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# Nucleon Tomography with 0-jettiness

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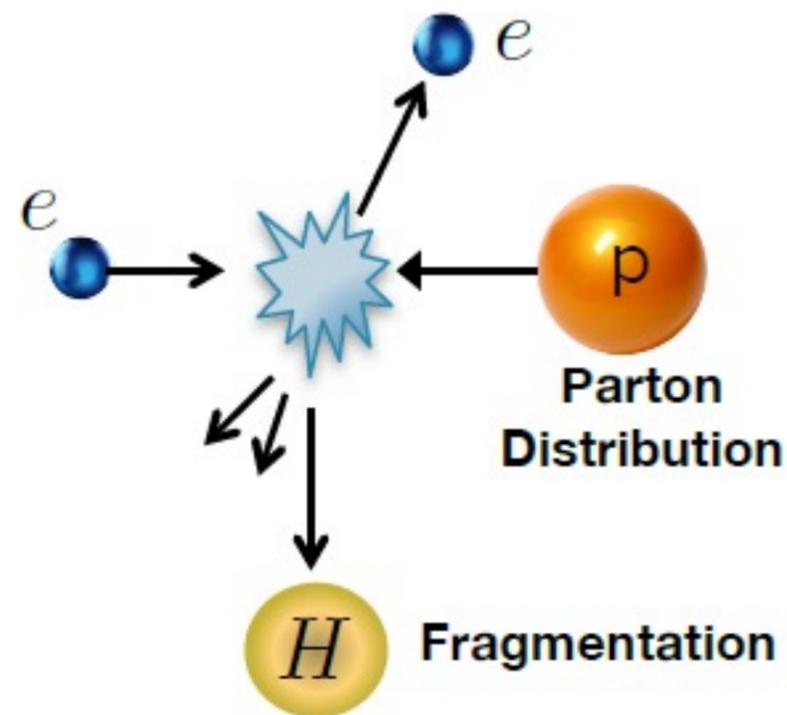
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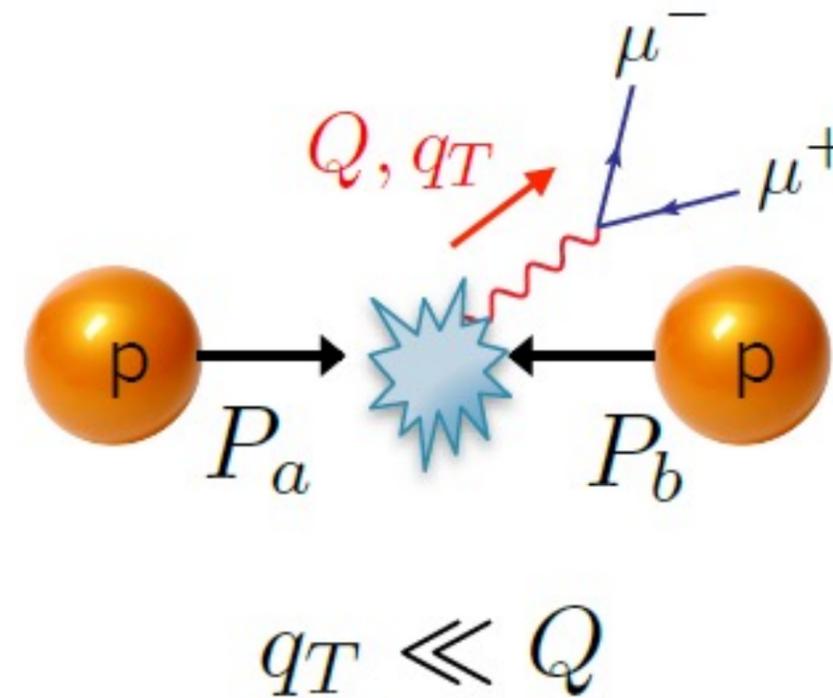
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# Nucleon tomography: a fundamental quest

## Semi-Inclusive DIS



## Drell-Yan



**Proton structure: encoded in PDFs**

$$\sigma = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(Q, x_1, x_2, \mu_f) f_a(x_1, \mu_f) f_b(x_2, \mu_f) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q)$$

# TMDs: 3D tomography of nucleon structure

- **TMD PDF:**  $\tilde{f}_{i/ps}^{[\Gamma]0(u)}(x, \mathbf{b}_T, \epsilon, \tau, xP^+) = \int \frac{db^-}{2\pi} e^{-ib^-(xP^+)} \left\langle p(P, S) \left| \left[ \bar{\psi}^i(b^\mu) W_\square(b^\mu, 0) \frac{\Gamma}{2} \psi^i(0) \right]_\tau \right| p(P, S) \right\rangle$

- **Dirac structures:**  $\Gamma \in \{ \gamma^+, \gamma^+ \gamma_5, i\sigma^{\alpha+} \gamma_5 \}$

- **Drell-Yan:**

Camarda, Cieri, Ferrera '23; Moos, Scimemi, Vladimirov, Zurita '23;  
Billis, Michel, Tackmann 24'

- **small  $p_T$ : N<sup>4</sup>LL**

- **large  $p_T$ : N<sup>2</sup>LO V+jet**

Gehrmann-De Ridder et al. '16, 18; Boughezal et al. '15, 16;  
Campbell, Ellis, Williams '17

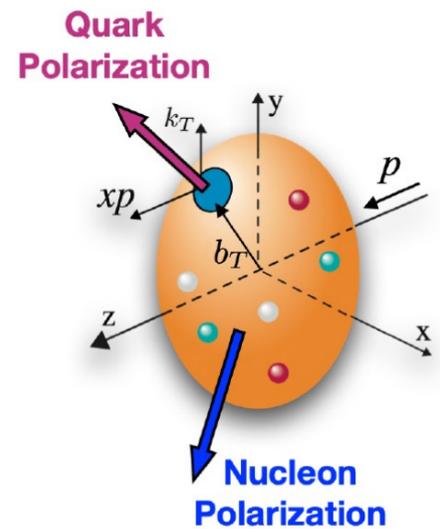
- **SIDIS:**

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Moos, Scimemi, Vladimirov, Zurita '25

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Dong, SF, Gao, Li, Shao, Zhu '26: see Rong-Jun's talk



# TMDs: 3D tomography of nucleon structure

Leading Quark TMDPDFs  Nucleon Spin  Quark Spin

		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \text{○} \bullet$ Unpolarized		$h_1^\perp = \text{○} \bullet \uparrow - \text{○} \bullet \downarrow$ Boer-Mulders
	L		$g_1 = \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow - \text{○} \bullet \leftarrow$ Helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp = \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow \uparrow - \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow \downarrow$ Worm-gear
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \text{○} \bullet \uparrow - \text{○} \bullet \downarrow$ Sivers	$g_{1T}^\perp = \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow \uparrow - \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow \downarrow$ Worm-gear	$h_1 = \text{○} \bullet \uparrow - \text{○} \bullet \downarrow \uparrow$ Transversity $h_{1T}^\perp = \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow \uparrow - \text{○} \bullet \rightarrow \downarrow \uparrow$ Pretzelosity

# Sivers function

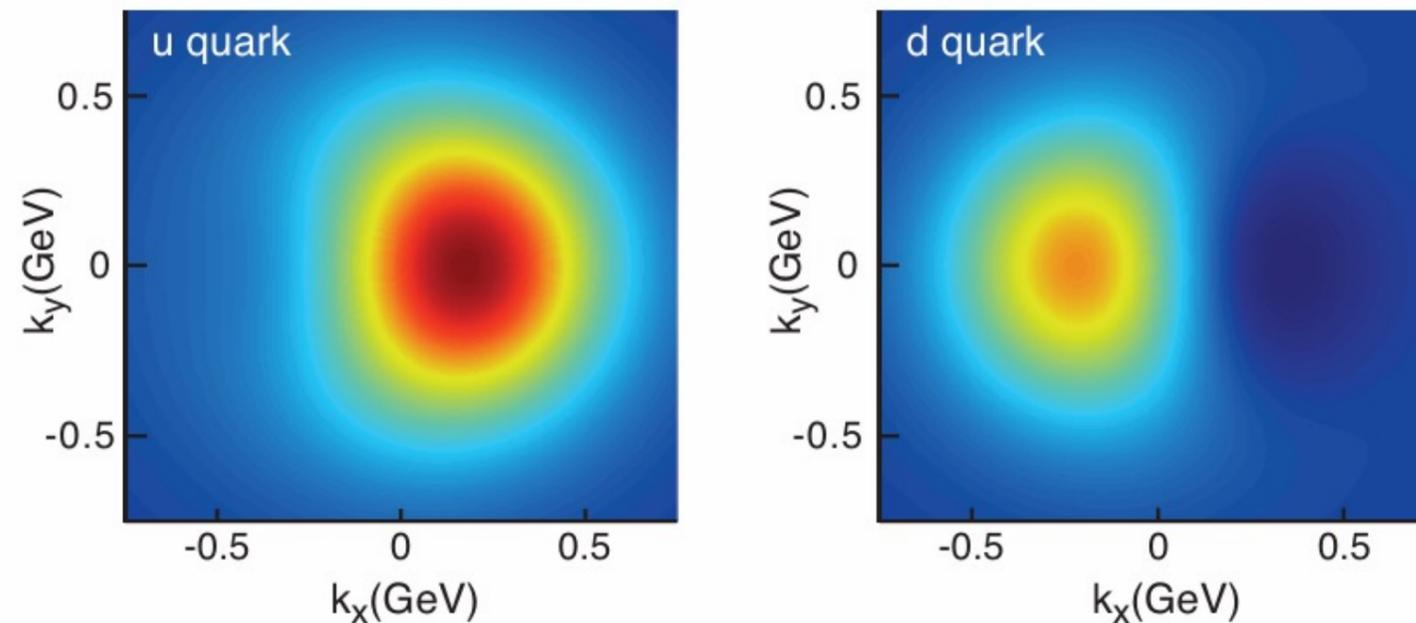
- Sivers function describes the transverse momentum distribution correlated with the transverse polarization vector of the nucleon.

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

Spin-independent

Spin-dependent

$\times f_1(x, k_T, S_T)$



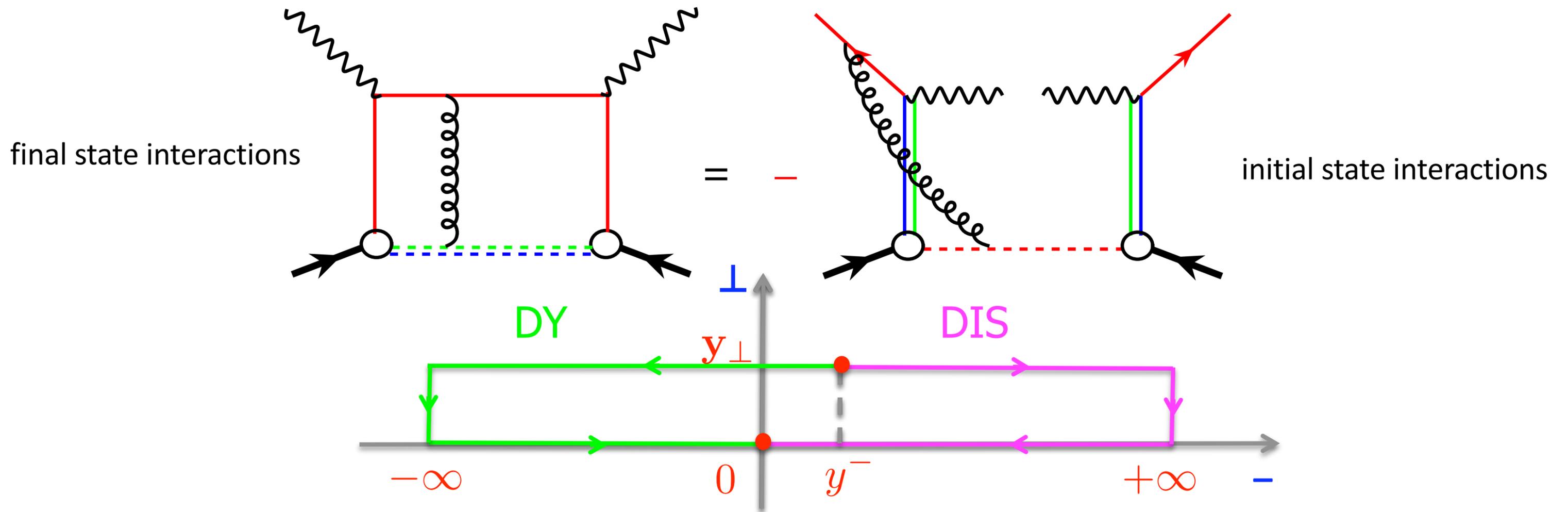
Accardi et al. '16

- The quark distribution will be azimuthally asymmetric in the transverse momentum space in a transversely polarized nucleon.

