Ideas on probing TMDs and spin entanglement via double Λ polarizations

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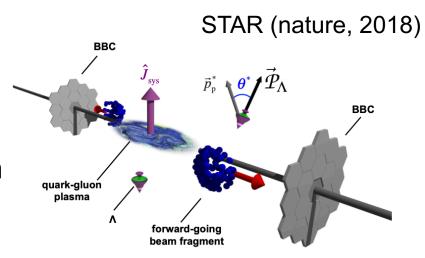
Ideas are inspired from discussions with Raju, Dima, Elke, Thomas, et al...

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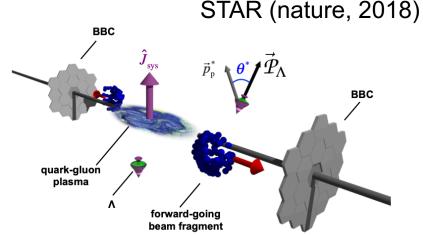
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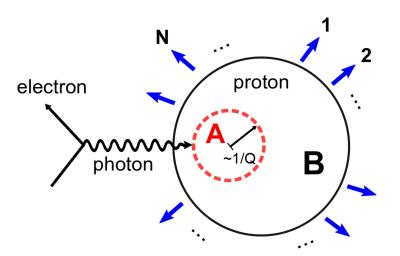
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These topics are deeply related to TMD physics, e.g., TMD PDFs, TMD FFs, which are in line with the EIC physics.



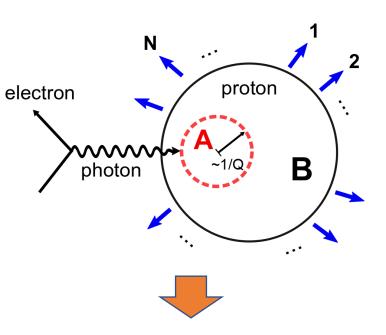
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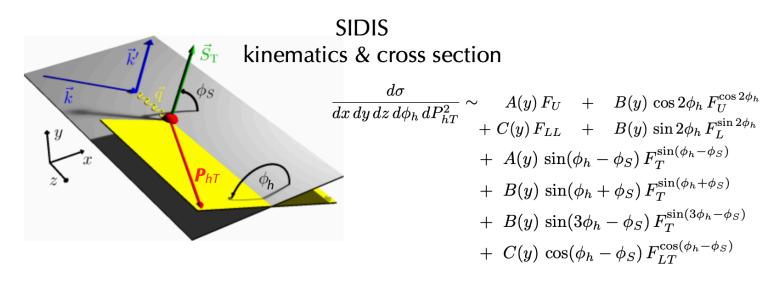
Generally, I would like to build a correlation measurement:

- 1. Lambda from current region
- 2. Lambda from target region
- 3. Their correlation as a function of rapidity gap.

*Correlations can be with respect to each other or a common quantization axis.

Established measurements

focus on current fragmentations



- build $\frac{d\sigma^{\uparrow}(\phi_h, \phi_S) - d\sigma^{\downarrow}(\phi_h, \phi_S + \pi)}{d\sigma^{\uparrow}(\phi_h, \phi_S) + d\sigma^{\downarrow}(\phi_h, \phi_S + \pi)}$ (or similar when electron is polarized)

