



# Measuring the gluon Sivers function at a future Electron-Ion Collider

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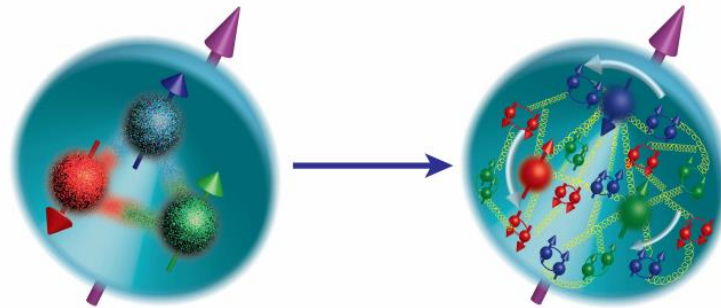
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# Exploring nucleon structure

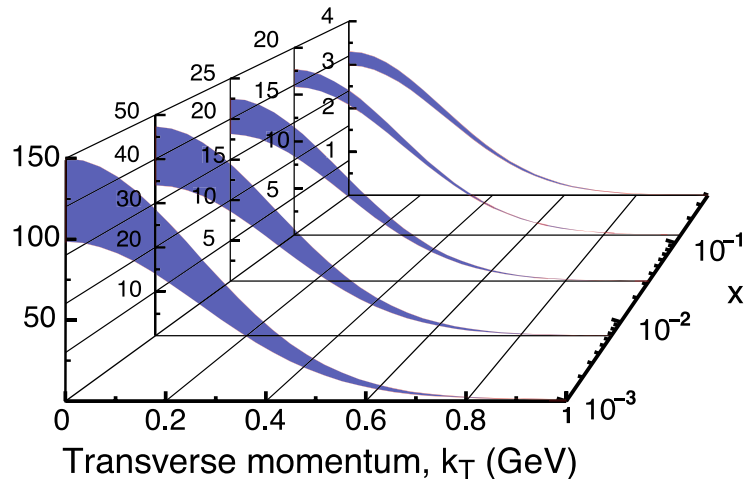
- Nucleon is a dynamical system of quarks and gluons
  - How are the **partons** distributed **in space and momentum** inside the nucleon?
  - How are these quark and gluon distributions **correlated** with the overall nucleon properties, such as **spin** direction?
  - Spin as fundamental intrinsic property and also as a mechanism to do tomography of many body system of quarks and gluons
- EIC: polarized collider to have full access to the nucleon dynamics.



# 2+1 D partonic image of the nucleon

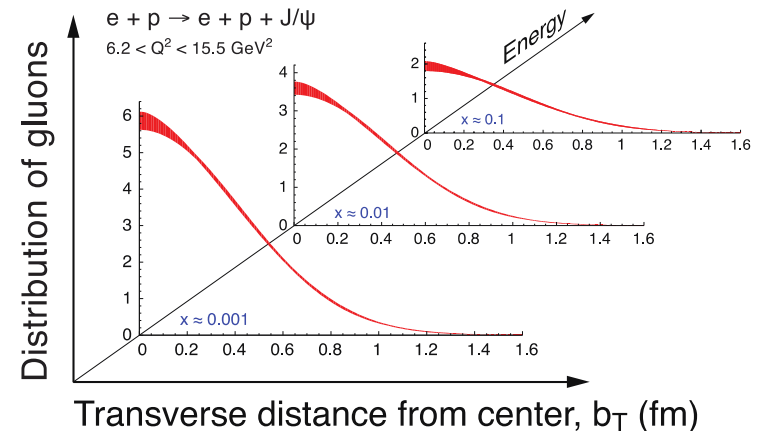
Transverse Momentum  
Dependent parton distributions  
(TMDs)

- Spin dependent 3D  
**momentum space** image
- Semi-inclusive DIS
- $f(x, k_T)$



Generalized Parton Distributions  
(GPDs)

- Spin dependent **2D coordinate space (transverse)**  
+ 1D momentum space  
(longitudinal) image
- exclusive DIS
- $f(x, b_T)$



# TMDs and Sivers function

- Transverse Momentum Dependent (TMD) parton distributions provide useful tools to image the nucleon 3D structure in momentum space.
- Sivers function describes the correlation of  $k_T$  and  $S_T$ .
- Non-trivial QCD color gauge invariance.

$$\hat{f}_{a/p^\uparrow}(x, k_\perp) = f_{a/p}(x, k_\perp) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^N f_{a/p^\uparrow}(x, k_\perp) \vec{S} \cdot (\hat{\vec{P}} \times \hat{\vec{k}}_\perp)$$

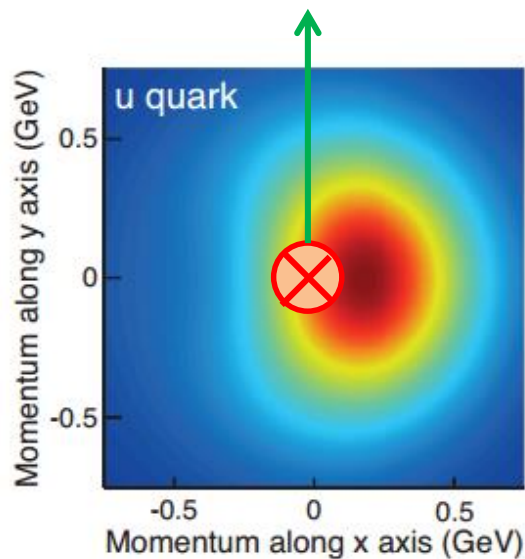
Leading Twist TMDs



Nucleon Spin



Quark Spin



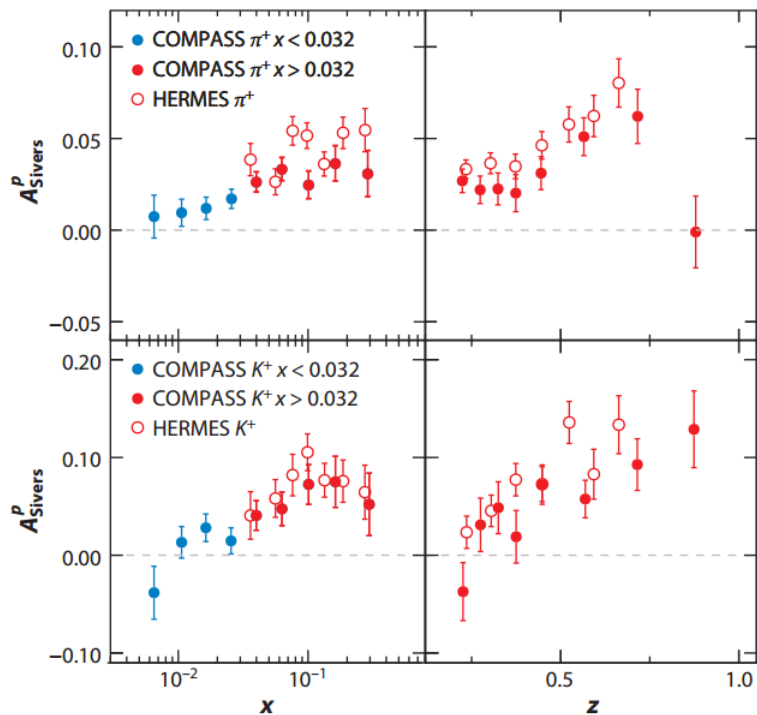
Nucleon Polarization				
U	$f_1 =$			$h_1^\perp =$ - Boer-Mulders
L		$g_{1L} =$ - Helicity		$h_{1L}^\perp =$ - Transversity
T	$f_{1T}^\perp =$	- Sivers	$g_{1T}^\perp =$ - Transversity	$h_{1T}^\perp =$ - Transversity

Similar for gluons

# Current knowledge to quark Sivers

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dy d\phi_S dz d\phi_h dP_{hT}^2} \propto F_{UU,T} + |\mathbf{S}_\perp| \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \dots$$

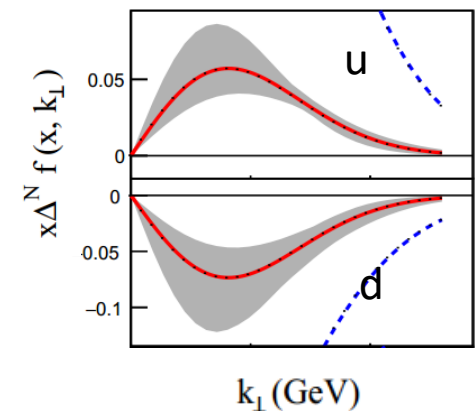
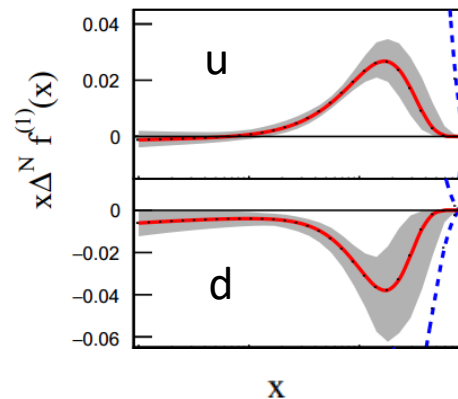
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PRL 103, 152002 (2009) HERMES data

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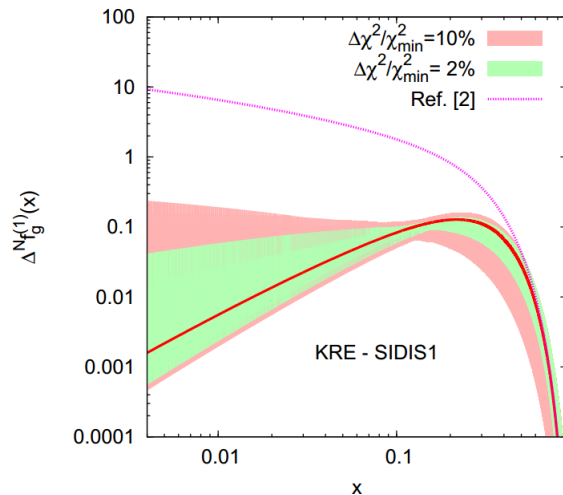
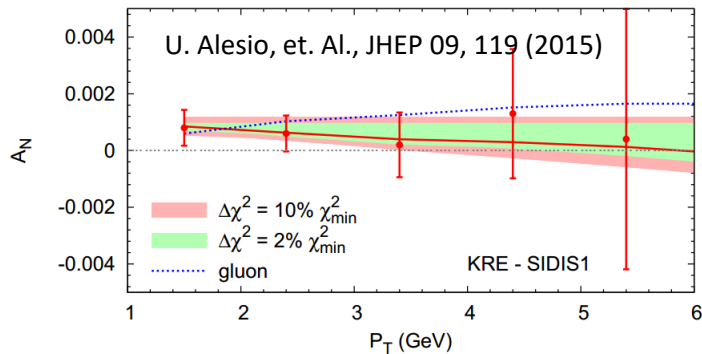
- Accessed with SIDIS measurements.
- Sizable Sivers effect.
- u, d quark Sivers with opposite sign.
- Subject to large uncertainty.



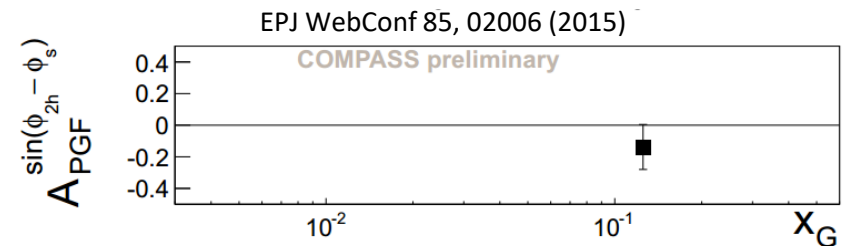
JHEP 04(2017) Anselmino et. al.

# Current constraints on gluon Sivers

Extraction based on  $A_N$  data at RHIC



Extraction on COMPASS data



$$A_{\text{PGF}}^{\sin(\phi_{2h}-\phi_s)} = -0.14 \pm 0.15(\text{stat.})$$

$$\langle x_G \rangle = 0.126$$

- Effective gluon Sivers from  $A_N$  may differ from the actual gluon Sivers in TMD.
- Limited  $x$  and  $Q^2$  range explored in SIDIS. Still allow for gluon Sivers contributions of  $1/N_c$ .
- No hard constraints at this moment.

