

# Evolution and Transversely Polarized processes: a Sivers function determination

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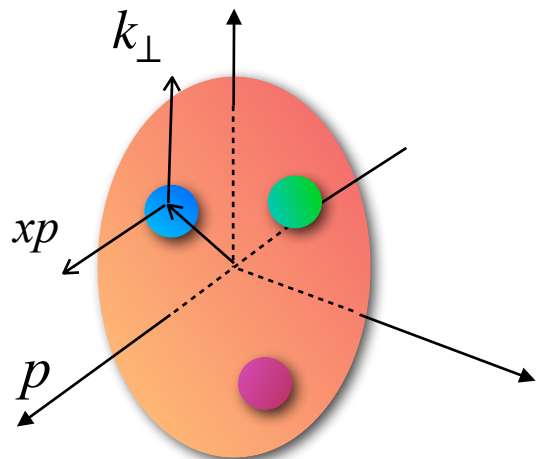


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# Transverse Momentum Distributions: TMD PDF

quark pol.



nucleon pol.

	U	L	T
U	$f_1$		$h_1^\perp$
L		$g_{1L}$	$h_{1L}^\perp$
T	$f_{1T}^\perp$	$g_{1T}$	$h_1, h_{1T}^\perp$

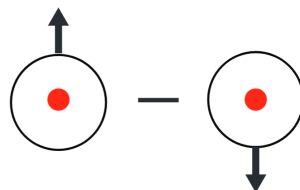
Sivers function

**dependence on:**

longitudinal momentum fraction  $x$

transverse momentum  $k_\perp$

energy scale



# Spin and quark motion correlation

## Open issues

### spin budget of hadrons

missing contributions from elementary constituents  
not yet quantified

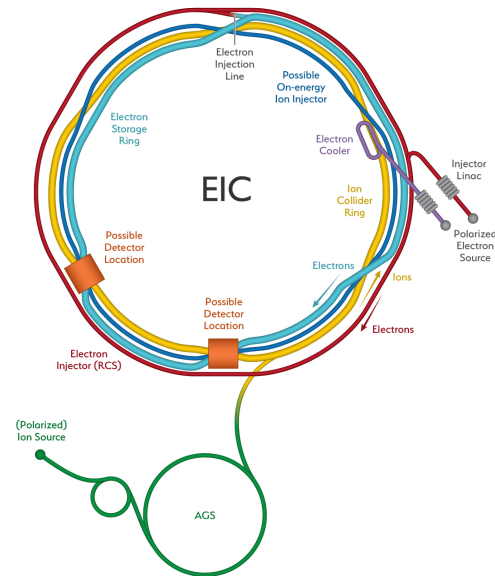
### SSAs in hadron reactions

- not vanishing as expected with increasing energy
- correlation with parton dynamics

### Effect of polarization on nucleon internal structure density

### polarized TMDs and anomalous magnetic moment

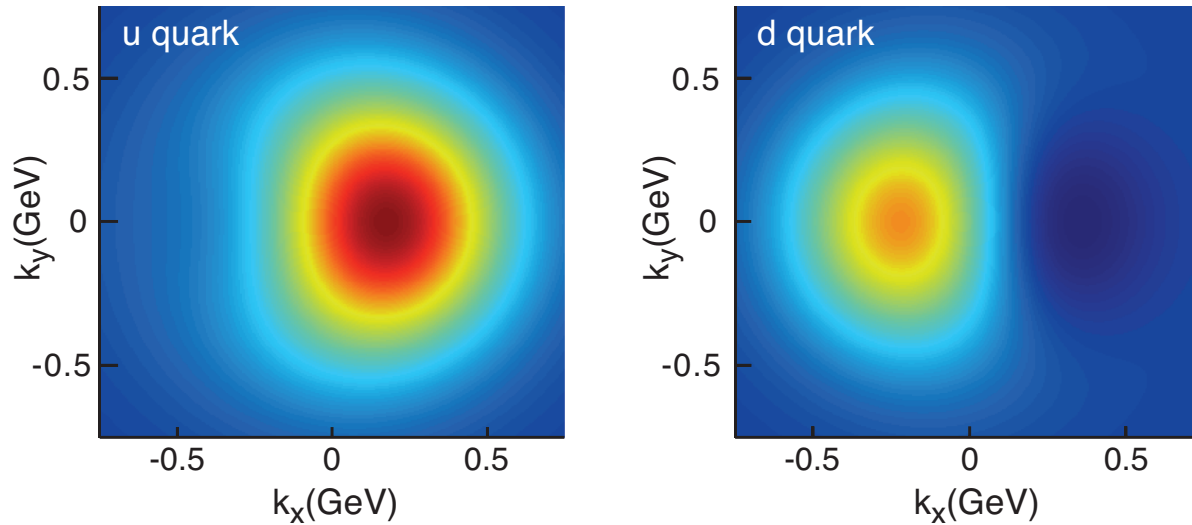
purpose-built  
playground



# Phenomenology of polarized TMDs

⇒ presence of a non-zero Sivers function  $f_{1T}^\perp$  induces a dipole deformation of  $f_1$

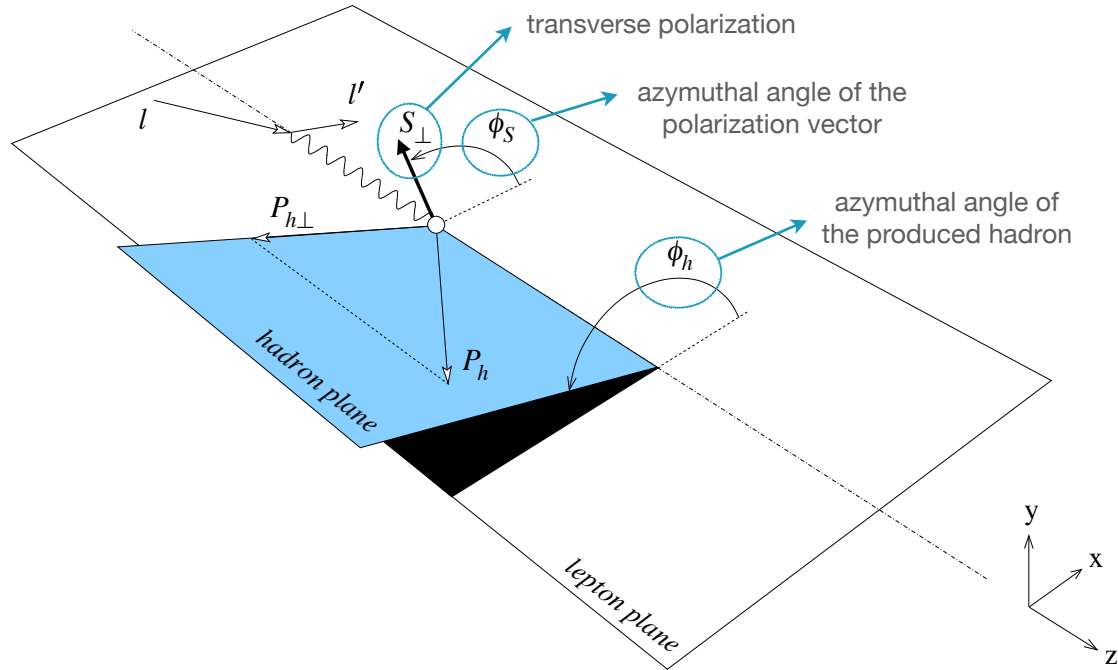
$x f_1(x, k_T, S_T)$



[ EIC White Paper ]

# Extraction of Sivers Function

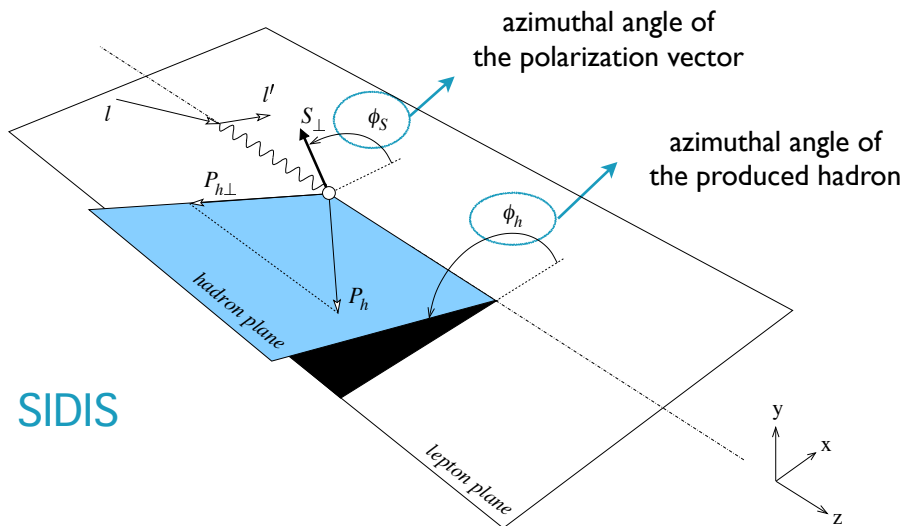
Determined through its contributions to the cross section of **polarized SIDIS (and DY)**