# Sivers function

- Naïve time-reversal-odd, and its existence requires a phase (generate through interactions)

Brodsky, Hwang, Schmidt, '02  
Collins, '02



$$f_{1T}^{\perp, \text{DIS}}(x, k_{\perp}) = - f_{1T}^{\perp, \text{DY}}(x, k_{\perp})$$

# Sivers function and Qiu-Sterman function

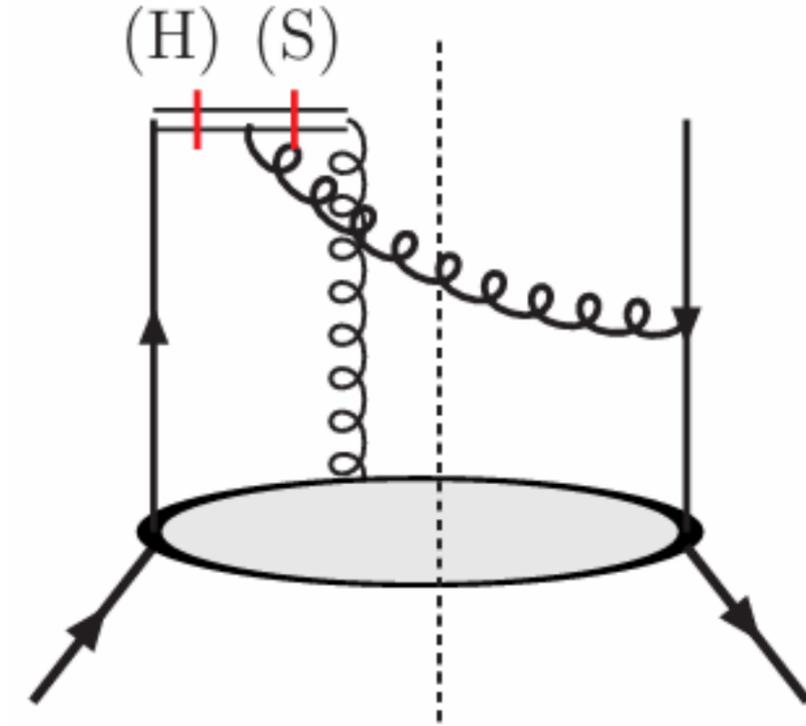
- **Qiu-Sterman Function**

$$T_F(x_2, x'_2) \equiv \int \frac{d\zeta^- d\eta^-}{4\pi} e^{i(x_2 P^+ \eta^- + (x'_2 - x_2) P_B^+ \zeta^-)} \epsilon_{\perp}^{\beta\alpha} S_{\perp\beta} \\ \times \langle PS | \bar{\psi}(0) \mathcal{L}(0, \zeta^-) \gamma^+ g F_{\alpha}^+(\zeta^-) \mathcal{L}(\zeta^-, \eta^-) \psi(\eta^-) | PS \rangle$$

Qiu, Sterman, 1991, 1992 & 1999

- **Sivers function at NLO in small b limit**

$$\tilde{f}_{1T}^{\alpha}(z, b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left( \frac{-ib_{\perp}^{\alpha}}{2} \right) \left\{ \left( -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{c_0^2}{b^2 \mu^2} \right) \mathcal{P}_{qg \rightarrow qg}^T \otimes T_F(z) \right. \\ \left. - \delta(1 - \xi) T_F(x, x) C_F \ln \frac{c_0^2}{b^2 \mu^2} - \frac{1}{2N_c} T_F(x, x) (1 - \xi) \right. \\ \left. + \delta(1 - \xi) T_F(x, x) C_F \left[ \frac{3}{2} \ln \frac{b^2 \mu^2}{c_0^2} + \ln \frac{z^2 \zeta^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \ln \frac{z^2 \zeta^2 b_{\perp}^2}{c_0^2} \right)^2 - 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right] \right\}$$



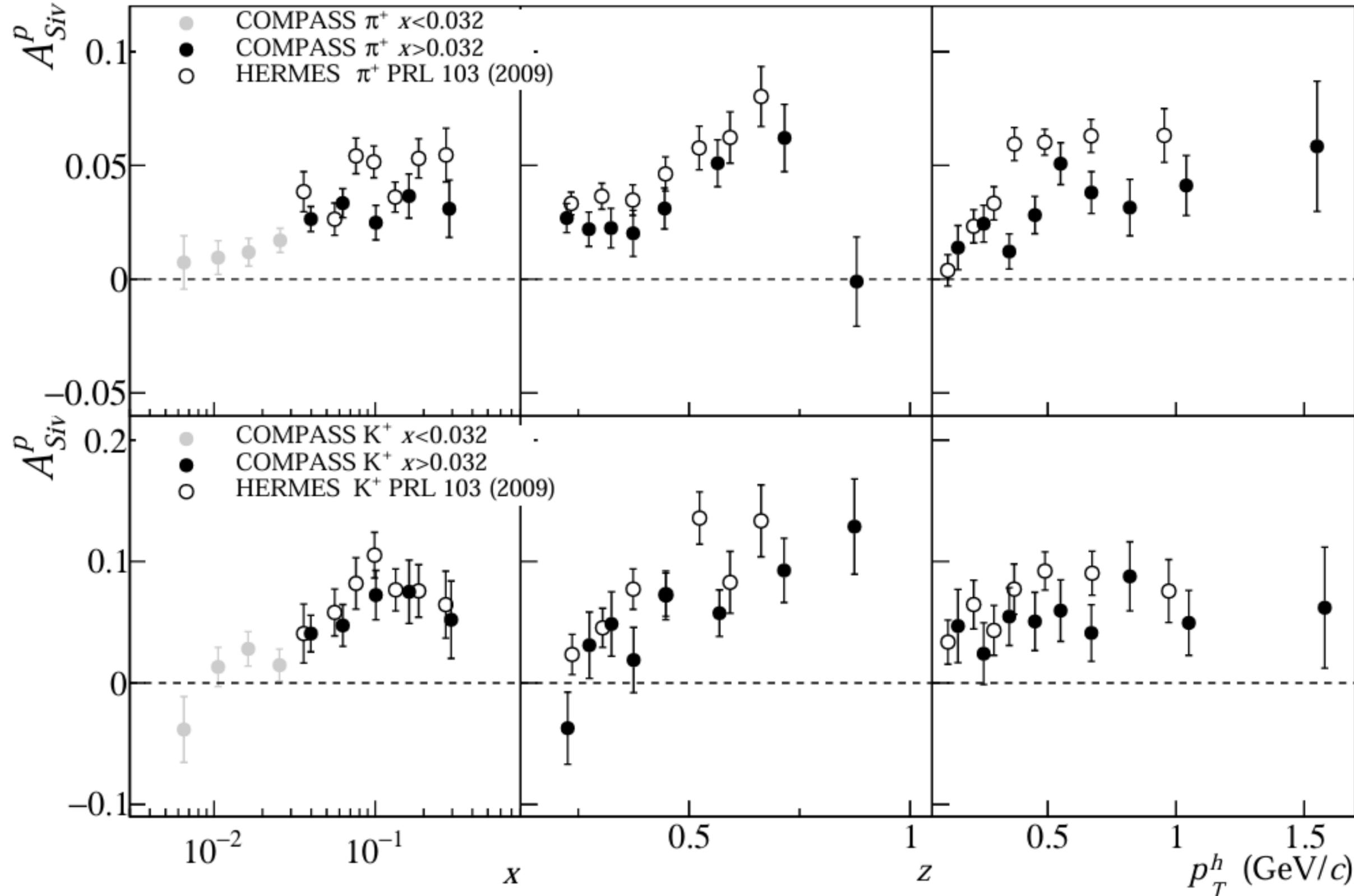
$$\mathcal{P}_{qg \rightarrow qg}^T \otimes T_F(z) = \int \frac{dx}{x} \left\{ T_F(x, x) \left[ C_F \left( \frac{1 + \xi^2}{1 - \xi} \right)_+ - C_A \delta(1 - \xi) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C_A}{2} \left( T_F(x, z) \frac{1 + \xi}{1 - \xi} - T_F(x, x) \frac{1 + \xi^2}{1 - \xi} \right) \right\}, \quad \xi = z/x$$

