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Polarized jet anisotropy

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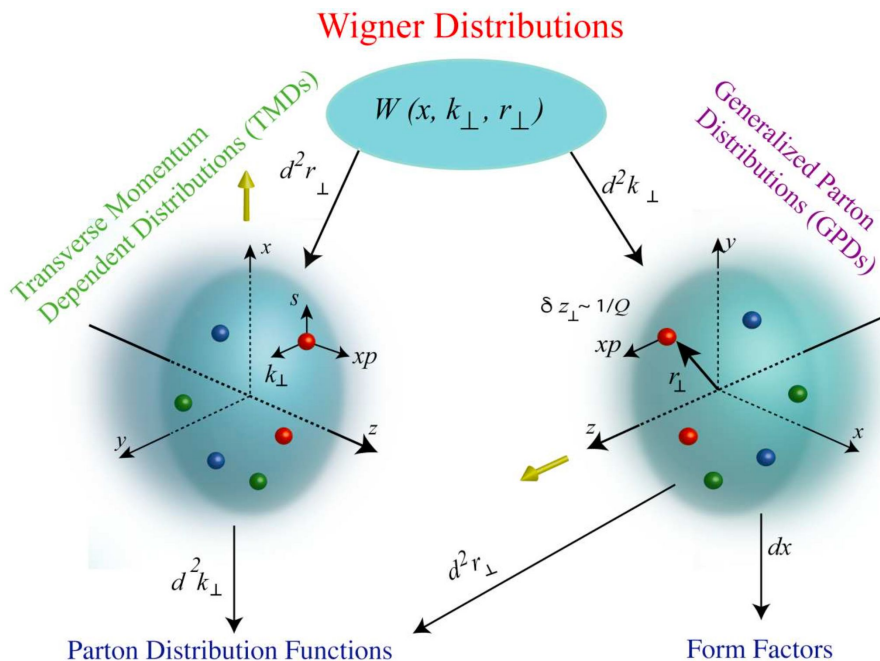
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Motivation

- 3D imaging of nucleon: important topic in QCD
- Back-to-back electron-jet production in ep collision



TMD Handbook

A modern introduction to the physics of
Transverse Momentum Dependent distributions



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Motivation

Traditionally, transverse spin asymmetry has also been called **left-right asymmetry**...

Spin asymmetries in hadronic reactions help unveil the unique correlation of partons inside the nucleon. SSAs are among the early experimental observations of spin asymmetries in high-energy hadron collisions (17, 18), where a beam of transversely polarized protons was scattered off unpolarized nucleons. These experiments (17, 18) showed that the charged pions are produced asymmetrically to the left or the right of the plane spanned by the momentum and spin directions of the initial polarized protons:

$$A_N = \frac{d\sigma(S_\perp) - d\sigma(-S_\perp)}{d\sigma(S_\perp) + d\sigma(-S_\perp)}. \quad 1.$$

Therefore, this asymmetry is also called left-right asymmetry (Figure 5). Subsequent

Grosse-Perdekamp and Yuan: [1510.06783](#)

See also STAR: [0801.2990](#), Huang, Kang, Vitev and Xing: [1511.06764](#)
and Gamberg, Kang, Metz, Pitonyak and Prokudin: [1407.5078](#)

Motivation

But, the azimuthal angle dependence has never been studied...

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)} \propto H(Q) \mathcal{J}_q(p_T R) \times f_{1T,q/p}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T) \otimes S_{\text{global}}(\mathbf{k}_{g,\perp}) S_{\text{cs}}(\mathbf{k}_{\text{sc},\perp}, R)$$

Azimuthal angle ϕ dependence!

$$S_{\text{global}}(\mathbf{b}, \mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} \right) + 2(y_J + \ln(-2i \cos(\phi_{bJ}))) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} \right) \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right]$$

$$S_{\text{cs}}(\mathbf{b}, R, \mu) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2 R^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2 R^2} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 2 \ln^2(-2i \cos \phi_{bJ}) \right. \\ \left. + 2 \ln(-2i \cos \phi_{bJ}) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2 R^2} \right) \right) \right]$$

Buffing, Kang, Lee and Liu: [1812.07549](#)

