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## **Back-to-back SIDIS**

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### **Traditional SIDIS Measurements**

- Decades of study have led to detailed mappings of the momentum distribution of partons in the nucleon in terms of 1-D and 3-D (TMD) parton distribution functions (PDFs).
- Accessible in SIDIS measurements of cross sections and asymmetries; rely on the assumption that measured hadrons are produced in the current fragmentation region (CFR).
- Cross section factorized<sup>1</sup> as a convolution of PDFs and Fragmentation Functions (FFs) that can be modulated by the azimuthal scattering angle.



#### **The Neglected Other Hemisphere – Target Fragmentation**

- Final state hadrons also form from the left-over target remnant (TFR) whose partonic structure is defined by "fracture functions"<sup>1,2</sup>: the probability for the target remnant to form a certain hadron given a particular ejected quark.
- In the TFR, factorization into  $x_B$  and z-dependent contributions does not hold because it is not possible to separate quark emission from hadron production. Many ramifications!



### **Separating the Target and Current Regimes**

#### Feynman variable

$$x_F = \frac{p_h^z}{p_h^z(\max)}$$
 in CM frame  $\mathbf{p} = -\mathbf{q}, \qquad -1 < x_F < 1$ 

#### Rapidity

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{p_h^+}{p_h^-} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{E_h + p_h^z}{E_h - p_h^z}$$

- No clear *experimental* definition of what constitutes current production versus target production.
- Fixed target SIDIS experiments lack a clear rapidity gap.
- Structure functions, with different production mechanisms in both regions, give a possible clue.
- Odd-function (sine) modulations exhibit a sign flip around the transition from target to current fragmentation.
- The positive(negative) sign of twist-3 SSAs defines the CFR(TFR) dominance.





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Further reading: M. Boglione et al., JHEP 10 (2019) 122, 2019, [hep-ph] 1904.12882

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## **Categorizing Fracture Functions**

- At leading twist fracture functions exist that can be organized into tables of quark and nucleon polarizations just like the more familiar PDFs.
- Access to both  $k_T$  and  $p_T$  effects gives 2 x 8 = 16 FrFs.
- A direct relationship exists to the eight leading twist PDFs after the fracture functions are integrated over the fractional longitudinal nucleon momentum,  $\zeta$ .



M. Anselmino et al., Phys. Lett. B. 706 (2011), 46-52, [hep-ph] 1109.1132

 $d\zeta \zeta M_a(x,\zeta) = (1-x)f_a(x)$ 





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#### Semi-exclusive measurements



#### Increased phase space at 22 GeV



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- 3. Extension of pions to significantly negative  $x_{F}$ .
- 4. Increased sensitivity to gluon-TMDs<sup>1,2</sup> (low –t, large negative  $x_F$  values).



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# Summary

- The detection of target fragment baryons opens new avenues for studying the partonic structure of nucleons by introducing new observables, strengthening the understanding of a providing complimentary ways to measure previous observables and by aiding in the separation of VM contributions.
- Contributions from non-SIDIS vector mesons challenge the factorized picture of SIDIS. Moving towards a "p-free SIDIS" might help address these challenges in phenomenology and will be crucial for the interpretation of higher energy data, from JLab22 to EIC.
- A JLab22 would benefit from significantly higher statistics at the lowest and highest x<sub>F</sub> values allowing for a complete picture over the full range in x<sub>F</sub> for TFR SIDIS studies or VM studies at very low -t (in addition to benefiting SIDIS in the more common ways: increased P<sub>T</sub>, extension of Q<sup>2</sup> studies, etc.)





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# Backup



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# **Quark-gluon correlations; Impact of VMs**



- Understanding of the SSAs of VMs is critical for interpretation of pion SIDIS.
- The fraction of diffractive mesons increases with energy.
- At large x the diffractive processes are suppressed by the minimum t.
- Fully evaluating the effect diffractive mesons have on the extraction of TMDs will be <u>critical</u> for EIC studies.



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Comparison to  $\rho^0$  indicates where the "diffractive" events are appearing. There are separate dynamical contributions with wildly different azimuthal moments that complicate the picture. Which kinematic regions are contributing to the measurements in single pion observables?

