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# ABSTRACT OF THE DISSERTATION

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Scientific investigations show that nucleons are the building blocks of atomic nuclei, which constitute nearly all the mass of visible matter in the universe. Unlike electrons, which are fundamental particles, nucleons have an internal structure composed of quarks and gluons. While much has been learned about nucleon structure, many details remain to be understood. There is broad consensus that understanding the fundamental properties of matter requires understanding the nucleon's internal structure in terms of its constituents. In Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD), the theory of strong interactions, the nucleon is described as a relativistic bound state of quarks and gluons, interacting strongly through the exchange of gluons. These partons are permanently confined within hadrons due to the property of color confinement, which prevents their direct isolation but still allows their dynamics to be studied through high-energy scattering experiments. However, at sufficiently small distance scales, QCD exhibits the property of asymptotic freedom [1, 2], where the strong coupling becomes significantly weaker. This allows QCD factorization to be used in perturbative calculations, enabling the study of nucleon structure [3].

One of the key challenges in QCD is the full understanding the spin structure of the nucleon in terms of its constituents. A nucleon is known to be a fermion with a spin of  $1/2$ , and while we understand how to distribute the nucleon's spin between the orbital angular momentum and the spins of quarks and gluons, the exact numerical values of each contribution remain uncertain, especially when it comes to the orbital angular momentum. In this context, three-dimensional distributions of quarks and gluons in momentum space are crucial tools, as they capture all possible spin-orbit and spin-spin interactions between the proton and its constituents. A thorough understanding of these distributions can offer valuable insights into the roles of quarks and gluons in determining the nucleon's spin. The early studies focused on processes involving collinear functions to understand the nucleon spin structure. While these functions offer valuable insight into the internal composition of nucleons, it was quickly realized that they were not sufficient since they only provide a one-dimensional and, therefore, partial perspective on the complex structure of the nucleon.

The search for alternative methods beyond collinear factorization to fully describe the nucleon internal structure has led to the development of a robust transverse momentum dependent (TMD) factorization framework. This framework allows to acquire the three-dimensional (3D) dynamics of quarks and gluons within a colliding nucleon. These new and precise data provide the means to determine transverse momentum dependent parton distributions, often referred to as TMDs. In this dissertation, we develop TMD formalisms to perform simultaneous global analysis of Sivers asymmetries and Collins asymmetries. The TMD Sivers formalism allows us to extract simultaneously the Sivers function from semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering, Drell-Yan production, and jet production in proton-proton collisions. The TMD Collins formalism allows us to extract simultaneously the Collins fragmentation function from semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering,  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, and hadron production inside jets in proton-proton collisions.

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# Dedication

*To my mom, Félicité*

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# Outline

In this dissertation, after introducing the origin of quark theories in Chapter (1) we quickly proceed to introduce the notion of transverse single spin asymmetry (TSSA) in the same Chapter (1) because of its essential utility to extract TMD functions of interest. In Chapter (2) we discuss the SCET due to its capability to provide a systematic framework for describing processes where different types of modes are present, especially in the context of high-energy hadronic physics. In other words, The SCET provides an effective description of a theory. Since Wilson lines appear frequently in gauge theories, we discuss their importance for non-local operators in gauge theories and present different types of Wilson lines and some physical interpretations in Chapter (3). Since our TMD formalisms involve the use of twist-2 and twist-3 functions, we discuss the derivations of these functions from correlation functions (correlators) in Chapter (4). We also discuss the TMD factorization theorems, a powerful tool in quantum field theory (QFT), which allow us to express cross sections in terms of perturbatively calculable quantities and non-perturbative quantities. In addition, we discuss one of different regulators to eliminate rapidity divergences. Since our TMD formalisms involve QCD evolutions, we discuss derivations of evolution equations and solutions to evolution equations in Chapter (5). Because of the importance of SCET, we also discuss TMD factorization and TMD evolution in SCET in Chapter (5). The Sivvers formalism and results are presented in Chapter (6). The Collins formalism is presented in Chapter (7). Finally, the dissertation is summarized in Chapter (8).

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Origin of quark model

In search for understanding of nature, mankind has made some remarkable progress. Nowadays, it is known that all elements which are building blocks of nature are made of protons of positive charges and neutrons of neutral charges, forming atomic nucleus, surrounded by orbiting electrons of negative charges to form atoms. In the early 20th century, experiments with particle accelerators revealed a plethora of subatomic particles beyond the proton, neutron, and electron. Physicists found a bewildering array of particles, leading to a desire to understand their underlying structure and organization. The discovery of the strange mesons suggested that there might be more fundamental building blocks underlying the known particles.

Various classification schemes were developed to organize the ever-growing list of observed particles. The constituent quark model which is based on an  $SU(3)$  flavor symmetry, proposed by Murray Gell-Mann [20, 21] and independently by George Zweig [22, 23], was one such scheme that provided insight into the underlying structure of hadrons (particles like protons and neutrons). The quark model, suggests the presence of fundamental particles termed quarks. These quarks are believed to exhibit a fundamental symmetry described

by the  $SU(3)$  group theory, leading to the identification of three elementary particles: up, down, and strange quarks. Experimental validation of this model came from measurements conducted by SLAC [24, 25], where electron-proton and electron-neutron collisions in deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) experiments provided evidence supporting the existence of up and down quarks. Additional quarks were predicted and their existence was also confirmed by experiments.

Later, it was realized that quarks are bound inside nucleons. Since quarks carry an electric charge, their presence raised the question of how nucleons could remain bound together despite electrostatic repulsion. This led to the proposal of a strong, short-range force that overcomes the electromagnetic force at nuclear scales. The first significant theory of the strong interaction was put forward by Yukawa, who proposed that the proton and neutron are held together by the exchange of a force-mediating particle. This exchange particle is now known as the pion.

## 1.2 Quantum Chromodynamics

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) is the fundamental theory describing the strong interaction, one of the four known forces of nature. It explains how quarks and gluons, the building blocks of protons, neutrons, and other hadrons, interact through the exchange of force-carrier particles called gluons. QCD is a type of quantum field theory, and it operates under the principle that quarks possess a property known as color charge, a fundamental property of quarks and gluons, analogous to electric charge in quantum electrodynamics(QED) and comes in three types, traditionally referred to as red, green, and blue. Unlike the electromagnetic force (which involves electric charge), the strong force is incredibly powerful at short distances but becomes weaker at longer ranges due to a phenomenon called asymptotic freedom, where the interaction strength between quarks and gluons decreases at higher energies. This theory is central to understanding particle physics, as it governs the behavior of matter at the small-

est scales, playing a key role in high-energy processes such as those occurring in particle accelerators and the early universe. The QCD Lagrangian density [26] is usually expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = & -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + i \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{\psi}_j^\alpha \gamma^\mu (D_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_j^\beta - \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \bar{\psi}_j^\alpha \psi_{j,\alpha} - \frac{1}{2\alpha_G} \partial^\mu A_\mu^a \partial_\mu A_a^\mu \\ & - \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}_a D^\mu \phi^a, \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $G_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g_s f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$  ( $a \equiv 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ) are the Yang-Mills strength tensors expressed in terms of gluon fields  $A_\mu^a(x)$ . The quark field of flavor  $j$  and mass  $m_j$  is represented by  $\psi_j$  and  $\phi^a(x)$  represents eight Grassmann-valued fields in the  $\bar{8}$  representation of SU(3). These ghost fields  $\phi^a(x)$  are associated with the gauge fixing procedure and ensure the correct treatment of redundancies in the gauge theory. The covariant derivative  $D_\mu$  is expressed as

$$(D_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \partial_\mu - ig_s \sum_a \frac{1}{2} t_{\alpha\beta}^a A_\mu^a. \quad (1.2)$$

The covariant derivative  $D_\mu$  acts on the quark color component  $\alpha, \beta$ . The  $3 \times 3$  color matrices  $t_{\alpha\beta}^a$  are the eight generators of the SU(3) gauge group, and  $f^{abc}$  represents the fully antisymmetric structure constants of the gauge group, defined by the commutation relation  $[T^a, T^b] = if^{abc} T^c$ , where  $(T^a)_{\alpha\beta} = (1/2)t_{\alpha\beta}^a$  in the fundamental color  $\bar{3}$  representation, and  $(T_a)_{bc} = -if_{abc}$  in the adjoint  $\bar{8}$  representation. The last two terms in the Lagrangian density are the gauge-fixing term for a covariant quantization in the gluon sector,  $\alpha_G = 1(0)$  in the Feynman (Landau) gauge respectively, and the Faddeev-Popov ghost term [27] to remove nonphysical degrees of freedom. The parameter  $g_s$  is the interaction strength and it is related to the more conventional strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s$  as follows

$$\alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}. \quad (1.3)$$

The asymptotic freedom is one of the essential characteristics of QCD. The discovery of asymptotic freedom earned D. Gross, H. Politzer, and F. Wilczek the Nobel Prize in Physics

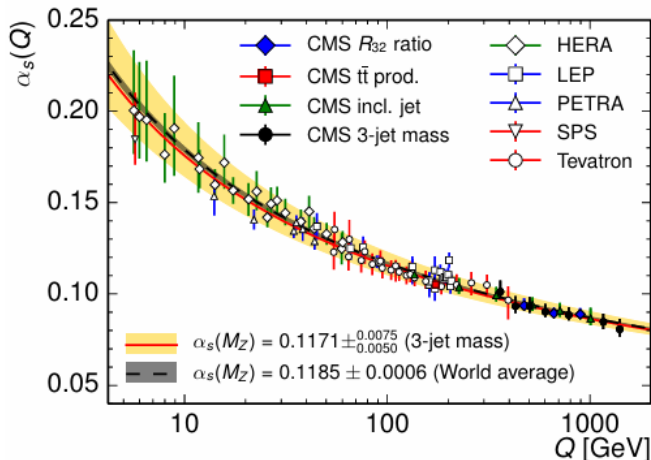
in 2004 [28, 29]. This behavior is captured by the renormalization group equation for the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s(\mu)$ , [30] given by

$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial \mu^2} = \frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial \ln \mu^2} = \beta(\alpha_s), \quad \beta(\alpha_s) = -\alpha_s^2 (b_0 + b_1 \alpha_s + b_2 \alpha_s^2 + \dots), \quad (1.4)$$

where  $b_0$  is the 1-loop coefficient of the  $\beta$ -function, and  $b_1, b_2, \dots$  are the 2-loop and 3-loop coefficients, respectively. The coefficient  $b_0$  is given by

$$b_0 = \frac{11C_A - 4n_f T_R}{12\pi} = \frac{33 - 2n_f}{12\pi}, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $C_A = 3$ ,  $T_R = 1/2$ , and  $n_f$  denotes the number of quark flavors. With six quark flavors (u, d, s, c, b, t), we have  $n_f = 6$ , resulting in  $b_0 > 0$ . The negative sign in Eq. (1.4) is responsible for asymptotic freedom, indicating that  $\alpha_s(\mu)$  decreases as  $\mu$  increases. For a given physical process, the renormalization scale  $\mu$  is typically chosen to match the momentum transfer  $Q$  in that process, so  $\alpha_s(\mu^2 = Q^2)$  reflects the effective strength of the strong interaction involved. Figure (1.1) displays the running coupling  $\alpha_s$  measured as a function



**Figure 1.1:** The result for the running coupling  $\alpha_s(Q)$  is shown as a function of the energy scale  $Q$  in [4]. The running coupling  $\alpha_s(Q)$ , determined with CT10 – NLO, is compared with the world average of  $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1185 \pm 0.0006$  [5]. The error bars on the data points correspond to the total uncertainty.



of the energy scale  $Q$ , taken from [4]. The figure shows measurements of the running  $\alpha_s(Q)$  from different experiments. For high  $Q$  values, the coupling  $\alpha_s$  is weak which allows the use of perturbation methods. The coupling  $\alpha_s$  increases at low energies and becomes divergent at the scale  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ . As a result, QCD becomes strongly interacting at scales around and below 1 GeV. In this energy regime, perturbative methods are no longer reliable.

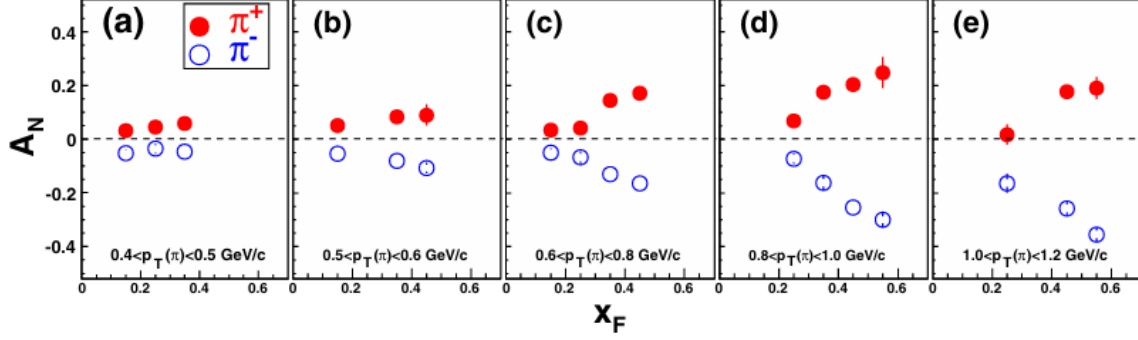
### 1.3 Transverse spin asymmetries

In high-energy nuclear and particle physics, understanding the spin structure of hadrons is essential for uncovering the complex dynamics of strong interactions. A key observable in this area is the transverse single spin asymmetry (TSSA), which refers to the asymmetry in the distribution of particles produced in a scattering process when one of the colliding particles is transversely polarized. Unlike longitudinal polarization, which is more commonly studied in hadronic physics, transverse polarization provides unique insights into the internal structure and dynamics of hadrons.

Transverse single spin asymmetry arises when the spin of a hadron is oriented perpendicular to the direction of motion, and it is observed as an imbalance in the distribution of final-state particles, such as in the azimuthal angle of produced particles relative to the spin axis. This asymmetry has been experimentally observed in various processes, particularly in high-energy scattering experiments involving protons and hadronic collisions, such as in proton-proton (pp) or proton-nucleus (pA) interactions. In general, the TSSA for an inclusive process such as  $A^\uparrow B \rightarrow C + X$  is expressed as

$$A_N = \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow - d\sigma^\downarrow}{d\sigma^\uparrow + d\sigma^\downarrow} \quad (1.6)$$

where  $d\sigma^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}$  is the differential cross section for the production of a hadron  $C$  when  $A$  is transversely polarized in the upward or the downward direction. For illustration purposes, Figure (1.2) shows the measured  $x_F$ -dependent TSSA for the production of  $\pi^\pm$  [6]. The study



**Figure 1.2:** The TSSA as a function of  $x_F$  for the production of  $\pi^+$  (red circles) and  $\pi^-$  (blue circles) at fixed  $p_T$  values: (a)  $0.4 < p_T < 0.5$ , (b)  $0.5 < p_T < 0.6$ , (c)  $0.6 < p_T < 0.8$ , (d)  $0.8 < p_T < 1.0$ , and (e)  $1.0 < p_T < 1.2$  GeV/c [6].

of TSSA is important because it reflects the interplay between the intrinsic spin and orbital motion of quarks and gluons inside a hadron. It is sensitive to the partonic structure, especially the spin-orbit correlations and the transverse momentum distribution of quarks, which are not fully described by simple collinear parton distribution functions (PDFs). Instead, TSSA is a probe of more sophisticated and less understood distributions, such as the transverse momentum-dependent parton distribution functions (TMD PDFs), which account for both the momentum and spin structure of the partons inside a hadron.

Theoretical frameworks, including models of hadron dynamics and QCD, are actively being developed to explain and predict the magnitude and patterns of transverse single spin asymmetries. These studies are critical for advancing our understanding of hadron structure and spin physics, and they offer insight into the mechanisms of QCD at a fundamental level.

# Chapter 2

## Soft Collinear Effective Theory

### 2.1 Introduction

The soft-collinear effective Theory (SCET) is an effective field description of QCD that is particularly suitable for dealing with interactions where soft and collinear degrees of freedom are the most relevant. SCET provides a systematic way to describe the behavior of high-energy particles, such as those found in jet processes or hadronic scattering, by separating the contributions from large and small momentum scales.

The core idea behind SCET is the decoupling of soft and collinear degrees of freedom. Collinear momenta correspond to particles moving nearly parallel to the direction of the high-energy particle's motion, while soft momenta correspond to low-energy particles with small momentum components in all directions. By organizing the theory to focus on these two distinct momentum regimes, SCET simplifies the calculation of cross-sections and hadronic processes in scenarios like heavy-ion collisions or hadron colliders, where soft and collinear modes dominate.

SCET is particularly useful in calculating jet observables, factorization theorems, and resummation techniques, enabling precise predictions for experiments like those at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). Its framework has also been extended to incorporate various high-

energy phenomena, such as the study of the form factors, parton distribution functions, and the calculation of hard scattering amplitudes in QCD.

## 2.2 SCET modes

The natural description of soft and collinear particles usually adopts the use of light cone coordinates system where two light-like vectors  $n_i^\mu$  and  $\bar{n}_i^\mu$  which are assigned to each collinear sector  $i$  satisfy the following properties

$$n_i^2 = 0, \quad \bar{n}_i^2 = 0, \quad n_i \cdot \bar{n}_i = 2, \quad (2.1)$$

such that the momentum of each  $n_i$ -collinear particle is aligned to  $\mathbf{n}_i$ . Such light-like vectors are can be expressed as

$$n_i^\mu = (1, \mathbf{n}_i), \quad \bar{n}_i^\mu = (1, -\mathbf{n}_i). \quad (2.2)$$

In this light cone coordinate system, a given four-vector  $p^\mu$  can be expressed as

$$p^\mu = (\bar{n}_i \cdot p) \frac{n_i^\mu}{2} + (n_i \cdot p) \frac{\bar{n}_i^\mu}{2} + p_\perp^\mu = (p^+, p^-, \mathbf{p}_T)_i, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$p^+ = n_i \cdot p, \quad p^- = \bar{n}_i \cdot p, \quad \mathbf{p}_T^2 = p^+ p^- - p^2 = -p_\perp^2. \quad (2.4)$$

To determine the momentum of particles within the effective theory, one analyzes an energy jet  $Q$  traveling in the direction of  $\mathbf{n}_i$ . This jet comprises collimated particles with transverse momentum  $p_\perp$  that satisfies  $p_\perp \sim \Delta \ll Q$ . As a result, this produces the following momentum scaling

$$p_c^\mu = (p^+, p^-, \mathbf{p}_T) \sim (\Delta^2/Q, Q, \Delta) = Q(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda), \quad (2.5)$$

where the scaling parameter is defined as  $\lambda \sim \Delta/Q$ . furthermore, the scaling  $p^+ \sim Q\lambda^2$  is obtained by imposing the condition  $p^2 = 0$ , therefore,  $p^+ \sim p_1^2/p^-$ . Alongside collinear modes, there are also low-energy modes that exhibit isotropic scaling

$$p_s^\mu \sim Q(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda), \quad p_{us}^\mu \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2), \quad (2.6)$$

where the subscripts  $s, us$  denote soft and ultrasoft modes respectively. These modes lead to different effective theories, known as SCET<sub>1</sub>, and SCET<sub>2</sub>. In SCET, the hyperbolas represent the virtuality of modes, the principal difference between these two theories is that collinear and ultrasoft modes in SCET<sub>1</sub> are located on different hyperbolas, whereas collinear and soft modes in SCET<sub>2</sub> are located on the same hyperbola.

The SCET Lagrangian is obtained by expanding the QCD Lagrangian in terms of the counting parameter  $\lambda$ . In this section, one focuses on SCET<sub>1</sub>, the effective theory for collinear and ultrasoft modes. In order to obtain the SCET Lagrangian, one can start by constructing two projection operators in spinor spaces

$$P_n = \frac{\not{p} \not{\bar{p}}}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_3 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{\bar{n}} = \frac{\not{\bar{p}} \not{p}}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & -\sigma_3 \\ -\sigma_3 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $P_n + P_{\bar{n}} = 1$ . The quark field  $\psi$  can be expressed in terms of projectors  $P_n$  and  $P_{\bar{n}}$  as follows

$$\psi = P_n \psi + P_{\bar{n}} \psi = \hat{\xi}_n + \varphi_{\bar{n}}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $P_n \psi = \hat{\xi}_n$  and  $P_{\bar{n}} \varphi_{\bar{n}} = \varphi_{\bar{n}}$ . Thus, if one considers massless fermions, the QCD La-

grangian can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{QCD} &= \bar{\psi} i \not{D} \psi \\
&= (\bar{\hat{\xi}}_n + \bar{\varphi}_{\bar{n}}) \left( \frac{\not{p}}{2} i n \cdot D + \frac{\not{p}}{2} i \bar{n} \cdot D + i \not{D}_{\perp} \right) (\hat{\xi}_n + \varphi_{\bar{n}}) \\
&= \bar{\hat{\xi}}_n \frac{\not{p}}{2} i n \cdot D \hat{\xi}_n + \bar{\varphi}_{\bar{n}} i \not{D}_{\perp} \hat{\xi}_n + \bar{\hat{\xi}}_n i \not{D}_{\perp} \varphi_{\bar{n}} + \bar{\varphi}_{\bar{n}} \frac{\not{p}}{2} i \bar{n} \cdot D \varphi_{\bar{n}},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

where the expressions for various covariant derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned}
i n \cdot D &= i n \cdot \partial + g n \cdot \mathcal{A}_n + g n \mathcal{A}_{us}, \\
i \bar{n} \cdot D_n &= i \bar{n} \cdot \mathcal{P} + g \bar{n} \cdot \mathcal{A}_n, \\
i \not{D}_{n\perp} &= i \not{\mathcal{P}}_{\perp} + g \mathcal{A}_{n,\perp},
\end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{us}$  are the collinear gluon and ultrasoft gluon fields respectively.

Since the  $\bar{n}$  component of  $\varphi_n$  is relevant only at a subleading power of  $\lambda$ , it can be eliminated. By applying the equation of motion, we can express the leading power Lagrangian for collinear modes as follows.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\hat{\xi}_n}^{(0)} = \bar{\hat{\xi}}_n \left( i n \cdot D + i \not{D}_{n\perp} \frac{1}{i \bar{n} \cdot D} i \not{D}_{n\perp} \right) \frac{\not{p}}{2} \hat{\xi}_n. \tag{2.11}$$

One can express the collinear momenta  $p_c^\mu$  as the sum of pure  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ , and  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$  terms, and hence the collinear quark field  $\hat{\xi}$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\xi}_n(x) &= \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot x} \tilde{\xi}_n(p) \\
&= \sum_{p_l \neq 0} \int \frac{d^4 p_r}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip_l \cdot x} e^{-ip_r \cdot x} \tilde{\xi}_{n,p_l}(p_r) = \sum_{p_l \neq 0} e^{-ip_l \cdot x} \xi_{n,p_l}(x),
\end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

where  $p_c^\mu = p_l^\mu + p_r^\mu$ . The quantity  $p_l^\mu$  scales as  $p_l^\mu \sim (0, 1, \lambda)$ , and the quantity  $p_r^\mu \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$ .

The expression for  $\xi_{n,p_l}(x)$  is given by

$$\xi_{n,p_l}(x) = \int \frac{d^4 p_r}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-i p_r \cdot x} \tilde{\xi}_{n,p_l}(p_r). \quad (2.13)$$

The dependence on  $x$  is associated with a purely ultrasoft momentum, leading to the following scaling  $x^\mu \sim \lambda^{-2}$ . The Taylor expansion in  $\lambda$  of the QCD Lagrangian gives the following SCET Lagrangian at leading order  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^0)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}^{(0)} = \mathcal{L}_{n\xi}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{ng}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{us}^{(0)}, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{n\xi}^{(0)}$  is the Lagrangian for collinear quarks,  $\mathcal{L}_{ng}^{(0)}$  is the Lagrangian for collinear gluons, and  $\mathcal{L}_{us}^{(0)}$  is the Lagrangian for ultrasoft fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{n\xi}^{(0)} &= \bar{\xi}_n \left( i n \cdot D + i \not{D}_{n\perp} \frac{1}{i \bar{n} \cdot D_n} i \not{D}_{n\perp} \right) \not{n} \xi_n, \\ \mathcal{L}_{ng}^{(0)} &= \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} \left\{ [i \mathcal{D}^\mu, i \mathcal{D}^\nu]^2 \right\} + \tau \text{Tr} \left\{ [i \mathcal{D}_{us}^\mu, \mathcal{A}_{n\mu}]^2 \right\} + 2 \text{Tr} \left\{ \bar{c}_n [i \mathcal{D}_\mu^{us}, [i \mathcal{D}^\mu, c_n]] \right\}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{us}^{(0)} &= \bar{q}_{us} i \mathcal{D}_{us} q_{us} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left\{ G_{us}^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^{us} \right\} + \lambda_{us} \text{Tr} \left\{ \left( i \partial_\mu \cdot \mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu \right)^2 \right\} + 2 \text{Tr} \left\{ \bar{c}_{us} i \partial_\mu i \mathcal{D}_{us}^\mu c_{us} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

where  $g$  is the gauge coupling. In the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{ng}^{(0)}$ , the quantities  $\lambda$ , and  $\lambda_{us}$  are collinear and ultrasoft gauge fixing parameters, and  $c_n$  and  $c_{us}$  are the associated ghost fields. The covariant derivatives in the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{ng}^{(0)}$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} i \mathcal{D}^\mu &= \frac{n^\mu}{2} (\bar{\mathcal{P}} + g \bar{n} \cdot \mathcal{A}_n) + (\mathcal{P}_\perp^\mu + g \mathcal{A}_{n\perp}^\mu) + \frac{\bar{n}}{2} + (i n \cdot \partial + g n \cdot \mathcal{A}_n + g n \cdot \mathcal{A}_{us}), \\ i \mathcal{D}_{us}^\mu &= \frac{n^\mu}{2} \bar{\mathcal{P}} + \mathcal{P}_\perp^\mu + \frac{\bar{n}^\mu}{2} i n \cdot \partial + \frac{\bar{n}}{2} g n \cdot \mathcal{A}_{us}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

The ultrasoft Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{us}^{(0)}$  is the same as the full QCD Lagrangian because ultrasoft fields have isotropic scaling,  $\mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$ , assuming that fields and covariant derivatives in the full QCD Lagrangian satisfy ultrasoft scaling.

One of the most important properties that should be preserved in the formulation of SCET is gauge invariance. In SCET there are two types of gauge transformations because gluon fields are split into collinear and ultrasoft fields. These two types of gauge transformations can be expressed as follows

$$U_n(x) = \exp \{i\alpha_n^A(x)T^A\}, \quad U_{us}(x) = \exp \{i\alpha_{us}^A(x)T^A\}. \quad (2.17)$$

The gauge transformations of Eq.(2.17) should satisfy collinear and ultrasoft scaling respectively as follows

$$i\partial^\mu U_n(x) \sim Q(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda)U_n(x), \quad i\partial^\mu U_{us}(x) \sim Q(\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)U_{us}(x). \quad (2.18)$$

Since ultrasoft fields have longer wavelengths than collinear fields, they act like a background for collinear fields. Hence, ultrasoft fields do not transform under collinear gauge transformations

$$q_{us}(x) \rightarrow q_{us}, \quad \mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu(x), \quad (2.19)$$

where  $q_{us}$  are ultrasoft quark fields, and  $\mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu$  are ultrasoft gluon fields. However, collinear fields transform under ultrasoft gauge transformations while ultrasoft fields satisfy the standard QCD transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_n(x) &\rightarrow U_{us}(x)\xi_n(x), & q_{us}(x) &\rightarrow U_{us}(x)q_{us}(x), \\ \mathcal{A}_n^\mu(x) &\rightarrow U_{us}(x)\mathcal{A}_n^\mu(x)U_{us}^\dagger(x), & \mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu(x) &\rightarrow U_{us}(x)\left(\mathcal{A}_{us}^\mu(x) + \frac{i}{g}\partial^\mu\right)U_{us}^\dagger(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Since the gauge transformations of non-local operators require Wilson lines, the SCET requires two distinct Wilson lines, one for each mode.



# Chapter 3

## Wilson lines

In gauge theories, the Wilson line is a crucial mathematical construct used to describe the effect of gauge fields along a specified path in spacetime. The Wilson line captures how the gauge connection affects the phase of a quantum state as it is transported from one point to another. Formally, it is defined as a path-ordered exponential of the gauge field, which encodes the information about the field's configuration along the path. Wilson lines play a key role in various physical contexts, including confinement in quantum chromodynamics (QCD) and the study of topological features in gauge theories. They are also instrumental in understanding the non-perturbative aspects of these theories, providing insights into phenomena such as string tension and the behavior of gauge theories in strong coupling regimes.

### 3.1 Smooth Wilson lines

A Wilson line along a path is a path-ordered exponential of a line integral of a gauge field along a path  $\mathcal{C}$

$$\mathcal{U}^{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int_{\mathcal{C}} dz^{\mu} A_{\mu}(z) \right\}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $A_\mu(z)$  is a gauge field, and  $g$  is a gauge coupling. The Taylor expansion of the Wilson line  $\mathcal{U}^{\mathcal{C}}$  can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{U}^{\mathcal{C}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (ig)^n \mathcal{P} \int_{\mathcal{C}} dz_n^{\mu_n} \cdots dz_1^{\mu_1} A_{\mu_n}(z_n) \cdots A_{\mu_1}(z_1). \quad (3.2)$$

Physically, the  $n$ -th order expansion is thought as the radiation of  $n$  gauge fields. The presence of  $\mathcal{P}$  which stands for path ordering ensures that radiated gauge fields are ordered along the path  $\mathcal{C}$ . The path ordering requirement for fields can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{P} A_{\mu_1}(z_1) \cdots A_{\mu_n}(z_n) = \sum_{\sigma(\zeta_1 \cdots \zeta_n)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta(\zeta_{i+1} - \zeta_i) \right) A_{\mu_1}(\zeta_1) \cdots A_{\mu_n}(\zeta_n), \quad (3.3)$$

where the sum runs over all possible permutations of  $\zeta_i$ . For abelian gauge fields the path ordering has no effect because fields commute

$$\mathcal{P} A_{\mu_1}(z_1) \cdots A_{\mu_n}(z_n) = A_{\mu_1}(z_1) \cdots A_{\mu_n}(z_n). \quad (3.4)$$

Since each term in the expansion represents a power of the same integral, a Wilson line for abelian gauge fields is expressed as

$$\mathcal{U}_a^{\mathcal{C}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (ig)^n \left( \int_{\mathcal{C}} dz^\mu A_\mu(z) \right)^n. \quad (3.5)$$

Obviously, a Wilson line has both a path and field content. The Fourier transform can be utilized to separate one content from another. The path content is given by the integrals

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \frac{1}{n!} (ig)^n \mathcal{P} \int d\zeta_1 \cdots d\zeta_n (z_1^{\mu_1})' \cdots (z_n^{\mu_n})' \exp \left\{ i \prod_{i=1}^n k_i \cdot z_i \right\}, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $\zeta$  is a path parameter and  $k_i$  is a momentum. The  $n$ -th order term of the Wilson line expansion is expressed as

$$\mathcal{U}_n = \int \frac{d^w k_n}{(2\pi)^w} \cdots \frac{d^w k_1}{(2\pi)^w} A_{\mu_n}(-k_n) \cdots A_{\mu_1}(-k_1) \mathcal{I}_n. \quad (3.7)$$

## 3.2 Piece-wise Wilson lines

A Wilson line path  $\mathcal{C}$  can have cusps rather than being smooth [31]. At these points, the path is continuous, but its derivative is discontinuous. Hence, the evaluation of such a Wilson line follows a piece-wise scheme. Since cusps are not natural, they can just appear as a result of interaction with an external force on a smooth path. To evaluate a Wilson line on a piece-wise path  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $N$  smooth segments, we first define the following piece-wise function

$$p(\zeta) = \begin{cases} p^1(\zeta) & \text{if } \zeta = a_1 \cdots a_2, \\ p^2(\zeta) & \text{if } \zeta = a_2 \cdots a_3, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ p^N(\zeta) & \text{if } \zeta = a_N \cdots a_{N'}. \end{cases} \quad (3.8)$$

Even though the path  $\mathcal{C}$  is not entirely smooth because of the presence of cusps, each path of a segment is smooth, thus  $p^J$  is a smooth function. The first-order integral over the  $J$ -th segment involves only the  $J$ -th part of  $p(\zeta)$

$$S_1^J = \int_{a_J}^{a_{J+1}} d\zeta p(\zeta) = \int_{a_J}^{a_{J+1}} d\zeta p^J(\zeta). \quad (3.9)$$

The first-order integral is

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = \sum_{J=1}^N \int_{a_J}^{a_{J+1}} d\zeta p^J(\zeta). \quad (3.10)$$

The second-order integral is more complex than the first-order integral, and one of complications is that the portion of the integral is a piece-wise function

$$\bar{S}_{\zeta_1}^1(i+1) = \begin{cases} \bar{S}_{\zeta_1}^1(i+1) & \text{if } \zeta_1 = a_1 \cdots a_2, \\ S^1(i+1) + \bar{S}_{\zeta_1}^2(i+1) & \text{if } \zeta_1 = a_2 \cdots a_3, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{S}^J(i+1) + \bar{S}_{\zeta_1}^N(i+1) & \text{if } \zeta_1 = a_N \cdots a_{N'}, \end{cases} \quad (3.11)$$

where  $\bar{S}_{\zeta_1}^J$ , and  $\tilde{S}^J$  are given by

$$\bar{S}_{\zeta_1}^J(i+1) = \int_{a_J}^{\zeta_1} d\zeta_2 p_{i+1}(\zeta_2), \quad \tilde{S}^J(i+1) = \sum_{J=1}^{N-1} S^J(i+1). \quad (3.12)$$

At this point it is important to clarify the presence of  $i$  in the above expressions which are related to the second-order integral. Obviously, the value of  $i$  equals 1, but the presence  $i$  instead of its value is beneficial because it allows to easily establish general expressions. The second-order integral is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_2 &= \left\{ \int_{a_1}^{a_{N+1}} d\zeta_1 p_i(\zeta_1) \right\} \left\{ \int_{a_1}^{\zeta_1} d\zeta_2 p_{i+1}(\zeta_2) \right\} \\ &= \int_{a_1}^{a_2} d\zeta_1 p_i(\zeta_1) \int_{a_1}^{\zeta_1} d\zeta_2 p_{i+1}(\zeta_2) + \int_{a_2}^{a_3} d\zeta_1 p_i(\zeta_1) \left\{ (S^1(i+1) + \int_{a_2}^{\zeta_1} d\zeta_2 p_{i+1}(\zeta_2)) \right\} + \cdots \\ &+ \int_{a_N}^{a_{N+1}} d\zeta_1 p_i(\zeta_1) \left\{ \sum_{J=1}^{N-1} S^J(i+1) + \int_{a_N}^{\zeta_1} d\zeta_2 p_{i+1}(\zeta_2) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

The second-order segment integral is defined by

$$S_2^J(i) = \int_{a_J}^{a_{J+1}} d\zeta_1 \int_{a_J}^{\zeta_1} d\zeta_2 p_i^J(\zeta_1) p_{i+1}^J(\zeta_2). \quad (3.14)$$

Substituting Eq.(3.9), and Eq.(3.14) into Eq.(3.13), the expression of  $\mathcal{I}_2$  becomes [31]

$$\mathcal{I}_2 = \sum_{J=1}^N S_2^J(1) + \sum_{J=2}^N \sum_{K=1}^{J-1} S_1^J(1) S_1^K(2). \quad (3.15)$$

The remaining task is to find the expression for the full path integral over separate segments. We first observe that  $S_2$  relies solely on the  $J$ -th segment, with no mixing between segments. We expect this to hold for all orders. Also, for successive segment integrals, there is an increment in the argument, and this is expected to be true for all orders

$$S_{n_1}^{J_1}(i) S_{n_2}^{J_2}(i+1) \cdots S_{n_k}^{J_k}(i+k-1). \quad (3.16)$$

Thus, it is simple to obtain the expression for the  $n$ -th order integral. We simply need to create all potential combinations of  $S_i$ 's that result in  $n$  internal  $p$ 's, ensuring we also include the appropriate number of summation symbols while maintaining the order. The  $n$ -th order integral is expressed as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^i \sum_{J_j=1-j+1}^{J_{j-1}-1} \right)_{J_0=1=N} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{all terms of the form } \sum_{j=1}^i S_{l_j}^{J_j} \\ \text{such that } \sum_{j=1}^i l_j = n \end{array} \right) \right]. \quad (3.17)$$

The corresponding recursion relation is given by

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \sum_{J=1}^N S_n^J + \sum_{J=2}^N \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} S_i^J \mathcal{I}_{n-1}(J-1). \quad (3.18)$$

The expression for the Wilson line can be obtained by replacing every  $S$  with  $\mathcal{U}$  in the last two equations. For example, replacing  $S$  with  $\mathcal{U}$  in the recursion relation, one obtains the expression for the Wilson line

$$\mathcal{U}_n = \sum_{J=1}^N \mathcal{U}_n^J + \sum_{J=2}^N \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathcal{U}_i^J \mathcal{U}_{n-1}(J-1), \quad (3.19)$$

where  $\mathcal{U}_n^J$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{U}_n^J = \left( \frac{ig}{16\pi^4} \right)^n \int d^4k_1 \cdots d^4k_n A_{\mu_1}(k_1) \cdots A_{\mu_n}(k_n) S_n^J. \quad (3.20)$$

The ordering of  $\mathcal{U}_n^J$  is necessary because the gauge fields  $A_\mu(k)$  are non-commutative due to the color generators.

