


UCLA QCD and EIC Theory 4 Year Overview

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 - Andrew Larkoski (09/22 – 09/23): next: associate editor at PRD
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 - John Terry (now a Director's Postdoc Fellow at LANL)
 - Fanyi Zhao (graduated in 08/2023, next MIT, [story](#))
 - Jared Reiten (graduated in 12/2023, now industry)
 - Luke Sellers (machine learning)
 - Diego Padilla (EIC theory and small-x physics)
 - Robert Kao (small-x physics)
 - Xoan Mayo Lopez (visited us, will join MIT CTP)

Group Members

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TMD Handbook

A modern introduction to the physics of
Transverse Momentum Dependent distributions

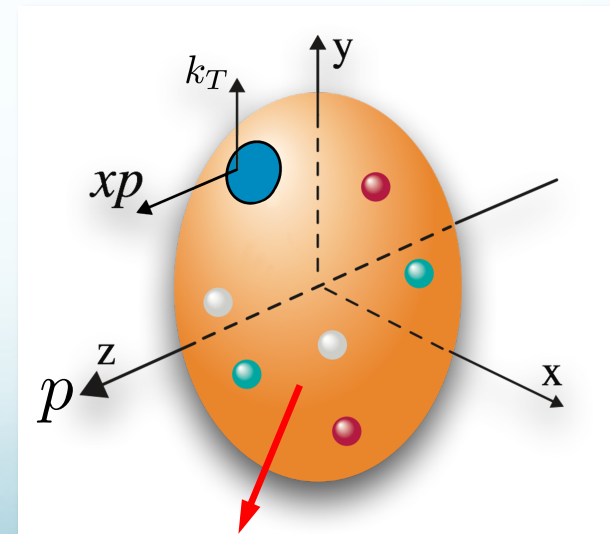
[arXiv:2304.03302](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.03302)



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Proton spin

TMDs with polarization

Leading Twist TMDs



Nucleon Spin



Quark Spin

TMD PDFs

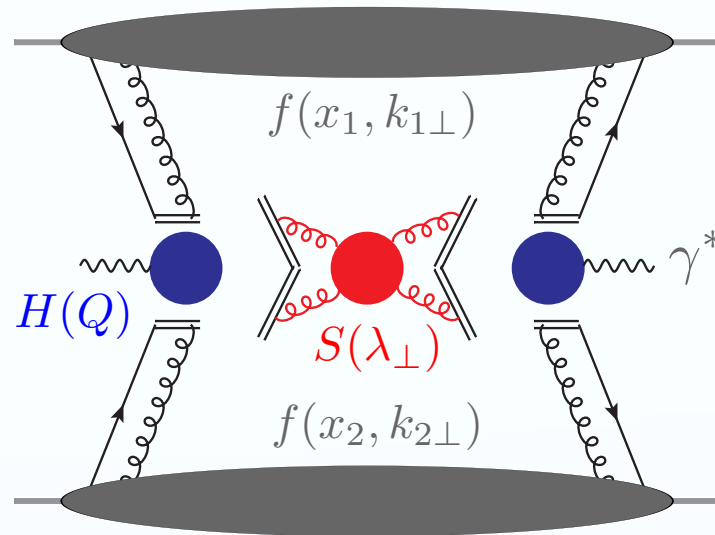
		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \text{circle with red dot}$		$h_1^\perp = \text{circle with red dot and up arrow} - \text{circle with red dot and down arrow}$ Boer-Mulders
	L		$g_{1L} = \text{circle with red dot and right arrow} - \text{circle with red dot and left arrow}$ Helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp = \text{circle with red dot and up arrow and right arrow} - \text{circle with red dot and up arrow and left arrow}$
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TMD FFs

		Quark Polarization		
		U	L	T
Pion	D_1			H_1^\perp Collins

TMD factorization

- Drell-Yan production $p + p \rightarrow [\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-] + X$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 dy d^2q_\perp} \propto \int d^2k_{1\perp} d^2k_{2\perp} d^2\lambda_\perp H(Q) f(x_1, k_{1\perp}) f(x_2, k_{2\perp}) S(\lambda_\perp) \delta^2(k_{1\perp} + k_{2\perp} + \lambda_\perp - q_\perp)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^2b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{iq_\perp \cdot b} H(Q) f(x_1, b) f(x_2, b) S(b)$$



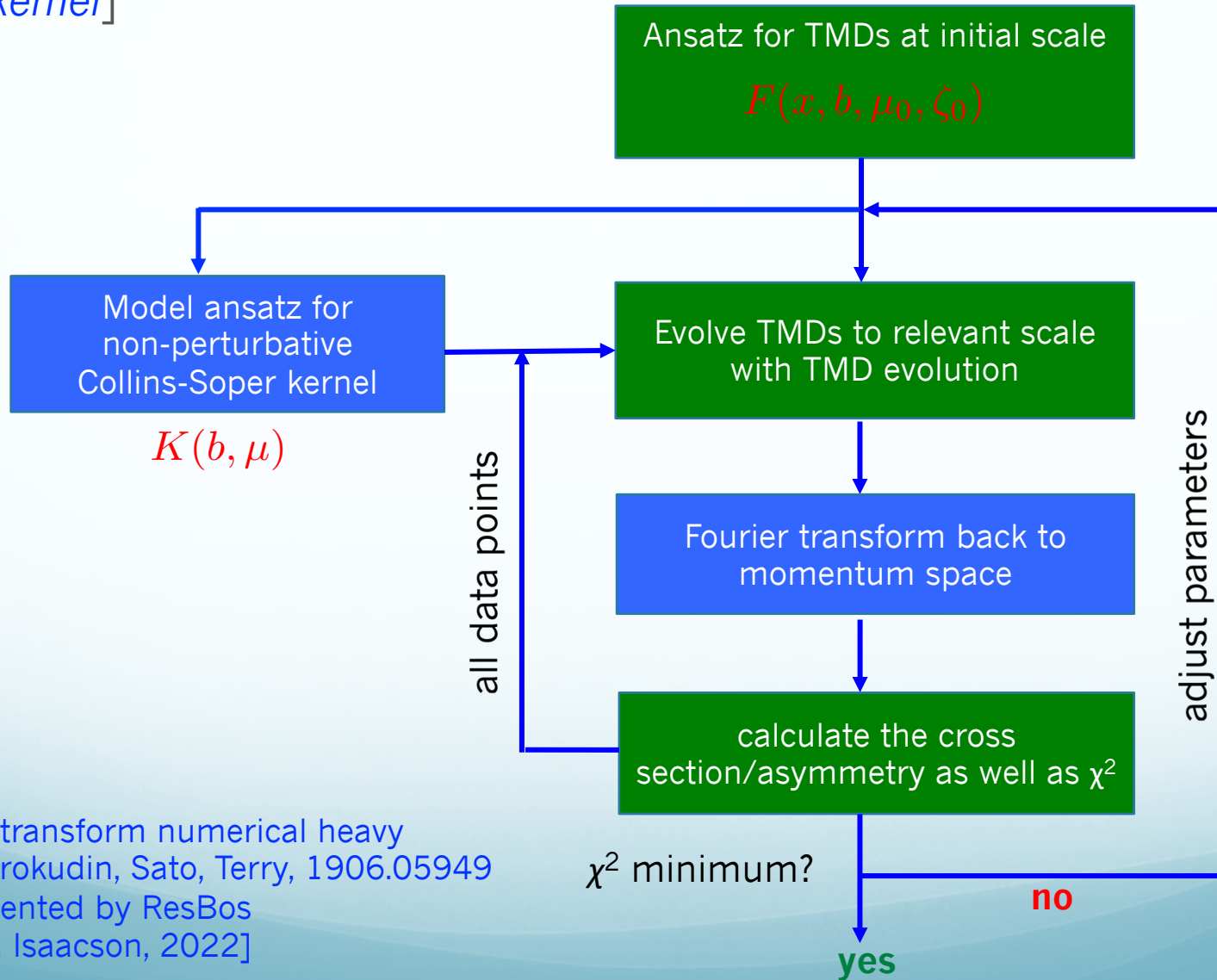
$$F(x, b) = f(x, b) \sqrt{S(b)}$$

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mimic “parton model”

TMD global analysis

- Outline of a TMD global analysis [*lattice input on initial TMD and CS kernel*]

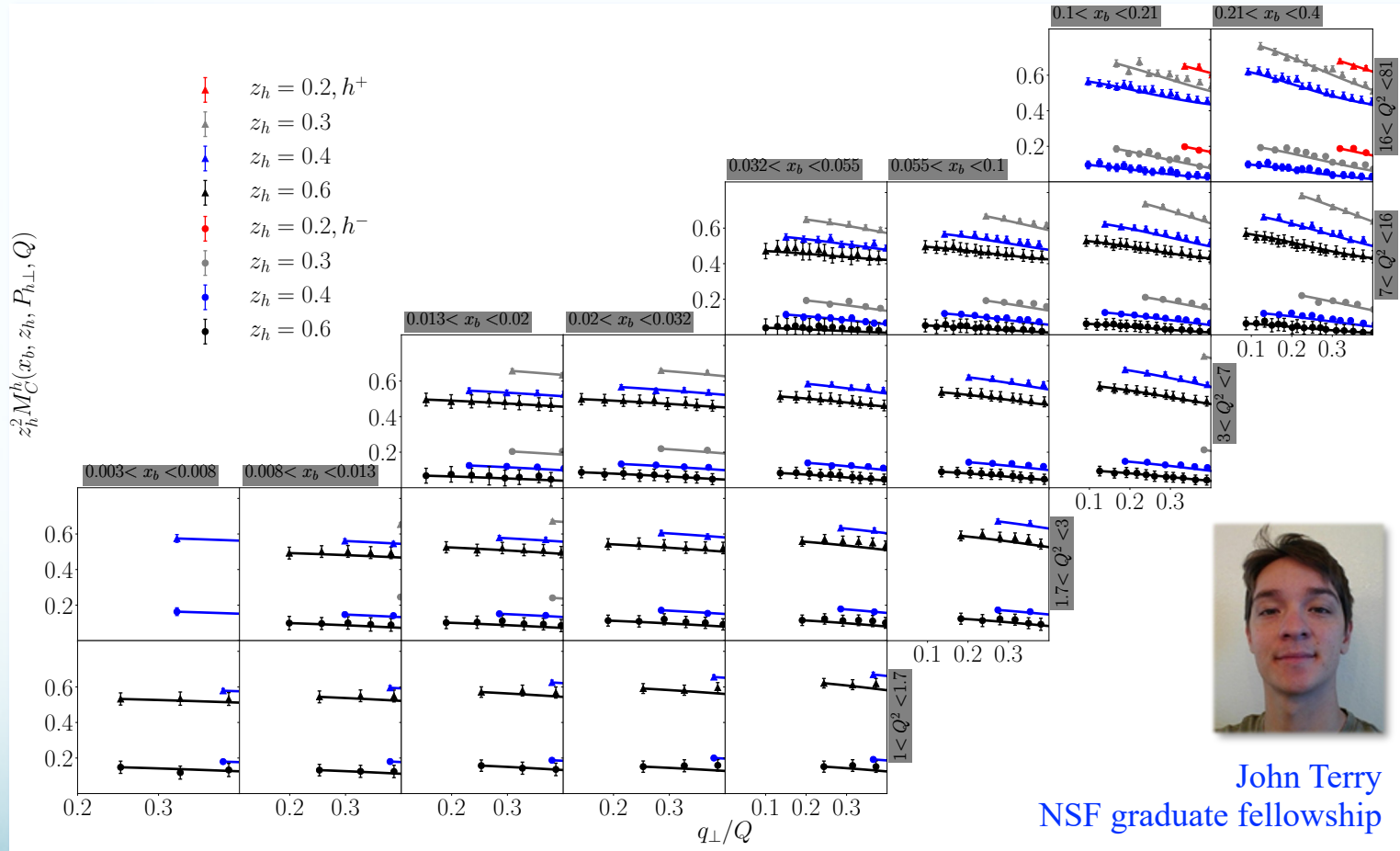


Fourier transform numerical heavy
Kang, Prokudin, Sato, Terry, 1906.05949
Implemented by ResBos
[Joshua Isaacson, 2022]