Ji, Qiu, Vogelsang, Yuan '06

Zhou, Yuan, Liang '08

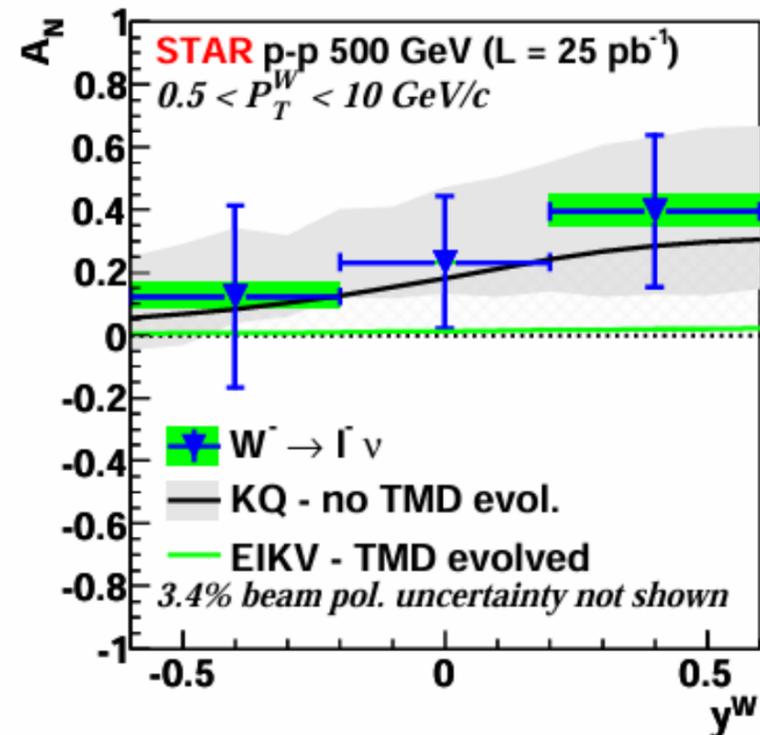
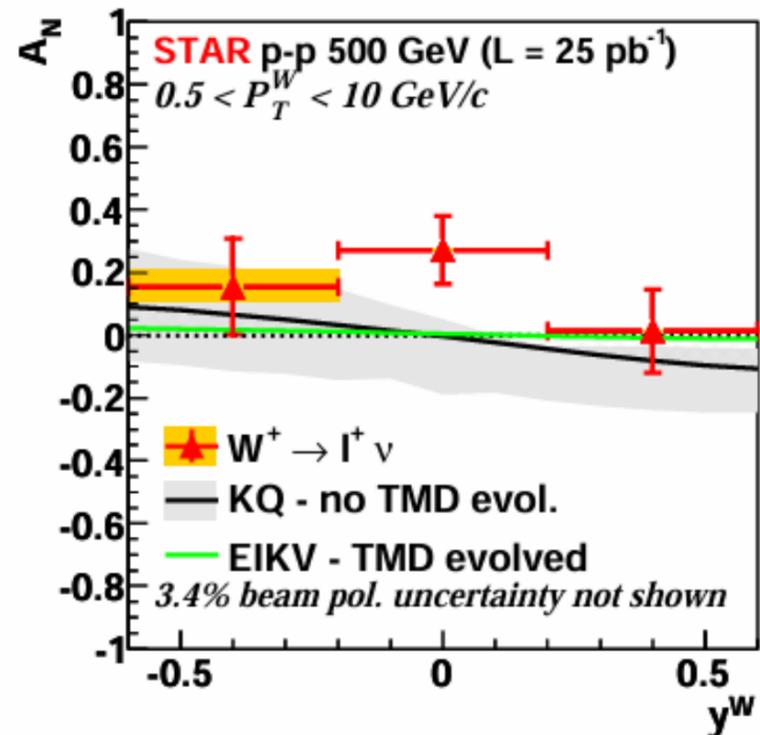
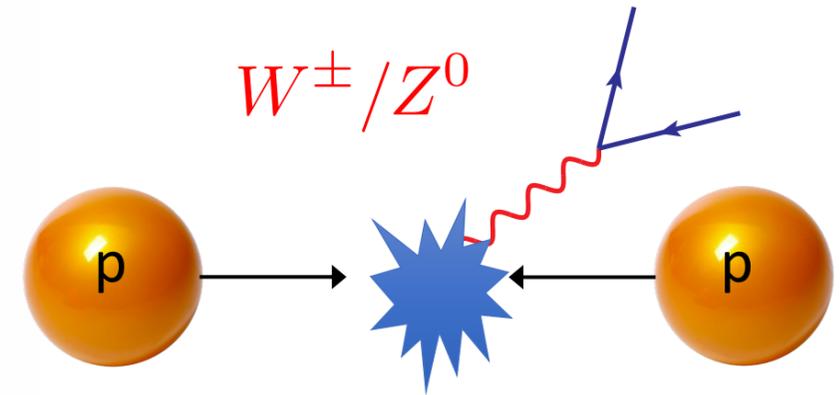
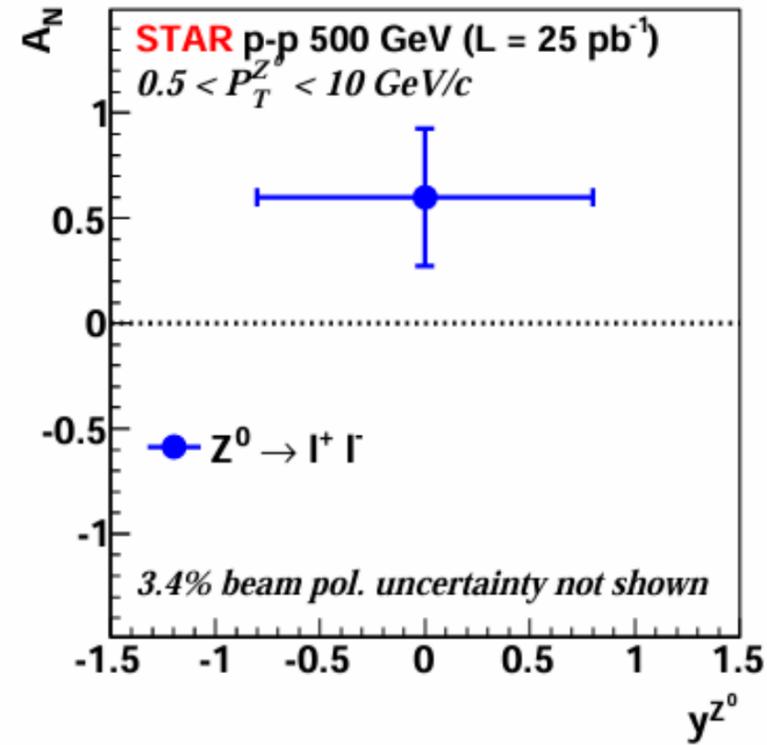
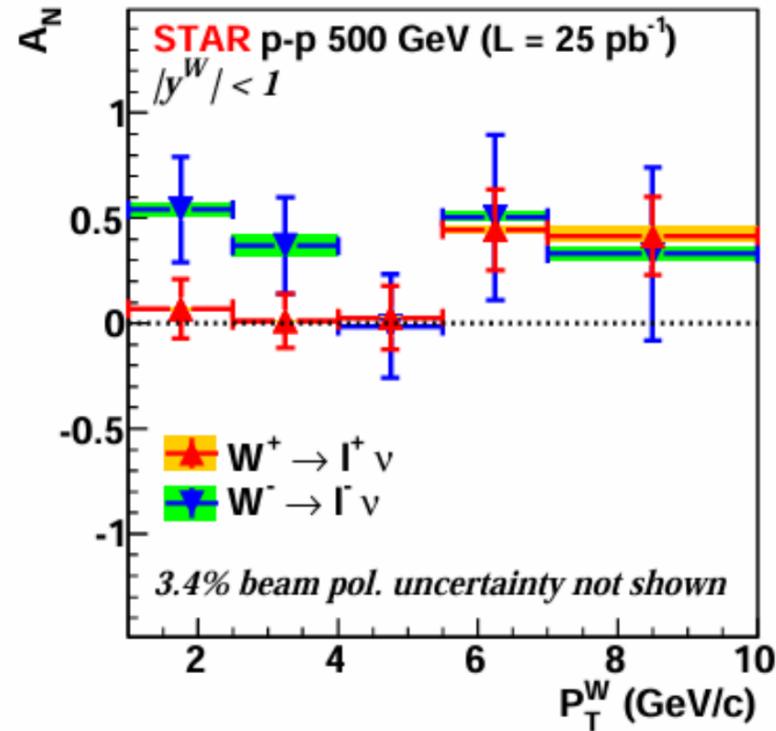
Sun, Yuan '13

# Transverse single spin asymmetries (SSAs) in SIDIS



COMPASS '15  
HERMES '09

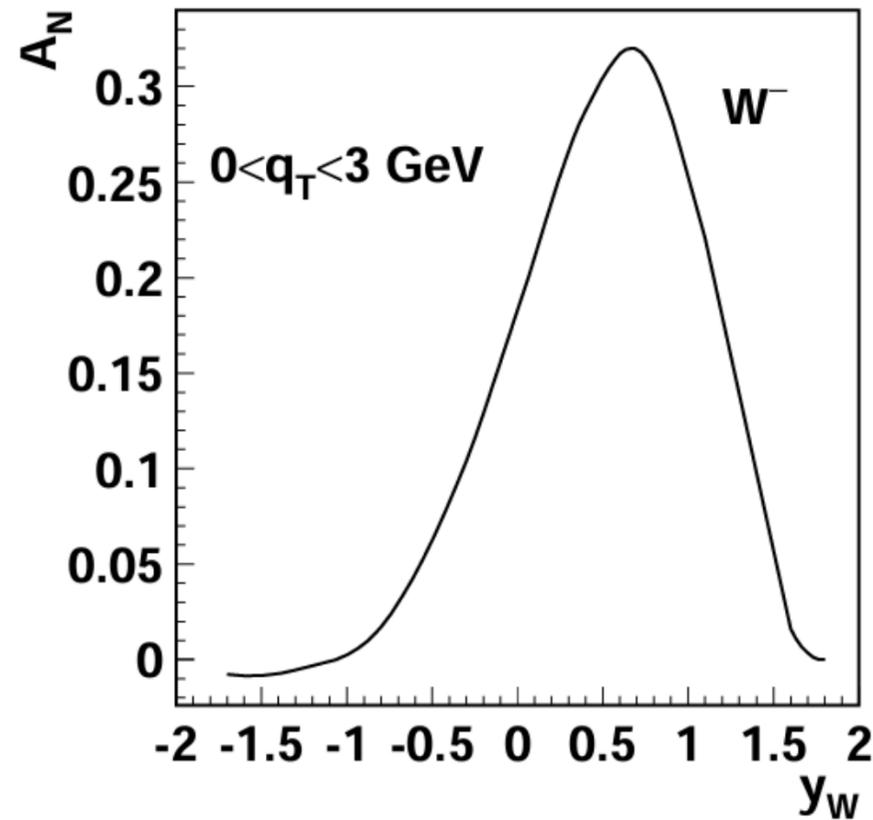
# Transverse SSAs in weak boson production



