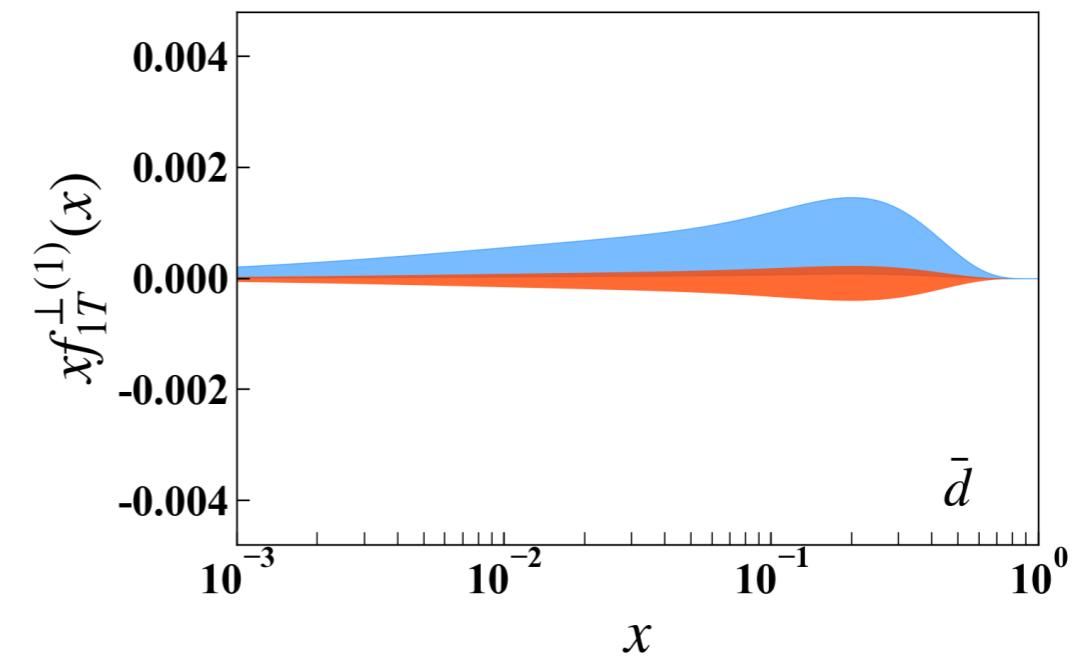
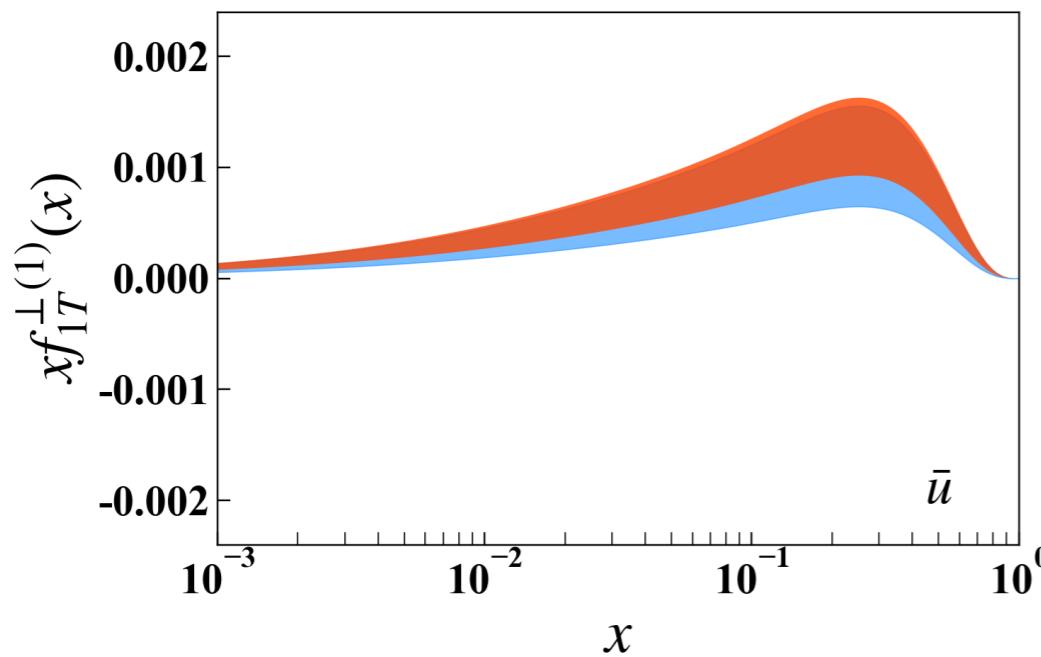
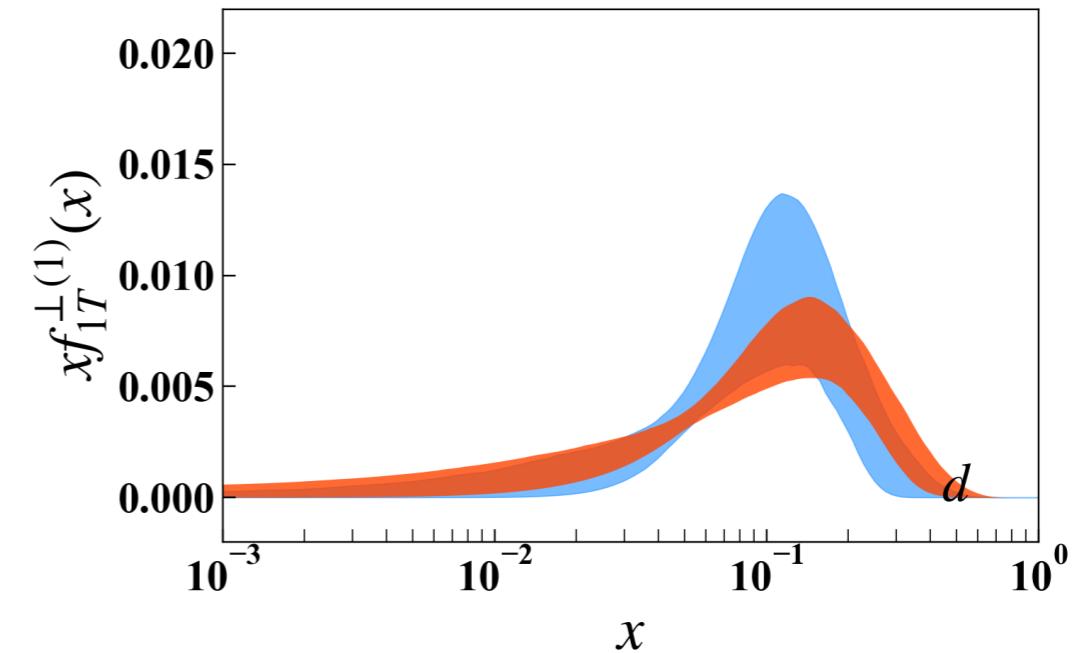
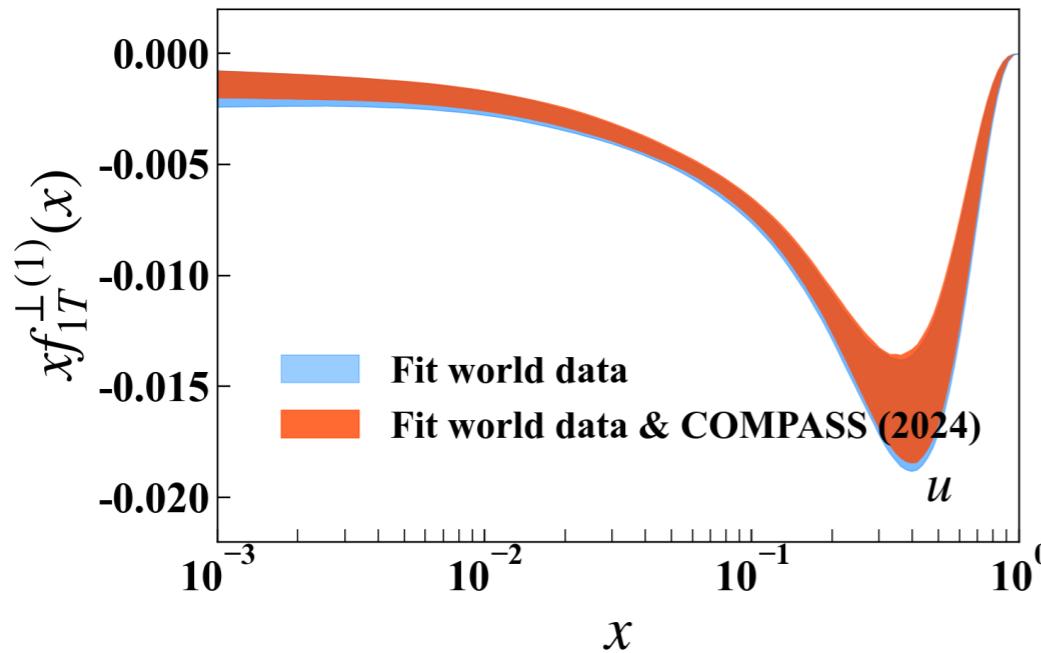
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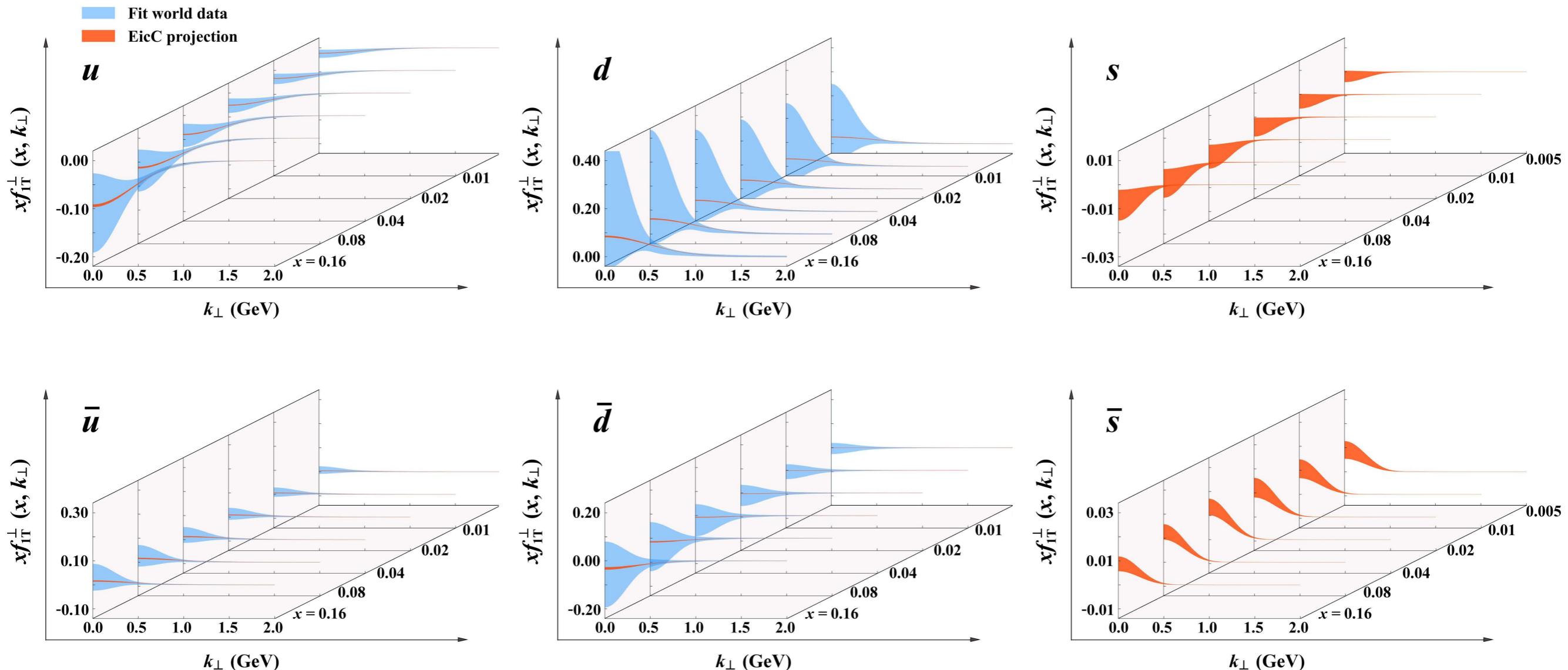
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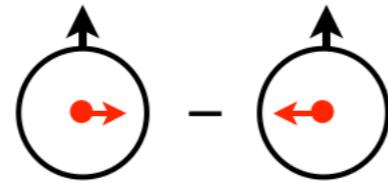
# EicC Impact on Sivers Functions