Unpolarized cross section

- Hadron distribution in SIDIS

Echevarria, Kang, Terry, 20

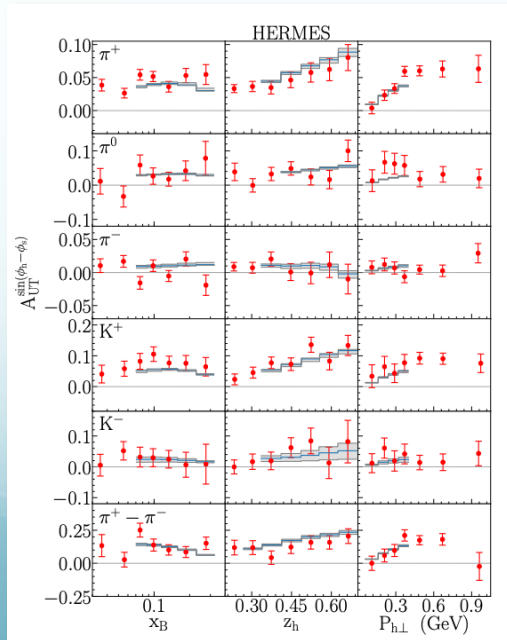
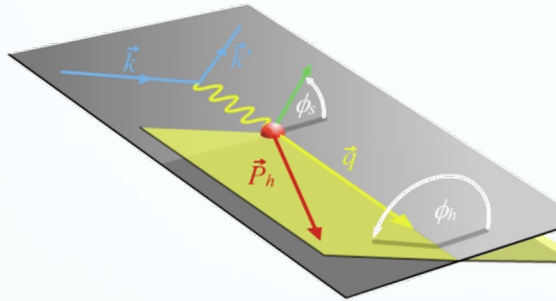


Progress from polarized TMDs

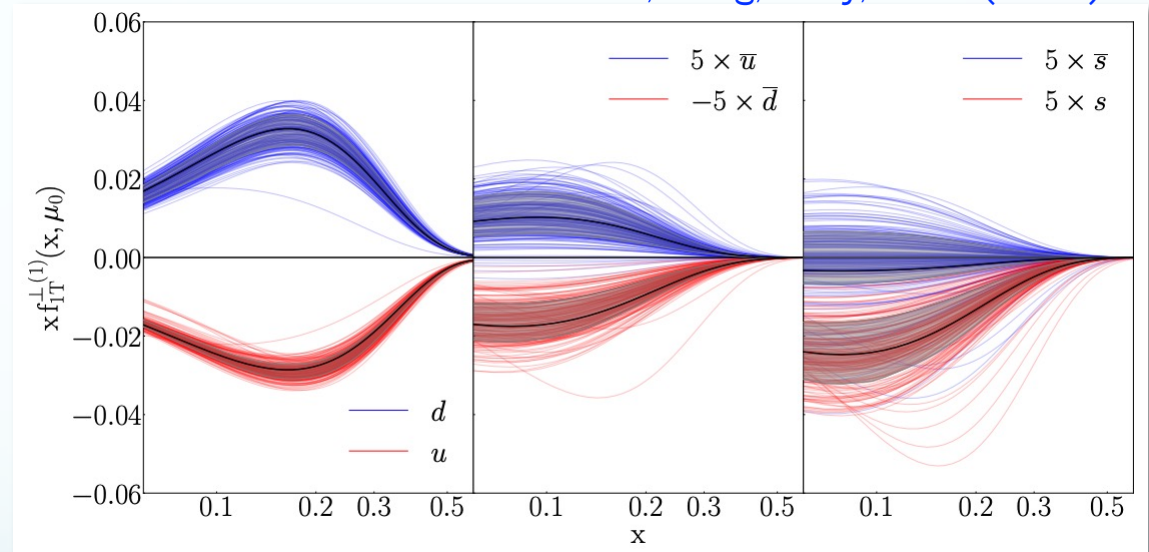
- Sivers function

- Data: Jlab 12, HERMES, COMPASS, RHIC W boson

$$f_{q/P^\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \vec{S}) \equiv f_{q/P}(x, k_\perp) - \frac{1}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, k_\perp) \vec{S} \cdot (\hat{p} \times \mathbf{k}_\perp)$$

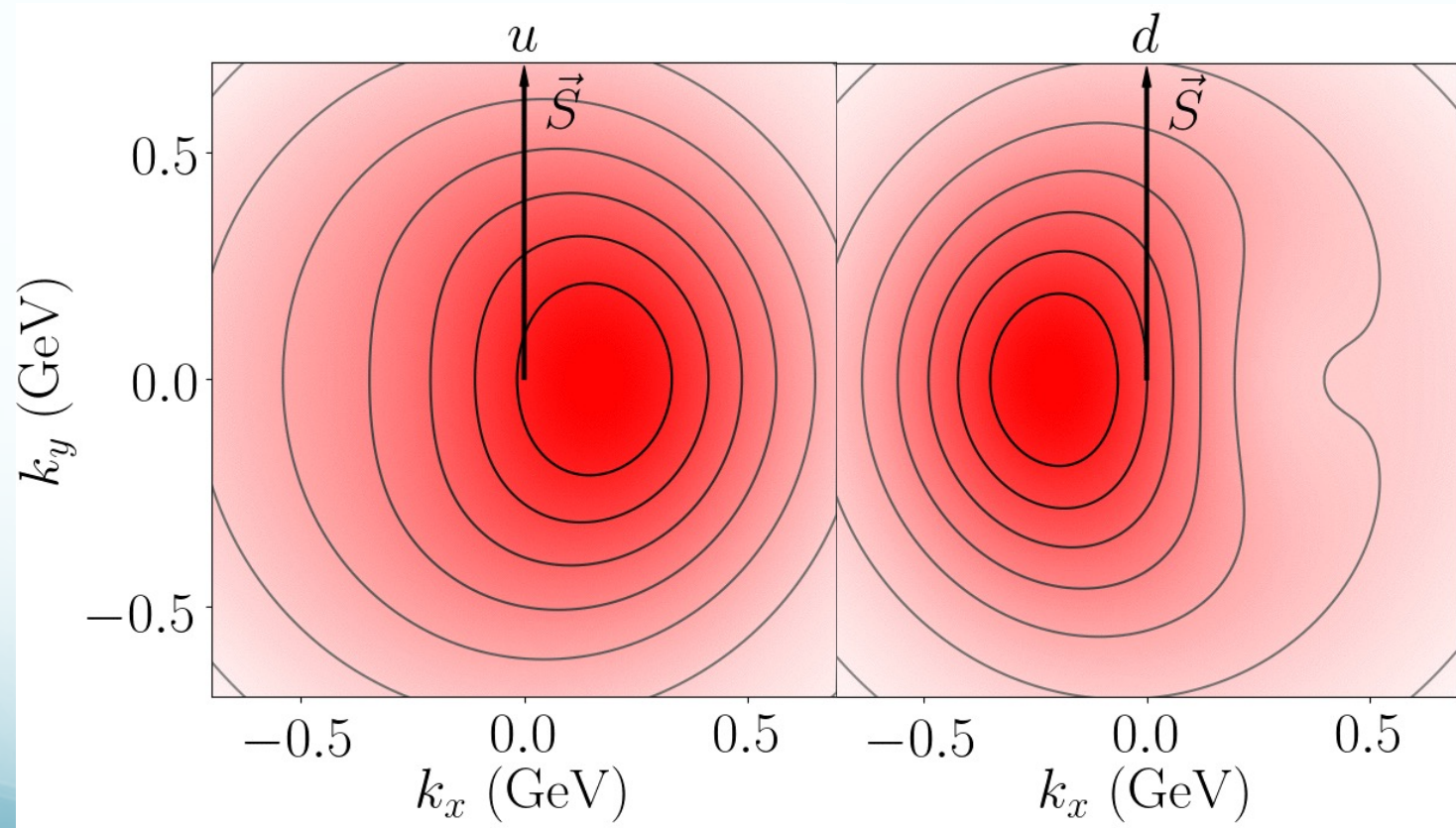


Echevarria, Kang, Terry, JHEP (2021)



Distorted distribution

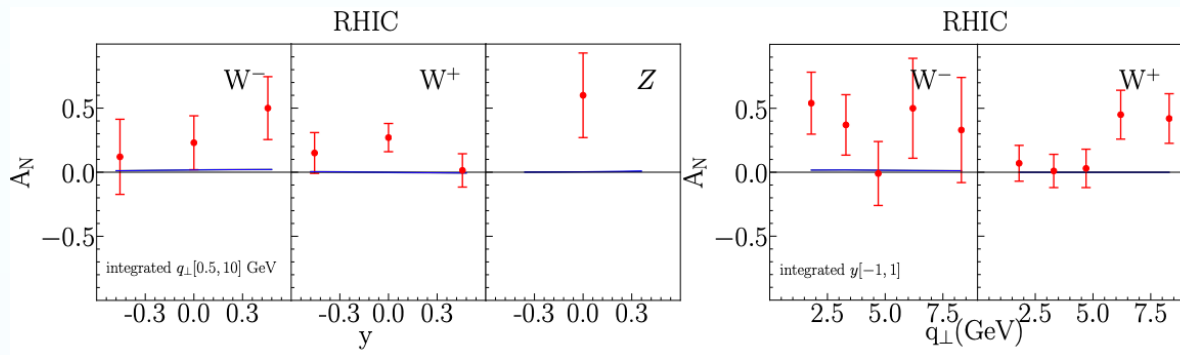
- Siverts correlation leads to a distortion in u/d quark distribution
 - Left or right shift