STAR Collaboration, '16

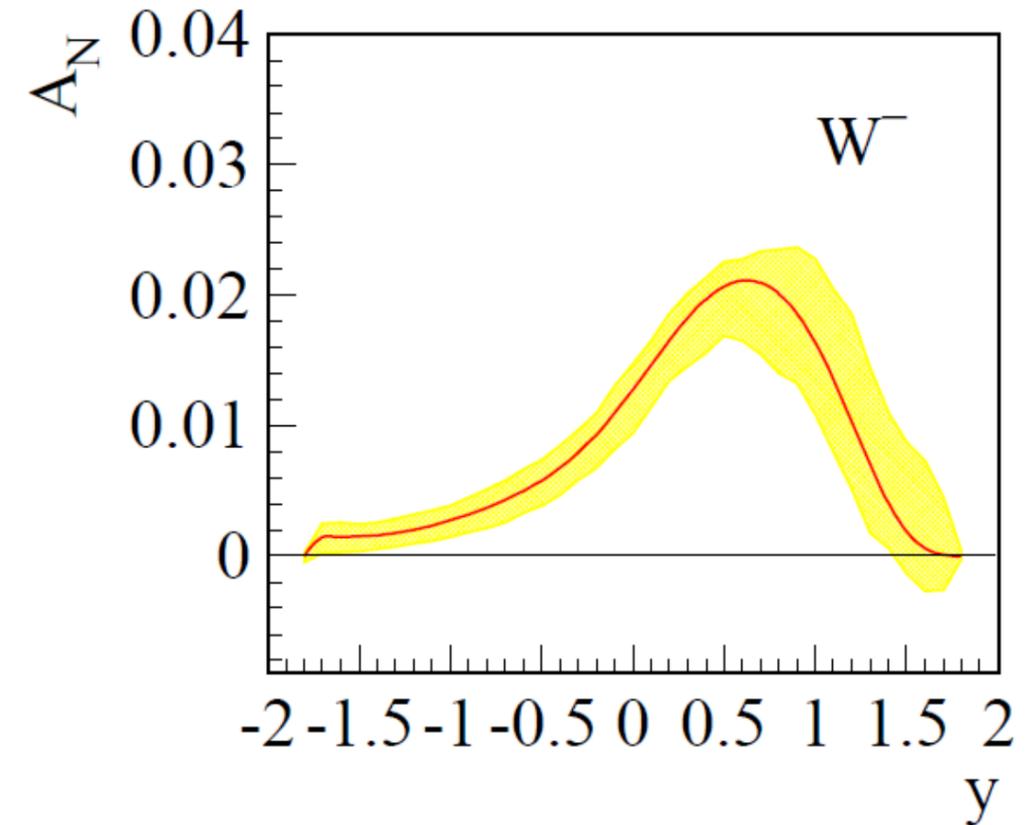
# TMD evolution effect

Without TMD evolution



Kang, Qiu '09

With TMD evolution



Echevarria, Idilbi, Kang, Vitev '14

**TMD evolution reduces the asymmetry.**

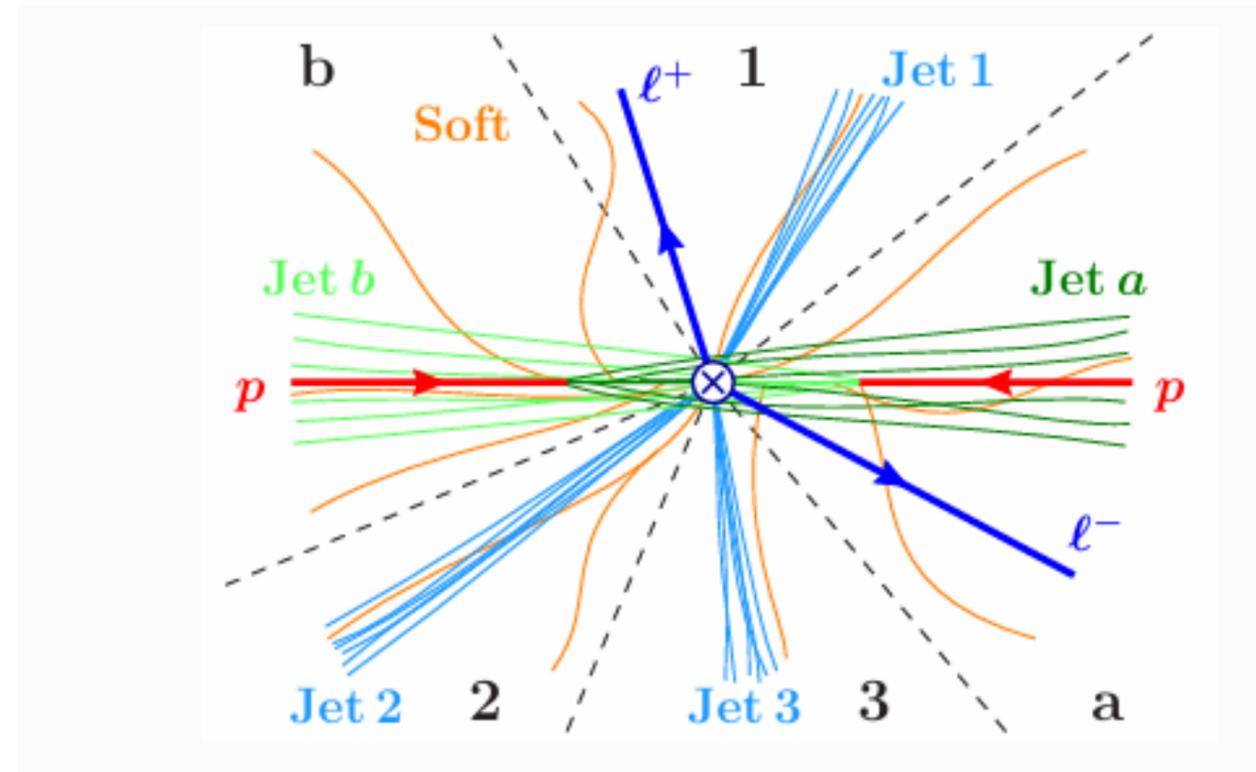
**How to enhance the asymmetry?**

SF, Lin, Shao, Zhou '25

**Our solution: imposing a 0-jettiness veto**

# N-jettiness

N-jettiness is a global event shape defined in terms of the beam directions  $q_{a,b}$  and N jet directions  $q_j$



$$\tau_N = \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_k \min \{ q_a \cdot p_k, q_b \cdot p_k, q_1 \cdot p_k, \dots, q_N \cdot p_k \}$$

Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn '10

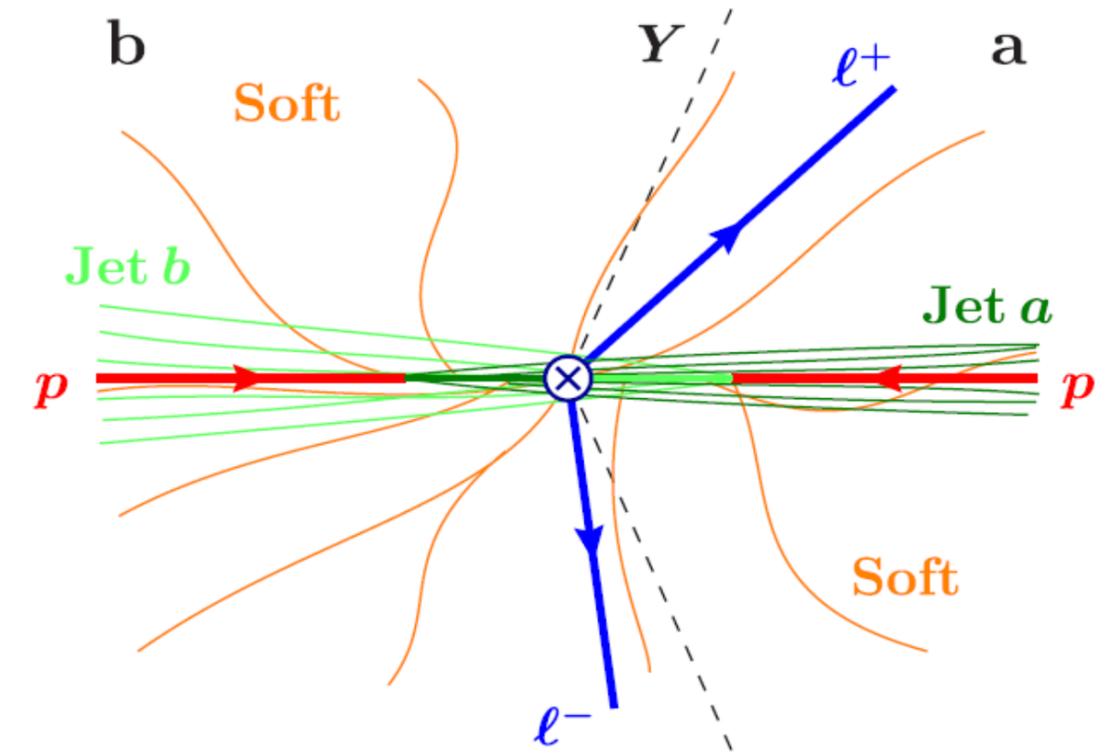
# TMD with 0-jettiness

- For electroweak Drell-Yan processes, the 0-jettiness variable is defined as

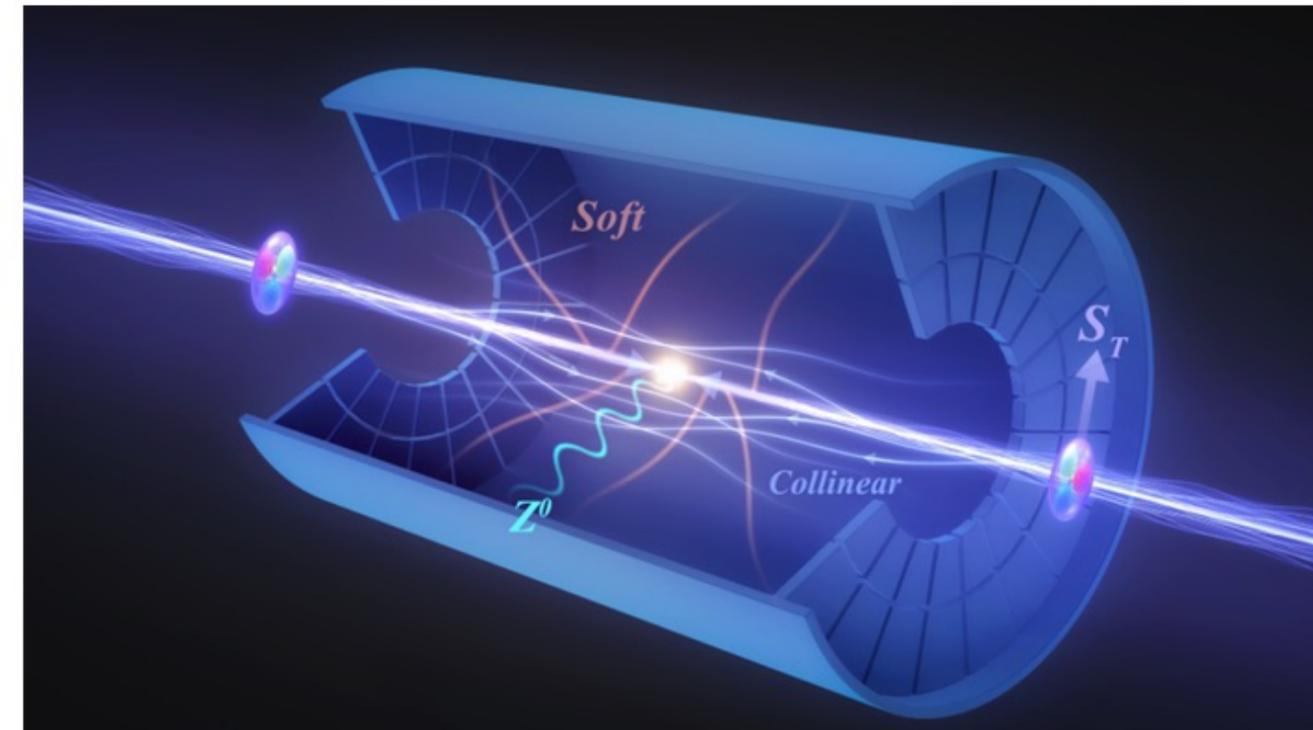
$$\tau \equiv \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_i \min\{p_a \cdot l_i, p_b \cdot l_i\} = \sum_i \frac{|\vec{l}_{\perp,i}|}{Q} e^{-|y_i - y|}$$

The sum runs over all particles  $i$  (excluding the gauge boson) with momentum  $l_i$

- 0-jettiness veto:  $\tau < \tau_0$
- strongly suppresses central gluon radiation and effectively constrains initial state radiation (ISR).
- enhance the sensitivity to the intrinsic non-perturbative structure of TMDs
- Two types of large logs:  $\ln \frac{Q^2}{q_{\perp}^2}$   $\ln \frac{1}{\tau_0}$

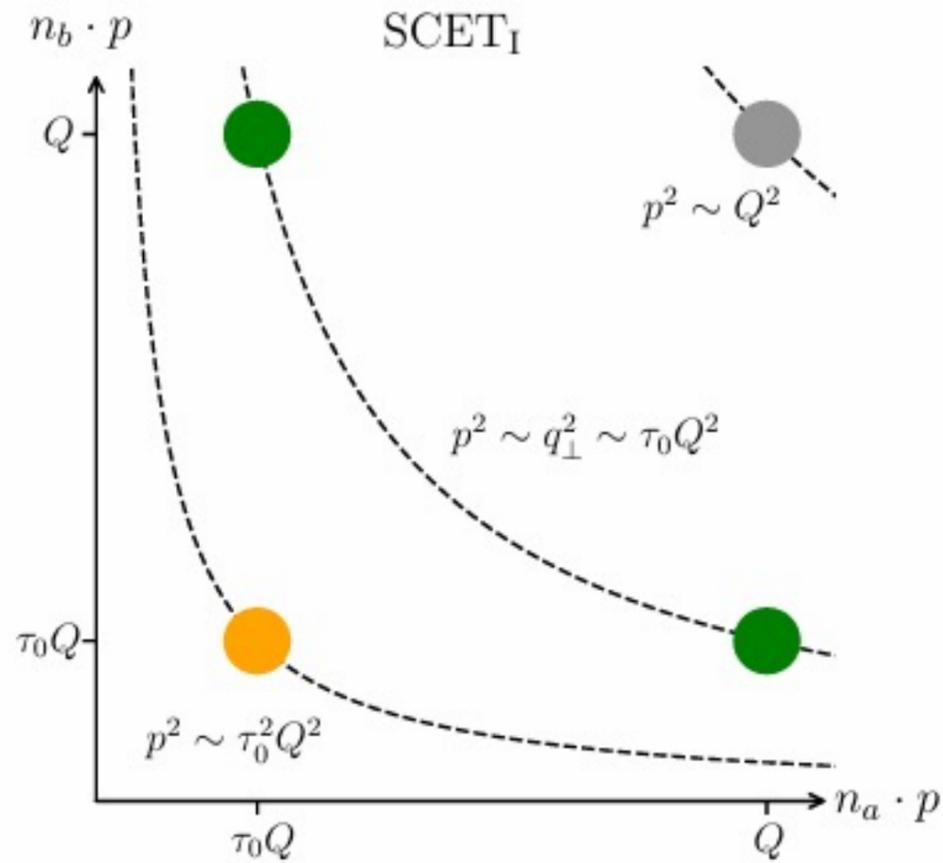


(b) Isolated Drell-Yan.