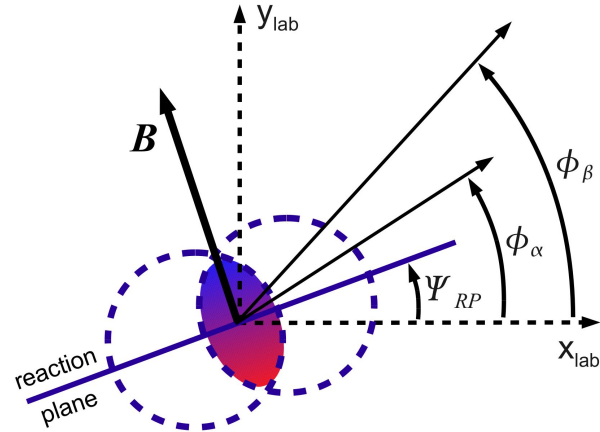
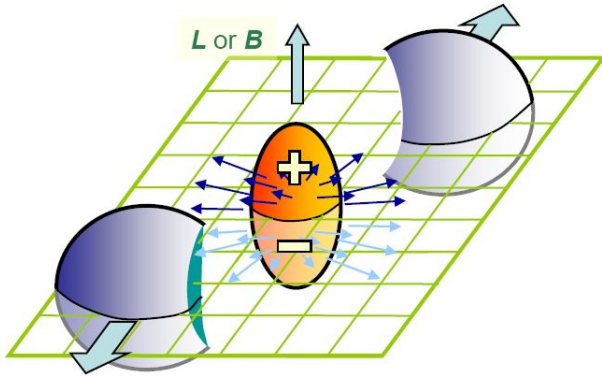
Kang, Lee, Shao and Zhao: [2106.15624](#)

Motivation

Anisotropic flow expansions in heavy-ion collisions:

$$\Delta\phi \equiv \phi_\alpha - \Psi_{\text{RP}}$$

$$\frac{dN_\alpha}{d\phi_\alpha} \propto 1 + 2v_{1,\alpha} \cos(\Delta\phi) + 2v_{2,\alpha} \cos(2\Delta\phi) + \dots$$

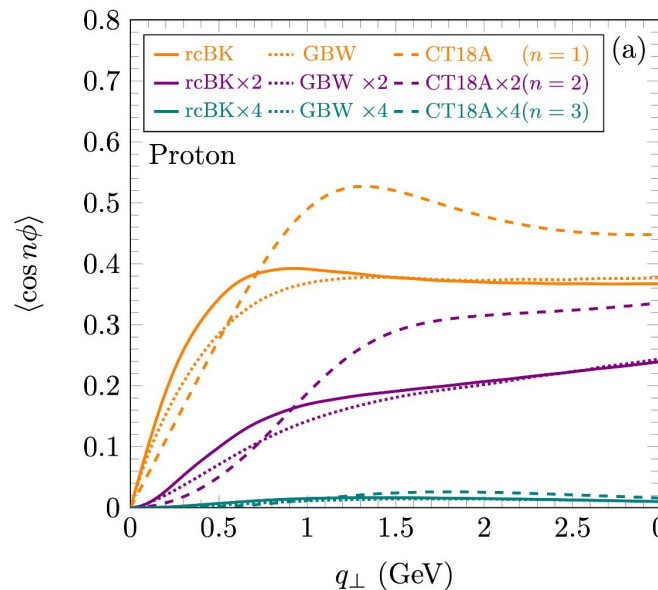
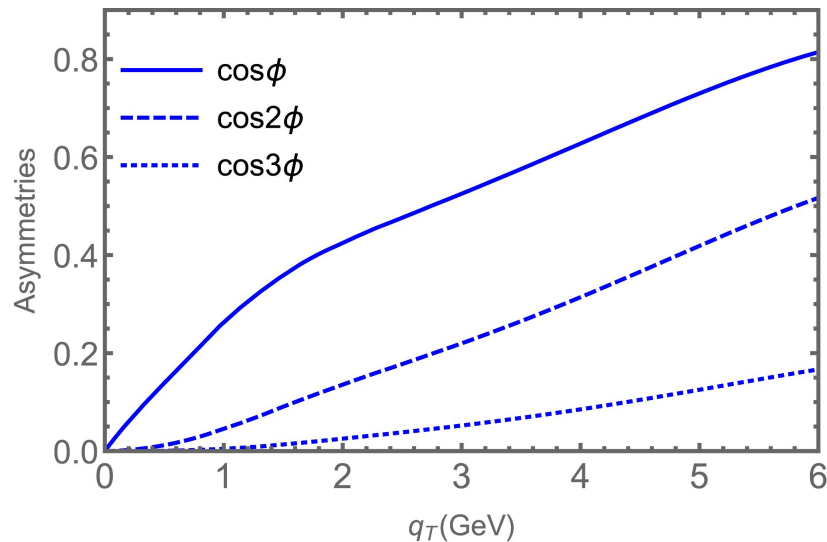