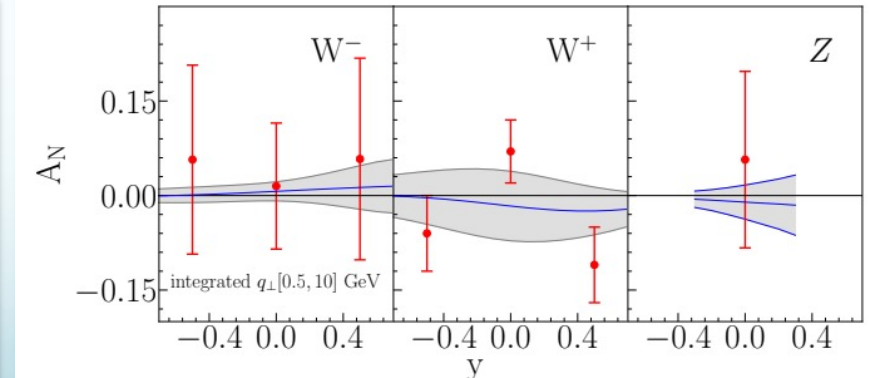
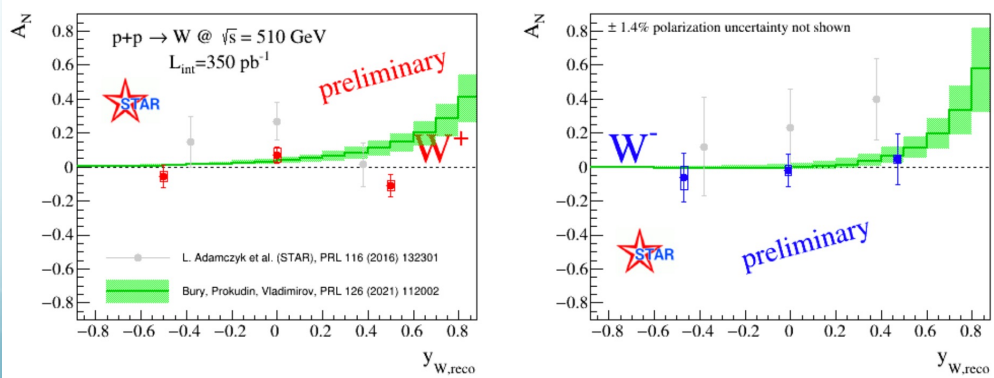
RHIC data: update

- Previously, some tension in fitting (2016) RHIC W/Z data (very large asymmetry), but consistent with 2021 preliminary data
 - Emphasizing the importance of the precision measurement

OLD data



NEW data



Bury, Vladimirov, Prokudin

Echevarria, Kang, Terry

Threshold logs

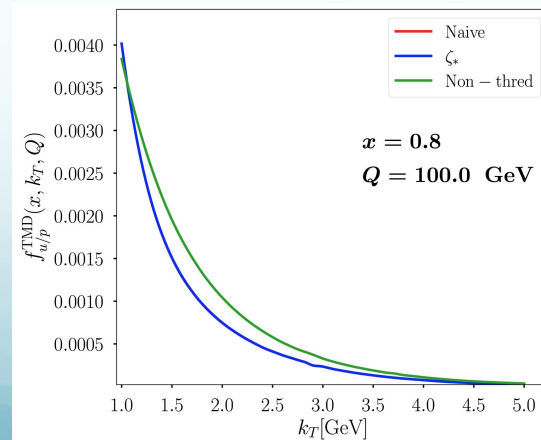
- Threshold logs $\ln(1-x)$ arises
 - Handle it in Mellin space [becomes $\ln(N)$]

$$f_{i/h}^{\text{TMD}}(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} C_{ij}(z, b_T, \mu, \zeta) f_{j/h}(y/z, \mu)$$

$$\tilde{f}_{i/h}^{\text{TMD}}(N, b_T, \mu, \zeta) \equiv \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} f_{i/h}^{\text{TMD}}(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta)$$

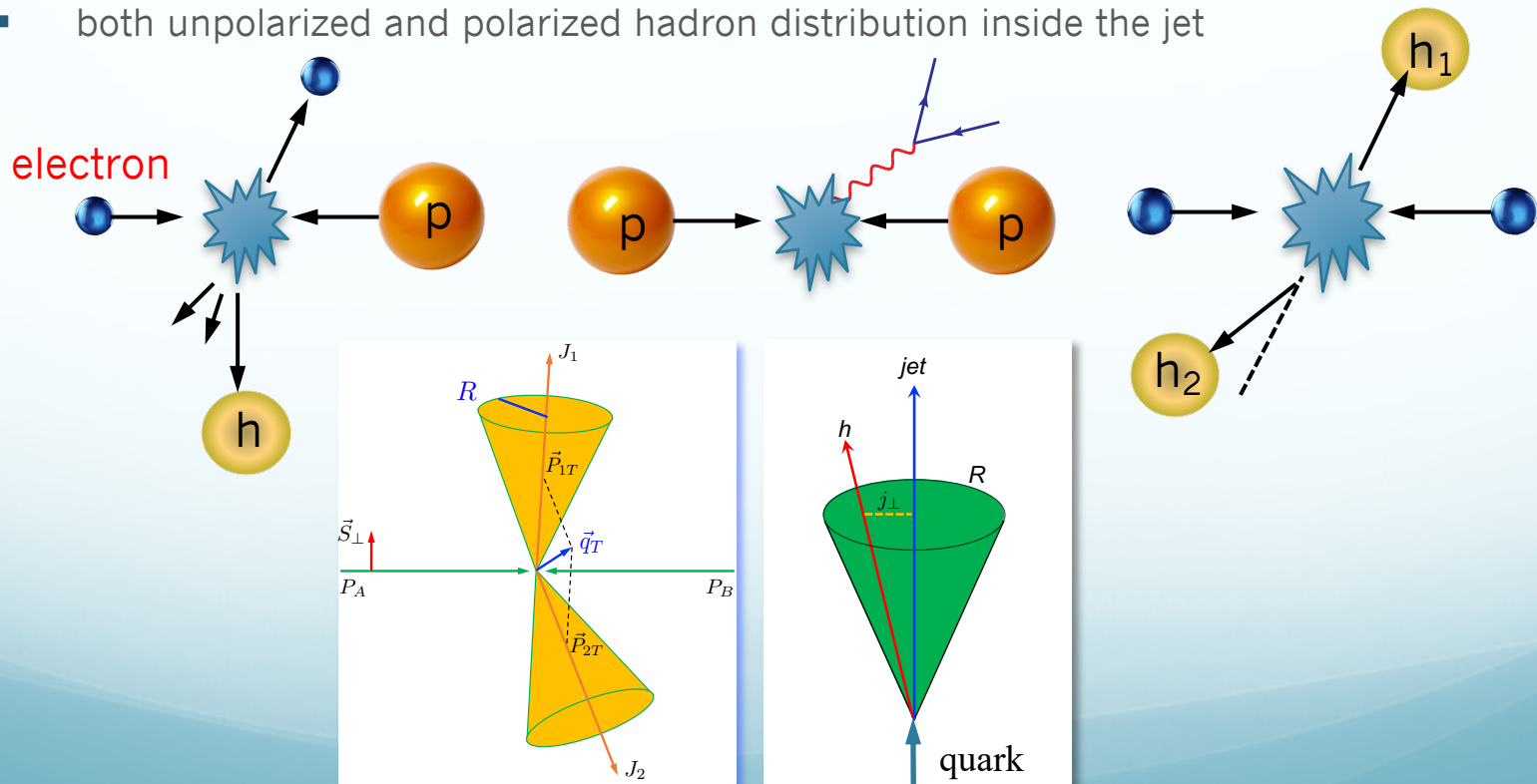
- Find out the usual rapidity log $\ln \zeta$, would become $\ln(\zeta/\bar{N}^2)$
 - Check up to three loops
- Suggests us to replace the usual zeta by zeta/ N^2 in the TMD evolution functions
 - This new evolution equation (the replacement) would lead to the joint resummation of both TMD logs and threshold logs

Kang, Samanta, Shao, Zeng, 2211.08341, JHEP 2023



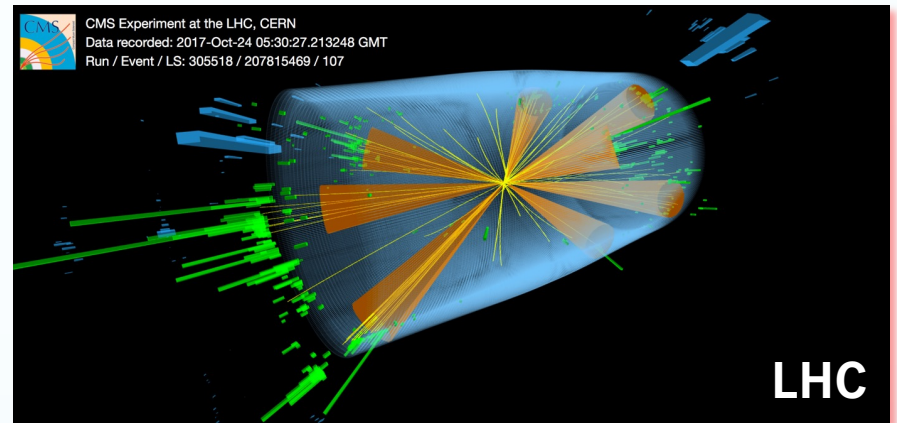
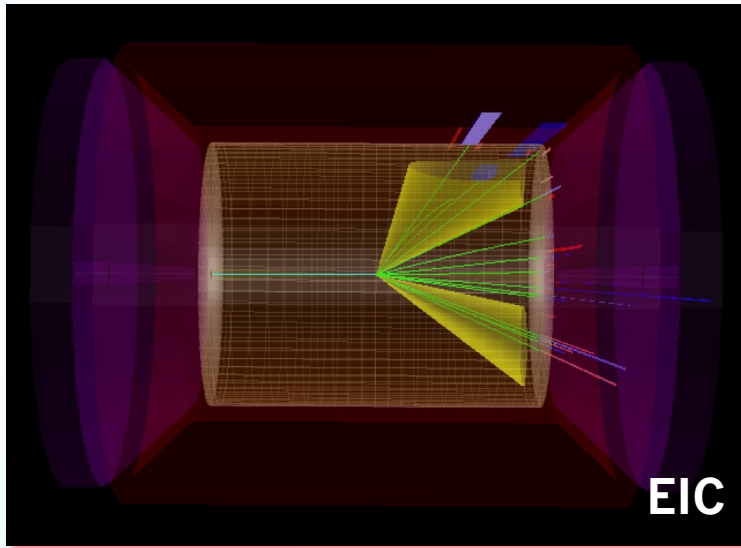
Many more processes

- Standard processes: SIDIS, Drell-Yan, e^+e^-
 - One could combine unpolarized + polarized scattering data
 - Unpolarized cross section + spin asymmetry data to determine the Collins-Soper evolution kernel, further compare with the lattice data
- In principle, one could further include jet production and hadron-in-jet
 - e.g. back-to-back dijet production for TMDPDFs
 - both unpolarized and polarized hadron distribution inside the jet