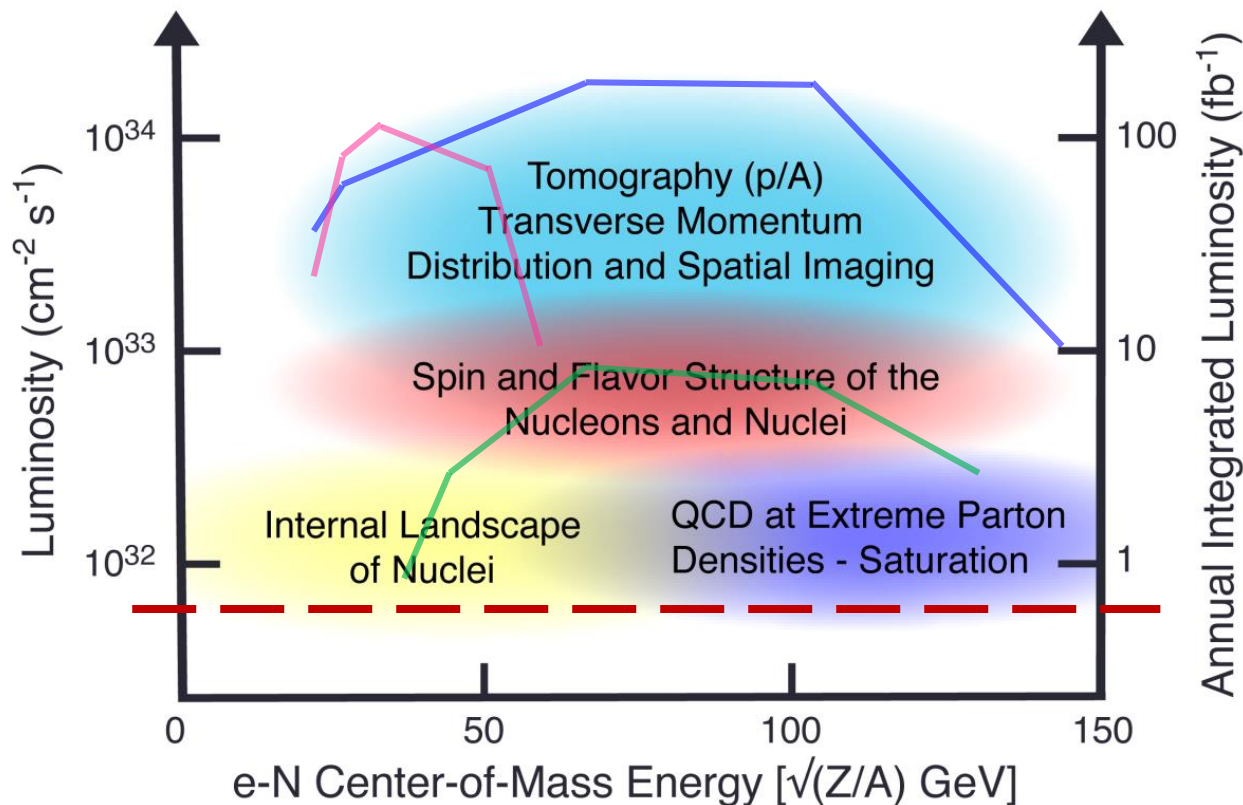
# EIC Physics vs Luminosity and Energy

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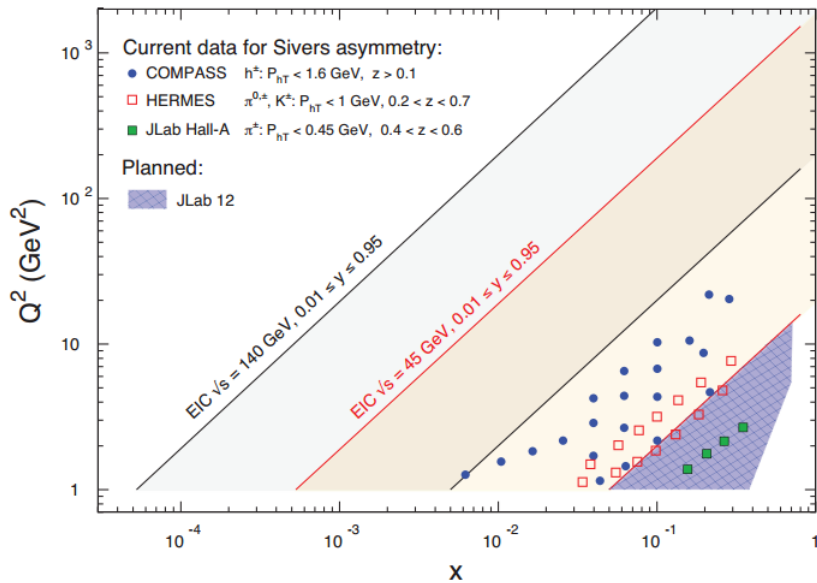
— Ultimate eRHIC ERL

- - - HERA

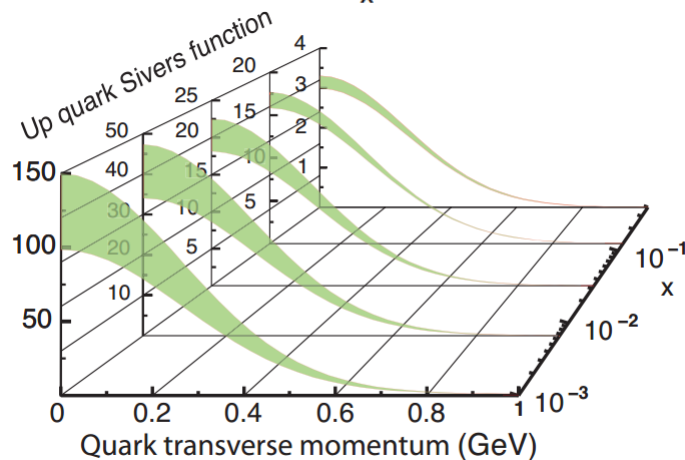
— Ultimate eRHIC ERL no cooling



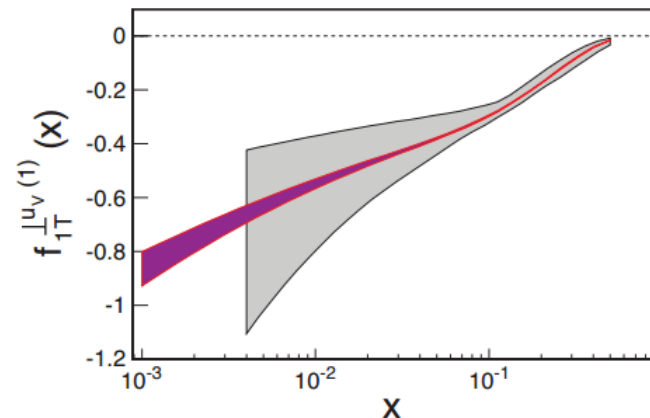
# Studying Sivers in the EIC era



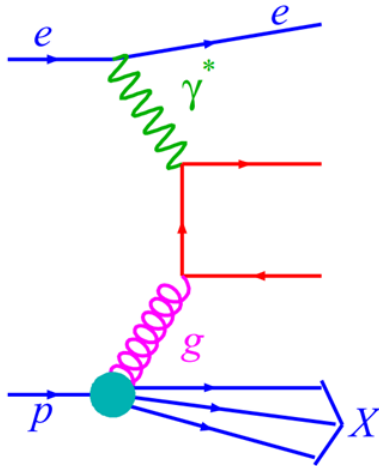
- Disentangle Sivers and Collins asymmetries.
- Extend the current Sivers data to smaller  $x$ .
- Large  $Q^2$ ,  $x$ , coverage to pin down TMD evolution.



Quark Sivers before and after EIC



# Accessing gluon Sivers at EIC

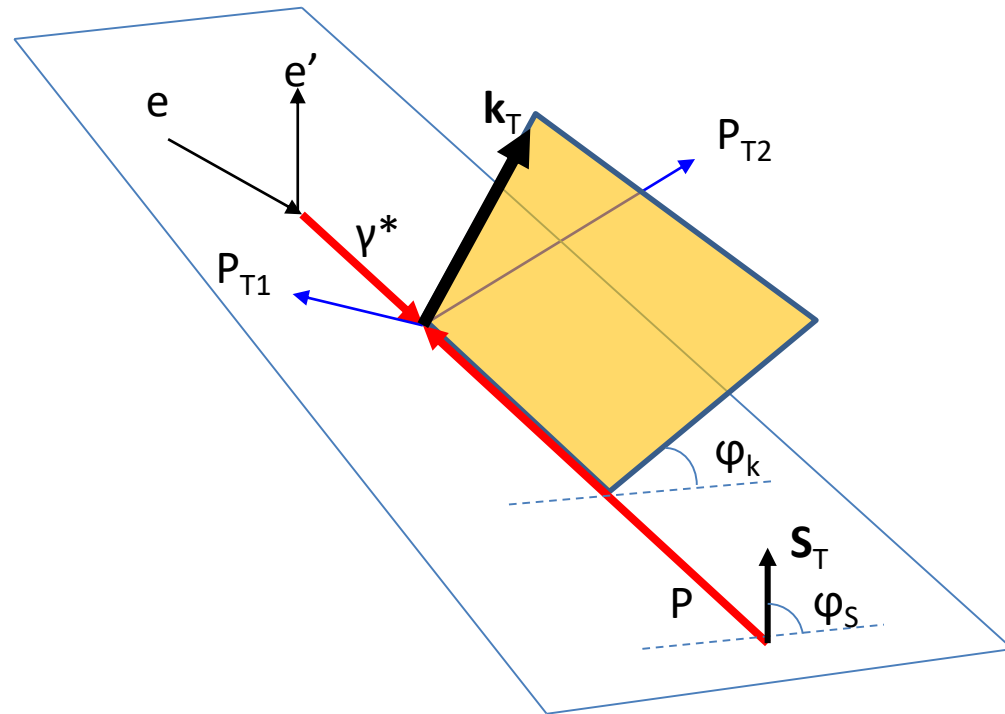


**s**: center-of-mass energy squared

**Q<sup>2</sup>**: resolution power

**x<sub>B</sub>**: the fraction of the nucleon's momentum carried by the struck quark ( $0 < x < 1$ )

**y**: inelasticity



Treatable single spin asymmetry (SSA) sensitive to gluon Sivers

$$A_{UT} = \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow}} \propto \frac{\Delta^N f_{g/p^{\uparrow}}(x, k_{\perp})}{f_1^g(x_g, k_{\perp})}$$

# Inputs to the model calculation

$$\Delta^N f_{a/p\uparrow}(x, k_\perp) = 2\mathcal{N}_a(x) f_{a/p}(x, k_\perp) h(k_\perp)$$

$$w = \frac{\Delta^N f_{a/p\uparrow}(x, k_\perp, Q^2)}{2f_{a/p}(x, k_\perp, Q^2)}.$$

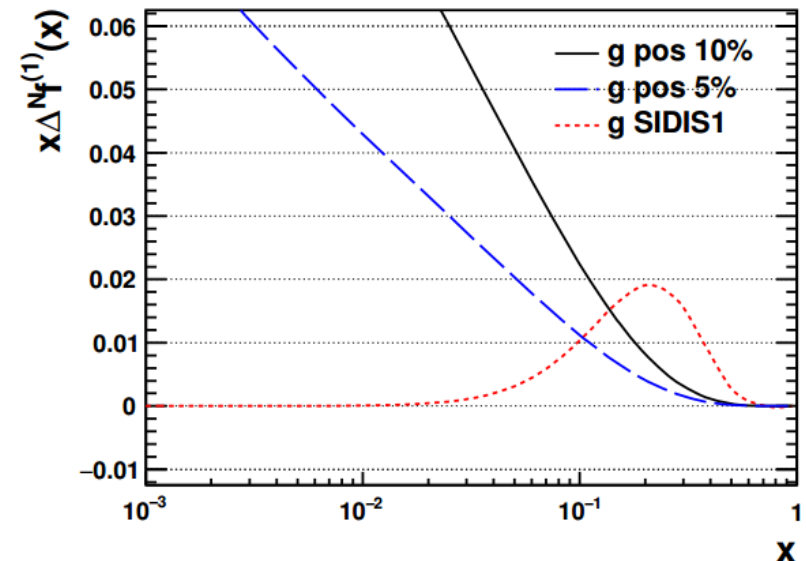
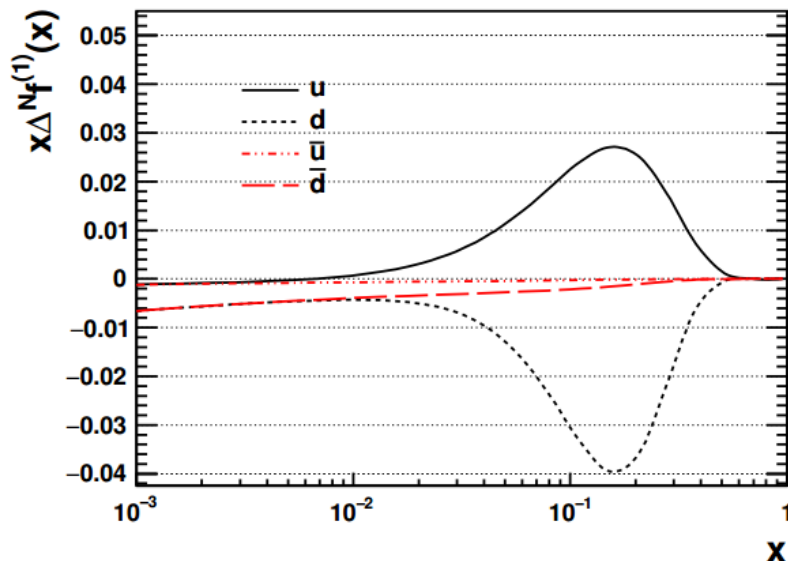
$$A_{UT} = R_g \frac{\sum_i^{N_g} w_i}{N_g} + R_q \frac{\sum_i^{N_q} w_i}{N_q}$$

**Quark Sivers:** JHEP 04(2017) Anselmino et. al.  
u and d quarks

**Gluon Sivers:** JHEP 09 (2015) 119 D' Alesio et. al.  
u, d + Kretzer FF (SIDIS1)

Positivity bound ansatz:

$$f_{1T}^{\perp g} = -\frac{2\sigma M_p}{k_\perp^2 + \sigma^2} f_g(x, k_\perp), \quad \sigma = 0.8$$