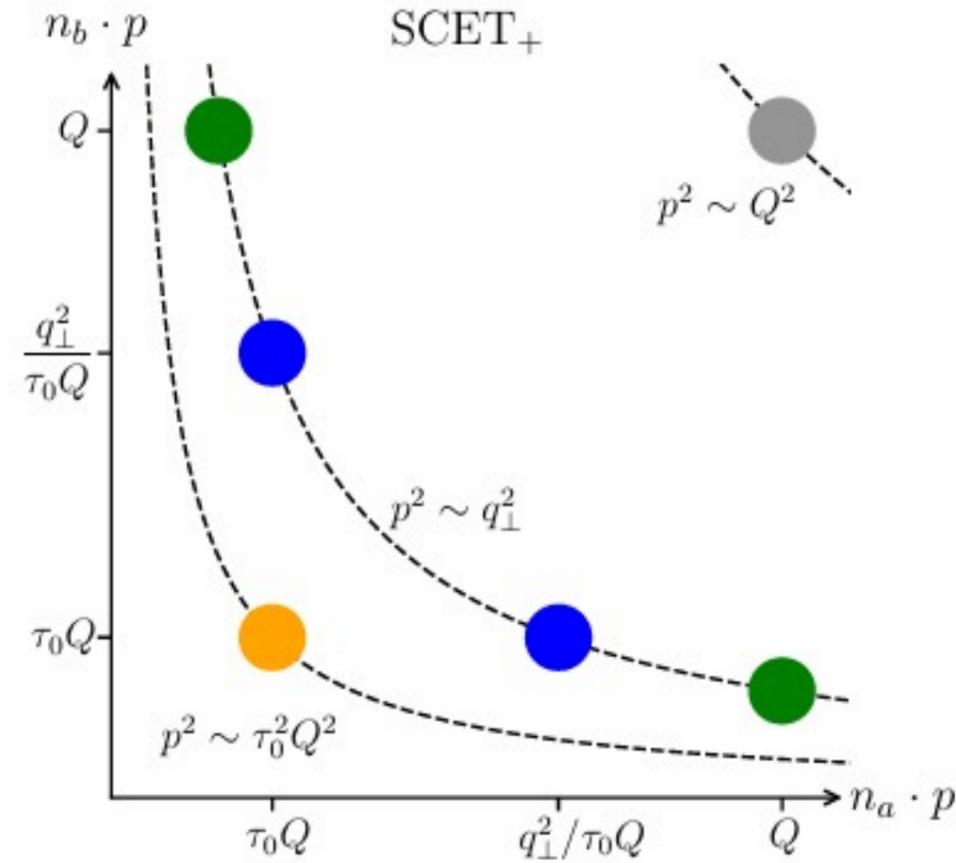


# Formulation in SCET

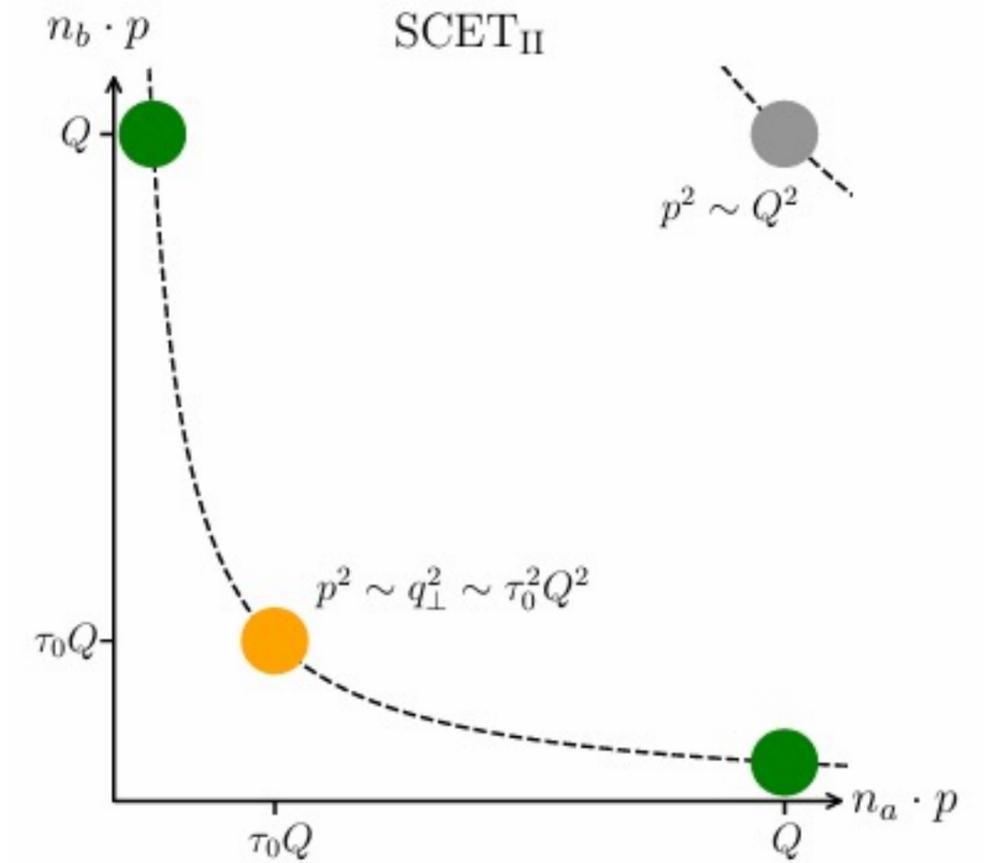
- Three distinct scale hierarchies:



$$\tau_0^2 Q^2 \ll q_{\perp}^2 \sim \tau_0 Q^2 \ll Q^2$$



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$$\tau_0^2 Q^2 \sim q_{\perp}^2 \ll \tau_0 Q^2 \ll Q^2;$$

Procura, Waalewijn, Zeune '15

Lustermans, Michel, Tackmann, Waalewijn '19

# SCET<sub>I</sub> regime

$$\tau_0^2 Q^2 \ll q_\perp^2 \sim \tau_0 Q^2 \ll Q^2$$

- Factorization formula:**

Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn '09

Jain, Procura, Waalewijn, Zeune '11

$$\frac{d\sigma_I(\tau_0)}{dy d^2\vec{q}_\perp} = \sigma_0 \boxed{H(Q, \mu)} \sum_{q, q'} C_{qq'} \int_0^{\tau_0 Q} d\mathcal{T} \int \frac{e^{s\mathcal{T}} ds}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0(b q_\perp) \boxed{\mathcal{B}_{q/p}(s/Q, x_q, b, \mu)} \boxed{\mathcal{B}_{q'/p}(s/Q, x_{q'}, b, \mu)} \boxed{\mathcal{S}(s, \mu)},$$

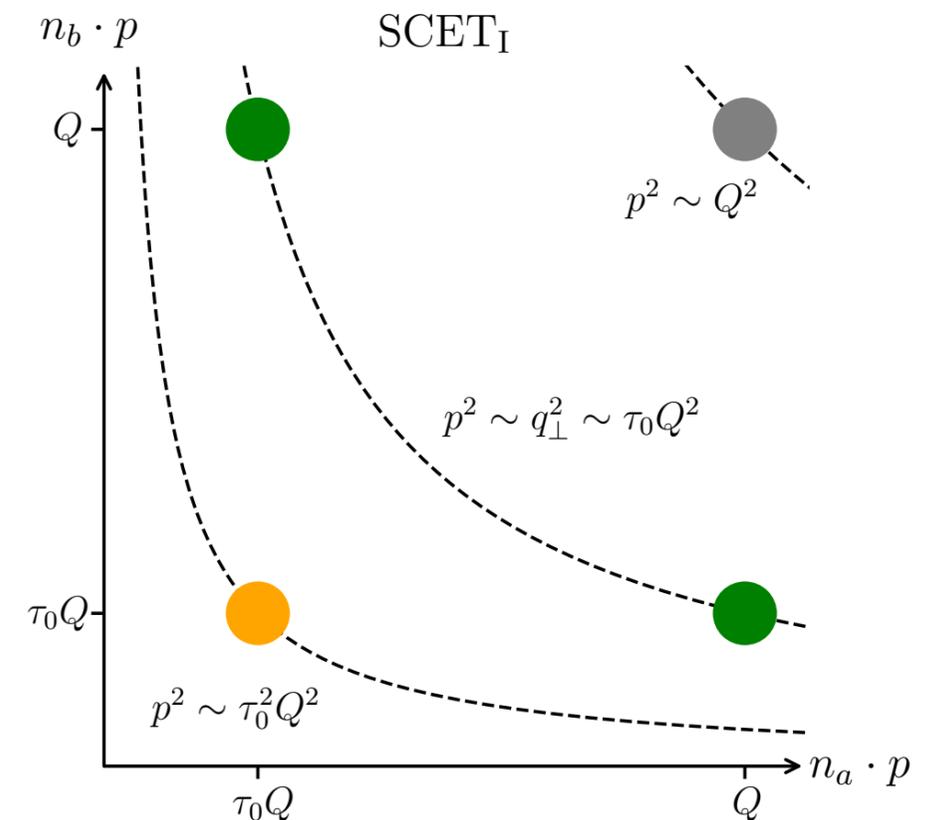
- RGEs:**

$$\gamma_{\mathcal{B}}^q(s/Q, \mu) = -2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{Q}{\mu^2 s e^{\gamma_E}} + \gamma_{\mathcal{B}}^q(\alpha_s),$$

$$\gamma_{\mathcal{S}}^q(s, \mu) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{1}{\mu^2 s^2 e^{2\gamma_E}} + \gamma_{\mathcal{S}}^q(\alpha_s),$$

$$\gamma_H^q(Q, \mu) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} + 2\gamma_V^q(\alpha_s).$$

- Scale choice:**  $\mu_H^I \sim Q$ ,  $\mu_{\mathcal{B}}^I \sim \sqrt{\tau_0} Q$ ,  $\mu_{\mathcal{S}}^I \sim \tau_0 Q$ .



# SCET<sub>+</sub> regime

$$\tau_0^2 Q^2 \ll q_\perp^2 \ll \tau_0 Q^2 \ll Q^2$$

- Factorization formula:**

Procura, Waalewijn, Zeune '14

$$\frac{d\sigma_+(\tau_0)}{dy d^2\vec{q}_\perp} = \sigma_0 \boxed{H(Q, \mu)} \sum_{q, q'} C_{qq'} \int_0^{\tau_0 Q} d\mathcal{T} \int \frac{e^{s\mathcal{T}} ds}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0(b q_\perp) \boxed{B_{q/p}(x_q, b, \mu, \nu/\omega_q)} \boxed{B_{q'/p}(x_{q'}, b, \mu, \nu/\omega_{q'})}$$

$$\times \boxed{\tilde{S}_q(s, b, \mu, \nu)} \boxed{\tilde{S}_{q'}(s, b, \mu, \nu)} \boxed{S(s, \mu)}.$$

- RGEs:**

$$\gamma_B^q(\mu, \nu/\omega_q) = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\nu^2}{\omega_q^2} + \gamma_B^q(\alpha_s),$$

$$\gamma_\nu^q(b, \mu) = 2 \left[ \int_{\mu^2}^{\mu_b^2} \frac{d\mu'^2}{\mu'^2} \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) + \gamma_r^q(\alpha_s) \right],$$