Feng, Voloshin and Wang: [2502.09742](#)

STAR: [0909.1717](#) & [0909.1739](#)

Motivation

Anisotropic flow expansions in unpolarized ep collision:



Hatta, Xiao, Yuan and Zhou: [2106.05307](#)

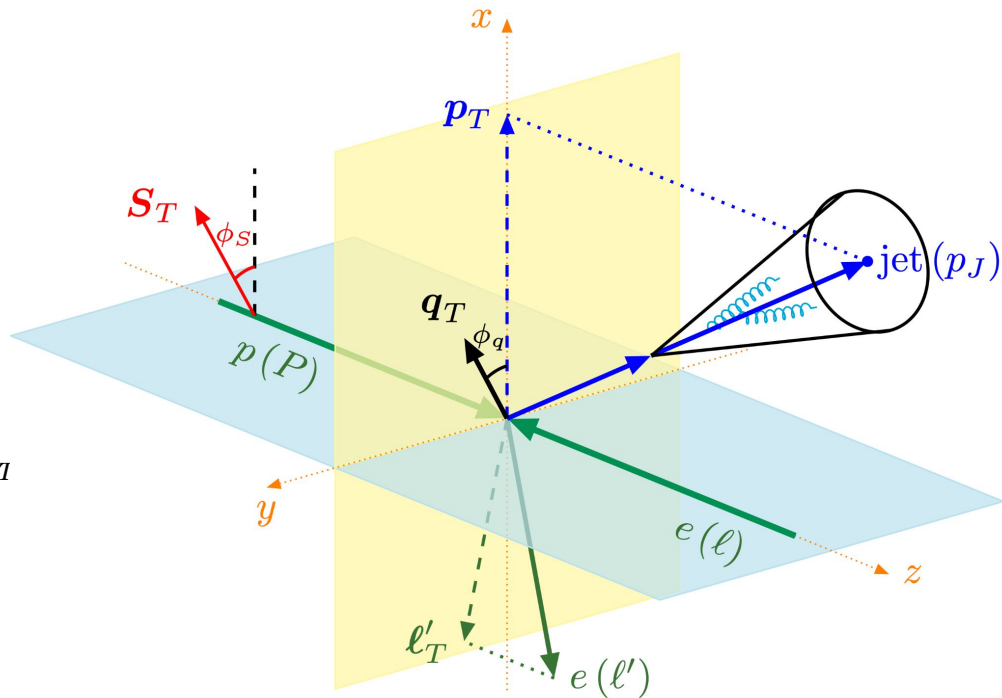
Polarized?

Tong, Xiao and Zhang: [2310.20662](#)

Back-to-back electron-jet production

$$e(\ell, \lambda_e) + p(P, S) \rightarrow e(\ell') + \text{jet}(p_J) + X$$

- $\mathbf{p}_T$: jet transverse momentum
- $\mathbf{q}_T$: transverse momentum imbalance,
 $\mathbf{q}_T = \mathbf{l}'_T + \mathbf{p}_T$
- $\mathbf{b}$: conjugate variable of $\mathbf{q}_T$
- ϕ_S, ϕ_J, ϕ_q and ϕ_b : azimuthal angle of $\mathbf{S}_T$
jet, $\mathbf{q}_T$ and $\mathbf{b}$



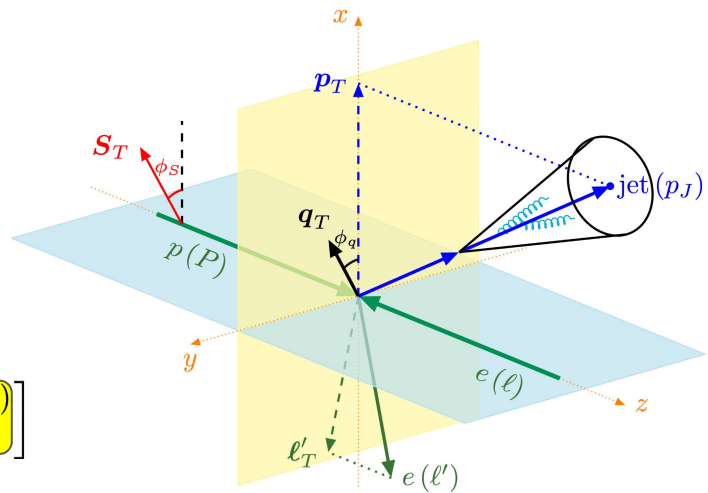
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With longitudinally polarized electron beam

and transversely polarized proton beam:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_q d\mathcal{PS}} = F_{UU} + \lambda_e \lambda_p F_{LL} + S_T \left[\sin(\phi_q - \phi_S) \times F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_S)} + \lambda_e \cos(\phi_q - \phi_S) F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_q - \phi_S)} \right]$$