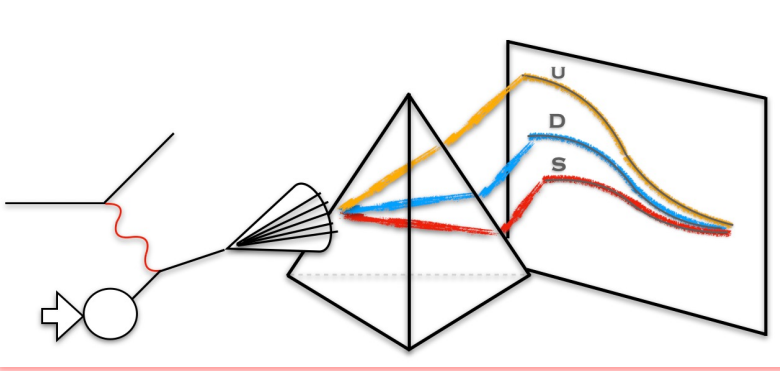
Jets are useful tools for TMD physics

- Active study at the RHIC, LHC, and the future EIC

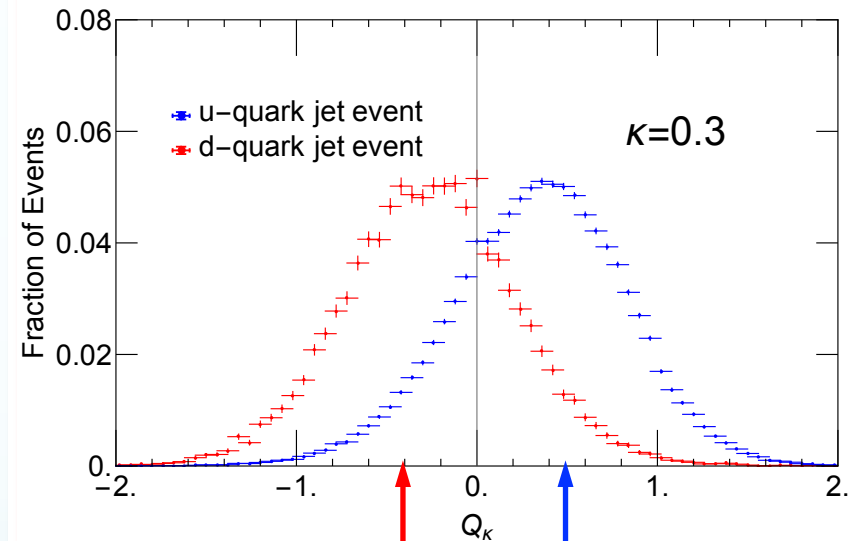


Jet charge at the EIC

- To get started, we decide to first look at jet production at the EIC
 - e+p collisions: simpler



- Jet charge distribution of u and d jets



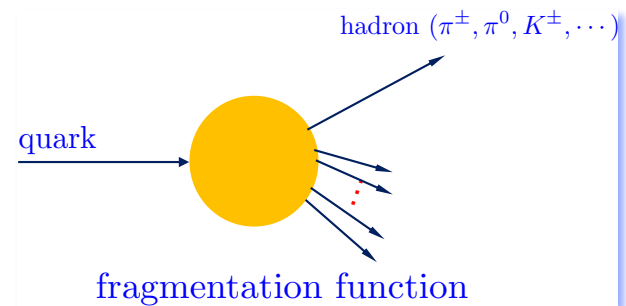
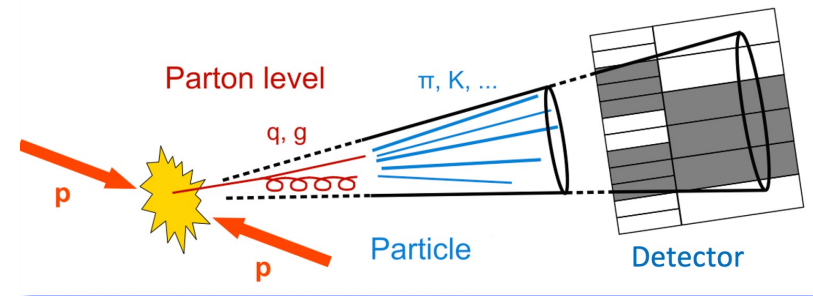
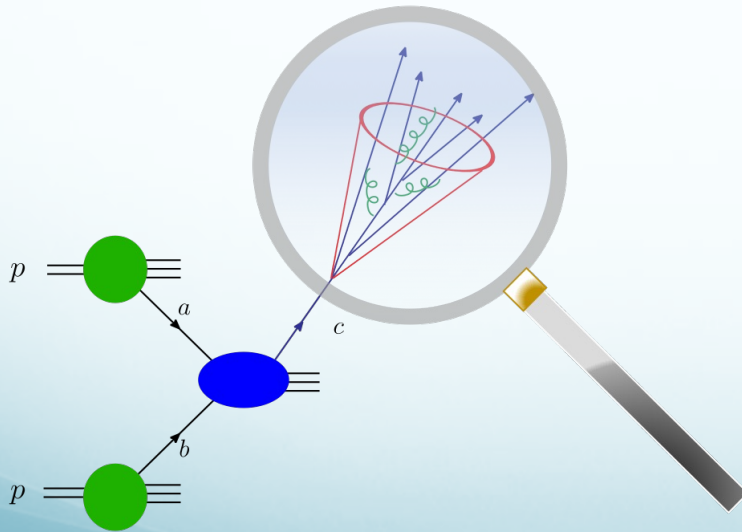
- Organize the cross section via jet charge bin

Kang, Liu, Mantry, Shao, 20

$$\frac{d^6\sigma_{UU}^i}{dy_e d^2p_T^e d^2q_T dQ_\kappa} = \frac{d^5\sigma_{UU}^i}{dy_e d^2p_T^e d^2q_T} \frac{\mathcal{G}_i(Q_\kappa, p_T R, \mu)}{\mathcal{J}_i(p_T R, \mu)}$$

Jet substructure

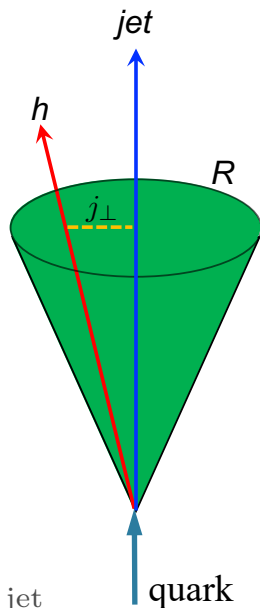
- The jet charge example suggests
 - Looking into the constituents inside the jet could give you novel insights [jet substructure], help us achieve what is not possible otherwise
- The inverse problem
 - 3D imaging of a proton: proton \rightarrow quark/gluon distribution [parton distribution]
 - Hadronization: quark/gluon \rightarrow hadron [fragmentation function]



- Fragmentation functions would help us understand the elusive hadronization process

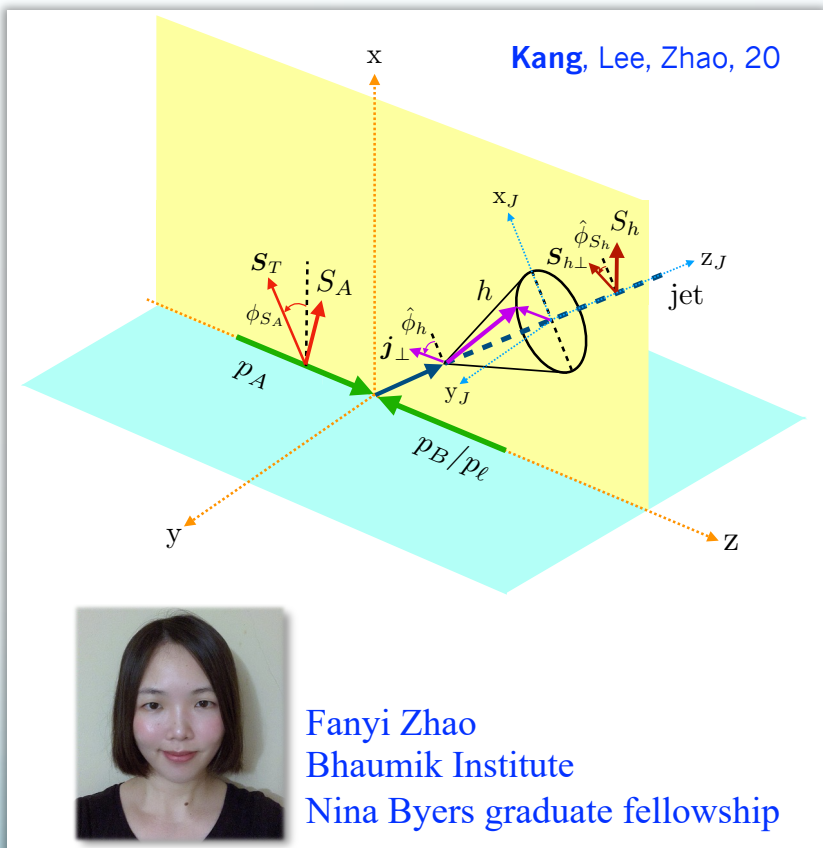
Hadron distribution inside the jet

- A theoretical framework has recently been developed
 - Referred to as *polarized jet fragmentation function*
 - Imagine both the initiating quark/gluon and the hadron have general polarization, it will provide the most information on the hadronization process



$$z_h = p_T^h / p_T^{\text{jet}}$$

j_{\perp} : hadron transverse momentum
with respect to the jet

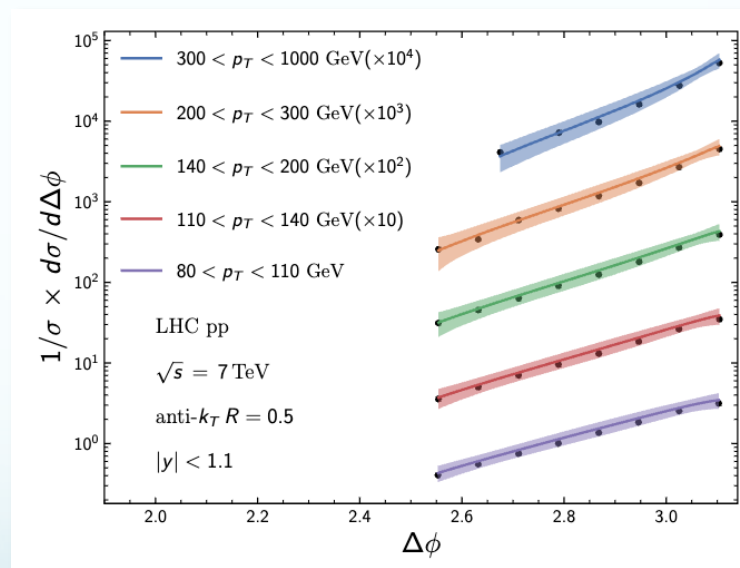
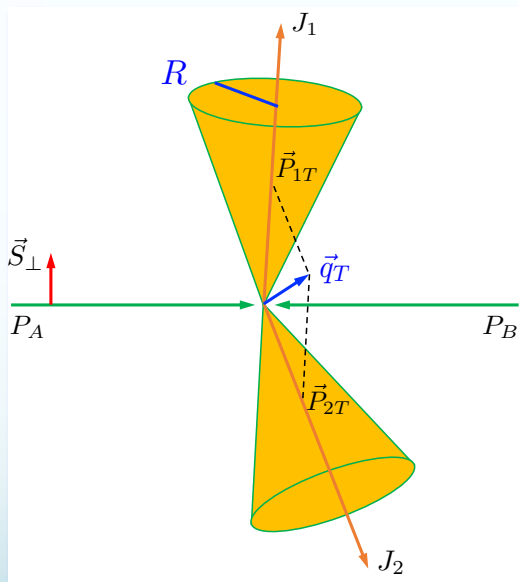


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Dijet production: cross section

- Take into account soft gluon radiation, and thus include TMD evolution
- It seems to be working well with experimental data
 - TMD factorization breaking is small?!