### 3.3 Infinite Wilson lines

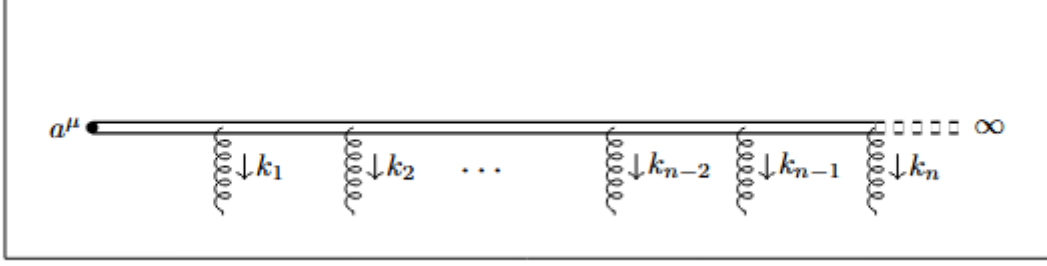
The Wilson line path can be composed of linear segments [31]. In this case, a segment can have one or more infinite end-points, one end of a segment can extend to infinity, or both end-points can extend to infinity connecting  $-\infty$  and  $+\infty$ . We consider a path that starts from a point  $a_\mu$  to infinity along a direction  $n_\mu$ , so that  $z^\mu = a^\mu + n^\mu \zeta$ , where  $\zeta$  is a parameter,  $\zeta = 0, \dots, \infty$ . Then, using the path-ordering Eq. (3.6) can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = (ig)^n n^{\mu_1} \cdots n^{\mu_n} \exp\left(ia \sum_j k_j\right) \int_0^\infty \int_{\zeta_1}^\infty \int_{\zeta_{n-1}}^\infty d\zeta_1 \cdots d\zeta_n \exp\left(i \sum_j (n \cdot k_j + i\eta)\zeta_j\right) \zeta_j. \quad (3.21)$$

Furthermore, we can simplify the expression for  $\mathcal{I}_n$  by evaluating the integrals. First, we realize that the general integral is just the Fourier transform of a Heaviside  $\theta$ -function, hence we can simply write

$$\int_{\zeta_{n-1}}^\infty d\zeta_n \exp\left\{i(n \cdot k_n + i\eta)\zeta_n\right\} = \frac{i}{n \cdot k_n + i\eta} \exp\left\{i(n \cdot k_n + i\eta)\zeta_{n-1}\right\}. \quad (3.22)$$

The result of the above integral has a factor of  $1/(n \cdot k_n)$  and the result of the next integral has a factor of  $1/(n \cdot k_n + n \cdot k_{n-1})$ . The appearance of similar terms allows to write in the compact form the expression for  $\mathcal{I}_n$ . After evaluating all integrals, the quantity  $\mathcal{I}_n$  can be



**Figure 3.1:** The diagram for  $n$ -gluon radiation for a Wilson line going from  $a^\mu$  to  $+\infty$ . The Wilson line path is parametrized with  $\zeta = 0, \dots, \infty$ .

expressed as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = (ig)^n n^{\mu_1} \dots n^{\mu_n} \exp \left\{ ia \sum_j k_j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^n k_l + i\eta}. \quad (3.23)$$

The result of the above equation can be easily obtained by applying the Feynman rules for Wilson lines. These Feynman rules are for momenta that point outward from the Wilson line. The resulting  $n$ -th order diagram is shown in Figure (3.1). For inward momenta, the prescription  $k_i \rightarrow -k_i$  is utilized to obtain the appropriate Feynman rules.

The path of Wilson line can be put into a reversal direction. The action of reversing the path of a Wilson line  $\mathcal{U}_{(a,b)}$  can be represented by

$$\mathcal{U}_{(a,b)} = \mathcal{P} \exp \left( ig \int_a^b dz^\mu A_\mu \right) \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{P}} \exp \left( -ig \int_a^b dz^\mu A_\mu \right), \quad (3.24)$$

where  $\bar{\mathcal{P}}$  is the anti-path ordering which ensures that fields are ordered in reverse. This shows that reversing the path of a Wilson line is directly equivalent to taking a Hermitian conjugate, thus we can simply write

$$\mathcal{U}_{(a,b)} = \mathcal{U}_{(b,a)}^\dagger. \quad (3.25)$$

However, in the standard path ordering, the final result should require to perform the substitution,  $k \rightarrow -k$  since the field  $A_\mu(k)$  transforms as  $A_\mu^\dagger(k) = A_\mu(-k)$ . We can also study

how an infinite Wilson line transforms under the action of the path reversal. In this case, we consider a Wilson line from  $-\infty$  to  $b^\mu$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{U}_{b,-\infty}^\dagger &= \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (ig)^n \int \frac{d^\omega k_n}{(2\pi)^\omega} n.A(-k_n) \cdots n.A(-k_1) \exp \left\{ ib. \sum_j^n k_j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{-i}{n. \sum_{l=1}^j k_l - i\eta} \right]^\dagger, \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-ig)^n \int \frac{d^\omega k_n}{(2\pi)^\omega} n.A^\dagger(k_1) \cdots n.A^\dagger(k_n) \exp \left\{ -ib. \sum_j^n k_j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{i}{n. \sum_{l=1}^j k_l + i\eta} \quad (3.26) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-ig)^n \int \frac{d^\omega k_n}{(2\pi)^\omega} n.A(-k_1) \cdots n.A(-k_n) \exp \left\{ ib. \sum_j^n k_j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{-i}{n. \sum_{l=1}^j k_l - i\eta} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-ig)^n \int \frac{d^\omega k_n}{(2\pi)^\omega} n.A(-k_n) \cdots n.A(-k_1) \exp \left\{ ib. \sum_j^n k_j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{-i}{n. \sum_{l=1}^j k_l - i\eta},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have relabeled the fields according to the prescription,  $1 \rightarrow n, 2 \rightarrow n-1, \dots, n \rightarrow 1$  in the last line of Eq. (3.26). To elucidate the ramifications of the Hermitian conjugate, we reformulate the final expression in terms of the  $n$ -th integrals as follows

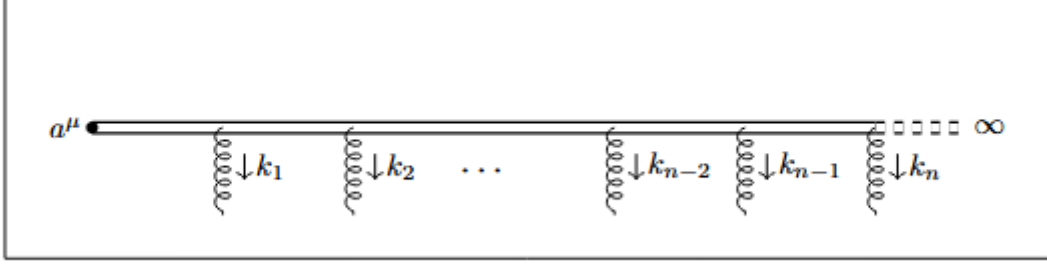
$$\mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}^\dagger = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^\omega k_n}{(2\pi)^\omega} \cdots \frac{d^\omega k_1}{(2\pi)^\omega} A_{\mu_n}(-k_n) \cdots A_{\mu_1}(-k_1) \mathcal{I}_n^\dagger, \quad (3.27)$$

where

$$\mathcal{I}_n^\dagger = (ig)^n (-n^{\mu_1}) \cdots (-n^{\mu_n}) \exp \left\{ ib. \sum_j^n k_j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{i}{-n. \sum_{l=j}^n k_l + i\eta}. \quad (3.28)$$

The expression for the  $n$ -integrals shows that under the prescription  $n^{\mu_j} \rightarrow -n^{\mu_j}$ , the Hermitian conjugate of a Wilson line from  $b^\mu$  to  $-\infty$  is equivalent to a Wilson line from  $b^\mu$  to  $+\infty$ . Similarly, the Hermitian conjugate of a Wilson line from  $b^\mu$  to  $+\infty$  is equivalent to a Wilson





**Figure 3.2:** Changing the path direction of the Wilson line  $\mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}$  is equivalent to taking the Hermitian conjugate  $\mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}^\dagger$ . However, the representation with the standard path ordering requires the prescription,  $n^{\mu_j} \rightarrow -n^{\mu_j}$ , and the new path direction that goes from  $b^\mu$  to  $+\infty$ .

line from  $b^\mu$  to  $-\infty$  under the same prescription

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}^\dagger &= \mathcal{U}_{(+\infty,b)}|_{n^{\mu_j} \rightarrow -n^{\mu_j}}, \\ \mathcal{U}_{(+\infty,b)}^\dagger &= \mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}|_{n^{\mu_j} \rightarrow -n^{\mu_j}}.\end{aligned}\tag{3.29}$$

The path flow from left to right implies the presence of  $n^{\mu_j}$  whereas the path flow from right to left implies the presence of  $-n^{\mu_j}$  in the  $n$ -integrals. Figure (3.2) shows the reversed Wilson line of  $\mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}$ , the arrow on the Wilson line indicates the direction of the path flow. Now, we consider a finite Wilson line of path  $\mathcal{C}$  from a point  $a^\mu$  to a point  $b^\mu$ . In terms of the parameter  $\zeta$  we define the variable

$$z^\mu = a^\mu + n^\mu \zeta, \quad \lambda = 0, \dots, \|b - a\| = (a^\mu - b^\mu)/n^\mu\tag{3.30}$$

Assume that there exist two paths  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  such that  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 + \mathcal{C}_2$ . Then, we can express the Wilson line  $\mathcal{U}$  of a path  $\mathcal{C}$  as

$$\mathcal{U}_{(b,a)} = \mathcal{U}_{(b,+\infty)}\mathcal{U}_{(+\infty,a)} = \mathcal{U}_{(b,-\infty)}\mathcal{U}_{(-\infty,a)}.\tag{3.31}$$

The corresponding  $n$ -th segment integral is expressed as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = (ig)^n n^{\mu_1} \dots n^{\mu_n} \exp \left\{ ia \cdot \sum_j k_j \right\} \int_0^{\|b-a\|} \int_0^{\zeta_n} \dots \int_0^{\zeta_2} d\zeta_n \dots d\zeta_1 \exp \left\{ in \cdot \sum_j k_j \zeta_j \right\}. \quad (3.32)$$

For the moment, we can disregard the factors in front of the integrals without loss of generality. The result of the first-order integral is expressed as

$$\mathcal{I}_1(k_1) = \int_0^{\|b-a\|} d\zeta_1 \exp \left\{ in \cdot k_1 \zeta_1 \right\} = \frac{-i}{n \cdot k_1} \left( \exp \{ i(b-a) \cdot k_1 - 1 \} \right). \quad (3.33)$$

The derivation of the recursive relation can be done without much effort. The expression for the  $n$ -th order term is given by

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \left( \exp \left\{ i \cdot (b-a) \cdot \sum_{m+1}^n k_j \right\} - 1 \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^m k_l} \right) \left( \prod_{j=m+1}^n \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=m+1}^n k_l} \right). \quad (3.34)$$

As expected, we realize that the  $n$ -th order term vanishes in the limit,  $a \rightarrow b$ . There are exactly  $n$  terms without exponential, thus the eikonal identity can be obtained if we add to the sum of these  $n$  terms another term  $m = n$

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \left( \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^m k_l} \right) \left( \prod_{j=m+1}^n \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=m+1}^n k_l} \right) = 0. \quad (3.35)$$

The above expression represents the eikonal identity and is useful in the abelian limit of QCD. The eikonal identity allows to write the equality

$$\left( \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^m k_l} \right) \left( \prod_{j=m+1}^n \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=m+1}^n k_l} \right) = - \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^n k_l}. \quad (3.36)$$

The substitution of the above equality into the expression for the  $n$ -order term leads to the following expression

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_n &= \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \exp \left\{ i(b-a) \cdot \sum_{m+1}^n k_j \right\} \left( \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^m k_l} \right) \left( \prod_{j=m+1}^n \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=m+1}^n k_l} \right) + \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^n k_j} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^n \exp \left\{ i(b-a) \cdot \sum_{m+1}^n k_j \right\} \left( \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=j}^m k_l} \right) \left( \prod_{j=m+1}^n \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=m+1}^n k_l} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.37)$$

Incorporating the factors in front of Eq. (3.32) into Eq. (3.37) and simplifying the overall first factor, the resulting path content can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \sum_{m=0}^n \left( \prod_{j=1}^m (ig)n^{\mu_j} \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_j^m k_j} \exp(ia \cdot k_j) \right) \left( \prod_{j=m+1}^n (ig)n^{\mu_j} \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=m+1}^j k_l} \exp(ib \cdot k_j) \right). \quad (3.38)$$

Also, we can sum over  $n$  from zero to infinity and add the same convergence terms in the fractions to obtain a product of two half-infinite Wilson lines. Hence, the path content of a product of two half-infinite Wilson lines can be expressed as

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_n = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (ig)n^{\mu_j} \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_j^n k_j \pm i\eta} \exp(ia \cdot k_j) \right) \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (ig)n^{\mu_j} \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_{l=1}^j k_l \pm i\eta} \exp(ib \cdot k_j) \right) \right). \quad (3.39)$$

Here, + and - in  $\pm i\eta$  indicate that the path content corresponds to two lower bound and two upper bound Wilson lines respectively.

A Wilson line can have an infinite linear segment from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ . If the path of direction

$n^\mu$  contains a point  $r^\mu$ , for a parameter  $\zeta$ , we define the following variable

$$z^\mu = r^\mu + n^\mu \zeta, \quad \zeta = -\infty, \dots, +\infty. \quad (3.40)$$

In this case, the path content is expressed as

$$\mathcal{I} = (ig)^n n^{\mu_1} \dots n^{\mu_n} \exp \left\{ ir \cdot \sum_j k_j \right\} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\zeta_2} d\zeta_n \dots d\zeta_1 \exp \left\{ in \cdot \sum_j k_j \zeta_j \right\}. \quad (3.41)$$

We can compute each integral to obtain the final expression for  $\mathcal{I}$ . Using the usual method of the Fourier transform of a Heaviside  $\theta$ -function to find the result of each integral, we realize that the integral from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  is divergent when other integrals are each finite and, vice versa. The solution to resolve the issue would be to regulate the path [32]. The parametrization for the regularized path is defined as

$$z_\xi^\mu = r^\mu + \frac{2}{\xi} \tanh \left( \frac{\xi}{2} \zeta \right) n^\mu, \quad \xi > 0, \quad \zeta = -\infty, \dots, +\infty. \quad (3.42)$$

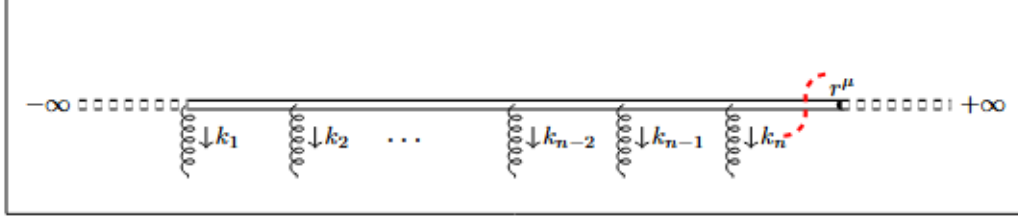
The result for the first-order integral is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\zeta_2} d\zeta_1 \operatorname{sech}^2 \left( \frac{\xi}{2} \zeta_1 \right) \exp \left\{ i \frac{2}{\xi} (n \cdot k_1 - i\eta) \tanh \left( \frac{\xi}{2} \zeta_1 \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{-i}{n \cdot k_1 - i\eta} \left[ \exp \left\{ i \frac{2}{\xi} (n \cdot k_1 - i\eta) \tanh \left( \frac{\xi}{2} \zeta_2 \right) \right\} - \exp \left\{ -i \frac{2}{\xi} (n \cdot k_1 - i\eta) \right\} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

Using the recursion relation, we find that the  $n$ -th term is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_n &= 2i \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \exp \left\{ -i \frac{2}{\xi} \left( n \cdot \sum_l^m k_l - i\eta \right) \right\} \sin \left[ \frac{2}{\xi} \left( n \cdot \sum_{m+1}^n k_j - i\eta \right) \right] \\ &\quad \times \prod_l^m \frac{i}{n \cdot \sum_j^m k_l - i\eta} \prod_{m+1}^n \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_j^{m+1} k_j - i\eta}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

The  $n$ -th term for the original path can be obtained by taking the limit,  $\xi \rightarrow 0$ . By incorpo-



**Figure 3.3:** The diagram for  $n$ -gluon radiation from a Wilson line going from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ . The red line belongs to the cut propagator. The Wilson line path is parametrized with  $\zeta = -\infty, \dots, +\infty$ .

rating the factors in front the  $n$ -th term path for the original path is expressed as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = (ig)^n n^{\mu_1} \dots n^{\mu_n} \left( \prod_1^{n-1} \frac{-i}{n \cdot \sum_1^j k_l - i\eta} \right) 2\pi \delta \left( n \cdot \sum_1^n k_j - i\eta \right), \quad (3.45)$$

where  $\delta$  is the nascent delta function with the weak limit,  $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \delta_\xi(x) = \delta(x)$ , for an infinitesimal parameter  $\xi > 0$ , which relates  $\delta_\xi$  and  $\delta$  through the shifting property.

One proper method to represent an infinite Wilson line is to position all emitted gluons on one side of the point  $r^\mu$  as shown in Figure (3.3). The diagram shows that there are  $n$  gluons and  $k_n$  is the momentum of the  $n$ -th momentum. In this case, the contribution for the cut propagator is  $\delta(n \cdot k + i\eta)$ .

# Chapter 4

## Transverse Momentum Dependent (TMD) Physics

### 4.1 Introduction

This section presents an introduction to transverse momentum dependent distributions, commonly known as TMDs. These distributions encapsulate the quantum correlations between hadron polarization and the motion and polarization of quarks and gluons within it. We will include a detailed examination of the fundamental and universally applicable TMDs, along with their defining characteristics. We will explore TMD factorization formalisms, which allow the alignment of these quantum distributions with physical observables observed in high-energy scattering experiments. Additionally, we will delve into various phenomenological methodologies for extracting these distributions from meticulously gathered experimental data. The subsequent portion of this section will offer an intuitive overview of the TMDs and their significance in elucidating the internal structure of hadrons.

### 4.1.1 Twist-2 TMD functions

Cross sections of DIS processes can be expressed in terms of a leptonic tensor and a hadronic tensor. In the Bjorken limit, it is possible to write the hadronic part in terms of the hard part and the soft part, containing the information on the parton distribution inside a hadron. This soft part is just a correlation function of quark fields between hadronic states. In one-particle inclusive processes, two types of correlation functions are necessary, one that characterizes the distributions of quarks and another that describes the hadronization of quarks into observable hadrons. At leading order in  $1/Q$  (twist-2), where  $Q$  represents the hard scale of collision, the primary correlation functions of interest are the quark-quark correlation functions. The quark-quark correlation functions can be expressed as

$$\Phi_{ij}^q(k, P, S|n) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} e^{ik \cdot \xi^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) \mathcal{W}_0(0, \xi^-) | n \rangle \psi_i^q(\xi^-) | P, S \rangle, \quad (4.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{i,j}^{h/q}(p, P_h, S_h | \bar{n}) &= \int_{\mathcal{F}_X} \int \frac{d^4\xi}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ip \cdot \xi} \langle 0 | \mathcal{W}_1(\infty, \xi | \bar{n}) \psi_i^q(\xi) | P_h, S_h, X \rangle \\ &\quad \times \langle P_h, S_h, X | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) \mathcal{W}_2(0, \infty) | \bar{n} \rangle | 0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_X \equiv \sum_X \int d^3\mathbf{P}_X / (2\pi)^3 2P_X^0$ . The quark  $q$  emerging from the target proton has a momentum  $k$ , and the quark  $q$  decaying into a hadron has a momentum  $p$ . The Wilson line is denoted by  $\mathcal{W}_a$ . The quantity  $P(P_h)$  is the momentum of the proton(outgoing hadron) of spin  $S(S_h)$ , and  $n(\bar{n})$  is the lightlike vector conjugate to the momentum  $P(P_h)$ . If the hadron in the final state has a small but nonzero transverse momentum,  $\Lambda_{QCD} \lesssim P_{h\perp} \ll Q$ , that is likely to originate from the transverse motion of quarks inside a hadron, one can apply the TMD formalism. Thus, the correlation functions can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{ij}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, P, S|n) &= \int dk^- \Phi_{ij}^q(k, P, S|n) \\ &= \int \frac{d\xi^- d^2\xi_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot \xi} \left[ \langle P, S | \bar{\Phi}_j^q(0) \mathcal{W}_0(0, \xi) | n \rangle \Phi_i^q(\xi) | P, S \rangle \right]_{\xi^+ = 0}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{ij}^{h/q}(z, \mathbf{p}_\perp, P_h, S_h | \bar{n}) &= \int dp^+ \Delta_{ij}^q(p, P_h, S_h | \bar{n}) \\
&= \int_X \int \frac{d\xi^+ d^2\xi_\perp}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot \xi} [\langle 0 | \mathcal{W}_1(\infty, \xi | \bar{n}) \psi_i^q(\xi) | P_h, S_h, X \rangle \\
&\quad \times \langle P_h, S_h, X | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) | \mathcal{W}_2(0, \infty) | \bar{n} \rangle | 0 \rangle]_{\xi^- = 0}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

The leading twist contributions are obtained by performing the Sudakov decomposition of Lorentz structures. Starting from the correlation function for PDF, we define a new  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$ -dependent correlation function in terms of Dirac traces as follows

$$\Phi^{q\Gamma}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, P, S | n) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [\Phi^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, P, S | n) \Gamma]. \tag{4.5}$$

These traces allow to express the correlation function  $\Phi^{q\Gamma}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, P, S | n)$  in terms of eight twist-2 TMD PDFs as follows [33, 34]

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi^{q[\gamma^+]} &= f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) - \frac{\epsilon_\perp^{ij} k_\perp^i S_\perp^j}{M} f_{1T}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2), \\
\Phi^{q[\gamma^+ \gamma_5]} &= \lambda g_{1T}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) + \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{S}_\perp}{M} g_{1T}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2), \\
\Phi^{q[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5]} &= S_\perp^i h_{1T}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) + \frac{\epsilon_\perp^{ij} k_\perp^j}{M} h_{1T}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) + \frac{k_\perp^i}{M} \left[ \lambda h_{1L}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) + \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{S}_\perp}{M} h_{1T}^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

where  $M$  represents the mass of the nucleon (e.g., proton) in the initial state. We adopt the definitions,  $\epsilon_\perp^{ij} = \epsilon^{-+ij}$  with  $\epsilon_\perp^{12} = 1$ , and  $2\sigma^{\mu\nu} = i[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$ . The collinear counterparts

	<b>U</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>U</b>	$f_1$		$h_1^\perp$
<b>L</b>		$g_{1L}$	$h_{1L}^\perp$
<b>T</b>	$f_{1T}^\perp$	$g_{1T}$	$h_1, h_{1T}^\perp$

**Table 4.1:** Illustration of eight twist-2 TMD-PDFs. The notations U, L, T correspond to unpolarized, longitudinally or transversely polarized quarks (columns) and nucleons (rows) respectively.

are obtained by integrating over the transverse momentum  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$ , for instance the collinear



unpolarized PDF is given by

$$f_1^q(x) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp \Phi^q[\gamma^+]. \quad (4.7)$$

There is no contribution from  $f_{1T}^{\perp q}$  to the collinear PDF because not all twist-2 functions possess counterparts upon integration over  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$ , the only functions that possess counterparts are shown in blue in Table (4.1). The functions which change sign under time-reversal are shown in red, while those that do not change sign under time-reversal are shown in black in Table (4.1). Similarly, starting from the correlation function for FF, we define a new  $\mathbf{p}_\perp$ -dependent correlation in terms of Dirac traces as follows

$$\Delta^{h/q[\Gamma]}(z, \mathbf{p}_\perp, P_h, S_h|\bar{n}) = \frac{1}{4z} \text{Tr} \left[ \Delta^{h/q}(z, \mathbf{p}_\perp, P_h, S_h|\bar{n}) \Gamma \right]. \quad (4.8)$$

The traces provide various forms of correlation function  $\Delta^{h/q[\Gamma]}(z, \mathbf{p}_\perp, P_h, S_h|\bar{n})$  which are expressed in terms of eight twist-2 TMD FFs as follows [35]

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{h/q[\gamma^-]} &= D_1^{h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2) + \frac{\epsilon^{ij} P_\perp^i S_{h\perp}^j}{M_h} D_{1T}^{\perp h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \Delta^{h/q[\gamma^-\gamma_5]} &= \lambda_h G_{1L}^{h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2) + \frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{S}_{h\perp}}{M_h} G_{1T}^{h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2), \\ \Delta^{h/q[i\sigma^{i-}\gamma_5]} &= S_{h\perp}^i H_{1T}^{h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2) - \frac{\epsilon_\perp^{ij} p_\perp^j}{M_h} H_1^{\perp h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \\ &\quad \times \frac{p_\perp^i}{M_h} \left[ \lambda_h H_{1T}^{\perp h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2) + \frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{S}_{h\perp}}{M_h} H_{1T}^{\perp h/q}(z, z^2\mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

where  $M_h$  is the mass of the outgoing hadron. The collinear counterparts are obtained by integrating over the transverse momentum of the outgoing hadron  $P_{h\perp}$ . Table (4.2) shows the eight twist-2 TMD FFs. The fragmentation functions that possess the counterparts are shown in blue in Table (4.2). The functions that change sign under time-reversal are shown in red in Table (4.2). The function  $D_{1T}^\perp$  is the polarizing fragmentation function and can thus be regarded as the analog of the Sivers function for FFs. Sometimes quantities such

	U	L	T
U	$D_1$		$H_1^\perp$
L		$G_{1L}$	$H_{1L}^\perp$
T	$D_{1T}^\perp$	$G_{1T}$	$H_1, H_{1T}^\perp$

**Table 4.2:** Illustration of eight twist-2 TMD-FFs. The notations U, L, T correspond to unpolarized, longitudinally or transversely polarized quarks (columns) and nucleons (rows) respectively.

as structures functions can be easily expressed in terms of the  $k_\perp(p_\perp)$ -moments of TMD distributions. The general expressions for these  $k_\perp(p_\perp)$ -moments are

$$f^{(n)}(x) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp \left(\frac{k_\perp^2}{2M^2}\right)^n f(x, k_\perp^2), \quad D^{(n)}(z) = z^2 \int d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp \left(\frac{p_\perp^2}{2M_h^2}\right)^n D(z, z^2 p_\perp^2), \quad (4.10)$$

Hence, one can obtain an expression of the  $n$ -th moment for each TMD function. For instance, the first moments for the Sivers function  $f_{1T}^\perp$  and the Collins fragmentation function  $H_1^\perp$  are given by

$$f_{1T}^{\perp(1)}(x) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp \left(\frac{k_\perp^2}{2M^2}\right) f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_\perp^2), \quad H_1^{\perp(1)}(z) = z^2 \int d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp \left(\frac{p_\perp^2}{2M_h^2}\right) H_1^\perp(z, z^2 p_\perp^2). \quad (4.11)$$

The above moments are related to collinear twist-3 functions. The first moment of the Sivers function is related to the Qiu-Sterman function, and the first moment of the Collins function is related to the twist-3 fragmentation function.