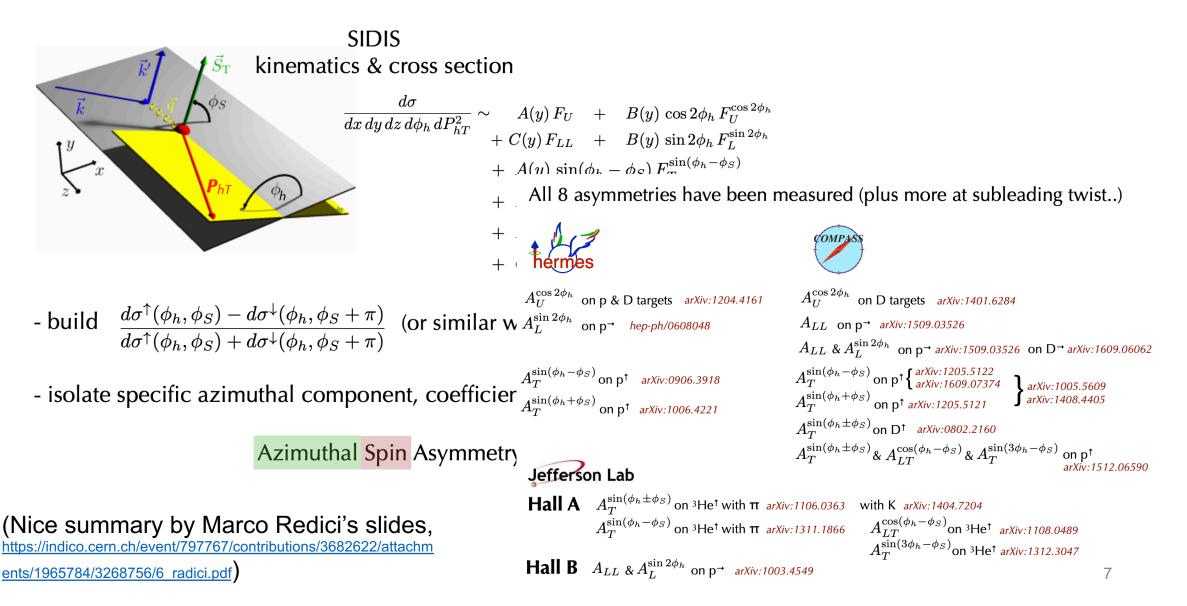
- isolate specific azimuthal component, coefficient ~ $\frac{F_X^{xxx}(x, z, P_{hT}^2; Q^2)}{F_U(x, z, P_{hT}^2; Q^2)}$ Azimuthal Spin Asymmetry $\equiv A_X^{xxx}(x, z, P_{hT}^2; Q^2)$

(Nice summary by Marco Redici's slides,

https://indico.cern.ch/event/797767/contributions/3682622/attachm

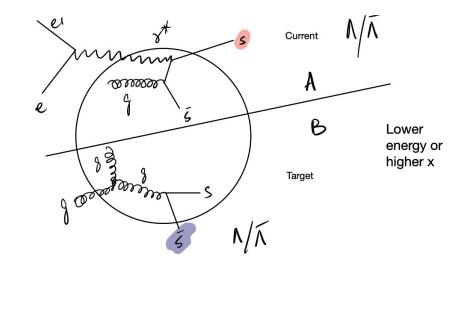
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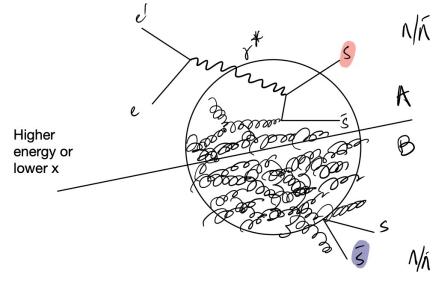
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Proposing new measurements

- Correlations between two lambdas, can be studied with Same-sign (SS) or Opposite-sign (OS), namely lambda-lambda or lambda-antilambda.
- Correlations between current and target regions or large rapidity gap.
- Correlations with respect to each other, or simultaneously with respect to a common axis, e.g., nucleon polarization axis.
- Current vs Target correlations. Entanglement?



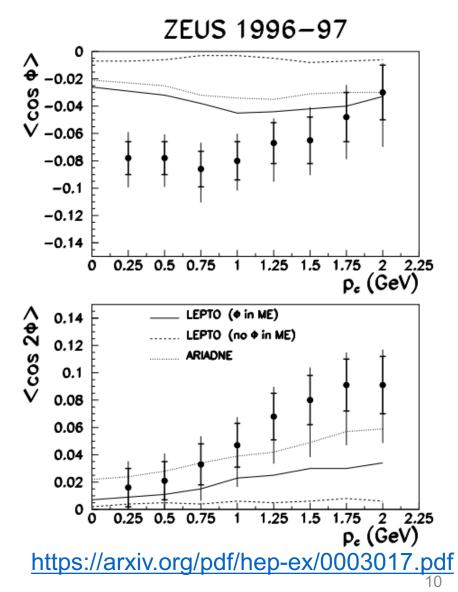


Tool

- Monte Carlo generator, PYTHIA 8, to establish baseline. No spin or nontrivial effect should be expected.
- DIS process at EIC top energy. (18 x 275 GeV² ep)
- Q² > 1 and 0.05<y<0.95
- Generated 2 billions events with Q2 > 1.
- With EIC detector coverage in mind.
- First to establish the observables and correlators.