# Confronting simulation with Data

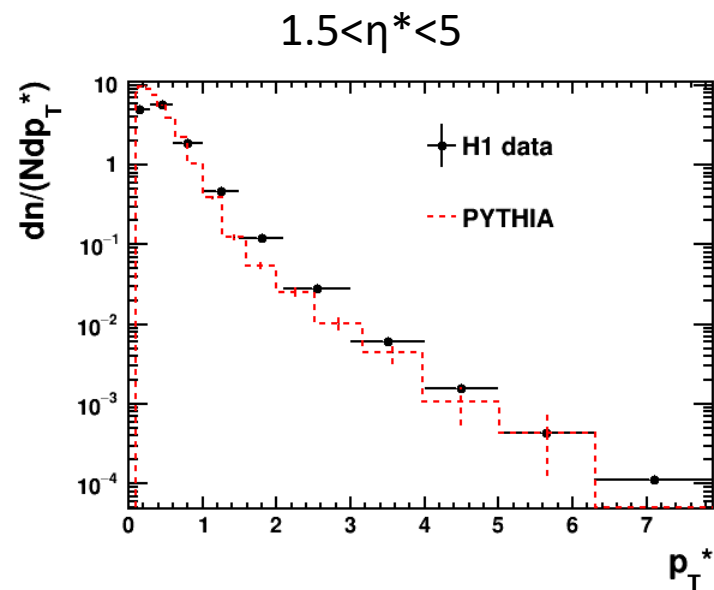
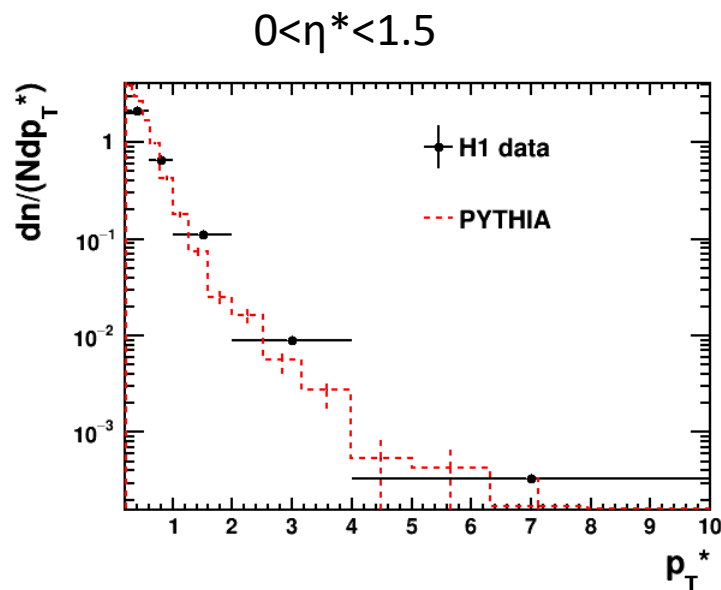
Comparing with charged  
hadron density  
measurements from HERA

Kinematics:

ep 27.6 GeV x 920 GeV

$5 < Q^2 < 10$ ,  $0.0005 < x_{Bj} < 0.002$

$p_T^*$ ,  $\eta^*$  defined in gamma-hadron  
center of mass frame



Data from EPJC 73, 2406 (2013)

H1 charged particle density data  
reasonably described by simulations.

# EIC setup for gluon SSA study

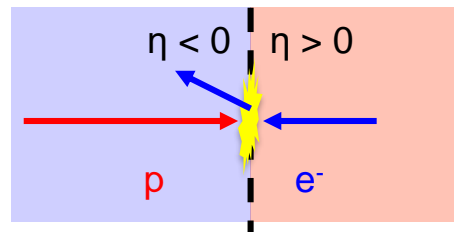
Kinematics:

$ep^\uparrow$  20x250 GeV

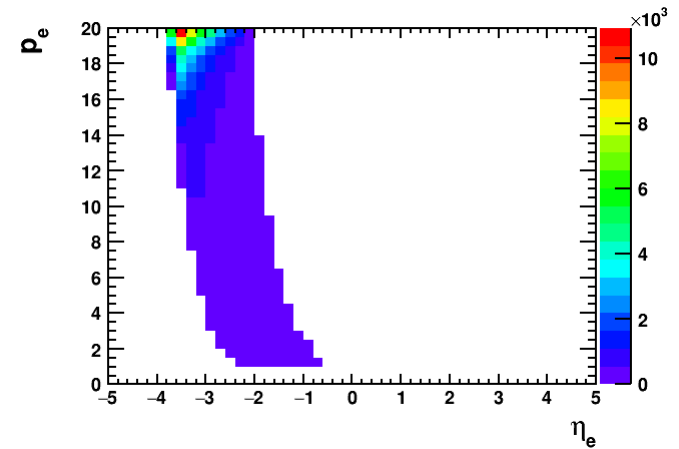
$\sqrt{s}=141$  GeV

$0.01 < y < 0.95$

$1 < Q^2 < 20$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

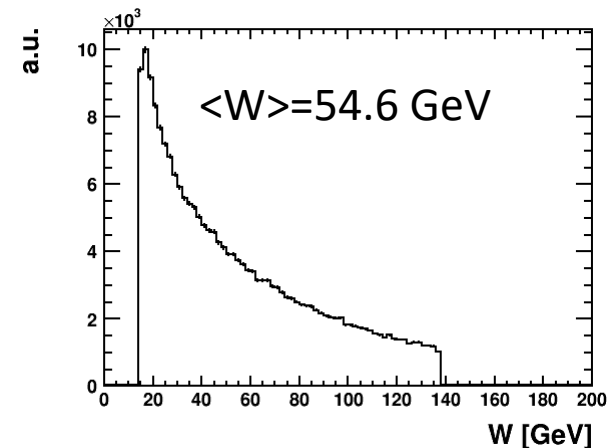
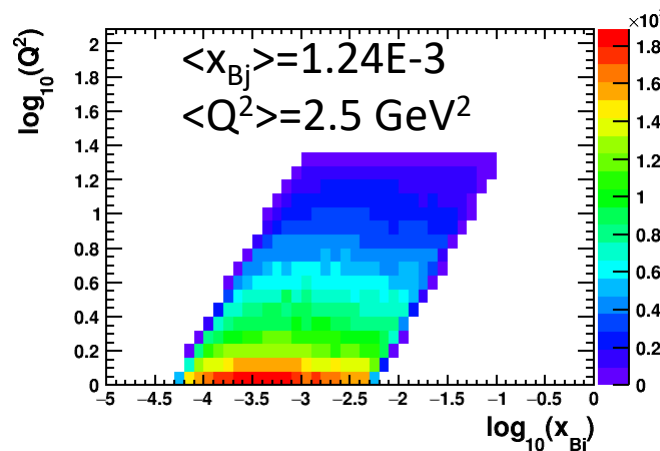


Scattered electron



Final state observables

1. D<sup>0</sup> pair
2. Charged hadron pair
3. Dijet pair



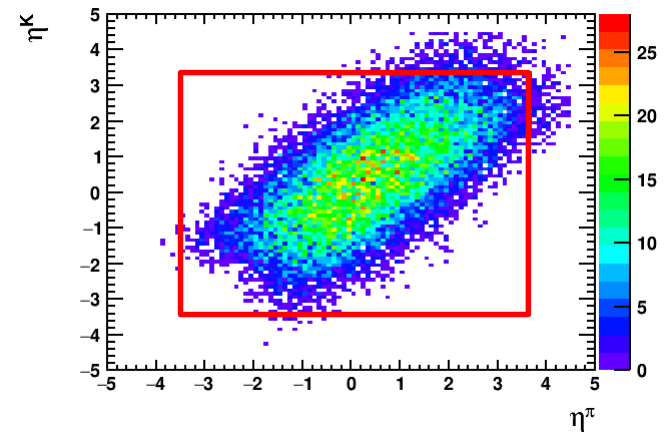
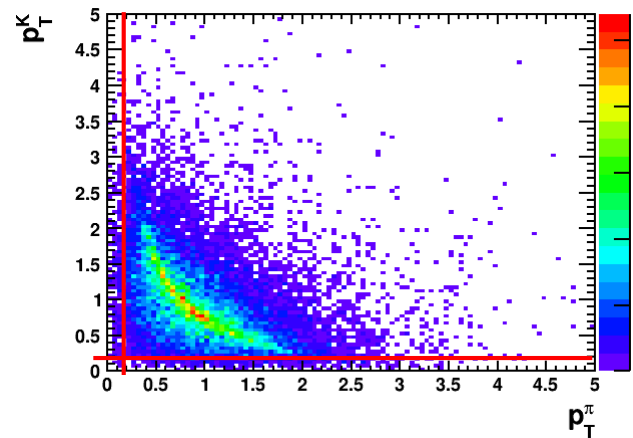
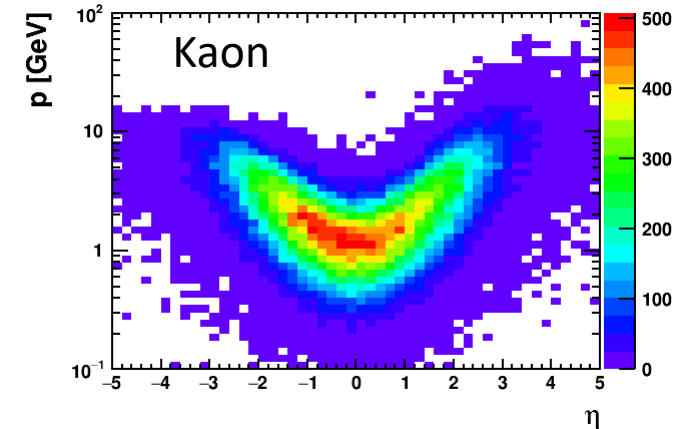
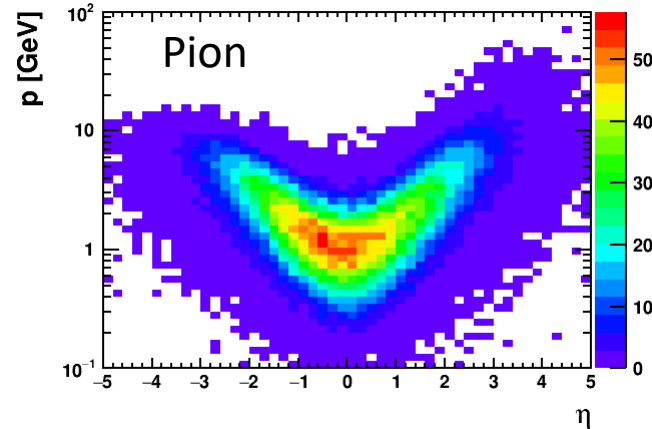
# D meson pair selection

Branching ratio: 3.9%

$$D^0(c\bar{u}) \rightarrow \pi^+(u\bar{d})K^-(s\bar{u})$$

$$\bar{D}^0(\bar{c}u) \rightarrow \pi^-(\bar{u}d)K^+(u\bar{s})$$

- Acceptance for PID is assumed to be  $|\eta| < 3.5$
- Decay products from D mesons are mostly less than 10 GeV in mid-rapidity.
- Decay products  $p_T > 0.2$  GeV.



# Projections for the SSA with open charm probe

$ep \uparrow$  20x250 GeV

$D^0$  cut:

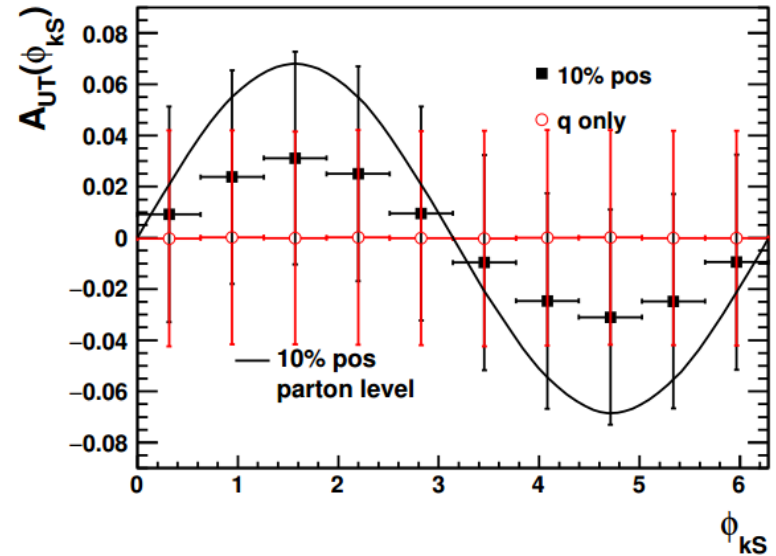
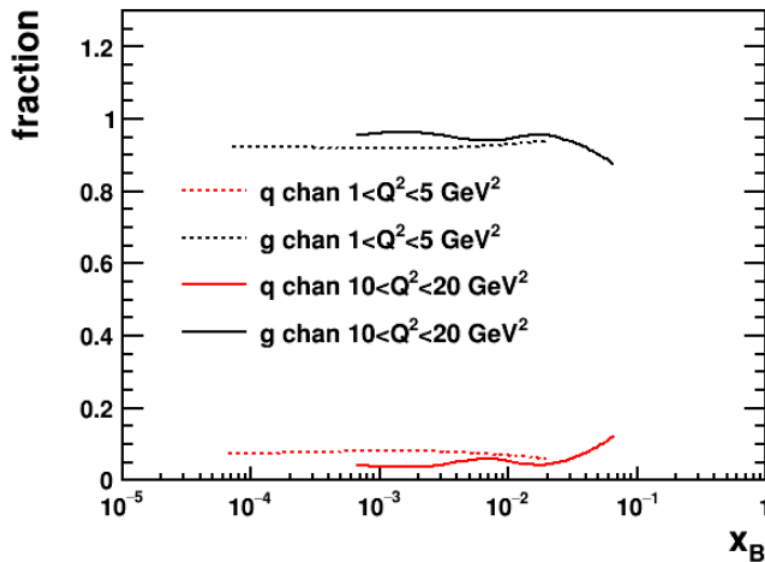
$D \rightarrow K + \pi$  (3.9%)

Acceptance  $|\eta|^{\pi/K} < 3.5$

$p_T^{\pi/K} > 0.2$  GeV,  $p_T^D > 0.7$  GeV,  $z^D > 0.1$

$\int L dt = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Gluon initiated events account for 90% of  $D$  meson production
- $D$  can be regarded as a good parton kinematics proxy
- Statistics not enough to resolve the gluon Sivers level even on 10% positivity bound