# Double Spin Asymmetry and Worm-gear

## Trans-helicity worm-gear distribution

$$\frac{k_T \cdot S_T}{M} g_{1T}^{\perp}(x, k_T^2)$$

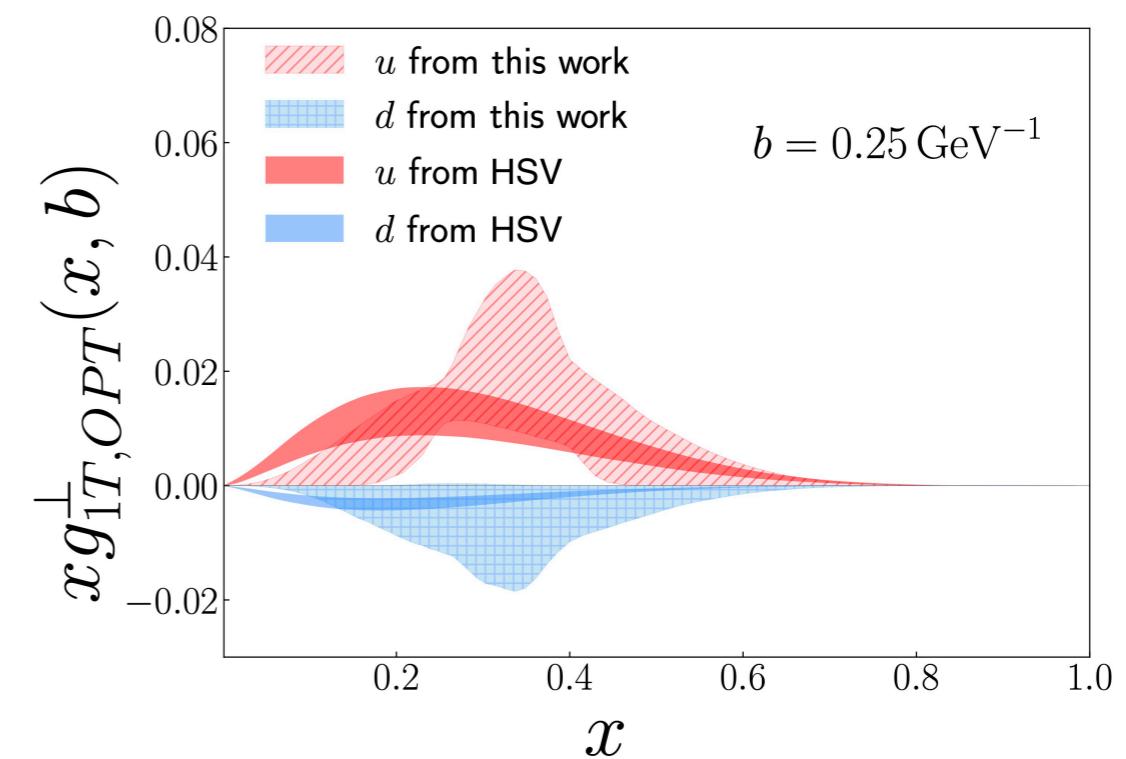
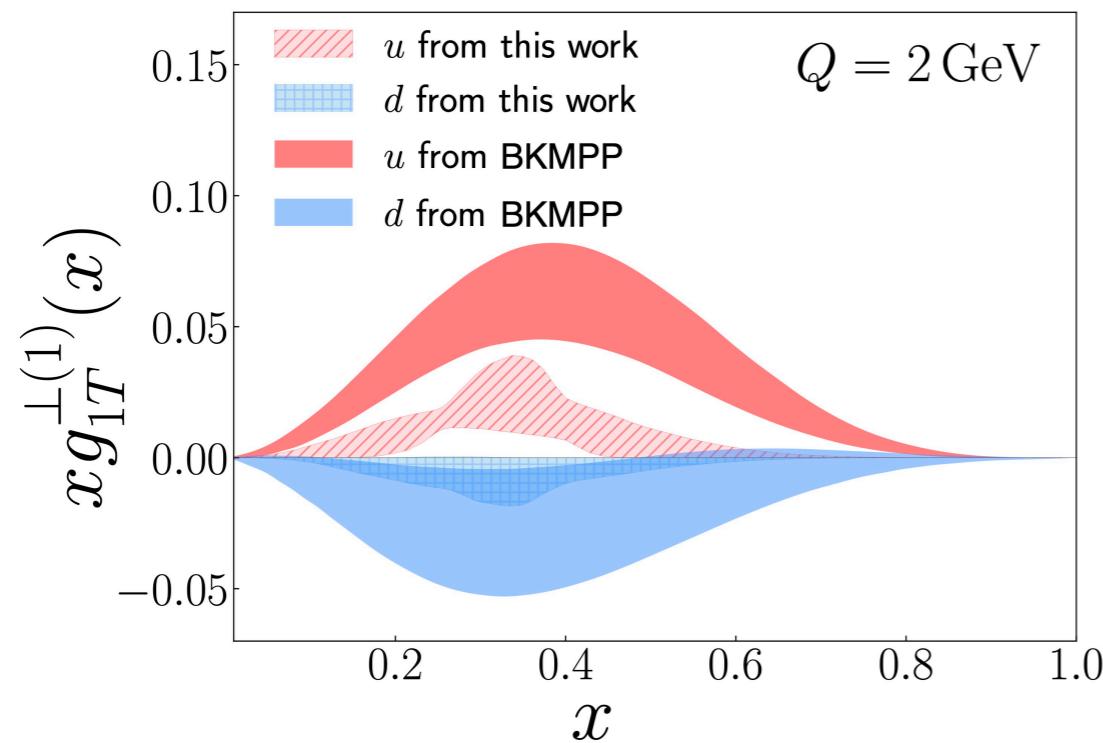