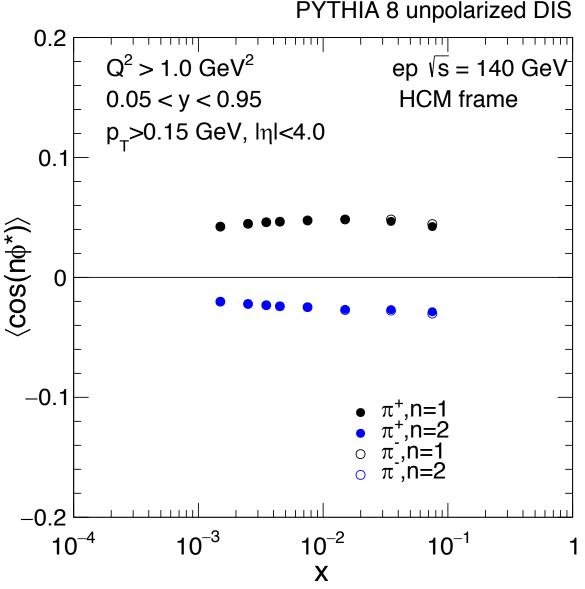
HCM – charged pion asymmetry

- Boer-Molders distribution uses unpolarized DIS ep and look at <cos(phi*)> and <cos(2phi*)>, have been measured at ZEUS, HERMES, COMPASS.
- MC does have nonzero correlations, seen by ZEUS using Ariadne and LEPTO
- (I don't find much explanations why nonzero in MCs, yet)



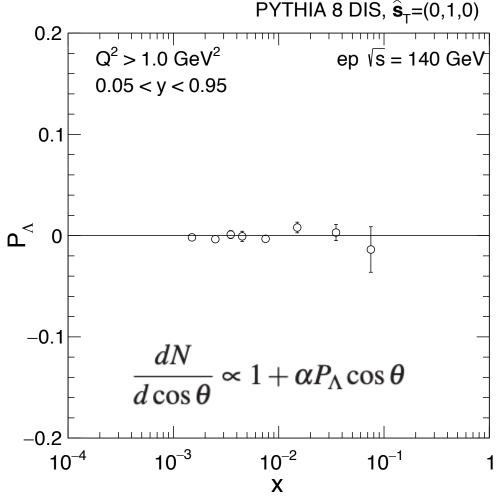
Pythia 8 – first look

- Used charged pions and both cos(phi*) and cos(2phi*)
- Observations are very similar to what ZEUS showed.
- No charge separations are seen.
 Same for pi+ and pi-
- Good baseline.



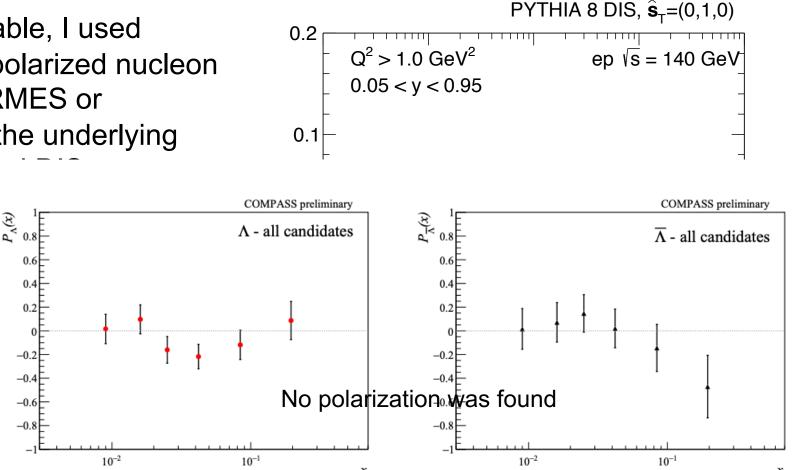
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- Inclusive lambda polarizations, including lambda and lambda-bar.