# Projections on the SSA with charged dihadron probe

Kinematic cuts:

ep 20x250 GeV

$0.01 < y < 0.95$

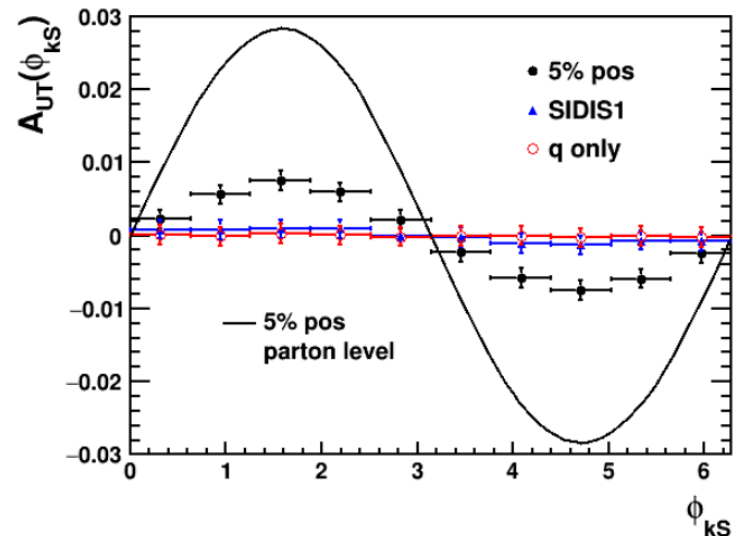
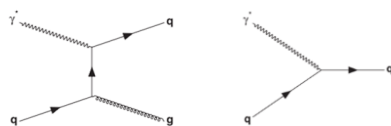
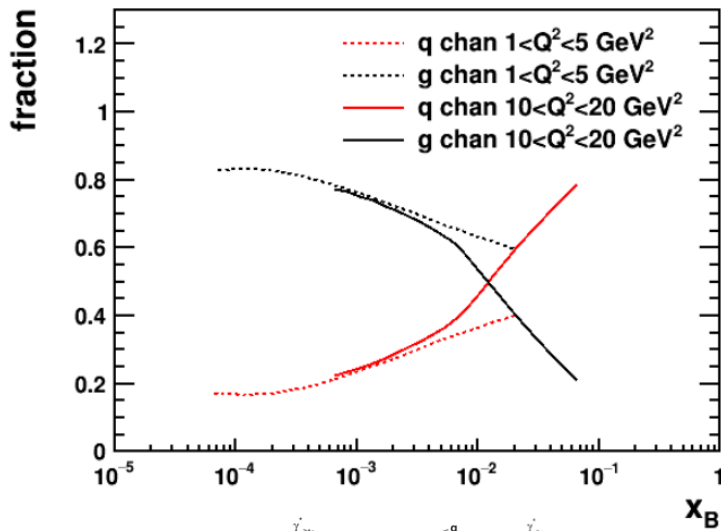
$1 < Q^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

$p_T > 1.7 \text{ GeV}, z_h > 0.1, |\eta| < 4.5$

Back-to-back limit:  $k_T' < 0.7 P_T'$

$\int L dt = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Gluon initiated process account for a large fraction of events at small  $x_B$
- Smear to parton level asymmetry becomes stronger
- Statistically more favored than open charm, resolve 5% positivity bound gluon Sivers size

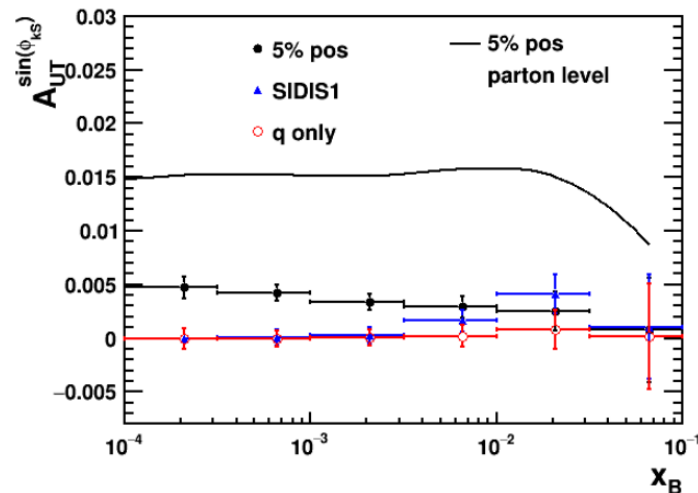
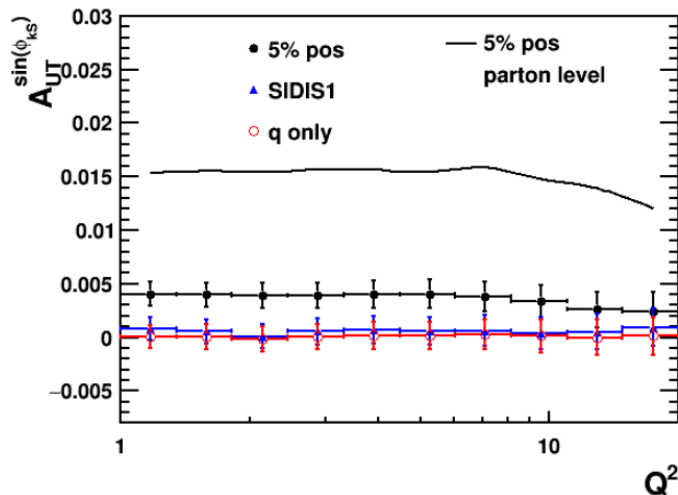


# Projections on the SSA with charged dihadron probe

Single out the asymmetry amplitude

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{kS})} = \frac{\int d\phi_{kS} (d\sigma^{\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow}) \sin(\phi_{kS})}{\int d\phi_{kS} (d\sigma^{\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow})}$$

- Asymmetry size dependence on  $x_B$ ,  $Q^2$  can be identified with 5% positivity bound
- Clearer sense of direction to distinguish model discrepancy in  $x_B$  behavior
- No significant  $Q^2$  trend as missing TMD evolution.



# Projections on the SSA with dijet probe

Kinematic cuts:

ep 20x250 GeV

$0.01 < \gamma < 0.95$

$1 < Q^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

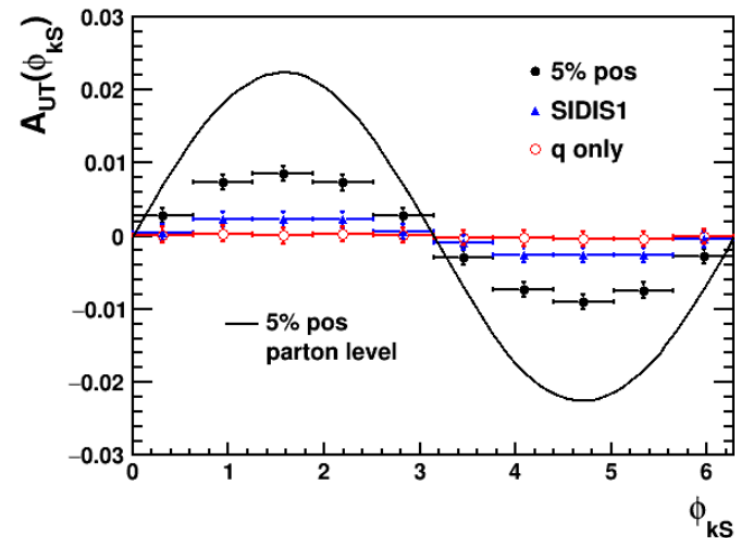
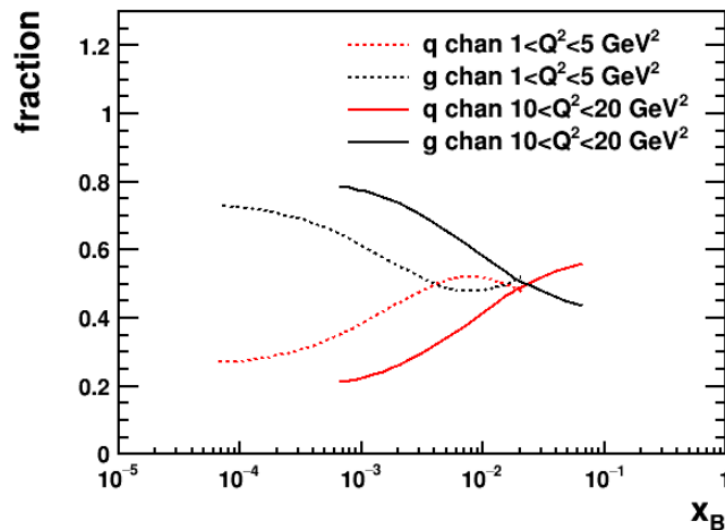
Anti- $k_T$ ,  $R=1$ , jet constituent:

$p_T > 250 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\pi/K/p/\gamma$ ,  $|\eta| < 4.5$

$p_T^{\text{jet1}} > 4.5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $p_T^{\text{jet2}} > 4 \text{ GeV}$

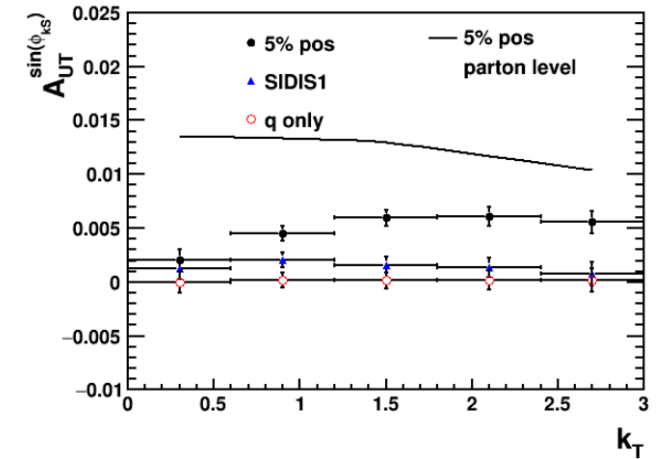
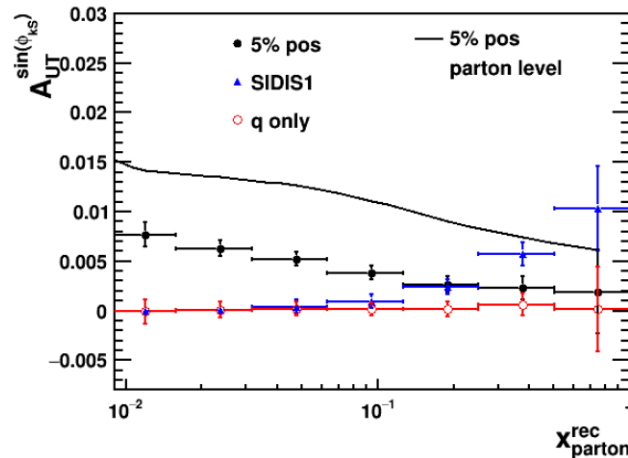
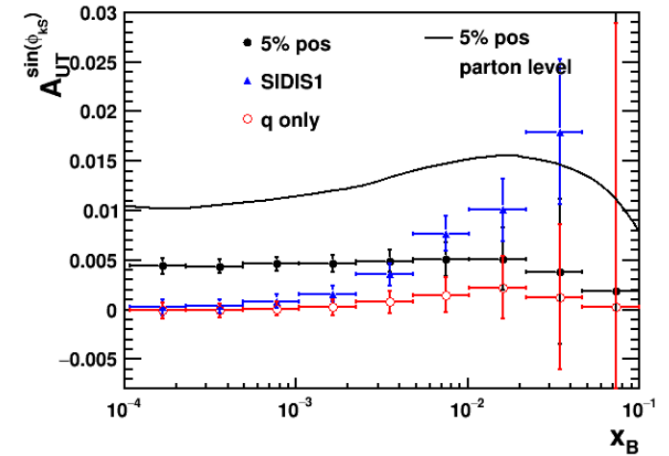
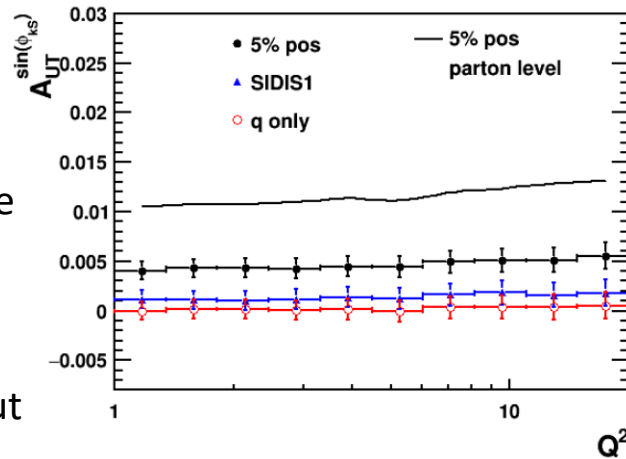
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- Gluon initiated process still dominant at small  $x_B$
- Stronger final state observable to parton kinematics correlation
- Resolution down to 5% positivity bound gluon Siverts size



# Projections on the SSA with dijet probe

- SSA amplitude can be analyzed in multiple dimensions.
- Direct handle on parton kinematics put stronger constraint such as  $x_{\text{parton}}$