### 4.1.2 Twist-3 TMD functions

Twist-3 correlation functions are key objects in the study of hadronic structure, particularly in the context of non-perturbative QCD effects. Unlike twist-2 functions, which describe the leading behavior at high energies, twist-3 functions, on the other hand, describe subleading effects and provide additional information about the hadronic structure, including contri-

butions from quark-gluon correlations and higher-order QCD effects. These functions arise in the description of phenomena like higher-twist contributions to deep inelastic scattering (DIS), as well as in the study of hadronic transverse momentum distributions, the transverse spin structure, and the analysis of certain asymmetries. Mathematically, twist-3 correlators typically involve higher derivatives or more intricate tensor structures compared to twist-2, and they play a crucial role in understanding the dynamics of partons inside hadrons at a more detailed level, particularly in the presence of non-perturbative effects that cannot be captured by leading-order approximations. In the twist-3 case, we can consider the following quark-quark and quark-gluon-quark correlation functions [36]

$$\Phi_{ij}^q(x, P, S_\perp) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P, S_\perp | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) \psi_i^q(\xi^-) | P, S_\perp \rangle, \quad (4.12)$$

$$\Phi_{\partial_\perp, ij}^{q,\mu}(x, P, S_\perp) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+\xi^-} \langle P, S_\perp | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) \partial_\perp^\mu \psi_i^q(\xi^-) | P, S_\perp \rangle, \quad (4.13)$$

$$\Phi_{A, ij}^{q,\mu}(x, x_1, P, S_\perp) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} \frac{d\zeta^-}{2\pi} e^{ix_1P^+\xi^-} e^{i(x-x_1)P^+\zeta^-} \langle P, S_\perp | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) A_\perp^\mu(\zeta^-) \psi_i^q(\xi^-) | P, S_\perp \rangle. \quad (4.14)$$

Here, we emphasize that Wilson lines have been suppressed in the above correlators. It is worth to mention that Wilson lines are reduced to unity in the light-cone gauge. For gauge invariance, the gluon field  $A_\perp$  in Eq. (4.14) for the quark-gluon-quark correlator can be replaced either with the covariant derivative  $iD_\perp^\rho = i\partial^\rho + gA_\perp^\rho$  or the field strength tensor  $F_\perp^{+\rho}$  in the light-cone gauge ( $A^+ = 0$ ). The expansion allows the quark-gluon-quark correlator to be expressed in terms of twist-3 correlation functions [37]

$$\Phi_{D, ij}^{q,\mu}(x, x_1, P, S_T) = \frac{1}{2} M [F_{DT}^q(x, x_1) i\epsilon_1^{\mu\nu} S_{\perp\nu} \gamma^- + G_{DT}^q(x, x_1) S_1^\mu \gamma_5 \gamma^-]_{(ij)}, \quad (4.15)$$

$$\Phi_{F, ij}^{q,\mu}(x, x_1, P, S_T) = \frac{1}{2} M' [F_{FT}^q(x, x_1) \epsilon_1^{\mu\nu} S_{\perp\nu} \gamma^- - G_{FT}^q(x, x_1) iS_1^\mu \gamma_5 \gamma^-]_{(ij)}, \quad (4.16)$$

where  $M' = M/P^+$ . The field  $A_\perp$  in Eq. (4.14) has been replaced by  $iD_\perp^\rho$  and  $F_\perp^{+\rho}$  to obtain Eq. (4.15) and Eq. (4.16) respectively. The parity and time reversal implies the following

relations

$$F_{DT}^q(x, x_1) = -F_{DT}^q(x_1, x), \quad G_{DT}^q(x, x_1) = G_{DT}^q(x_1, x), \quad (4.17)$$

$$F_{FT}^q(x, x_1) = F_{FT}^q(x_1, x), \quad G_{FT}^q(x, x_1) = -G_{FT}^q(x_1, x). \quad (4.18)$$

The above expressions form the following relations

$$\begin{aligned} F_{DT}^q(x, x_1) &= \mathcal{P}_V \frac{1}{x - x_1} F_{FT}^q(x, x_1), \\ G_{DT}^q(x, x_1) &= \mathcal{P}_V \frac{1}{x - x_1} G_{FT}^q(x, x_1) + \delta(x - x_1) \tilde{g}^q(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

Here,  $\mathcal{P}_V$  is the principal value, and  $\tilde{g}$  is the additional twist-3 function which is defined as the first  $k_\perp$ -moment of  $g_{1T}^q$  [36]. The quark-quark correlator of Eq. (4.12) leads to a contribution from the twist-3  $g_T^q$  as follows

$$\text{Tr} [\Phi^q(x, P, S_\perp)] = \frac{2M}{P^+} S_\perp^\mu g_\perp^q(x). \quad (4.20)$$

Hence, we have already identified six twist-3 PDFs. In the twist-3 FF case, we can consider the following correlation functions

$$\Delta_{ij}^{h/q}(z, P_h) = \rlap{-}\int_X z \int \frac{d\xi^+}{2\pi} e^{iP_h^- \xi^+ / z} \langle 0 | \psi_i^q(\xi^+) | P_h, X \rangle \langle P_h, X | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) | 0 \rangle, \quad (4.21)$$

$$\Delta_{\partial_1, ij}^{h/q, \mu}(z, P_h) = \rlap{-}\int_X z \int \frac{d\xi^+}{2\pi} e^{iP_h^- \xi^+ / z} \langle 0 | \partial_1^\mu \psi_i^q(\xi^+) | P_h, X \rangle \langle P_h, X | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) | 0 \rangle, \quad (4.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{A, ij}^{h/q, \mu}(z, z_1, P_h) &= \rlap{-}\int_X \frac{1}{z} \int \frac{d\xi^+}{2\pi} \frac{d\zeta^+}{2\pi} e^{iP_h^- \xi^+ / z_1} e^{i(z_1 - z) P_h^- \zeta^+ / z_1} \langle 0 | A_\perp^\mu(\zeta^+) \psi_i^q(\xi^+) | P_h, X \rangle \\ &\times \langle P_h, X | \bar{\psi}_j^q(0) | 0 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (4.23)$$

Similar to twist-3 distribution correlators, the Wilson lines are suppressed and will not contribute in the light-cone gauge ( $A^+ = 0$ ). Similar to twist-3 distribution correlators, the gluon field  $A_\perp$  in Eq. (4.23) can be replaced by the covariant derivative  $iD^\rho$  or the field

strength tensor  $F_{\perp}^{+\rho}$  which lead to the following twist-3 FFs

$$\Delta_{F,ij}^{h/q,\mu}(z, z_1, P_h) = -M_h \left[ i\epsilon_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\nu}^{+} \gamma_5 \hat{H}_{FU}^{h/q}(z, z_1) \right]_{(ij)}, \quad (4.24)$$

$$\Delta_{D,ij}^{h/q,\mu}(z, z_1, P_h) = -\frac{M_h}{P_h^-} \left[ \epsilon_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\nu}^{+} \gamma_5 \hat{H}_{DU}^{h/q}(z, z_1) \right]_{(ij)}, \quad (4.25)$$

where  $\hat{H}_{FU}^{h/q}(z, z_1)$  and  $\hat{H}_{DU}^{h/q}(z, z_1)$  are twist-3 complex functions. In terms of the principle value  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}$ , and the twist-3 function  $\hat{H}^{h/q}(z)$ , they can be expressed as

$$\hat{H}_{DU}^{h/q}(z, z_1) = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{1}{\not{Z}} \hat{H}_{FU}^{h/q}(z, z_1) - \frac{i}{z^2} \hat{H}^{h/q}(z) \delta(\not{Z}), \quad (4.26)$$

where  $\not{Z} = (z_1 - z)/zz_1$ . The function  $\bar{H}^{h/q}(z)$  can be obtained from the Collins function  $H_1^{\perp h/q}(z, z^2 \mathbf{p}_{\perp}^2)$  by double-integrating over  $\mathbf{p}_{\perp}$ , thus  $\hat{H}^{h/q}(z)$  is similar to the function  $H_1^{\perp h/q(1)}(z)$  which is the first  $\mathbf{p}_{\perp}$ -moment of the Collins function. The quark-quark correlation function  $\Delta_{ij}^{h/q}(z, P_h)$  leads to the following expressions [33]

$$\text{Tr} \left[ \Delta^{h/q}(z, P_h) i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \right] = \frac{4M_h}{P_h^-} \epsilon_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} H^{h/q}(z), \quad \text{Tr} \left[ \Delta^{h/q}(z, P_h) \cdot \mathbb{1} \right] = \frac{4M_h}{P_h} E^{h/q}(z), \quad (4.27)$$

where  $H^{h/q}(z)$  and  $E^{h/q}(z)$  are the twist-3 functions. These twist-3 functions also can be expressed in terms of the  $z_1$ -integration of imaginary part of  $\hat{H}_{DU}^{h/q}(z, z_1)$  and the real part of  $\hat{H}_{FU}^{h/q}(z, z_1)$  respectively. Eq. (4.26) contains three twist-3 FFs and Eq. (4.27) contains two twist-3 FFs; thus, we obtain five twist-3 FFs.

## 4.2 TMD factorization theorems

This section presents a fundamental overview of the TMD factorization theorems pertaining to the Drell-Yan process,  $pp \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z \rightarrow l^+l^-$ , involving unpolarized protons. This serves the purpose of establishing fundamental notations and concepts essential to elucidate TMD factorization. To explore hard scattering processes effectively, employing light-cone coordi-

nates proves advantageous. This choice is driven by the fact that the dynamics of hadrons are predominantly examined along the collision axis, involving partons whose behavior is characterized by fluctuations near the light-cone. The momenta  $P_A$ , and  $P_B$  of the incoming protons in Drell-Yan process are defined as

$$P_A^\mu = P_A^+(1, e^{-2Y_A}, \mathbf{0}_T), \quad P_B^\mu = P_B^-(e^{+2Y_B}, 1, \mathbf{0}_T), \quad (4.28)$$

where the components have the form,  $p^\mu = (p^+, p^-, \mathbf{p}_T)$  and the proton rapidities are defined as

$$Y_A = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{P_A^+}{P_A^-} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2(P_A^+)^2}{m_p^2}, \quad Y_B = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{P_B^+}{P_B^-} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{m_p^2}{2(P_B^-)^2}, \quad (4.29)$$

where  $m_p$  is the proton mass. The massless limit,  $m_p \rightarrow 0$ , leads to  $Y_{A,B} \rightarrow \pm\infty$ , and then the protons are exactly aligned along the light-cone directions. For a lepton pair  $l^+l^-$  of total momentum  $q^\mu$  and invariant mass  $Q^2 = q^2$ , the lepton pair rapidity  $Y$  and transverse momentum  $q_T$  are defined as

$$Y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{q^+}{q^-}, \quad q_T^\mu = (0, q_T^x, q_T^y, 0). \quad (4.30)$$

Here,  $q_T^\mu$  is defined with respect to the Minkowski space-time  $(t, x, y, z)$ . The Euclidean transverse momentum is denoted by  $\mathbf{q}_T$ . Assuming that  $Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$ , the cross section is decomposed as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_T} = \left( \frac{d\sigma^W}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_T} + \frac{d\sigma^Y}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_T} \right) \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{Q^2}\right) \right], \quad (4.31)$$

where  $d\sigma^W$  represents the portion of the cross section that predominates at small  $q_T$  values and is commonly referred to as the  $W$  term. This part of the cross section includes all terms that are proportional to  $1/q_T^2$  as  $q_T$  approaches zero at any order of expansion in the strong coupling  $\alpha_s$ . The remaining portion  $d\sigma^Y$ , usually referred as the  $Y$  term [38, 39, 40], is

suppressed by  $\mathcal{O}(q_T^2/Q^2)$  with respect to  $d\sigma^W$ . The TMD factorization was first put forward by Collins, Soper and Sterman (CSS) and in their original formulation, the  $\sigma^W$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^W}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_T} &= \sum_{\bar{j}} \mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}(Q^2, \mu, \rho) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} \tilde{f}_{j/p}(x_a, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \tilde{\zeta}_a, \rho) \\ &\quad \times \tilde{f}_{\bar{j}/p}(x_b, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \tilde{\zeta}_b, \rho), \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

where  $\tilde{\zeta}$  and  $\rho$  are rapidity regulator parameters, and  $\mathbf{b}_T$  is the two-dimensional variable which is conjugate to the transverse momentum  $\mathbf{q}_T$ . The hard function  $\mathcal{H}_{q\bar{q}}$  stands for corrections to the hard process,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z \rightarrow l^+l^-$ . In the modern formulation proposed by Collins [41], which results in a factorization theorem analogous to several definitions in soft-collinear effective theories (SCET) [42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48] the cross section  $d\sigma^W$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^W}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_T} &= \sum_{\bar{j}} \mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}(Q^2, \mu) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} \tilde{f}_{j/p}(x_a, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_a) \tilde{f}_{\bar{j}/p}(x_b, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_b) \\ &= \sum_{\bar{j}} \mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}(Q^2, \mu) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{j/p}(x_a, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_a/\nu^2) \\ &\quad \times \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\bar{j}/p}(x_b, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_b/\nu^2) \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(b_T, \mu, \nu), \end{aligned} \quad (4.33)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  is the soft function which encodes soft exchange between partons  $(j, \bar{j})$ , and  $\nu$  is the rapidity renormalization scale. The function  $\tilde{f}$  is the unpolarized TMD parton distribution function (PDF), and the function  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is the TMD beam function (BF). This function describes the collinear radiation close to the proton. For a quark flavor  $q$ , the simple relation between these two functions can be expressed as

$$\tilde{f}_{q/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) = \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{q/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta/\nu^2) \sqrt{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(b_T, \mu, \nu)}. \quad (4.34)$$

The dependence of the TMD PDFs on both  $\mu$  and  $\zeta$  are governed by evolution equations which allow to evolve from initial scales  $\mu_0$  and  $\zeta_0$  to final scales  $\mu$  and  $\zeta$ . The final Collins-

Soper scales  $\zeta_{a,b}$  are defined as

$$\zeta_a = 2(x_a P_A^+)^2 e^{-2y} = x_a^2 m_p^2 e^{2(Y_A - y)}, \quad \zeta_b = 2(x_b P_A^+)^2 e^{-2y} = x_b^2 m_p^2 e^{2(Y_B - y)}, \quad (4.35)$$

where  $Y_A$  and  $Y_B$  are the rapidities of protons A and B respectively. In the center of momentum frame,  $Y_A = Y_B$ . The variable  $y$  represents the rapidity which govern an additional scheme dependence that cancels between the two TMD PDFs. The combination of  $\zeta_a$  and  $\zeta_b$  is directly related to the hard scale  $Q$  as follows

$$\zeta_a \zeta_b = (2x_a x_b P_A^+ P_B^-)^2 = Q^4. \quad (4.36)$$

The quantity,  $2P_A^+ P_B^- = (P_A^+ + P_B^-)^2$  is just the center of mass energy  $s$  of the proton-proton ( $pp$ ) collision. Since  $y$  does not have other great benefit than allowing to obtain evolution equations with respect to  $\zeta_{a,b}$  the frequently adopted choice is  $y = 0$ . The main difference between Eq. (4.32) and Eq. (4.33) is the nature of the scheme which is utilized for the hard function  $\mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}$  that directly defines the scheme for the remaining functions because the cross section  $\sigma^W$  is scheme-independent. The hard function  $\mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}$  described in Eq. (4.33) is established within the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  framework, therefore affected solely by the hard scale  $Q$  and the renormalization scale  $\mu$ . The hard function  $\mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}$  in Eq. (4.33) can be obtained using  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  subtractions of  $1/\epsilon$  poles in dimensional regularization with  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ . However, The hard function  $\mathcal{H}_{j,\bar{j}}$  in Eq. (4.32) depends on an additional scale  $\rho$ , and the TMD formalism uses different Collins-Soper scales.

### 4.3 TMD parton distribution functions

This section explores fundamental field theory definitions of transverse momentum dependent parton distribution functions (TMDPDFs). For more details, see Ref. [49]. In Drell-Yan



process, the definition for a TMDPDF can be expressed as

$$\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \tau \rightarrow 0}} Z_{uv}^i(\mu, \zeta, \epsilon) \frac{\tilde{f}_{i/p}^{0(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+)}{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)s}(b_T, \epsilon, \tau)} \sqrt{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)}(b_T, \epsilon, \tau)}, \quad (4.37)$$

where expressions with the superscript  $^0$  are bare quantities, for example,  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)}$  is the bare soft function, and  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)s}$  is the subtracted bare soft function. They experience both ultraviolet (UV) and rapidity divergences. The UV divergences can be regulated using dimensional regularization with  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$  dimensions, and rapidity divergences necessitate a regulator [50, 38, 51, 52, 42, 45, 53] which is indicated by  $\tau$  in Eq. (4.37). The divergences in rapidity effectively nullify each other across different factors in Eq. (4.37), such that the renormalization counterterm  $Z_{uv}^i$  in Eq. (4.37) only addresses divergences in  $\epsilon$ . Typically, UV divergences lead to the introduction of the renormalization scale  $\mu$ , which is established within the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme. Similarly, the presence of rapidity divergences introduces sensitivity to the Collins-Soper scale  $\zeta$  [39, 54], the precise definition of which relies on the chosen regulator  $\epsilon$ . Since there are two protons in the process of interest, half of the soft function integrates into the TMDPDF  $f_{i/p}$ , while the other half integrates into the TMDPDF  $f_{j/p}$  associated with the other proton. After the renormalization of both UV and rapidity divergences, the renormalized beam and soft functions in Eq. (4.33) are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta/\nu^2) &= \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \tau \rightarrow 0}} Z_{uv(\mathcal{B})}^i(b_T, \mu, \nu, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+) \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{i/p}^0(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+), \\ \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(b_T, \mu, \nu) &= \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \tau \rightarrow 0}} Z_{uv(\mathcal{S})}^i(b_T, \mu, \nu, \epsilon, \tau) \tilde{\mathcal{S}}^0(b_T, \epsilon, \tau). \end{aligned} \quad (4.38)$$

The bare beam function  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}^0$  can be expressed in terms of the bare unsubtracted PDF  $\tilde{f}^{0(u)}$  as

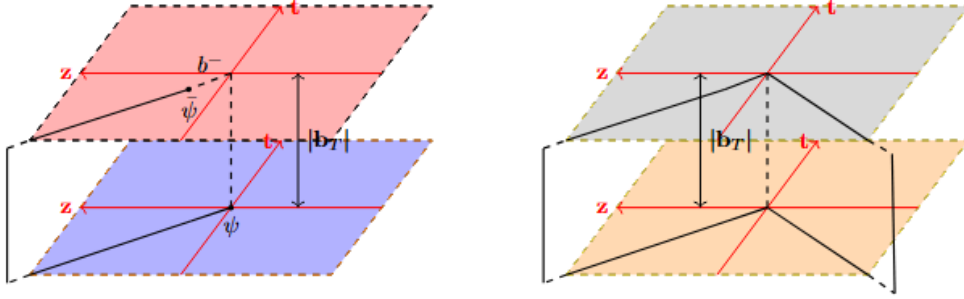
$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{i/p}^0(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+) = \frac{\tilde{f}_{i/p}^{0(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+)}{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^{(0)s}(b_T, \epsilon, \tau)}. \quad (4.39)$$

Here,  $\nu$  is the rapidity renormalization scale which emerges because of the subtraction of poles in  $\tau$ . Notice that Eq. (4.34) can easily be obtained from Eq. (4.38) and Eq. (4.39). The  $\nu$  dependence in Eq. (4.34) cancels between beam and soft functions, and thus, in terms of rapidity,  $\tilde{f}$  only depends on the Collins-Soper scale  $\zeta$ .

To establish the gauge invariance, the bare unsubtracted TMD PDF (or equivalently the bare beam function) and the bare soft function should be expressed in terms of the Wilson lines  $W_\perp$  and  $W_\triangleright$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}^{0(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+) &= \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} \left\langle p(P) \left[ \left[ \bar{\psi}_i(b^\mu) W_\perp(b^\mu, 0) \frac{\gamma^+}{2} \psi_i^0(0) \right]_\tau \right] p(P) \right\rangle, \\ \tilde{S}^0(b_T, \epsilon, \tau) &= \frac{1}{N_c} \langle 0 | \text{Tr}[W_\triangleright(b_T)]_\tau | 0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.40)$$

where the notation  $[\dots]_\tau$  means that operators inside depend on an additional rapidity



**Figure 4.1:** Illustration of the structure of the Wilson line  $W_\perp$  of the TMD parton distribution function (left) and that of the Wilson line  $W_\triangleright$  of the soft function  $\tilde{S}$  (right).

regulator  $\tau$ . The proton  $p$  is moving close to the light-cone direction  $n_a^\mu = (1, 0, \mathbf{0}_T)$  with a momentum  $P^\mu = P^+(1, e^{-2y}, \mathbf{0}_T)$ . If the proton is moving along the direction  $n_b^\mu = (0, 1, \mathbf{0}_T)$ , the corresponding expressions can be obtained from Eq. (4.40) by using the prescription  $n_a \leftrightarrow n_b$ . Due to Poincare invariance, the matrix element of the proton solely relies on the difference in position of the quark fields, denoted as  $b^\mu - 0 = b^\mu$ , with  $b^\mu = (0, b^-, \mathbf{b}_T)$ . The

Wilson lines  $W_{\pm}$  corresponding to  $\tilde{f}$  is

$$W_{\pm}(b^{\mu}, 0) = W_{n_b}(b^{\mu}, -\infty, 0)W_{\hat{b}_T}(-\infty n_b, 0, b_T)W_{n_b}(0^{\mu}, 0, -\infty), \quad (4.41)$$

and for the soft function  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  the Wilson line  $W_{>}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} W_{>}(b_T) = & W_{n_a}(b_T, -\infty, 0)W_{n_b}(b_T, -\infty, 0)W_{\hat{b}_T}(-\infty n_b, 0, b_T)W_{n_b}(0, 0, -\infty) \\ & \times W_{n_a}(0, -\infty, 0)W_{\hat{b}_T}(-\infty n_a, b_T, 0), \end{aligned} \quad (4.42)$$

where  $\hat{b}_T^{\mu} = b_T^{\mu}/b_T$ . Here, the Wilson line along a general path  $\gamma$  is defined by the following the path-ordered exponential

$$W[\gamma] = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ -ig_0 \int_{\gamma} dx^{\mu} A_{\mu}^{c0}(x) t^c \right\}, \quad (4.43)$$

where  $t^c$  are the generators of SU(3) in the fundamental representation,  $g_0$  denotes the bare strong coupling and  $A^{c0}$  stands for the bare gluon fields. The Wilson line of the form,  $W(x, a, b)$  is defined as path-ordered exponential which links the point  $x^{\mu} + an^{\mu}$  to  $x^{\mu} + bn^{\mu}$  along the direction  $n$

$$W_n(x^n, a, b) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ -ig_0 \int_a^b ds n \cdot A^{c0}(x^{\mu} + sn^{\mu}) t^c \right\}, \quad (4.44)$$

where  $n$  is a four-vector. The symbol  $\mathcal{P}$  employed in  $W_n(x^n, a, b)$  indicates the path ordering utilized for the expanded exponential. In this ordering, the matrices  $t^c$  are arranged based on their respective values along a specific path, starting from the right and going to the left. The diagrams depicting the Wilson line structures present in the unsubtracted TMD PDF and soft functions are shown in Figure (4.1). The transverse Wilson lines  $W_{b_T}$  follow a straight line path in the transverse plane at the light-cone  $-\infty$ . The particular shape of the Wilson line  $W_{\pm}$  is dictated by the proof of factorization.

## 4.4 Rapidity regulator

The emergence of rapidity divergences stems from the derivation of TMD factorization, where the cross section is partitioned into distinct hard, collinear, and soft regions. Perturbatively, Feynman diagrams are dissected into these delineated sectors. Assume a full theory that contains the integrand  $1/k$ . The integral of  $1/k$  can be expanded into collinear and soft regions as

$$\int_{q_T}^Q \frac{dk}{k} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_0^Q \frac{dk}{k} R_c(k, \tau) + \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_{q_T}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{k} R_s(k, \tau) = \ln(Q/q_T). \quad (4.45)$$

In the collinear region, the transverse momentum  $q_T$  which is much small compared to  $Q$  is expanded away, and in the soft region, the large momentum  $Q$  is expanded away. These expansions are inevitable because they are the cornerstone for the derivation of the factorization theorem. The divergence of collinear and soft integrals requires the introduction of respective regulating functions  $R_c(k, \tau)$  and  $R_s(k, \tau)$  where  $\tau$  is a regulator. The final result is obtained by removing the regulator,  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ , in all sectors.

Here, we present a rapidity regulator that is used to regularize the rapidity divergence in our TMD formalisms. This is called the  $\eta$ -regulator in the literature. The  $\eta$  regulator changes the Wilson lines in the unsubtracted TMD PDF and soft functions [53]. This requires the introduction of factors  $|k^+/\nu|^{-\eta}$  in the Wilson lines in  $W_c(b^\mu, 0)$  and factors  $|k^z/\nu|^{-\eta/2}$  in the soft function  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$ . Amplitudes undergo an expansion in the limit,  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  and rapidity divergences arise as poles in  $\eta$ . This regulator is often used for the renormalization of either the unsubtracted TMD PDF or soft functions. The rapidity renormalization factor removes poles in  $\eta$  and this leads to an appearance of a rapidity  $\nu$ . In this regulating scheme, the

expression for the renormalized TMD PDF is [53]

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \eta \rightarrow 0}} Z_{uv}^i(\mu, \zeta, \epsilon) \tilde{f}_{i/p}^{\tilde{0}(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \eta, xP^+) \sqrt{\tilde{S}^0(b_T, \epsilon, \eta)} \\ &= \tilde{B}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \sqrt{\zeta/\nu}) \sqrt{\tilde{S}(b_T, \mu, \nu)},\end{aligned}\tag{4.46}$$

where the Collins-Soper kernel is given by  $\zeta = 2(xP^+)^2$ .

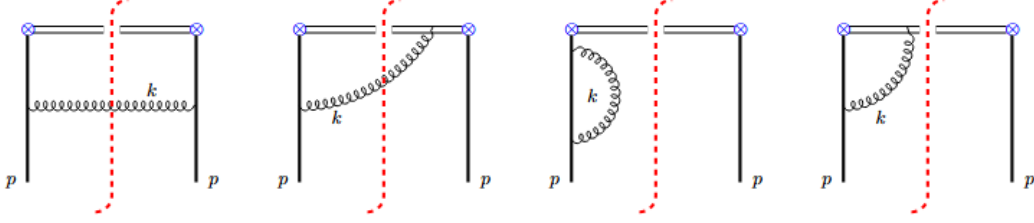
## 4.5 One-loop TMD parton distribution functions

This section introduces the perturbative study of the quark TMD PDF at one loop. For more details, see Ref. [49]. The purpose is to show the origin of rapidity divergences and different methods for their regularization. We focus on both unsubtracted quark TMD PDF and soft function, which can be combined into TMD PDF. Consider the following expression for the unsubtracted TMD PDF at next-to-leading order (NLO)

$$\tilde{f}_{q/q'}^{\tilde{0}(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau) = \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xp^+)} \left\langle q'(p) \left[ \left[ \bar{\psi}_q^0(b^\mu) W_\zeta(b^\mu, 0) \frac{\gamma^+}{2} \psi_q^0(0) \right]_\tau \right] q'(0) \right\rangle, \tag{4.47}$$

where the subscript on  $f_{q'/q}$  means that the analysis is about the contribution from an external parton of flavor  $q'$  to the quark TMD PDF of flavor  $q$ . At one loop,  $q = q'$ , this means that quark flavors are identical, but for high-order loops, quark flavors can be different,  $q \neq q'$ . In addition, there can exist contributions from a mixture of quarks with gluons at one loop, which will not be the subject of investigation.

Thus, we require  $q$  to be a non-singlet combination of quark flavors. As illustrated in Fig. (4.2), there are no more than four Feynman diagrams and their mirror diagrams at one-loop level. Since we work in the Feynman gauge which a physical gauge transverse gauge links have no contributions. The nature of gluon exchange between the quarks and Wilson lines leads to different diagrams. The presence of Wilson lines in the diagrams requires the Feynman rules for the connection of a gluon to a Wilson line where  $k$  is the



**Figure 4.2:** The diagrams for the one-loop contribution to the quark-TMD parton distribution function. The double lines and the dashed line represent the Wilson lines and the on-shell cut respectively. Since diagrams (c) and (d) are scaleless, only diagrams (a) and (b) contribute in the dimensional regularization.

incoming gluon momentum,  $a$  is the color index, and  $\epsilon^\mu$  is the polarization vector. There are no contributions from gluon exchange between the Wilson line portions since such gluon exchange is proportional to  $n_b^2$  which is just equal to zero. The dimensional regularization with  $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$  dimensions is chosen to regulate infrared (IR) and ultraviolet (UV) divergences. The application of Feynman rules for diagrams (4.2) leads to the following expressions

$$\mathcal{M}_a = -ig_0^2 C_F \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} e^{i(p-k).b} \left\{ \frac{\bar{u}(p)\gamma^\mu(\not{p}-\not{k})\gamma^+(\not{p}-\not{k})\gamma_\mu u(p)}{2[(p-k)^2 + i0]^2(k^2 + i0)} \right\}, \quad (4.48)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_b = -2ig_0^2 C_F \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} e^{i(p-k).b} \left\{ \frac{\bar{u}(p)\gamma^+(\not{p}-\not{k})\gamma^+ u(p)}{2(k^+ + i0)[(p-k)^2 + i0]^2(k^2 + i0)} \right\}, \quad (4.49)$$

where  $q^\mu$  is the momentum flowing out the right vertex  $\otimes$ . There are no contributions from diagrams (c) and (d) in dimensional regularization because they depend on integrals which vanish in the dimensional regularization. The overall factor of 2 in  $\mathcal{M}_b$  is due to the mirror diagram. The  $b^-$  integral in expressions for  $\mathcal{M}_a$  and  $\mathcal{M}_b$  can be evaluated in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} e^{i(p-k).b} &= \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} \exp \{ -ib^- [(1-x)p^+ - k^+] + i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T \} \\ &= \delta [(1-x)p^+ - k^+] \exp \{ i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T \}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.50)$$

where we have chosen  $b^+ = p^- = 0$ . Thus, the phase in final result depends solely on the transverse momentum. The  $b^-$  integral result indicates that the gluon is emitted with the

longitudinal momentum  $k^+ = (1-x)p^+$  and the remaining momentum  $xp^+$  is carried by the quark field. Now, the  $b^-$  integral result can be used in the evaluation of  $\mathcal{M}_a$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_b$ . After the Dirac algebra calculations, expressions for  $\mathcal{M}_a$  and  $\mathcal{M}_b$  become

$$\mathcal{M}_a = ig_0^2 C_F \int \frac{d^{d-2}\mathbf{k}_T}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T} \int dk^- \frac{(2-d)(1-x)p^+}{[(p-k)^2 + i0](k^2 + i0)}, \quad (4.51)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_b = ig_0^2 C_F \int \frac{d^{d-2}\mathbf{k}_T}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T} \int dk^- \frac{-4x/(1-x)p^+}{[(p-k)^2 + i0](k^2 + i0)}, \quad (4.52)$$

The residue theorem can be utilized to compute the  $k^-$  integral,

$$\begin{aligned} \int dk^- \frac{1}{[(p-k)^2 + i0](k^2 + i0)} &= \int dk^- \frac{1}{(-2xp^+k^- - \mathbf{k}_T^2 + 0i)[2(1-x)p^+k^- - \mathbf{k}_T^2 + i0]} \\ &= \frac{i\pi}{p^+ \mathbf{k}_T^2} \theta(x)\theta(1-x), \end{aligned} \quad (4.53)$$

If  $x$  and  $1-x$  have opposite signs, the residues of  $k^-$  live in the same complex plane, and the deformation of the  $k^-$  contour can lead to a vanishing integral. The only values of  $x$  that provide physical contributions are  $0 < x < 1$ , and, surprisingly, these are expected values for the momentum fraction. The condition of the gluon on the shell is  $k^2 = 0$ , which is the same as choosing the residue at  $k^- = \mathbf{k}_T^2/(2k^+) > 0$ . The one-loop contribution to the bare unsubtracted quark TMD PDF is obtained by combining expressions for  $\mathcal{M}_a$  and  $\mathcal{M}_b$ , and the resulting expression is

$$\mathcal{M}_a + \mathcal{M}_b = \frac{g_0^2 C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} - \epsilon(1-x) \right] \int \frac{d^{d-2}\mathbf{k}_T}{(2\pi)^{d-2}} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}}{\mathbf{k}_T^2}, \quad (4.54)$$

The evaluation of the  $\mathbf{k}_T$  integral requires making choice for  $\mathbf{k}_T$  and  $\mathbf{b}_T$  in  $2-2\epsilon$  dimensions, the choice can be arbitrary because every choice yields the same TMD PDFs. The choice of  $\mathbf{k}_T = (b_T, 0, \mathbf{0}_{-2\epsilon})$  and  $\mathbf{k}_T = k_T(\cos\theta, \sin\theta, \mathbf{0}_{-2\epsilon})$  leads to the following result for the  $\mathbf{k}_T$

integral

$$\int \frac{d^{d-2}\mathbf{k}_T}{(2\pi)^{d-2}} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}}{\mathbf{k}_T^2} = \frac{\Omega_{-2\epsilon}}{(2\pi)^{2-2\epsilon}} \int dk_T k_T^{1-2\epsilon} \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin^{-2\epsilon} \theta \frac{e^{ib_T k_T \cos \theta}}{k_T^2} = \frac{\Gamma(-\epsilon)}{4\pi} (\pi \mathbf{b}_T^2)^\epsilon, \quad (4.55)$$

where  $\Omega_n$  is defined as the area of a unit  $n$ -sphere. Using the  $\mathbf{k}_T$  integral result, the sum of the matrix elements  $\mathcal{M}_a$  and  $\mathcal{M}_b$  becomes

$$\mathcal{M}_a + \mathcal{M}_b = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} - \epsilon(1-x) \right] \Gamma(-\epsilon) \left( \frac{\mathbf{b}_T^2 \mu^2}{4e^{-\gamma_E}} \right)^\epsilon. \quad (4.56)$$

The use of the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme allowed to replace the bare coupling by renormalized coupling. In this scheme, the relation between the bare and renormalized coupling is

$$g_0 = Z_g \mu^\epsilon g(\mu) \left( \frac{e^{\gamma_E}}{4\pi} \right)^{\epsilon/2}, \quad \alpha_s(\mu) = \frac{g(\mu)^2}{4\pi}, \quad (4.57)$$

where  $Z_g = 1 + \mathcal{O}(g^2)$  is the counterterm for the strong coupling. The presence of the factor  $(e^{\gamma_E}/4\pi)^{\epsilon/2}$  indicates the use of the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme. The expansion of Eq. (4.56) in  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  leads to the desired bare result. However, there is an appearance of poles  $1/\epsilon$  resulting from the regularization of the  $k_T \rightarrow 0$  region in Eq. (4.55). In addition, there is a divergence in Eq. (4.56) in the limit all energy is transferred to the struck quark,  $x \rightarrow 1$ , which means that the emitted gluon would carry no energy,  $k^+ \rightarrow 0$ . This is the rapidity divergence and will only be canceled by the divergence,  $k^\mu \rightarrow 0$ , in the soft function. The proper inclusion of the soft function to cancel the rapidity divergence requires a regulator which can then be removed to obtain the finite result. The regulator that can be easily incorporated into Eq. (4.56) is the  $\eta$  regulator<sup>1</sup>

$$R_c(k, \tau) = \left| \frac{\sqrt{2}k^+}{\nu} \right|^{-\tau} = \left( \frac{(1-x)p^+}{\nu/\sqrt{2}} \right)^{-\tau}. \quad (4.58)$$

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<sup>1</sup>The regularization is done using the  $\eta$  regulator, but it is denoted as  $\tau$ . The factor of  $\sqrt{2}$  is due to the use of different light-cone conventions.