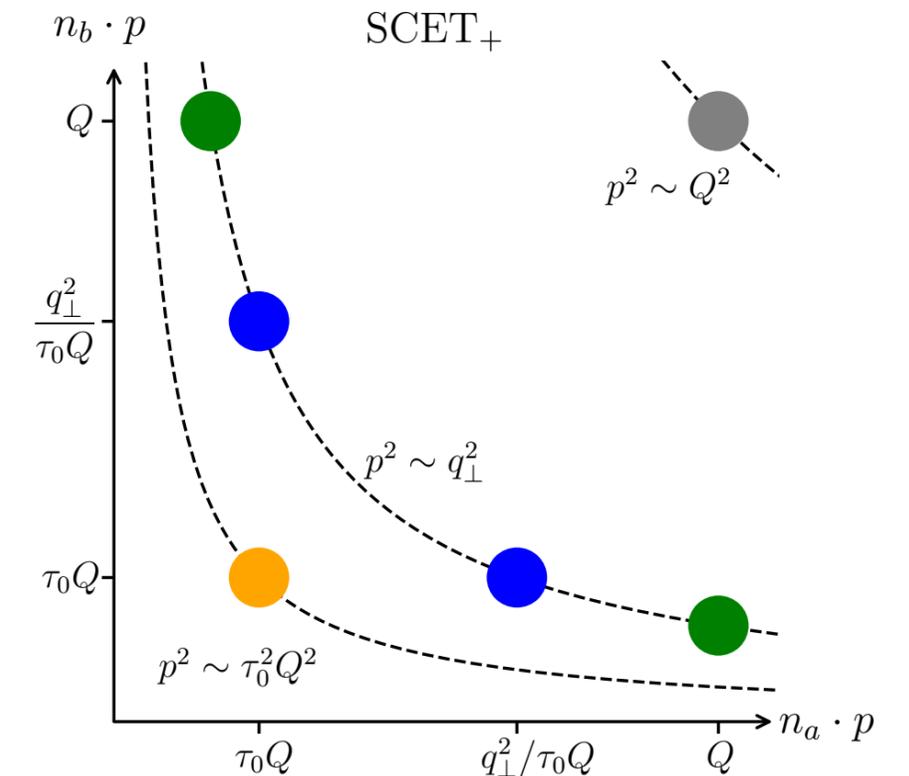
$$\tilde{\gamma}_S^q(s, \mu, \nu) = -2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\nu}{\mu^2 s e^{\gamma_E}} + \tilde{\gamma}_S^q(\alpha_s),$$

$$\gamma_S^q(s, \mu) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{1}{\mu^2 s^2 e^{2\gamma_E}} + \gamma_S^q(\alpha_s),$$

$$\gamma_H^q(Q, \mu) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} + 2\gamma_V^q(\alpha_s).$$

- Scale choice:**  $\mu_H^+ \sim Q, \quad \mu_B^+ \sim \mu_b, \quad \mu_{\tilde{S}}^+ \sim \mu_b, \quad \mu_S^+ \sim \tau_0 Q,$

$$\nu_B^+ \sim Q, \quad \nu_{\tilde{S}}^+ \sim \frac{\mu_b^2}{\tau_0 Q}.$$



# SCET<sub>II</sub> regime

$$\tau_0^2 Q^2 \sim q_\perp^2 \ll \tau_0 Q^2 \ll Q^2;$$

- Factorization formula:**

Procura, Waalewijn, Zeune '14

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{II}}(\tau_0)}{dy d^2\vec{q}_\perp} = \sigma_0 H(Q, \mu) \sum_{q, q'} C_{qq'} \int_0^{\tau_0 Q} d\mathcal{T} \int \frac{e^{s\mathcal{T}} ds}{2\pi i} \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0(b q_\perp) B_{q/p}(x_q, b, \mu, \nu/\omega_q) B_{q'/p}(x_{q'}, b, \mu, \nu/\omega_{q'}) S(s, b, \mu, \nu),$$

- RGEs:**  $\gamma_B^q(\mu, \nu/\omega_q) = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\nu^2}{\omega_q^2} + \gamma_B^q(\alpha_s),$

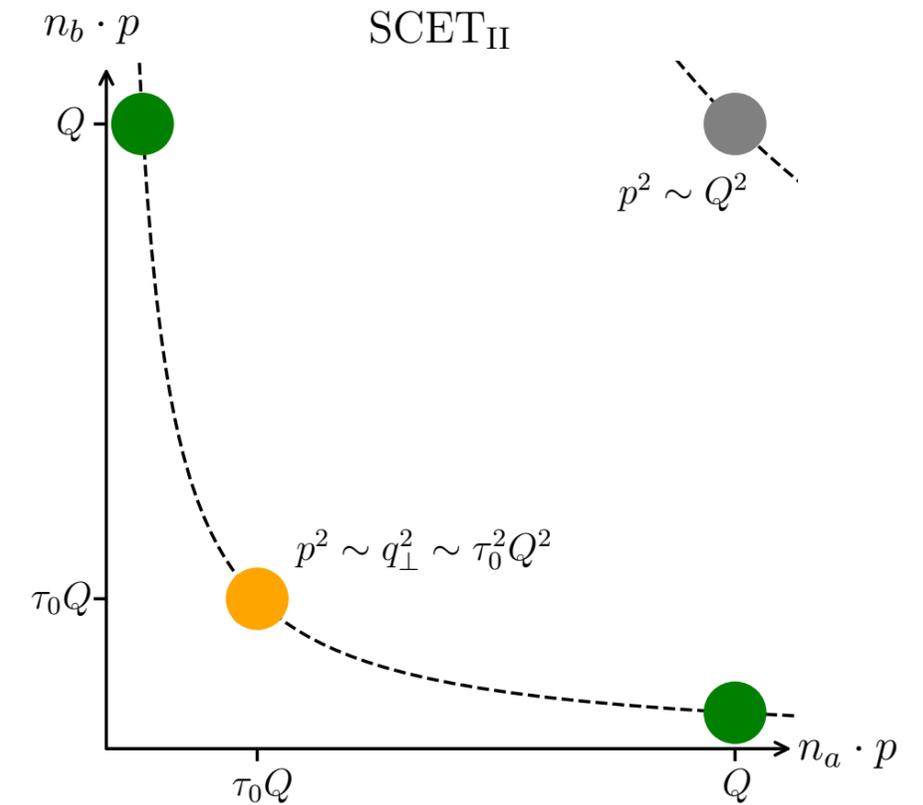
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$$\gamma_S^q(\mu, \nu) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\nu^2} + \gamma_S^q(\alpha_s),$$

$$\gamma_H^q(Q, \mu) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^q(\alpha_s) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} + 2\gamma_V^q(\alpha_s).$$

- Scale choice:**  $\mu_H^{\text{II}} \sim Q, \quad \mu_B^{\text{II}} \sim \mu_b, \quad \mu_S^{\text{II}} \sim \mu_b,$

$$\nu_B^{\text{II}} \sim Q, \quad \nu_S^{\text{II}} \sim \mu_b.$$



# Combined Perturbative Sudakov Factor

- **Combination choice:**

- $\mu_b^2 > \tau_0 Q^2$ ,  $\text{SCET}_I$ : the DGLAP evolution is frozen and instead replaced by scale evolution of beam functions Stewart, Tackmann, Waalewijn '09
- $\tau_0^2 Q^2 < \mu_b^2 < \tau_0 Q^2$ ,  $\text{SCET}_+$
- $\mu_b^2 < \tau_0^2 Q^2$ ,  $\text{SCET}_{II}$ : corresponds to standard TMD evolution

- **Combined Sudakov factor at NLL:**

$$S_P(b) = \frac{C_F}{\pi} \left[ \int_{\tau_0 Q^2}^{\mu_b^2} \frac{d\mu^2}{\mu^2} \left( 2 \ln \frac{\tau_0 Q^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \theta(\mu_b^2 - \tau_0 Q^2) - \int_{\tau_0^2 Q^2}^{\mu_b^2} \frac{d\mu^2}{\mu^2} \ln \frac{\tau_0^2 Q^2}{\mu^2} \theta(\mu_b^2 - \tau_0^2 Q^2) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{\mu_b^2}^{Q^2} \frac{d\mu^2}{\mu^2} \left( \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right] \alpha_s(\mu),$$

# Impact of 0-jettiness veto on SSAs

- **Unpolarized:**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{UU}}{dy d^2\vec{q}_\perp} = \sigma_0 \sum_{q,q'} |V_{qq'}|^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{b db}{2\pi} J_0(b q_\perp) \times f_q(x_q, \mu_b) f_{q'}(x_{q'}, \mu_b) e^{-S_P(b)},$$

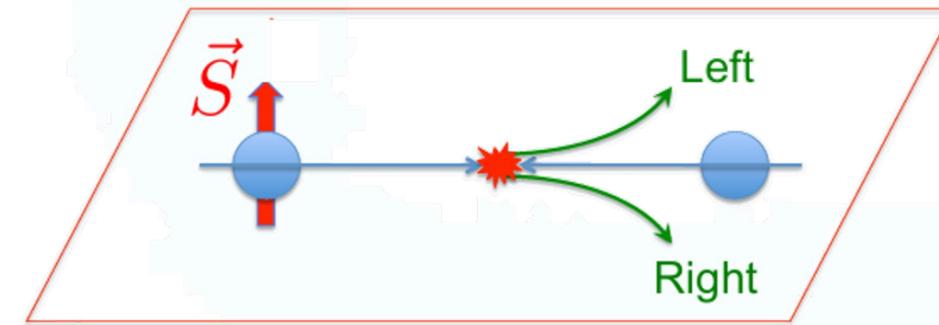
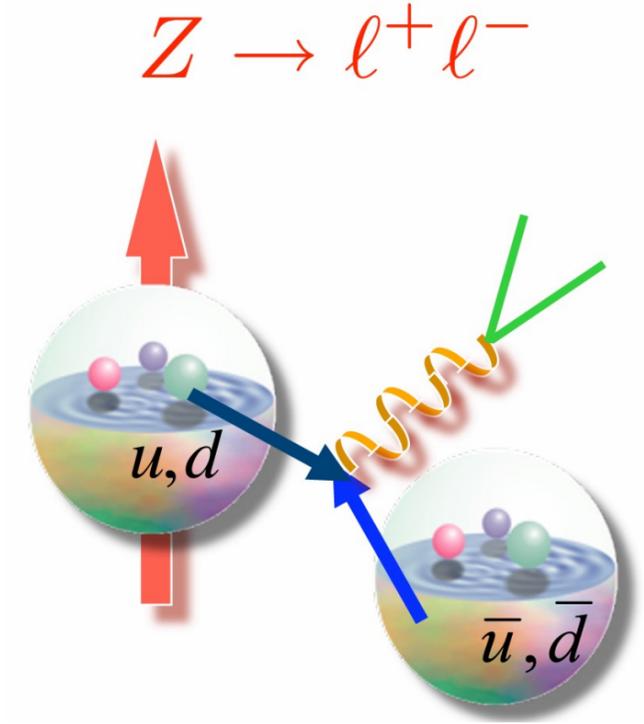


- **Transversely-polarized:**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{UT}(S_\perp)}{dy d^2\vec{q}_\perp} = -\sin(\phi_q - \phi_S) \sigma_0 \int_0^\infty \frac{b^2 db}{4\pi} J_1(b q_\perp) \times \sum_{q,q'} |V_{qq'}|^2 T_{F,q}(x_a, x_a, \mu_b) f_{q'}(x_b, \mu_b) e^{-S_P(b)}.$$