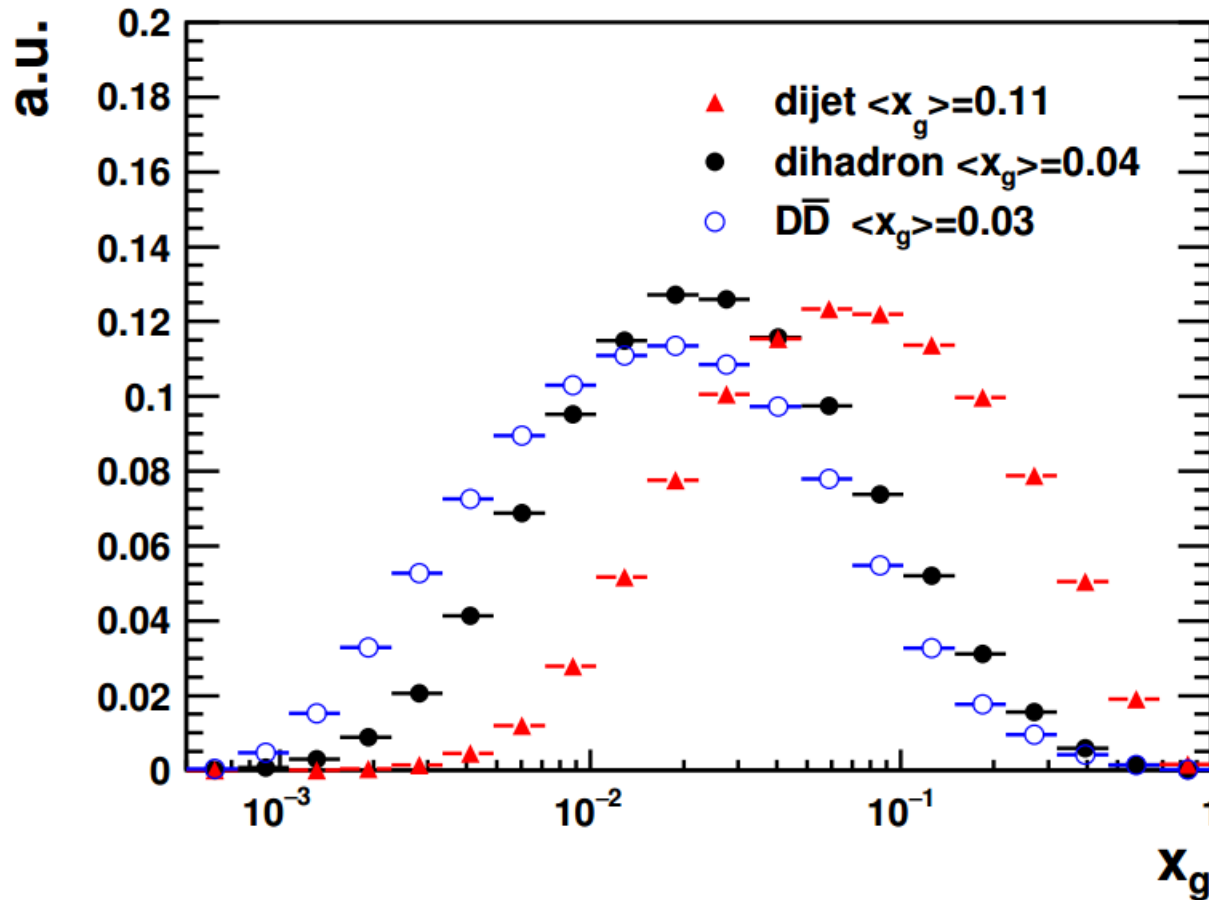


# Summary

- Gluon Sivers function is an ingredient of complete 3D imaging of nucleon.
- It can be uniquely accessible and constrained in a wide kinematic range at EIC.
- Charged dihadron and dijet methods are more statistically favored compared to the open charm production.
- Different probes can be complementary to each other at EIC.

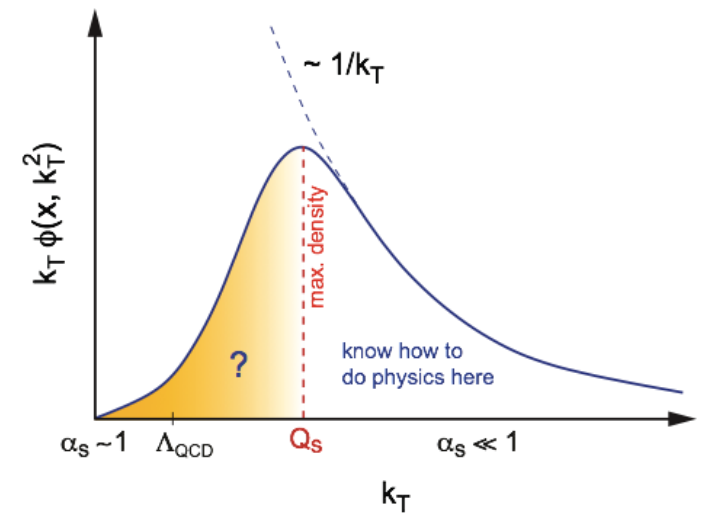
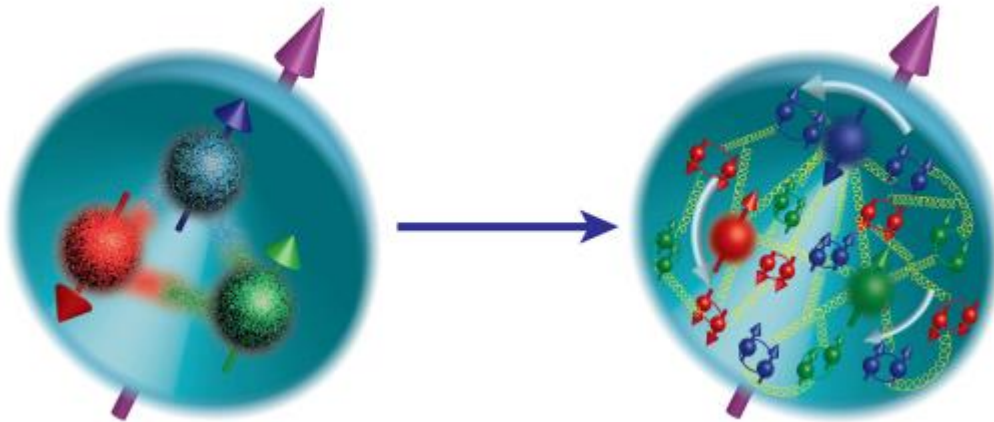


# Explored $x_g$ in different probes



# Nucleon structure and Sivers function

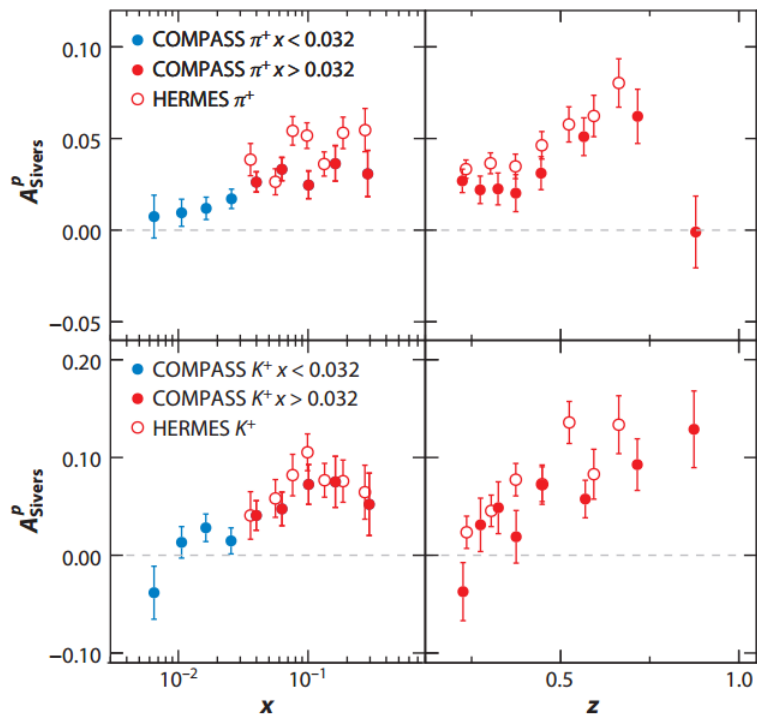
- Collisions on the hadronic objects as incoherent superposition off partonic constituents.
- TMD framework provides a useful tool to image the nucleon structure in 2+1D momentum space.



# Accessing Sivers in SIDIS

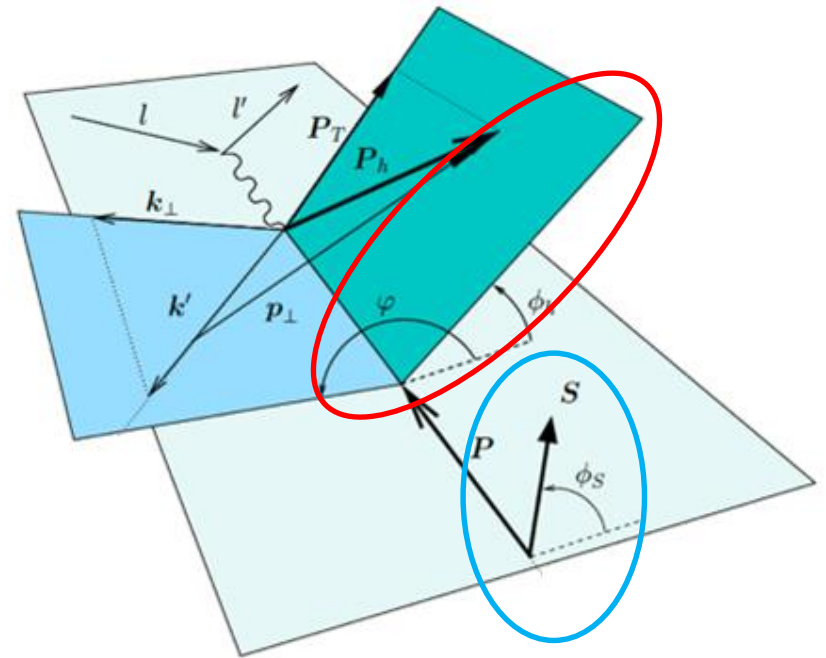
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# Accessing gluon Sivers at EIC

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$$\Delta^N f_{a/p\uparrow}(x, k_{\perp}) = -\frac{2k_{\perp}}{M_p} f_{1T}^{\perp a}(x, k_{\perp})$$

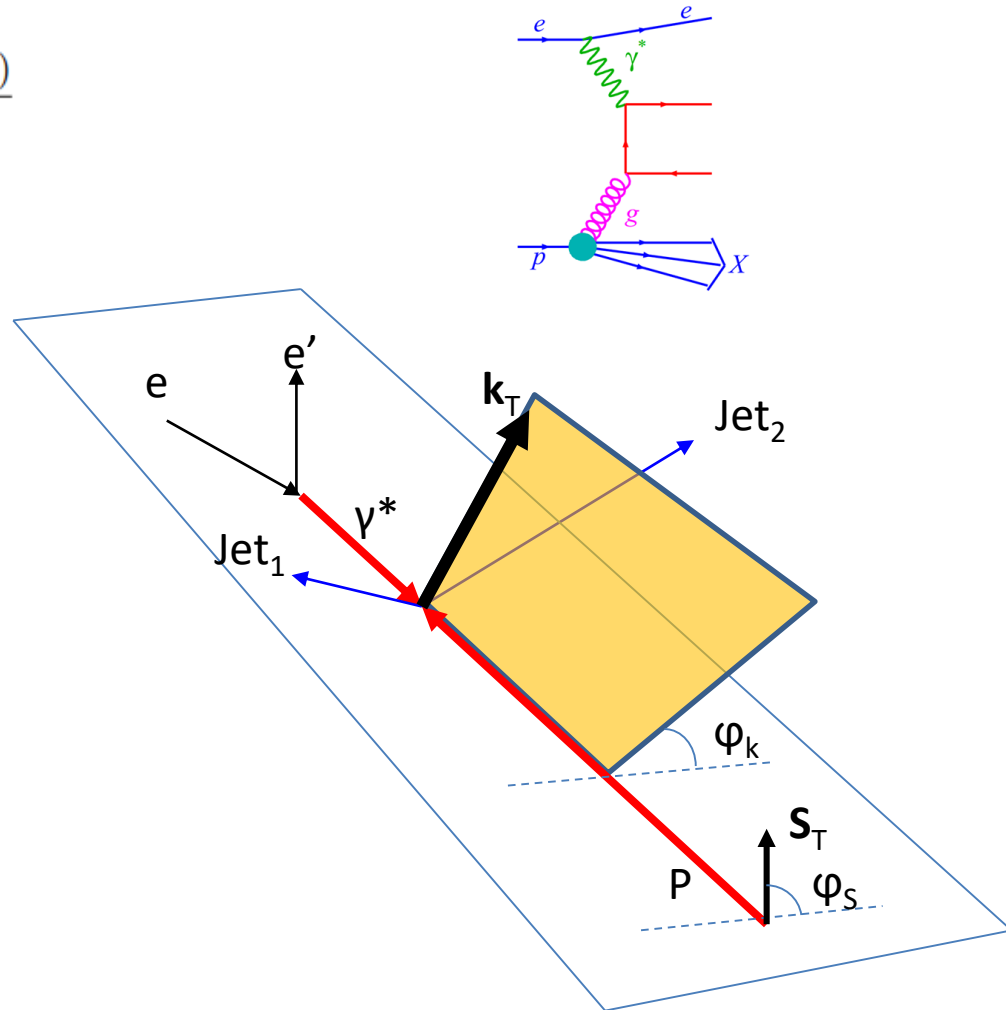
$$\Delta^N f_{a/p\uparrow}(x, k_{\perp}) = 2\mathcal{N}_a(x) f_{a/p}(x, k_{\perp}) h(k_{\perp})$$

$$\mathcal{N}_a(x) = N_a x^{\alpha_a} (1-x)^{\beta_a} \frac{(\alpha_a + \beta_a)(\alpha_a + \beta_a)}{\alpha_a^{\alpha_a} \beta_a^{\beta_a}}$$

$$h(k_{\perp}) = \sqrt{2e} \frac{k_{\perp}}{M} e^{-k_{\perp}^2/M^2}$$

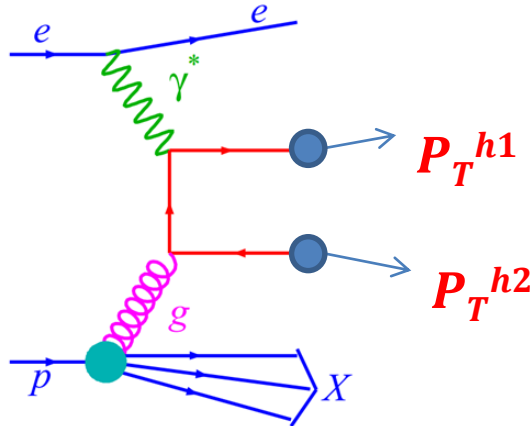
Treatable single spin asymmetry  
(SSA) sensitive to gluon Sivers