Back-to-back electron-jet production

Sivers polarized jet anisotropy:

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_S)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^{\text{Sivers}} \cos(n\phi_{qJ})$$

$$A_n^{\text{Sivers}} \equiv \hat{\sigma}_0 H(Q, \mu) \sum_q e_q^2 \mathcal{J}_q(p_T R, \mu) \int \frac{b^2 db}{2\pi} x M$$

$$\times \tilde{f}_{1T,q/p}^{\perp,(1)}(x, b^2, \mu, \zeta) i^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\delta_{0n}}$$

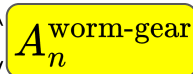
$$\times \left(J_{n-1}(q_T b) - J_{n+1}(q_T b) \right)$$

$$\times \int \frac{d\phi_{bJ}}{2\pi} \cos(n\phi_{bJ}) S_{\text{global}}(\mathbf{b}, \mu, \nu) S_{\text{cs}}(\mathbf{b}, R, \mu)$$

anisotropic Fourier coefficients

Back-to-back electron-jet production

Worm-gear polarized jet anisotropy:

$$F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_q - \phi_s)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^{\text{worm-gear}} \cos(n\phi_{qJ})$$


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$$\times \tilde{g}_{1T,q/p}^{(1)}(x, b^2, \mu, \zeta) i^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\delta_{0n}}$$

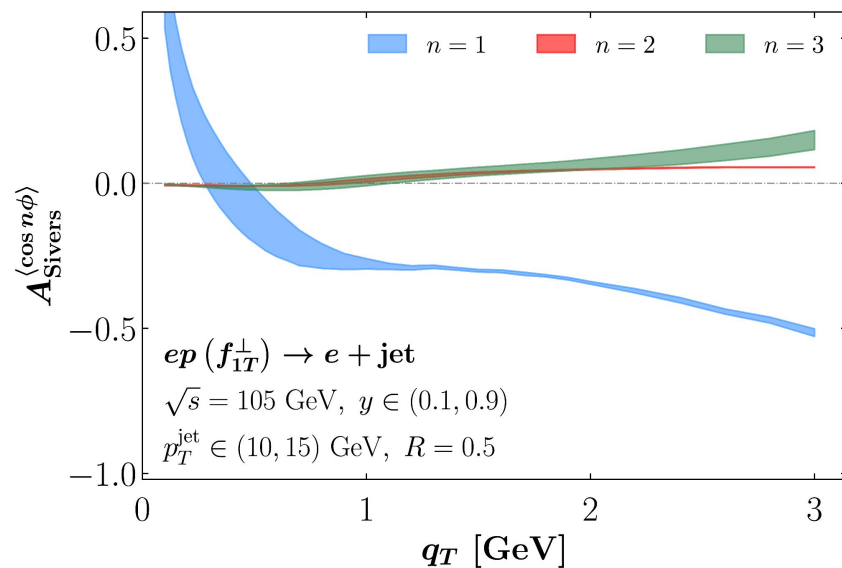
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Polarized jet anisotropy: Sivers

$$R_{UT}^{\langle \cos(n\phi) \rangle} \equiv \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi_{qJ}}{2\pi} \cos^2(n\phi_{qJ}) R_{UT}^n$$

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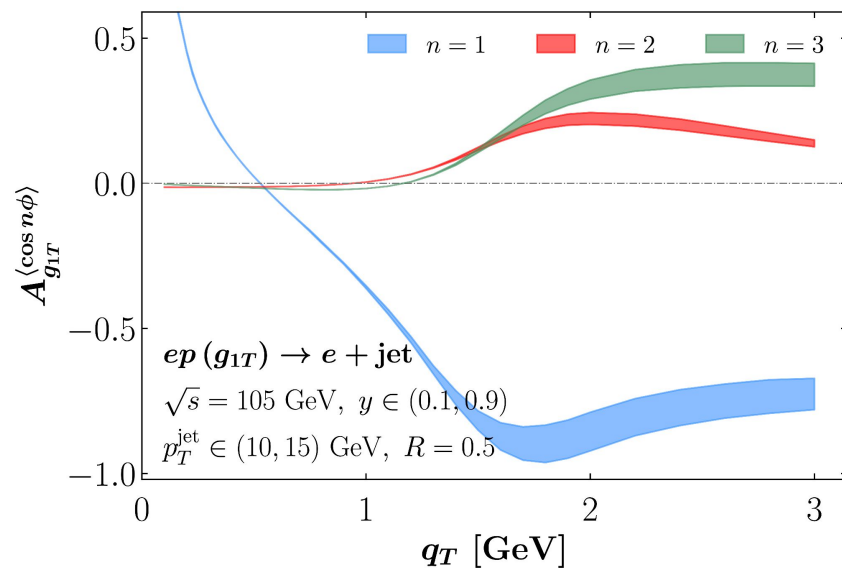
Anisotropic flows: produced by angular