Kang, Lee, Shao, Terry, JHEP 2021, Gao, Kang, Shao, Terry, Zhang, JHEP 2023



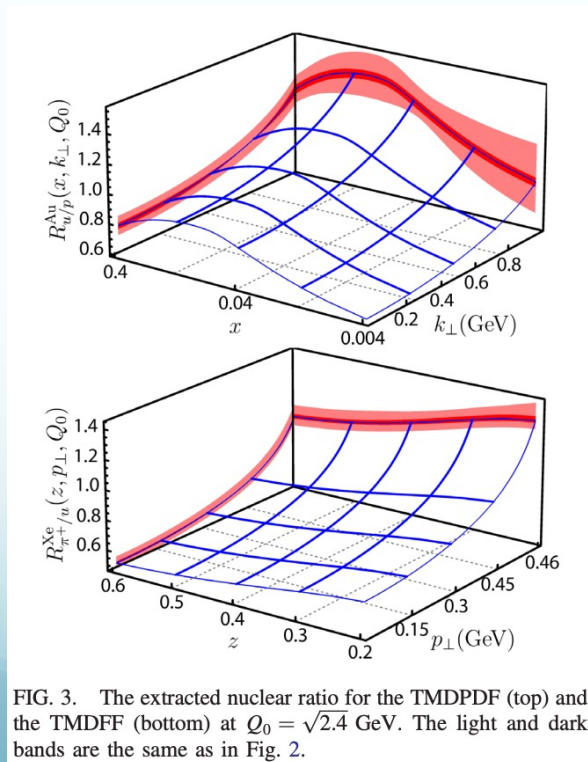
$$\sigma \propto f_a(x_a, k_{aT}) \otimes f_b(x_b, k_{bT})$$

$$\otimes \text{Tr}[\mathbf{S}_{ab}(q_T) \mathbf{H}_{ab \rightarrow cd}(P_T)] \otimes \mathbf{S}_c^{\text{CS}}(q_T R) \mathbf{S}_d^{\text{CS}}(q_T R) \mathbf{J}_c(P_T R) \mathbf{J}_d(P_T R)$$

What about p+A collisions

- TMD PDFs get modified in nuclear matter
 - Modified the non-perturbative collinear PDFs [**nuclear PDFs**]
 - Modified the non-perturbative Sudakov factor [**S_{NP}**]

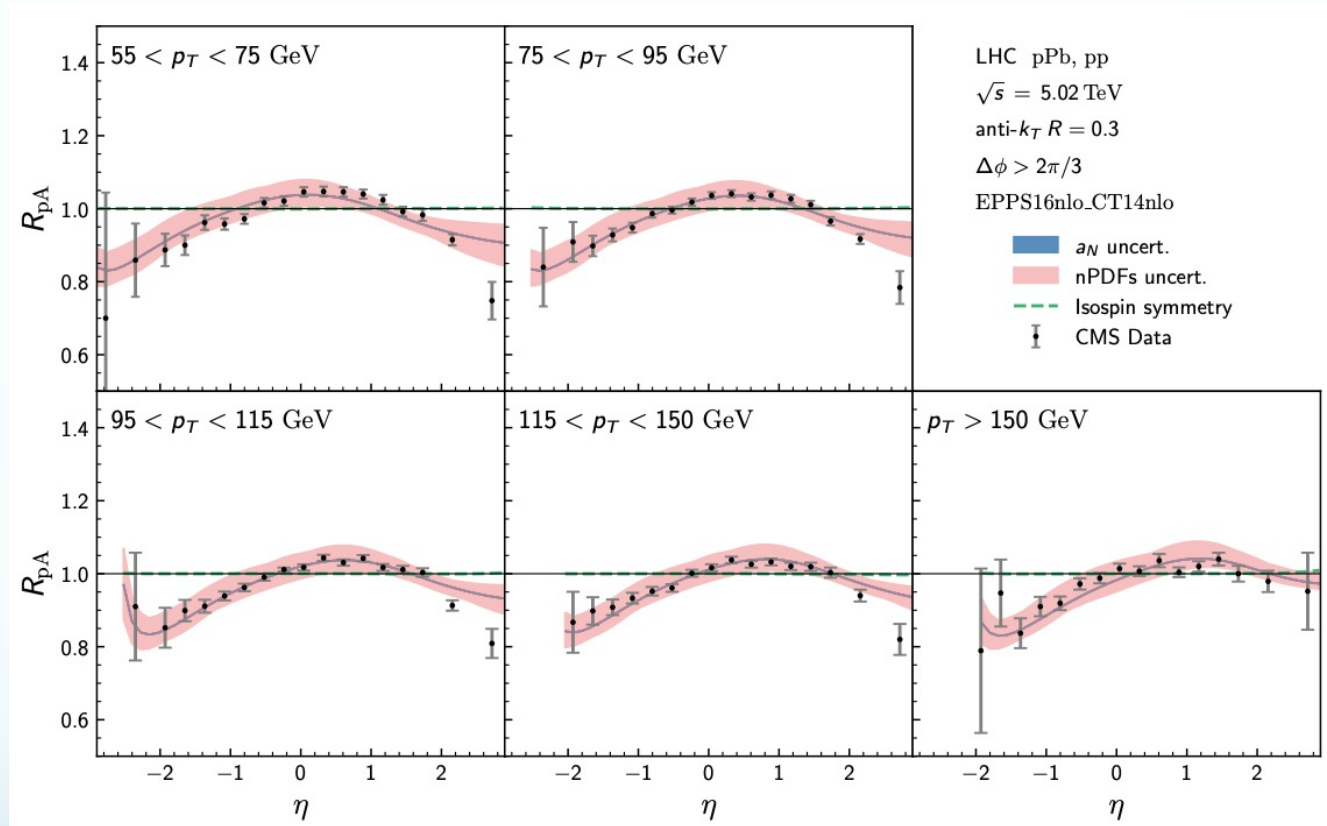
$$f_q(x, b, Q, Q^2) = C(x, b, \mu_{b_*}) \otimes f_q(x, \mu_{b_*}) \exp \left[\int_{\mu_{b_*}}^Q \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_\mu^q \left[\alpha_s(\mu'), Q^2/\mu'^2 \right] \right] \\ \times \exp \left[-S_{NP}(b, Q, Q_0) \right]$$



Alrashed, Anderle, Kang, Terry, Xing, PRL 2022
Alrashed, Kang, Terry, Xing, Zhang, include Jlab data

