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Energy Correlators and 3D Hadron Structure

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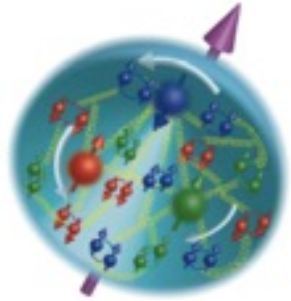
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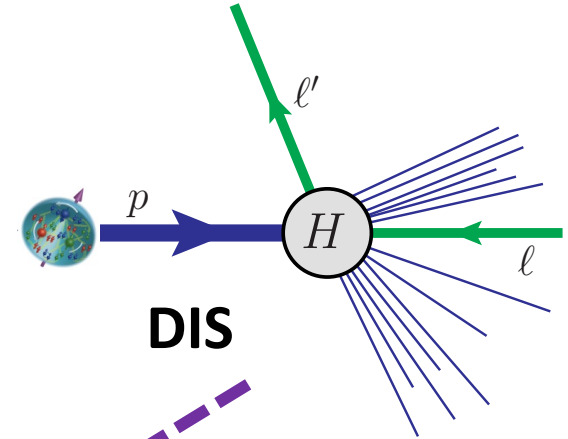
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Hadron structure from experiments

Partonic structure

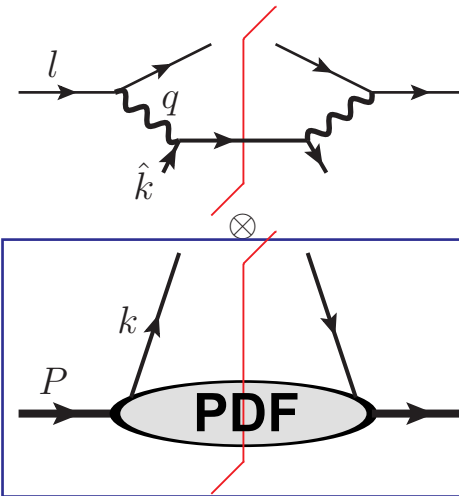