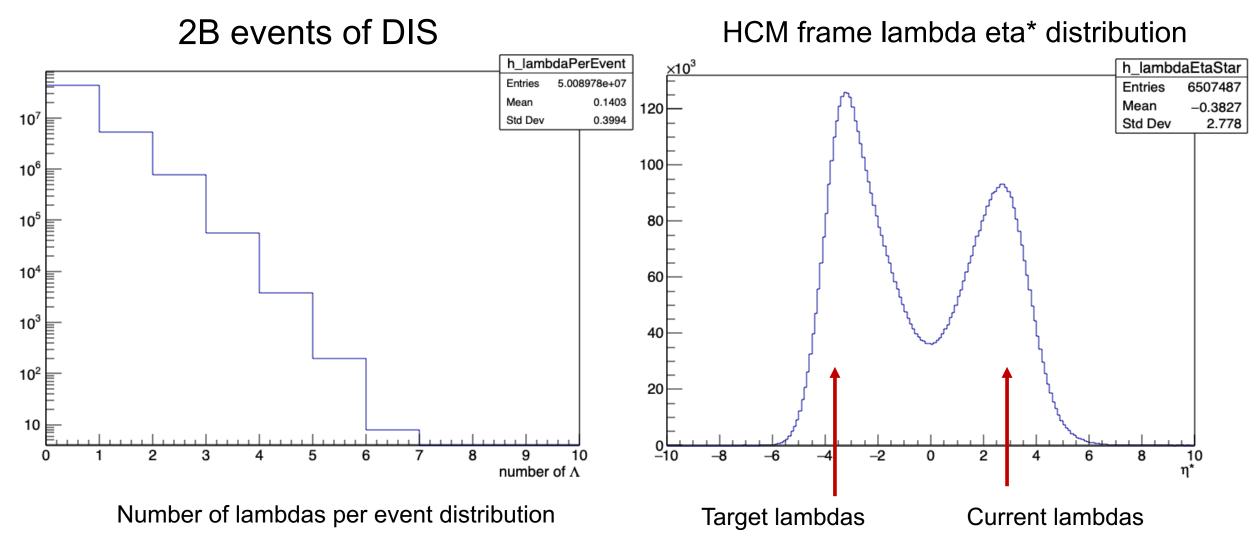
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Exact same measurement at COMPASS, https://arxiv.org/pdf/1901.01735.pdf

Pythia 8 – double lambdas

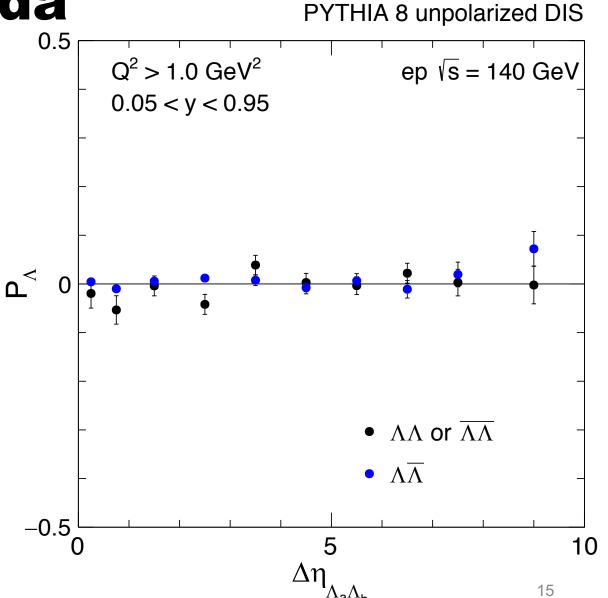


Lambda polarization w.r.t another lambda

 Lambda 1, use its proton daughter in lambda 1's rest frame, with respect to the Lambda 2 momentum direction.

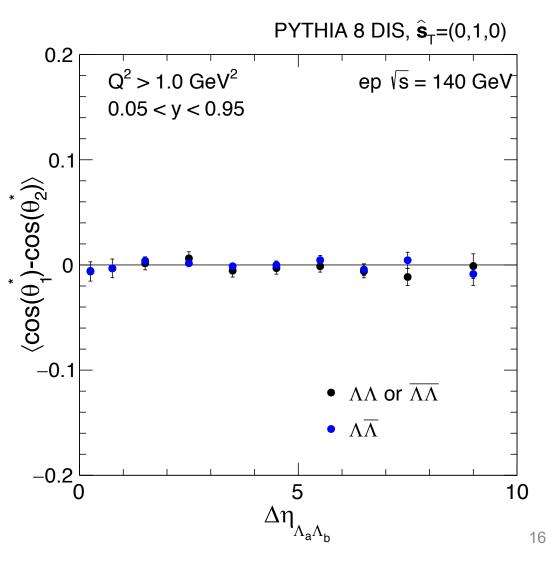
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- As a function of two lambdas' rapidity gap
- SS and OS are separated.
- At large rapidity gap, if strange quarks are entangled, will there be correlation? In either polarized or unpolarized target



Double lambda polarization with respect to nucleon spin

- Theta*1 is the lambda 1's proton daughter in lambda 1's rest frame with respect to (0,1,0). Similar for lambda 2.
- Alternative observable can be <cos(theta*1-theta*2)>
- Analogy to CME observable for charge separations. Should expect an OS and SS separation?



Summary and next step

- Pythia 8 has been looked at and baselines are established for these new observables.
- MC has no signal, meaning no trivial kinematics or acceptance can give any signal.
- Working on CHSH inequality test (Bell's inequality test) using two lambdas. (some progress has been made but not finish yet)

 Similar (~exact) observables can be built in pp collisions? Test at the LHC and RHIC? STAR forward upgrades with single polarized proton beam?