Dijet production in p+A collisions

- The modification describes the LHC data well

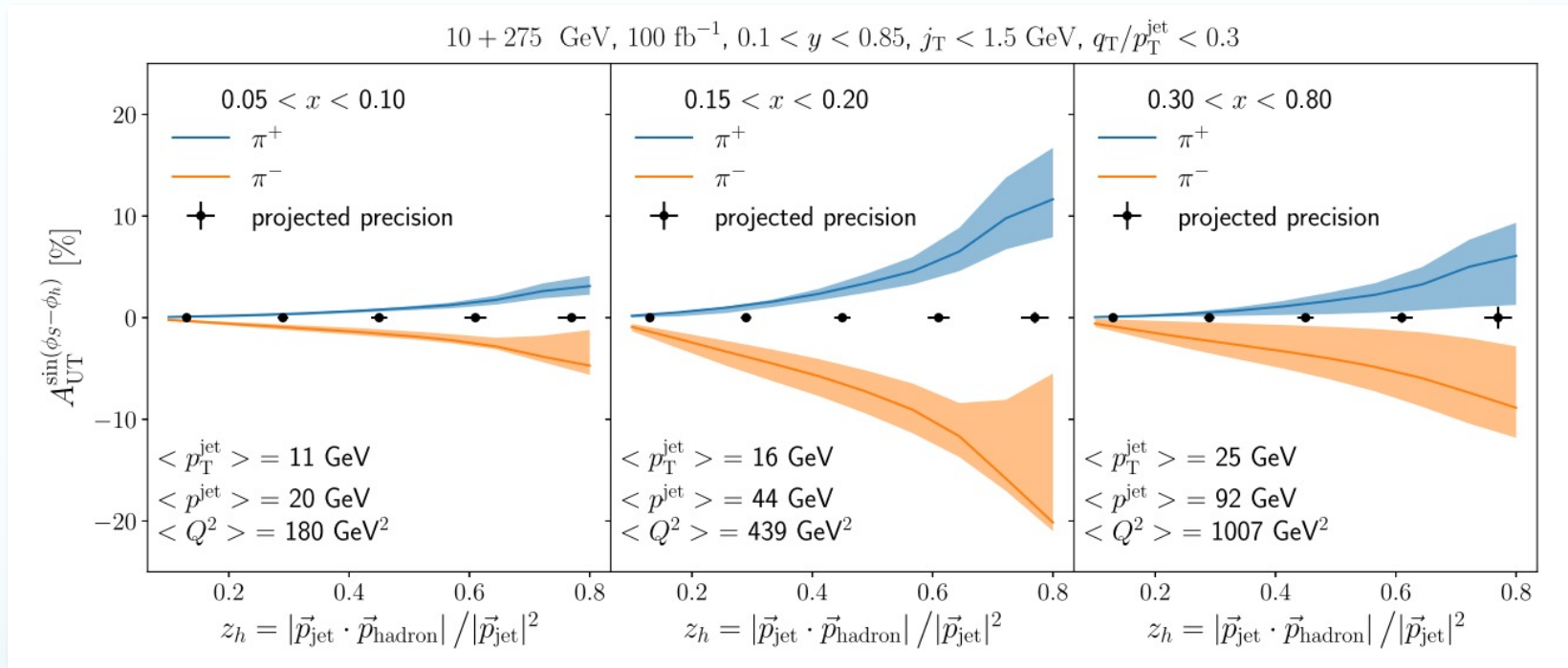


Gao, Kang, Shao, Terry, Zhang, JHEP 2023

Joint theory and exp studies

- Study QCD dynamics via jets at the EIC

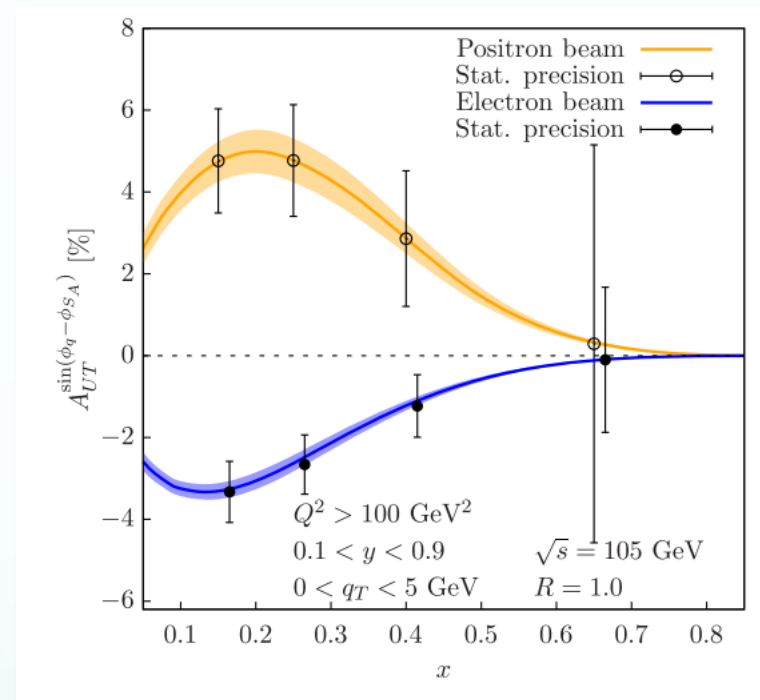
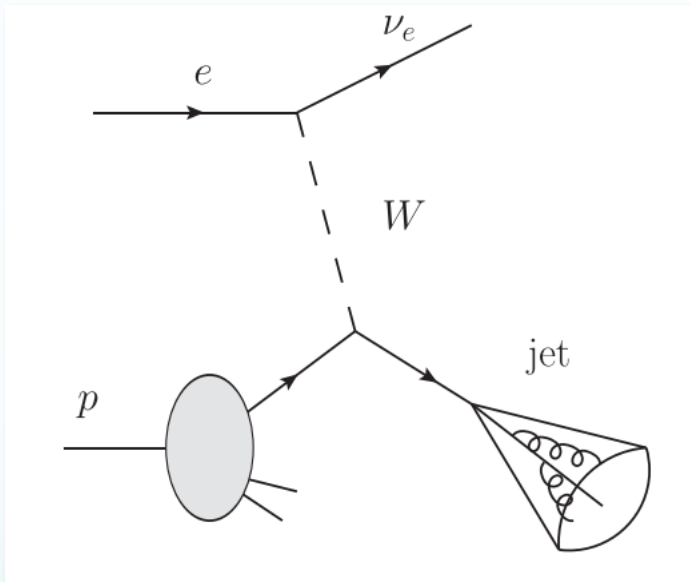
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Neutrino-tagged jets at EIC

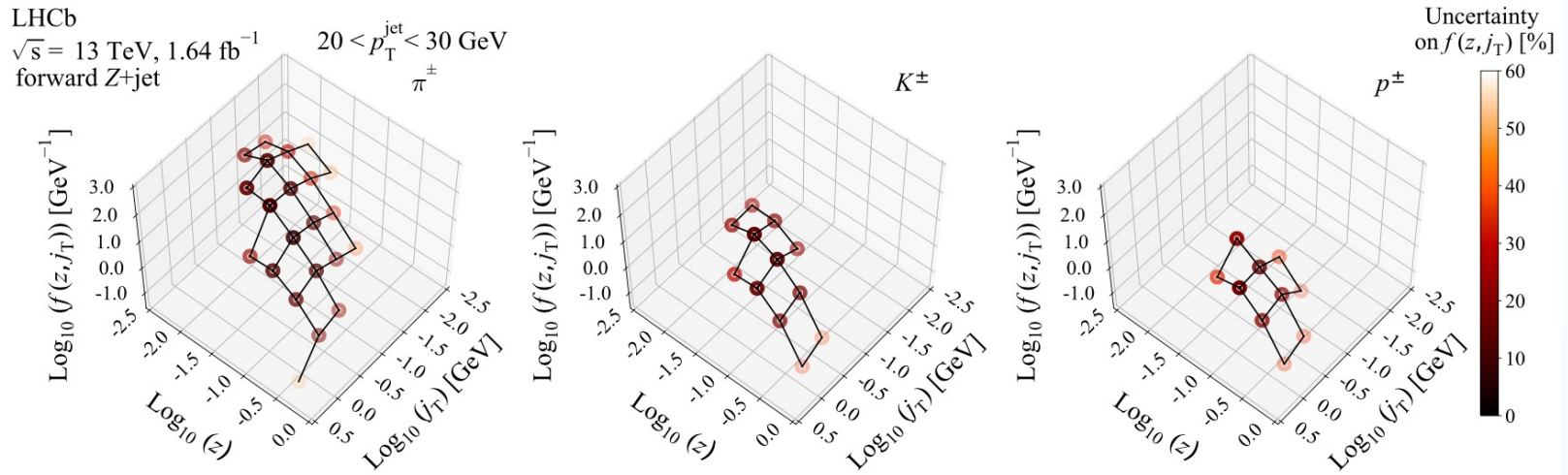
- Neutrino-tagged jets at the EIC

Arratia, Kang, Paul, Prokudin, Ringer, Zhao, 2023



Jet fragmentation function at LHC

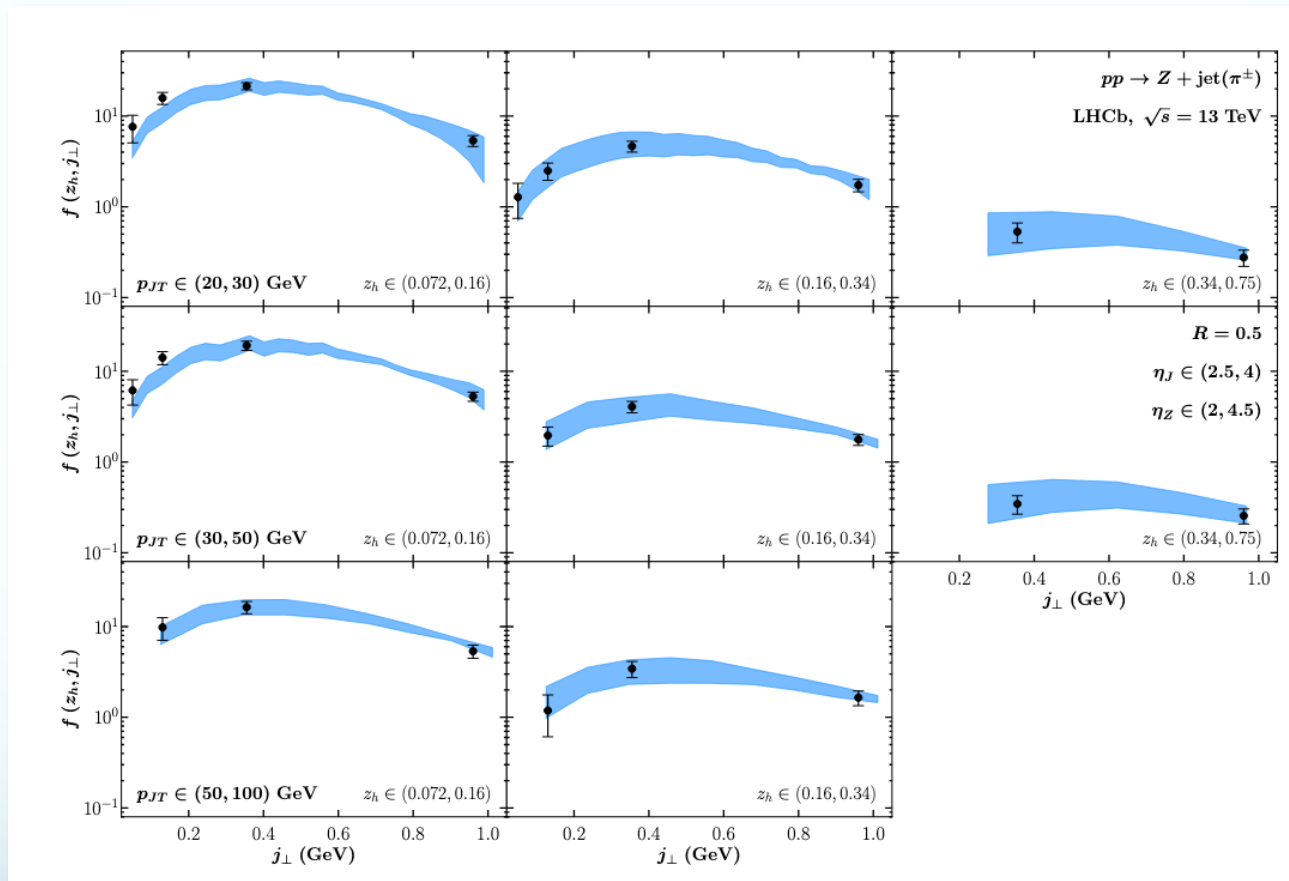
- LHCb measurement Z-tagged jet production in pp collisions