Hard scattering



DIS

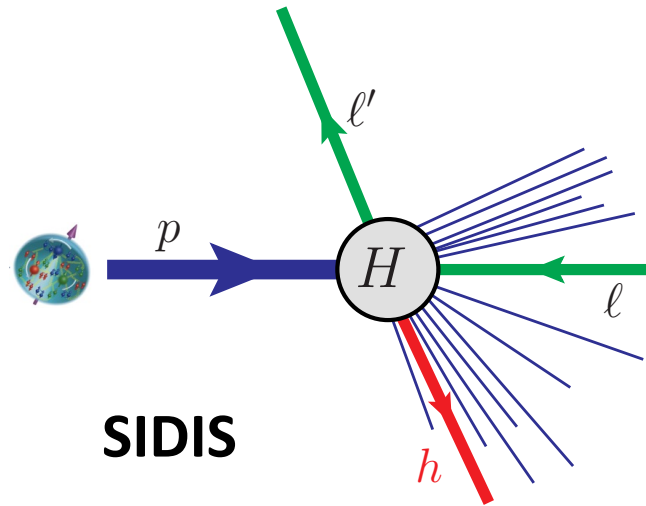
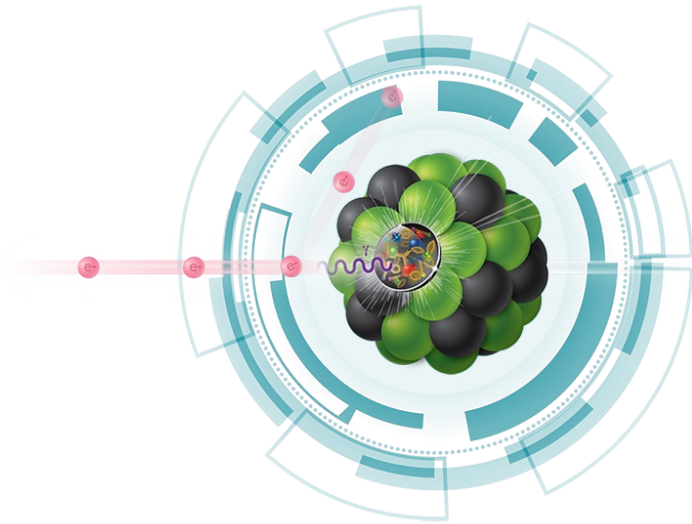
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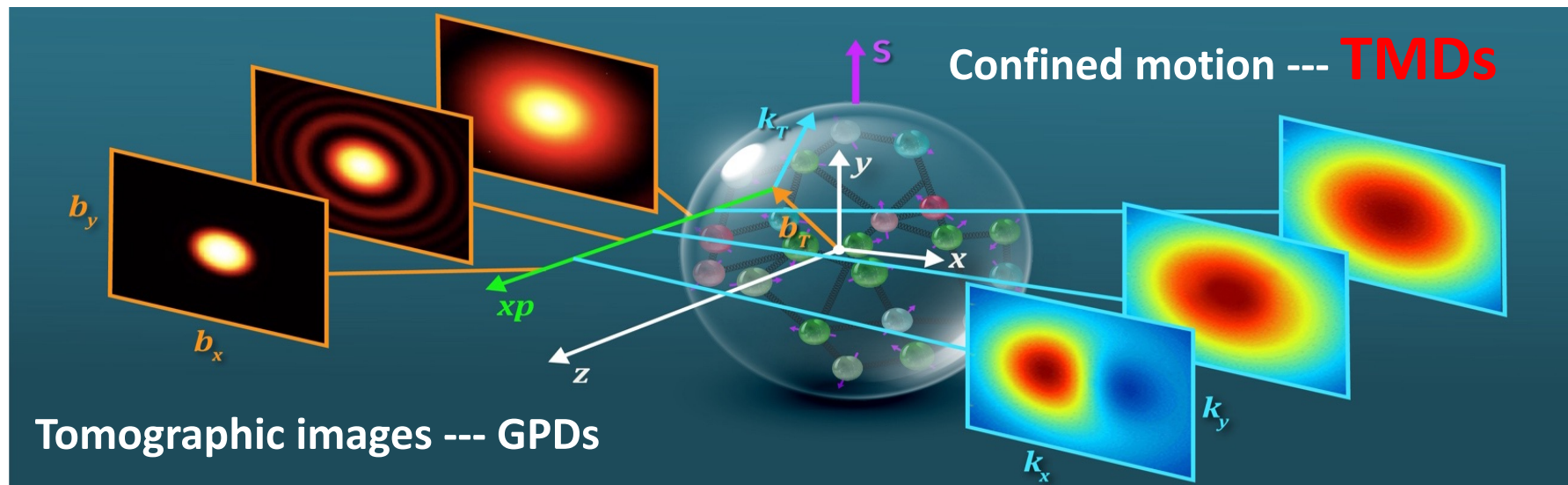
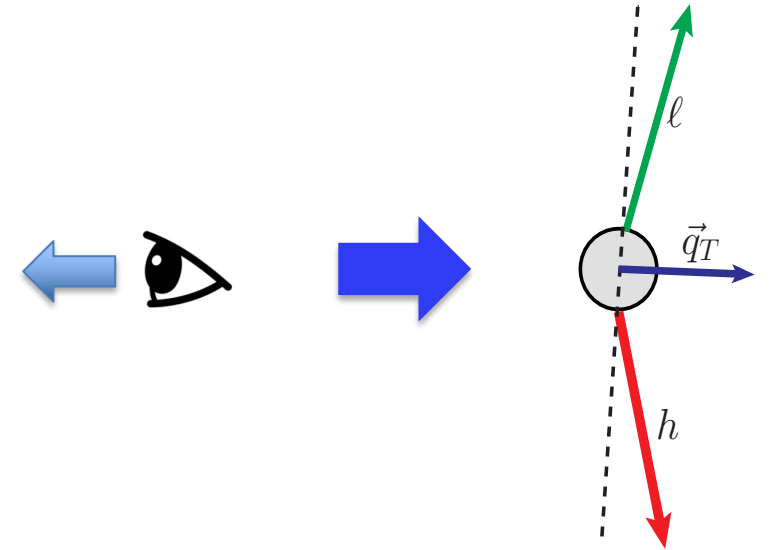
Factorization

$$f_q(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dy^-}{4\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(y^-) \gamma^+ W_n(y^-, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