dependence in global and collinear soft functions

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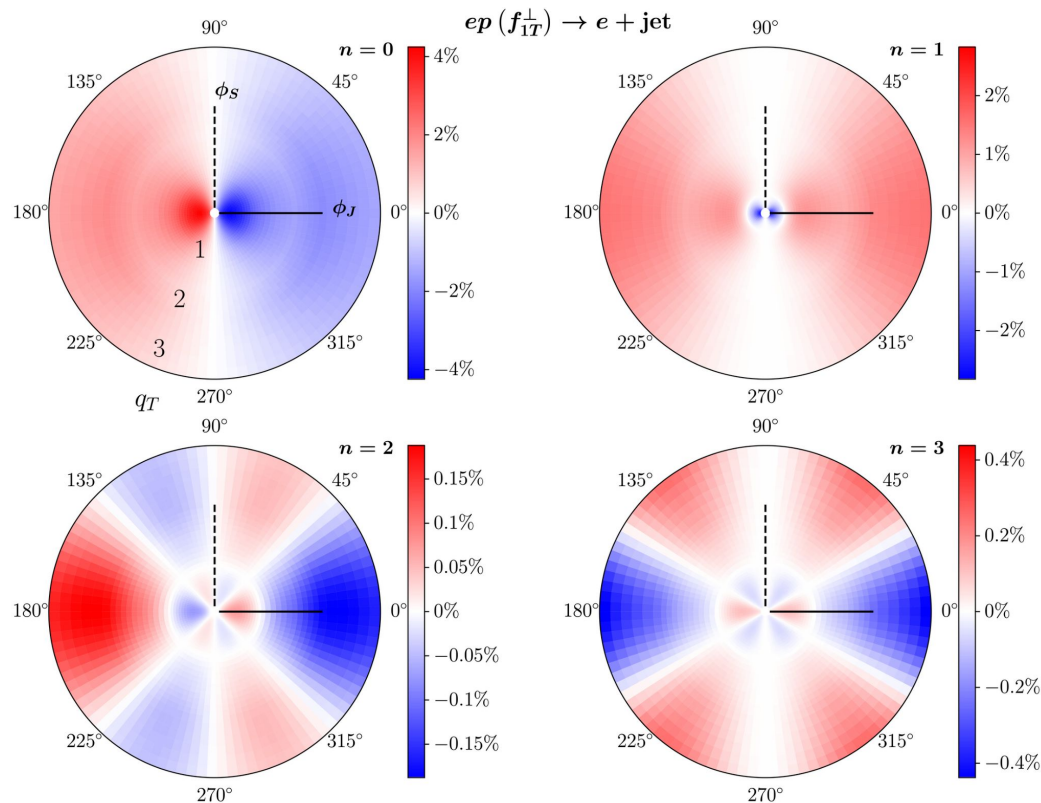
dependence in global and collinear soft functions

Polarized jet anisotropy: Sivers

We can also map the anisotropy in the azimuthal plane of q_T :

$$\sin(\phi_q - \phi_S) \cos(n\phi_{qJ}) \times A_n^{\text{Sivers}} / A_0^{\text{unp.}}$$