- **SSA:**

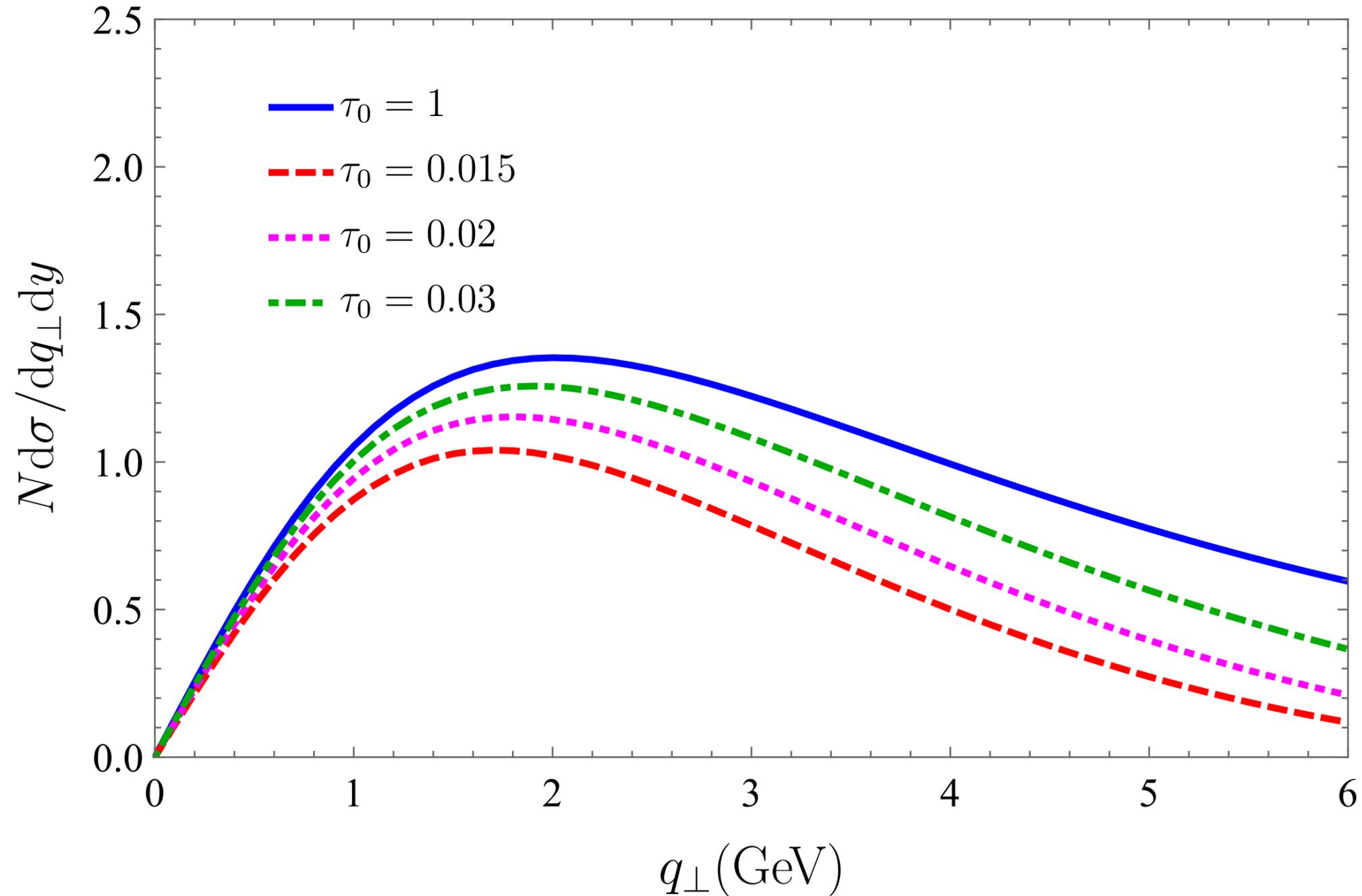
$$A_N = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_q 2 \sin(\phi_q - \phi_S) d\sigma_{UT}}{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_q d\sigma_{UU}}.$$



# Numerical results

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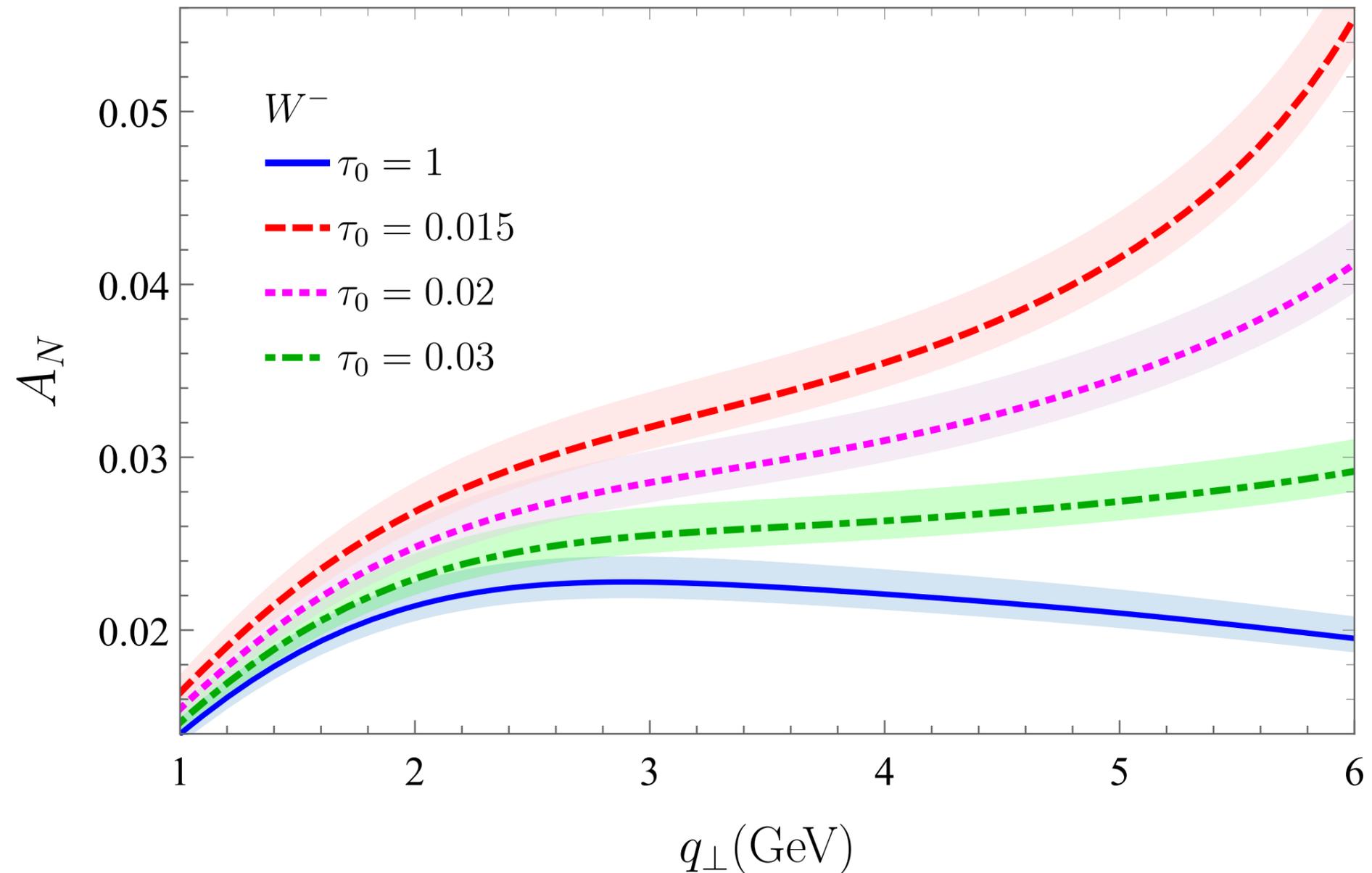
## The normalized unpolarized cross section for $W^-$ production at RHIC energy



# The enhanced SSAs

**0-jettiness**  $\tau \equiv \frac{2}{Q^2} \sum_i \min\{p_a \cdot l_i, p_b \cdot l_i\} = \sum_i \frac{|\vec{l}_{\perp,i}|}{Q} e^{-|y_i-y|}$  **with veto**  $\tau < \tau_0$

**The SSAs for  $W^-$  production at RHIC energy**



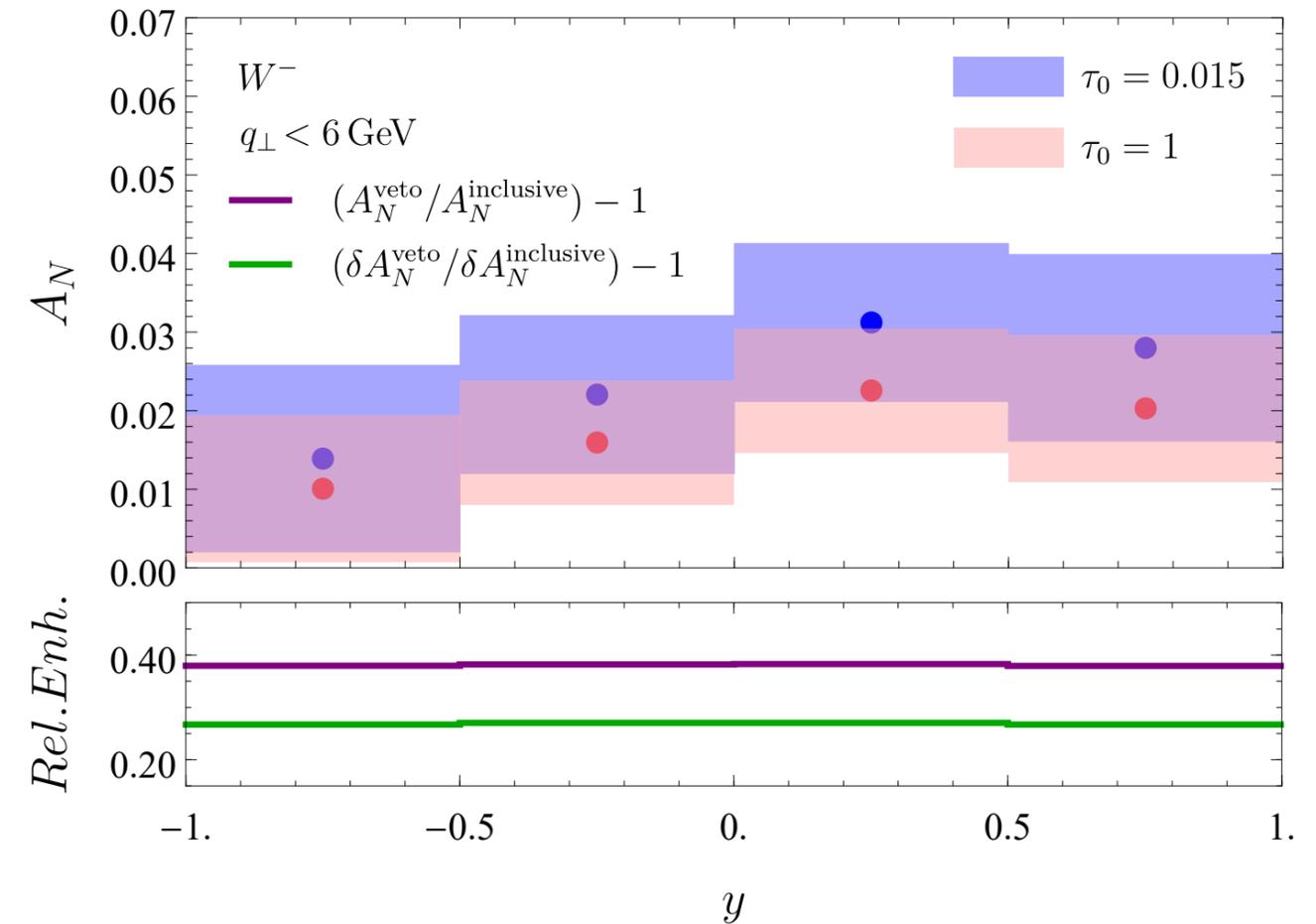
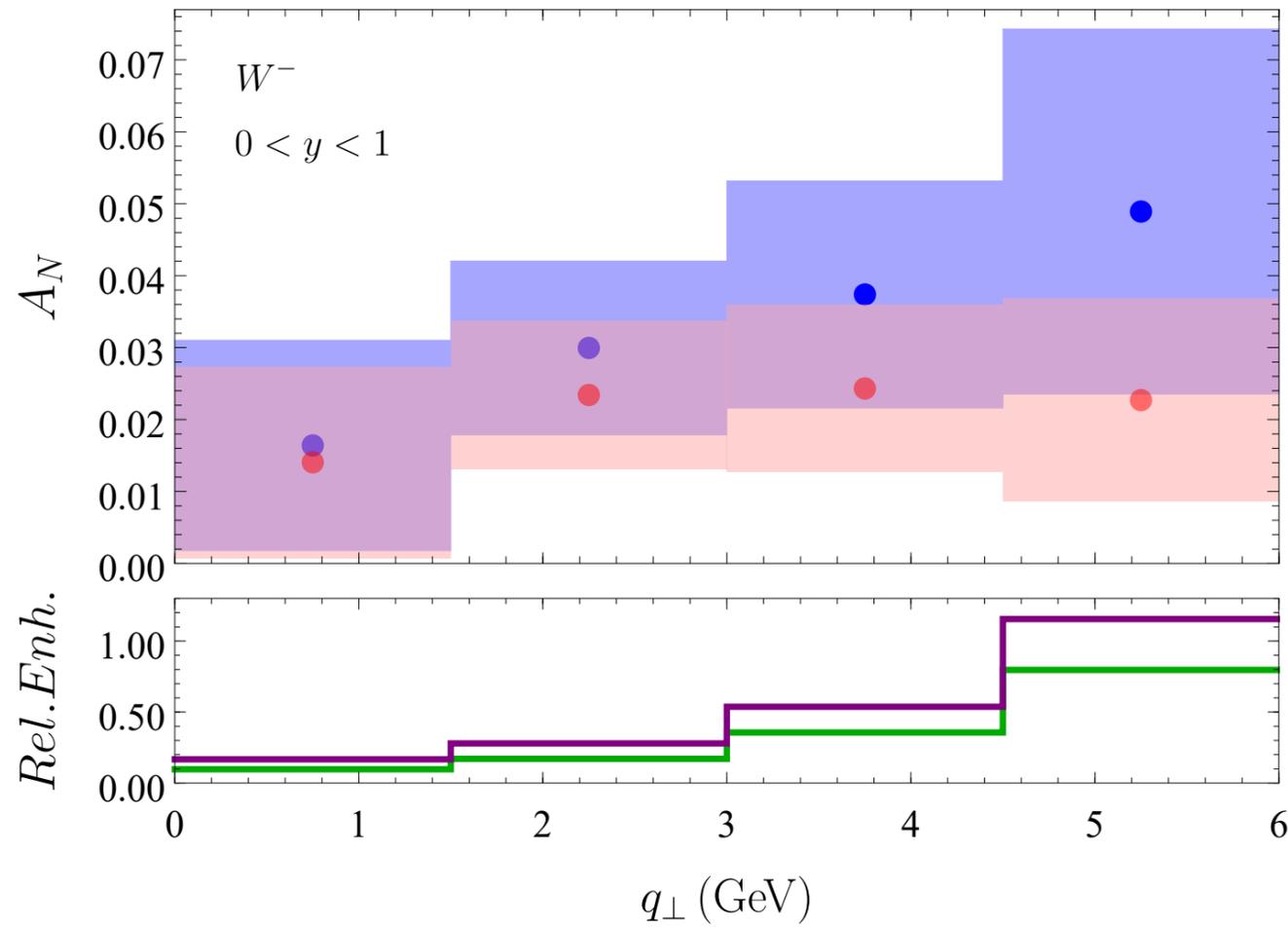
# Statistical uncertainties