This regulator allows to cancel divergence in Eq. (4.56) through the following identity

$$\frac{1+x^2}{1-x}(1-x)^{-\tau} = -\left(\frac{2}{\tau} + \frac{3}{2}\right)\delta(1-x) + \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x}\right]_+ + \mathcal{O}(\tau). \quad (4.59)$$

The application of Eq. (4.58) to Eq. (4.56), and the substitution of Eq. (4.59) lead to the following expression for the bare unsubtracted TMD PDF

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{q/q}^{0(u)(1)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau) = & \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)C_F}{2\pi} \left\{ -\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + L_b\right)[P_{qq}(x)]_+ + (1-x) + \delta(1-x)\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + L_b\right) \right. \\ & \left. \times \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{\tau} - 2 \ln \frac{xp^+}{\nu/\sqrt{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.60)$$

where

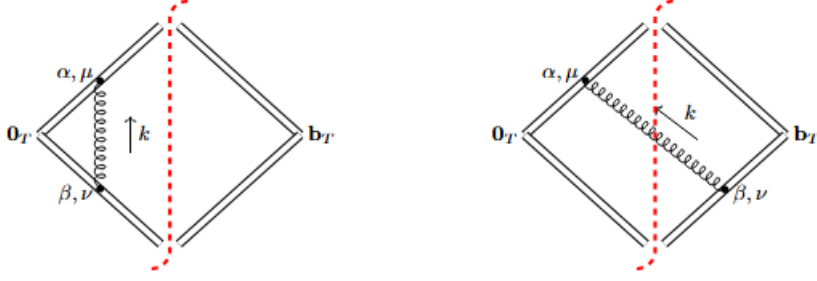
$$L_b = \ln \frac{\mathbf{b}_T^2 \mu^2}{b_0^2}, \quad b_0 = 2e^{-\gamma_E}. \quad (4.61)$$

The exponent  $\gamma_E$  is the Euler's constant. The quark-quark one loop splitting function in Eq. (4.60) is expressed as

$$P_{qq}(x) = \frac{1+x^2}{1-x}. \quad (4.62)$$

The divergence as  $x \rightarrow 0$  in Eq. (4.60) is regulated through  $[P_{qq}(x)]_+$ , and this causes the divergence to show up as a pole in  $1/\tau$ . In addition, there is a presence of a pole  $1/\epsilon$  from the  $k_T \rightarrow 0$  region of the integral in Eq. (4.55). The divergence which is proportional to  $P_{qq}(x)$  in Eq. (4.60) is also present in the collinear PDF.

The diagrams for the one-loop calculation of the soft function are shown in Fig. (4.3) and previous methods of calculations for unsubtracted TMD PDF can be applied for evaluations of diagrams for the soft function. The matrix element for the soft function can be expressed



**Figure 4.3:** The diagrams for the one-loop contribution to the soft function  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$ . The double lines represent the Wilson lines and the dashed lines indicate the one-shell cut. Since the diagram (a) is scaleless, its contribution to  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  vanishes in dimensional regularization.

as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_S &= 2g_0^2 C_F \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T} \frac{-i}{(2k^+ k^- - \mathbf{k}_T^2 + i0)} \frac{1}{(k^+ - i0)(-k^- + i0)} \\
&= 2g_0^2 C_F \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T} (2\pi) \delta_+(k^2) \frac{1}{k^+ k^-} \\
&= \frac{g_0^2 C_F}{\pi} \int \frac{d^{2-2\epsilon} \mathbf{k}_T}{(2\pi)^{d-2}} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T}}{k_T^2} \int \frac{dk^-}{k^-}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.63}$$

Clearly, there are divergences in Eq. (4.63) when  $k^- \rightarrow 0$  and  $k^- \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the rapidity is defined by,  $y_k = (1/2) \ln(k_+/k_-)$ , the limits  $k^- \rightarrow 0$  or  $k^+ \rightarrow \infty$  lead to  $y_k \rightarrow \pm\infty$ , in other words, the rapidity divergence. Using the methods used for the calculations of the unsubstrated TMD PDFs, the regulation of this rapidity divergence requires the following  $\eta$  regulator

$$R_s(k, \tau) = \left| \frac{k^+ - k^-}{\nu/\sqrt{2}} \right|^{-\tau} w^2(\tau, \nu), \tag{4.64}$$

where,  $w(\tau, \nu)$  is the bookkeeping parameter of the rapidity divergence, and is related to a bare parameter by  $w^0 = w(\tau, \nu) \nu^{\tau/2}$ . Thus, the regulation with  $R_s(k, \tau)$  leads to the following regulated integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dk^-}{k^-} \rightarrow w^2 \left( \frac{\nu}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^\tau \int_0^\infty \frac{dk^-}{k^-} \left| \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{2k^-} - k^- \right|^{-\tau} = \frac{\nu^\tau k_\perp^{-\tau}}{2^\tau \sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right). \tag{4.65}$$

The substitution of Eq. (4.65) into Eq. (4.63) yields the following rapidity-regulated soft

function

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{S}_q^{0(1)}(b_\perp, \epsilon, \tau) &= \frac{g_0^2 C_F}{\pi} \frac{\nu^\tau}{2^\tau \sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) \int \frac{d^{2-2\epsilon} \mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^{d-2}} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{b}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{k}_\perp}}{k_\perp^{2+\tau}} \\ &= \frac{g_0^2 C_F}{\pi} \frac{\nu^\tau}{2^\tau \sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) \frac{\pi^\epsilon \Gamma(-\epsilon - \tau/2)}{4\pi 2^\tau \Gamma(1 + \tau/2)} b_T^{2\epsilon + \tau},\end{aligned}\quad (4.66)$$

where the  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$  integral is the same as the  $\mathbf{k}_T$  integral of Eq. (4.55). After expanding in  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  and using Eq. (4.57) the bare rapidity-regulated soft function becomes

$$\tilde{S}_q^{0(1)}(b_\perp, \epsilon, \tau) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + 4 \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + L_b \right) \left( -\frac{1}{\tau} + \ln \frac{\mu}{\nu} \right) - L_b^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon). \quad (4.67)$$

Now, using the calculated unsubtracted TMD PDF and soft function the physical TMD PDF is

$$\tilde{f}_{i/H}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \tau \rightarrow 0}} Z_{uv}^i(\mu, \zeta, \epsilon) \tilde{f}_{i/H}^{0(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+) \sqrt{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^0(b_T, \epsilon, \tau)}. \quad (4.68)$$

The product of  $\tilde{f}_{q/q}^{0(u)} \sqrt{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^0}$  leads to the cancellation of poles in  $\tau$  in Eq. (4.68) and the final bare result of the physical TMD PDF at the one-loop is

$$\begin{aligned}f_{q/q}^{\tilde{0}(1)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \zeta) &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \left[ - \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + L_b \right) [P_{qq}(x)]_+ + (1-x) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \delta(1-x) \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{L_b^2}{2} + \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + b_b \right) \left( \frac{3}{2} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\zeta} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).\end{aligned}\quad (4.69)$$

There are an infrared (IR)  $1/\epsilon$  pole and ultraviolet (UV)  $1/\epsilon$  poles in the first and second lines of Eq. (4.69) respectively, these poles are removed by renormalization. The renormalized TMD PDF  $f_{q/q}$  is obtained by canceling out all UV  $1/\epsilon$  poles with the counterterm  $Z_{UV}^q$  which is defined in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  as follows

$$Z_{UV}^q(\mu, \zeta, \epsilon) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{3}{2} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\zeta} \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2). \quad (4.70)$$

The substitution of Eq. (4.70) and other expressions into Eq. (4.37) lead to the quark-to-

quark contribution to the renormalized TMD PDF at one-loop as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{q/q}^{(1)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) C_F}{2\pi} \\ &\times \left[ -\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + L_b\right) [P_{qq}(x)]_+ + (1-x) - \frac{L_b^2}{2} + L_b \left(\frac{3}{2} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\zeta}\right) - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.71)$$

The remaining  $1/\epsilon$  pole is just the IR pole. This collinear divergence is also present for the PDF and serves for matching the TMD PDF onto the PDF for perturbative  $\mathbf{b}_T$ . There is no dependence of the chosen rapidity regulator in the results of Eqs. (4.69) and (4.71).

## 4.6 TMD fragmentation functions

This section provides a short introduction to the TMD fragmentation functions (FFs) which describe the final-state nonperturbative process of a quark that is produced in hard interaction and then fragments into a detected hadron. To better introduce TMD FFs and compare with with TMD PDFs, one may start with DY process. The factorization theorem in the DY process,  $p(P_A) + p(P_B) \rightarrow \ell^+(l) + \ell^-(l') + X$ , is appropriate when measuring  $q = l + l'$  of  $\ell^+ \ell^-$  final state at small  $q_T$ , thus the cross section can be expressed as

$$\frac{d\sigma^W}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_\perp} \sim \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x_a, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_a) \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x_b, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_b), \quad (4.72)$$

where  $\tilde{f}_{i/p}$  denotes the TMD PDF that characterizes the process of extracting a parton of flavor  $i$  from the hadron  $p$  at low transverse momentum. The SIDIS process,  $e^-(l) + p(P) \rightarrow e^-(l') + h(P_h) + X$ , can be obtained from the DY process by exchanging the incoming hadron with outgoing hadron, thus  $q = l - l'$ . For a small transverse momentum  $P_{h\perp}$  of the produced hadron, the factorization is appropriate, thus the cross section can be expressed as

$$\frac{d\sigma^W}{dx dy dz_h d^2\mathbf{P}_{hT}} \sim \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{P}_{hT}/z_h} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_a) \tilde{D}_{h/i}(z_h, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_b). \quad (4.73)$$

The TMD PDF  $\tilde{f}_{i/p}$  in Eq. (4.73) is similar to that in the DY process as it plays the identical role of extracting a parton from a hadron, however the second TMD PDF was replaced by the TMD FF  $\tilde{D}_{h/i}$  which describes the fragmentation of the parton of flavor  $i$  into the hadron  $h$  that carries a longitudinal momentum fraction  $z_h$ .

The bare unsubtracted TMD FF for a parton of flavor  $i$  inside a hadron  $h$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta}_{h/i}^{0(u)}(z_h, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, P^+/z_h) &= \frac{1}{4N_c z_h} \text{Tr} \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} \sum_X e^{ib^-(P^+/z_h)} \gamma_{\alpha\alpha'}^+ \\ &\times \left\langle 0 \left| [(W_{\lrcorner} \psi_i^{0\alpha})(b)]_{\tau} \right| h(P), X \right\rangle \left\langle h(P), X \left| [(\bar{\psi}_i^{0\alpha'} W_{\rceil})(0)]_{\tau} \right| 0 \right\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.74)$$

where  $P$  denotes the hadron momentum,  $b^\mu = (0, b^-, \mathbf{b}_T)$ , and  $\tau$  is a rapidity regulator. The quantity,  $1/N_c z_h$ , is the normalization factor where  $N_c$  is the number of colors. The Wilson lines  $W_{\lrcorner}$  and  $W_{\rceil}$  each represent half of the Wilson line  $W_{\sqcup}$ . The trace runs over color and spin indices  $\alpha, \alpha'$ . The hadron state is just an out-state in the matrix element as indicated in Eq. (4.74). Since  $P$  in Eq. (4.74) has no transverse component, the TMD FF in the momentum space is defined with respect to the transverse momentum  $\mathbf{p}'_T$  of the quark field  $\psi$  as

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{h/i}^{0(u)}(z_h, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, P^+/z_h) = \int d^2 \mathbf{p}'_T e^{i \mathbf{p}'_T \cdot \mathbf{b}_T} \Delta_{h/i}^{0(u)}(z_h, -z_h \mathbf{p}'_T, \epsilon, \tau, P^+/z_h). \quad (4.75)$$

Finally, the TMD FF can be expressed in terms of Eq. (4.75) by incorporating the soft function and the UV renormalization factor as follows

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{h/i}(z, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \tau \rightarrow 0}} Z_{uv}^i(\mu, \zeta, \epsilon) \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{h/i}^{0(u)}(z, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, P^+/z)}{\tilde{S}^{0(s)}(\mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau)} \sqrt{\tilde{S}^0(\mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau)}, \quad (4.76)$$

where  $\zeta$  depends on the rapidity cutoff parameter  $\tilde{\eta}$ . Hence, the Fourier transform of Eq. (4.76) can yield the TMD FF in the momentum space.

# Chapter 5

## TMD Evolution

### 5.1 Importance of resummation

The renormalization group equation (RGE) of a function  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)$  which contains  $\ln(q/\mu)$  can be expressed as

$$\mu \frac{d\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)}{d\mu} = -\alpha_s \mathcal{G}(q, \mu), \quad (5.1)$$

where the anomalous dimension  $\gamma_{\mathcal{G}}$  is replaced by  $-\alpha_s$ . Assuming that the  $\mu$  dependence of  $\alpha_s$  is negligible, then the solution to the RGE equation is

$$\mathcal{G}(q, \mu) = \mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0) \tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mu_0, \mu), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mu_0, \mu) = \exp(\alpha_s \ln(\mu_0/\mu)), \quad (5.2)$$

where  $\mu_0$  is an arbitrary reference scale and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mu_0, \mu)$  is the evolution kernel with  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mu_0, \mu_0) = 1$ . The boundary condition is defined by  $\mathcal{G}$  at the reference scale  $\mu_0$ , namely,  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0)$ . The exponential in  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mu_0, \mu)$  allows the resummation of the logarithms  $\ln(\mu_0/\mu)$ . In perturbation theory, if  $q$  is a scalar quantity then the boundary term  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0)$  can have a logarithmic structure

$$\mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0) = 1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{q}{\mu_0} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_s^2 \ln^2 \frac{q}{\mu_0} + \dots \quad (5.3)$$

The choice on the reference scale,  $\mu_0 = q$ , eliminates all large logarithms in the boundary function  $\mathcal{G}$ . Thus under this particular choice, the boundary function  $\mathcal{G}$  becomes finite,  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0 = q) = 1 + \dots$ , then the function  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}(q, \mu) &= (1 + \dots) \tilde{\mathcal{G}}(\mu_0 = q, \mu) \\ &= 1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{q}{\mu_0} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_s^2 \ln^2 \frac{q}{\mu_0} + \dots,\end{aligned}\tag{5.4}$$

in this particular choice, the evolution kernel  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  is capable of predicting and resumming all large logarithms in  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)$  to all orders in  $\alpha_s$ . However, this depends on the nature of the boundary term  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0)$  and is usually possible whenever  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu_0)$  is a regular function.

## 5.2 Resummation through RG evolution

The resummation through RG evolution incorporates naturally a classification of the order of accuracy

$$\begin{aligned}\mu \frac{d\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)}{d\mu} &= \gamma_{\mathcal{G}}(q, \mu) \mathcal{G}(q, \mu), \\ \gamma_{\mathcal{G}}(q, \mu) &= -2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s(\mu)) \ln \frac{q}{\mu} - \gamma_{\mathcal{G}}(\alpha_s(\mu)),\end{aligned}\tag{5.5}$$

where  $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s)$ , and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{G}}(\alpha_s)$  are cusp and non-cusp anomalous dimensions respectively. For  $\mu_0 = q$ , the solution to Eq. (5.5) is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}(q, \mu) &= \mathcal{G}(q, q) \exp\left(\int_q^\mu \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_{\mathcal{G}}(k, \mu')\right) \\ &= \mathcal{G}(q, q) \exp\left(-2 \int_q^\mu \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s(\mu')) \ln \frac{q}{\mu'} - \int_q^\mu \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \ln(\alpha_s(\mu'))\right) \\ &= \mathcal{G}(q, q) \exp\left(\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s(\mu)) \ln^2 \frac{q}{\mu} + \gamma_{\mathcal{G}}(\alpha_s(\mu)) \ln \frac{q}{\mu} + \dots\right),\end{aligned}\tag{5.6}$$

where (...) stands for higher-order expansion terms in  $\alpha_s$ . In certain situations, for instance  $L = \ln(q/\mu) \sim 1/\alpha_s$ , the perturbative expansion in  $\alpha_s$  of the exponential factor in  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)$  becomes divergent. Then the resummation method plays an important role to resum the

large logarithms. For the case of  $L = \ln(q/\mu) \sim 1/\alpha_s$ , the expansion of  $\mathcal{G}(q, \mu)$  can be expressed in the single-logarithmic resummation scheme as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(q, \mu) = \mathcal{G}(q, q) \exp \left\{ \Gamma_0 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) L^2 - \frac{2}{3} \Gamma_0 \beta_0 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 L^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n L^{n+1}) \right. \\ \left. + \Gamma_1 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 L^2 + \gamma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} L - \frac{2}{3} \Gamma_0 \beta_1 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^3 L^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n L^n) \right. \\ \left. + \Gamma_2 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^3 L^2 + \gamma_1 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 L - \frac{2}{3} \Gamma_0 \beta_2 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^4 L^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n L^{n-1}) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

where  $\beta_n$  are the coefficients of the *beta* function. Each line in Eq. (5.7) corresponds to a particular order in  $\alpha_s$ . Using the scaling parameter  $L \sim 1/\alpha_s$ , it is obvious that the first line corresponds to  $\alpha_s^{-1}$ , the second line corresponds to  $\alpha_s^0$ , and the third line corresponds to  $\alpha_s^1$ .

The expansion up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n L^{n+1})$  corresponds to a leading-logarithmic (LL) accuracy, the expansion up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n L^n)$  corresponds to a next-to-leading logarithmic (NLL) accuracy, and the expansion up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n L^{n-1})$  corresponds to a next-to-next-to-leading logarithmic (NNLL) accuracy. In addition, the boundary term  $\mathcal{G}(q, q)$  that possesses an expansion in terms of  $\alpha_s$ , can be consistently incorporated in the expansion.

The QCD factorization requires two scales  $q$  and  $Q$  and is only relevant up to power corrections  $\mathcal{O}(q/Q)$  where  $q$  is the resolution scale and  $Q$  is the hard scale of the collision. However, if  $q \sim Q$  the singular logarithms  $\ln(q/Q)$  are small, thus the resummation is not necessary and should be turned off for better results. To prove that one can start with the cross section as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dq} &\sim 1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{q/Q}{1 + q/Q} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{q} - \underbrace{\alpha_s \ln \left( 1 + \frac{Q}{q} \right)}_{=\mathcal{O}(q/Q)} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

where  $(\dots)$  stands for additional terms. The logarithms  $\ln(q/Q)$  can be resummed at all orders in  $\alpha_s$  and the logarithm  $\ln(1 + q/Q)$  is only included as fixed order. Both logarithmic terms are of similar magnitude if  $q \sim Q$ , and for  $q/Q \gg 1$ , there is a cancellation among



these two logarithmic terms and with the naive resummation, the cross section of Eq. (5.8) is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dq} &\sim \exp\left(\alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{q}\right) - \alpha_s \ln\left(1 + \frac{Q}{q}\right) + \dots \\ &= 1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{q/Q}{1 + q/Q} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_s^2 \ln^2 \frac{Q}{q} + \dots. \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

However, there is a cancellation only at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  and hence the resummation should be turned off at this order of expansion to avoid the inclusion of unnecessary high-order terms. To achieve that, the reference scale  $\mu_0$  can be chosen as  $\mu_0(q)$  so that the expression for the cross section becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dq} &\sim \exp\left(\alpha_s \ln \frac{Q}{\mu_0(q)}\right) - \alpha_s \ln\left(1 + \frac{Q}{q}\right) + \dots \\ &= 1 + \alpha_s \ln \frac{\mu_0(q)/Q}{1 + q/Q} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_s^2 \ln^2 \frac{Q}{\mu_0(q)} + \dots. \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

The scale  $\mu_0(q)$  should satisfy the following relations

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0(q) &\sim q, \quad q \ll Q, \\ \mu_0(q) &\sim Q, \quad q \geq Q. \end{aligned} \quad (5.11)$$

This method allows the resummation of all logarithms in the limit,  $q \ll Q$ , but the resummation is turned off at  $q \sim Q$  to avoid the inclusion of unnecessary terms, in order words, the  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$  terms.

### 5.3 TMD evolution equations

This section provides an overview of the derivation of the TMD evolution equations for the rapidity and renormalization scales,  $\zeta$  and  $\mu$ , respectively. In the CSS scheme [38, 55, 41], the evolution equations for the TMD PDFs of flavor  $q$  are expressed as

$$\frac{\partial \ln \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta)}{\partial \ln \sqrt{\zeta}} = \tilde{K}(b_T, \mu), \quad (5.12)$$

$$\frac{d \ln \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta)}{d \ln \mu} = \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu), \zeta/\mu^2), \quad (5.13)$$

$$\frac{d \tilde{K}(b_T, \mu)}{d \ln \mu} = -\gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu)), \quad (5.14)$$

where  $\tilde{K}$  is the Collins-Soper (CS) kernel, and  $\gamma_q$  and  $\gamma_K$  are anomalous dimensions. The first equation is the rapidity evolution equation for the Collins-Soper scale  $\zeta$  originating from regulating rapidity divergences. The last two equations are the usual RG evolution equations for the renormalization scale  $\mu$  originating from the UV renormalization. Using the evolution equations, the relation between the anomalous dimensions  $\gamma_q$  and  $\gamma_K$  can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu), \zeta/\mu^2)}{\partial \ln(\sqrt{\zeta})} = -\gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu)). \quad (5.15)$$

The direct integration of Eq. (5.15) with respect to  $\zeta$ , where  $\zeta_0 \sim \mu^2$ , yields the following expression solution

$$\gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu), \zeta/\mu^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu)) \ln \frac{\zeta}{\mu^2} + \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu), 1), \quad (5.16)$$

where  $\gamma_K$  is the anomalous dimension in the differential equation of the SC kernel. Furthermore, the expression of the Collins-Soper kernel,  $\tilde{K}$ , can be obtained by the integration of Eq. (5.14) with respect to  $\mu$  as follows

$$\tilde{K}(b_T, \mu) = - \int_{1/\bar{b}_T}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu')) + \tilde{K}(b_T, 1/\bar{b}_T), \quad (5.17)$$

where  $\bar{b}_T = b_T/b_0$ ,  $b_0 = 2e^{-\gamma_E}$ . The first term directly depends on the SC equation, but the remaining term arises due to the boundary condition, therefore such term cannot be

predicted by the SC evolution equation. The solutions of the TMD evolution equations for TMD PDFs can generically be expressed as

$$\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) = \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu_0, \zeta_0) U_{\text{RG}}(\mu_0, \mu, \zeta_0) V_{\text{RRG}}(\zeta_0, \zeta, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu), \quad (5.18)$$

where  $U_{\text{RG}}$  is the contribution of the evolution from a scale  $\mu_0$  to another scale  $\mu$ , and  $V_{\text{RRG}}$  is the contribution of the evolution from a rapidity scale  $\zeta_0$  to another scale  $\zeta$ . Since  $U_{\text{RG}}$  is the solution obtained by integrating Eq. (5.13) over the renormalization scale  $\mu'$ , and  $V_{\text{RRG}}$  is the solution obtained by integrating Eq. (5.12) over the rapidity scale  $\zeta'$ , then the evolved TMD PDFs can be expressed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu_0, \zeta_0) \\ &\times \exp \left\{ \int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu'), \zeta_0/\mu'^2) \right\} \exp \left\{ \tilde{K}(b_T, \mu) \ln \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0}} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

where  $\gamma_q$  controls the RG evolution between  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu$  scales, and  $\tilde{K}$  controls the rapidity evolution between  $\zeta_0$  and  $\zeta$  scales. Since the full description of the TMD PDFs requires the Fourier integration over  $\mathbf{b}_T$  to involve all values of  $b_T$ , which demands the consideration of both perturbative and non-perturbative domains of  $b_T$ , and the existence of large logarithms from higher order terms in the fixed order perturbation expansion of the CS kernel  $\tilde{K}(b_T, \mu)$ , then the standard perturbation approach is not applicable. To deal with this issue, the CSS formalism utilizes the  $b_*$ -prescription function to connect smoothly both perturbative and non-perturbative domains.

$$\mathbf{b}_* = \mathbf{b}_*(\mathbf{b}_T) = \frac{\mathbf{b}_T}{\sqrt{1 + b_T^2/b_{MAX}^2}}, \quad (5.20)$$

where  $b_{MAX}$  is the cutoff. The prescription clearly shows that for large  $b_T$ , the value of  $b_*$  is  $b_{MAX}$ . The value of  $b_{MAX}$  is chosen to be  $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ . The implementation of the  $b_*$

prescription allows to express the evolved TMD PDFs as follows

$$\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) = \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu, \zeta) \frac{\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta)}{\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu, \zeta)}. \quad (5.21)$$

For large  $\mathbf{b}_T$  the mismatch between  $\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta)$  and  $\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu, \zeta)$  can be expressed in terms of functions  $g_{j/p}(x, b_T, b_M)$  and  $g_k(b_T, b_M)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta)}{\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu, \zeta)} &= \frac{\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu_0, \zeta'_0)}{\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu_0, \zeta'_0)} \exp \left\{ \ln \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta'_0}} \left( \tilde{K}(b_T, \mu) - \tilde{K}(b_*, \mu) \right) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -g_{i/p}(x, b_T) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\ln \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta'_0}} g_k(b_T, b_{MAX}) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.22)$$

Here, the quantities  $g_{j/p}(x, b_T, b_{MAX})$  and  $g_k(b_T, b_{MAX})$  are the nonperturbative universal functions which do not depend on scales. The nonperturbative part of the Collins-Soper kernel  $g_k(b_T, b_{MAX})$  is defined as

$$g_k(b_T, b_{MAX}) = \tilde{K}(b_*, \mu_0) - \tilde{K}(b_T, \mu_0). \quad (5.23)$$

And the function  $g_{i/p}(x, b_T)$  is related to the intrinsic transverse momentum distribution. The functions,  $g_{j/p}(x, b_T, b_{MAX})$  and  $g_k(b_T, b_{MAX})$  are independent of  $\zeta$  and  $\mu$  scales and they tend to vanish in the limit,  $b_T \rightarrow 0$ . The substitution of Eq. (5.22) and Eq. (5.23) into Eq. (5.19) allows the evolved TMD PDF can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu_0, \zeta_0) \\ &\times \exp \left[ \ln \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0}} \tilde{K}(b_*, \mu_0) + \int_{\mu_0}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \left( \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu'), 1) - \ln \frac{\sqrt{\zeta}}{\mu'} \gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu')) \right) \right] \\ &\times \exp \left[ -g_{i/p}(x, b_T) - \ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0}} g_k(b_T, b_{MAX}) \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (5.24)$$

Perturbative calculations of  $\tilde{K}$  and  $\tilde{f}$  require the application of the respective RG and RRG transformations,  $\mu_0 \rightarrow 1/b_*$ ,  $\zeta_0 \rightarrow 1/b_*^2$ , thus Eq. (5.27) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ &\times \exp \left[ \ln \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\mu_{b_*}^2}} \tilde{K}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}) + \int_{\mu_{b_*}}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \left( \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu'), 1) - \ln \frac{\sqrt{\zeta}}{\mu'} \gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu')) \right) \right] \\ &\times \exp \left[ -g_{i/p}(x, b_T) - \ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta'_0}} g_k(b_T, b_{MAX}) \right) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (5.25)$$

where  $\mu_{b_*} = C_1/b_*$  is the hard scale which is usually utilized to perform perturbative calculations of  $b_*$ -dependent quantities, and  $C_1$  is a constant whose value is selected to avoid large logarithms in perturbative methods [41, 56]. For small  $\mathbf{b}_T$ , the TMD PDFs can be expressed in terms of collinear PDFs using operator product expansion (OPE) as follows

$$\tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}}{\hat{x}} \tilde{C}_{i/j} \left( \frac{x}{\hat{x}}, b_T, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, \alpha_s(\mu_{b_*}) \right) f_{j/p}(\hat{x}, \mu_{b_*}) + \mathcal{O}((mb_*(b_T))^p), \quad (5.26)$$

where the sum is taken over all flavors  $j = q, g$ . The substitution of Eq. (5.26) into Eq. (5.27) leads to the following expression for the evolved TMD PDF

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{i/p}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta) &= \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}}{\hat{x}} \tilde{C}_{ij} \left( \frac{x}{\hat{x}}, b_T, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, \alpha_s(\mu_{b_*}) \right) f_{j/p}(\hat{x}, \mu_{b_*}) \\ &\times \exp \left[ \ln \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\mu_{b_*}^2}} \tilde{K}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}) + \int_{\mu_{b_*}}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \left( \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu'), 1) - \ln \frac{\sqrt{\zeta}}{\mu'} \gamma_K(\alpha_s(\mu')) \right) \right] \\ &\times \exp \left[ -g_{i/p}(x, b_T) - \ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{\zeta}{\zeta'_0}} g_k(b_T, b_{MAX}) \right) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (5.27)$$

where  $\mu_{b_*}$  is the renormalization scale for the collinear PDF  $f_{j/p}$ . In the CS scheme, the rapidity divergence is regulated by tilting a space-like gauge link away from the light-cone. A similar method of tilting is used in the Ji-Ma-Yuan (JMY) scheme, where a time-like gauge link is tilted away from the light-front direction to regulate the rapidity divergence.

The off-light-front direction  $\nu$  of the gauge link introduces a rapidity regulator  $\zeta^2 = (\nu \cdot P)/\nu^2$ .

## 5.4 Evolution in Soft Collinear Effective Theory

This section provides the TMD PDF evolution equations which are obtained in terms of RG evolution and rapidity RG evolution equations of beam and soft functions for collinear and soft modes in the context of SCET. Without loss of generality, we will consider in this section the DY process.

### 5.4.1 Evolution equations in SCET

The differential cross section in terms of beam function and soft function for the DY process can be expressed as

$$\frac{d\sigma^W}{dQdYd^2\mathbf{q}_T} = H(Q, \mu) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{b}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T} \tilde{B}(x_a, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_a/\nu^2) \tilde{B}(x_b, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta_b/\nu^2) \tilde{S}(b_T, \mu, \nu), \quad (5.28)$$

where  $H$  is the hard function,  $\tilde{B}$  is the beam function, and  $\tilde{S}$  is the soft function. Anomalous dimension for  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  evolution equations which are associated with the beam and soft functions are expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_\mu^B(\mu, \zeta/\nu^2) &= -(\tilde{Z}_B)^{-1} \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \tilde{Z}_B(\mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \nu, xP), & \gamma_\mu^S(\mu, \mu/\nu) &= -(\tilde{Z}_S)^{-1} \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \tilde{Z}_S(b_T, \mu, \nu), \\ \gamma_\nu^B(b_T, \mu) &= -(\tilde{Z}_B)^{-1} \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \tilde{Z}_B(\mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \nu, xP), & \gamma_\nu^S(b_T, \mu) &= -(\tilde{Z}_S)^{-1} \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \tilde{Z}_S(b_T, \mu, \nu), \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

where  $\tilde{Z}_B$ , and  $\tilde{Z}_S$  are the counter-terms for the beam function and soft function respectively. The expression  $xP$  is either equal to  $x_a P_a^+$  or  $x_b P_b^-$  depending on whether the beam function depends on  $x_a$  or  $x_b$ . Since the hard function  $H$  does not depend on  $\nu$ , the only one anomalous

evolution equation is for the scale  $\mu$

$$\gamma_\mu^H = -(Z_H)^{-1} \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} Z^H(Q, \mu), \quad (5.30)$$

where  $Z^H$  is the hard function counter-term. The RG and rapidity RG evolution equations for the beam and soft functions are expressed as

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \hat{B} = \gamma_\mu^{\hat{B}}(\mu, \zeta/\nu^2) \hat{B}, \quad \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \hat{B} = \gamma_\nu^{\hat{B}}(b_T, \mu) \hat{B}, \quad (5.31)$$

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \hat{S} = \gamma_\mu^{\hat{S}}(\mu, \mu/\nu) \hat{S}, \quad \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \hat{S} = \gamma_\nu^{\hat{S}}(b_T, \mu) \hat{S}, \quad (5.32)$$

where  $\hat{B} \equiv \tilde{B}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu, \zeta/\nu^2)$ , and  $\hat{S} \equiv \tilde{S}(b_T, \mu, \nu)$ . And the RG evolution equation for the hard function  $H$  is expressed as

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} H(Q, \mu) = \gamma_\mu^H(Q, \mu) H(Q, \mu), \quad (5.33)$$

Since the DY cross section is an observable, there is no dependence on the RG and rapidity RG scales  $\mu, \nu$ , hence such independence yields additional equations for anomalous dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \gamma_\mu^H(Q, \mu) + \gamma_\mu^S(\mu, \mu/\nu) + \gamma_\mu^B(\mu, \zeta_a/\nu^2) + \gamma_\mu^B(\mu, \zeta_b/\nu^2), \\ 0 &= \gamma_\nu^S(b_T, \mu) + 2\gamma_\nu^B(b_T, \mu). \end{aligned} \quad (5.34)$$

An additional significant equation arises due to the commuting properties between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  derivatives, and can be expressed as

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \gamma_\nu = \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \gamma_\mu^B = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{(g,q)}. \quad (5.35)$$

The above equation establishes a strong restriction on the beam and soft anomalous dimensions, ensuring the equivalence between RG evolutions along two different paths. Thus, the

RG evolution becomes path-independent.