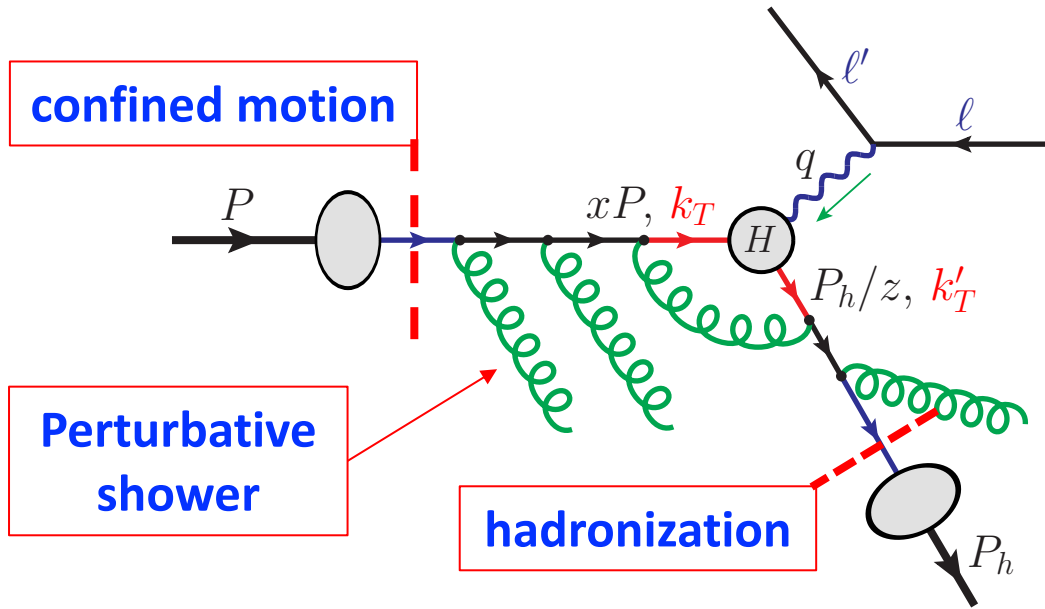
3D hadron structure at EIC



SIDIS



TMDs and challenges



➤ Pairwise occurrences

Hard to disentangle various TMDs

➤ Perturbative dominance

Confined dynamics diluted

➤ Scheme dependence

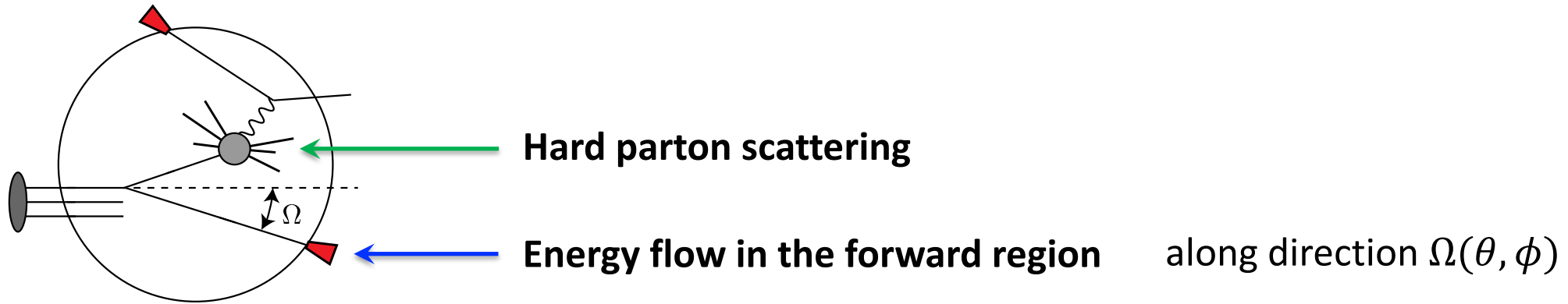
- Bare TMD have rapidity divergences
- *Intrinsic* k_T ambiguously defined

$$f_q(x, \mathbf{k}_T) \stackrel{?}{=} \int \frac{dy^- d^2\mathbf{y}_T}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{-ixP^+y^- + i\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{y}_T} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0^+, y^-, \mathbf{y}_T) \gamma^+ \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

Another probe of hadron structure

□ Hadron scattering with extra energy flow measurement

Liu and Zhu, PRL 130 (2023), 091901



□ Modified cross section

Inclusive DIS cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Pi_\ell} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma}{d\Pi_\ell d\Pi_N}$$