- **Statistical uncertainty:**

$$\delta A_N = \frac{1}{P} \sqrt{\frac{1 - (A_N)^2}{\sigma \cdot \mathcal{L}}} \simeq \frac{1}{P} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma \cdot \mathcal{L}}}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = 780 \text{ pb}^{-1}$$

$$P = 53\%$$



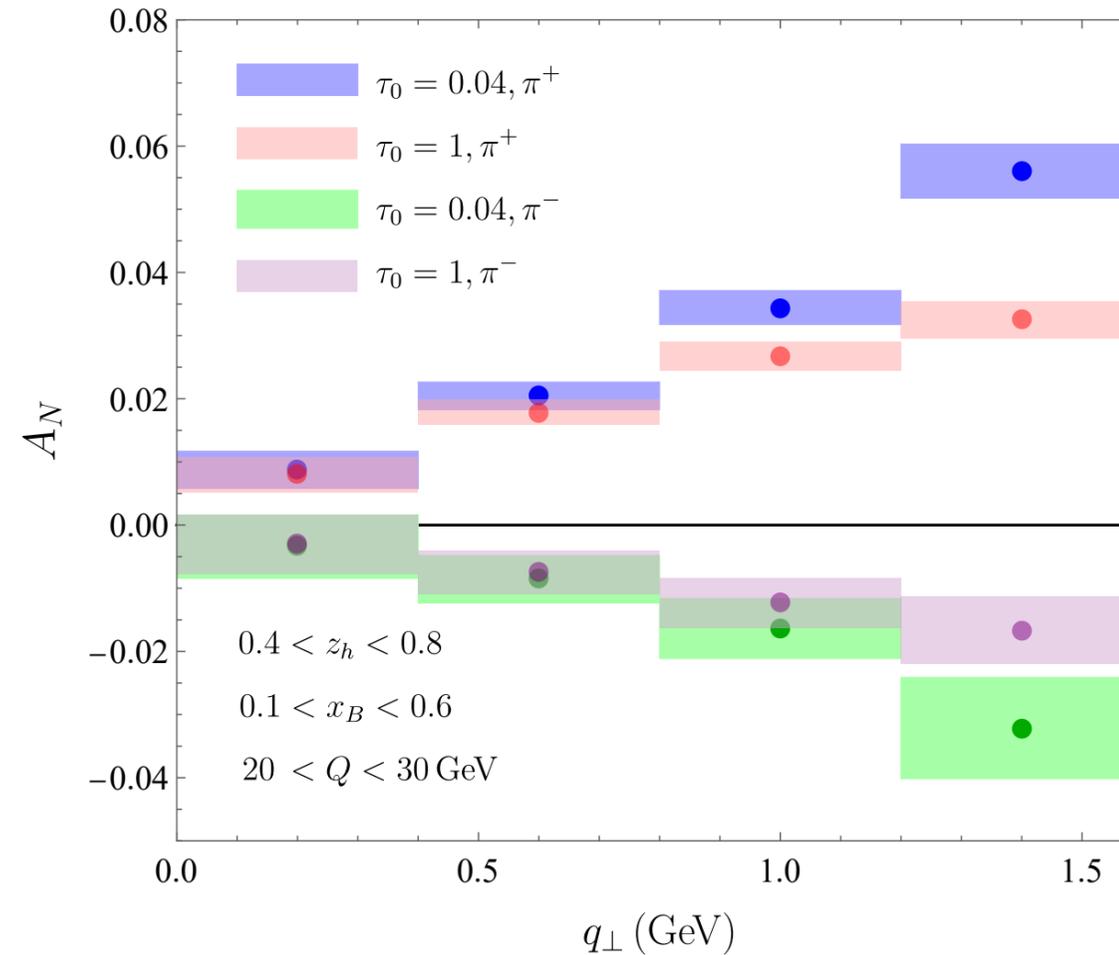
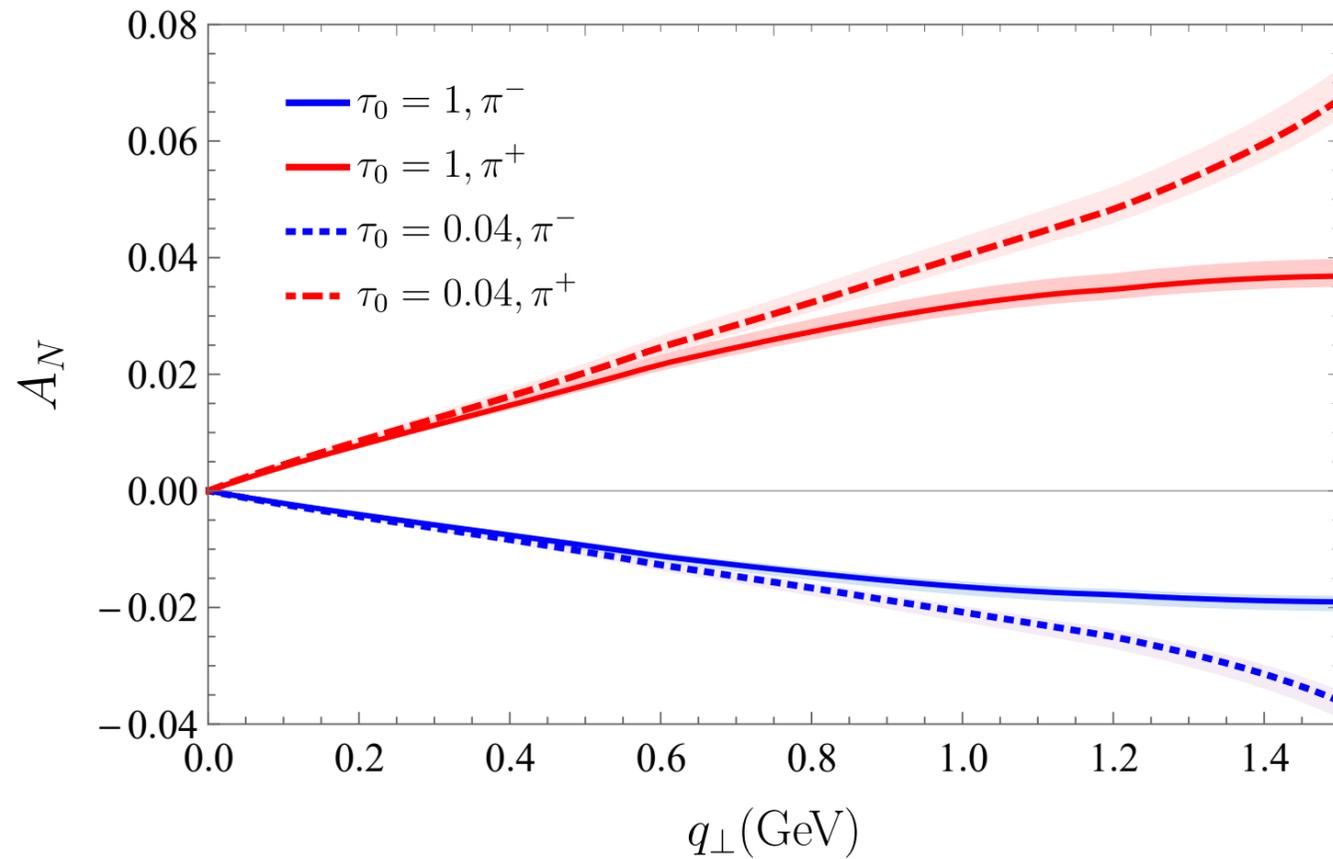
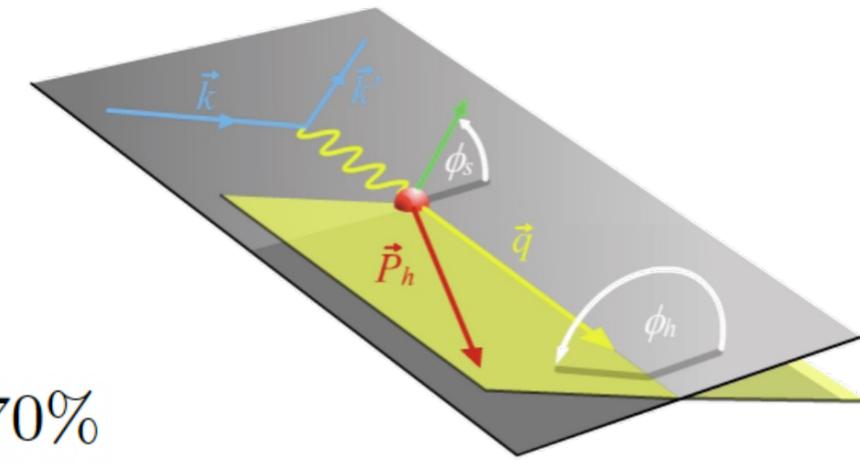
**Implementing a 0-jettiness veto can significantly enhance the sensitivity of SSA measurements to the predicted sign flip of the Sivers function, thereby offering a more robust avenue for testing fundamental TMD dynamics in polarized collisions.**

# SSAs in DIS

- **1-jettiness**

$$\ell + p^\uparrow \rightarrow \ell' + \pi(p_T) + X$$

$$\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad P = 70\%$$



**The results show that the SSAs are enhanced at moderately large pion transverse momentum when the veto is applied.**

# Summary

- **We introduced a 0-jettiness veto method to suppress TMD evolution effects and probe the nucleon spin structure.**
- **Single-spin asymmetries (SSAs) in both  $W^-$  production at RHIC and  $\pi^\pm$  production at EIC are significantly enhanced with the veto.**
- **The 0-jettiness veto provides a promising new tool to study the spin dynamics of the nucleon in polarized collisions.**

**Thank you!**