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# Accessing gluon Sivers at an EIC

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* + p^\uparrow \rightarrow h_1 + h_2 + X}}{dz_{h1} dz_{h2} d^2 p_{h1\perp} d^2 p_{h2\perp}} = C \int_{z_{h1}}^{1-z_{h2}} \sum_q dz_q \frac{z_q(1-z_q)}{z_{h2}^2 z_{h1}^2} d^2 p_{1\perp} d^2 p_{2\perp} \hat{f}_{g/p^\uparrow}(x_g, k_\perp) \\ \times \mathcal{H}_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* g \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(z_q, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}) e_q^2 D_{h1/q}\left(\frac{z_{h1}}{z_q}, p_{1\perp}\right) D_{h2/\bar{q}}\left(\frac{z_{h2}}{1-z_q}, p_{2\perp}\right)$$



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# PYTHIA confronted with HERA data

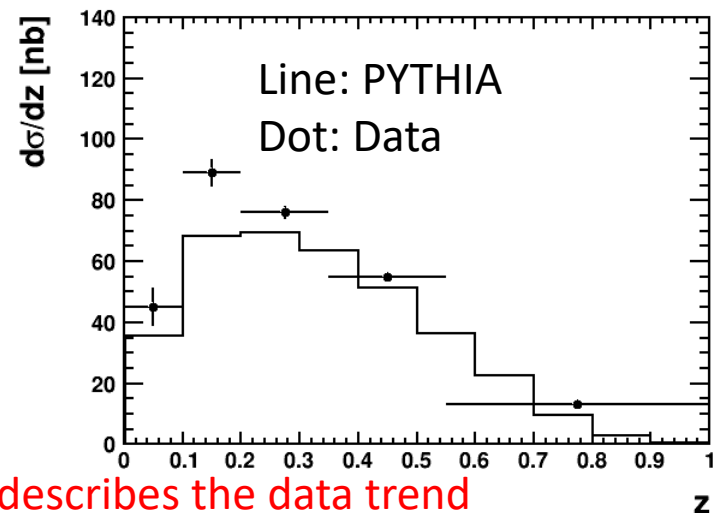
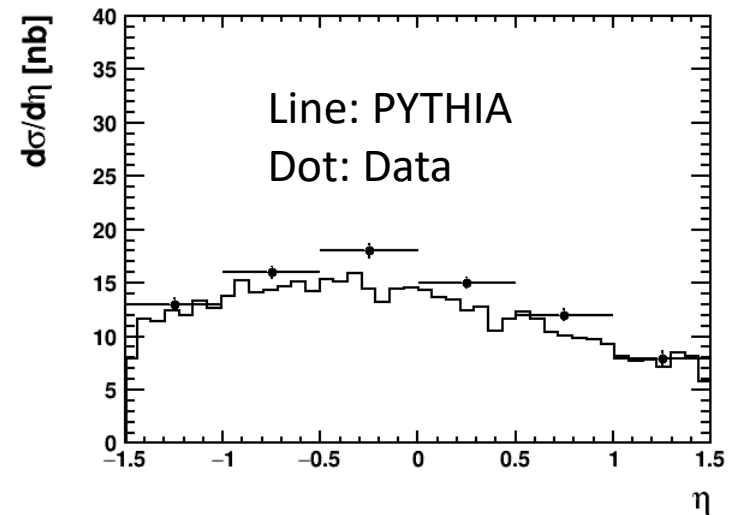
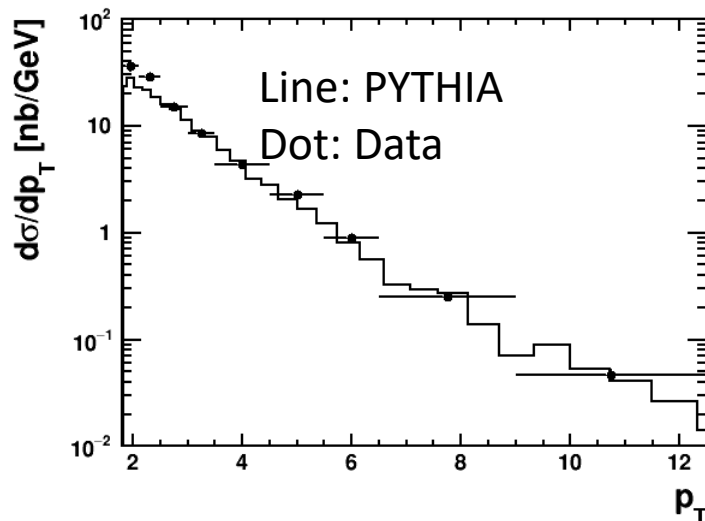
Data taken from: EPJC 72, 1995 (2012)

Comparing with  $D^*$  measurements  
from HERA

ep 27.6 GeV x 920 GeV

$Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $100 < W < 285 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 1.5$

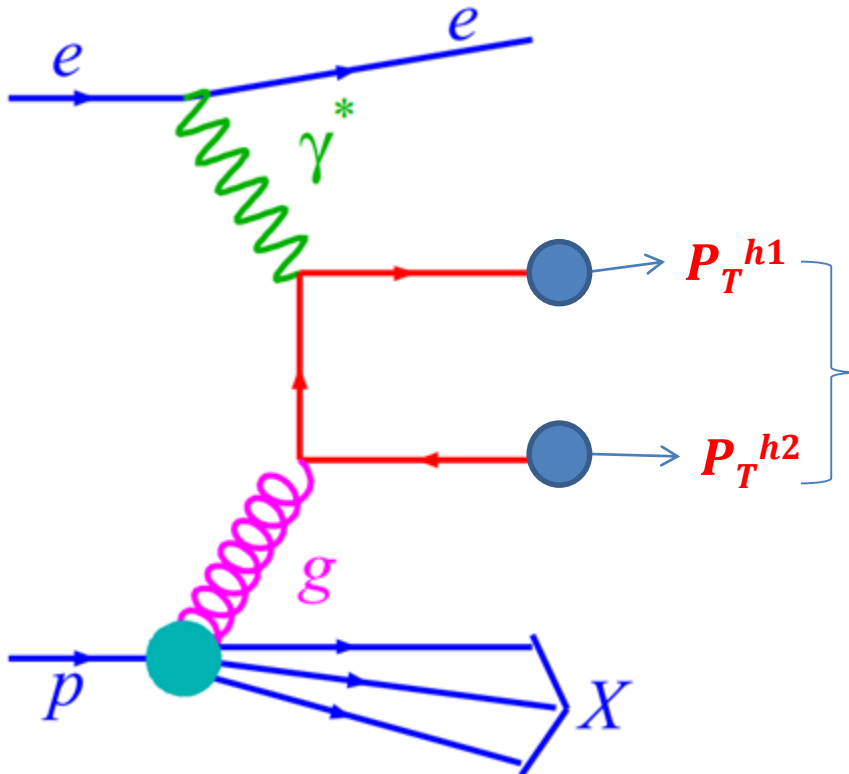
$p_T$ ,  $\eta$  defined in gamma-hadron center  
of mass frame



Simulation describes the data trend  
reasonably.

# Accessing gluon dynamics DIS collisions

Photon-Gluon Fusion (PGF)



1. Tag photon-gluon fusion events.
2. Find back-to-back hadron pairs from the quark-antiquark jet.
3. Reconstruct the gluon dynamics with the hadron pair information.

Gluon information can be extracted with the hadron pairs from the quark-antiquark jet.

Back-to-back limit:

$$P_T' = |\mathbf{P}_T^{h1} - \mathbf{P}_T^{h2}|/2$$

$$k_T' = |\mathbf{P}_T^{h1} + \mathbf{P}_T^{h2}|$$

$$k_T' \ll P_T'$$

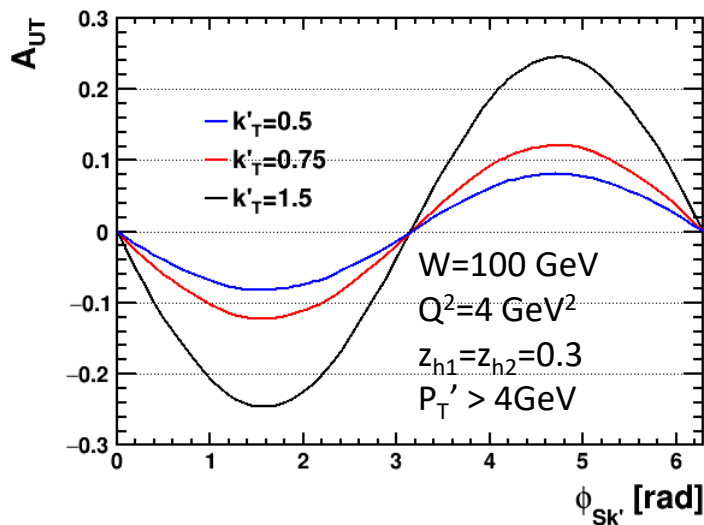
# Theoretical framework for the model calculation

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* + p^\uparrow \rightarrow h_1 + h_2 + X}}{dz_{h1} dz_{h2} d^2 p_{h1\perp} d^2 p_{h2\perp}} = C \int_{z_{h1}}^{1-z_{h2}} \sum_q dz_q \frac{z_q(1-z_q)}{z_{h2}^2 z_{h1}^2} d^2 p_{1\perp} d^2 p_{2\perp} \hat{f}_{g/p^\uparrow}(x_g, k_\perp) \\ \times \mathcal{H}_{\text{tot}}^{\gamma^* g \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(z_q, k_{1\perp}, k_{2\perp}) e_q^2 D_{h1/q}\left(\frac{z_{h1}}{z_q}, p_{1\perp}\right) D_{h2/\bar{q}}\left(\frac{z_{h2}}{1-z_q}, p_{2\perp}\right)$$

$$A_{UT} = \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow - d\sigma^\downarrow}{d\sigma^\uparrow + d\sigma^\downarrow} \propto \frac{\Delta^N f_{g/p^\uparrow}(x, k_\perp)}{f_1^g(x_g, k_\perp)}$$

$$\hat{f}_{a/p^\uparrow}(x, k_\perp) = f_{a/p}(x, k_\perp) - f_{1T}^{\perp a}(x, k_\perp) \frac{\vec{S} \cdot (\hat{\vec{P}} \times \vec{k}_\perp)}{M_p}$$

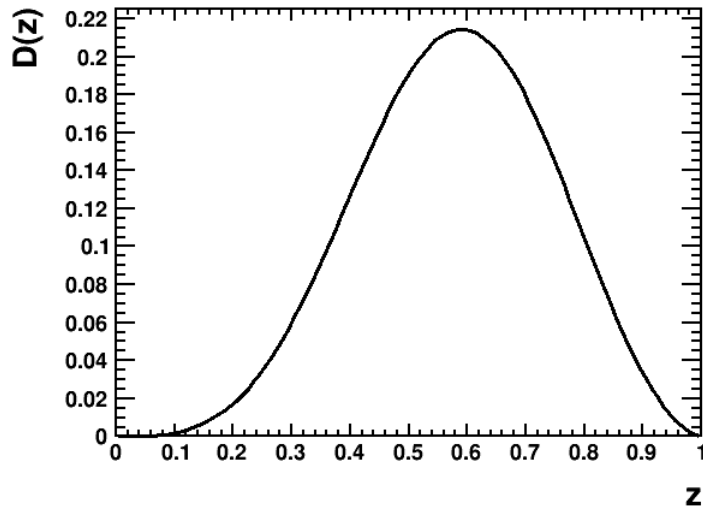
$$f_{1T}^{\perp a}(x, k_\perp) = \frac{2\sigma M_p}{k_\perp^2 + \sigma^2} f_1^g(x, k_\perp)$$



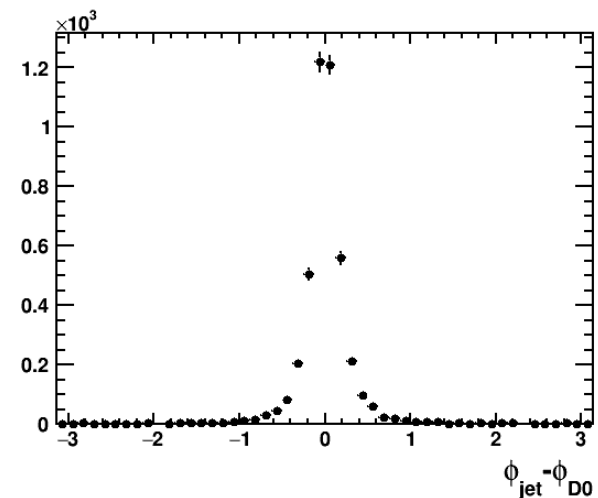
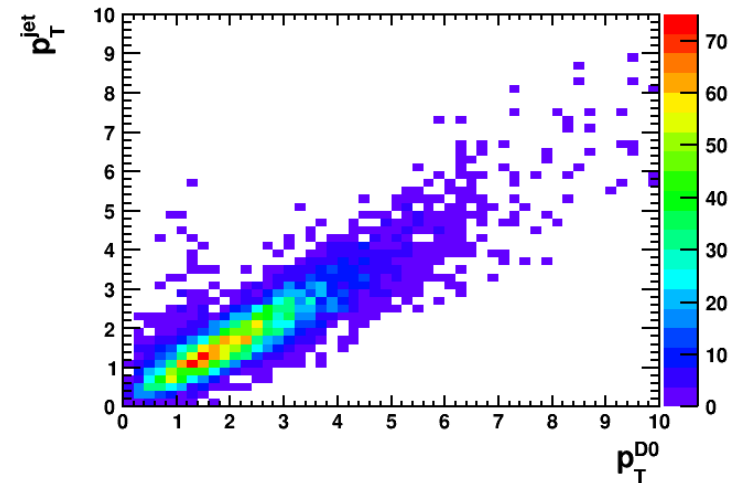
- A negative gluon Sivers saturating the positivity bound is assumed.
- Stronger asymmetry size observed for larger  $k'_T$ .