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Determined through its contributions to the cross section of **polarized SIDIS**

**LO - NLL**



$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \equiv \langle \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \rangle \sim \frac{f_{1T}^{\perp,a} \otimes D_1^{a \rightarrow h}}{f_1^a \otimes D_1^{a \rightarrow h}}$$

universality

# Parametrization of Sivers function

**Sivers** function parametrized in terms of its **first moment**

$$f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_\perp^2) = f_{1T}^{\perp(1)}(x) f_{1TNP}^\perp(x, k_\perp^2)$$

**At NLL** proportional to the **Qiu-Sterman (ETQS) quark-gluon correlator**

$$f_{1T}^{\perp(1)}(x) \equiv \int d^2\mathbf{k}_T \frac{k_T^2}{2M^2} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = -\frac{1}{2M} T_F^q(x, x)$$

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following the definition to the nonperturbative part of the unpolarized TMD distribution

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**Free parameters**  $\lambda_S, M_1$

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from **MAP22** TMD extraction

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$K_f$

normalization factor  
to guarantee that  
the weighted  
integral is unitary

$$K_f \equiv \int d^2 k_\perp \frac{k_\perp^2}{2M^2} f_{1TNP}^\perp$$

# Parametrization of Siverts function

$$f_{1T}^{\perp(1)}(x) = \frac{N_{Siv}^a}{G_{max}^a} x^{\alpha_a} (1-x)^{\beta_a} (1 + A_a T_1(x) + B_a T_2(x)) f_1(x, Q^2)$$

normalization  
( $|N_{Siv}| \leq 1$ )

$T_n(x)$  Chebyshev polynomials

maximum value of the  
x polynomial function

Free parameters  $N_{Siv}^a, \alpha_a, \beta_a, A_a, B_a$

Positivity bound

$$\left[ \frac{k_T^2}{2M^2} f_{1T}(x, k_T^2) \right]^2 \leq \frac{k_T^2}{4M^2} f_1^2(x, k_T^2)$$

Flavor dependent: distinct for **up**, **down**, **sea**

# Evolution of Siverts function first moment

evolved Siverts function first moment

At NLL we approximate its evolution,  
through OPE, to DGLAP

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{1T}^{\perp(1)a}(x, b_T^2; Q^2) &= \\ &= \sum_i (\tilde{C}_{ali} \otimes f_1^i) (x, \bar{b}_*; \mu_b) e^{\tilde{S}(\bar{b}_*; \mu_b, \mu)} e^{g_K(b_T) \ln(\mu/\mu_0)} \hat{f}_{1TNP}^{\perp(1)a}(x, b_T) \end{aligned}$$

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nonperturbative part of TMD

$g_2$  taken from **MAP22** TMD extraction

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The renormalization group evolution of TMDs is encoded in the **Sudakov form factor S**. Here the resummation of large logarithm contributions is performed at **NLL**

$$\mu_b = 2e^{-\gamma_E}/b_T$$

**at large b<sub>T</sub>**: TMD evolution runs into a nonperturbative region and becomes unreliable.

cured by b\*-prescription

$$b_*(b_T) = b_{\text{bmax}} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-b_T^4/b_{\text{max}}^4}}{1 - e^{-b_T^4/b_{\text{min}}^4}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \quad b_{\text{bmax}} = 2e^{-\gamma_E} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$
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at large  $b_T$  the function  $b_*(b_T)$  saturates to  $b_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\mu_b$  frozen at 1 GeV.

the perturbative contributions to the TMD merge into the **nonperturbative region**

At small  $b_T$ , the TMD formalism is not valid and must match onto the **fixed-order formalism**.

$$\lim_{b_T \rightarrow 0} \tilde{f}_{1T}^{\perp(1)a}(x, b_T^2; Q^2) = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_T \frac{k_T^2}{2M^2} f_{1T}^{\perp a}(x, k_T^2; Q^2) = f_{1T}^{\perp(1)a}(x; Q^2)$$

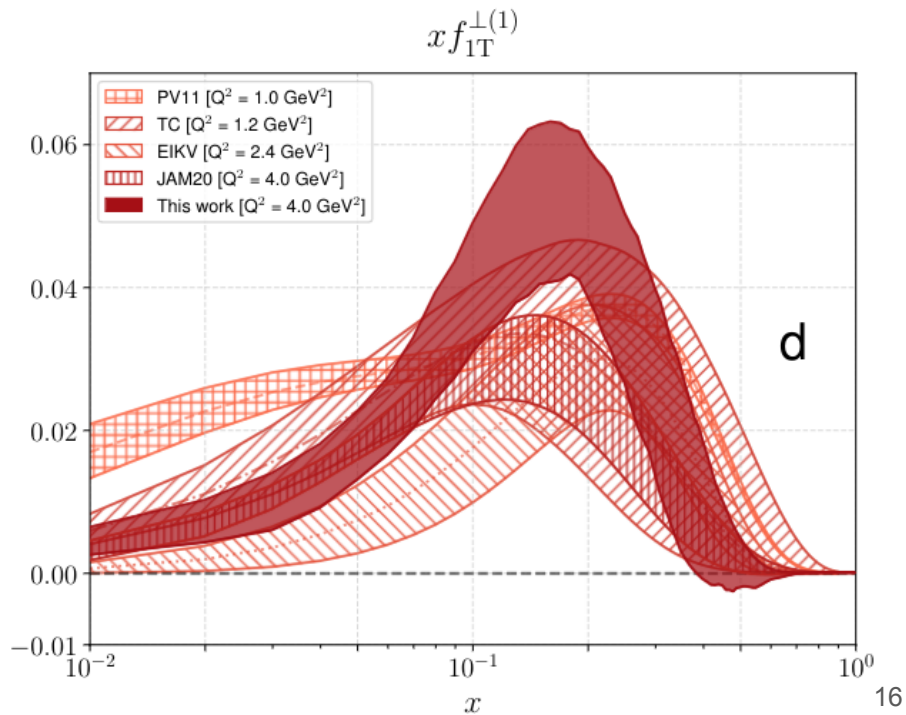
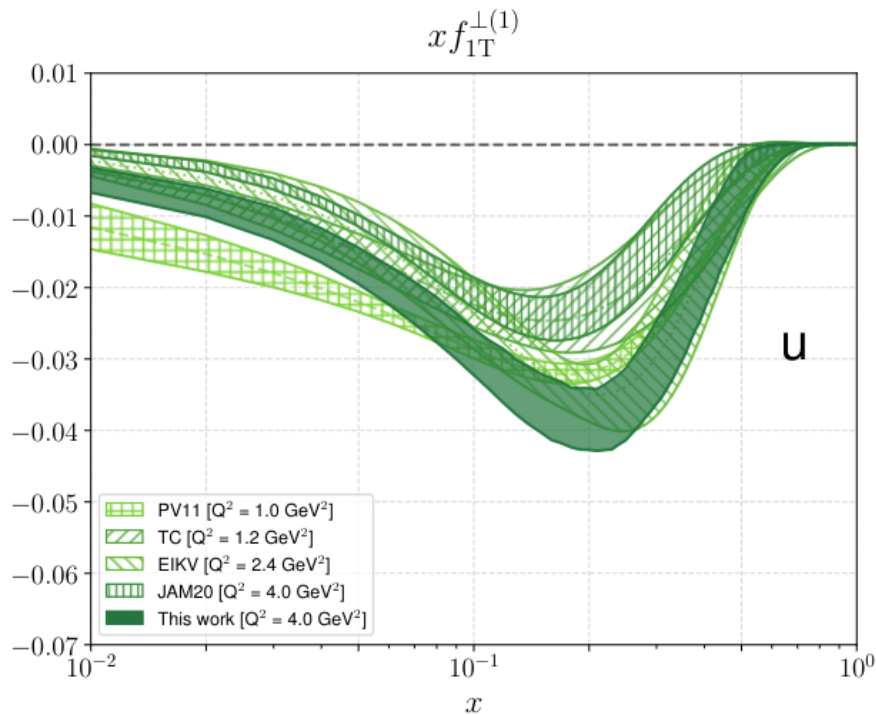
Approximation at NLL: the first moment is evolved with collinear evolution