### 5.4.2 Solutions to evolution equations

The RG and RRG solutions are obtained by solving RG and RRG evolution equations respectively. The solutions to RG and RRG evolution equations for the beam function  $B$  and the soft function  $S$  are expressed as

$$B = \mathcal{B}_H \mathcal{U}_B(\mu_L, \mu, \nu) \bar{\mathcal{U}}_B(\nu_H, \nu, \mu_L), \quad S = \mathcal{S}_L \mathcal{U}_S(\mu_L, \mu, \nu) \bar{\mathcal{U}}_S(\nu_L, \nu, \mu_L) \quad (5.36)$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_H \equiv \tilde{B}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \mu_L, \zeta/\nu_H^2)$  and  $\mathcal{S}_L \equiv \tilde{S}(b_T, \mu_L, \nu_L)$ . The functions  $B$  and  $S$  are derived from their natural scales, where the fixed-order logarithms in their expansions remain relatively small. The corresponding RG evolution kernels are defined by

$$\mathcal{U}_B(\mu_L, \mu, \nu) = \exp \left[ \int_{\mu_L}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_{\mu}^B(\mu', \mathcal{B}) \right], \quad \mathcal{U}_S(\mu_L, \mu, \nu) = \exp \left[ \int_{\mu_L}^{\mu} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \gamma_{\mu}^S(\mu', \mathcal{S}) \right], \quad (5.37)$$

where  $\mathcal{B} = \zeta/\nu^2$  and  $\mathcal{S} = \mu'/\nu$ . The corresponding RRG evolution kernels are defined by

$$\bar{\mathcal{U}}_B(\nu_H, \nu, \mu) = \exp \left[ \int_{\nu_H}^{\nu} \frac{d\nu'}{\nu'} \gamma_{\nu}^B(b_T, \mu) \right], \quad \bar{\mathcal{U}}_S(\nu_L, \nu, \mu) = \exp \left[ \int_{\nu_L}^{\nu} \frac{d\nu'}{\nu'} \gamma_{\nu}^S(b_T, \mu) \right]. \quad (5.38)$$

The natural scales of the function  $B$  are  $\mu_L, \nu_H$ , and the natural scales for the function  $S$  are  $\mu_L, \nu_L$ . While the beam and soft functions undergo both RG and RRG evolutions, the hard function undergoes RG evolution only.



# Chapter 6

## Simultaneous Extraction of Sivers function in TMD physics

### 6.1 Introduction

This chapter is partially based on the paper titled ‘Simultaneous global analysis of the Sivers Asymmetry in SIDIS, Drell-Yan, and Jet Production’, in preparation to submit to JHEP, authored by Zhong-Bo Kang, John Terry, and Fidele J. Twagirayezu.

Transverse momentum-dependent distribution functions (TMDs) are crucial ingredients for understanding the three-dimensional partonic structure of nucleons in momentum space. TMDs provide non-perturbative information, and thus they are obtained either through lattice calculations [57, 58] or by global fit of the spin asymmetry data within the framework of TMD factorization theorems [41, 59, 38, 45, 60, 61, 62]. Due to the intense ongoing effort to understand the partonic structure of matter, significant effort has been dedicated to extracting TMDs to enhance our understanding of the internal structure of nucleons [63, 64, 57, 65, 49, 41]. The correlation between the partonic transverse momentum and the nucleon’s transverse spin is governed by the Sivers function [66, 67], which plays a key role in probing the contributions of quark and gluon orbital angular momentum (OAM) to the

nucleon spin [68]. The study of the Sivers function has greatly advanced our understanding of spin-momentum interactions and QCD factorization theorems [62, 69, 70, 41]. A key feature of the Sivers function is its process dependence, meaning it varies depending on the hard scattering process through which it is probed and extracted. This variation stems from the differences in the initial-state and final-state interactions between the active parton and the nucleon remnant [71, 72]. A well-known example is the sign flip of the quark Sivers function between the semi-inclusive deep-inelastic scattering (SIDIS) process to the Drell-Yan (DY) process. This arises because, in the SIDIS process, the outgoing quark undergoes “final-state” interactions with the nucleon remnant after the quark-photon interaction, while in the DY process, the incoming quark experiences “initial-state” interactions with the nucleon remnant before the quark-antiquark annihilation into a virtual photon [69, 62, 71, 73, 74, 75]. The extraction of the Sivers function presents several challenges. Firstly, experimental measurements of the Sivers asymmetry are normalized by the unpolarized cross section. Thus extraction of the Sivers function requires a careful extraction of the unpolarized TMDs. Modern extractions of the unpolarized TMDs have been performed in for instance [76, 77, 78, 79, 80] where the most precise extractions have utilized data from both SIDIS and DY production and resummation has been performed up to N<sup>4</sup>LL accuracy with the exception of the complete 5 loop cusp anomalous dimension. In [81], a global extraction of the Sivers function from SIDIS and Drell-Yan data was performed at NLO and NNLL accuracy, while a NLL extraction was performed in [82]. In [83], a global extraction of the Sivers function from SIDIS, Drell-Yan lepton pair, and  $W/Z$  production processes was performed using resummation at N<sup>3</sup>LL using the  $\zeta$ -prescription. Despite the progress in the perturbative accuracy used for these extractions, additional experimental data is required to uncover the behavior of these functions at regions of large  $x$ . The second challenge in obtaining an extraction of the Sivers function is the relatively limited. The previous study for the first global analysis of the Sivers asymmetry took into consideration experimental data from SIDIS [13, 84, 9, 10, 11] and from DY collisions [85, 15]. In this study, it was shown that there

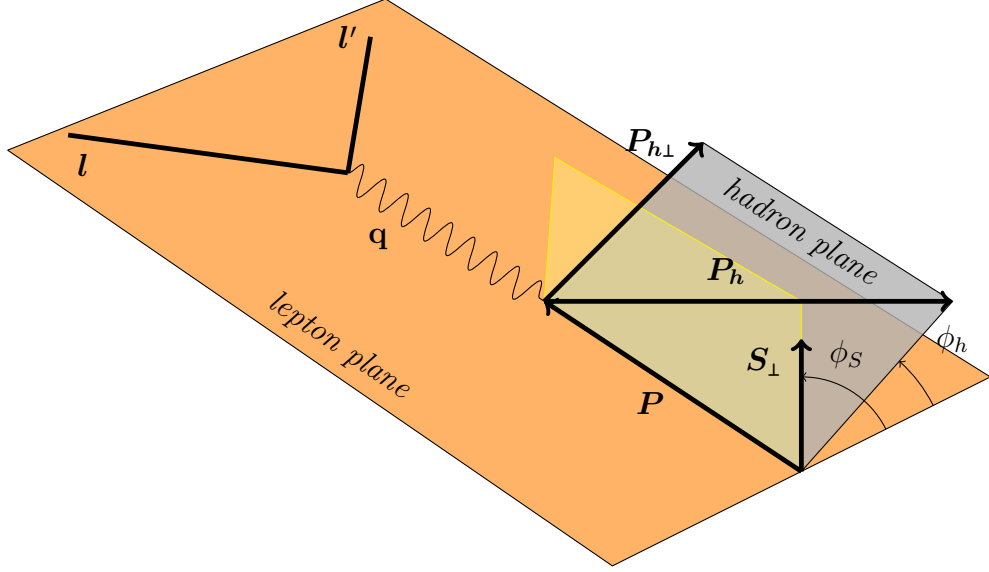
was tension between the STAR measurement and the remaining experimental measurements. A key requirement for resolving this tension was the introduction of additional experimental measurements that are sensitive to the Sivers function.

## 6.2 Sivers Formalism

This section we present the TMD factorization formalism for the Sivers asymmetry in semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS), Drell-Yan(DY),  $W/Z$  productions and single jet production in  $pp$  collisions. The Sivers formalism in SIDIS is presented in (6.2.1), the Sivers formalism in DY is presented in (6.2.2), the Sivers formalism in  $W/Z$  productions is presented in (6.2.3), and the  $A_N$  formalism for single jet production in  $pp$  collisions is presented in (6.2.4) respectively.

### 6.2.1 Sivers Formalism in SIDIS process

The differential cross section for SIDIS,  $e(\ell) + n(P, \mathbf{S}_\perp) \rightarrow e(\ell') + h(P_h) + X$  can be written in the following form [86, 87]



**Figure 6.1:** The kinematics for Semi-Inclusive DIS. The exchanged photon carries a momentum  $q$ . The quantity  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  is the transverse polarization of the proton,  $\phi_s$  is the azimuthal angle between  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  and the lepton plane, and  $\phi_h$  is the azimuthal angle between the hadron plane and the lepton plane. In this case, the modulation depends on the difference between azimuthal angles.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{PS}} = \sigma_0^{\text{DIS}} \left[ F_{UU} + \sin(\phi_h - \phi_s) F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)} \right], \quad (6.1)$$

where the phase space  $d\mathcal{PS} = dx_B dQ^2 dz_h d^2P_{h\perp}$ , the electron-proton center-of-mass (CM) energy  $S = (P + \ell)^2$  and the exchanged virtual photon momentum  $q = \ell' - \ell$  with  $Q^2 = -q^2$ , and the usual SIDIS kinematic variables are defined as

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}, \quad y = \frac{Q^2}{x_B S}, \quad z_h = \frac{P \cdot P_h}{P \cdot q}. \quad (6.2)$$

The plane containing the initial and final lepton momentum vectors is termed the lepton plane, while the momentum vectors of the photon and final state hadron establish the hadron plane, see Fig. (6.1). The azimuthal angle of the hadron plane with respect to the lepton plane is designated as  $\phi_h$ , while the azimuthal angle of the transversely polarized proton spin with

respect to the lepton plane is designed as  $\phi_s$ . We utilize the *Trento* conventions [88] to define these azimuthal angles. In this expression,  $\sigma_0^{\text{DIS}}$  is the leading order (LO) electromagnetic scattering cross section given by

$$\sigma_0^{\text{DIS}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\text{EM}}^2}{Q^4} [1 + (1-y)^2] \quad (6.3)$$

where  $\alpha_{\text{EM}}$  is the electromagnetic fine structure constant.

The quantities  $F_{UU}$  and  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}$  in (6.1) represent the spin-independent and spin-dependent structure functions, respectively. The experimentally measured quantity, the Sivers asymmetry,  $A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}$ , for this process is written in terms of the structure functions as follows

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)} = \frac{F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}}{F_{UU}} \quad (6.4)$$

The structure functions  $F_{UU}$  and  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}$  in the momentum space are expressed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} F_{UU}(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}, Q) &= H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \mathcal{C}^{\text{DIS}} [fD], \\ F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}, Q) &= H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \mathcal{C}^{\text{DIS}} \left[ -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_\perp}{M} f_{1T}^\perp D \right] \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

where the expression of the the hard factor,  $H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu)$ , is given in [89, 90] as follows

$$H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \left[ \frac{3}{2} \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \left( \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 4 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] \quad (6.6)$$

The shorthand notation utilized in the expressions of structure functions is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{\text{DIS}} [wAB] &= \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp \delta^2(z_h \mathbf{k}_\perp + \mathbf{p}_\perp - \mathbf{P}_{h\perp}) \\ &\quad \times w(\mathbf{k}_\perp, \mathbf{p}_\perp) A_{q/p}(x_B, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta_A) B_{h/q}(z_h, p_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta_B) \end{aligned} \quad (6.7)$$

for the convolution integrals. The factors,  $A$  and  $B$  represent the quark distribution function

and fragmentation function respectively, while  $e_q$  denotes the fractional electric charge for the quarks.  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$  represents the transverse momentum of the quark relative to the nucleon, while  $\mathbf{p}_\perp$  is the transverse momentum of the final-state hadron relative to the fragmenting quark.  $\hat{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{P}_{h\perp}/P_{h\perp}$  is the unit vector that points in the direction of the transverse momentum of the final-state hadron and  $M$  is the mass of the struck nucleon.  $f_{q/p}(x_B, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta)$  is the unpolarized TMDPDF, while  $f_{1T,q/p}^\perp(x_B, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta)$  is the SIDIS Siverson function and  $D_{h/q}(z_h, p_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta)$  is the unpolarized TMDFF. These functions are dependent of  $\mu$  and  $\zeta$  which are just the renormalization and rapidity (Collins-Soper) scales [41], they are utilized to regulate ultraviolet and rapidity divergences, respectively. Moreover, the rapidity scales obey the relation  $\zeta_A \zeta_B = Q^4$  [90, 61, 45, 91] in the TMD region.

The expressions for the structure functions are simplified by going to the  $b_\perp$ -space, the Fourier conjugate space to the transverse momentum space. In the  $b_\perp$ -space, these expressions become

$$F_{UU}(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}, Q) = H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{b_\perp db_\perp}{2\pi} \times J_0\left(\frac{b_\perp P_{h\perp}}{z_h}\right) f_{q/p}(x_B, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta_A) D_{h/q}(z_h, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta_B), \quad (6.8)$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}, Q) = H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \sum_q e_q^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{b_\perp db_\perp}{4\pi} \times J_1\left(\frac{b_\perp P_{h\perp}}{z_h}\right) f_{1T,q/p}^\perp(x_B, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta_A) D_{h/q}(z_h, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta_B). \quad (6.9)$$

Here the  $b_\perp$ -space TMDs are defined as

$$f_{q/p}(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} f_{q/p}(x, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta) \quad (6.10)$$

$$D_{h/q}(z, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp}{z^2} e^{-i\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp / z} D_{h/q}(z, p_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta), \quad (6.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{1T,q/p}^{\perp \alpha \text{SIDIS}}(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) &= \frac{1}{M} \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp k_\perp^\alpha e^{-i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} f_{1T,q/p}^{\perp \alpha \text{SIDIS}}(x, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta) \\ &\equiv \left(\frac{ib_\perp^\alpha}{2}\right) f_{1T,q/p}^\perp(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta). \end{aligned} \quad (6.12)$$

At small  $b_\perp$  where  $1/b_\perp \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , one can perform an operator product expansion (OPE) of these functions in terms of their collinear counterparts as follows

$$f_{q/p}(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \left[ C_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/p} \right] (x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) , \quad (6.13)$$

$$D_{h/q}(z, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[ \hat{C}_{i \leftarrow q} \otimes D_{h/i} \right] (z, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) , \quad (6.14)$$

$$f_{1T,q/p}^\perp(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \left[ \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes T_{Fi/p} \right] (x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) , \quad (6.15)$$

where  $f_{i/p}(x, \mu)$ ,  $D_{h/i}(z, \mu)$  and  $T_{Fi/p}(x_1, x_2, \mu)$  are the collinear PDF, FF and the Qiu-Sterman function, respectively [37, 92, 93]. The operator  $\otimes$  denotes the convolution over the parton momentum fractions and are given by

$$\left[ C_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/p} \right] (x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}}{\hat{x}} C_{q \leftarrow i} \left( \frac{x}{\hat{x}}, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta \right) f_{i/p}(\hat{x}, \mu) , \quad (6.16)$$

for  $f_{i/p}$  and likewise for  $D_{h/i}$ . In these expressions, the sum over the index  $i = (q, g)$  is implicit. The convolution in the case of the Siverson function is more complicated, since it involves two kinematic variables  $\hat{x}_1$  and  $\hat{x}_2$

$$\left[ \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes T_{Fi/p} \right] (x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}_1}{\hat{x}_1} \frac{d\hat{x}_2}{\hat{x}_2} \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i}(x/\hat{x}_1, x/\hat{x}_2, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) T_{Fi/p}(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, \mu) . \quad (6.17)$$

The  $C$  functions in the above equations are the Wilson coefficient functions, and their expressions at NLO are in Appendix of Ref. [81].

A few remarks are necessary regarding the Siverson function case. At the outset, although the coefficient function exhibits complexity across various scales  $\mu$  and  $\zeta$ , it notably simplifies under the selection of canonical scales  $\mu = \sqrt{\zeta} = \mu_b = c_0/b$ , where  $c_0 = 2e^{-\gamma_E}$  and  $\gamma_E$  denotes the Euler constant. Such scales are commonly known as the intrinsic scales of the TMDs. Additionally, there exist diverse conventions for the normalization of the Qiu-Sterman function. In our approach, we initially adhere to the *Trento* convention [88] for the quark Siverson

function, and subsequently, the convention for the Qiu-Sterman function ensures that the coefficient  $\bar{C}$  function in Eq.(6.15) simplifies to a straightforward delta function at leading order. Our choice aligns with the concept of the first transverse moment of the Siverson function [71, 94].

$$f_{1T_{q/p}}^{\perp(1)}(x, Q) = -\frac{1}{2M} T_{F_{q/p}}(x, x, Q). \quad (6.18)$$

where  $M$  is the nucleon mass. The operator  $\otimes$  in the above equations represents the convolution over the parton momentum fractions and are given by

$$\left[ C_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/p} \right] (x, b_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta) = \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}}{\hat{x}} C_{q \leftarrow i} \left( \frac{x}{\hat{x}}, b_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta \right) f_{i/p}(\hat{x}, \mu), \quad (6.19)$$

for  $f_{i/p}$  and likewise for  $D_{h/i}$  where  $i = \{q, g\}$ . The sum over the index  $i$  is implicit. For the Siverson function, the convolution is given by

$$\left[ \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes T_{F, i/p} \right] (x, b_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta) = \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}_1}{\hat{x}_1} \frac{d\hat{x}_2}{\hat{x}_2} \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i}(x/\hat{x}_1, x/\hat{x}_2, b_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta) T_{F, i/p}(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, \mu). \quad (6.20)$$

It is important to realize that the  $C$ -function for the Siverson function is in general complex since it involves two momentum fractions  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . However, it reduces to a simple form at the nominal scales  $\mu_i = \sqrt{\zeta_i} = \mu_b$ , where the convolution reduces to a single convolution and one depends on the diagonal part of the ETQS function,  $T_{F, q/p}(x, x, \mu_b)$ , at the scale  $\mu_b$ . The  $C$ -functions in the above equations are the Wilson coefficient functions, and their expressions at NLO are found in Ref. [81].

Finally, in the large  $b_{\perp}$  region where  $b_{\perp} \gtrsim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , the TMD evolution extends into the non-perturbative domain. To take into account the non-perturbative contribution, we adopt the conventional  $b_{*}$ -prescription [40]

$$b_{*} = b_{\perp} / \sqrt{1 + b_{\perp}^2 / b_{MAX}^2}, \quad (6.21)$$



with  $b_{MAX} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ . With the  $b_*$  prescription, the resulting expressions for the structure functions are written as follows

$$F_{UU}(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}, Q) = H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, Q) \int_0^\infty \frac{db_\perp b_\perp}{2\pi} J_0(b_\perp q_\perp) \sum_q e_q^2 \quad (6.22)$$

$$\times \left[ C_{q\leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/p} \right] (x_B, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \frac{1}{z_h^2} \left[ \hat{C}_{j\leftarrow q} \otimes D_{h/j} \right] (z_h, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ \times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, Q, Q^2) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_B, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^D(z_h, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) \right],$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}(x_B, z_h, P_{h\perp}, Q) = H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, Q) \int_0^\infty \frac{db_\perp b_\perp^2}{4\pi} J_1(b_\perp q_\perp) \sum_q e_q^2 \quad (6.23)$$

$$\times \left[ \bar{C}_{q\leftarrow i} \otimes T_{F, i/p} \right] (x_B, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \frac{1}{z_h^2} \left[ \hat{C}_{j\leftarrow q} \otimes D_{h/j} \right] (z_h, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ \times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, Q, Q^2) - S_{\text{NP}}^s(x_B, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^D(z_h, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) \right],$$

where  $\mathbf{q}_\perp = -\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}/z_h$  with  $q_\perp = |\mathbf{q}_\perp|$ ,  $\mu_b$  has been substituted with  $\mu_{b_*} = b_0/b_*$ , and  $Q_0$  denotes the reference scale of the TMDs. The functions  $S_{\text{NP}}^f$ ,  $S_{\text{NP}}^D$ , and  $S_{\text{NP}}^s$  represent the respective non-perturbative Sudakov form factors for the unpolarized TMDPDF, TMDFF, and the Siverson function which will be elaborated upon in the subsequent section.

It is important to emphasize that the ETQS function,  $T_{F, q/p}(x, x, \mu)$ , is an important ingredient in the above TMD evolution formalism through the OPE procedure for the quark Siverson function, as encoded in the spin-dependent structure function  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_s)}$ . Since the TSSA for single inclusive jet production in proton-proton collisions crucially depends on the ETQS function, this allows us to perform a combined fit of the TSSA for single jet production within the collinear factorization at twist-three level and the Siverson asymmetry within the TMD factorization.

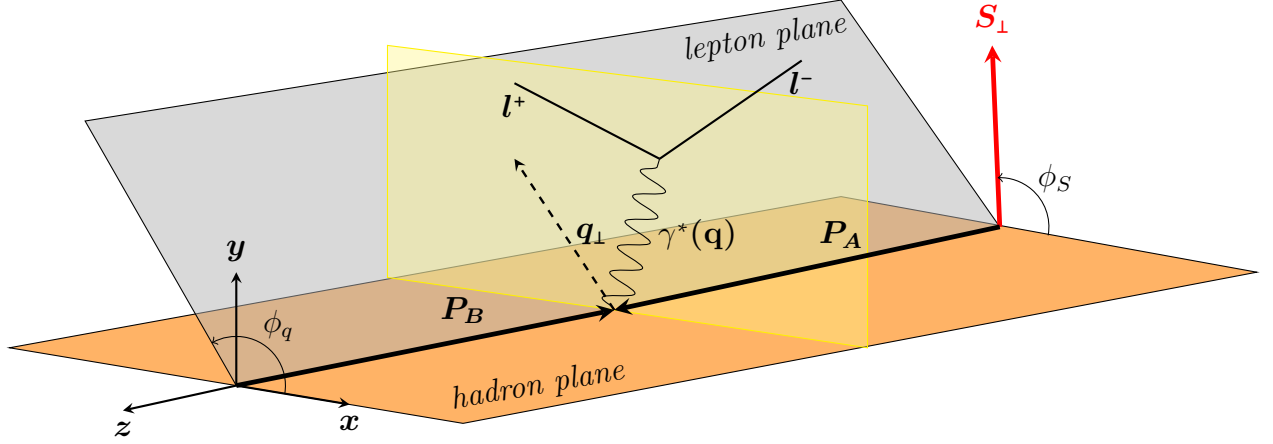
## 6.2.2 Siverson Formalism in Drell-Yan process

For Drell-Yan lepton pair production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions,  $p(P_A, \mathbf{S}_\perp) + p(P_B) \rightarrow [\gamma^*(q) \rightarrow] \ell^+ \ell^- + X$ , the differential cross section with the relevant terms

is given in [95, 74, 96, 97] by the expression

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{PS}} = \sigma_0^{\text{DY}} \left[ W_{UU} + \sin(\phi_q - \phi_s) W_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)} + \dots \right], \quad (6.24)$$

where  $d\mathcal{PS} = dQ^2 dy d^2q_\perp$ ,  $y$  stands for the rapidity of the lepton pair while  $\mathbf{q}_\perp$  and  $Q$  represents the transverse momentum and invariant mass of the virtual photon, respectively.



**Figure 6.2:** The diagram for the Drell-Yan vector boson production in collisions of hadrons A and B. The transversely polarized hadron A is moving in the  $+z$ -direction, while the unpolarized hadron B is along the  $-z$ -direction. The transverse momentum  $q_\perp$  of the vector boson is represented by a dotted line

The expression for the leading-order electromagnetic scattering cross section is as follows

$$\sigma_0^{\text{DY}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{EM}}^2}{3SQ^2N_C}, \quad (6.25)$$

where  $S = (P_A + P_B)^2$  is the center of mass energy squared and  $N_C = 3$  is the number of color. We study the Drell-Yan production in the center-of-mass frame of the incoming proton beams. The polarized proton moves along the  $+z$  axis, while the transverse spin vector of the proton  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  and the transverse momentum of the virtual photon  $\mathbf{q}_\perp$  have azimuthal angles  $\phi_s$  and  $\phi_q$ , respectively.

As usual,  $W_{UU}$  and  $W_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)}$  represent the unpolarized and transversely polarized struc-

ture functions, respectively. The Siverts asymmetry in Drell-Yan processes can be formulated using the structure function as follows

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)} = \frac{W_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)}}{W_{UU}}. \quad (6.26)$$

In the TMD formalism, these structure functions are given by the following expressions

$$W_{UU}(x_a, x_b, q_\perp, Q) = H^{\text{DY}}(Q, \mu) \mathcal{C}^{\text{DY}}[f f], \quad (6.27)$$

$$W_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)}(x_a, x_b, q_\perp, Q) = H^{\text{DY}}(Q, \mu) \mathcal{C}^{\text{DY}}\left[\frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{k}_{a\perp}}{M} f_{1T}^\perp f\right]. \quad (6.28)$$

For Drell-Yan process, the above convolution in the structure functions is expressed as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^{\text{DY}}[wAB] &= \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{a\perp} d^2\mathbf{k}_{b\perp} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{a\perp} + \mathbf{k}_{b\perp} - \mathbf{q}_\perp) w(\mathbf{k}_{a\perp}, \mathbf{k}_{b\perp}) \\ &\times A_{q/A}(x_a, k_{a\perp}^2, \mu, \zeta_A) B_{\bar{q}/B}(x_b, k_{b\perp}^2, \mu, \zeta_B). \end{aligned} \quad (6.29)$$

Here,  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  represent the momentum fractions of the hadrons carried by the quarks, and they are given by

$$x_a = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{S}} e^y, \quad x_b = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{S}} e^{-y}. \quad (6.30)$$

In this process, the standard Feynman- $x$  can be expressed in terms of  $x_{a,b}$  as  $x_F = x_a - x_b$ , a relation that will be referenced in the subsequent section. Additionally,  $\mathbf{k}_{a\perp}$  and  $\mathbf{k}_{b\perp}$  represent the transverse momenta of the partons relative to their respective nucleons. The expression of the hard function is provided in [45] by

$$H^{\text{DY}}(Q, \mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \left[ \frac{3}{2} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \frac{7}{12} \pi^2 - 4 \right]. \quad (6.31)$$

At this point, it is crucial to reiterate that there is a sign flip between the Siverts function

$f_{1T}^\perp$  for the Drell-Yan process and its counterpart in SIDIS:

$$f_{1T}^{\perp\text{DY}}(x, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta) = -f_{1T}^{\perp\text{SIDIS}}(x, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta). \quad (6.32)$$

This will lead to slightly different definition for the Sivers function in the  $b_\perp$ -space

$$f_{1T,q/p}^{\perp\alpha\text{DY}}(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) = \frac{1}{M} \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp k_\perp^\alpha e^{-i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{b}_\perp} f_{1T,q/p}^{\perp\text{DY}}(x, k_\perp^2, \mu, \zeta) \equiv \left(-\frac{ib_\perp^\alpha}{2}\right) f_{1T,q/p}^\perp(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta).$$

Including the Sudakov factor, we have the following expressions for the  $b_\perp$ -space structure functions

$$W_{UU}(x_a, x_b, q_\perp, Q) = H^{\text{DY}}(Q, Q) \int \frac{db_\perp b_\perp}{2\pi} J_0(b_\perp q_\perp) \sum_q e_q^2 \quad (6.33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[ C_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/A} \right] (x_a, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \left[ C_{\bar{q} \leftarrow j} \otimes f_{j/B} \right] (x_b, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ & \times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, Q, Q^2) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_a, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_b, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$W_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)}(x_a, x_b, q_\perp, Q) = H^{\text{DY}}(Q, Q) \int \frac{db_\perp b_\perp^2}{4\pi} J_1(b_\perp q_\perp) \sum_q e_q^2 \quad (6.34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[ \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes T_{F,i/p} \right] (x_a, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \left[ C_{\bar{q} \leftarrow j} \otimes f_{j/B} \right] (x_b, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ & \times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, Q, Q^2) - S_{\text{NP}}^s(x_a, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_b, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## 6.2.3 Sivers Formalism in W/Z production

The production of  $W/Z$  bosons in proton-proton collisions closely resembles that of virtual-photon production. Here, the hard scale  $Q$  is defined as the mass of the vector boson produced, denoted  $Q = M_{W,Z}$ . The differential cross-section expression for this process is provided as follows

$$\frac{d\sigma_V}{d\mathcal{PS}} = \sigma_0^V \left[ W_{UU,V} + \sin(\phi_q - \phi_s) W_{UT,V}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)} \right], \quad (6.35)$$

where the phase space  $d\mathcal{PS} = dy d^2q_\perp$  and  $V = W, Z$ . The leading-order scattering cross sections are given by

$$\sigma_0^W = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi G_F M_W^2}{SN_C}, \quad (6.36)$$

$$\sigma_0^Z = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi G_F M_Z^2}{SN_C}, \quad (6.37)$$

where  $G_F$  is the Fermi weak coupling constant. On the other hand, the structure functions are given by

$$W_{UU,V}(x_a, x_b, q_\perp, Q) = H^{\text{DY}}(Q, Q) \int \frac{db_\perp b_\perp}{2\pi} J_0(b_\perp q_\perp) \sum_{q,q'} e_{qq',V}^2 \quad (6.38)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[ C_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes f_{i/A} \right] (x_a, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \left[ C_{q' \leftarrow j} \otimes f_{j/B} \right] (x_b, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ & \times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, Q, Q^2) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_a, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_b, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$W_{UT,V}^{\sin(\phi_q - \phi_s)}(x_a, x_b, q_\perp, Q) = H^{\text{DY}}(Q, Q) \int \frac{db_\perp b_\perp^2}{4\pi} J_1(b_\perp q_\perp) \sum_{q,q'} e_{qq',V}^2 \quad (6.39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[ \bar{C}_{q \leftarrow i} \otimes T_{F,i/p} \right] (x_a, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \left[ C_{q' \leftarrow j} \otimes f_{j/B} \right] (x_b, b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2) \\ & \times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b_*, \mu_{b_*}, \mu_{b_*}^2, Q, Q^2) - S_{\text{NP}}^s(x_a, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x_b, b_\perp, Q_0, Q) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where we have

$$e_{qq',W}^2 = |V_{qq'}|^2, \quad e_{qq',Z}^2 = (V_q^2 + A_q^2) \delta_{qq'}. \quad (6.40)$$

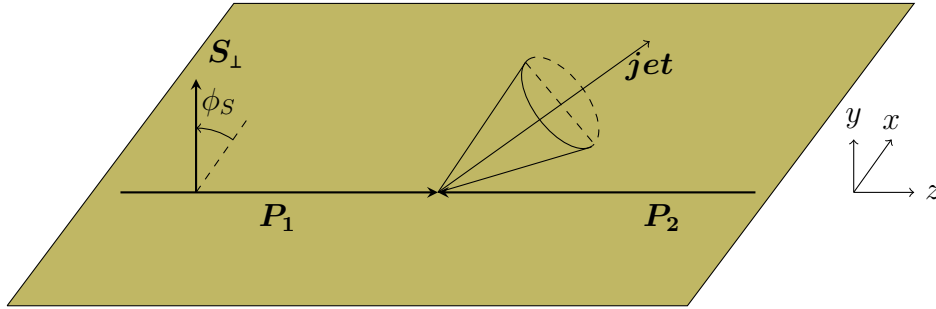
In this context,  $|V_{qq'}|^2$  represents the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix, while  $V_q$  and  $A_q$  denote the vector and axial couplings of the  $Z$  boson to a flavor quark  $q$ . Similarly to Eq. (6.26) discussed in the preceding section, the asymmetry can be expressed as a ratio of these structure functions in an analogous way.

### 6.2.4 Siverts Formalism in $A_N$ single jet production in $pp$ collisions

Consider a single-inclusive jet production from transversely polarized proton-proton  $p^\uparrow p$  collisions

$$p(P_1, \mathbf{S}_\perp) + p(P_2) \rightarrow \text{jet}(P_J) + X, \quad (6.41)$$

where the momentum of the incoming transversely polarized proton is denoted by  $P_1$  with a transverse polarization vector given by  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$ . The momenta of the unpolarized proton and the final jet produced are denoted by  $P_2$  and  $P_J$ , respectively. The energy of the center of mass is defined as  $S = (P_1 + P_2)^2$ . In the center-of-mass frame of the incoming proton beams where  $P_1$  ( $P_2$ ) moves along the  $+z$  ( $-z$ ) direction, we define  $\phi_S$  and  $\phi_J$  as azimuthal angles for the spin vector  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  and the transverse momentum of the jet  $\mathbf{P}_\perp$ , respectively. A convenient choice of frame is illustrated in Fig. (6.3), where we introduce the so-called the reaction plane, which is formed by the incoming proton momenta and the final state jet axis. In this frame, one has  $\phi_J = 0$ .



**Figure 6.3:** Illustration for single inclusive jet production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions,  $p(P_1, \mathbf{S}_\perp) + p(P_2) \rightarrow \text{jet}(P_J) + X$ . The azimuthal angle of the transverse spin vector,  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$ , with respect to the reaction plane is denoted by  $\phi_S$ .

The differential cross section for single-inclusive jet production for transversely polarized

$p^\dagger p$  collisions is given by

$$E_J \frac{d\sigma(\mathbf{S}_\perp)}{d^3 P_J} = E_J \frac{d\sigma}{d^3 P_J} + \sin(\phi_S - \phi_J) E_J \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{d^3 P_J}, \quad (6.42)$$

where the first term on the right hand side of this expression is the spin-averaged cross section, and the second term is a spin-dependent cross section. Within the collinear factorization formalism [98], the spin-averaged cross section at the leading order can be written as

$$E_J \frac{d\sigma}{d^3 P_J} = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{S} \sum_{a,b} \int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} \frac{dx_b}{x_b} f_{a/p}(x_a, \mu) f_{b/p}(x_b, \mu) H_{ab \rightarrow c}^U(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}) \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u}), \quad (6.43)$$

where  $f_{a,b/p}$  are the collinear parton distribution functions (PDFs) with  $x_a$  and  $x_b$  the momentum fractions of the proton carried by the partons. On the other hand,  $H_{ab \rightarrow c}^U$  are the well-known leading-order (LO) hard functions for the unpolarized process, which are given, for example, in [99, 74]. The strong coupling constant is denoted by  $\alpha_s$ , and  $\hat{s}$ ,  $\hat{t}$ ,  $\hat{u}$  are the standard partonic Mandelstam variables.