- $\phi_J = 0$
- $\phi_S = \pi/2$

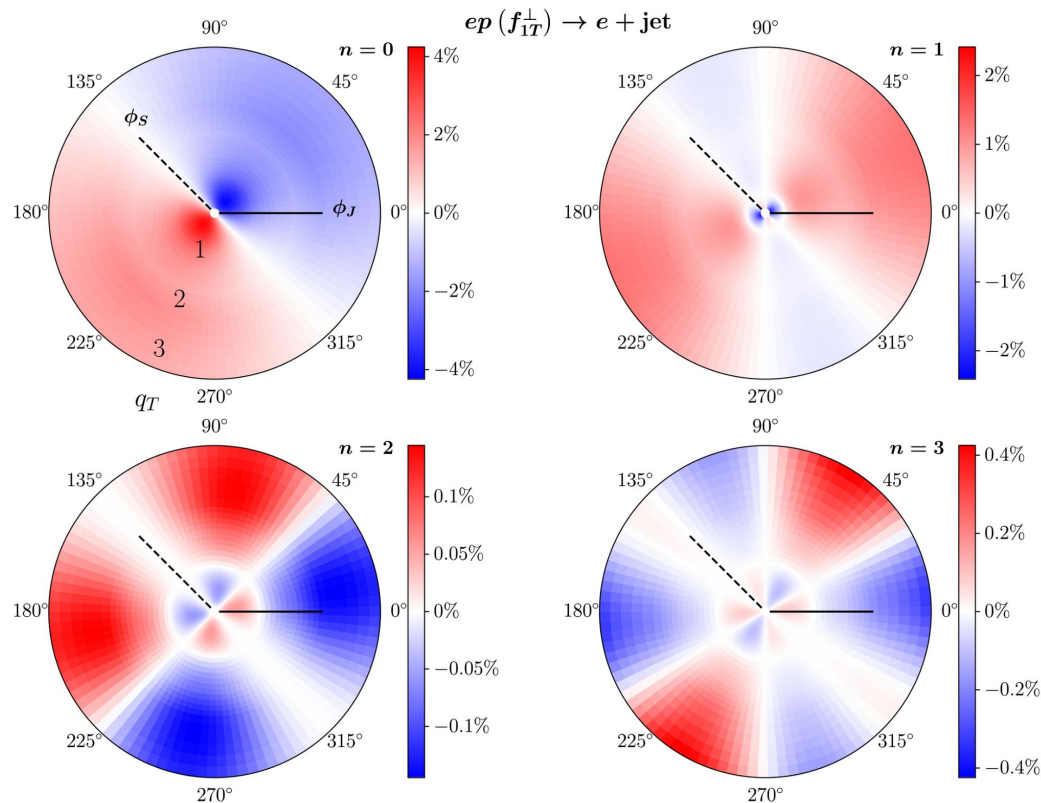


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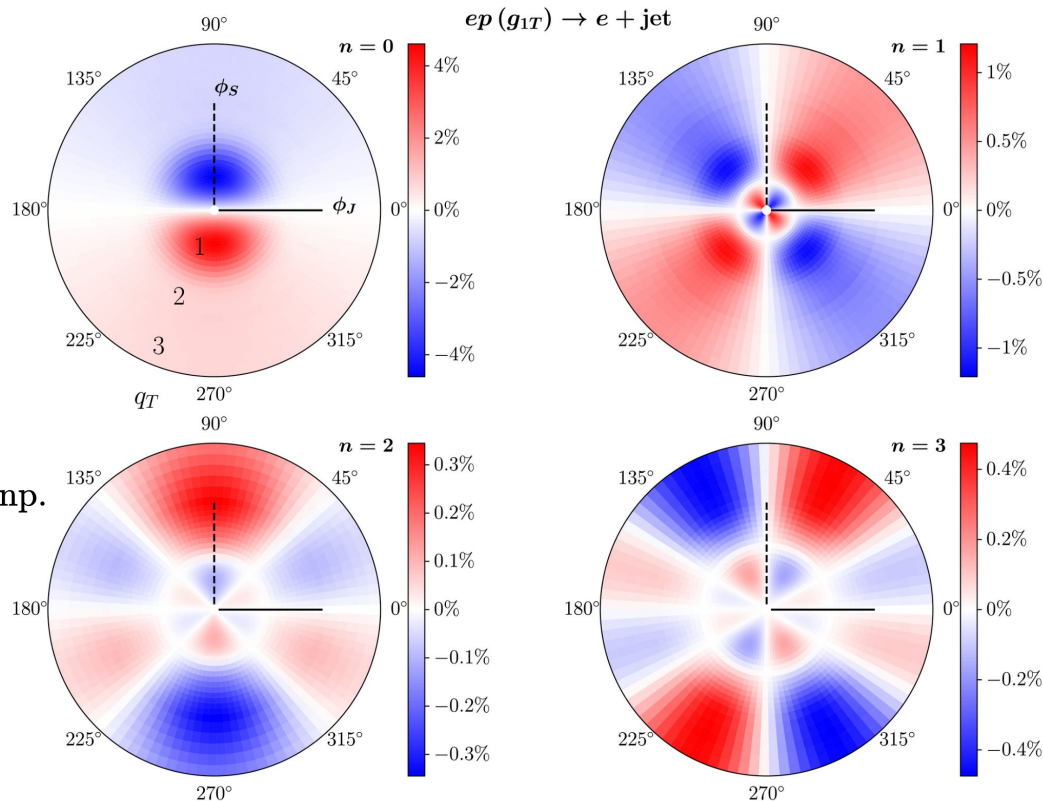