**Effect in SIDIS:**  
A longitudinal-transverse  
double spin asymmetry

- Longitudinally polarized quark density in a transversely polarized nucleon
- Overlap between wave functions differing by one unit of orbital angular momentum

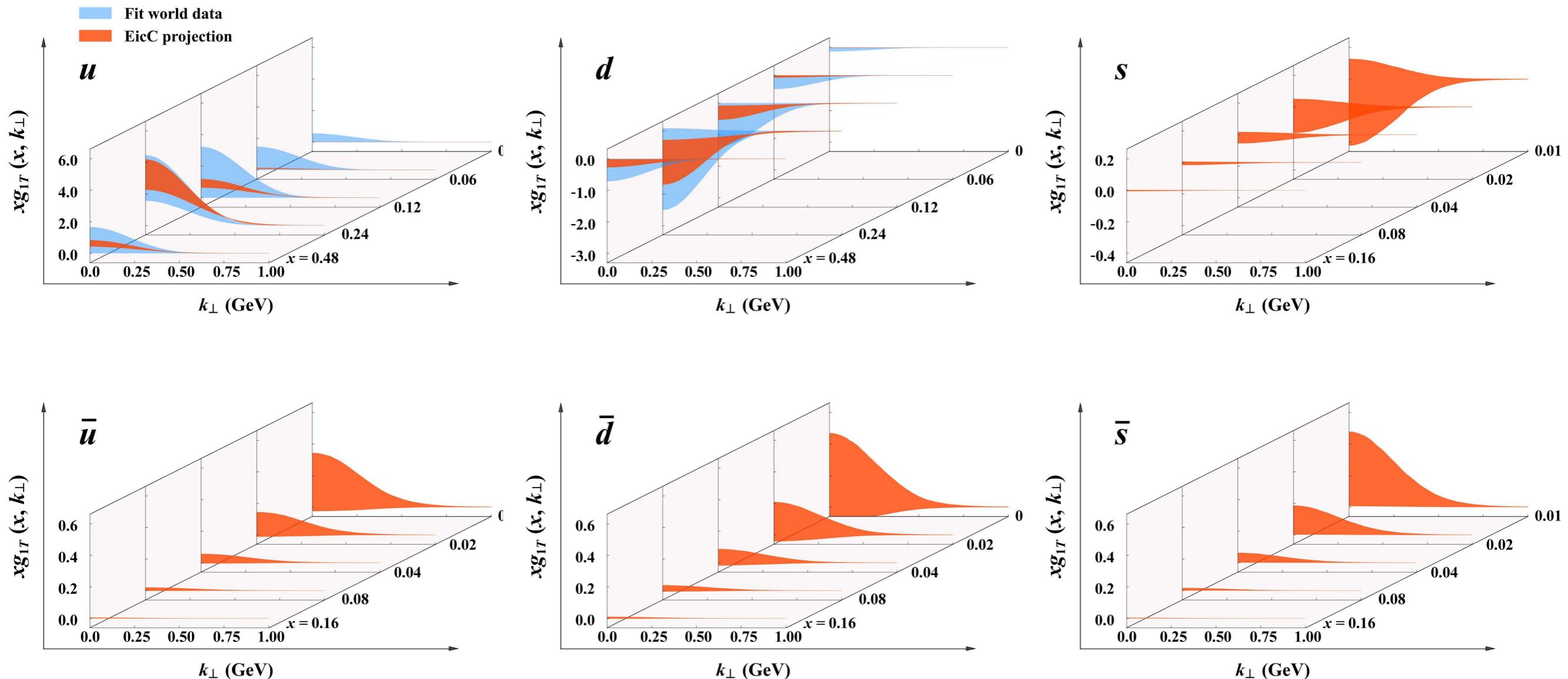
$$A_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sim g_{1T}^{\perp} \otimes D_1$$

## Phenomenological extraction



K. Yang, TL, P. Sun, Y. Zhao, B.-Q. Ma, Phys. Rev. D 110 (2024) 034036.

# EicC Impact on Trans-helicity Distributions



# Summary

- Spin always surprises since its discovery nearly 100 years ago
- Nucleon spin structure is still not well understood
- Rich information is contained in TMDs
  - quark transverse momentum distorted by nucleon spin;
  - correlation between quark longitudinal/transverse spin and nucleon spin;
  - ...
- SIDIS with polarized beam and target is a main process to study polarized TMDs
- Also an important approach to test/develop the theories/models
- EicC can significantly improve the precision of the determination of TMDs, especially for sea quarks, complementary to JLab12 and EIC-US.
- Electron-positron annihilation is an important complementary reaction to constrain TMDs and to understand the role of spin in hadronization process
- There are still challenges on the theoretical side (not covered in this talk)
  - power corrections, higher twist effects, target fragmentation
  - radiative corrections, nuclear effects
  - ...

