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# **Challenges in Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry**

> Anomalously large  $A_N$  in pp collisions observed for nearly 40 years



$$A_N = \frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow} - d\sigma^{\downarrow}}{d\sigma^{\uparrow} + d\sigma^{\downarrow}}$$

LO QCD predicts  $A_N \sim 0$ 

G. Kane, J. Pumplin, W. Repko, Phys. Rev. Lett 41,1689 (1978).

> Left-right asymmetries for different hadrons at different beam energies



• Explained by the twist-3 and transverse-momentum-dependent (TMD) formalisms

#### **Mechanisms for Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry**



- > Transverse Momentum Dependent (TMD) parton distributions and fragmentation functions.
  - Need two scales (Q and  $p_T$ ),  $Q >> p_T$
  - ✓ Sivers effect (*Sivers'90*):

Parton spin and  $k_T$  correlation in initial state (related to orbital angular momentum)

#### ✓ Collins effect (Collins'93):

Quark spin and  $k_T$  correlation in fragmentation process (related to transversity)





- Twist-3 mechanism (Efremov-Teryaev'82, Qiu-Sterman'91):
  - Collinear/twist-3 quark-gluon correlation + fragmentation functions
  - Need one scale  $(Q \text{ or } p_T), Q, p_T >> \Lambda_{QCD}$
  - Both mechanisms apply when  $Q >> p_T >> \Lambda_{QCD}$

#### • We will study Sivers effect with inclusive jet, and Collins effect with hadron in jets in pp collisions at STAR

 $\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{k}_T)$ 

#### **Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)**



> RHIC is the world's only machine capable of colliding high-energy beams of polarized protons

#### The Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC (STAR)





- Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
  - $|\eta| < 1$  and  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$
  - Main detector for tracking and PID
- Time Of Flight (TOF)
  - $|\eta| < 1.0$  and  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$
  - Improve PID of tracks
- ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter
  - BEMC:  $|\eta| < 1.0$  and  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$ .
  - EEMC:  $1.08 < \eta < 2.0$  and  $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$
  - Reconstruction of photon, e,  $\pi^0$  and triggering

## STAR Data of pp Collision and Kinematic Coverage







STAR measurements overlap much of the x range of SIDIS but at a dramatically higher range of Q<sup>2</sup>

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## **Extraction of Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry**

> For  $\pi^{\pm}$  within jets in *pp* collisions, the spin dependent cross section can be expressed:



#### **Extraction of Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetries**



$$A_N sin(\phi) = \frac{1}{P} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{N^{\uparrow}(\phi)N^{\downarrow}(\phi+\pi)} - \sqrt{N^{\downarrow}(\phi)N^{\uparrow}(\phi+\pi)}}{\sqrt{N^{\uparrow}(\phi)N^{\downarrow}(\phi+\pi)} + \sqrt{N^{\downarrow}(\phi)N^{\uparrow}(\phi+\pi)}}$$

- Cross ratio formalism can cancel detector efficiencies and spin dependent luminosity.
- $N^{\uparrow}(\text{or } N^{\downarrow})$  is the yield for a given spin state.



#### **Jet Reconstruction**



#### Jet reconstruction : $\geq$

- Anti-K<sub>T</sub> algorithm with R = 0.5٠
- TPC tracks and EMC energy deposition as input ٠
- Off-axis cone method to estimate underlying event contribution ٠

#### Simulation $\triangleright$

- **PYTHIA 6.4.28 + GEANT3** ٠
- Partonic  $p_T > 5 \text{GeV/c}$ ٠
- Kinematic correction & Systematic uncertainty estimation ٠



#### Particle identification and Asymmetries purification

> Particle rich region for TOF unmatched / matched





- Good particle identification through TPC and TOF.
- Raw asymmetries can be extracted in different particle rich region.
- Calculate the fraction of particle type in each particle rich region as matrix element for asymmetries purification.
- Asymmetries purification through Moore-Penrose inverse.



 $f_{i \, rich}^{J}$ : the fraction of particle type *j* in the *i*-rich sample.

#### Sivers Asymmetry from STAR 2017 Data



Results for inclusive jet

- Sivers asymmetries for inclusive jets and pion tagged jets are consistent with 0. ٠
- Sensitive to Sivers function at twist-3. ٠

> Collins results as a function of jet  $p_T$ 



- Positive for  $\pi^+$  and negative for  $\pi^-$ , and increase with increasing jet  $p_T$  for  $x_F > 0$
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 New results are consistent with previous run11 data, but with 14 times more statistics

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# **Comparison to STAR 200 GeV Results**

> Collins results as a function of  $x_T$  for 200 GeV and 510GeV:

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- The high precision Collins results of 510 GeV and 200 GeV nicely align with jet  $x_T$  scale, giving almost no energy dependence.
- These data provide important constraints on the scale evolution for Collins asymmetry. Yixin Zhang, SPIN2023



> Collins results as a function of z in different jet  $p_T$  regions at 510 GeV:



z: the pion's longitudinal momentum fraction in the jet

• These results provide more detailed constraints on the Collins fragmentation function



> Collins results as a function of  $j_T$  in different jet  $p_T$  regions at 510 GeV:

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $j_T$ : charged pion's transverse momentum relative to the jet axis

• These results provide more detailed constraints on the Collins fragmentation function

#### **Comparison to STAR 200 GeV Results**

- Collins results as a function of  $j_T$  for 200 GeV and 510 GeV:
  - In the same x<sub>T</sub> bin, the Collins asymmetries versus j<sub>T</sub> in different z regions are in good agreement for 510 GeV and 200 GeV
  - No energy dependence observed again

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#### **Comparison to theoretical calculations**

 $\succ$  Collins results as a function of z, compared with theoretical results:

![](_page_17_Figure_3.jpeg)

- The results of z dependence from two RHIC running periods are in good agreement.
- Generally, experimental results and theories are in agreement, but model calculations slightly undershoot the observed asymmetries.

## Summary & Outlook

- New preliminary results on transverse single-spin asymmetries of jets and  $\pi^{\pm}$  in-jets in pp at  $\sqrt{s} = 510$  GeV with STAR 2017 data, 14 times more statistics to previous measurement with 2011 data.
- No significant non-zero Sivers asymmetries have been observed at 510 GeV in pp collision.
- The high precision Collins asymmetries for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  results at 510 GeV, in excellent consistency with 200 GeV data versus  $x_T$ , no energy dependence observed.
- Collins asymmetries for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  versus z and  $j_T$  are also reported.
- These data provide important constraints on the scale evolution, and test of universality for Collins asymmetry.
- A large data sample of transverse polarized p+p data taken in 2022 at STAR ( $\sim 400 pb^{-1}$ ), with the forward detectors (2.5 <  $\eta$  < 4) installed, provides an unique opportunity to study Collins and Sivers asymmetries in the forward region.