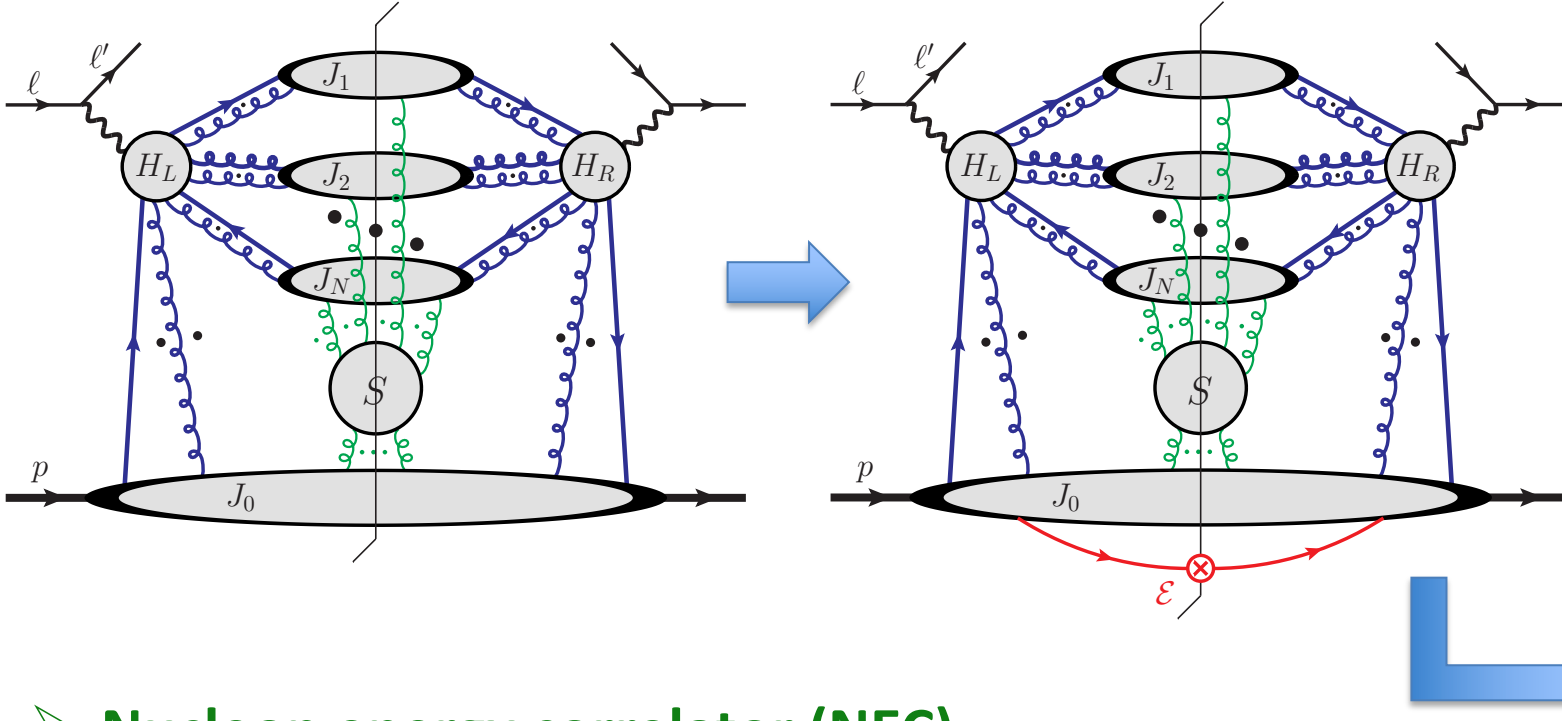


Energy flow weighted

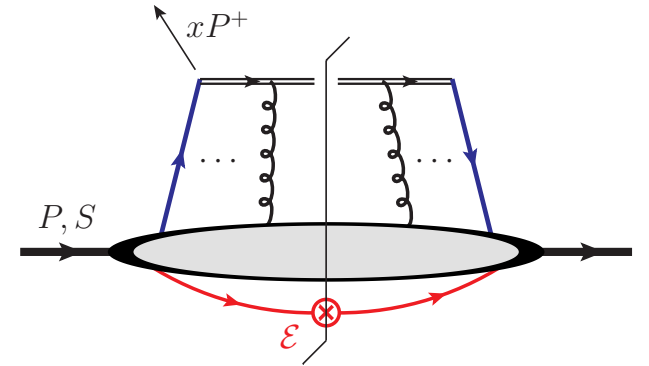
$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Pi_\ell d\Omega} = \sum_N \int d\Pi_N \frac{d\sigma}{d\Pi_\ell d\Pi_N} \left[\sum_{i \in N} E_i \delta^{(2)}(\vec{\Omega} - \vec{\Omega}_i) \right]$$

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- Energy weight suppresses soft lines
- For small θ , the energy correlator dominantly resides in the beam jet
- Bottom part factorized same as PDF



➤ Nucleon energy correlator (NEC)

$$F_q^{[\Gamma]}(x, \mathbf{n}; P, S) = \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \left[\sum_{i \in X} E_i \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}_i) \right] \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) | X \rangle \Gamma \langle X | W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

$$= \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}) \Gamma W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

Energy flow operator

$$F_q^{[\Gamma]}(x, \mathbf{n}; P, S) = \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}) \Gamma W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt r^2 n^i T^{i0}(t, r\mathbf{n})$$

Energy-momentum tensor

records energy flow at celestial infinity --- detector put at infinity

$$\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}) | \{p_j\}; \text{out} \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^N E_j \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{n}_j) | \{p_j\}; \text{out} \rangle$$

Basham, et al., PRL 41 (1978) 1585;
 Sveshnikov and Tkachov, PLB 382, 403 (1996);
 Korchemsky and Sterman, NPB 555, 335 (1999);
 ... See the review by Moulton and Zhu, 2506.09119.

□ Interpolates between hadron and jet

- Infrared safe
- Avoids jet algorithm

□ Extending to n -point NEC

$$F_{q,N}^{[\Gamma]}(x, \{\mathbf{n}_j\}; P, S) = \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}_1) \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}_2) \cdots \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}_N) \Gamma W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

Spin structure of NEC

$$F_q^{[\Gamma]}(x, \mathbf{n}; P, S) = \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbf{n}) \Gamma W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

□ Unpolarized quark: $\Gamma = \gamma^+$

$$F^{[\gamma^+]}(x, \mathbf{n}; P, S) = f_1(x, \theta; P) + \frac{(\mathbf{s}_T \times \mathbf{n}_T)^z}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} f_{1T}^\perp(x, \theta; P)$$

Sivers-type NEC

□ Longitudinally polarized quark: $\Gamma = \gamma^+ \gamma_5$

$$F^{[\gamma^+ \gamma_5]}(x, \mathbf{n}; P, S) = \lambda_N g_{1L}(x, \theta; P) + \frac{\mathbf{s}_T \cdot \mathbf{n}_T}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} g_{1T}^\perp(x, \theta; P)$$

□ Transversely polarized quark: $\Gamma = \gamma^+ \gamma^\perp \gamma_5$

$$F^{[\gamma^+ \gamma^\perp \gamma_5]}(x, \mathbf{n}; P, S) = s_T^i h_1(x, \theta; P) + \frac{(\hat{z} \times \mathbf{n}_T)^i}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} h_{1T}^\perp(x, \theta; P) + \lambda_N \frac{n_T^i}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} h_{1L}^\perp(x, \theta; P) + \frac{(n_T^i n_T^j - \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{n}_T|^2 \delta^{ij}) s_T^j}{|\mathbf{n}_T|^2} h_{1T}^\perp(x, \theta; P)$$