On the other hand, the second term on the right-hand side of Eq. (6.42) is the spin-dependent contribution. Within the collinear factorization at twist-three level [100], the spin-dependent cross section can be written as

$$E_J \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{d^3 P_J} = - P_{J_\perp} \frac{\alpha_s^2}{S} \sum_{a,b} \int \frac{dx_a}{x_a} \frac{dx_b}{x_b} f_{b/p}(x_b, \mu) \frac{1}{\hat{u}} H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{Sivers}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}) \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u}) \\ \times \left[ T_{F,a/p}(x_a, x_a, \mu) - x_a \frac{d}{dx_a} T_{F,a/p}(x_a, x_a, \mu) \right]. \quad (6.44)$$

Here  $T_{F,a/p}(x_a, x_a, \mu)$  is the ETQS function that is often referred to as the quark-gluon-quark correlator inside the proton.  $H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{Sivers}}$  is the hard function for the polarized case, which takes into account the initial-state and final-state interactions, and they can be written as

follows [100, 101]

$$H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{Sivers}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}) = H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{I}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}) + H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{F}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}) \left(1 + \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{t}}\right), \quad (6.45)$$

where  $H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{I}}$  and  $H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{F}}$  incorporates the initial-state and final-state interactions, respectively.

Finally, the transverse single spin asymmetry  $A_N$  for the single inclusive jet production is defined as the ratio of the spin-dependent and spin-averaged cross sections

$$A_N = E_J \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{d^3P_J} \bigg/ E_J \frac{d\sigma}{d^3P_J}. \quad (6.46)$$

Since  $E_J d\sigma/d^3P_J = d\sigma/d\eta_{\text{jet}} d^2\mathbf{P}_\perp$ , the jet asymmetry would be a function of rapidity  $\eta_{\text{jet}}$  and transverse momentum  $P_\perp$ . Another commonly used variable,  $x_F = 2P_z/\sqrt{S}$ , called the Feynman- $x$ , is related to  $\eta_{\text{jet}}$  and  $P_\perp$  as follows

$$x_F = \frac{P_\perp}{\sqrt{S}} (e^{\eta_{\text{jet}}} - e^{-\eta_{\text{jet}}}). \quad (6.47)$$

## 6.3 Results

In this section we present the results of the simultaneous global analysis of the Sivers asymmetries in SIDIS, DY lepton pair, and  $W/Z$  production, both with and without the inclusion of jet  $A_N$  data. We begin by detailing the non-perturbative parametrization used in our theoretical framework, followed by an explanation of our fitting procedure. Finally, we discuss the impact of jet  $A_N$  data on the Sivers asymmetries and the extracted Sivers functions.

### 6.3.1 Non-perturbative parametrization

The fitting is carried out at NLO+NNLL accuracy as described in Ref. [81], where we use the following non-perturbative parametrization for the unpolarized TMD PDFs and TMD



FFs

$$\begin{aligned}
U_{\text{NP}}^f(x, b_\perp, \zeta_0, \zeta) &= \exp\left(-g_1^f b_\perp^2 - \frac{g_2}{4} \ln \frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0} \ln \frac{b_\perp}{b_*}\right), \\
U_{\text{NP}}^D(z, b_\perp, \zeta_0, \zeta) &= \exp\left(-g_1^D \frac{b_\perp^2}{z^2} - \frac{g_2}{4} \ln \frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0} \ln \frac{b_\perp}{b_*}\right),
\end{aligned} \tag{6.48}$$

with the values of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  given by

$$g_1^f = 0.106 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad g_1^D = 0.042 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad g_2 = 0.84. \tag{6.49}$$

To describe the COMPASS Drell-Yan production in  $\pi + p$  scattering, we use  $g_1^f = 0.082 \text{ GeV}^2$  for the pion beam [102] and use collinear pion PDFs in [103]. For numerical calculations, the HERAPDF20\_NLO\_VAR parametrization [104] was utilized for the proton PDFs. The DSS14 parametrization [105] was utilized for the collinear pion FFs. In addition, the DSS17 parametrization [106] was utilized for the collinear kaon FFs. And for unidentified charged hadrons, the collinear FF could be viewed as the sum of the collinear pion FF and collinear kaon FF [77].

On the other hand, the non-perturbative parametrization of the Siverts function is

$$U_{\text{NP}}^{f_{1T}}(z, b_\perp, \zeta_0, \zeta) = \exp\left(-g_1^T b_\perp^2 - \frac{g_2}{4} \ln \frac{\zeta}{\zeta_0} \ln \frac{b_\perp}{b_*}\right). \tag{6.50}$$

Note that the term written in terms of  $g_2$  is universal. In this case,  $g_1^T$  gives the information about the width of the Siverts function, and it will be a fit parameter. The ETQS function  $T_{F, q/p}(x, x, \mu_0)$  is parametrized in terms of the unpolarized collinear PDF at an initial scale  $\mu_0$  [47]

$$T_{F, q/p}(x, x, \mu_0) = N_q \frac{(\alpha_q + \beta_q)^{(\alpha_q + \beta_q)}}{\alpha_q^{\alpha_q} \beta_q^{\beta_q}} x^{\alpha_q} (1-x)^{\beta_q} f_{q/p}(x, \mu_0). \tag{6.51}$$

To obtain the ETQS function at other scale  $\mu$ , we use the diagonal piece as an approximation

in its evolution equation [74, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114]

$$\frac{dT_{F,q/p}(x, x, \mu)}{d \ln \mu^2} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \left[ P_{q \leftarrow q}^T \otimes T_{F,q/p} \right](x, \mu), \quad (6.52)$$

where  $P_{q \leftarrow q}^T$  is the quark to quark splitting (kernel) function

$$P_{q \leftarrow q}^T(x) = C_F \left[ \frac{1+x^2}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1-x) \right] - \eta \delta(1-x). \quad (6.53)$$

The fitting was performed with  $\eta = 0$ . Finally, the fit parameters are  $N_q$ ,  $\alpha_q$ , and  $\beta_q$ , where  $q$  stands for quark flavors,  $q = \{u, d, s\}$ . We choose  $N_u, N_d, N_s, N_{\bar{u}}, N_{\bar{d}}, N_{\bar{s}}, \alpha_u, \alpha_d, \beta_u, \beta_d, g_1^T$ , along with  $\alpha_{\text{sea}}$  and  $\beta_{\text{sea}}$  for  $\bar{u}, \bar{d}, s, \bar{s}$ . In total, there are 13 fit parameters.

### 6.3.2 Fitting procedure

To proceed with the fit, we utilize the MINUIT package to minimize  $\chi^2$

$$\chi^2(\{a\}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} \frac{(T_j(\{a\}) - E_j)^2}{(\Delta E_j)^2}, \quad (6.54)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  data sets each containing  $N_i$  data points. Experimental measurement of each point is  $E_j$ , and the experimental uncertainty is  $\Delta E_j$ . The theoretical estimate  $T_j$  depends on a set of parameters  $\{a\}$  which are just fit parameters. We take into account both statistical and systematic uncertainties in quadrature. The uncertainty band is generated by following the replica method [47, 115, 116]. We generate 200 replicas and perform the fit on both noisy and noise-free datasets, resulting in 201 sets of fit parameters. Using these 201 sets of parameters, we calculate the asymmetry for each data point and other observables. To determine the uncertainty band at each point, we select the central (middle) 68% of the 200 replicas.

### 6.3.3 Impact of jet data on the Sivers function

In this section, we present our global extraction of the Sivers and ETQS functions by fitting the Sivers asymmetry from various datasets, along with the jet  $A_N$  data. The datasets include SIDIS measurements from JLab on a neutron target [11], recent HERMES data [14] with three-dimensional kinematic binning for charged pion production on a proton target, and COMPASS data on both proton [9] and deuteron targets [10]. We also incorporate DY lepton pair data from the COMPASS collaboration [12] and  $W/Z$  boson production data from RHIC [15, 16]. The jet  $A_N$  data are provided by the STAR [7] and AnDY [8] collaborations at RHIC. Additionally, we include previous HERMES SIDIS data on  $\pi^0$  production [13], as the three-dimensional binning is only available for charged pions. The datasets used in our fit are summarized in Table (6.1).

We apply the same kinematic cuts as described in Ref. [47]:  $q_{\perp}/Q < 0.75$ ,  $P_{h\perp} < 1$  GeV, and  $z_h < 0.7$ . The jet  $A_N$  data covers a wide range of  $x_F$ , providing additional constraints on the quark Sivers function in the large- $x$  region. In the following, we analyze the impact of including the jet  $A_N$  data on the extraction of the Sivers function. To this end, we perform two separate fits: one without the jet  $A_N$  data, referred to as the ‘SIDIS+DY’ fit, which consists of Sivers asymmetry data from SIDIS, DY lepton pair production, and  $W/Z$  production; and another, the ‘SIDIS+DY+jet’ fit, which incorporates the jet  $A_N$  data from RHIC.

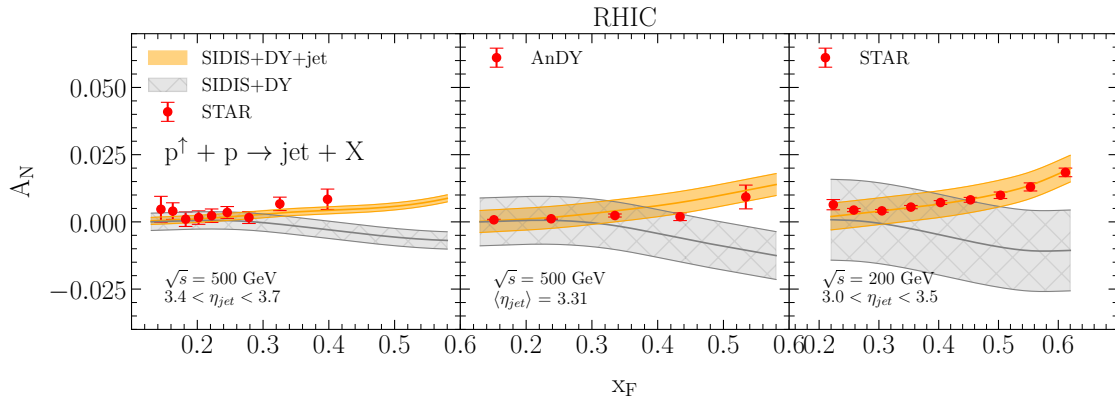
In Table. (6.1), we present the  $\chi^2/dof$  for each of the sets as well as the  $\chi^2/dof$  of all sets of the SIDIS+DY+jet data. It can be seen that there is an excellent agreement between the theoretical model and the experiment with a global  $\chi^2/dof = 1.145$ . Next, we will start detailing and interpreting our results.

Even though the global  $\chi^2/dof$  is already very good, Table. (6.2) shows that a significantly improved global  $\chi^2/dof = 1.047$  is achieved if the AnDY jet data is not included in the fit. And the STAR 200 and STAR 500 jet data yield  $\chi^2/N_{data} = 1.445$ , and  $\chi^2/N_{data} = 0.645$  respectively. Therefore, the theoretical model is more compatible with STAR jet data than

AnDY jet data.

Collab	Ref	Process	$N_{data}$	$\chi^2/N_{data}$
JLAB	[11]	$lN \rightarrow l\pi^+ X$	4	0.807
		$lN \rightarrow l\pi^- X$	4	1.446
HERMES	[14]	$lp \rightarrow lK^- X$	38	1.292
		$lp \rightarrow lK^+ X$	40	0.992
		$lp \rightarrow l\pi^- X$	38	0.995
		$lp \rightarrow l\pi^+ X$	40	1.186
	[13]	$lp \rightarrow l\pi^0 X$	4	1.482
COMPASS	[10]	$ld \rightarrow lK^0 X$	7	0.780
		$ld \rightarrow lK^- X$	11	1.389
		$ld \rightarrow lK^+ X$	13	0.701
		$ld \rightarrow l\pi^- X$	11	0.788
		$ld \rightarrow l\pi^+ X$	12	0.842
	[9]	$lp \rightarrow lh^- X$	41	1.058
		$lp \rightarrow lh^+ X$	42	0.772
COMPASS (Drell-Yan)	[12]	$\pi^- p \rightarrow \gamma^* X$	15	0.588
RHIC (W/Z)	[15]	$pp \rightarrow W^+ X$	8	2.135
		$pp \rightarrow W^- X$	8	1.102
		$pp \rightarrow Z^0 X$	1	0.246
	[16]	$pp \rightarrow Z^0 X$	1	0.862
RHIC (jet)	[7]	STAR 200: $pp \rightarrow \text{jet} X$	9	2.217
		STAR 500: $pp \rightarrow \text{jet} X$	9	0.716
	[8]	AnDY 500: $pp \rightarrow \text{jet} X$	5	4.885
Total			361	1.145

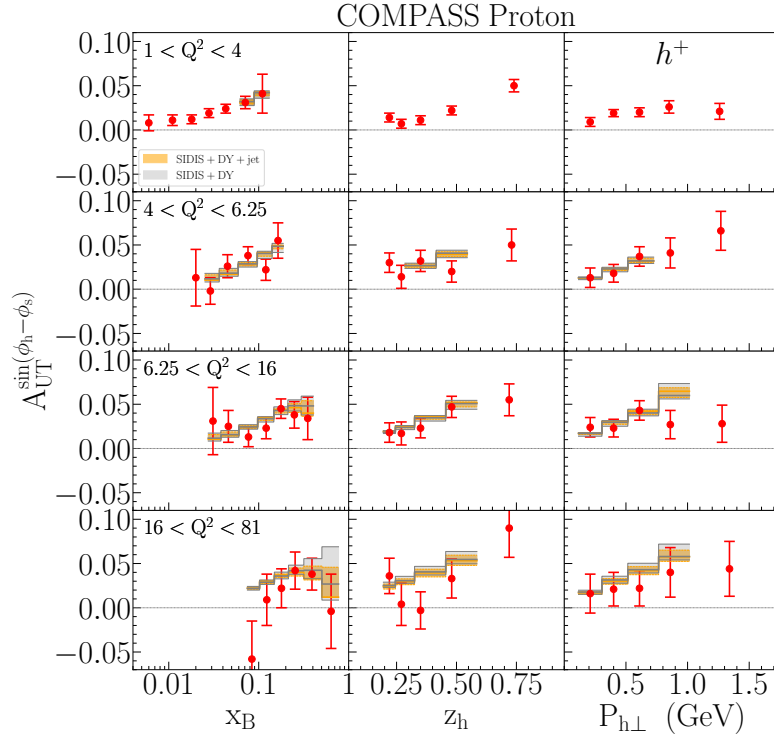
**Table 6.1:** The table presents the experimental data used in our ‘SIDIS+DY+jet’ fit, showing the  $\chi^2/N_{data}$  for each dataset. The last number (at the bottom) in the right column is the global  $\chi^2/dof$ . The total number of fitted data points after the kinematic cut is 361.



**Figure 6.4:** The result illustrates the impact of jet  $A_N$  data. The fit results with and without jet  $A_N$  data are compared to STAR measurements at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV and  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV [7], as well as AnDY measurements at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV [8]. For each case, the result is plotted as a function of  $x_F$ . The  $\pi^-p \rightarrow \gamma^*X$  and  $pp \rightarrow W/ZX$  processes are considered as DY process.

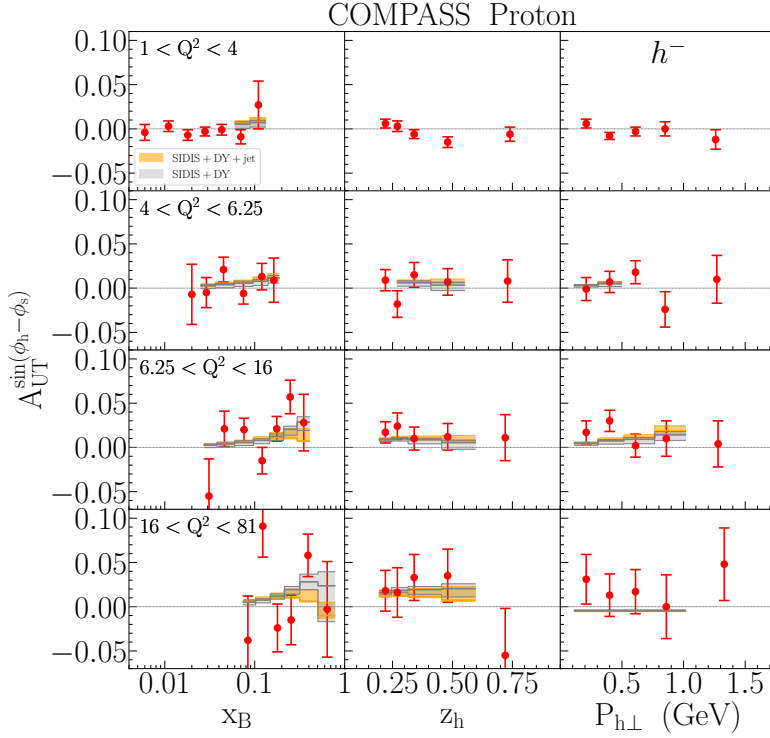
Collab	Ref	Process	$N_{data}$	$\chi^2/N_{data}$
JLAB	[11]	$lN \rightarrow l\pi^+ X$	4	0.711
		$lN \rightarrow l\pi^- X$	4	0.799
HERMES	[14]	$lp \rightarrow lK^- X$	38	1.264
		$lp \rightarrow lK^+ X$	40	1.021
		$lp \rightarrow l\pi^- X$	38	0.951
		$lp \rightarrow l\pi^+ X$	40	1.153
	[13]	$lp \rightarrow l\pi^0 X$	4	1.635
COMPASS	[10]	$ld \rightarrow lK^0 X$	7	0.619
		$ld \rightarrow lK^- X$	11	1.742
		$ld \rightarrow lK^+ X$	13	1.230
		$ld \rightarrow l\pi^- X$	11	0.793
		$ld \rightarrow l\pi^+ X$	12	0.856
	[9]	$lp \rightarrow lh^- X$	41	0.956
		$lp \rightarrow lh^+ X$	42	0.786
COMPASS (Drell-Yan)	[12]	$\pi^- p \rightarrow \gamma^* X$	15	0.219
RHIC ( $W/Z$ )	[15]	$pp \rightarrow W^+ X$	8	2.246
		$pp \rightarrow W^- X$	8	1.097
		$pp \rightarrow Z^0 X$	1	0.208
	[16]	$pp \rightarrow Z^0 X$	1	0.862
RHIC (jet)	[7]	STAR 200: $pp \rightarrow \text{jet} X$	9	1.445
		STAR 500: $pp \rightarrow \text{jet} X$	9	0.645
Total			356	1.074

**Table 6.2:** The table presents the experimental data used in our fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data only, showing the  $\chi^2/N_{data}$  for each dataset and the global  $\chi^2/dof$ . The total number of fitted data points after the kinematic cut is 356. The symbol  $(^*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.

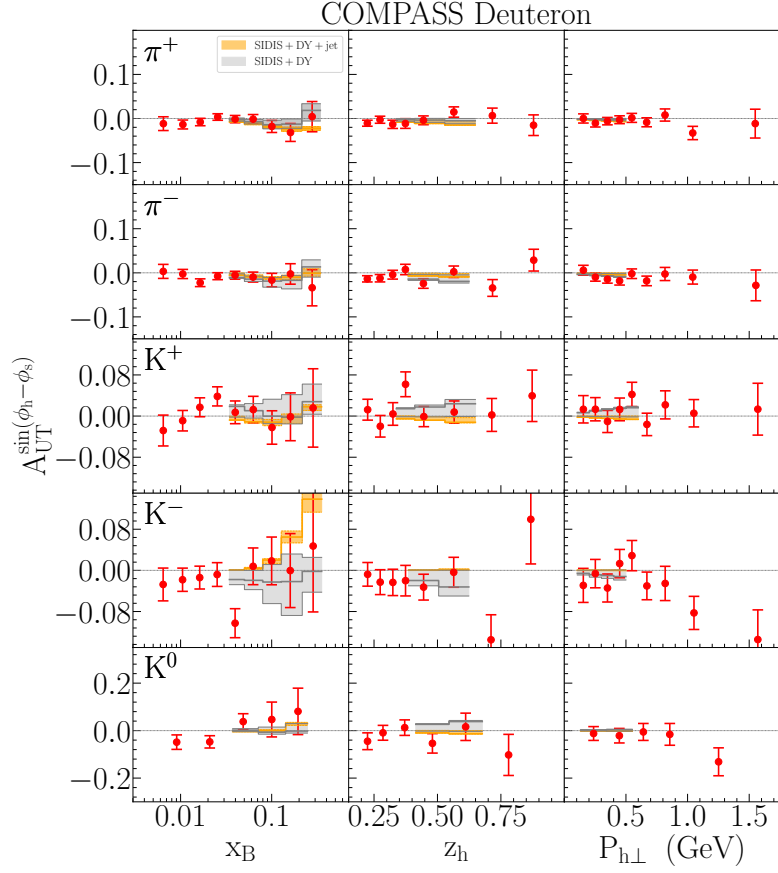


**Figure 6.5:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for SIDIS measurement for  $h^+$  [9]. In both cases, the results are plotted for different hard scale intervals as a function of  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and  $P_{h\perp}$ . The symbol  $(^*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.

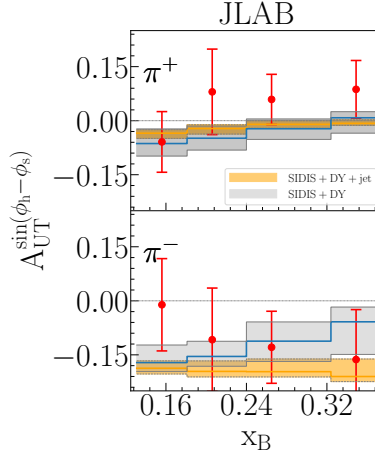




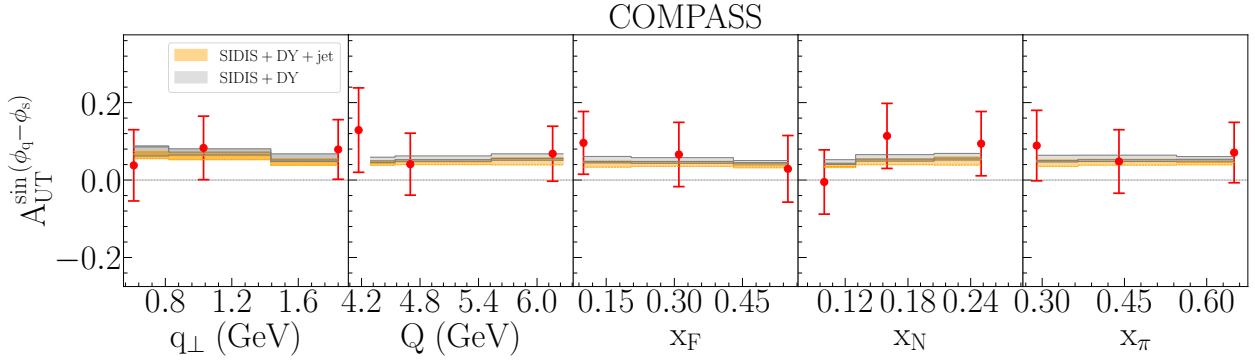
**Figure 6.6:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for SIDIS measurement for  $h^-$  [9]. In both cases, the results are shown for different hard scale intervals as a function of  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and  $P_{h\perp}$ . The symbol (\*) indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.



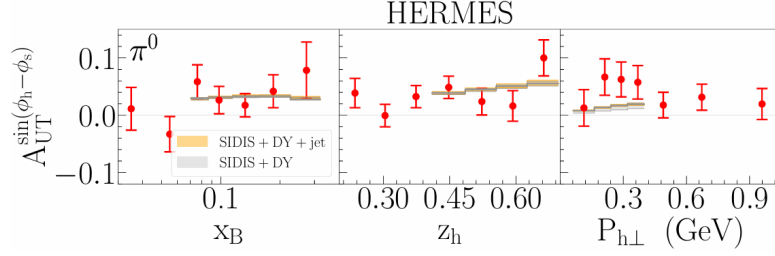
**Figure 6.7:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for SIDIS measurements [10] for  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $K^-$  and  $K^0$ . In both cases, the results are plotted as a function of  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and  $P_{h\perp}$ . The symbol  $(*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.



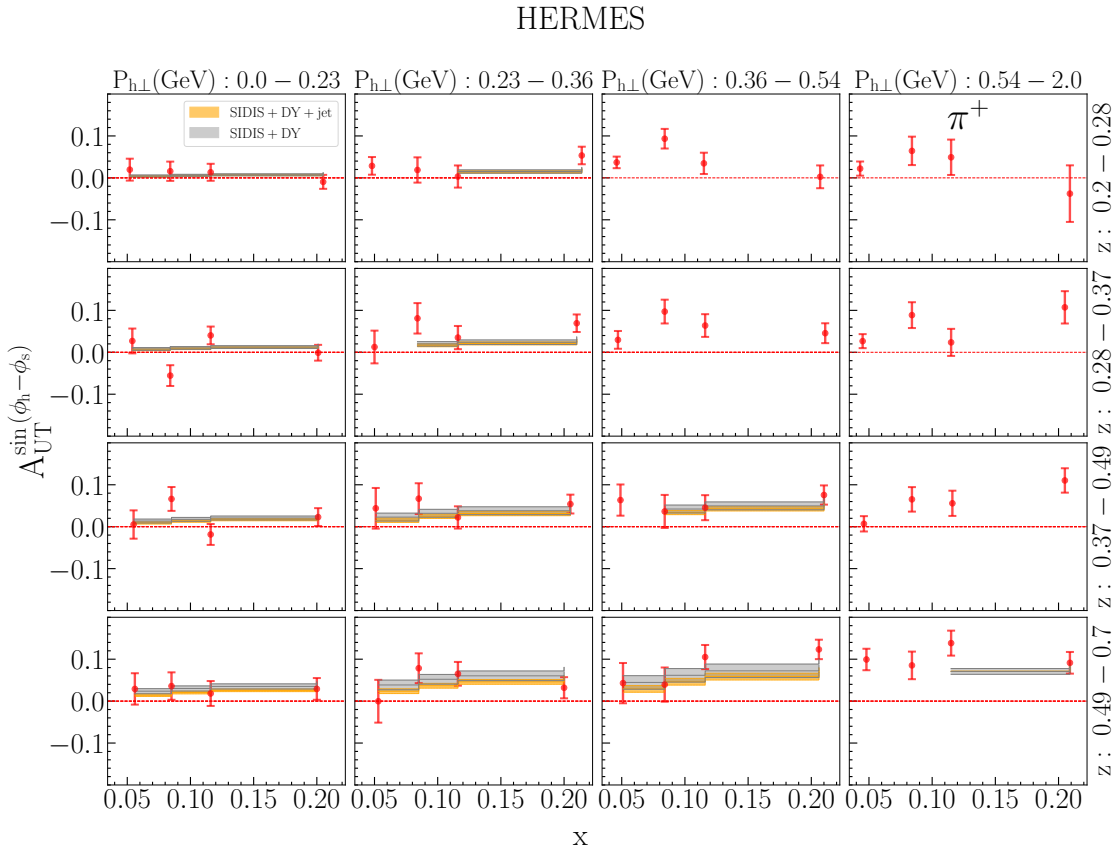
**Figure 6.8:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for SIDIS measurements for  $\pi^-$  and  $\pi^+$  using a neutron target [11]. In both cases, the results are plotted as a function of  $x_B$ . The symbol  $(*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.



**Figure 6.9:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for DY measurement in the  $\pi^-p$  collision process [12]. In both cases, the results are plotted as a function of  $q_\perp$ ,  $Q$ ,  $x_N$ , and  $x_\pi$ . The symbol  $(*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.

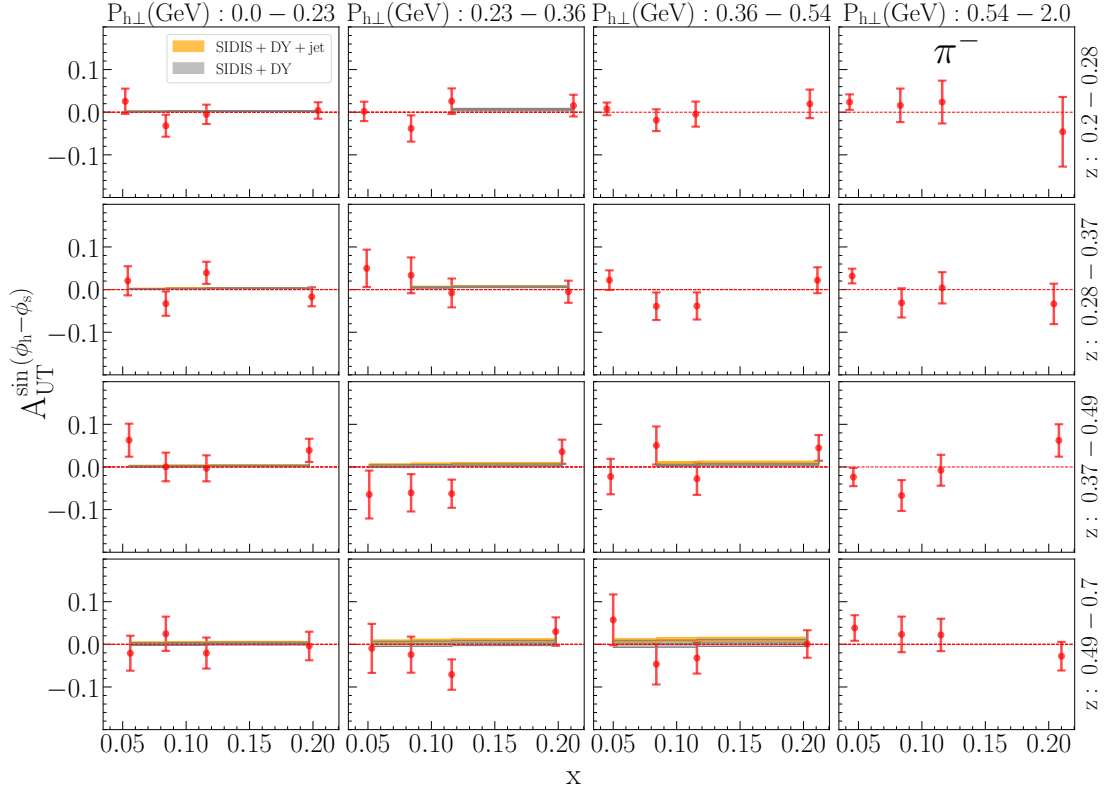


**Figure 6.10:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for SIDIS measurements [13] for  $\pi^0$ . In both cases, the results are plotted as a function of  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and  $P_{h\perp}$ . The symbol (\*) indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.

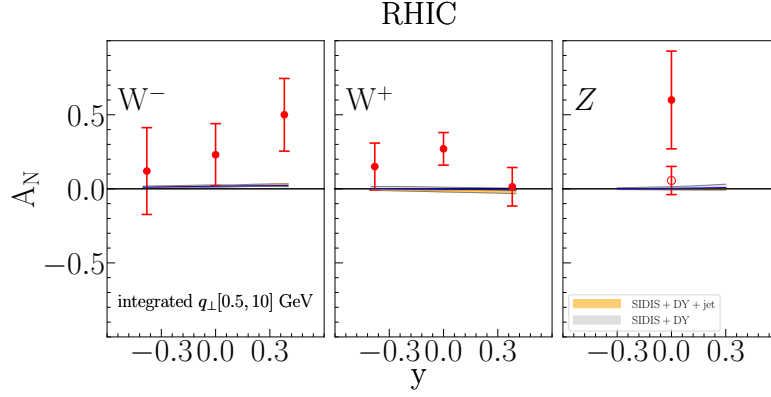


**Figure 6.11:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for HERMES  $\pi^+$  measurement [14]. For both cases, the results are shown for different  $P_{h\perp}$ - and  $z$ -intervals as a function of  $x$ . The symbol (\*) indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.

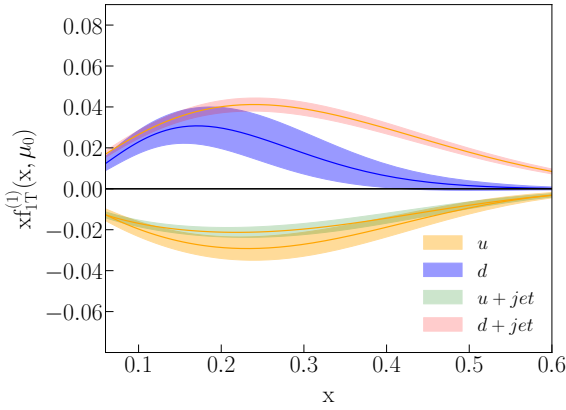
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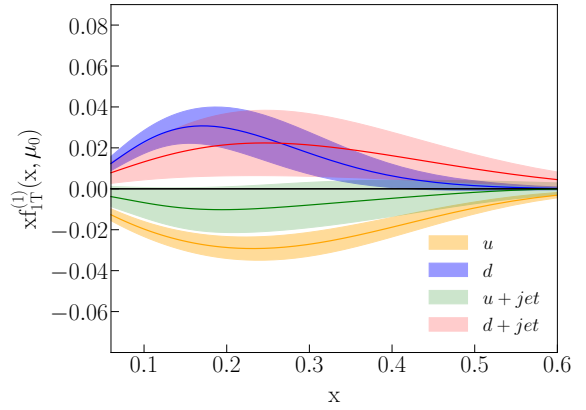
**Figure 6.12:** The comparison of the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for HERMES  $\pi^-$  measurement [14]. For both cases, the results are shown for different  $P_{h\perp}$ - and  $z$ -intervals as a function of  $x$ . The symbol  $(*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.