LHCb, 2208.11691

Comparison with Z-tagged jets

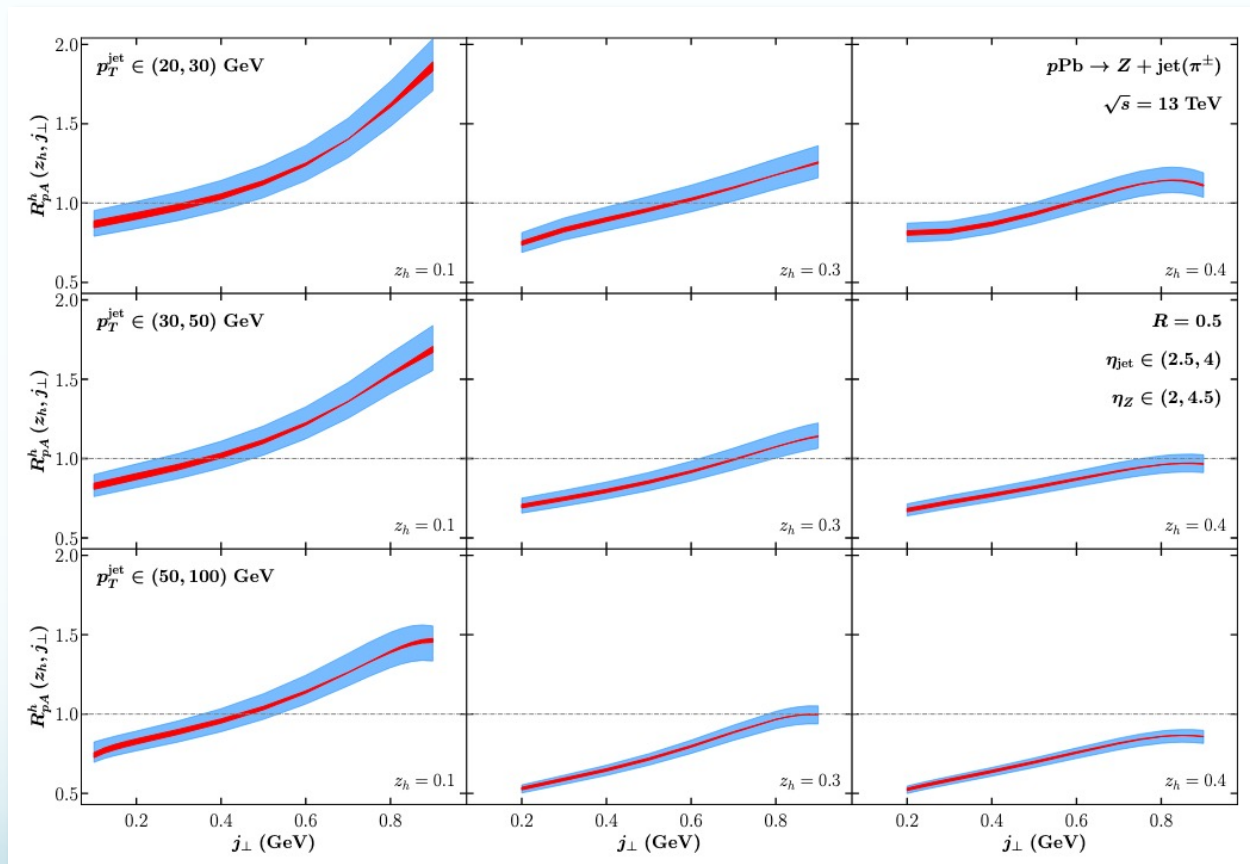
- Hadrons inside the jets



Kang, Xing, Zhao, Zhou, to appear

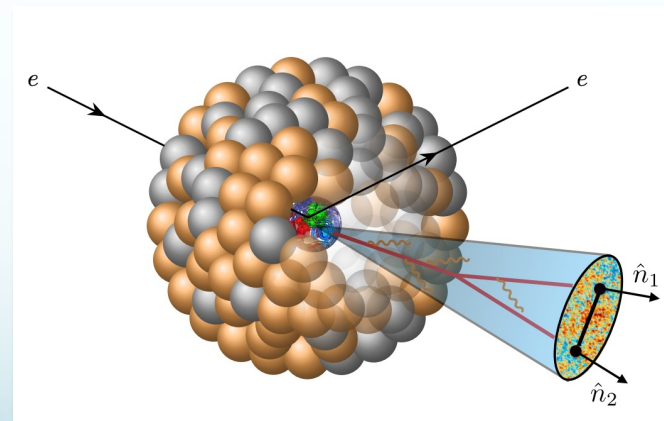
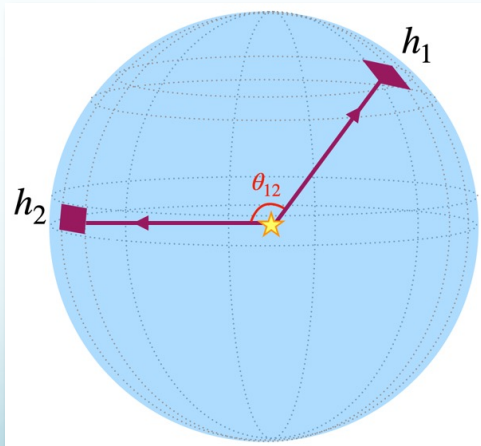
Nuclear modification of jet fragmentation

- Distribution of hadron in jets: back-to-back Z+jet production in p+A collisions



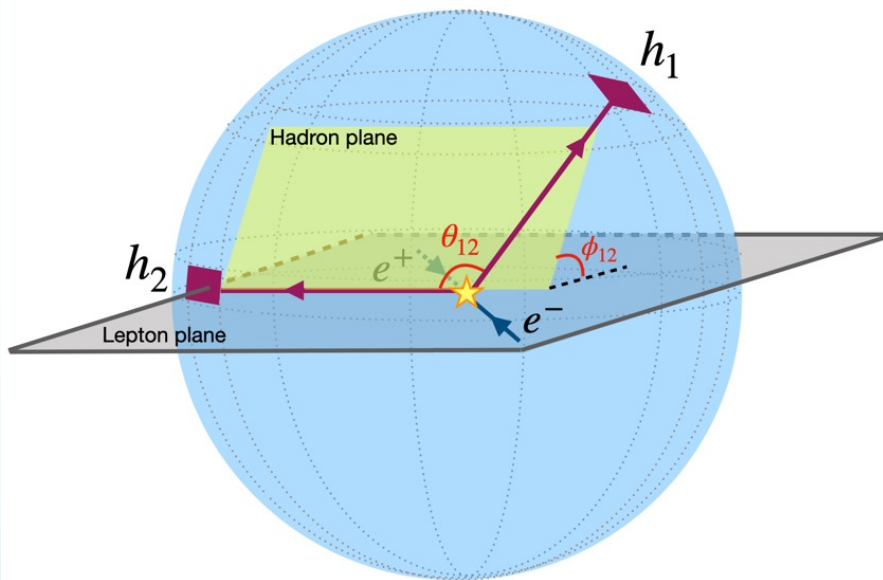
Energy Energy Correlator

- Two types
 - Global EEC
 - One of the earliest infrared safe event shape observables
 - Measure energy correlation as a function of the opening angle between pairs of particles
 - Local EEC
 - In-jet EEC: measure energy correlations for particles inside the jet



Azimuthal angle dependence of the EEC

- Azimuthal angle dependence of EEC would allow us to probe TMD structure
 - Azimuthal dependence is in the original paper, but forgotten afterwards



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Energy Correlations in Electron-Positron Annihilation: Testing Quantum Chromodynamics

C. Louis Basham, Lowell S. Brown, Stephen D. Ellis, and Sherwin T. Love

Department of Physics, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195

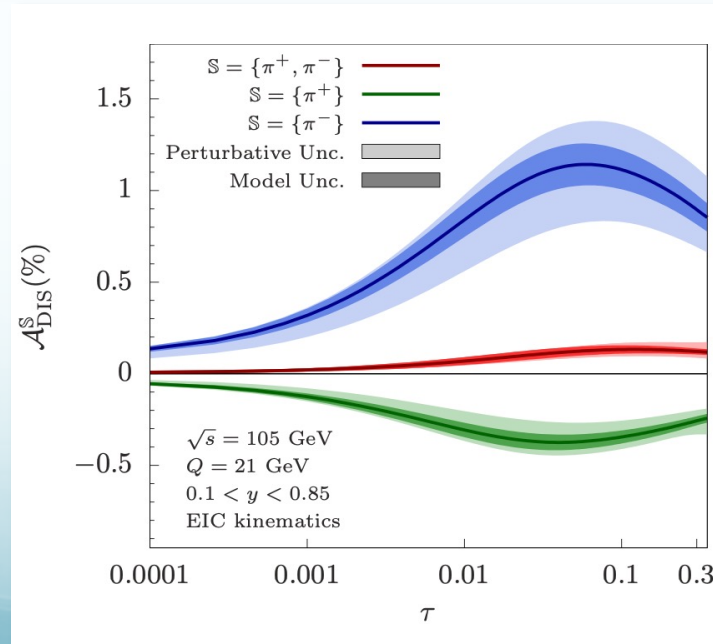
(Received 21 August 1978)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\Sigma}{d\Omega d\Omega'} = & \frac{\alpha^2}{4W^2} \sum_f 3Q_f^2 \frac{g_w^2}{3\pi^2} \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{1}{1-\xi} \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{36}{\xi^5} - \frac{96}{\xi^4} + \frac{72}{\xi^3} - \frac{16}{\xi^2} \right) \ln(1-\xi) + \frac{36}{\xi^4} - \frac{78}{\xi^3} + \frac{36}{\xi^2} \right] (1 + \cos^2\theta) \right. \\ & + 4\xi(1-\xi) \left[\left(\frac{6}{\xi^5} - \frac{8}{\xi^4} \right) \ln(1-\xi) + \frac{6}{\xi^4} - \frac{5}{\xi^3} - \frac{2}{\xi^2} \right] [\cos^2\varphi - \cos^2\theta (1 + \cos^2\varphi)] \\ & \left. + 2[\xi(1-\xi)]^{1/2} \left[\left(-\frac{36}{\xi^5} + \frac{72}{\xi^4} - \frac{40}{\xi^3} \right) \ln(1-\xi) - \frac{36}{\xi^4} + \frac{54}{\xi^3} - \frac{16}{\xi^2} - \frac{8}{\xi} \right] \cos\theta \sin\theta \cos\varphi \right\}. \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

Azimuthal angle dependence of the EEC

- EEC in DIS now can probe all unpolarized and polarized TMDs

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{EEC}_{\text{DIS}}(\tau, \phi) &= \frac{d\Sigma_{\text{DIS}}}{dx_B dy d\tau d\phi} = \sigma_0 \int d^2\mathbf{q}_T \delta(\tau - \frac{\mathbf{q}_T^2}{Q^2}) \delta(\phi - \phi_h) \int \frac{db b}{2\pi} \left\{ \mathcal{F}_{UU} \right. \\
 &+ \cos(2\phi_h) \frac{2(1-y)}{1+(1-y)^2} \mathcal{F}_{UU}^{\cos(2\phi_h)} + S_{\parallel} \sin(2\phi_h) \frac{2(1-y)}{1+(1-y)^2} \mathcal{F}_{UL}^{\sin(2\phi_h)} \\
 &+ |\mathbf{S}_{\perp}| \left[\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s) \mathcal{F}_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)} + \sin(\phi_h + \phi_s) \frac{2(1-y)}{1+(1-y)^2} \mathcal{F}_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_s) \frac{2(1-y)}{1+(1-y)^2} \mathcal{F}_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_s)} \right] \\
 &\left. + \lambda_e \left[S_{\parallel} \frac{y(2-y)}{1+(1-y)^2} \mathcal{F}_{LL} + |\mathbf{S}_{\perp}| \cos(\phi_h - \phi_s) \mathcal{F}_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_s)} \right] \right\}, \quad (2.21)
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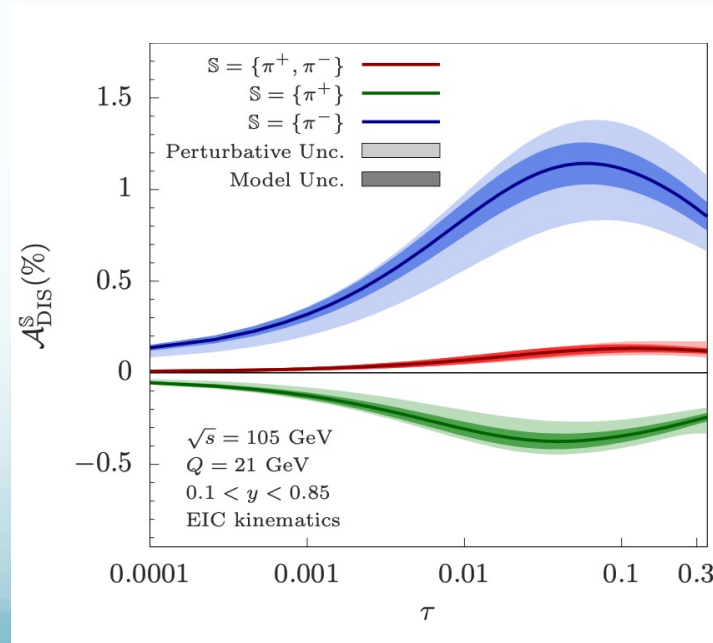