Leading Twist TMDs



		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \odot$		$h_1^\perp = \uparrow - \downarrow$ Boer-Mulders
	L		$g_{1L} = \rightarrow - \leftarrow$ Helicity	$h_{1L}^\perp = \rightarrow - \leftarrow$
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \uparrow - \downarrow$ Sivers	$g_{1T}^\perp = \uparrow - \leftarrow$	$h_1 = \uparrow - \downarrow$ Transversity $h_{1T}^\perp = \rightarrow - \leftarrow$

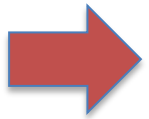
Relation to TMD

Liu and Zhu, 2403.08874

Parton k_T is given by the opposite of remnant k_T

$$f_q^{[\Gamma]}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) = \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_T + \mathbf{k}_{X,T}) | X \rangle \Gamma \langle X | W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$

$$= \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+y^-} \langle P, S | \bar{\psi}(y^-) W^\dagger(\infty, y^-) \delta^{(2)}\left(\mathbf{k}_T + \int d^2\Omega \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}_T\right) | X \rangle \Gamma \langle X | W(\infty, 0) \psi(0) | P, S \rangle$$



$$\int d^2\mathbf{k}_T (-k_T^{i_1}) (-k_T^{i_2}) \cdots (-k_T^{i_N}) f_q^{[\Gamma]}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) = \int d^2\Omega_1 \cdots d^2\Omega_N n_{1T}^{i_1} \cdots n_{NT}^{i_N} F_{q,N}^{[\Gamma]}(x, \{\mathbf{n}_i\}; P, S)$$

N -th k_T moment of TMD

Angular integral of N -point NEC

□ Example for unpolarized quark at $N = 1$: Sivers TMD and Sivers-type NEC

$$\int \frac{dk_T^2}{2M} k_T^2 f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T^2) = - \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin^2 \theta f_{1T}^\perp(x, \theta; P)$$

- θ plays the role of k_T
- More of conceptual use

Advantages of NEC

□ Collinear factorization!

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{DIS}}}{dx_B dQ^2} = C^{\text{DIS}}(x) \otimes f(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d\Sigma^{\text{DIS}}}{dx_B dQ^2 d^2\Omega} = C^{\text{DIS}}(x) \otimes F(x; \Omega)$$

(1) No k_T convolution; (2) No rapidity divergences; (3) No Sudakov suppression

□ As easily extracted as collinear PDF

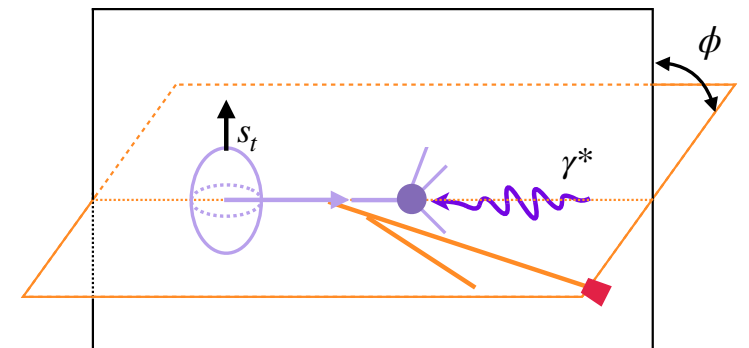
Shares the same hard coefficient as the plain observables

E.g.: for single transverse target spin asymmetry, $F(x; \Omega) = f_1(x, \theta) + s_T \sin(\phi - \phi_S) f_{1T}^\perp(x, \theta)$

Spin structure + azimuthal modulation separate various NECs

□ Extracted at the same kinematic region

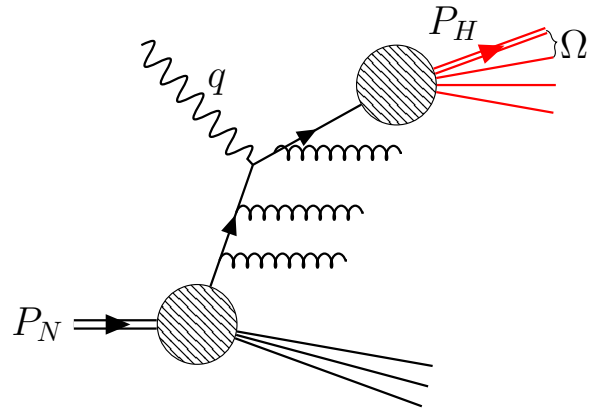
DIS / SIDIS + extra energy flow tagging



Extending to fragmentation region

Liu and Zhu, 2403.08874

□ Tag an energy flow around a measured hadron



Fragmentation energy correlator (FEC)

$$D_{h/q}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = \frac{z}{2N_c} \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ip_h^+ y^- / z} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma \langle 0 | W(\infty, y^-) \psi(y^-) \right. \\ \left. \times \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{n}) |h, X\rangle \langle h, X | \bar{\psi}(0) W^\dagger(\infty, 0) | 0 \rangle \right]$$