**Figure 6.13:** The comparison of the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data for  $pp \rightarrow W/Z$  measurements [15, 16]. The most recent data for  $Z$  is plotted with the empty circle. In both cases, the results are plotted as function of  $y$ . The  $y$  dependent data integrated in  $q_T$  from 0.5 to 10 GeV. The symbol  $(*)$  indicates that the jet  $A_N$  data consists of STAR data only.

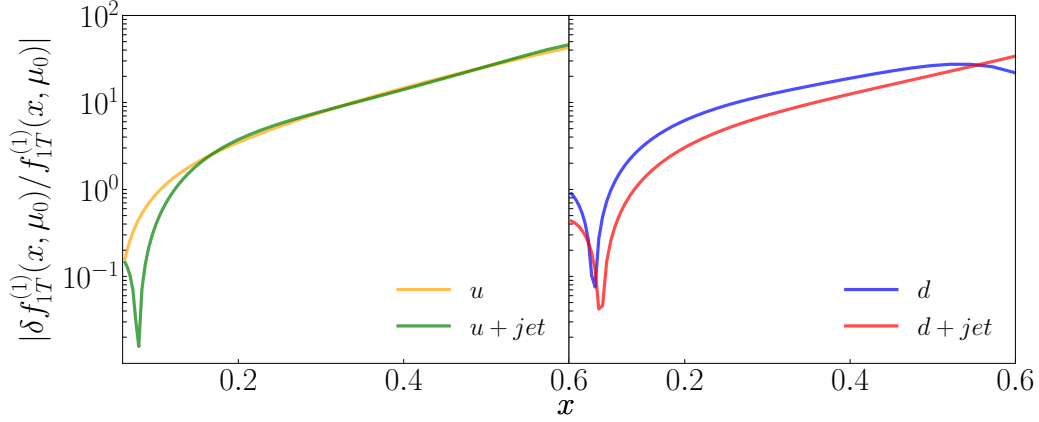


**Figure 6.14:** The first moment of the Siverson function with and without STAR jet data (also referred to as jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data) as a function of  $x$ .



**Figure 6.15:** The first moment of the siverson function with and without STAR+AnDY jet data (also referred to as jet  $A_N^{(**+A)}$  data) as a function of  $x$ .

Figure (6.4) shows the  $A_N$  for the fit result without jet  $A_N$  data and the fit result with jet  $A_N$  data in comparison with RHIC data at 200 and 500 GeV for different ranges of jet rapidity  $\eta_{jet}$  and mean jet rapidity  $\langle \eta_{jet} \rangle$ . This involves STAR measurement at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV, ( $3.0 < \eta_{jet} < 3.5$ ) and  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV, ( $3.4 < \eta_{jet} < 3.7$ ) and AnDY measurement at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV, ( $\langle \eta_{jet} \rangle = 3.31$ ). It can be seen that the fit result with jet  $A_N$  data agree very well with RHIC data for each center-of-mass energy. In addition, the comparison of fit result



**Figure 6.16:** The comparison of the ratio of uncertainty of first moment of the Siverts function with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the ratio of uncertainty of the first moment of the Siverts function without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. In both cases, the results for  $u$ - and  $d$ -quarks are plotted as function of  $x$ .

without jet  $A_N$  data with the fit result with jet  $A_N$  data shows that the inclusion of jet  $A_N$  data has a tendency to reduce the uncertainty.

Table (6.3) shows the values for fit parameters from both fit with and without jet  $A_N$  along with the corresponding  $\chi^2/dof$ . The uncertainties are obtained by selecting only 68 % of replicas among 201 sets of parameters. Table (6.3) shows that  $\chi^2/dof$  for the fit without jet  $A_N$  data is slightly less than  $\chi^2/dof$  for the fit with jet  $A_N$  data.

Figures (6.5), and (6.6) show the plots of the Siverts asymmetry for different hard scale intervals,  $1 < Q^2 < 4$ ,  $4 < Q^2 < 6.25$ ,  $6.25 < Q^2 < 16$ , and  $16 < Q^2 < 81 \text{ GeV}^2$  for the fit without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. Figure (6.5) shows the fit result for the production of hadron  $h^+$ , and Figure (6.6) shows the fit result for the production of hadron  $h^-$ . For each interval, the asymmetry is plotted as a function of the momentum fractions  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and hadron transverse momentum  $P_{h\perp}$ . While there is a slight change attributed to the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data, in both cases, the results show that the fitted asymmetry describe the experimental data very well.

Figure (6.7) shows the plots of the Siverts asymmetry for the hadron production of  $\pi^+$ ,  $\pi^-$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $K^-$ , and  $K^0$  for both the fit without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data.

SIDIS+DY	SIDIS+DY+jet
$N_u = 0.068^{+0.015}_{-0.005}$ GeV	$N_u = 0.064^{+0.024}_{-0.074}$ GeV
$N_d = -0.128^{+0.025}_{-0.091}$ GeV	$N_d = -0.267^{+0.290}_{-0.063}$ GeV
$N_s = 0.251^{+0.060}_{-0.147}$ GeV	$N_s = -0.112^{+0.002}_{-3.815}$ GeV
$N_{\bar{u}} = -0.088^{+0.060}_{-0.202}$ GeV	$N_{\bar{u}} = 0.017^{+2.706}_{-0.101}$ GeV
$N_{\bar{d}} = -0.136^{+0.078}_{-0.032}$ GeV	$N_{\bar{d}} = -0.076^{+0.634}_{-0.771}$ GeV
$N_{\bar{s}} = 0.044^{+0.236}_{-0.455}$ GeV	$N_{\bar{s}} = 1.200^{+0.047}_{-0.203}$ GeV
$\alpha_u = 0.832^{+0.132}_{-0.178}$	$\alpha_u = 1.323^{+1.817}_{-0.702}$
$\alpha_d = 1.636^{+0.620}_{-0.922}$	$\alpha_d = 1.206^{+1.053}_{-0.092}$
$\beta_u = 2.633^{+1.353}_{-1.092}$	$\beta_u = 4.067^{+0.440}_{-4.563}$
$\beta_d = 7.397^{+2.519}_{-3.998}$	$\beta_d = 1.709^{+1.020}_{-0.175}$
$\alpha_{\text{sea}} = 0.510^{+0.395}_{-0.010}$	$\alpha_{\text{sea}} = 1.002^{+0.187}_{-0.065}$
$\beta_{\text{sea}} = 0.005^{+0.197}_{-0.031}$	$\beta_{\text{sea}} = 0.595^{+0.481}_{-0.017}$
$g_1^T = 0.024^{+0.085}_{-0.014}$ GeV <sup>2</sup>	$g_1^T = 0.085^{+0.254}_{-0.154}$ GeV <sup>2</sup>
$\chi^2/dof = 1.017$	$\chi^2/dof = 1.145$

**Table 6.3:** Summary of the results for the fitted parameters and  $\chi^2/dof$ . From left, the first column shows the result from the fit without jet  $A_N$  data, and the second column shows the result from the fit with jet  $A_N$  data. The  $\pi^- p \rightarrow \gamma^* X$  and  $pp \rightarrow W/ZX$  processes are considered as DY process.

For each hadron, the asymmetry is plotted as a function of the momentum fractions  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and hadron transverse momentum  $P_{h\perp}$ . Similar to Figures (6.5) and (6.6), the comparison between the two cases shown in Figure (6.7) also indicates a slight change attributed to the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. In both cases, the fitted asymmetry describes the experimental data very well.

Figure (6.8) shows the plots of the Sivers asymmetry for  $\pi^-$ , and  $\pi^+$  for the fit without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. The experimental data for the production of  $\pi^-$  and  $\pi^+$  was obtained using the neutron target. In both cases, the results are plotted as function of the momentum fraction  $x_B$ . The comparison between the fit result without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit result with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data shows a difference that is attributed to the jet



$A_N^{(*)}$  data.

Figure (6.9) shows the plots of the Siverts asymmetry for the fit without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. In both cases, the results are plotted as function of transverse momentum  $q_T$ , invariance mass  $Q$ , Feynman variable  $x_F=x_\pi - x_N$ , momentum fraction  $x_N$  in the nucleon target, and momentum fraction  $x_\pi$  in the pion target respectively. The effect of jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  generates a slight difference, but the results from both cases show that the fitted asymmetry agrees with the experimental data very well.

Figure (6.10) shows the plot of the Siverts asymmetry for  $\pi^0$  production for the fit without the inclusion of jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. Both fit results are shown as function of  $x_B$ ,  $z_h$ , and  $P_{h\perp}$ . The comparison shows that both fit results agree very well with the experiment result. The jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data induces a change but the impact is easily noticeable for the fit results as function of  $P_{h\perp}$ .

Figures (6.11), and (6.12) show the plots of the Siverts asymmetries for  $\pi^+$ , and  $\pi^-$  productions for the fit without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. For both cases, the fit results are shown for different  $P_{h\perp}$ - and  $z$ -interval ranges as a function of  $x$ . In both case, the results show that the fitted asymmetry describes the experimental data very well. In addition, the comparison shows a difference that is attributed to the effect of the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. This difference becomes more noticeable in the large  $z$ -region.

Figure (6.13) shows the plots of the  $A_N^{(*)}$  asymmetry for  $W^-$ ,  $W^+$ , and  $Z$  vector bosons for the fit without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and the fit with jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. In both cases, the results are plotted as function of the rapidity  $y$ . The most recent data for the  $Z$  vector boson [14] is plotted with the empty circle. The transverse momentum of the vector boson is integrated over the range  $0.5 < q_\perp < 10$  GeV. In both cases, the uncertainty band is very small especially for  $W^-$  and  $Z$  vector bosons. The result also shows that the change due to the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data is more noticeable for  $W^+$ .

The Figure (6.14) shows the plots for the extracted first transverse moment of the Siverts function for  $u$ - and  $d$ -quarks,  $f_{1T}^{+(-)}(x, \mu_0)$ , and uncertainty bands with and without jet  $A_N^{(*)}$

data. And Figure (6.15) shows the plots for the extracted first transverse moment of the Siverts function for  $u$ - and  $d$ -quarks,  $f_{1T}^{\perp(1)}(x, \mu_0)$ , and uncertainty bands with and without jet  $A_N^{(**A)}$  data. The first transverse moment of the Siverts function is plotted as function of  $x$  at the initial scale  $\mu_0 = \sqrt{1.9}$  GeV. In each case, the Siverts  $d$  function is positive and the Siverts  $u$  function is negative, and the magnitude of the Siverts  $d$  function is greater than that of the Siverts  $u$  function. The results in both Figure (6.14) and Figure (6.15) clearly show the opposite effect of the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and  $A_N^{(**A)}$  data, respectively. The  $x_F$ -interval for both jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and  $A_N^{(**A)}$  data is roughly the large  $x$ -region,  $0.2 \leq x_F \leq 0.6$ . While the jet  $A_N^{(**A)}$  data increases the uncertainty, it can be seen that the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data reduces significantly the uncertainty on the quark siverts function. The reduction of the uncertainty is an indication that the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data provides an important information about the quark Siverts function in the large  $x$ -region. The result also indicates that the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data provides a significant complementary information to the low  $x$ -region, and there is an excellent compatibility between the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data and other data. Figure (6.16) shows the comparison of the ratio of uncertainty for the first moment of the Siverts function from the fit with the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data with that of the Siverts function without the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data. We realize that the result in Figure (6.16) agrees with result in Figure (6.14), for instance, in the region of roughly  $0.2 \leq x \leq 0.5$ , there is a significant reduction of uncertainty for  $d$ -quarks.

## 6.4 Conclusions

In this article, we studied for the first time the impact of jet  $A_N$  data on the quark Siverts function at NLO+NNLL within the TMD factorization formalism. To achieve this, we first extracted the quark Siverts function from the Siverts asymmetry with and without the jet  $A_N$  data, and we then compared the extracted quark Siverts function without the inclusion of jet  $A_N$  data with the extracted quark Siverts function with the inclusion of jet  $A_N$  data. We found that the inclusion of the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data allowed to improve and extend the knowledge

of the quark Sivers function in the large  $x$ -region which was not explored in other data, the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data led to the remarkable constraint and reduction of the uncertainty on the Sivers function in such large  $x$ -region, especially for  $d$  quarks. Our finding was obtained using the most recent experimental data, but we expect that future high-precision measurements with reduced uncertainties at COMPASS, JLAB, RHIC or the future EIC [117, 118] will further constrain the Sivers function. This will allow to gather more information on the impact of the jet  $A_N^{(*)}$  data on the Sivers function which is crucial in the model-dependent determination of the nucleon spin.

# Chapter 7

## Simultaneous extraction of Collins fragmentation function in TMD physics

### 7.1 Introduction

This chapter is partially based on the paper titled ‘A simultaneous global extraction of the Collins function in  $e^+e^-$  collisions, semi-inclusive DIS, and hadron-in-jet production’, in preparation to submit to JHEP, authored by Zhong-Bo Kang, Fidele J. Twagirayezu, and Yiyu Zhou.

Transverse momentum dependent functions (TMDs) are important objects in TMD physics because they allow to acquire the three-dimensional representation of the internal nucleon structure. In addition, TMDs can facilitate a better understanding of QCD properties such as hadronization described by fragmentation function. The TMD function that describes the hadronization of a transversely polarized hadron into unpolarized hadron is the Collins fragmentation function [70]. The Collins effect is experimentally measurable with Collins asymmetry. The Collins effect can be studied in the semi-inclusive deep inelas-

tic scattering (SIDIS) process [10, 11, 15, 119] where the Collins fragmentation function is coupled to the transversity distribution. The modulation is proportional of  $\sin(\phi_s + \phi_h)$  where  $\phi_s$  is the azimuthal angle of the transverse spin of the nucleon and  $\phi_h$  is the azimuthal angle of the hadron transverse momentum in the final state with respect to the reaction plane. The collins effect can be studied in di-hadron productions in semi-inclusive electron-positron annihilation [120, 121, 122, 123]. In the hadronic-plane method, the modulation is proportional to  $\cos(2\phi_0)$  where  $\phi_0$  is the azimuthal angle between the two hadrons. In addition, the Collins effect can be studied in hadron production in a highly energetic jets in proton-proton collisions [124]. For the universality property, the Collins fragmentation function is the same in the SIDIS process and electron-positron annihilation [125]. Also, Kang *et al.*[19] showed the universality of the Collins fragmentation function in hadron production inside jets in proton-proton collisions. To test further the universality property of the Collins fragmentation function, we establish a formalism to extract the Collins fragmentation function from the combination of SIDIS process, electron-positron annihilation and hadron production inside jets in proton-proton collisions.

## 7.2 Collins Formalism

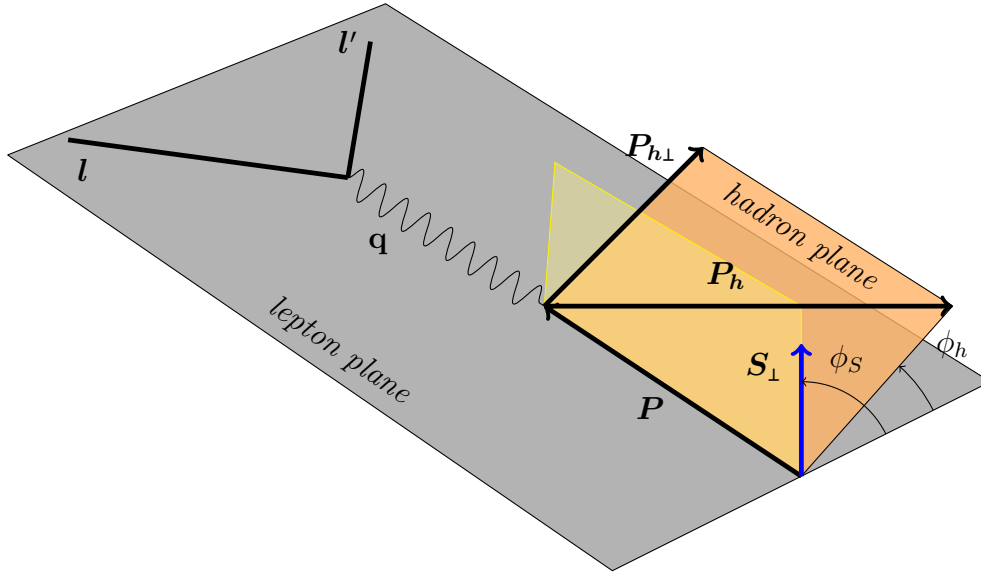
This section we present the TMD factorization formalism for the Collins asymmetry in semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS), electron-positron ( $e^+e^-$ ) processes, and hadron in jet production from proton-proton ( $pp$ ) collisions. The Collins formalism in SIDIS is presented in (7.2.1), the Collins formalism in  $e^+e^-$  process is presented in (7.2.2), and the Collins formalism for hadron in jet production from  $pp$  collisions is presented in (7.2.3) respectively.

## 7.2.1 Collins formalism in SIDIS

We consider an electron  $e$  that scatters on a polarized proton  $p$ , by exchanging a virtual photon of momentum  $q$ , and produce a hadron  $h$  in the final state.

$$e(l) + p(P) \rightarrow e(l') + h(P_h) + X \quad (7.1)$$

The exchanged momentum  $q$  is directly related to the hard scale  $Q$  through the invariant mass,  $-q^2 = Q^2$ .



**Figure 7.1:** The kinematics for Semi-Inclusive DIS. The exchanged photon carries a momentum  $q$ . The quantity  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  is the transverse polarization of the proton,  $\phi_S$  is the azimuthal angle between  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  and the lepton plane, and  $\phi_h$  is the azimuthal angle between the hadron plane and the lepton plane. In this case, the modulation depends on the sum of azimuthal angles.

The Collins asymmetry is defined as

$$A_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)} = D_{\text{NN}} \frac{F_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)}}{F_{\text{UU}}}, \quad (7.2)$$

where  $D_{\text{NN}}$  is the depolarization factor which is given by

$$D_{\text{NN}} = \frac{2(1-y)}{1+(1-y)^2}, \quad (7.3)$$

while  $F_{\text{UU}}$  and  $F_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_h+\phi_s)}$  denote the unpolarized and polarized structure functions. These structure functions are related to the cross section for Semi-Inclusive DIS as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}_{\text{DIS}}} = \sigma_0(x, y, Q^2) \left[ F_{\text{UU}} + \sin(\phi_h + \phi_s) D_{\text{NN}} F_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_h+\phi_s)} + \dots \right], \quad (7.4)$$

where the dots denote additional structure functions that do not contribute to the Collins asymmetry. The quantity,  $\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)$ , is the modulation in the Collins formalism. In this expression,  $d\mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}_{\text{DIS}}$  denotes the phase space, which is given by

$$d\mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}_{\text{DIS}} = dx dy dz d^2\mathbf{P}_{h\perp} \quad (7.5)$$

where we have the usual parton fraction variables defined as

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}, \quad y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot l}, \quad z = \frac{P \cdot P_h}{P \cdot q}, \quad (7.6)$$

while  $P_{h\perp}$  denotes the transverse momentum of the final-state hadron. The structure functions in Eq. (7.4) can be written as convolutions of TMDs as

$$F_{\text{UU}} = \mathcal{C}_{\text{DIS}} [f D], \quad F_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_h+\phi_s)} = \mathcal{C}_{\text{DIS}} \left[ \frac{\hat{P}_{h\perp} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{\perp}}{zM_h} h_1 H_1^{\perp} \right], \quad (7.7)$$

where the convolution integral is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_{\text{DIS}}[c A B] &= H_{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \sum_q e_q^2 \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{\perp} d^2\mathbf{p}_{\perp} \delta^2(z\mathbf{k}_{\perp} + \mathbf{p}_{\perp} - \mathbf{P}_{h\perp}) c(\mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \mathbf{p}_{\perp}, \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{h\perp}) \\ &\quad \times A_{q/p}(x, k_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta_1) B_{h/q}(z, p_{\perp}, \mu, \zeta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (7.8)$$

where  $c$  denotes an arbitrary kinematic prefactor,  $A$  denotes a TMD PDF and  $B$  denotes a TMD FF. Namely,  $f_1$  and  $D_1$  denote the unpolarized TMD PDF and TMD FF, while  $h_1$  and  $H_1^\perp$  denote the transversity TMD PDF and the Collins fragmentation function. Additionally,  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$  denotes the transverse momentum of the incoming quark with respect to the incoming hadron, while  $\mathbf{p}_\perp$  denotes the transverse momentum of the final-state hadron with respect to the fragmenting quark. These convolution integrals can be simplified by working in  $b$ -space, the conjugate space to  $-\mathbf{P}_{h_\perp}/z$ . After converting these convolutions to  $b$ -space, we have the expression for the unpolarized structure function

$$F_{\text{UU}} = H_{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \sum_q e_q^2 \int \frac{bdb}{2\pi} J_0(b P_{h_\perp}/z) f_{1q/p}(x, b, \mu, \zeta_1) D_{1q/p}(z, b, \mu, \zeta_2), \quad (7.9)$$

where  $J_0$  is the zeroth Bessel function of the first kind. In this expression, we have introduced and we have introduced  $H_{\text{DIS}}$ , the hard function for DIS, as well as the  $b$ -dependent TMDs, which are defined as

$$f_{1q/p}(x, b, \mu, \zeta) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{k}_\perp} f_{1q/p}(x, k_\perp, \mu, \zeta), \quad (7.10)$$

$$D_{1h/q}(z, b, \mu, \zeta) = \frac{1}{z^2} \int d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{p}_\perp/z} D_{1h/q}(z, p_\perp, \mu, \zeta). \quad (7.11)$$

For the unpolarized TMDs, we can perturbatively match them onto the collinear distributions as follows

$$\begin{aligned} f_{1q/p}(x, b, \mu, \zeta_1) &= [C \otimes f](x, b, \mu, \zeta_1), \\ D_{1q/p}(z, b, \mu, \zeta_2) &= \frac{1}{z^2} [\hat{C} \otimes D](z, b, \mu, \zeta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$



where the convolutions for the TMD PDFs and TMD FFs are given by

$$[C \otimes A](x, b, \mu, \zeta) = \sum_i \int_x^1 \frac{d\hat{x}}{\hat{x}} C_{q/i}(\frac{x}{\hat{x}}, b, \mu, \zeta) A_{i/p}(\hat{x}, \mu), \quad (7.13)$$

$$[\hat{C} \otimes B](z, b, \mu, \zeta) = \sum_i \int_z^1 \frac{d\hat{z}}{\hat{z}} \hat{C}_{i/q}(\frac{z}{\hat{z}}, b, \mu, \zeta) B_{h/i}(\hat{z}, \mu). \quad (7.14)$$

These operator product expansions involve large logarithms which must be resummed. This resummation is captured by the perturbative Sudakov term

$$S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu_f, \zeta_f) = \int_{\mu_i}^{\mu_f} \frac{d\mu'}{\mu'} \left[ \gamma^V + \Gamma_{\text{cusp}} \ln \left( \frac{\zeta_f}{\mu'^2} \right) \right] + D(b, \mu_i) \ln \left( \frac{\zeta_f}{\zeta_i} \right), \quad (7.15)$$

where  $\gamma^V$ ,  $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}$ , and  $D$  denote the non-cusp, cusp, and rapidity anomalous dimension. In Appendix (B), we have included the expressions for these anomalous dimensions up to NNLL accuracy.

The convolution entering into the polarized structure function can also be simplified by working in  $b$ -space as

$$F_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)} = -\frac{1}{2z} \sum_q e_q^2 H_{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu) \int \frac{b^2 db}{2\pi} J_1(b P_{h\perp}/z) h_{1q/p}(x, b, \mu, \zeta_1) H_{1q/p}^\perp(z, b, \mu, \zeta_2), \quad (7.16)$$

where we have introduced the  $b$ -space spin-dependent TMDs which are defined as Fourier transforms of the momentum space ones

$$h_{1q/p}(x, b, \mu, \zeta) = \int d^2 k_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{k}_\perp} h_{1q/p}(x, k_\perp, \mu, \zeta), \quad (7.17)$$

$$H_{1h/q}^{\perp\alpha}(z, b, \mu, \zeta) = \frac{1}{z^2} \int d^2 p_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{p}_\perp/z} \frac{p_\perp^\alpha}{M_h} H_{1h/q}^\perp(z, p_\perp, \mu, \zeta). \quad (7.18)$$

We can once again perform an operator product expansion of these distributions onto

collinear ones

$$h_{1,q/p}(x, b, \mu, \zeta_1) = [C^h \otimes h](x, b, \mu, \zeta_1) . \quad (7.19)$$

We note that there are additional complications associated with the matching of the Collins function. This is due to the prefactor of  $p_\perp^\alpha$ , which causes the Collins function to match onto a higher twist collinear distributions. The matching procedure can be performed as follows

$$H_{1q/p}^{\perp\alpha}(z, b, \mu, \zeta_2) = -\frac{ib^\alpha}{2z} H_{1q/p}^\perp(z, b, \mu, \zeta_2) , \quad (7.20)$$

$$H_{1q/p}^\perp(z, b, \mu, \zeta_2) = \frac{1}{z^2} [C^H \otimes H^{(3)}](z, b, \mu, \zeta_2) , \quad (7.21)$$

where the  $H^{(3)}$  denotes a twist-3 collinear distribution. As in the case of the unpolarized TMDs, this OPE contains large logarithms which need to be resummed by the perturbative Sudakov in Eq. (7.15). After resumming the large logarithms in the unpolarized and polarized TMDs, we have the expressions for the cross section

$$F_{UU}(x, z, P_{h\perp}, Q) = H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu_f) \frac{1}{z^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0(bP_{h\perp}/z) \sum_q e_q^2 \quad (7.22)$$

$$\times [C \otimes f_1](x, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) [\hat{C} \otimes D_1](z, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i)$$

$$\times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu_f, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^f(x, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^D(z, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) \right] ,$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_s)}(x, z, P_{h\perp}, Q) = -\frac{1}{z} H^{\text{DIS}}(Q, \mu_f) \frac{1}{z^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{b^2 db}{4\pi} J_1(bP_{h\perp}/z) \sum_q e_q^2 \quad (7.23)$$

$$\times [C^h \otimes h_1](x, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) [C^H \otimes H^{(3)}](z, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i)$$

$$\times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu_f, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^h(x, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^H(z, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) \right] ,$$

where one usually takes  $\mu_i^2 = \zeta_i = \mu_b^2$  and  $\mu_f^2 = \zeta_f = Q^2$ . In these expressions, we have introduced the non-perturbative Sudakov terms associated with each TMD as well as the

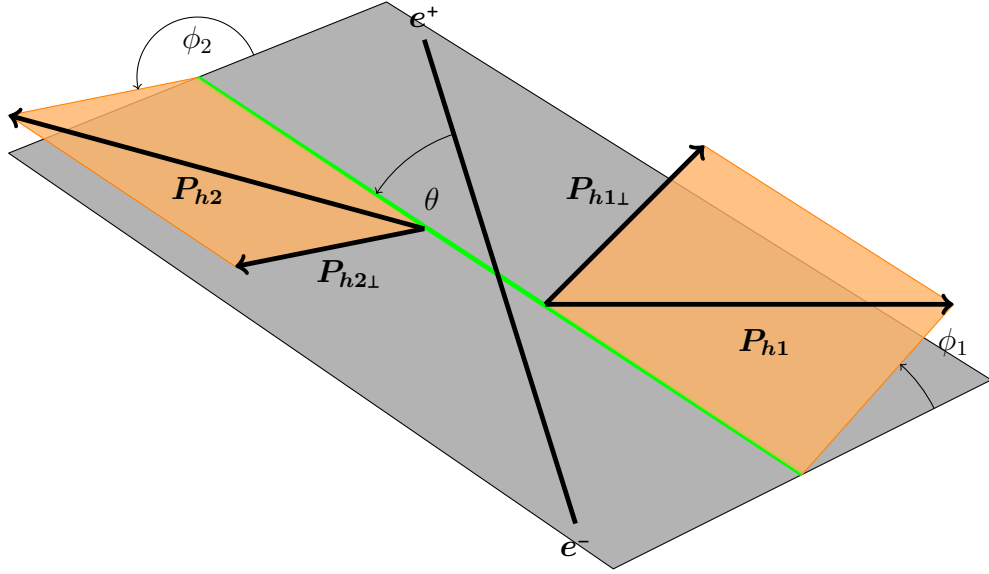
initial TMD scale  $Q_0$ . We will discuss these functions in more depth in Sec. (7.3).

### 7.2.2 Collins formalism in $e^+e^-$

In this section we present the Collins formalism of the di-hadron productions in the  $e^+e^-$  process,

$$e^+(l_+) + e^-(l_-) \rightarrow h_1 h_2 X \quad (7.24)$$

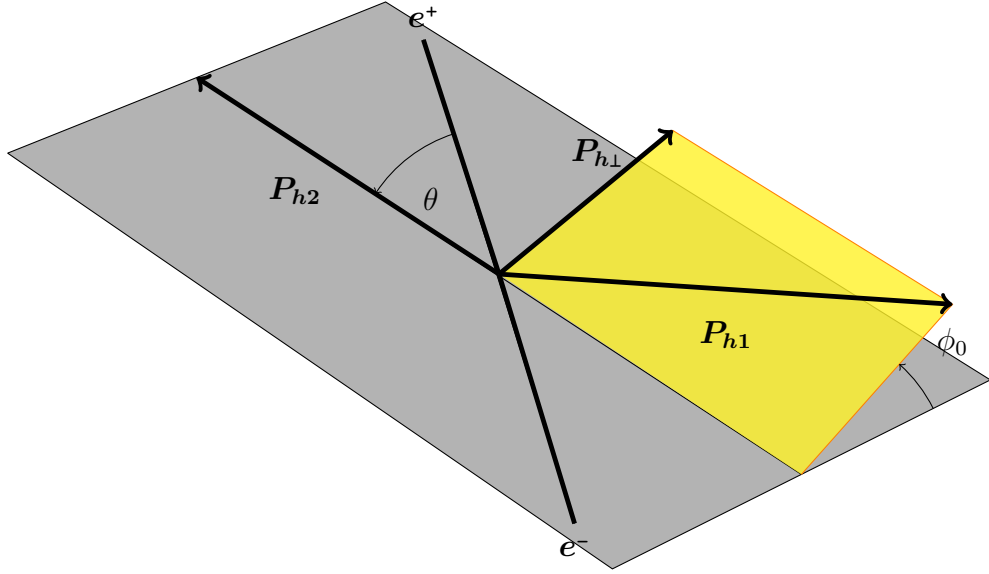
where  $l_+$  and  $l_-$  are initial momenta,  $P_{h_1}$  and  $P_{h_2}$  are the momenta of hadrons  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  respectively. The center of mass energy is defined as,  $S = Q^2 = (l_+ + l_-)^2$ . The hard scale  $Q$  is expressed in terms of the hadron momentum  $P_{hi}$  as,  $z_{hi} = 2|P_{hi}|/Q$ , where  $z_{hi}$  is the longitudinal momentum associated with fragmentation functions. The thrust-axis and hadronic-plane methods are two methods which are frequently utilized to study the collins effects. The thrust-axis method consists of defining a thrust-axis and measure the azimuthal correlation between hadrons, see Figure (7.2), this method corresponds to  $A_{12}$  asymmetries. The hadronic-plane method consists of choosing one hadron as a reference to define the azimuthal angle of another hadron, see Figure (7.3); this method that will be the subject of use in our formalism, is the cornerstone for  $A_0$  asymmetries.



**Figure 7.2:** The kinematics for double-inclusive annihilation in the thrust-axis method.  $P_{h1}$  and  $P_{h2}$  are the momenta of the produced hadrons  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  respectively.