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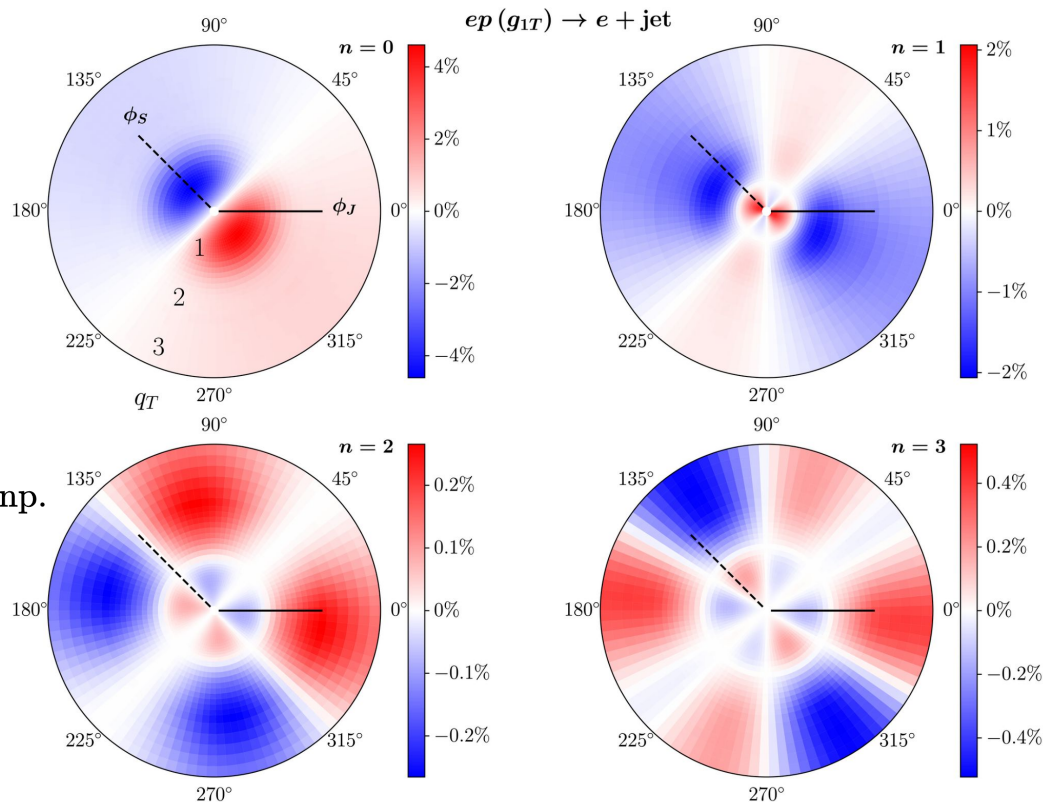


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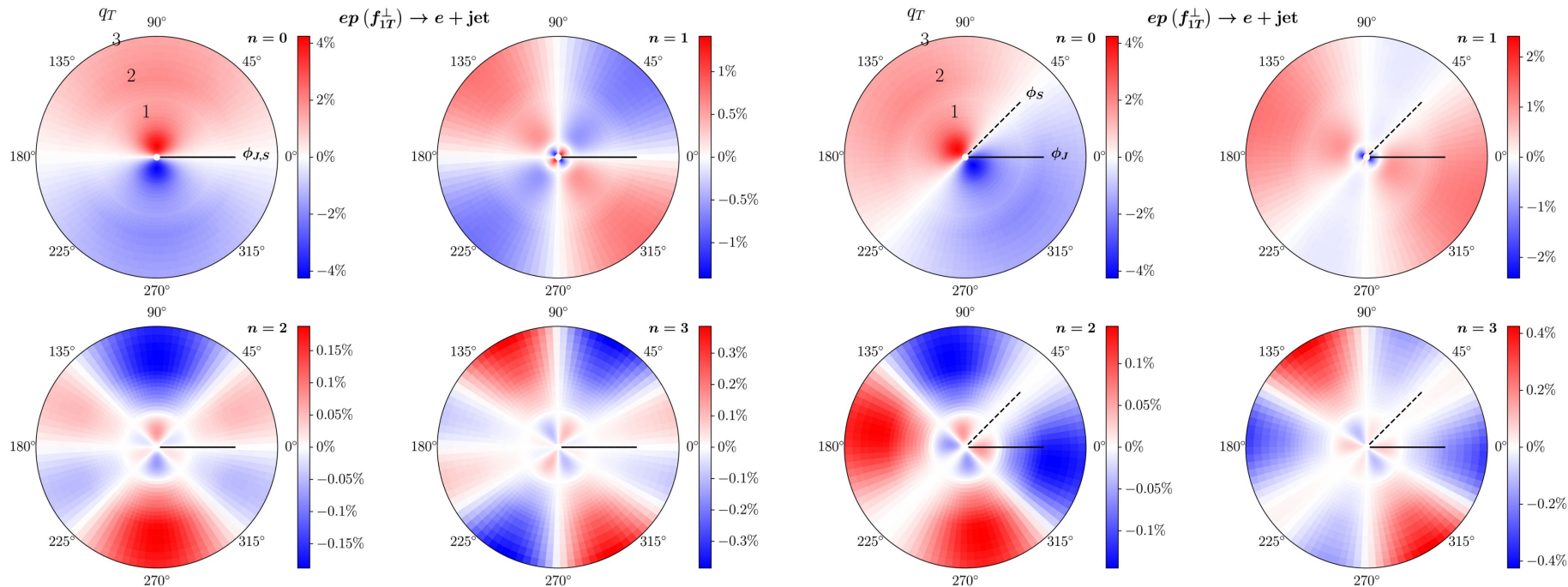