□ Two FECs for unpolarized hadron

- Unpolarized quark

$$D_{h/q}^{[\gamma^+ / 2]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = \mathcal{D}_{1,h/q}(z, \theta; p_h)$$

- Transversely polarized quark

$$D_{h/q}^{[\gamma^+ \gamma^i \gamma_5 / 2]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = \frac{(\hat{z} \times \mathbf{n}_T)^i}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} \mathcal{H}_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, \theta; p_h)$$

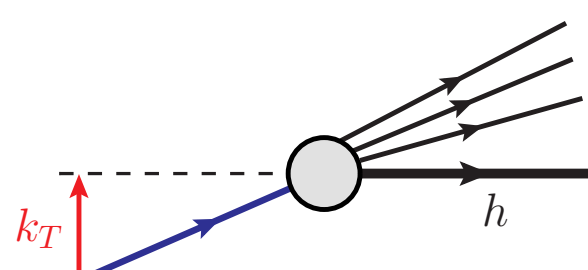
- Longitudinally polarized quark

$$D_{h/q}^{[\gamma^+ \gamma_5 / 2]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = 0$$

Collins-type FEC

Relation to TMD fragmentation function

□ In the “hadron frame”, parton k_T equals the k_T of fragmented products



$$d_{h/q}^{[\Gamma]}(z, -z\mathbf{k}_T) = \frac{1}{2zN_c} \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ip_h^+ y^- / z} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma \langle 0 | W(\infty, y^-) \psi(y^-) \right. \\ \left. \times \delta^{(2)} \left(\mathbf{k}_T - \int d\Omega \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}_T \right) |h, X\rangle \langle h, X| \bar{\psi}(0) W^\dagger(\infty, 0) |0\rangle \right]$$

$$z^2 \int d^2\mathbf{k}_T k_T^{i_1} \cdots k_T^{i_N} d_{h/q}^{[\Gamma]}(z, -z\mathbf{k}_T) = \int d\Omega_1 \cdots d\Omega_N n_{1T}^{i_1} \cdots n_{NT}^{i_N} D_{h/q,N}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \{\mathbf{n}_i\}; p_h)$$

□ For one-point FEC: Collins-type FEC

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta \sin^2 \theta \mathcal{H}_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, \theta; p_h) = -z^2 \int \frac{dk_T^2}{2m_h} k_T^2 H_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, z\mathbf{k}_T)$$

Collins-type FEC

Collins function

Energy-weighted SIDIS at leading power (for quark channel)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\frac{y^2}{z(1-\varepsilon)} \frac{\alpha_e^2}{(8\pi^2 Q^2)^2} \right]^{-1} \frac{d\Sigma}{dx dQ^2 d\phi_S dz dp_{hT}^2 d\phi_h d\cos\theta d\phi} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{1-y}{1-y+y^2/2} \\
 & = \mathcal{C}_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU,T}] + \varepsilon \mathcal{C}_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU,L}] + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU}^{(1)}] \cos\phi_h + \varepsilon \mathcal{C}_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU}^{(2)}] \cos(2\phi_h) \\
 & + P_e \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{LU}] \sin\phi_h + P_N \left\{ \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}_{g,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UL}^{(1)}] \sin\phi_h + \varepsilon \mathcal{C}_{g,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UL}^{(2)}] \sin(2\phi_h) \right\} \\
 & + P_e P_N \left\{ \sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} \mathcal{C}_{g,\mathcal{D}} [F_{LL}] + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}_{g,\mathcal{D}} [F_{LL}^{(1)}] \cos\phi_h \right\} \\
 & + s_T \left\{ \left(-\mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT,T}] - \varepsilon \mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT,L}] \right) \sin(\phi - \phi_S + \phi_h) \right. \\
 & \quad + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \left[\mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(1+)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S + 2\phi_h) + \mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(1-)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S) \right] \\
 & \quad \left. + \varepsilon \left[\mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(2+)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S + 3\phi_h) + \mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(2-)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S - \phi_h) \right] \right\} \\
 & + P_e s_T \left\{ \sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} \mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{LT}] \cos(\phi - \phi_S + \phi_h) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \left[\mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{LT}^{(1+)}] \cos(\phi - \phi_S + 2\phi_h) + \mathcal{C}_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{LT}^{(1-)}] \cos(\phi - \phi_S) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Modified FEC definition with boost invariance

Q.-H. Cao, ZY, C.-P. Yuan, S.-T. Zhang, and H. X. Zhu, JHEP 02 (2026) 244

□ Lack of Lorentz covariance

Explicit dependence on E and θ

- FEC explicitly depends on the energy of hadron h .
- Complicates comparison across different experiments, even the same experiment analyzed in different frames.
- Partial integration of \mathbf{p}_{hT} is not applicable.