# Starting point: PV20Sivers Polarized TMDs

**125 data points** from SIDIS, DY

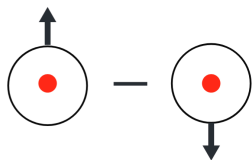
LO-NLL

$$\chi^2 = 1.12$$



# TMDs

## PV20Sivers



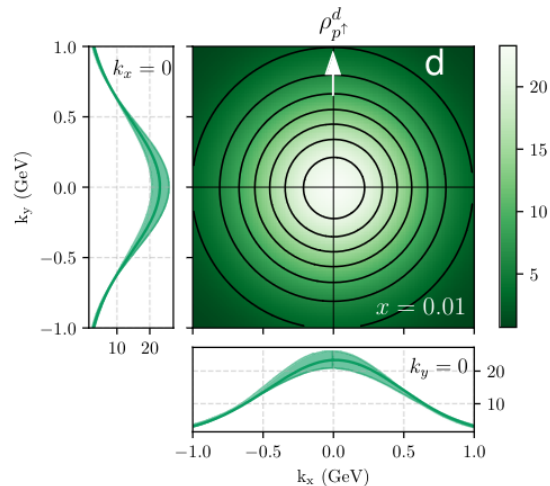
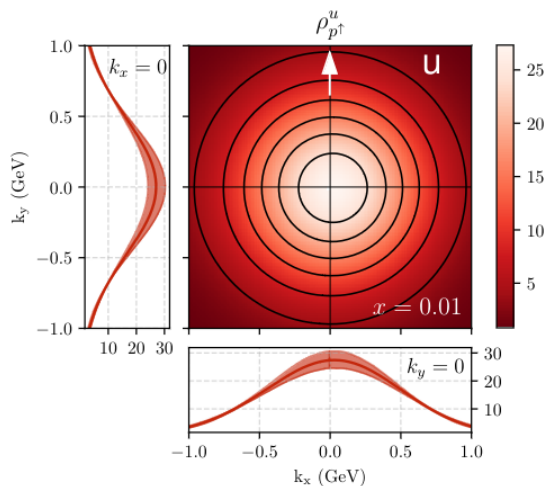
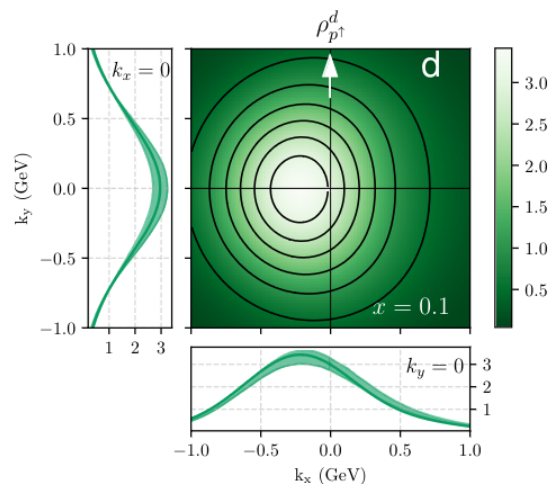
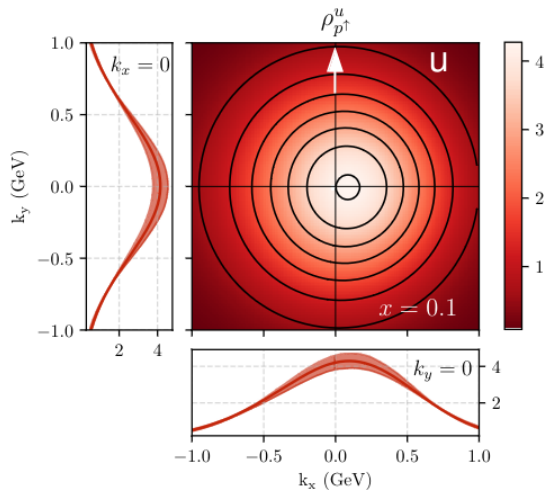
polarized

$$f_1(x, k_\perp; Q^2) - f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_\perp; Q^2)$$

## PV17

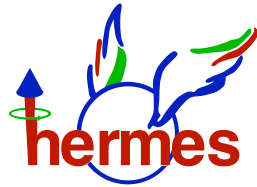


unpolarized



# Updated Sivvers extraction

## Additional data

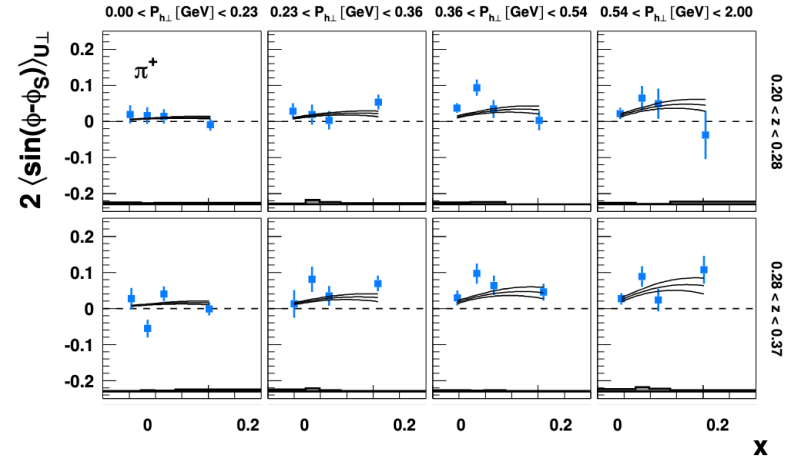


2020

[JHEP12(2020)010]

### SIDIS

Multidimensional  
 $x, P_{hT}, z$



2022

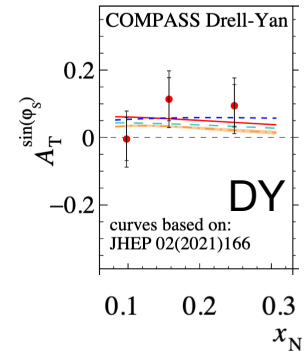
2015-2018

[PRL133]

### SIDIS

pion-induced  
**DY**

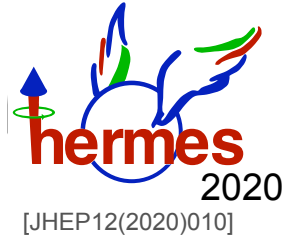
projected in  $x$



# Updated Siverts extraction

## included datasets

### SIDIS



target: proton [H]

final state hadron

$\pi^+, \pi^-, K^+, K^-$

250 data points

[PRL107,072003(2011)]



t: neutron [ $^3\text{He}$ ]

6 data points



[PLB673,127(2009)]

[PLB770,138(2017)]

[PRL133]

2009 t: deuteron [ $^6\text{LiD}$ ]

2017 t: Proton [ $\text{NH}_3$ ]

2022 t: deuteron [ $^6\text{LiD}$ ]

f.s.h

$h^+, h^-$

98 data points

### DY

W-Z production  
2016



[PRL116,132301(2016)]

7 data points

2015-2018

pion-induced DY  
t: Proton [ $\text{NH}_3$ ]



[PRL133]

3 data points

## Total number of data

# 364

# Updated Sivvers extraction

Additional data



2020  
[JHEP12(2020)010]



2022  
2015-2018

[PRL133]

More accurate unpolarized TMDs  
for a self-consistent global extraction

**MAPTMD22**

[JHEP10(2022)127]

**pionMAPTMD**

[PRD.107.014014]

# Updated Sivvers extraction

Additional data



2022

2015-2018

[PRL133]

Accurate unpolarized TMDs

**MAPTMD22**

[JHEP10(2022)127]

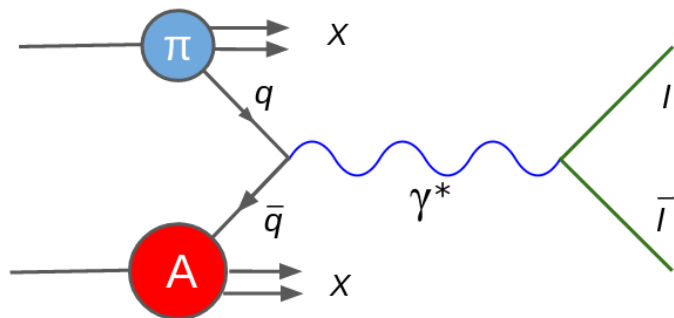
**pionMAPTMD**

[PRD.107.014014]