$$\phi_{Sk'} = \phi_S - \phi_{k'_T}$$

# $D^0$ as charm quark proxy

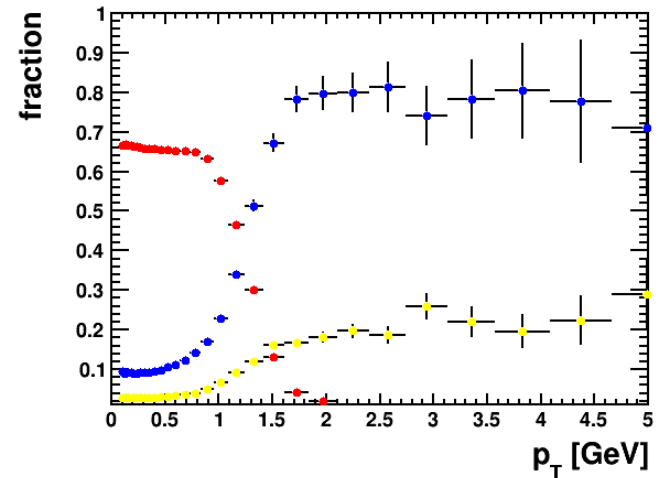
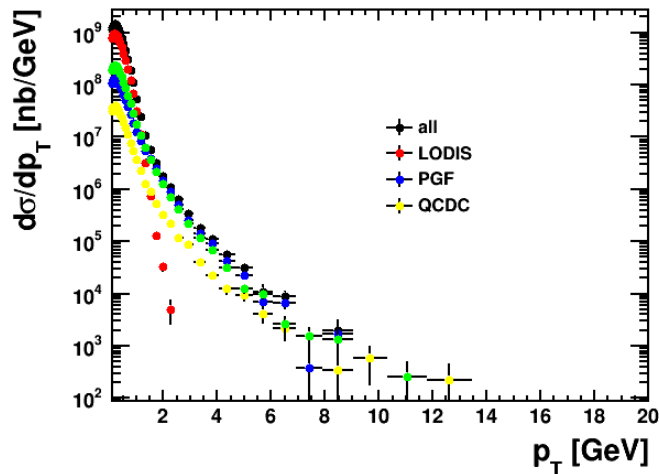


D meson takes a large fraction of the charm quark energy, serves as a proxy to the charm jet information.

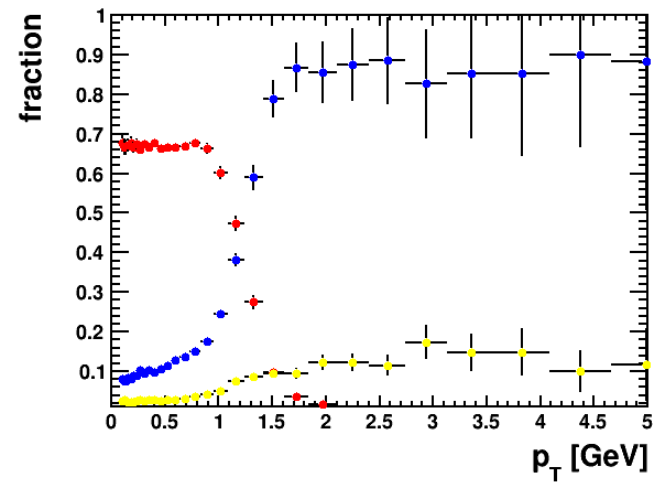
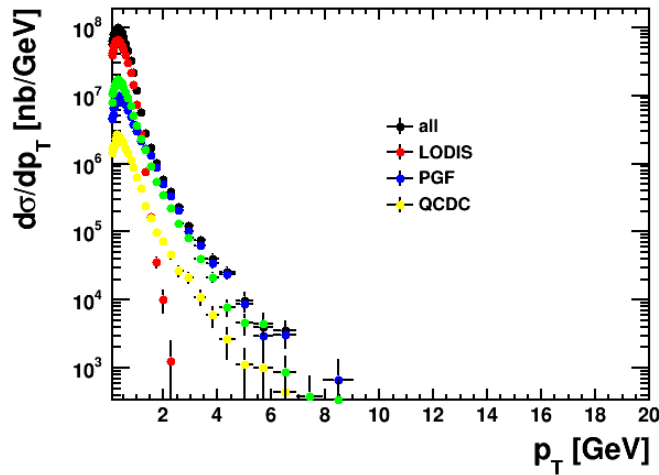


# Charged hadron vs kaon spectrum

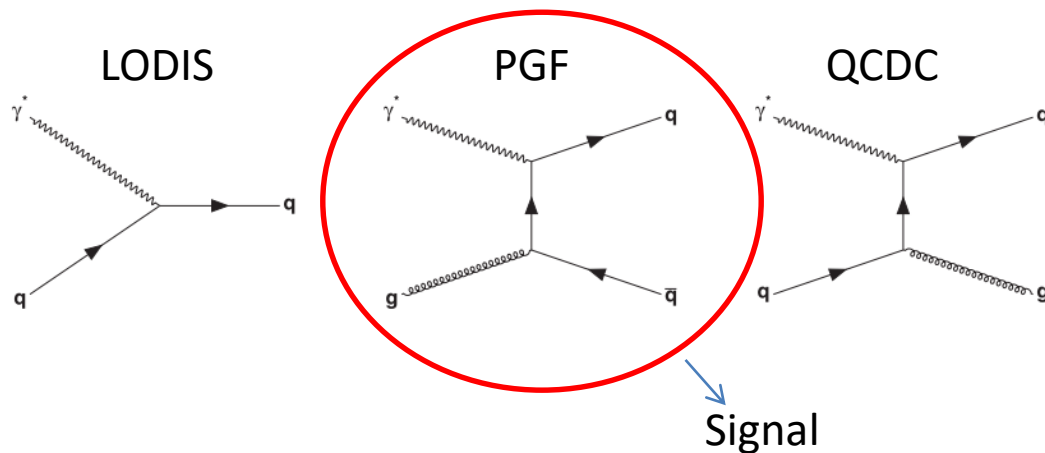
Charged  
hadron



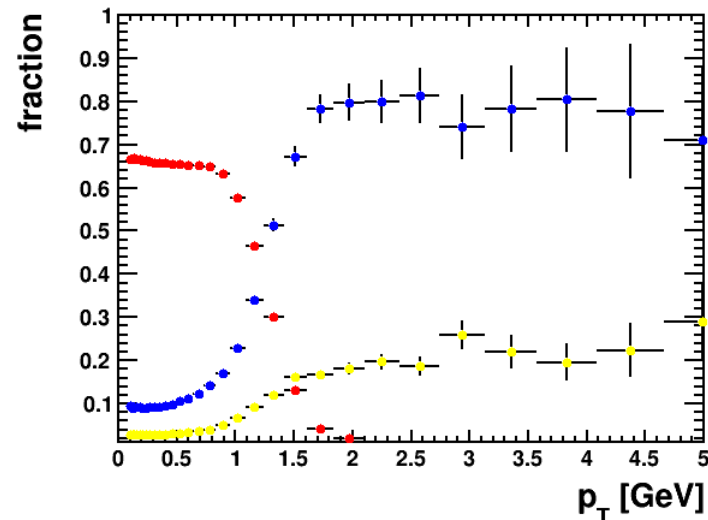
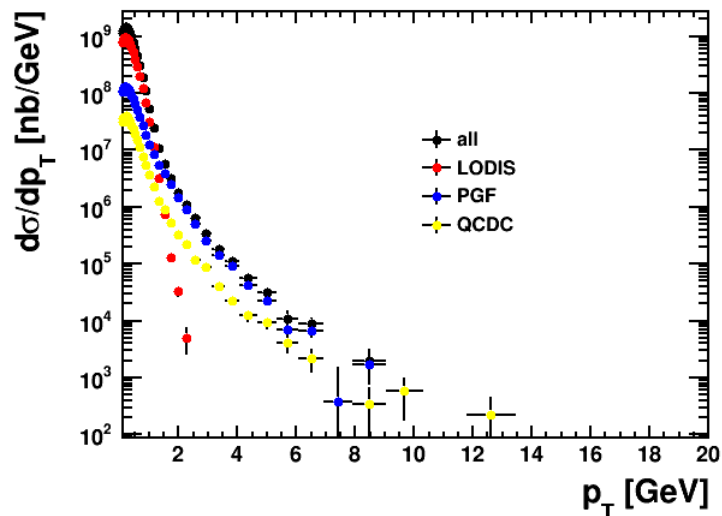
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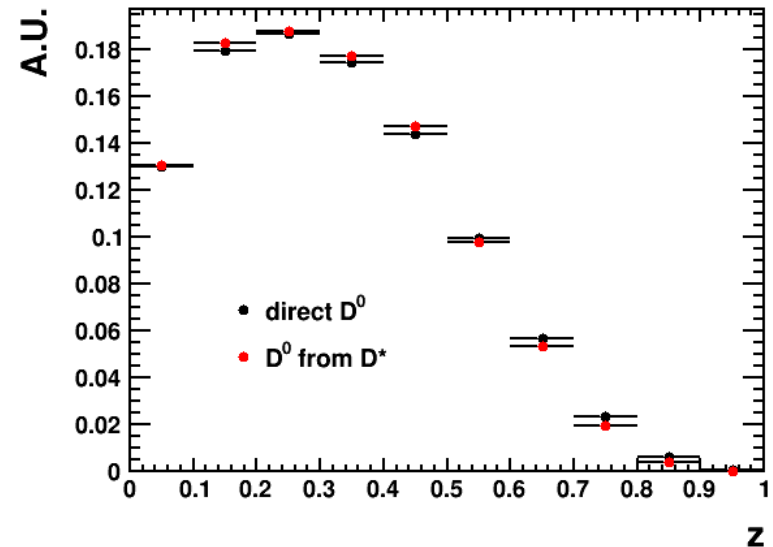
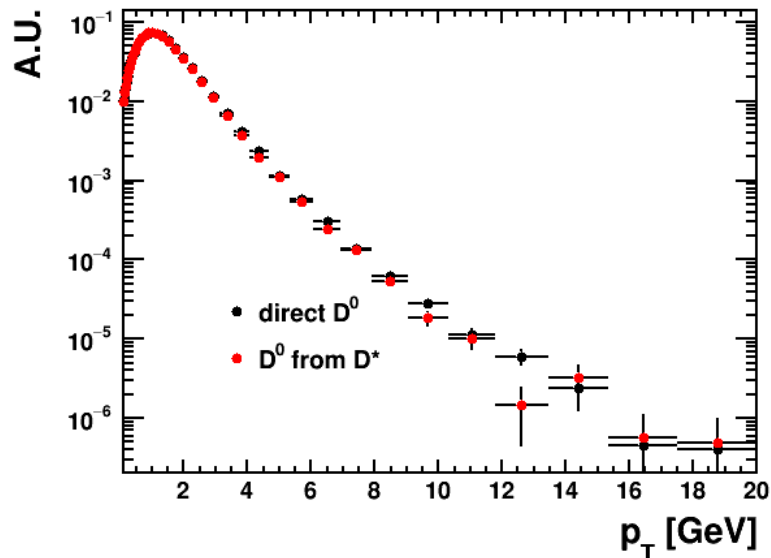
# Dihadron pair selection



$p_T > 1.7$  GeV effectively enhances the gluon initiated process.



# $D^0$ feed-down from $D^*$



$D^0$  from  $D^*$  decay similar to the directly generated  $D^0$ s, therefore all  $D^0$ s are analyzed.

# Dihadron pair selection

Kinematic cuts:

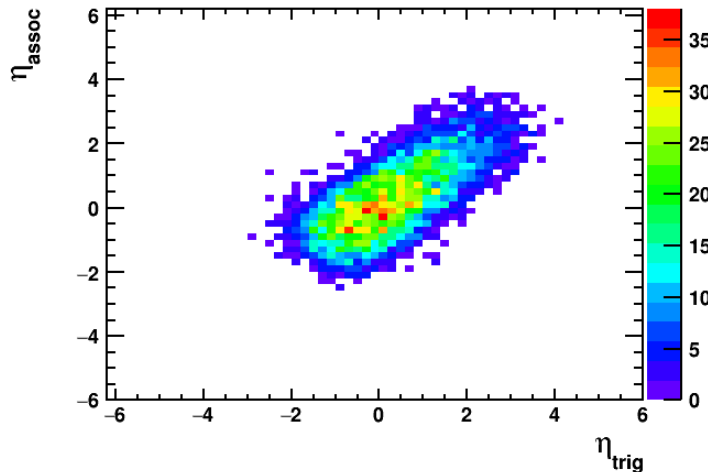
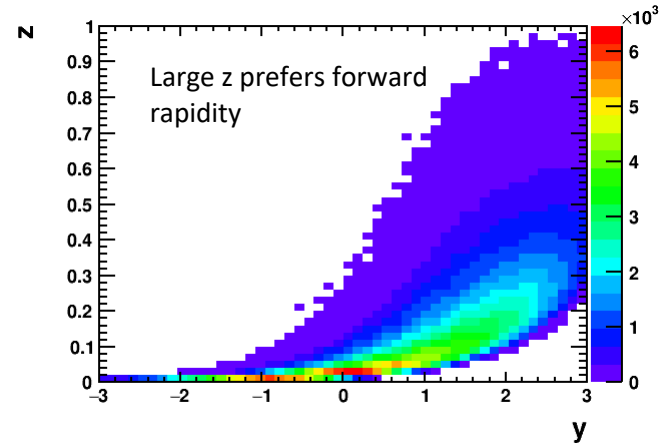
ep 20x250 GeV