□ Modified energy flow operator

+/- components and rapidity η defined w.r.t. hadron h

$$\mathcal{E}_L(\eta, \phi) |X; \text{out}\rangle = \sum_{i \in X} p_i^+ \delta(\eta - \eta_i) \delta(\phi - \phi_i) |X; \text{out}\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{E}_L(\eta, \phi) = \frac{1 + \tanh \eta}{\sqrt{2} \cosh^2 \eta} \mathcal{E}(\theta, \phi)$$

Boost covariantly $U(\alpha) \mathcal{E}_L(\eta, \phi) U^{-1}(\alpha) = e^{-\alpha} \mathcal{E}_L(\eta + \alpha, \phi)$

□ Boost-invariant FEC definition

$$\Lambda_F = m_h e^{y_h - \eta} = \sqrt{2} p_h^+ e^{-\eta}$$

$$D_{h/q}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \Lambda_F, \phi) = \frac{z}{2N_c} \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi p_h^+} e^{ip_h^+ y^- / z} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma \langle 0 | W(\infty, y^-) \psi(y^-) \right. \\ \left. \times \mathcal{E}_L(\eta, \phi) |h, X; \text{out}\rangle \langle h, X; \text{out}| \bar{\psi}(0) W^\dagger(\infty, 0) |0\rangle \right]$$

Energy-weighted SIDIS with modified definition

$$\left[\frac{y^2}{z(1-\varepsilon)} \frac{\alpha_e^2}{(8\pi^2 Q^2)^2} \right]^{-1} \frac{d\Sigma'}{dx dQ^2 d\phi_S dz dp_{hT}^2 d\phi_h d\eta d\phi} \quad d\sigma \longrightarrow \frac{d\Sigma'}{d\eta d\phi} = \int d\sigma \times \sum_{i \in X} \frac{p_i^+}{p_h^+} \delta(\eta - \eta_i) \delta(\phi - \phi_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \mathcal{C}'_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU,T}] + \varepsilon \mathcal{C}'_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU,L}] + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}'_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU}^{(1)}] \cos \phi_h + \varepsilon \mathcal{C}'_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UU}^{(2)}] \cos(2\phi_h) \\
 &+ P_e \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}'_{f,\mathcal{D}} [F_{LU}] \sin \phi_h + P_N \left\{ \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \mathcal{C}'_{g,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UL}^{(1)}] \sin \phi_h + \varepsilon \mathcal{C}'_{g,\mathcal{D}} [F_{UL}^{(2)}] \sin(2\phi_h) \right\} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

What if we integrate over \vec{p}_{hT} ?

□ Why?

- Most events reside in low- p_{hT} region.
- Simplify azimuthal analysis.

□ How?

- Inclusive with p_{hT}
- But ϕ is defined on event-by-event basis
- Importantly, FEC convolutions need to be compatible with this integration!

$$C'_{f,\mathcal{D}}[F] \equiv \int \frac{d\xi_1}{\xi_1} \int \frac{d\xi_2}{\xi_2^2} f_{q/p}(\xi_1) \mathcal{D}_{h/q}(\xi_2, \Lambda_F) F(Q^2, x/\xi_1, z/\xi_2, p_{hT}^2/\xi_2^2)$$

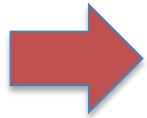
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 & + s_T \left\{ \left(-C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT,T}] - \varepsilon C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT,L}] \right) \sin(\phi - \phi_S + \phi_h) \right. \\
 & \quad + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \left[C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(1+)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S + 2\phi_h) + C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(1-)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S) \right] \\
 & \quad \left. + \varepsilon \left[C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(2+)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S + 3\phi_h) + C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(2-)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S - \phi_h) \right] \right\} \quad \text{Is that true?} \\
 & + P_e s_T \left\{ \sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{LT}] \cos(\phi - \phi_S + \phi_h) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)} \left[C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{LT}^{(1+)}] \cos(\phi - \phi_S + 2\phi_h) + C'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{LT}^{(1-)}] \cos(\phi - \phi_S) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Azimuthal singularity under \vec{p}_{hT} integration

□ $\int d^2\vec{p}_{hT}$ acts on hard coefficients

Separation $\int d^2\mathbf{p}_T f(\mathbf{p}_T) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty dp_T^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi f(p_T^2, \phi)$ is singular if $f(\mathbf{p}_T)$ has a singularity at $\mathbf{p}_T = \mathbf{0}$



A vector-type plus distribution

$$\int_0^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dp_T^2}{(p_T^2)^{1+\epsilon}} f(p_T^2, \phi) = \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dp_T^2 \left[\frac{1}{p_T^2} \right]_+ f(p_T^2, \phi) + f(0, \phi_0) \int_0^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dp_T^2}{(p_T^2)^{1+\epsilon}}$$