Revised fitting framework

**NangaParbat**

# Pion TMD extraction: MAP22Pion



accuracy

N<sup>3</sup>LL

[PRD 107 (2023) 1, 014014]

$$\frac{d\sigma^{DY}}{d|\mathbf{q}_T|dydQ} \propto \int d|\mathbf{b}_T||\mathbf{b}_T| J_0(|\mathbf{q}_T||\mathbf{b}_T|) \hat{f}_{1\pi}^a(x_A, \mathbf{b}_T^2; \mu, \zeta_A) \hat{f}_{1p}^{\bar{a}}(x_B, \mathbf{b}_T^2; \mu, \zeta_B)$$

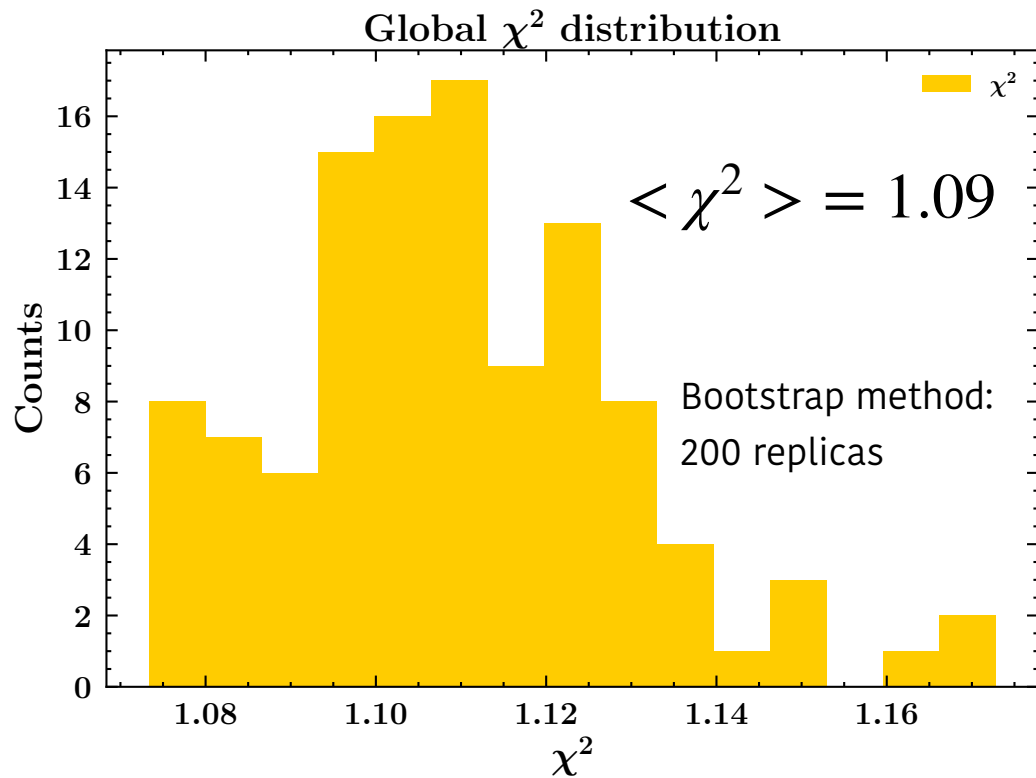
# Updated MAP Siverts Fit results

**Total number of data 364**

**global fit** from

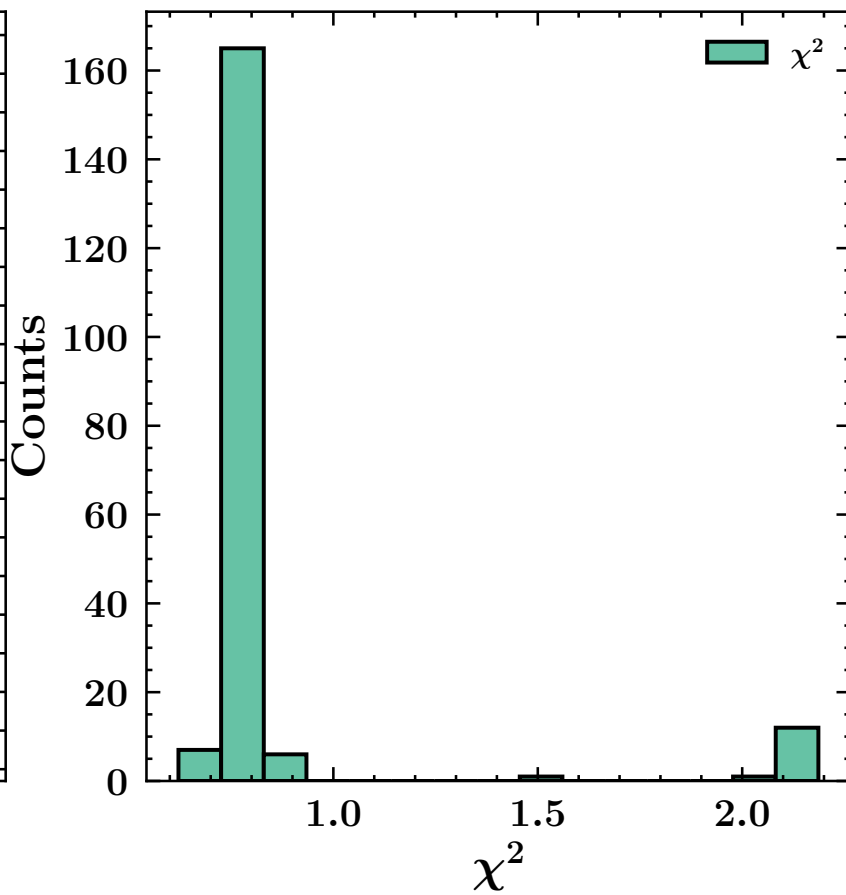
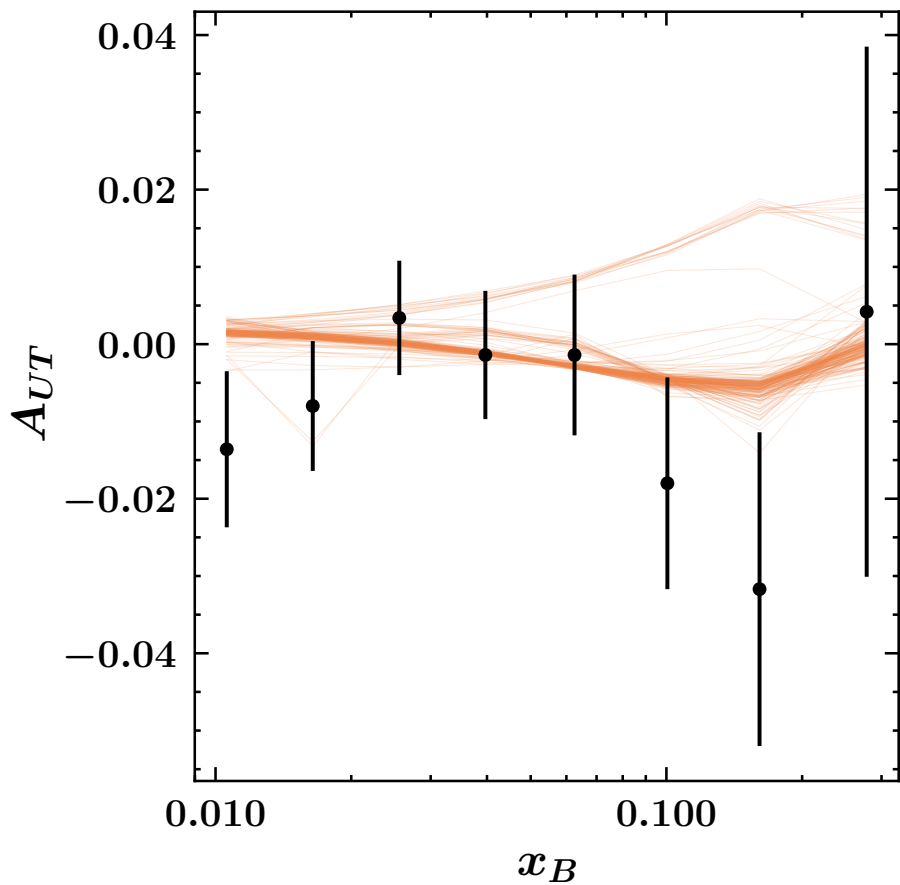
- semi-inclusive DIS,
- pion-induced Drell-Yan
- W-Z boson production