Kang, Lee, Shao, Zhao, 2310.15159

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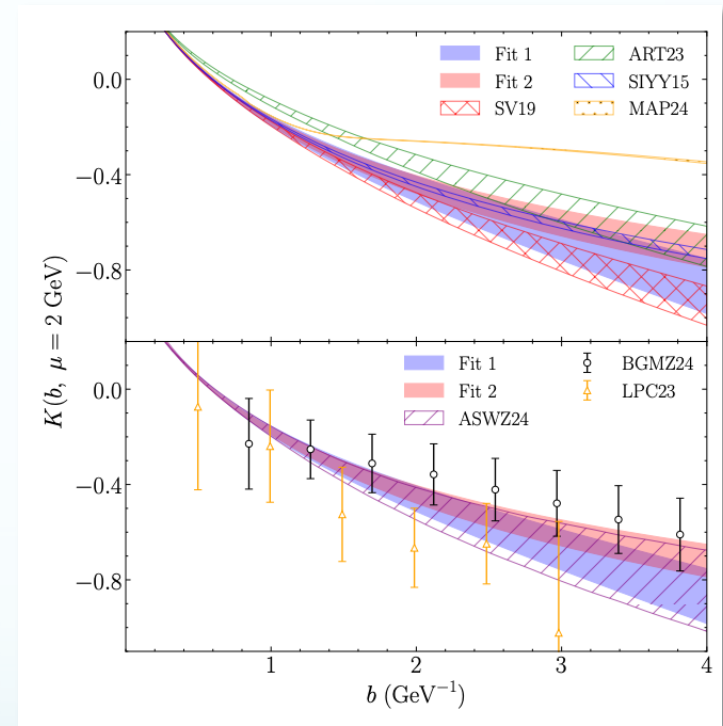
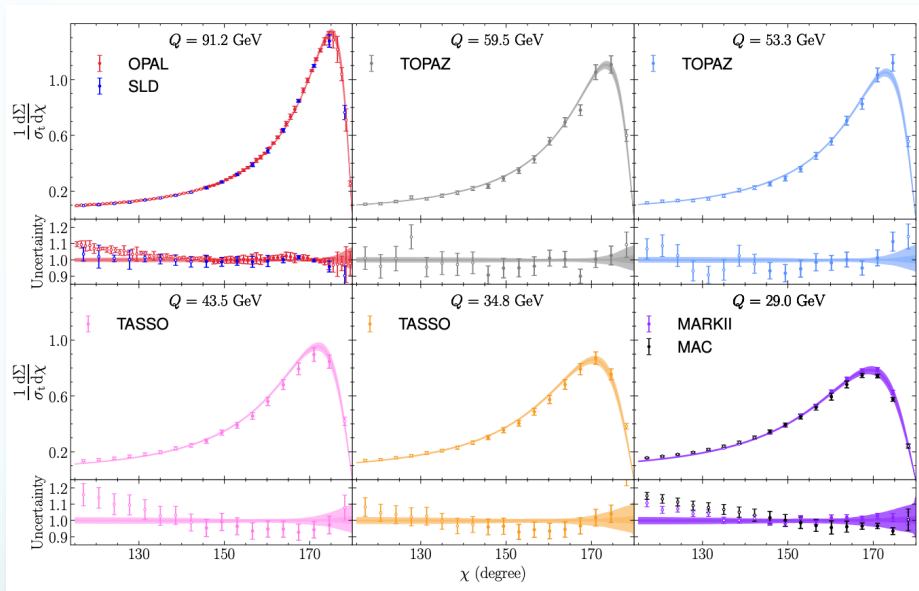


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EEC in back-to-back regime

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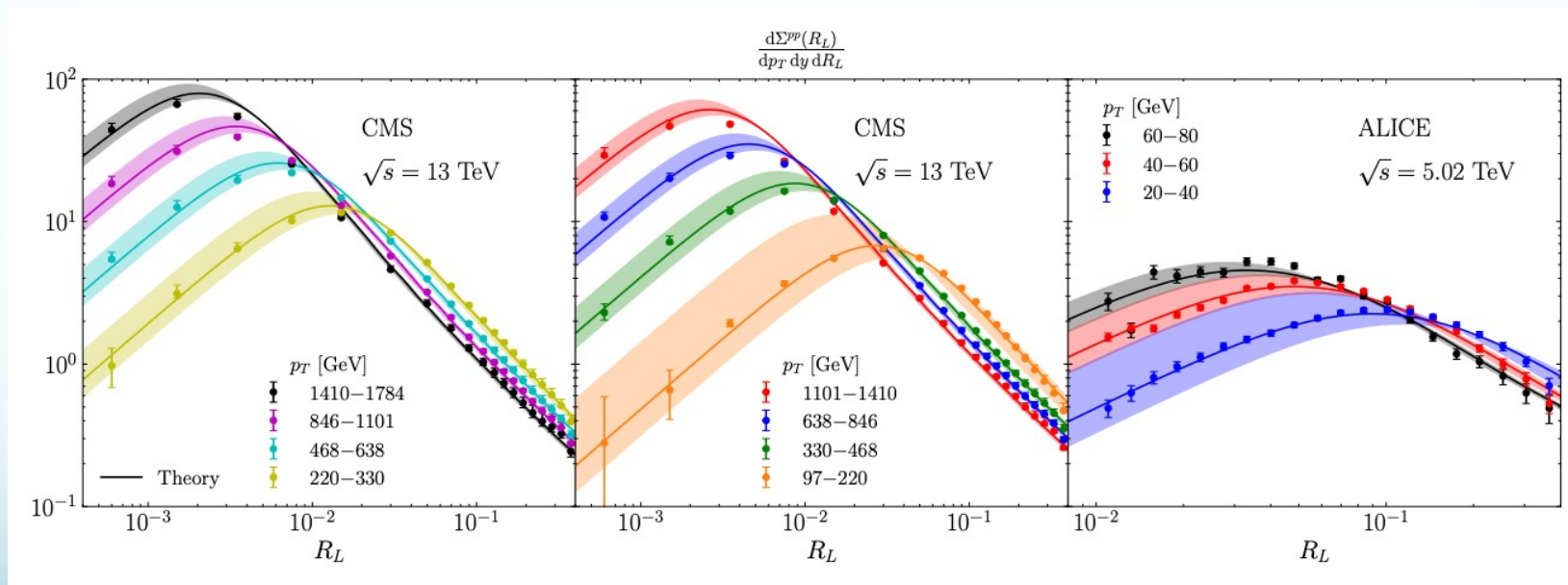


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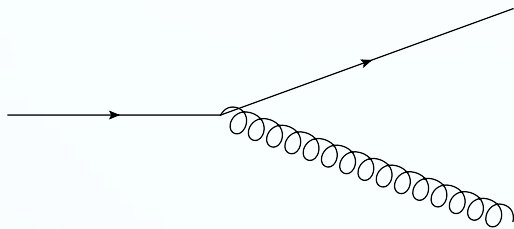
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$$\frac{d\Sigma^{pp}}{dp_T dy dR_L} = R_L p_T^2 \int_0^\infty db b J_0(R_L p_T b) j_{np}(b) \tilde{\Sigma}(b)$$

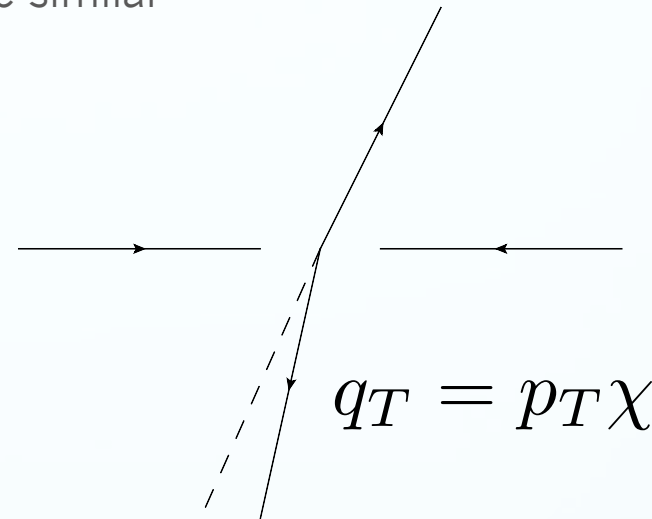


EEC in the collinear and back-to-back regime

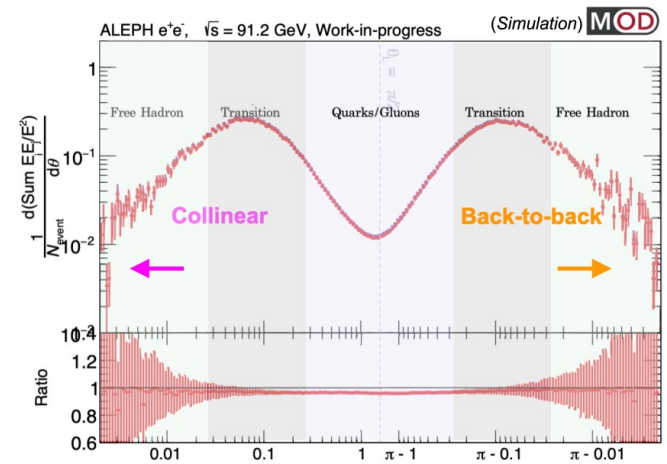
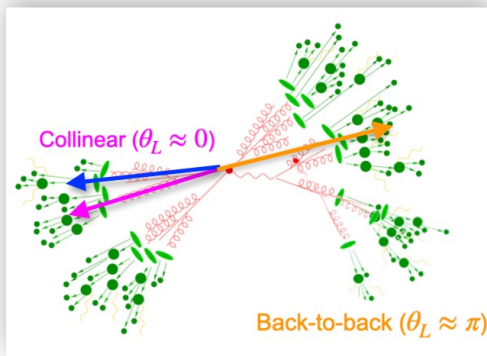
- Related but not the same
 - EEC integrated over z and sum over all hadrons
 - Their non-perturbative contribution can be similar



$$k_T = z(1 - z)p_T R_L$$

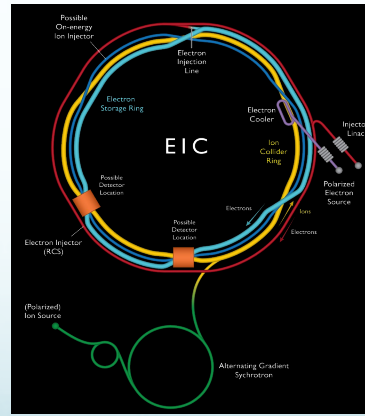
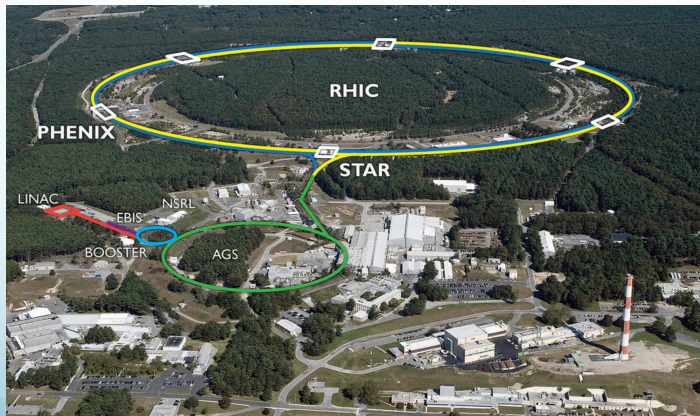


$$q_T = p_T \chi$$



Summary

- We had significantly enjoyed being part of the California EIC consortium
- We have enjoyed working on joint experiment and theory EIC work
- We look forward to the continued collaborations in the coming years



Thank you!