$\phi_0 = \pi$ in our convention

□ The only nontrivial term

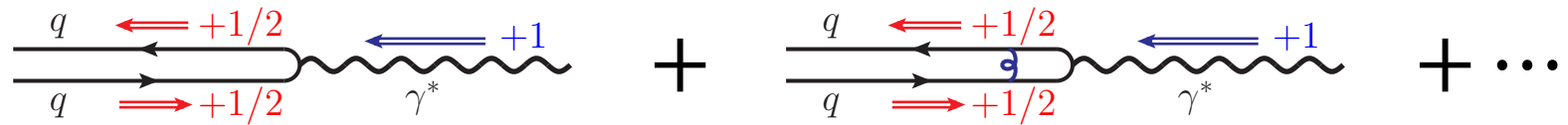
$\mathcal{C}'_{h,\mathcal{H}^\perp} [F_{UT}^{(2-)}] \sin(\phi - \phi_S - \phi_h)$ leaves a remaining $\sin(\phi - \phi_S)$ under \vec{p}_{hT} integration

$\swarrow \propto p_{hT}^{-2}$

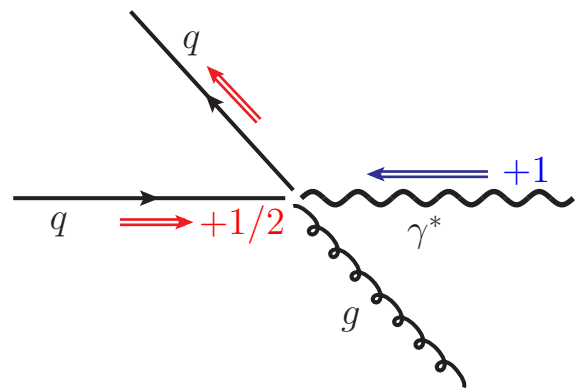
This also cancels the LO singular contribution with no gluon radiation!

Physical understanding

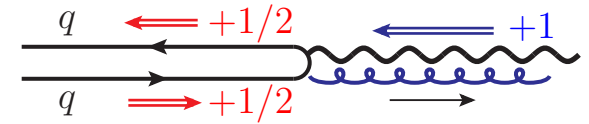
Without real radiation (starting at LO)



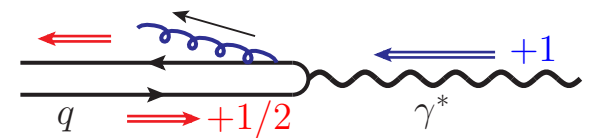
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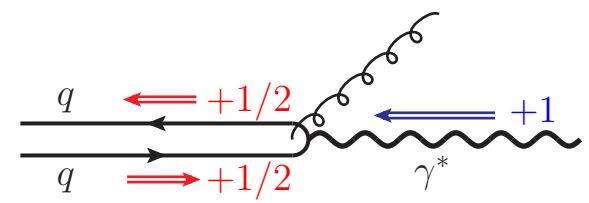
singularity



Initial-state collinear



Final-state collinear



Soft

Singular configuration shares the **same** helicity structure as virtual diagrams!

Summary

□ NEC/FEC helps to probe 3D hadron or fragmentation structure

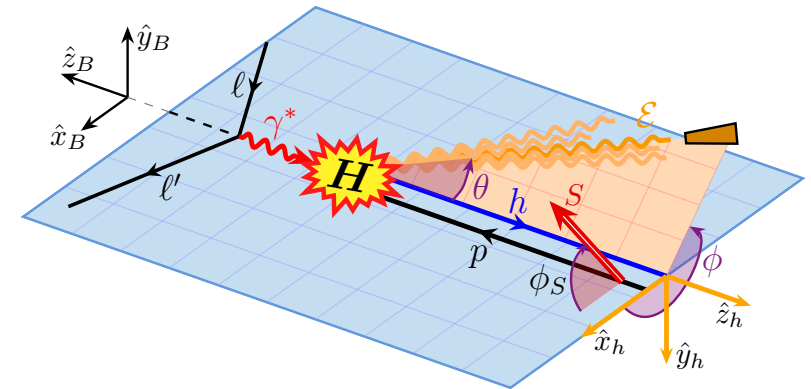
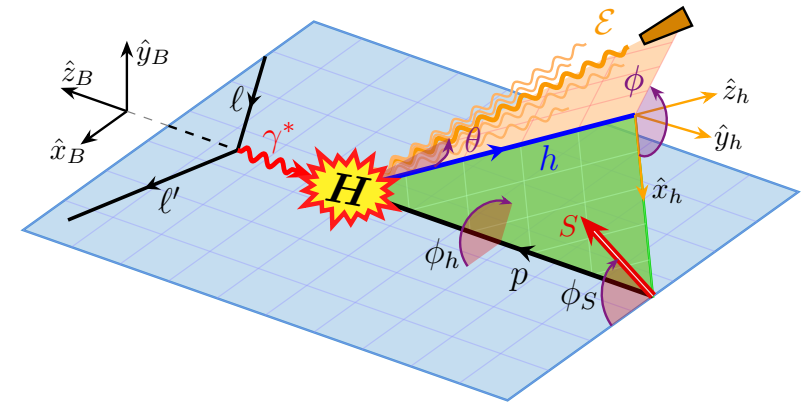
□ Collinear factorization

□ Suitably studied at EIC

- Applicable to both ep and eA
- NEC and FEC can be studied individually or simultaneously

□ Two kinds of observables

- Large p_{hT}
- Inclusive with p_{hT}



Thank you!