**Accuracy: NLL-LO**

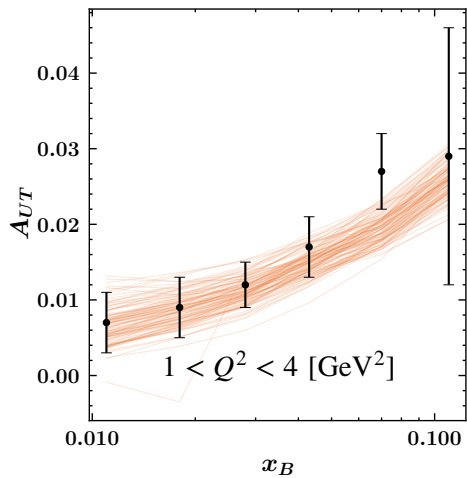


# Selected results: Compass 2009

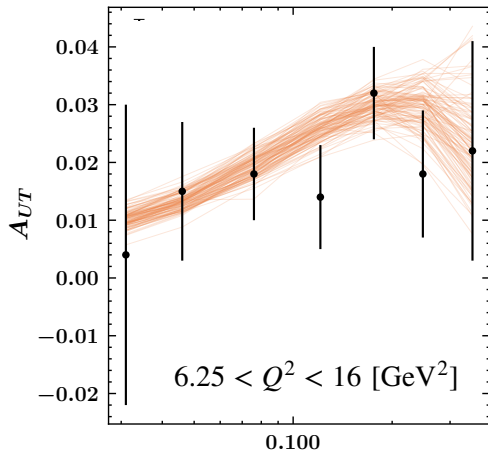
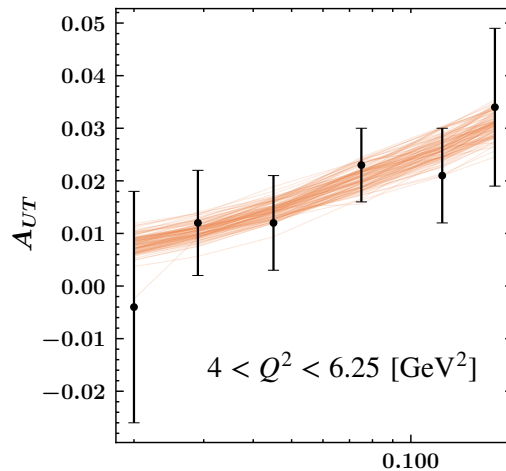
*SIDIS*  $D - \pi^+$



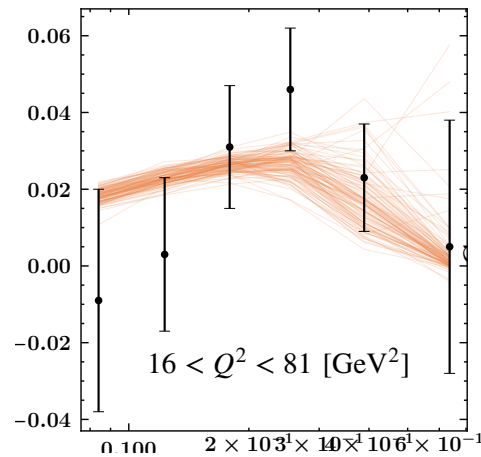
# Selected results: Compass 2017 $h^+$



*SIDIS*  $p \rightarrow h^+$



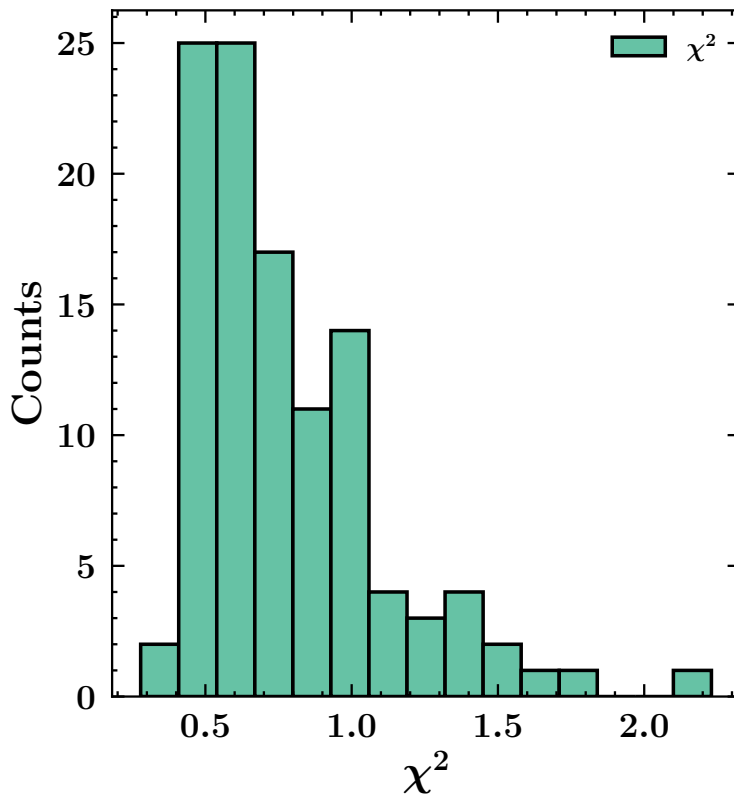
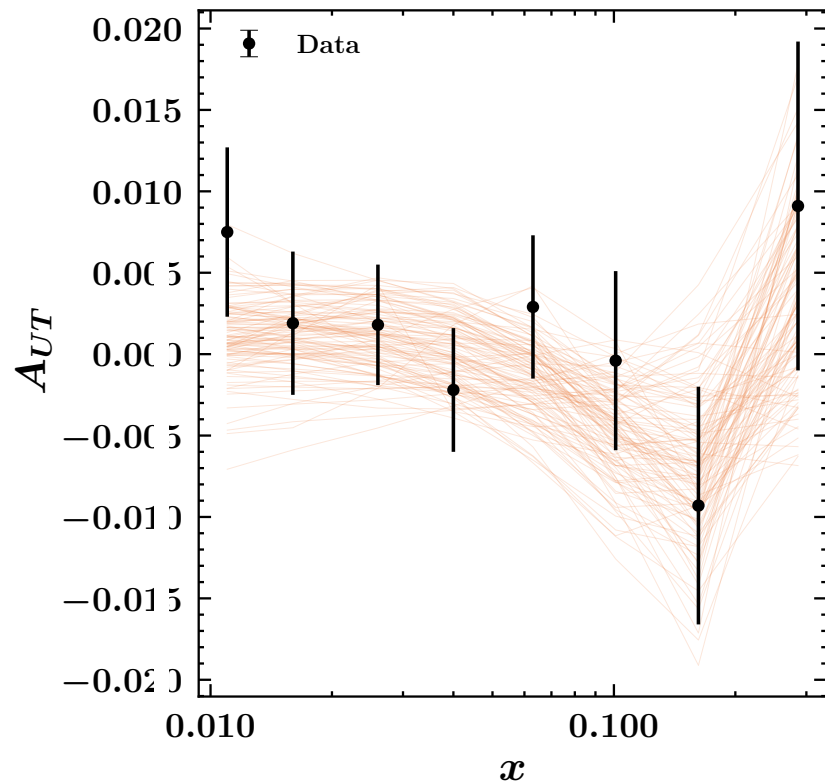
Similar results  
for  $p \rightarrow h^-$