*Thank you!*

# EicC Impact Studies

## Baseline:

An independent global analysis of world SIDIS and  $e^+e^-$  data within the TMD factorization and evolution  
Uncertainty estimation using MC replicas

## EicC pseudo data:

50  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ : 3.5 GeV  $e \times 20 \text{ GeV } p$

50  $\text{fb}^{-1}$ : 3.5 GeV  $e \times 40 \text{ GeV } {}^3\text{He}$

$p$  and  ${}^3\text{He}$  pol.: 70%

electron pol: 80%

## Observables (examples):

Longitudinal double spin asymmetry  $A_{LL} \Rightarrow g_{1L}$

Transverse single spin asymmetry  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)} \Rightarrow f_{1T}^\perp$

Transverse single spin asymmetry  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)} \Rightarrow h_1$

Longitudinal-transverse double spin asymmetry  $A_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_s)} \Rightarrow g_{1T}^\perp$

# Wigner Rotation Effect

## Melosh-Wigner rotation

quark spin in a rest proton  $\neq$  quark spin in a moving proton

If applying a kinetic boost, one may relate the spin states in *proton rest frame* to the spin states in *infinite momentum frame*

$$\chi_T^\uparrow = w \left[ (k^+ + m) \chi_F^\uparrow - (k^1 + ik^2) \chi_F^\downarrow \right] \quad k^+ = k^0 + k^3$$

$$\chi_T^\downarrow = w \left[ (k^+ + m) \chi_F^\downarrow + (k^1 - ik^2) \chi_F^\uparrow \right] \quad w = \left[ 2k^+ (k^0 + m) \right]^{-1/2}$$

E.P. Wigner, Ann. Math 40 (1939) 149; H.J. Melosh, Phys. Rev. D 9 (1974) 1095.

## The effect on quark polarization

$$\Delta q = \int d^3k \mathcal{M} [q^\uparrow(k) - q^\downarrow(k)] \quad \mathcal{M} = \frac{(k^+ + m)^2 - k_T^2}{2k^+(k^0 + m)}$$

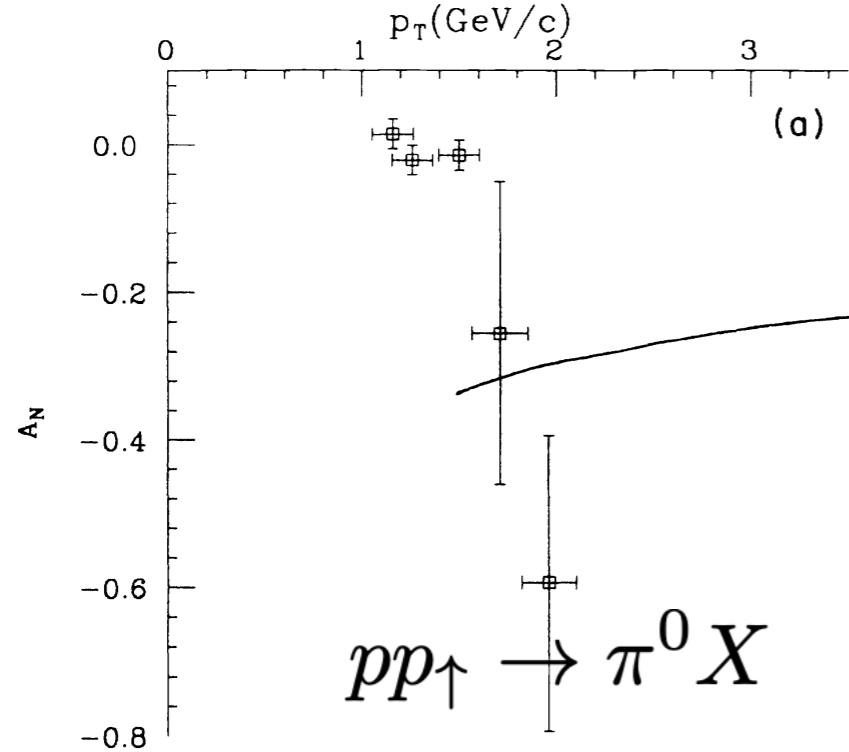
B.-Q. Ma, J. Phys. G 17 (1991) L53-L58; B.-Q. Ma, Q.-R. Zhang, Z. Phys. C 58 (1993) 479.

*It predicts decreasing polarization with  $k_T$ , which should be tested by data.*

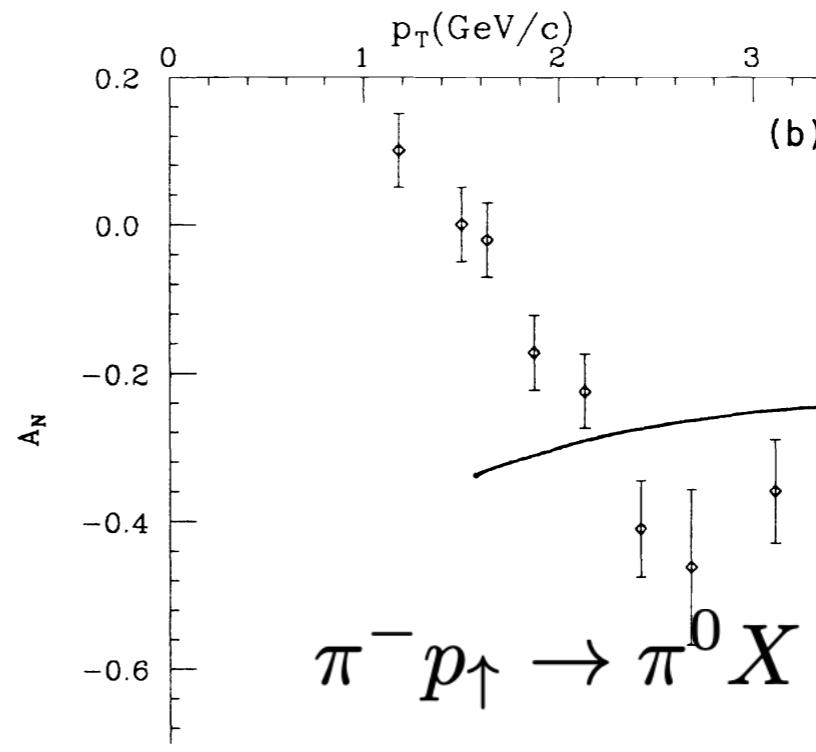
*This interpretation is based on a kinetic boost, but a complete boost including QCD dynamics is challenging.*

# The Sivers Function: Early Story

Transverse single spin asymmetry observed in experiments



Data: J. Antille *et al.*, Phys. Lett B94 (1980) 523.



Data: 7th Symposium on High Energy Spin Physics (1986).

D. Sivers proposed to explain such SSA a new distribution function

*Sivers function*  $\Delta^N G_{a/p(\uparrow)}(x, \mathbf{k}_T; \mu^2)$

D. Sivers, Phys. Rev. D 41 (1990) 83.

However it was soon shown this function was T-odd and prohibited by QCD

J. Collins, Nucl. Phys. B 396 (1993) 161.

*For the next decade, the “Sivers effect” was thought to vanish.*

# The Sivers Function: Early Story

Until an explicit model calculation showing ...

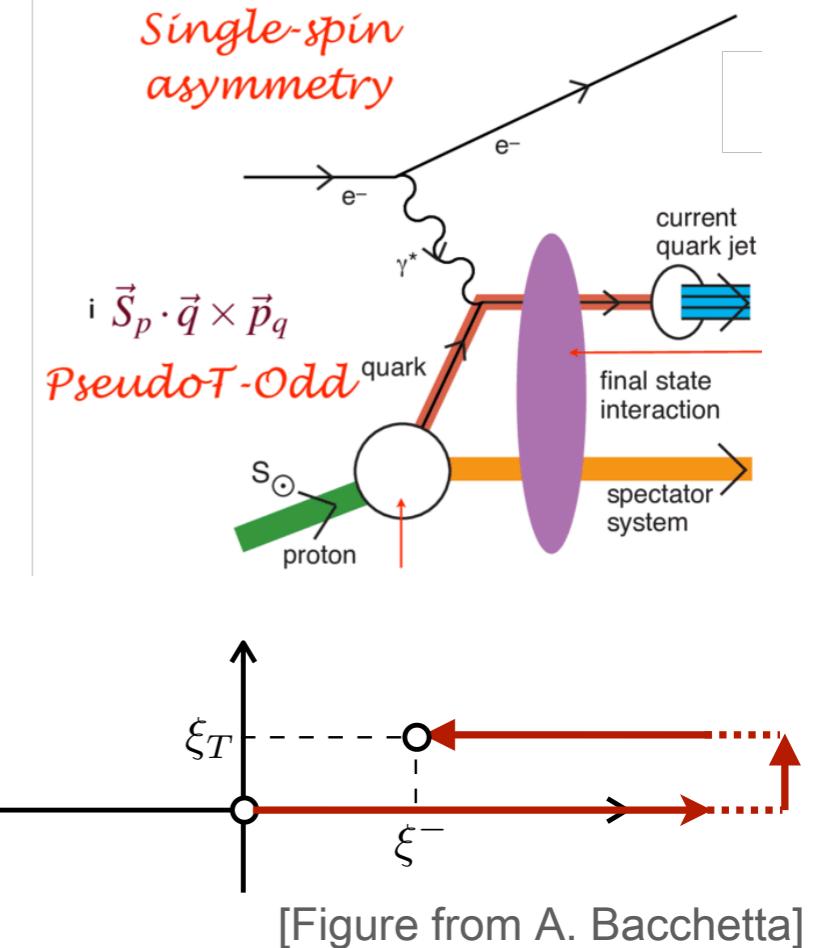
*nonzero Sivers effects exist at leading twist due to final-state interactions*