### **Q**<sup>2</sup> dependence of dSIDIS proton- $\pi^+$



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#### **Kotzinian-Mulders**



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No Collins mechanism in the TFR so  $F_{UL}^{\sin 2\varphi}$  (and  $F_{UU}^{\cos 2\varphi}$ ) are >= twist-4. We would expect small magnitude at -x<sub>F</sub>... and yet. 12/10/24

#### **Particle Identification**

- Electron
  - Electromagnetic calorimeter.
  - Cherenkov detector.



 β vs p comparison between vertex timing and event start time using forward and central time of flight systems (~100 ps resolution)









#### **TFR Single Spin Asymmetries with Polarized NH<sub>3</sub>**







# Helicity TMD (and the effect from $\rho^0$ )

- $g_1(x,k_T)$  will be heavily kinematically suppressed at EIC.
- JLab22, with extension to higher P<sub>T</sub>, would be critical for studies of g<sub>1</sub> in the valance quark region.

$$F_{LL} \propto g_1(x, k_T) \otimes D_1(z, p_T)$$



- 1. Measurements of epX  $A_{LL}$  systematically higher after  $M_x$  cut to remove VMs
- 2. Semi-exclusive e' $\pi^+$ pX with  $\rho$  removed larger than e' $\pi^+$ X double-spin asymmetries
- 3. Measurements of  $A_{LL}$  for "diffractive"  $\rho^0$  indicate very small values (probably negative)

Contributions from VM may have caused underestimations of g<sub>1</sub>!



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#### **Contributions of Vector Mesons**





- Contributions from diffractive vector meson production represent an indistinguishable background when only a single CFR hadron is detected.
- Diffractive p<sup>0</sup> contamination is a large obstacle to phenomenological interpretation of analyses intending to
- Detecting the target fragment enables the analyzer to avoid VMs with sufficient cuts on M<sub>x</sub>.



# **Potential Ambiguities**

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{TFR}}}{dx_B \, dy \, d\zeta \, d^2 \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp} \, d\phi_S} = \frac{2\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{Q^2 y} \left\{ \left( 1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \times \sum_a e_a^2 \left[ M(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) - |\boldsymbol{S}_{\perp}| \frac{|\boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}|}{m_h} M_T^h(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \right] + \lambda_l y \left( 1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) \sum_a e_a^2 \left[ S_{\parallel} \Delta M_L(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) \frac{\hat{u}_{\perp}^+}{T} + |\boldsymbol{S}_{\perp}| \frac{|\boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}|}{m_h} \Delta M_T^h(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) \frac{\hat{u}_{\perp}^+}{T} + |\boldsymbol{S}_{\perp}| \frac{|\boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}|}{m_h} \Delta M_T^h(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S) \right] \right\}.$$
  
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The same azimuthal asymmetries can appear in both the CFR and TFR complicating their interpretation...
$$\left[ F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right]_{\text{CFR}} = \mathcal{C} \left[ \frac{\hat{h} \cdot \boldsymbol{k}_{\perp}}{m_h} \Delta M_T^h(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) \right] \\ \left[ F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right]_{\text{CFR}} = \mathcal{C} \left[ \frac{\hat{h} \cdot \boldsymbol{k}_{\perp}}{m_h} \alpha_T^h(x_B, \zeta, \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^2) \right] \right]$$
.... while some asymmetries uniquely appear in a single kinematic region, strengthening their interpretation...

## **Potential Ambiguities; An Example**

- The self analyzing Λ-baryon decay allows for the targeted extraction of information on polarization transfer from struck quark to produced hadrons.
- The spin-transfer coefficient, D<sub>LL</sub>, serves as a stringent test for QCD (Quantum Chromodynamics) predictions, especially those involving polarized parton distributions and fragmentation functions.



#### **Effects of the Kinematic Factor JLab vs EIC**



Access to several key SIDIS/TMD objects will be **extremely** difficult to measure at higher energy experiments, while others will have similar magnitudes across different energies, strengthening their interpretation.