# Selected results: COMPASS 2022

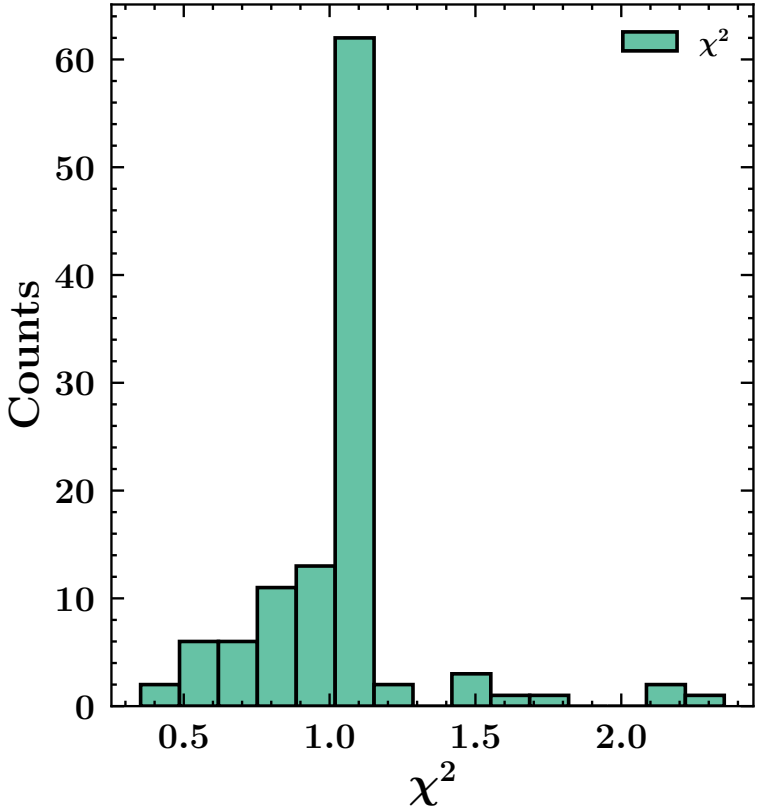
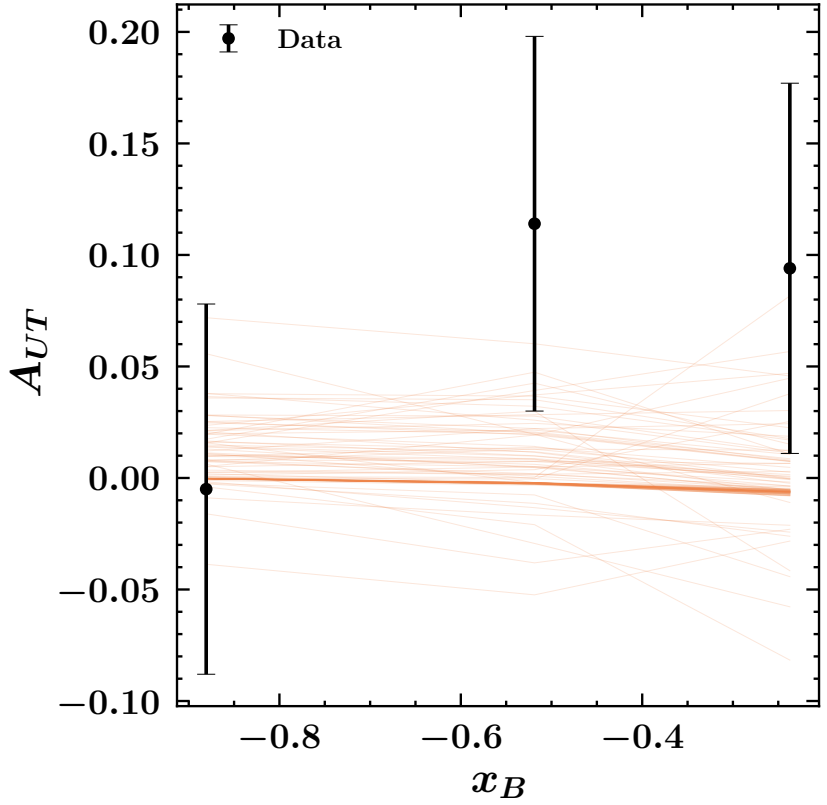
*SIDIS*  $D - h^+$

$\mu$  beam



# Selected results: COMPASS DY 2015

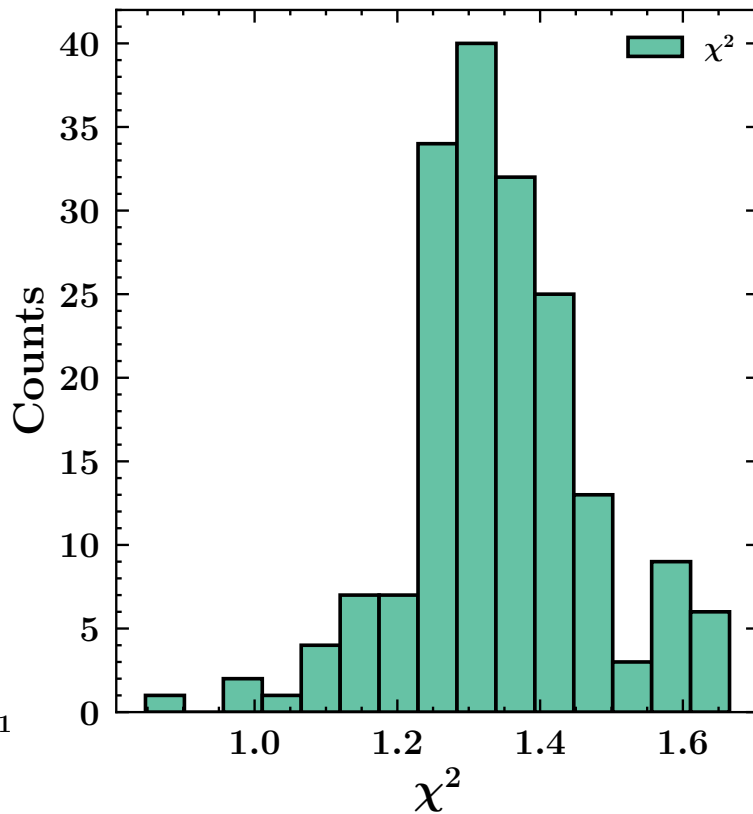
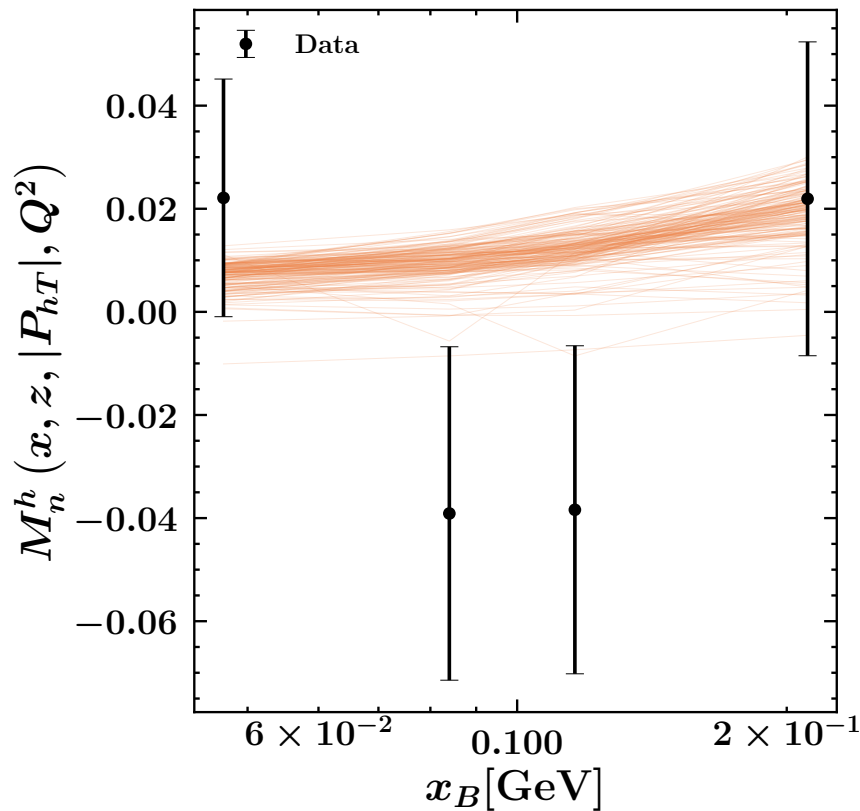
## Pion-induced DY