S.J. Brodsky, D.S. Hwang, I. Schmidt, Phys. Lett. B 530 (2002) 99.

Sivers function can exist due to nontrivial gauge link

$$\Phi_{ij}(x, p_T) = \int \frac{d\xi^- d^2\xi_T}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot \xi} \langle P | \bar{\psi}_j(0) \mathcal{U}_{(0,+\infty)}^{n_-} \mathcal{U}_{(+\infty, \xi)}^{n_-} \psi_i(\xi) | P \rangle \Big|_{\xi^+ = 0}$$

J.C. Collins, Phys. Lett. B 536 (2002) 43.

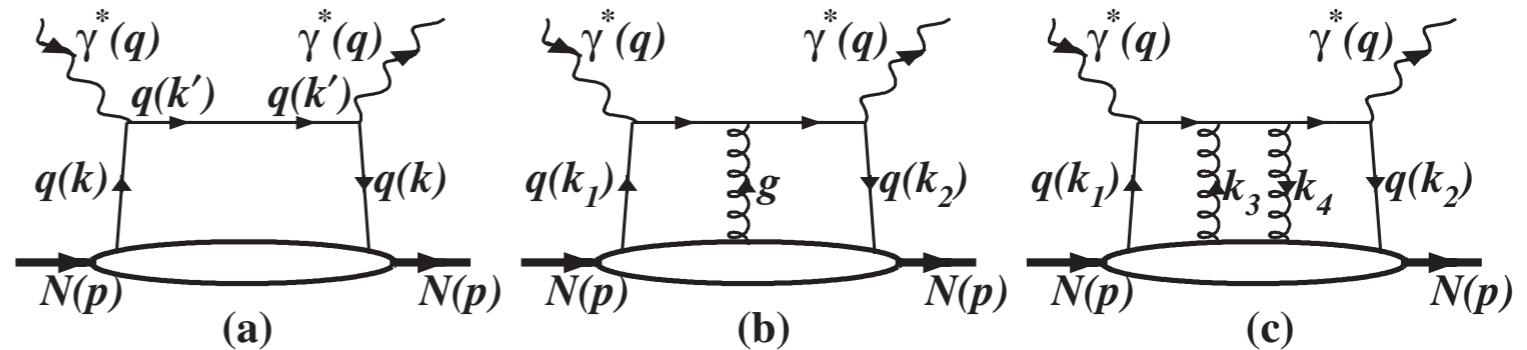


This gauge link effect cannot be removed by choosing light-cone gauge  $A^+ = 0$

X. Ji and F. Yuan, Phys. Lett. B 543 (2002) 66.

Collinear expansion

Z.T. Liang and X.N. Wang,  
Phys. Rev. D 75 (2007) 094002.



# TMD Evolution

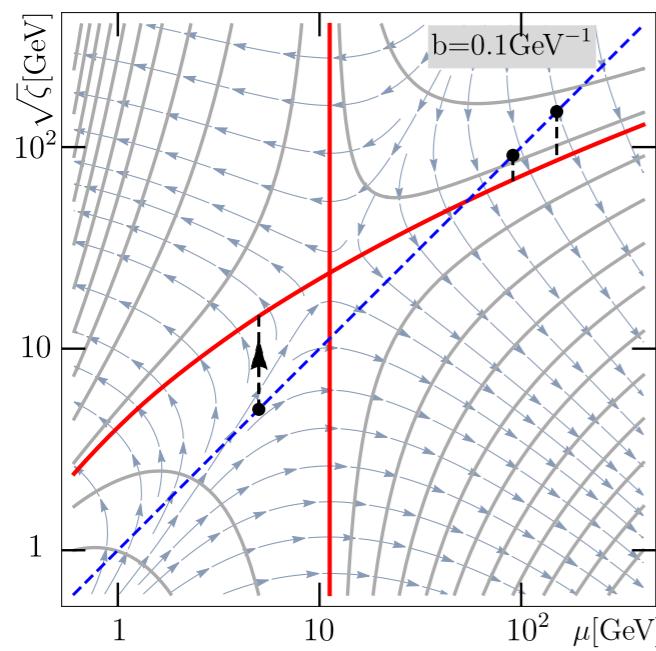
## Evolution equations

$$\mu^2 \frac{dF(x, b; \mu^2, \zeta)}{d\mu^2} = \frac{\gamma_F(\mu, \zeta)}{2} F(x, b; \mu^2, \zeta)$$

$$\zeta \frac{dF(x, b; \mu^2, \zeta)}{d\zeta} = -\mathcal{D}(\mu, b) F(x, b; \mu^2, \zeta)$$

$$F(x, b; \mu_f, \zeta_f) = \exp \left[ \int_P \left( \gamma_F(\mu, \zeta) \frac{d\mu}{\mu} - \mathcal{D}(\mu, b) \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \right) \right] F(x, b; \mu_i, \zeta_i)$$

## $\zeta$ -prescription



equipotential lines:

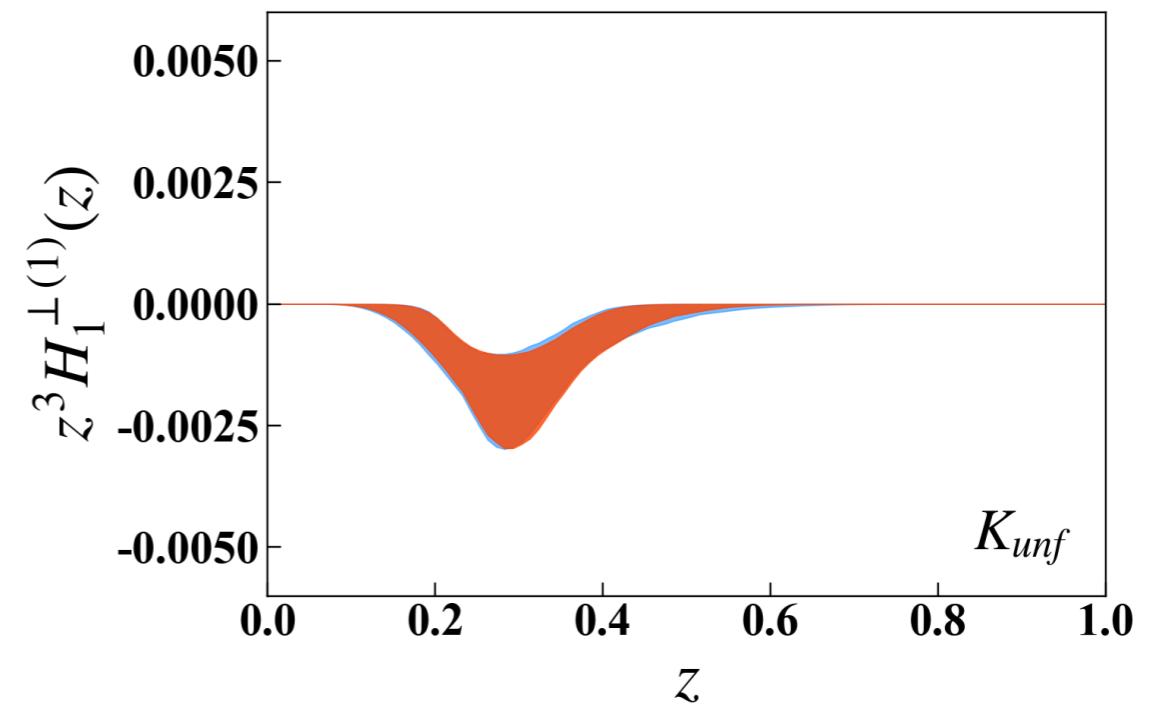
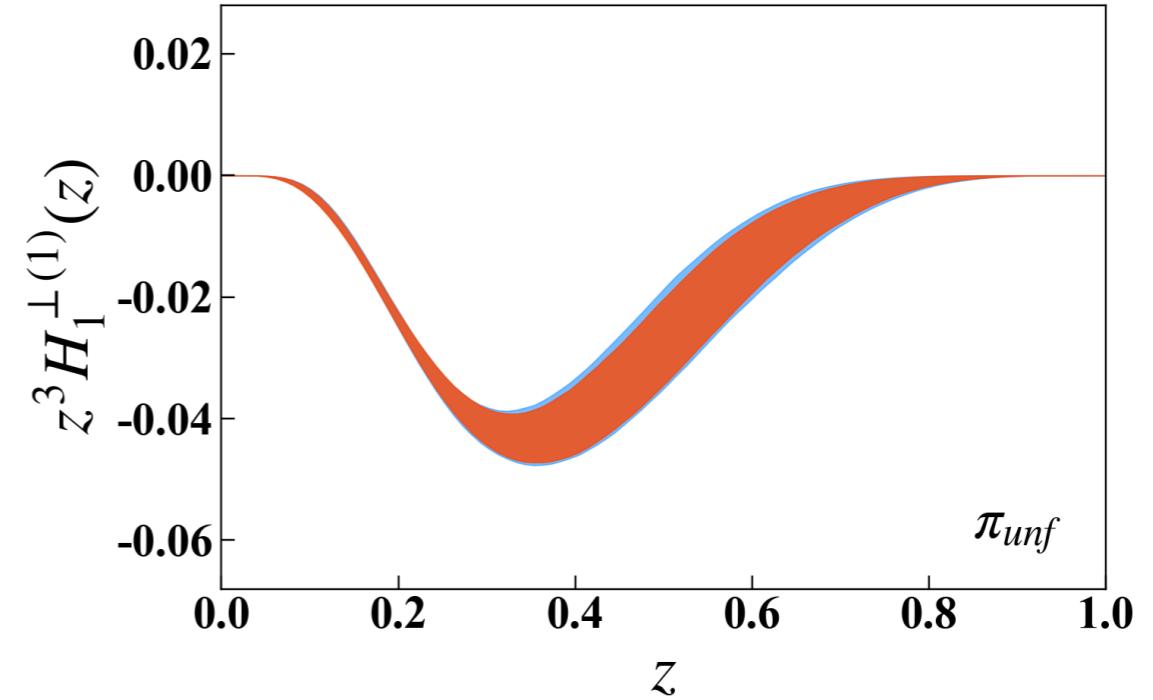
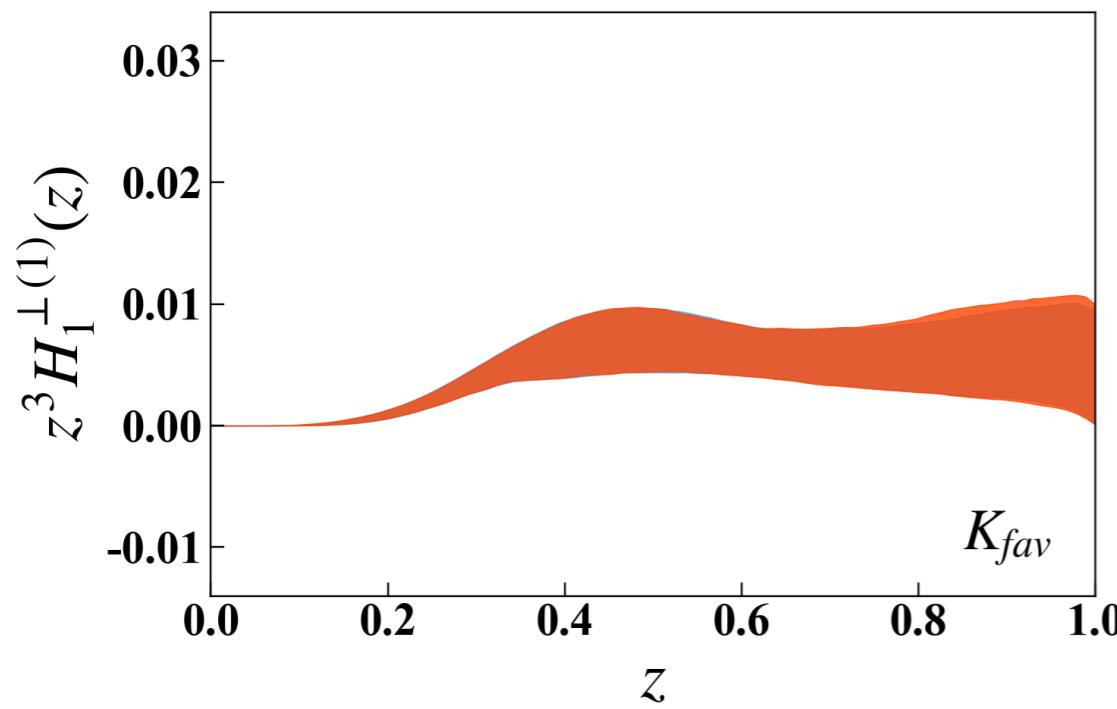
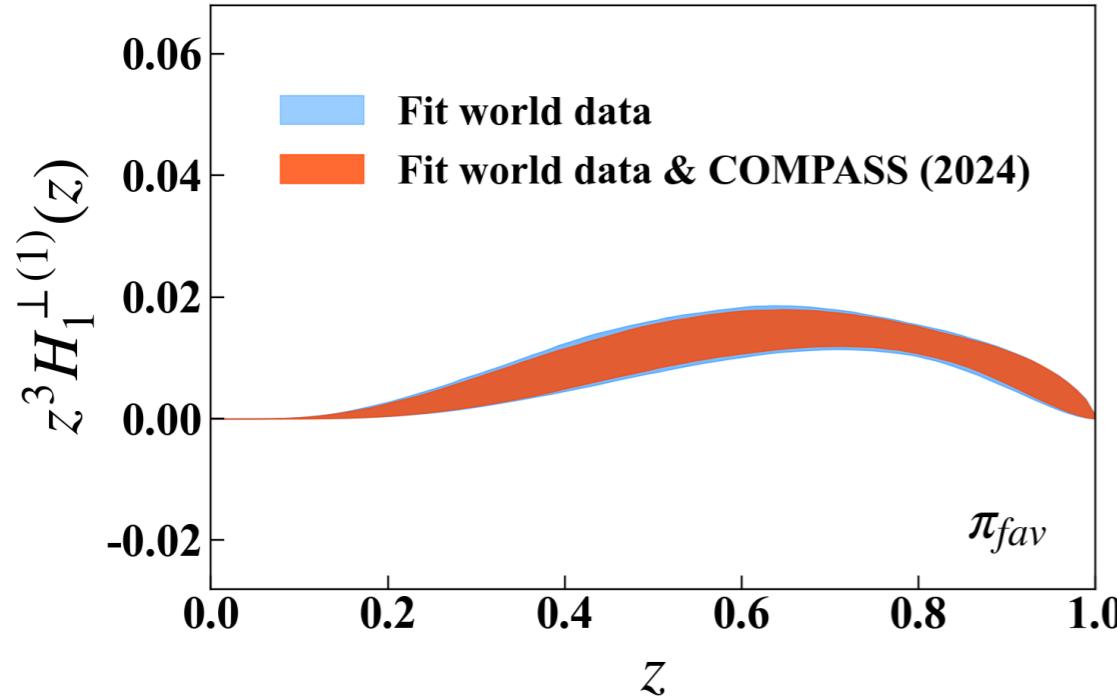
$$\frac{d \ln \zeta_\mu(\mu, b)}{d \ln \mu^2} = \frac{\gamma_F(\mu, \zeta_\mu(\mu, b))}{2\mathcal{D}(\mu, b)}$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\mu_0, b) = 0, \quad \gamma_F(\mu_0, \zeta_\mu(\mu_0, b)) = 0$$