$0.01 < y < 0.95$

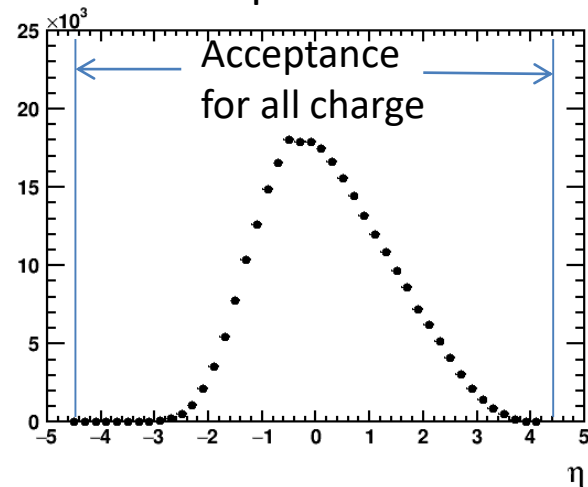
$1 < Q^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

$p_T > 1.7 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $z_h > 0.1$ ,  $|\eta| < 4.5$

Back-to-back limit:  $k_T' < 0.7 P_T'$



Hadron pair distribution



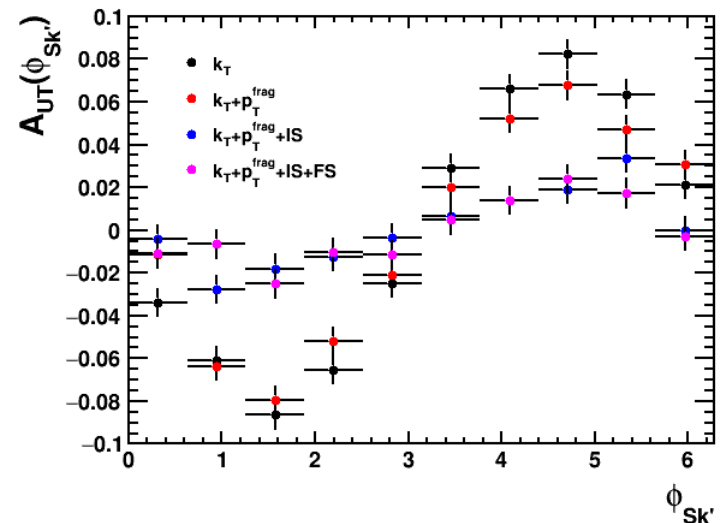
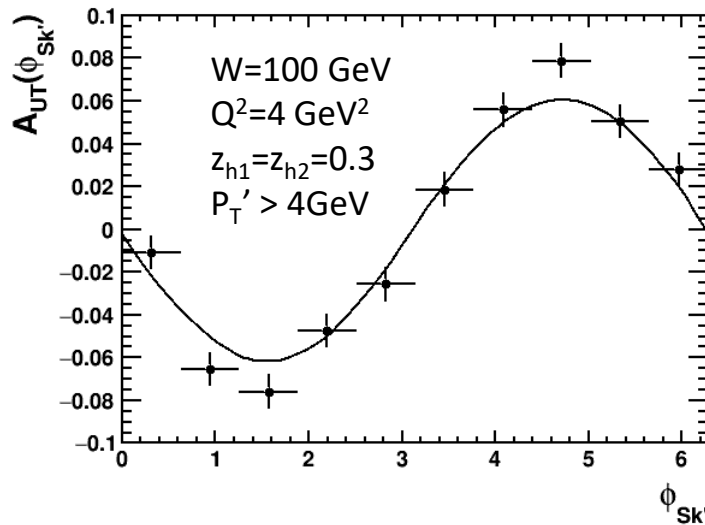
# Weighting strategy vs numerical estimation

$A_{UT}$  can be evaluated with the weighting based on input Sivers function

$$A_i = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{k=1}^{N_i} w_k$$

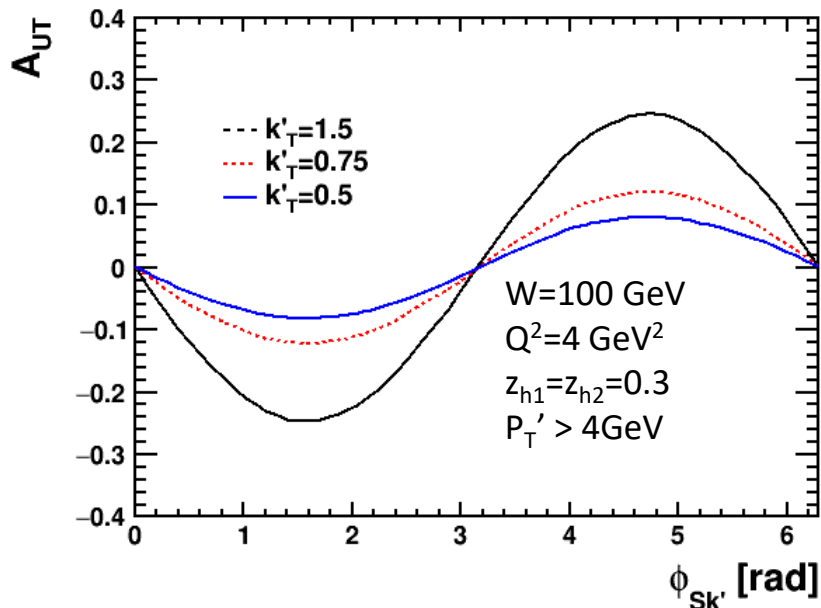
$$w_k = \frac{\Delta^N f_{a/p^\uparrow}(x, k_\perp)}{2f_{a/p}(x, k_\perp)}$$

- Weighted results agree with the numerical estimations.
- Initial state parton shower suppresses the azimuthal asymmetry significantly.

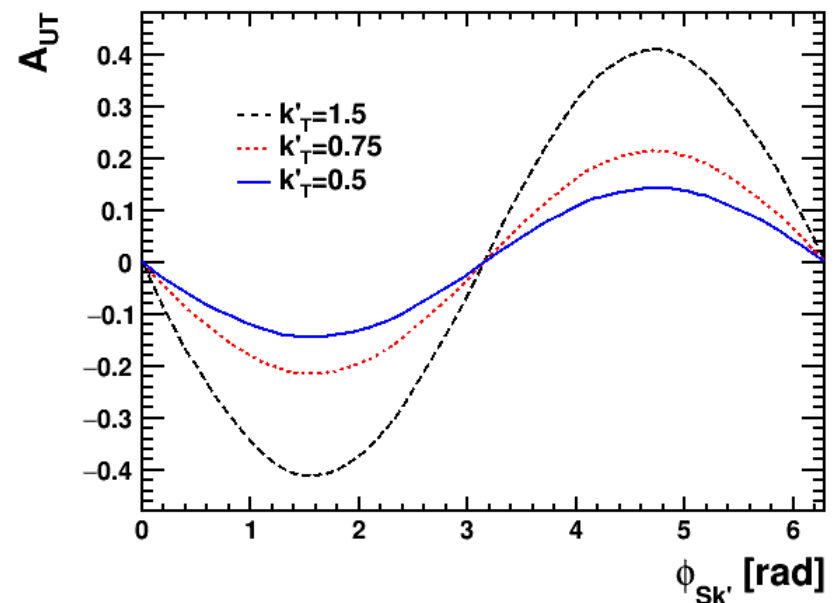


# Numerical estimation of gluon SSA with positivity bound

$D^0 \langle p_T^2 \rangle_{\text{frag}} = 0.64$



Charged dihadron  $\langle p_T^2 \rangle_{\text{frag}} = 0.2$



# Collection of different probes

Event sample summary:

ep 20x250 GeV

sqrt(s)=141 GeV

$0.01 < y < 0.95$

$1 < Q^2 < 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 562.5 \text{ nb}$  (all events)

$\sigma_{\text{dihadron}} = 5.0\text{E-}1 \text{ nb}$ , Gluon initiated: 80%

$\sigma_{K+K-} = 1.6\text{E-}2 \text{ nb}$ , Gluon initiated: 94%

$\sigma_{D\bar{D}\text{bar pair}} = 2.4\text{E-}4 \text{ nb}$ , Gluon initiated: 100%

$\sigma_{\text{dihadron}} \sim 31 \sigma_{K+K-} \sim 67 \sigma_{D\bar{D}\text{bar pair}}$

dihadron cuts:

Acceptance  $|\eta| < 4.5$

$z > 0.1$ ,  $p_T > 1.7 \text{ GeV}$ , Correlation limit:  $k_T' < 0.7P_T'$

K+K- cuts:

Acceptance  $|\eta| < 1$

$z > 0.1$ ,  $p_T > 1.7 \text{ GeV}$ , Correlation limit:  $k_T' < 0.7P_T'$

$D^0$  cut:  $D \rightarrow K + \pi$  (3.9%)

Acceptance  $|\eta|^{K/\pi} < 1$

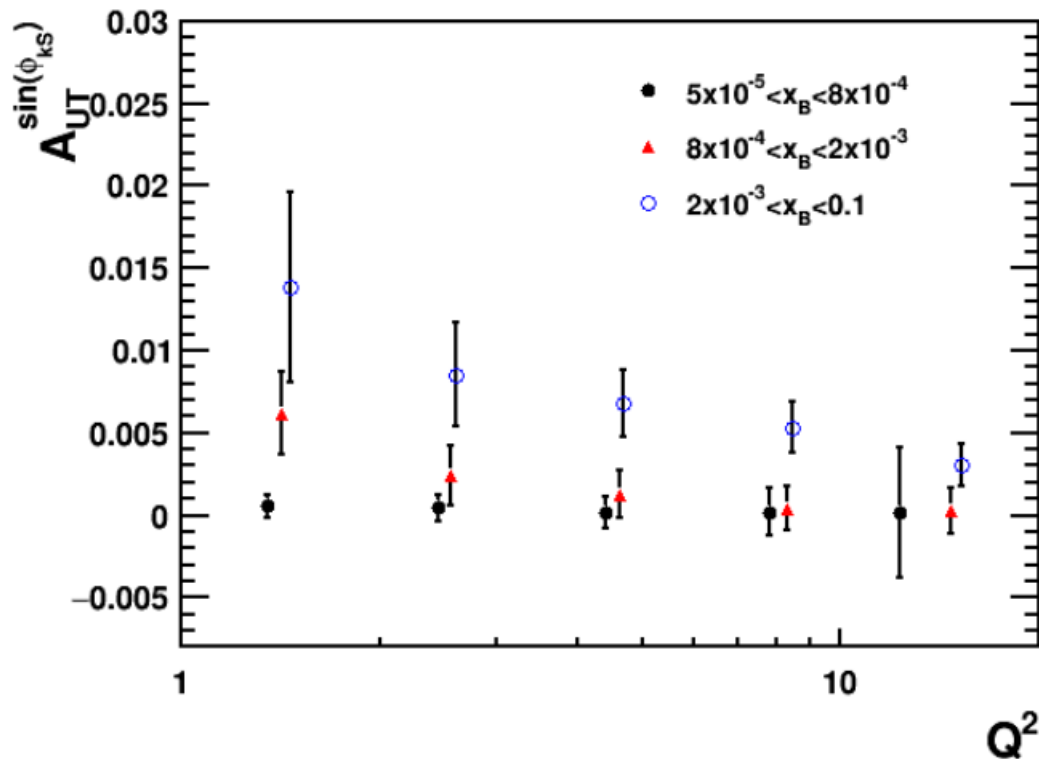
$p_T^{K/\pi} > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $z > 0.1$ , Correlation limit:  $k_T' < 0.7P_T'$

With  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  statistics and  $P=70\%$  polarization  $\delta A_N = \frac{1}{P\sqrt{\sigma L}} = \frac{1}{P\sqrt{N}}$

$\delta A_{UT}^{\text{dihadron}} \approx 6.4\text{E-}4$ ,  $\delta A_{UT}^{K^+ K^-} \approx 3.8\text{E-}3$ ,  $\delta A_{UT}^{D\bar{D}\text{bar}} \approx 2.8\text{E-}2$  (Uncertainty divided into 10 bins in  $\phi_{SK}$ )

# Projections on the SSA with dijet probe

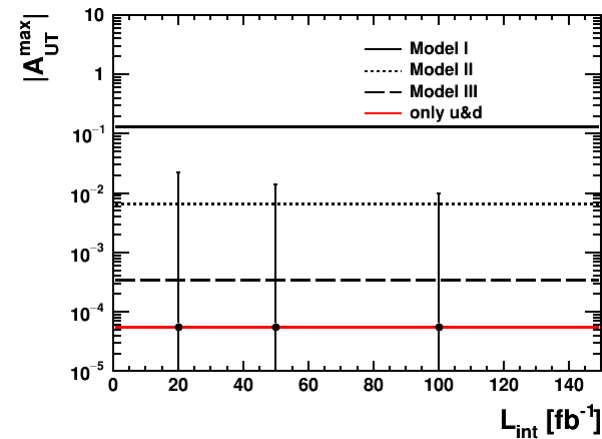
- Possible to do 2D binning in  $x_B$  and  $Q^2$
- Structures difficult to extract in 1D analysis observed
- Helpful to pin down the evolution feature of gluon  
Sivers



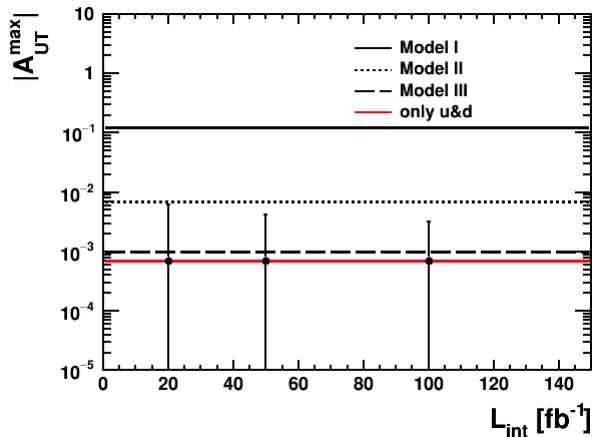
# Comparison of all the probes

- Gluon Sivers effect is a luminosity hungry measurement.
- Vertical line represents the statistical uncertainty.
- Charged dihadron probe is the most statistically favored.
- D meson probe is mostly dominated by gluon dynamics.

D meson



$K^+K^-$



Charged dihadron