# Selected results: HERMES 2020

HERMES  $p - \pi^-$

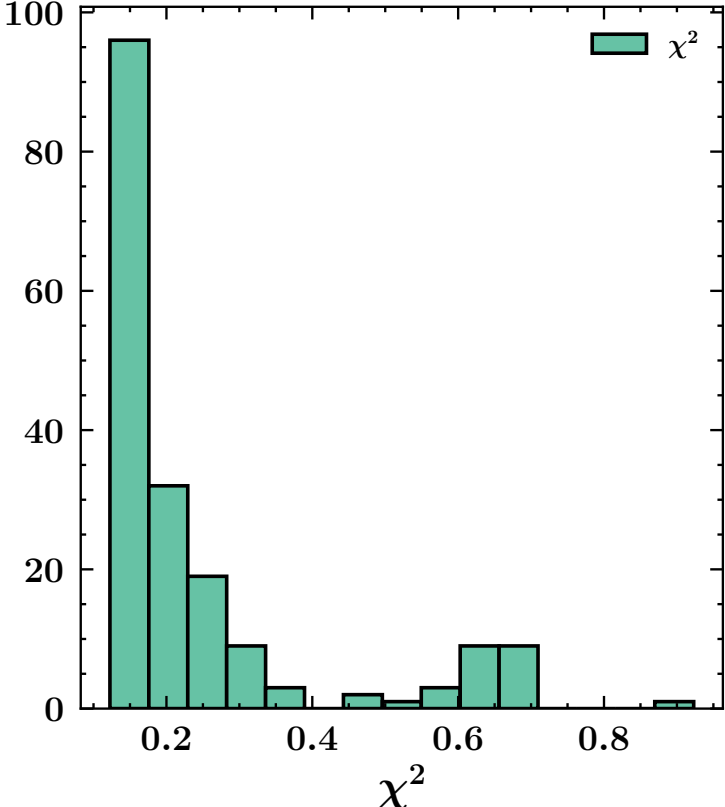
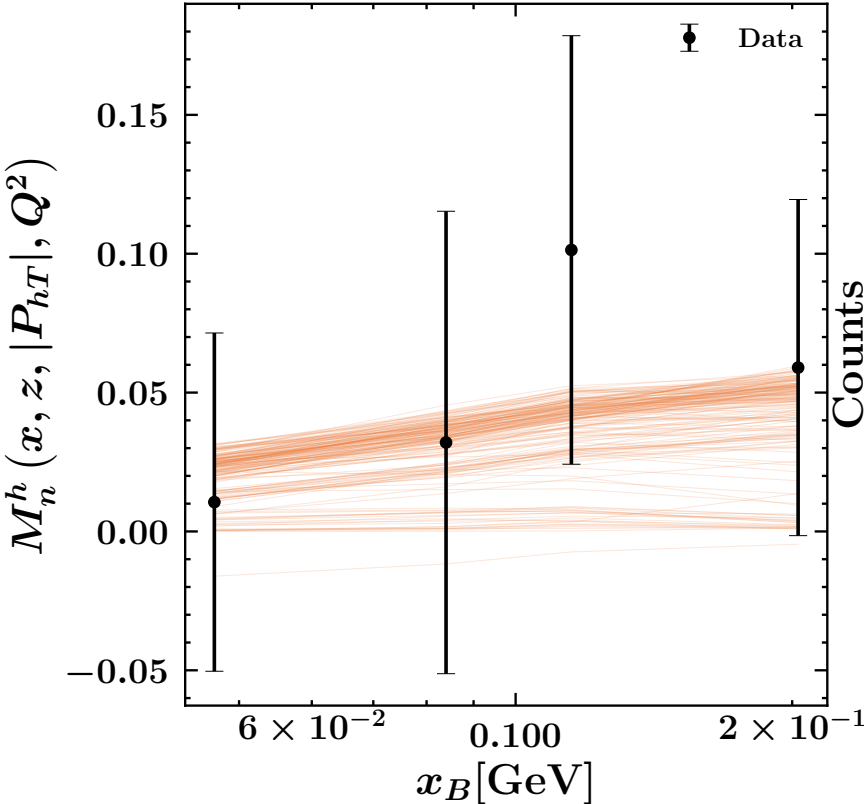
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# Selected results: HERMES 2020

HERMES  $p - K^+$

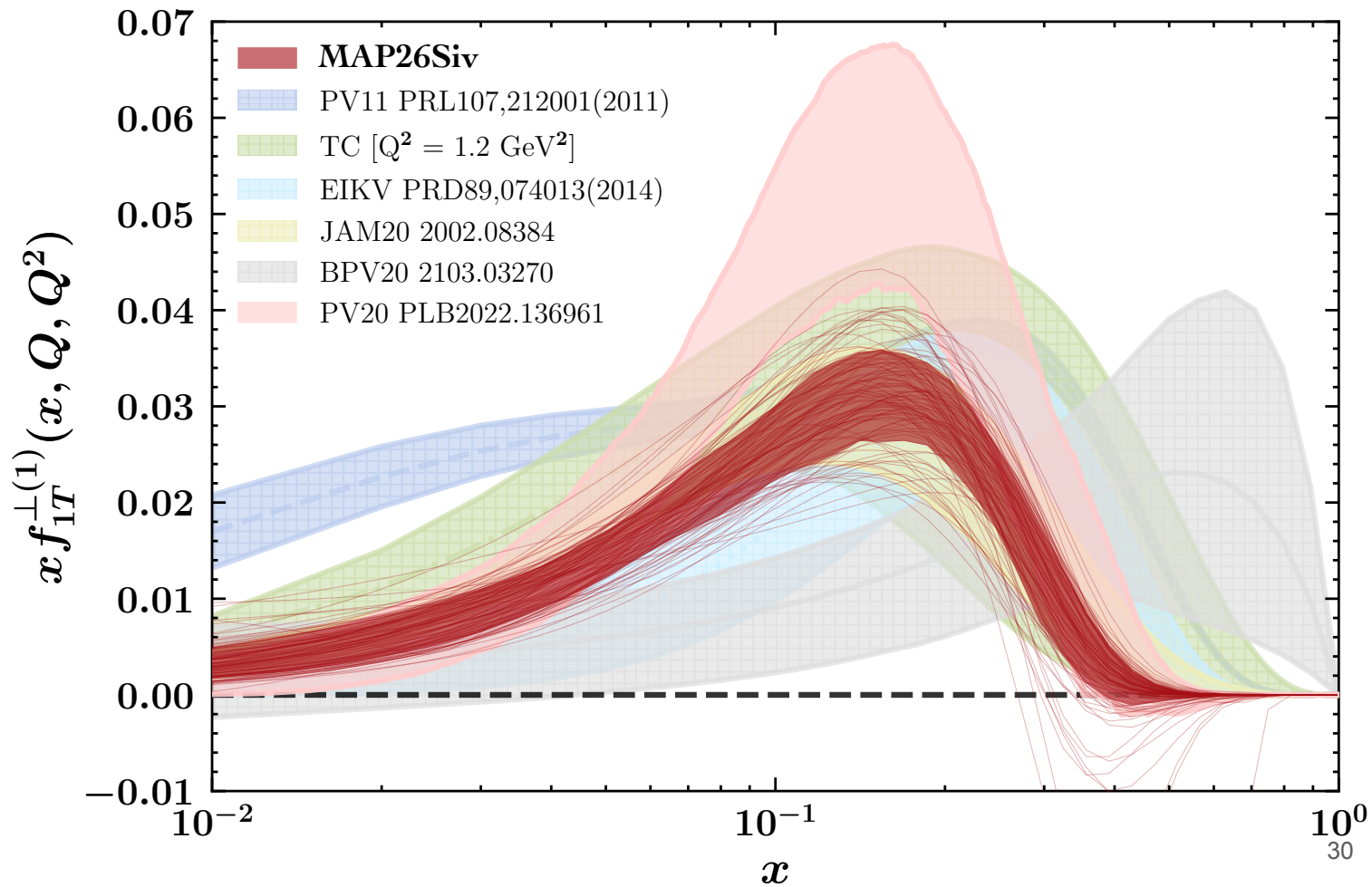
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Results on  
Sivers TMD  
first moment

**down quark**

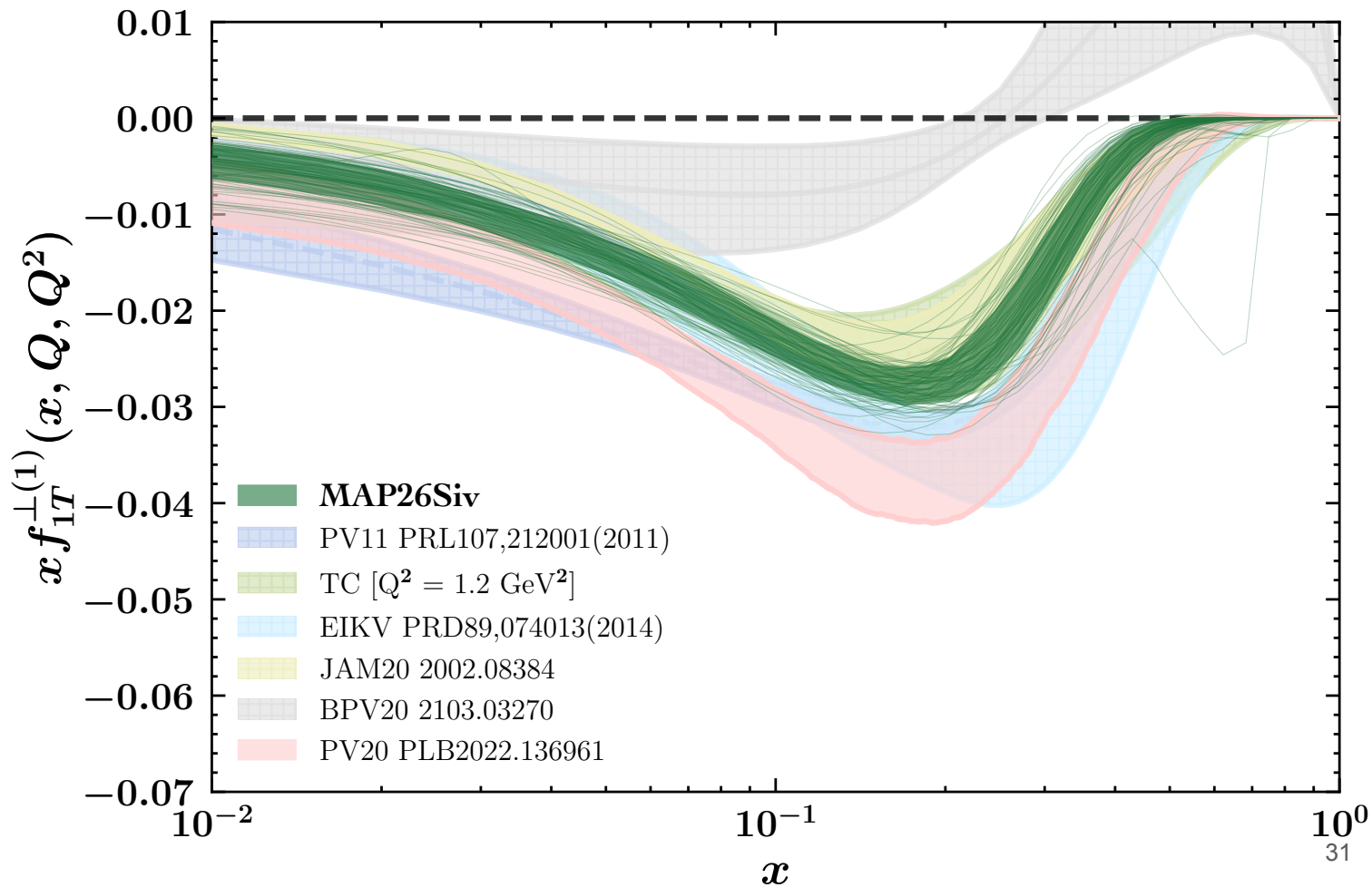
$Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$