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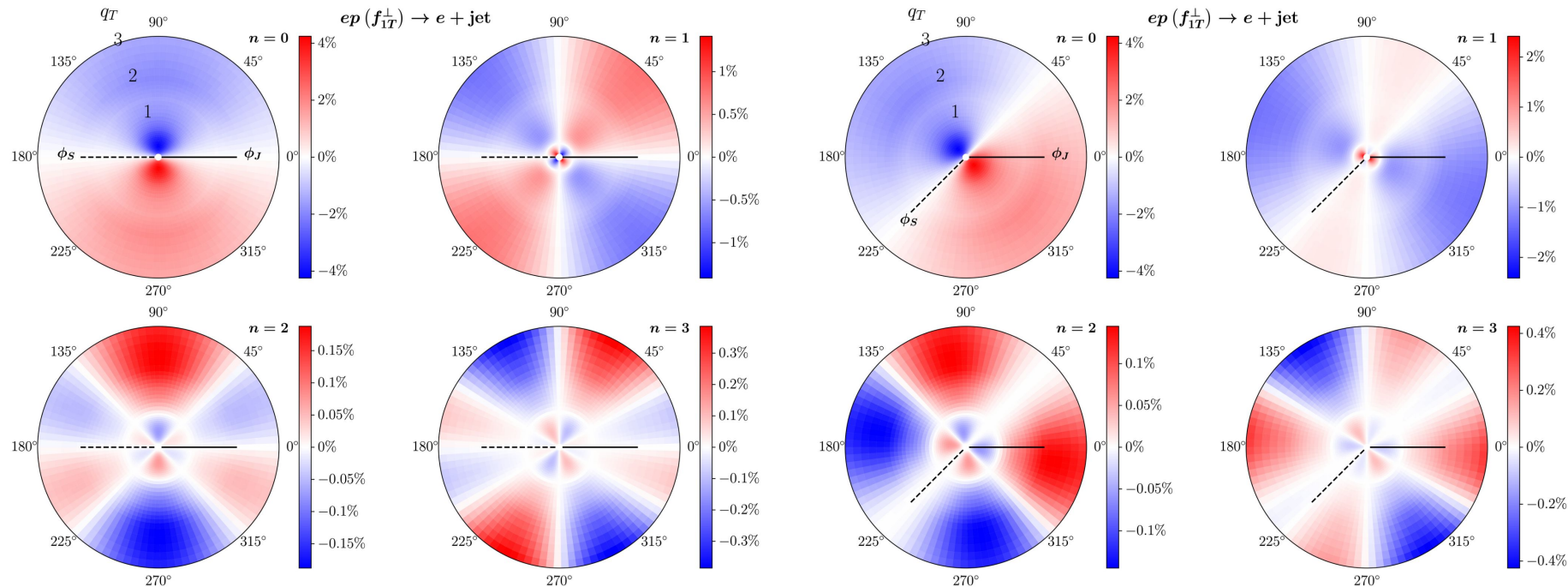
- Back-to-back electron-jet production is studied in polarized *ep* collisions
- Azimuthal angle dependence in soft function can lead to counter-intuitive (a)symmetry patterns
- Polarized jet anisotropy observables are measurable at EIC kinematics

Thank you for your attention!

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