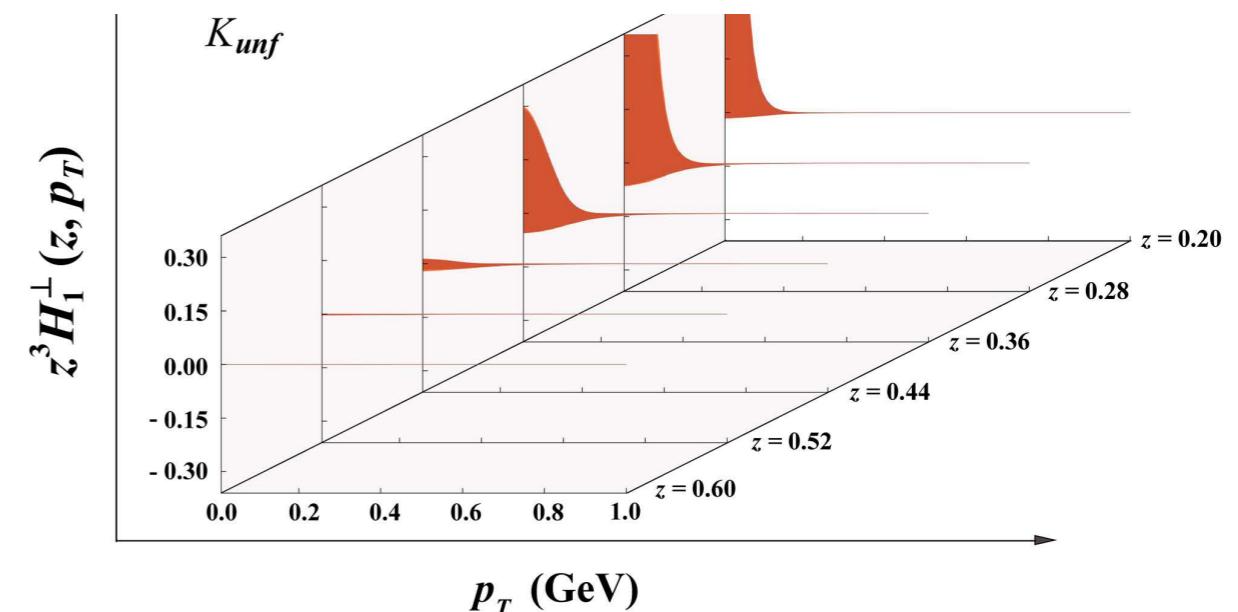
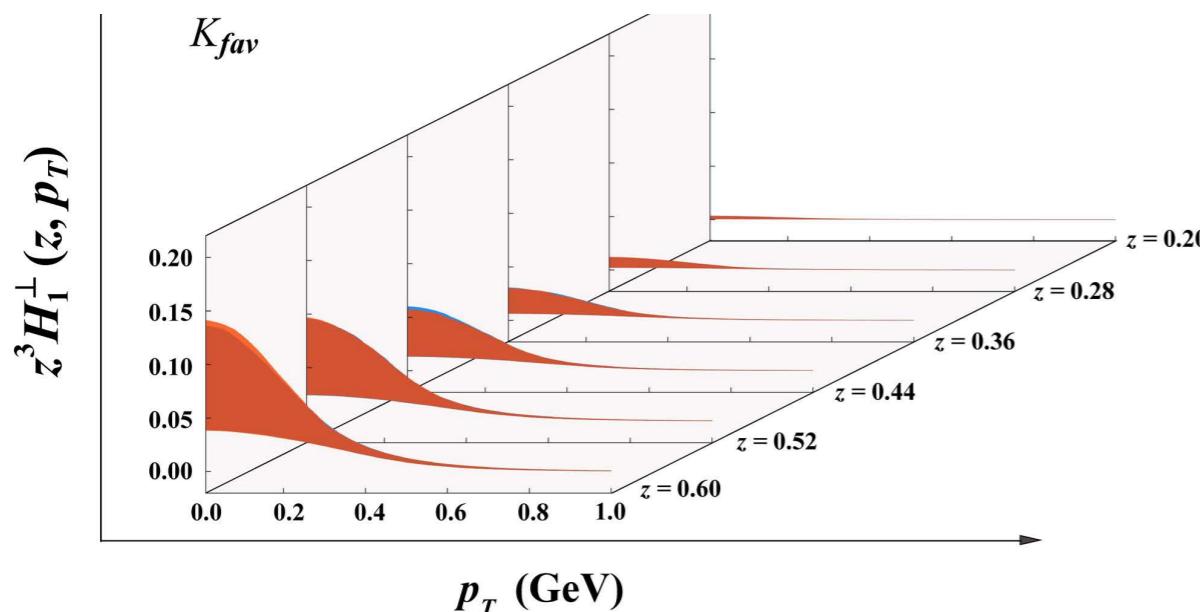
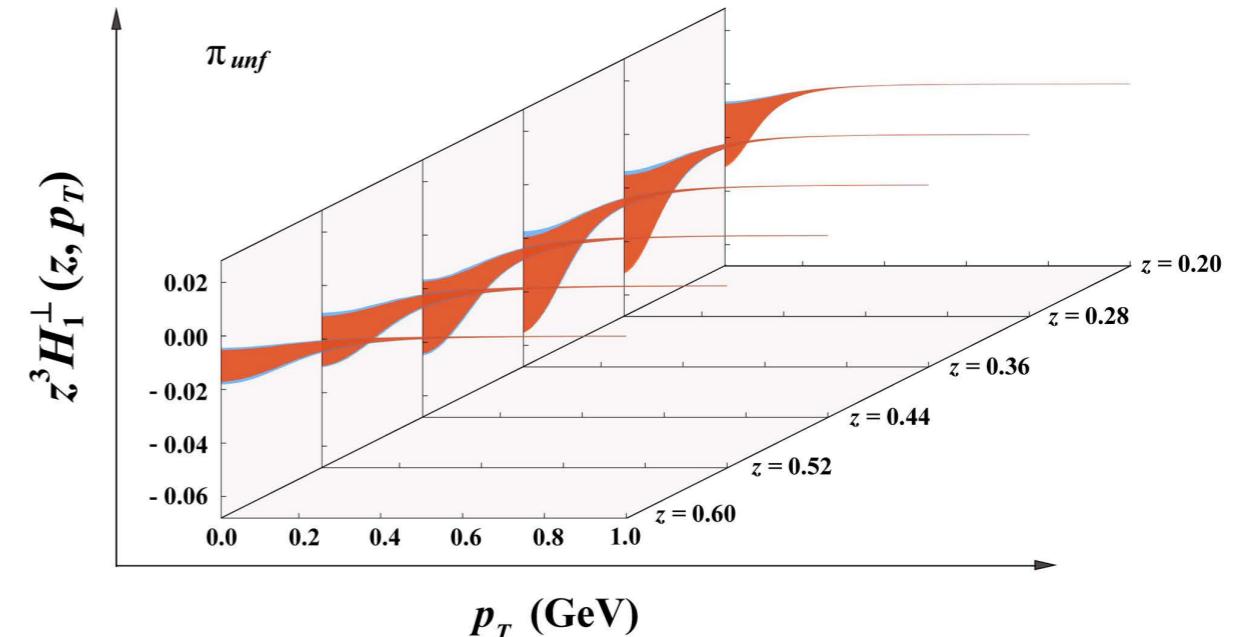
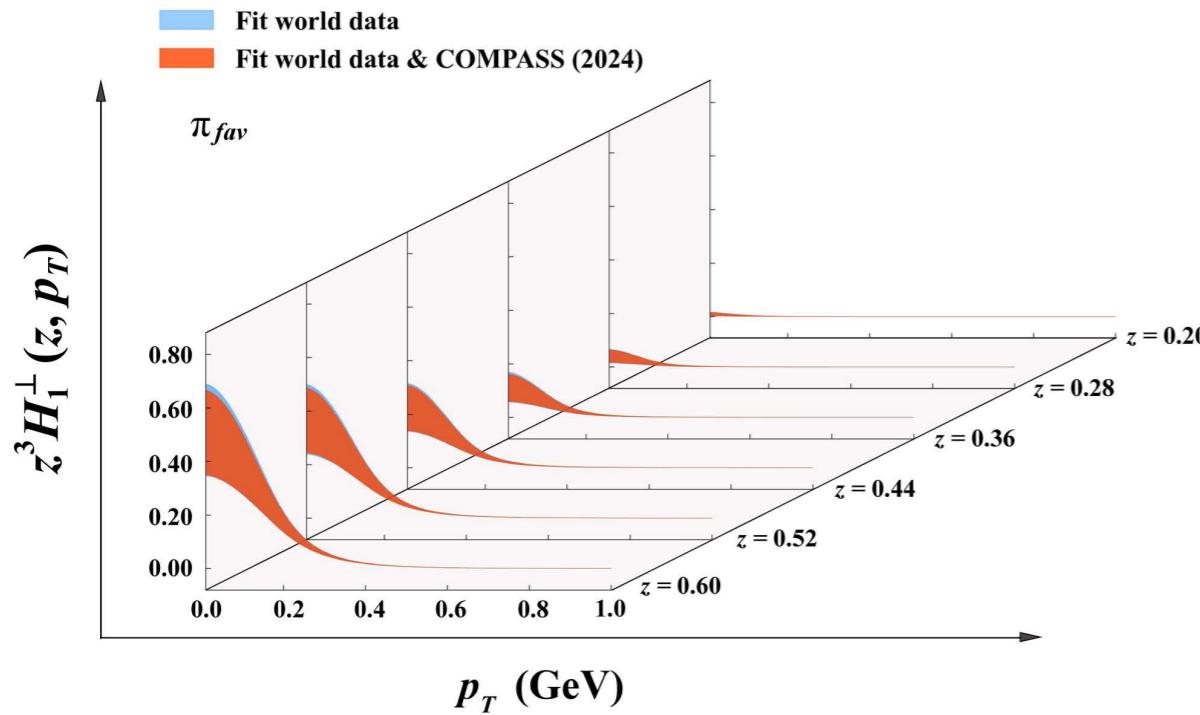
$$F(x, b; Q, Q^2) = \left( \frac{Q^2}{\zeta_Q(b)} \right)^{-\mathcal{D}(Q, b)} F(x, b), \quad \mu_f^2 = \zeta_f = Q^2$$