In the hadronic-plane method the differential cross section for di-hadron productions in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation can be written in terms of the unpolarized structure function  $Z_{UU}^{e^+e^-}$ , and the double Collins structure function  $Z_{Collins}^{e^+e^-}$  as follows

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}_{\oplus}} = \sigma_0^U Z_{UU}^{e^+e^-} + \cos(2\phi_0) \sigma_0^T Z_{Collins}^{e^+e^-} + \dots \quad (7.25)$$



**Figure 7.3:** The kinematics for double-inclusive annihilation in the hadronic plane method. The hadron  $h_2$  is chosen to be a reference to measure the azimuthal angle  $\phi_0$  for the hadron  $h_1$ .

where the unintegrated phase space is given by  $d\mathcal{PS}_{\otimes} = dz_1 dz_2 d^2P_{h\perp} d\cos\theta$  and the Born cross section for the unpolarized and transversely polarized quarks are given by

$$\sigma_0^U = \frac{N_c \pi \alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{2Q^2} (1 + \cos^2\theta), \quad \sigma_0^T = \frac{\sin^2\theta}{1 + \cos^2\theta} \sigma_0^U. \quad (7.26)$$

The structure functions can be written as a convolution of the unpolarized TMD FF and the Collins function as

$$Z_{\text{UU}}^{e^+e^-} = \mathcal{C} [D_1 D_2],$$

$$Z_{\text{Collins}}^{e^+e^-} = \mathcal{C} \left[ \frac{1}{z_{h1} z_{h2} M_1 M_2} (2\hat{P}_{h\perp} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{1\perp} \hat{P}_{h\perp} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{2\perp} - \mathbf{p}_{1\perp} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{2\perp}) H_1^+ H_2^+ \right], \quad (7.27)$$

where the convolution for  $e^+e^-$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}[c B_1 B_2] &= \sum_q e_q^2 H(Q, \mu) \int d^2 p_{1\perp} d^2 p_{2\perp} \delta^2\left(\mathbf{P}_{h\perp} - \mathbf{p}_{1\perp} - \frac{z_{h1}}{z_{h2}} \mathbf{p}_{2\perp}\right) \\ &\times c(\mathbf{p}_{1\perp}, \mathbf{p}_{1\perp}, \hat{P}_{h\perp}) B_{q/h_1}(z_{h1}, p_{1\perp}, \mu, \zeta_1) B_{q/h_2}(z_{h2}, p_{2\perp}, \mu, \zeta_2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.28)$$

By Fourier transform, the structure functions for the unpolarized and double Collins asymmetries take the following form, from the  $b$ -space to the momentum space.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{UU}}^{e^+e^-} &= \frac{1}{z_{h1}^2} H_{\text{U}}(Q, \mu) \int \frac{d^2 b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}/z_1} \sum_q e_q^2 \\ &\times D_{h_1/q}(z_{h1}, b, \mu, \zeta_1) D_{h_2/\bar{q}}(z_{h2}, b, \mu, \zeta_2), \end{aligned} \quad (7.29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{Collins}}^{e^+e^-} &= \frac{1}{z_{h1}^2} H_{\text{C}}(Q, \mu) \int \frac{d^2 b}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}/z_1} \sum_q e_q^2 (2\hat{P}_{h\perp}^\alpha \hat{P}_{h\perp}^\beta - g_1^{\alpha\beta}) \\ &\times H_{1h_1/q}^{\perp\alpha}(z_{h1}, b, \mu, \zeta_1) H_{1h_2/\bar{q}}^{\perp\beta}(z_{h2}, b, \mu, \zeta_2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.30)$$

After performing the OPE for the TMDs and resumming the large logs, the expressions for

the structure functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{\text{UU}}^{e^+e^-}(P_{h\perp}, Q) &= H_{\text{U}}(Q, \mu_f) \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0(bP_{h\perp}/z_{h1}) \sum_q e_q^2 \\
&\times \left[ \hat{C}^D \otimes D_1 \right](z_{h1}, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) \left[ \hat{C}^D \otimes D_1 \right](z_{h2}, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) \\
&\times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu_f, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^D(z_{h1}, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^D(z_{h2}, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{7.31}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{\text{Collins}}^{e^+e^-}(P_{h\perp}, Q) &= -\frac{1}{z_{h1}^2} \frac{1}{z_{h1} z_{h2}} H_{\text{C}}(Q, \mu_f) \int_0^\infty \frac{b^3 db}{8\pi} J_2(bP_{h\perp}/z) \sum_q e_q^2 \\
&\times \left[ \delta C^C \otimes H^{(3)} \right](x, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) \left[ \delta C^C \otimes H^{(3)} \right](z, b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) \\
&\times \exp \left[ -2S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu_f, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^C(z_{h1}, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) - S_{\text{NP}}^C(z_{h2}, b, Q_0, \zeta_f) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{7.32}$$

To eliminate false asymmetries, BELLE and BABAR consider the ratios of unlike-sign ‘‘U’’ , like ‘‘L’’, and conjugate ‘‘C’’ pion pairs in the asymmetries.

$$\text{U} \equiv (\pi^+ \pi^- + \pi^- \pi^+), \quad \text{L} \equiv (\pi^+ \pi^+ + \pi^- \pi^-), \quad \text{C} \equiv (\pi^+ \pi^+ + \pi^- \pi^- + \pi^+ \pi^- + \pi^- \pi^+). \tag{7.33}$$

The asymmetries  $A_0^{\text{UL}}$  and  $A_0^{\text{UC}}$  are written as

$$A_0^{\text{UL}}(z_{h1}, z_{h2}, \theta, P_{h\perp}) = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} (P_U - P_L), \tag{7.34}$$

$$A_0^{\text{UC}}(z_{h1}, z_{h2}, \theta, P_{h\perp}) = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} (P_U - P_C) \tag{7.35}$$

where

$$P_U = Z_{\text{COL,U}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)} / Z_{\text{UU,U}}, \quad P_L = Z_{\text{COL,L}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)} / Z_{\text{UU,L}}, \quad P_C = Z_{\text{COL,C}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)} / Z_{\text{UU,C}}. \tag{7.36}$$

Here, the subscript COL is simply a shorthand notation for Collins. Similarly, one can define the  $P_{h\perp}$ -integrated asymmetries as

$$A_0^{\text{UL}}(z_{h1}, z_{h2}, \theta) = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} \left( \frac{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{COL,U}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)}}{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{UU,U}}} - \frac{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{COL,L}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)}}{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{UU,L}}} \right), \quad (7.37)$$

$$A_0^{\text{UC}}(z_{h1}, z_{h2}, \theta) = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} \left( \frac{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{COL,U}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)}}{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{UU,U}}} - \frac{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{COL,C}}^{\cos(2\phi_0)}}{\int P_{h\perp} dP_{h\perp} Z_{\text{UU,C}}} \right). \quad (7.38)$$

For the structure function  $Z_{uu}^{e^+e^-}$ , the hard factor  $H_U$  is the same as that for Drell-Yan lepton pair production but differs for SIDIS. The reason for this is that the virtual photon is time-like ( $q^2 > 0$ ) in  $e^+e^-$  and Drell-Yan processes, whereas in SIDIS, the virtual photon is space-like ( $q^2 < 0$ ). Additionally, the hard part  $H_C$  of the structure function  $Z_{\text{Collins}}^{e^+e^-}$  is the same as that of the structure function  $Z_{uu}^{e^+e^-}$  due to the spin-independence of hard interaction in perturbative QCD.

### 7.2.3 Collins formalism for hadron-in-jet production from proton-proton $pp$ collisions

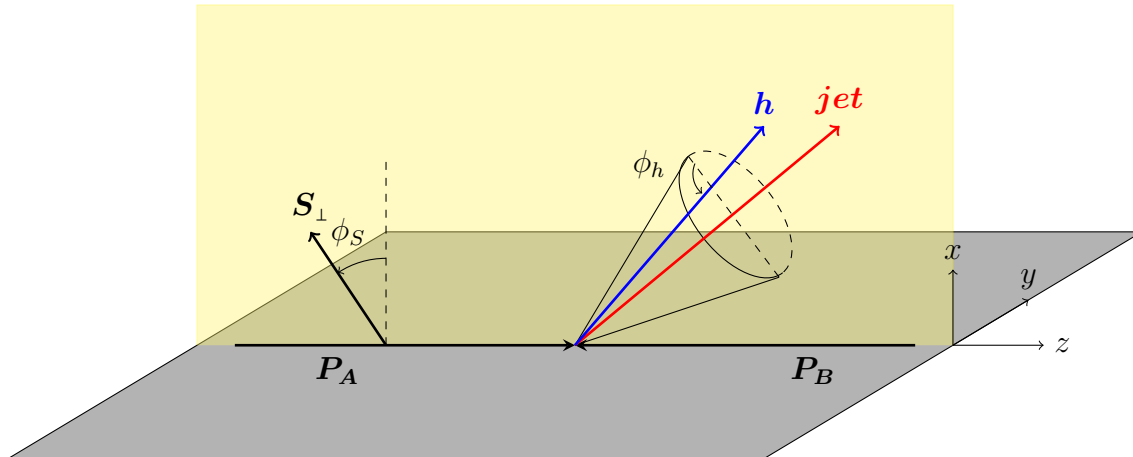
We consider the hadron azimuthal distribution inside jets in transversely polarized  $p^\uparrow p$  collisions,

$$p^\uparrow(P_A, S_T, \phi_{S_A}) + p(P_B) \rightarrow \text{jet}(\eta, p_T) h(z_h, j_\perp, \phi_h) + X, \quad (7.39)$$

where  $P_A$  is the four-momentum of a transversely polarized proton with a transverse polarization vector  $S_T$  moving the  $+z$ -direction, and  $P_B$  is the four-momentum of unpolarized proton moving in the  $-z$ -direction. The azimuthal angle of  $S_T$  with respect to the reaction plane is denoted by  $\phi_{S_A}$ . For the jet function,  $\eta$  is the rapidity, and  $p_T$  is the transverse momentum of a jet in the final state. For the hadron function,  $z_h$  is the momentum fraction



of a hadron,  $j_T$  is the transverse momentum of a hadron inside a jet which forms an angle  $\phi_h$  with the reaction plane. Here,  $j_\perp$  is defined with respect to the standard jet axis, the choice of this type of axis is due to the fact that it allows a direct relation to the transverse momentum fragmentation functions (TMDFFs).



**Figure 7.4:** Illustration for single inclusive jet production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions,  $p(P_A, \mathbf{S}_\perp) + p(P_B) \rightarrow h(\eta, p_T)\text{jet}(z_h, j_\perp, \phi_h) + X$ . The azimuthal angle of the transverse spin vector,  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$ , with respect to the reaction plane is denoted by  $\phi_S$ .

The differential cross-section of hadron azimuthal distribution inside jets in transversely polarized  $p^\uparrow p$  collisions can be expressed as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta d^2p_T dz_h d^2j_\perp} = F_{UU} + \sin(\phi_S - \phi_h) F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)} + \dots, \quad (7.40)$$

where the dots contain additional asymmetries which do not contribute to the Collins asymmetry. Once again  $F_{UU}$  and  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)}$  denote the spin averaged and spin-dependent structure functions respectively. The Collins azimuthal spin asymmetry can be expressed in terms of structure functions  $F_{UU}$  and  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)}$  as follows

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)}(z_h, j_\perp, \eta, p_T) = \frac{F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)}}{F_{UU}}. \quad (7.41)$$

The structure functions  $F_{UU}$  and  $F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S - \phi_h)}$  depend on  $z_h$ ,  $j_\perp$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $p_T$ , but we will

omit  $\eta$  and  $p_T$  for simplicity. The QCD factorization at the lowest approximation or leading order (LO) leads to the following expressions for the structures functions

$$F_{\text{UU}}(z_h, j_\perp) = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{s} \sum_{a,b,c} \int_{\tilde{x}_1}^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} f_{a/A}(x_1, \mu) \int_{\tilde{x}_2}^1 \frac{dx_2}{x_2} f_{b/B}(x_2, \mu) D_{h/c}(z_h, j_\perp, \mu, \zeta_J) \\ \times H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{U}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}, \mu) \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u}), \quad (7.42)$$

$$F_{\text{UT}}^{\sin(\phi_s - \phi_h)}(z_h, j_\perp) = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{s} \sum_{a,b,c} \int_{\tilde{x}_1}^1 \frac{dx_1}{x_1} h_1^a(x_1, \mu) \int_{\tilde{x}_2}^1 \frac{dx_2}{x_2} f_{b/B}(x_2, \mu) \frac{j_\perp}{z_h M_h} H_{1h/c}^\perp(z_h, j_\perp, \mu, \zeta_J) \\ \times H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{Collins}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, \hat{u}, \mu) \delta(\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u}). \quad (7.43)$$

The factorization for the above structure functions involves two steps: the first step is a collinear factorization for the production of the jet and the second step is a TMD factorization for the hadron  $j_\perp$ -distribution inside the jet. The factorized form for the above structure functions was derived within the standard soft-collinear effective theory (SCET). The hard function  $H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{U}}$  is related to the unpolarized structure function and the hard function  $H_{ab \rightarrow c}^{\text{Collins}}$  is related to the Collins fragmentation function. The sum is taken over all relevant channels  $ab \rightarrow c$ . The center of mass energy squared is defined by  $s = (P_A + P_B)^2$  and  $M_h$  is the observed hadron mass inside a jet. The strong coupling constant is denoted by  $\alpha_s$  and  $\hat{s}$ ,  $\hat{t}$ , and  $\hat{u}$  are the usual partonic Mandelstam variables. In terms of  $p_T$  and  $\eta$ , the Mandelstam variables  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{t}$  are expressed as

$$\hat{u} = -x_1 p_T \sqrt{s} e^{-\eta}, \quad \hat{t} = -x_2 p_T \sqrt{s} e^\eta, \quad (7.44)$$

where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are momentum fractions. In the parton massless limit, the expression for the Mandelstam variable  $\hat{s}$  is deduced from the condition  $\hat{s} + \hat{u} + \hat{t} = 0$ . The functions  $f_{a/A}(x_1, \mu)$  and  $f_{b/B}(x_2, \mu)$  are the unpolarized parton distribution functions (PDFs) for protons A and

B respectively, while the function  $h_1^a(x_1, \mu)$  is the collinear transversity distribution function.

$$\tilde{x}_1 = \frac{x_T e^\eta}{2 - x_T e^{-\eta}}, \quad \tilde{x}_2 = x_1 \frac{x_T e^{-\eta}}{2x_1 - x_T e^\eta}, \quad (7.45)$$

where  $x_T = 2p_T/\sqrt{s}$ . The unpolarized TMD fragmentation functions and Collins fragmentation function are denoted by  $D_{h/q}(z_h, j_\perp, \mu, \zeta_J)$  and  $H_{1h/q}^\perp(z_h, j_\perp, \mu, \zeta_J)$  respectively. The momentum scale  $Q$  represents the appropriate factorization scale for both the unpolarized TMD fragmentation functions and Collins fragmentation functions. The  $Q$ -dependence of these TMD functions is referred as the TMD evolution, thus the TMD evolution is different from the DGLAP evolution associated with the scale  $\mu$ . The TMD fragmentation functions can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} D_{h/q}(z_h, j_\perp, \mu, \zeta_J) &= \frac{1}{z_h^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{bdb}{(2\pi)} J_0(j_\perp b/z_h) [\hat{C} \otimes D](z_h, \mu_i) \\ &\times \exp[-S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu, \zeta_J) - S_{\text{NP}}^{D_1}(z, b, Q_0, \zeta_J)], \end{aligned} \quad (7.46)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{j_\perp}{z_h M_h} H_{1h/q}^\perp(z_h, j_\perp, \mu, \zeta_J) &= \frac{1}{z_h^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{b^2 db}{(2\pi)} J_1(j_\perp b/z_h) [C^H \otimes \hat{H}_1^{\perp(1)}](z_h, \mu_i) \\ &\times \exp[-S_{\text{pert}}(b, \mu_i, \zeta_i, \mu, \zeta_J) - S_{\text{NP}}^H(z, b, Q_0, \zeta_J)], \end{aligned} \quad (7.47)$$

where  $J_0$  and  $J_1$  are the usual Bessel functions, and  $Q_0$  is just the initial scale. The relevant scale  $Q$  for TMD fragmentation functions for hadron distribution inside a jet is usually set by the jet dynamics scale  $\mu_J \sim p_T R$  where  $R$  is the jet size parameter. Thus, one should have a TMD evolution from  $\mu_b$  to  $\mu_J \sim p_T R$  scale to resum double logs to all orders in the strong coupling constant and a DGLAP evolution from  $\mu_J \sim p_T R$  to  $\mu \sim p_T$  scale to resum single logs to all orders in the strong coupling constant. But, at LO in QCD there is no dependence on the jet parameter  $R$ . In this paper, we work at LO so  $Q$  is simply set to  $p_T$  for TMDs and also we set  $\mu$  to  $p_T$  for collinear PDFs and quark transversity function.

### 7.3 Non-perturbative parameterization

In order to reconstruct the measured cross-section, one needs to perform the Fourier transform over all values of  $b$ . However, the TMD evolution contains a non-perturbative piece in the region where  $1/b \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ . This requires the introduction of a certain prescription to extrapolate smoothly between the perturbative small- $b$  region and the non-perturbative large- $b$  region. Similar to our Sivers formalism, we choose the standard  $b_*$  prescription of the form

$$b_* = \frac{b}{\sqrt{1 + b^2/b_{MAX}^2}}, \quad (7.48)$$

One can see that  $b_* \rightarrow b_{MAX}$  for large  $b$ . Here,  $b_{MAX}$  is the cut-off parameter in the prescription and is usually chosen to be  $b_{MAX} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ . After introducing  $b_*$  in the Sudakov factor, the total Sudakov factor is just the sum of a perturbative factor  $S_{\text{pert}}(Q, b_*)$  and a non-perturbative Sudakov factor  $S_{\text{NP}}(Q, b)$ . In this prescription, the  $b_*$  variable lives in the perturbative region. The expressions for  $S_{\text{NP}}(Q, b)$  for both unpolarized TMD fragmentation functions and Collins fragmentation functions are written as

$$S_{\text{NP}}^{D_1}(Q, b) = \frac{g_2}{2} \ln\left(\frac{b}{b_*}\right) \ln\left(\frac{Q}{Q_0}\right) + \frac{g_h}{z_h^2} b^2, \quad (7.49)$$

$$S_{\text{NP}}^C(Q, b) = \frac{g_2}{2} \ln\left(\frac{b}{b_*}\right) \ln\left(\frac{Q}{Q_0}\right) + \frac{g_h - g_c}{z_h^2} b^2, \quad (7.50)$$

where  $Q_0^2 = 2.4 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $g_2 = 0.84$ ,  $g_h = 0.042 \text{ GeV}^2$ , and  $g_c = 0.0236 \pm 0.0007 \text{ GeV}^2$ . In the parametrization of the Sudakov function,  $\ln(b/b_*) \propto \ln(1 + b^2/b_{MAX}^2)$ , which is important for including low- $Q^2$  data. This parametrization at small  $b$  is in agreement with the standard  $b^2$  parametrization that was used in high- $Q^2$  extraction. The favored and unfavored twist-3 Collins fragmentation functions are parametrized in terms of unpolarized collinear

fragmentation functions as follows

$$H_{fav}^{(3)}(z, Q_0) = N_u^c z^{\alpha_u} (1-z)^{\beta_u} D_{\pi^+/u}(z, Q_0), \quad (7.51)$$

$$H_{unf}^{(3)}(z, Q_0) = N_d^c z^{\alpha_d} (1-z)^{\beta_d} D_{\pi^+/d}(z, Q_0), \quad (7.52)$$

The parametrization of the strange quark fragmentation function in terms of its collinear counterpart is given in Ref. [126]. In addition, the quark transversity distribution function  $h_1^q$  is parametrized at the initial scale  $Q_0$  as follows

$$h_1^q(x, Q_0) = N_q^h x^{a_q} (1-x)^{b_q} \frac{(a_q + b_q)^{a_q + b_q}}{a_q^{a_q} b_q^{b_q}} \frac{1}{2} (f_1^q(x, Q_0) + g_1^q(x, Q_0)), \quad (7.53)$$

where  $f_1^q$  is the collinear quark distribution function and  $g_1^q$  is the quark helicity distribution function at the initial scale  $Q_0$ .

## 7.4 Current status

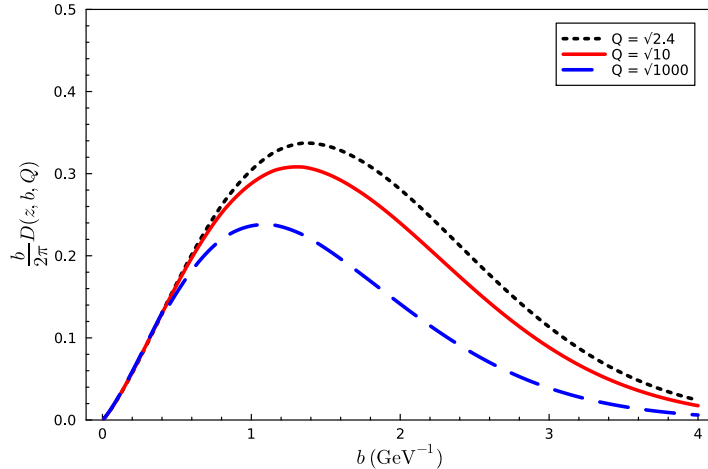
Unpolarized FF with TMD evolution is defined as

$$D_{h/q}(z, b, Q) = \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{b}{2\pi} \hat{C}_{i \leftarrow q}^{D_1} \otimes D_{h/i}(z, \mu_b) \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} S_{\text{pert}}(Q, b_*) - S_{\text{NP}}^{D_1}(Q, b)\right). \quad (7.54)$$

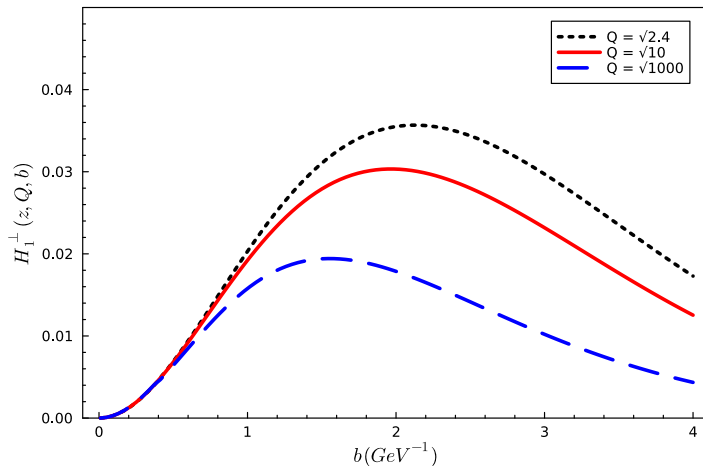
Figure (7.5) displays TMD unpolarized FF at  $z = 0.4$  and at different scales  $Q^2 = 2.4$  (dotted line),  $Q^2 = 10$  (solid line), and  $Q^2 = 1000$  (dashed line)  $\text{GeV}^2$ . We observe that the unpolarized FF at  $Q^2 = 1000$  (dashed line) peaks in the perturbative region, and the peak shifts towards the non-perturbative region as the energy decreases. The Collins FF with TMD evolution is defined as

$$H_{1h/q}^\perp(z, b, Q)_\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{b^2}{2\pi} \delta \hat{C}_{i \leftarrow q}^C \otimes H_{1h/j}^{\perp(1)}(z, \mu_b)_\mathcal{T} \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} S_{\text{pert}}(Q, b_*) - S_{\text{NP}}^C(Q, b)\right). \quad (7.55)$$

where the subscript  $\mathcal{T}$  indicates the use of the Trento convention. Figure (7.6) shows that the TMD Collins FF at  $Q^2 = 1000$  (dashed line) peaks in the perturbative region, and the peak shifts towards the non-perturbative region as the energy decreases.

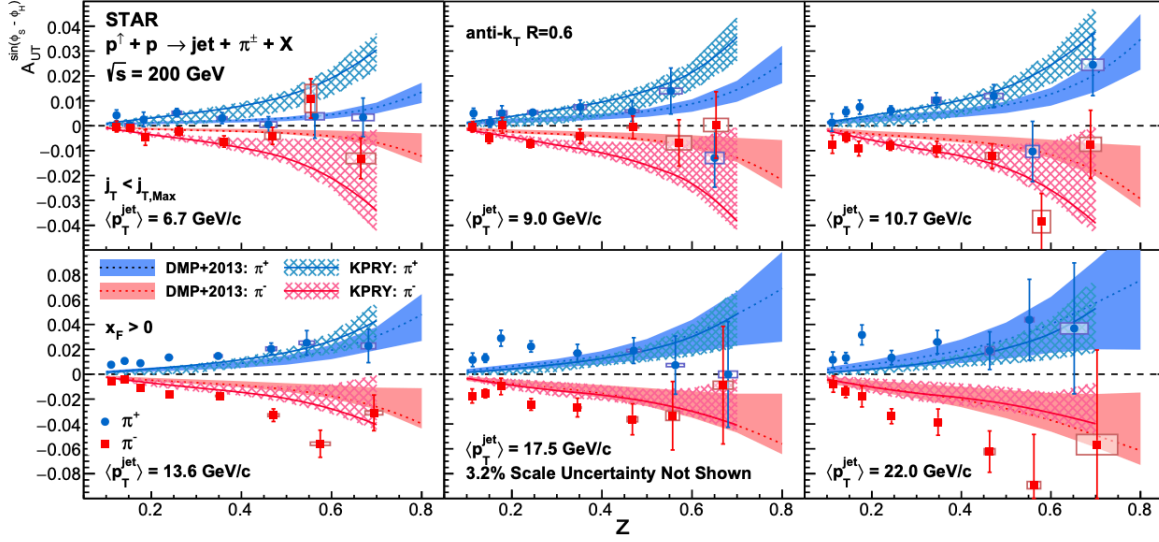


**Figure 7.5:** Unpolarised FF  $u \rightarrow \pi^+$  as function of  $b$  at three different scales  $Q_2 = 2.4$  (dotted line),  $Q_2 = 10$  (solid line) and  $Q_2 = 1000$  (dashed line) GeV<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure 7.6:** Collins FF  $u \rightarrow \pi^+$  as function of  $b$  at three different scales  $Q_2 = 2.4$  (dotted line),  $Q_2 = 10$  (solid line) and  $Q_2 = 1000$  (dashed line) GeV<sup>2</sup>.

STAR collaboration at RHIC has performed measurement for Collins asymmetry of hadron-in-jet in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions. The experimental data was compared with the theory prediction based on the Collins functions extracted from  $e^+e^-$  collisions and SIDIS process.



**Figure 7.7:** The comparison of STAR measurements [17] to the previous theoretical calculations with the DMP+2013 model of Ref. [18] and the KPRY model of Ref. [19].

Figure (7.7) clearly shows that the theory curves do not describe the Collins asymmetry very well, especially for  $\pi^-$  at large  $z$  region. This indicates that the previous extraction of the Collins function based on  $e^+e^-$  and SIDIS do not give a good constrain on the Collins function at large  $z$ , most likely the  $d$ -quark Collins functions. This points to the new direction we are undertaking in the future, that is, to perform a global analysis of the Collins function by including the data from  $e^+e^-$ , SIDIS and hadron-in-jet in proton-proton collisions.

# Chapter 8

## Summary

Asymmetries and transverse polarization effects offer vital insights into the internal architecture of hadrons and the intricacies of the hadronization process, particularly with respect to parton distribution and fragmentation functions. Early investigations primarily examined collinear parton distribution and fragmentation functions; however, it soon became evident that these collinear functions alone were insufficient to fully elucidate the internal structure of hadrons. This realization underscored the need for a more comprehensive understanding, leading to the development of transverse momentum-dependent functions (TMDs).

In the introductory section of this dissertation, we explore the concept of transverse single spin asymmetry (TSSA), highlighting its essential role in deriving the TMD functions central to our study. We also delve into Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET), valued for its robust framework that systematically addresses processes involving diverse modes, particularly within the realm of high-energy hadronic physics. SCET enables us to exclude modes irrelevant to the asymptotic behavior of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD), thereby providing an effective description. Given the recurring significance of Wilson lines in gauge theories, we elaborate on their relevance to non-local operators, delineating various types of Wilson lines and offering some physical interpretations.

As our TMD frameworks incorporate twist-2 and twist-3 functions, we detail their deriva-



tions from correlation functions (correlators). We also examine TMD factorization theorems—a potent tool in quantum field theory (QFT)—which facilitate the expression of cross sections through a combination of perturbatively calculable and non-perturbative quantities. Furthermore, we address the use of the  $\eta$  regulator to mitigate rapidity divergences. Given that our TMD frameworks involve QCD evolutions, we outline the derivations of evolution equations and their solutions. The significance of SCET prompts further discussion on TMD factorization and evolution within this context.

The primary objective of this dissertation is to develop TMD formalisms for the concurrent global extraction of Sivers and Collins asymmetries. Initially, we establish a TMD formalism for the simultaneous global extraction of Sivers asymmetries across Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering (SIDIS), the Drell-Yan (DY) process, and W/Z production, with and without jet  $A_N$  data from proton-proton ( $pp$ ) collisions. In both scenarios, the fitted asymmetries align exceptionally well with experimental data, and the Sivers function is consistently extracted. Comparing outcomes with and without jet  $A_N$  data reveals a marked reduction in uncertainty for the Sivers function when jet  $A_N$  data is included. The results are found in Sec. (6.3). Subsequently, we formulate a TMD framework for the simultaneous extraction of Collins asymmetries in the SIDIS process,  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, and hadron production within jets in  $pp$  collisions.

## A Mellin Transformation

In this section, we outline the approach for streamlining the OPE and DGLAP evolution of the transversity TMD PDF and the Collins TMD FF through the use of Mellin space techniques. The transversity TMD PDF can be perturbatively matched to the collinear transversity PDF using Eq. (7.19). In this equation, the matching is implemented as a convolution that can be simplified by employing Mellin space techniques.

$$h_{1q/P}(N, \mu_b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) = C^h(N, \mu_b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) h(x, \mu_i), \quad (1)$$

where we have introduced the Mellin transform, which is explicitly given by

$$A(N) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} A(x), \quad (2)$$

while the inverse Mellin transform is defined as

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dz \mathfrak{J} \left[ e^{i\phi} x^{-c-z e^{i\phi}} A(N) \right]. \quad (3)$$

Taking the canonical scale choice for the TMDs,  $\mu_i^2 = \mu_b^2 = \zeta_i$ , the Mellin-space  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  matching coefficient for the transversity TMD PDF is given by:

$$C^h(N, \mu_b, \mu_i, \zeta_i) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F \pi^2}{4\pi} \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2). \quad (4)$$

Thus the Mellin-space formalism reduces the integration in  $x$  to an integration in the complex plane. However, the Mellin-space formalism also simplifies the evolution of the collinear transversity TMD PDF as well. Namely, the evolution equation of this distribution is given by

$$\frac{\partial h(x, \mu)}{\partial \ln \mu^2} = \alpha_s [P_{qq}^h \otimes h](x, \mu), \quad (5)$$

which can be simplified in Mellin space. The solution to the Mellin transform of this equation is given by

$$h(N, \mu) = h(N, \mu_0) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(\mu_0)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\beta_0} P_{qq}^h(N)} \quad (6)$$

where we have introduced the Mellin transform of the transversity PDFs splitting function

$$P_{qq}^h(N) = \int x^{N-1} P_{qq}^h(x) = -2H(N) + \frac{3}{2}, \quad (7)$$

for the harmonic number,  $H(n)$ . OPE of the transversity TMD PDF can be written as a single integral in the complex plane as

$$[C^h \otimes h_1](x, \mu_b, \mu_b, \zeta_b^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dz \mathfrak{J} \left[ e^{i\phi} x^{-c-ze^{i\phi}} C^h(N, \mu_b, \mu_b, \mu_b^2) h(N, \mu_b) \right]. \quad (8)$$

Following the same procedure, the expression for the Collins TMD FF is given by

$$[C^H \otimes H^{(3)}](z, \mu_b, \mu_b, \zeta_b^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dz \mathfrak{J} \left[ e^{i\phi} x^{-c-ze^{i\phi}} C^H(N, \mu_b, \mu_b, \mu_b^2) H^{(3)}(N, \mu_b) \right], \quad (9)$$

where the Mellin-space matching coefficient is given by

$$C^H(N, \mu_b, \mu_b, \mu_b^2) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \left[ -8\psi^1(1+n) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right], \quad (10)$$

where  $\psi^1$  is the tri-gamma function while the twist-3 collinear FF follows the same evolution

equation as the transversity PDF such that

$$H^3(N, \mu) = H^3(N, \mu_0) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(\mu_0)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\beta_0} P_{qq}^h(N)}. \quad (11)$$

## B Anomalous dimensions

Below we give the expressions for the anomalous dimensions and the QCD  $\beta$ -function, in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  renormalization scheme. We use the following expansions

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_{n-1} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n, \quad (12)$$

$$\gamma^V = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{n-1}^V \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n, \quad (13)$$

$$\beta = -2\alpha_s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_{n-1} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n. \quad (14)$$

The coefficients for the cusp anomalous dimension  $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}$  are

$$\Gamma_0 = 4C_F, \quad (15)$$

$$\Gamma_1 = 4C_F \left[ \left( \frac{67}{9} - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) C_A - \frac{20}{9} T_F n_f \right], \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_2 = 4C_F \left[ C_A^2 \left( \frac{245}{6} - \frac{134\pi^2}{27} + \frac{11\pi^4}{45} + \frac{22}{3} \zeta_3 \right) \right. \\ + C_A T_F n_f \left( -\frac{418}{27} + \frac{40\pi^2}{27} - \frac{56}{3} \zeta_3 \right) \\ + C_F T_F n_f \left( -\frac{55}{3} + 16\zeta_3 \right) \\ \left. - \frac{16}{27} T_F^2 n_f^2 \right]. \quad (17) \end{aligned}$$

The anomalous dimension  $\gamma^V$  can be determined up to three-loop order from the partial

three-loop expression for the on-shell quark form factor in QCD. We have

$$\gamma_0^V = -6C_F, \quad (18)$$

$$\gamma_1^V = C_F^2 (-3 + 4\pi^2 - 48\zeta_3) + C_F C_A \left( -\frac{961}{27} - \frac{11\pi^2}{3} + 52\zeta_3 \right) + C_F T_F n_f \left( \frac{260}{27} + \frac{4\pi^2}{3} \right). \quad (19)$$

The rapidity anomalous dimension, Collins-Soper kernel, is defined perturbatively as

$$D(b, \mu) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n d^{(n,k)} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^n L^k, \quad (20)$$

where the coefficients up to NNLL are given by

$$d^{(1,0)} = 0, \quad d^{(1,1)} = \Gamma_0/2, \quad (21)$$

$$d^{(2,0)} = C_A C_F \left( \frac{404}{27} - 14\zeta_3 \right) - \frac{112}{27} C_F T_F n_f, \quad (22)$$

$$d^{(2,1)} = \Gamma_1/2, \quad d^{(2,2)} = \Gamma_0 \beta_0/4. \quad (23)$$

The description of the perturbative TMD evolution requires finding the analytic solution to the following expression

$$I = \int_{\mu_L}^{\mu_U} \frac{d\bar{\mu}}{\bar{\mu}} \left[ \gamma^V + \Gamma_{\text{cusp}} \ln \left( \frac{\mu_U^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \right) \right] \quad (24)$$

where the coefficients of perturbative expansions of the anomalous dimensions up to NNLL accuracy are found in Ref. [81].

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