

Transverse single spin and azimuthal asymmetries in hadronic collisions at PHENIX

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Motivation: A_N non-zero at forward rapidity





pQCD at leading twist calculation has small spin dependence, i.e. no asymmetry. Can initial or final state effects produce a nonzero asymmetry?

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Nucleon-Nucleon collisions: $p + p \rightarrow h + X$



Possible Origins of Non-Zero A_N



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 $A_N \propto h_1(x)$

- "Transversity" quark-distributions and Collins TMD fragmentation
 - Correlation between proton-spin and quark-spin and spin dependent fragmentation
- Sivers quark distribution
 - Correlation between proton spin and transverse quark momentum
- Twist-3 effects
 - ggg, qgq correlators







 H^{\perp}

$$A_N \propto f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x,k_T^2) \cdot D_q^h(z)$$

D. Sivers, Phys. Rev. D 41, 83 (1990)

Qiu, Sterman. Phys. Rev D 59, 014004 (1999) Kang, Qiu, Zhang.. Phys. Rev D 81, 114030 (2010)





RHIC & AGS



- Versatile Polarization Direction: Longitudinal or Transverse
- Energies probed in p+p collisions $\sqrt{s}=62$ GeV, 200, 510 GeV





PHENIX Detector (2008 schematic)



- 2 Central Arms |**η**| < **0.35**
 - Identified charged hadrons
 - π^0 , η mesons, direct photon
 - J/ ψ , heavy flavor $\rightarrow e^{\pm}$
- MPC $3.1 < |\eta| < 3.9$
 - π⁰,η mesons
 - South and North MPC
 - 2 Muon Arms 1**.2 < |η| < 2.4**
 - Unidentified charged hadrons
 - J/ ψ , heavy flavor $\rightarrow \mu^{\pm}$







PHENIX measurements today

- Central Arm π^0 and η meson A_N ($|\eta| < 0.35$)
- MPC π^0 , single cluster, and η meson A_N (3.1 < $|\eta|$ < 3.9)
- Muon Arm J/ ψ , heavy flavor $\rightarrow \mu^{\pm} A_{N} (1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4)$
- Others (skipped for time)
 - Di-hadron correlations
 - Interference Fragmentation Functions
 - Jet + π⁰ Collins Measurements





Central Arm π^0 and $\eta A_N (\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV})$





- Consistent with zero for both π⁰ and η mesons
- Sensitive to gg, qg scattering
- Exceeds precision of previous result by factor of 20, extends p_T range
 - Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 202001
- Includes η mesons





MPC detector in PHENIX

- MPC is forward E.M. Calorimeter
 - 2.2x2.2x18 cm³ PbWO₄ crystal towers
 - 220 cm from nominal interaction point

- Capable of reconstructing
 - ¶ η mesons (η → γγ, 10 70 GeV)
 - Low Energy π^0 ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, 7 20 GeV)
 - High Energy π⁰ merged clusters (>≈ 20 GeV)
 - PYTHIA study:
 - Dominant cluster process at high p_T





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Results for $\pi^0 A_N (\sqrt{s} = 62.4 \text{ GeV})$

http://arxiv.org/abs/1312.1995



• Comparison to other neutral pion A_N measurements

- A_N for neutral pions consistent across various energies
- Not strongly dependent on collision energy





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 Comparison to BRAHMS charged pion A_N measurements





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Results for Cluster $A_N (\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV})$



A_{N} as a function of p_{T}

http://arxiv.org/abs/1312.1995



- Rises and plateaus at high $p_{_{T}}$
- See Pitonyak talk yesterday for twist-3 explanation of A_N vs p_T



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Just Submitted: $\eta \text{ meson } A_N @ \sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$



There is a 3 to 20 percent positive A_N at forward x_F

- Consistent with zero (1.7 σ) at negative (backwards) x_{F}
- Positive p_T dependent A_N for $x_F > 0.2$
 - Increases and plateaus at high p_{T}

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Just Submitted: η Cross Section @ $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV

http://arxiv.org/abs/1406.3541

- η meson Cross Section
 - Good agreement with pQCD at a scale of $\mu = p_T$
 - Can be used to improve constraints in η FFs
- pQCD calculation by M. Stratmann
 - $p + p \rightarrow h + X$
 - Phys. Rev. D 67, 054005 (2003)
 - η meson FF
 - Phys. Rev. D 83, 034002 (2011)







Comparison to Other Forward π^0 , ηA_N results



Similar to previous π^0 meson A_N results

- Differences in isospin, mass, strangeness
- Potentially different in (polarized) fragmentation
- Consistent with previous STAR η meson A_N result within statistical uncertainty





$\eta \text{ meson } A_{_N} \text{ vs Twist-3}$



- Twist-3 calculation based on soft-gluon pole, soft-fermion pole
- Measurement consistent with calculation at low, high $x_F(p_T)$
- Less agreement at mid $x_F(p_T)$
- More developments in theoretical framework underway
 - D. Pitonyak, Y. Koike talks yesterday (ArXiv:1404.1033)

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Near Forward Rapidity: $J/\psi A_N$





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Near Forward Rapidity: Heavy Flavor A_N

- D meson A_N
 - Dominated by gluon-gluon fusion
 - Probes Tri-Gluon correlation Function
 - Koike, Yoshida, Phys Rev. D84 014026 (2011)



- PHENIX: no pure D-meson reconstruction (yet)
 - Single muon measurements are a probe
- p[↑]+p @ √s=200 GeV taken in 2012 (9.1 pb⁻¹) with new PHENIX Silicon detectors
 - Help reject background
 - Analyses underway







Future: Direct γ with MPC-EX





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Conclusions

- PHENIX has measured several Transverse single spin asymmetries
 - Mid-Rapidity π^0 and ηA_N consistent with zero
 - Non-zero x_F, p_T dependence of A_N for forward π⁰ and η mesons
 - $\pi^0 A_{N}$: Comparison to other pion A_{N}
 - η A_N: Consistent with other π⁰ and η measurements (submitted today arXiv:1406.3541)
 - Comparison of different particle species will help disentangle origin of non-zero A_N
 - Measurement of J/ ψ , Heavy flavor A_N
 - Can help constrain tri-gluon correlations







Outlook

Year	√s (GeV)	L (pb ⁻¹)	Polarization	FoM (P ² L)
2008	200	5.2	46%	1.1
2012	200	9.1	58%	3.3

- 2012 Transverse Spin Data
 - New MPC electronics and trigger
 - Improved trigger purity, energy range (very high energy clusters)
 - Silicon detector heavy flavor separation for near forward muon $A_{_N}$ measurements (D → μ, J/ψ)
- Upcoming 2015 Transverse RHIC Run
 - MPC-EX to measure direct- γA_{N}
 - More Silicon detector heavy flavor separation
- Beyond: sPHENIX F-Spectrometer for jets, DY









Thank You!



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 - 196(220) crystals in south(north) MPC





MPC π^0 and η Cross Section @ \sqrt{s} =200 GeV



- π^0 Cross Section
 - Close agreement with BRAHMS $\pi \pm$
- η meson Cross Section
 - Good agreement with pQCD









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Global Analysis of η Meson FFs



Phys. Rev. D 83, 034002 (2011)



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 Cross section measurement will Improve uncertainty η meson flavor dependent FFs



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Sivers function constraints: Heavy Flavor A_N

₹0.25

0.2

0.15

0.05

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- Probes GLuo



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