I. Scimemi, A. Vladimirov, JHEP 06 (2020) 137.

# Collins Fragmentation Functions

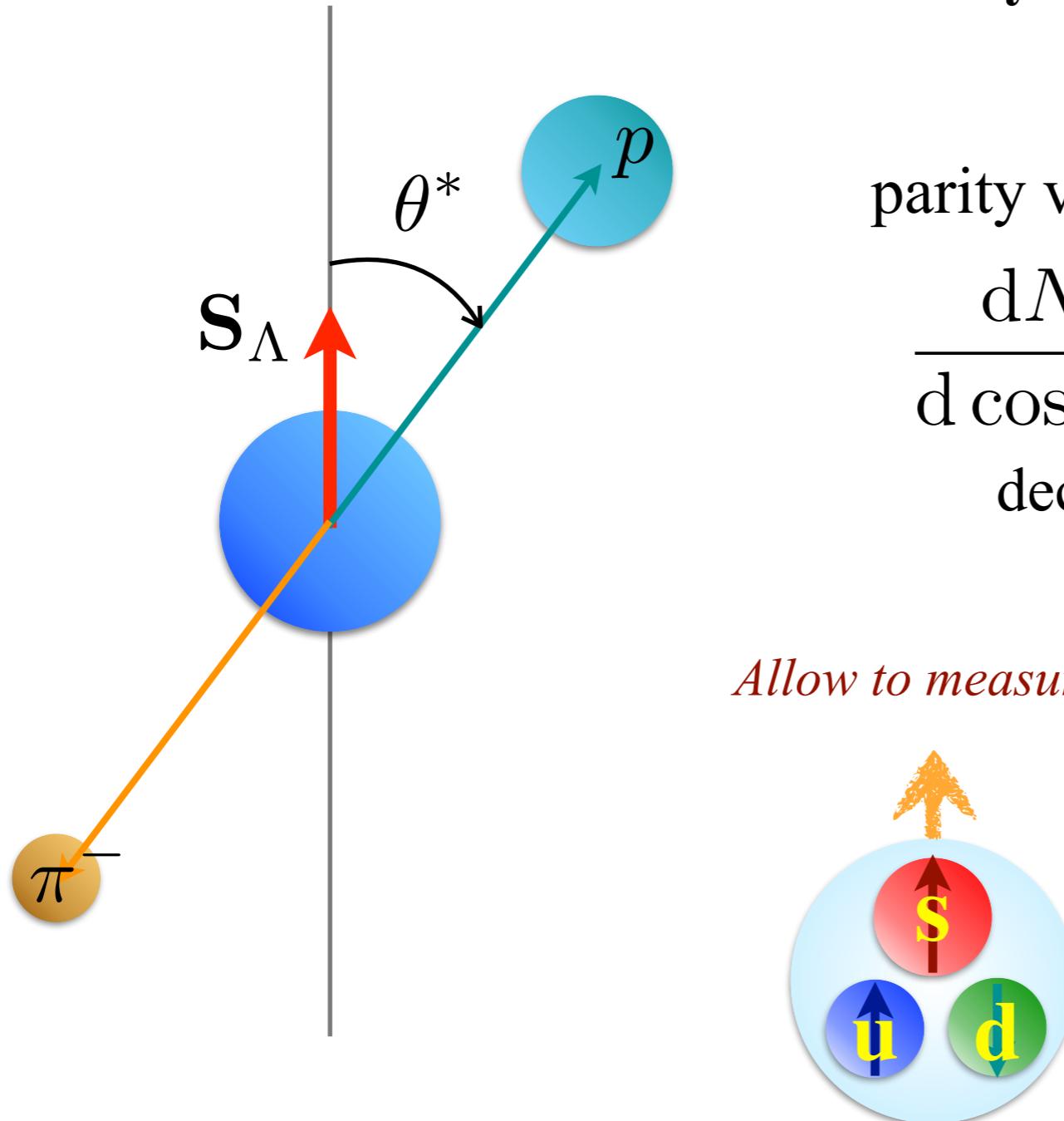


# Collins Fragmentation Functions



C. Zeng, H. Dong, TL, P. Sun, Y. Zhao, arXiv:2412.18324

# Analyze $\Lambda$ Polarization



**Decay channel:**  $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

branch ratio:  $64.1 \pm 0.5\%$

parity violating weak decay

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto \mathcal{A} (1 + \alpha_\Lambda P_\Lambda \cos \theta^*)$$

decay parameter:  $\alpha_\Lambda = 0.748 \pm 0.007$

[Current PDG value]

*Allow to measure the spin (polarization) of the produced  $\Lambda$*

valence component:  $|uds\rangle$   
spin dominated by  $s$  quark

*Sensitive to nucleon strange sea  
and its polarization via SIDIS*