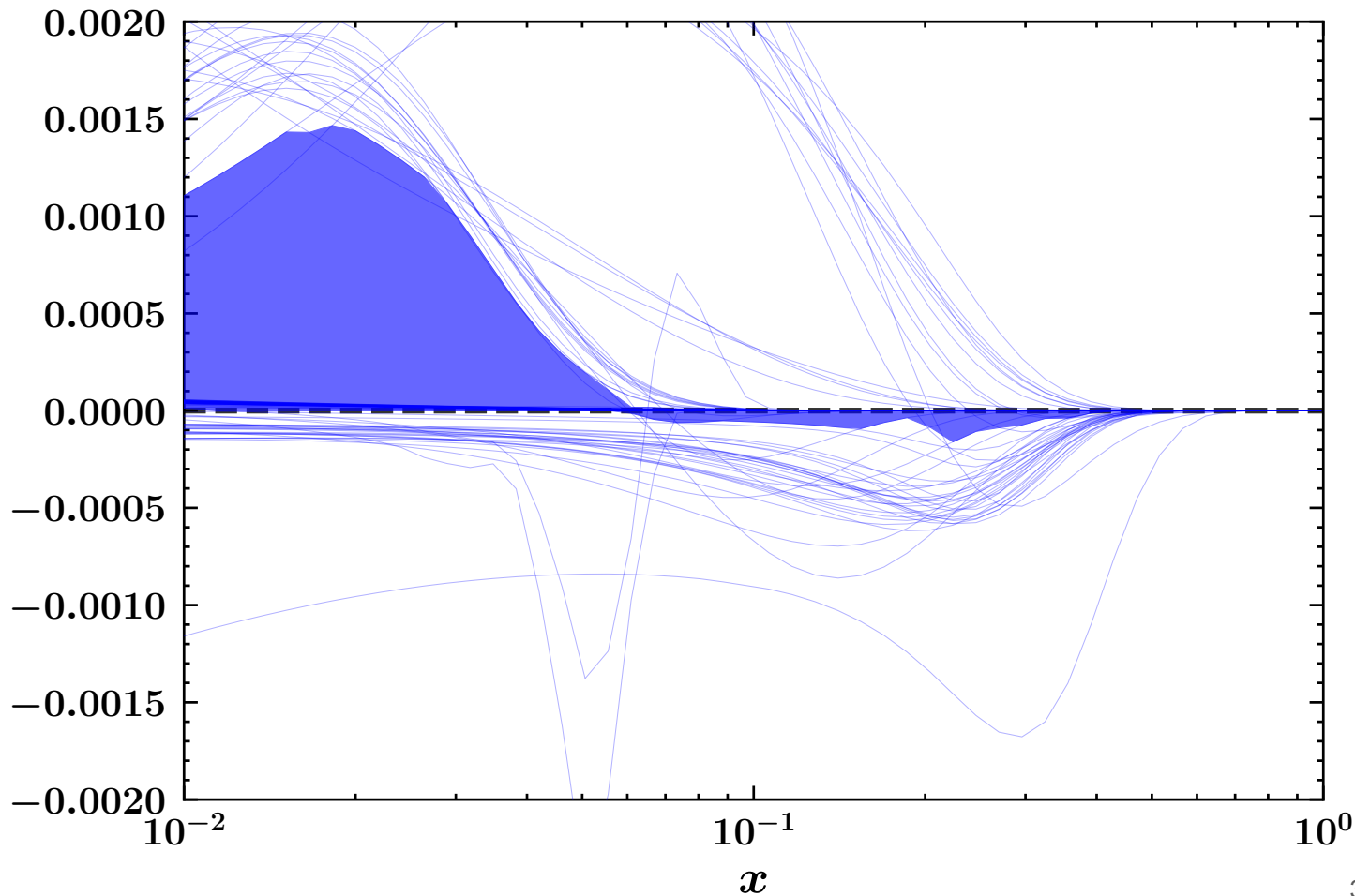
Results on  
Sivers TMD  
first moment

up quark

$Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$



Results on  
Sivers TMD  
first moment



sea quark

$$Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$$

# Testing evolution frameworks: EKT

[2009.10710]

M.G. Echevarria, Z-B. Kang, J. Terry

At large  $x$ , transverse spin dynamics leads to a modification to the **quark to quark splitting kernel**

$$P_{q \leftarrow q}^T(x) = P_{q \leftarrow q} - N_C \delta(1 - x)$$

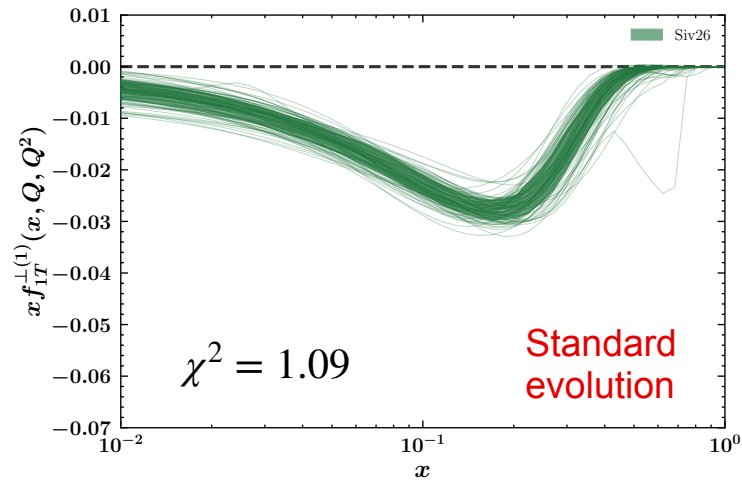
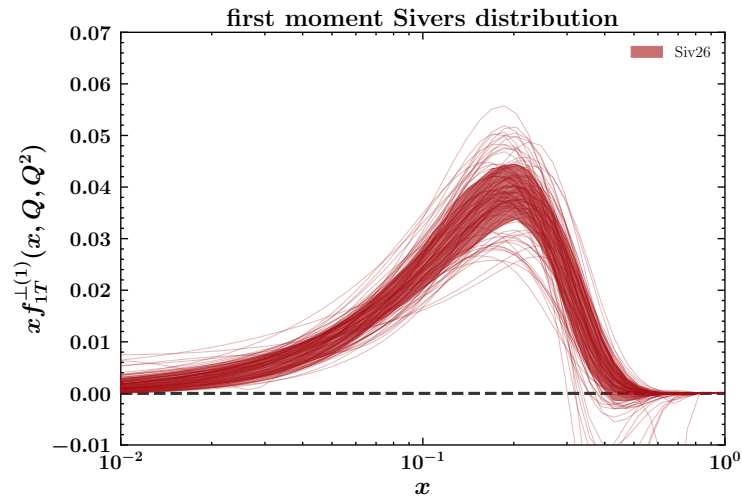
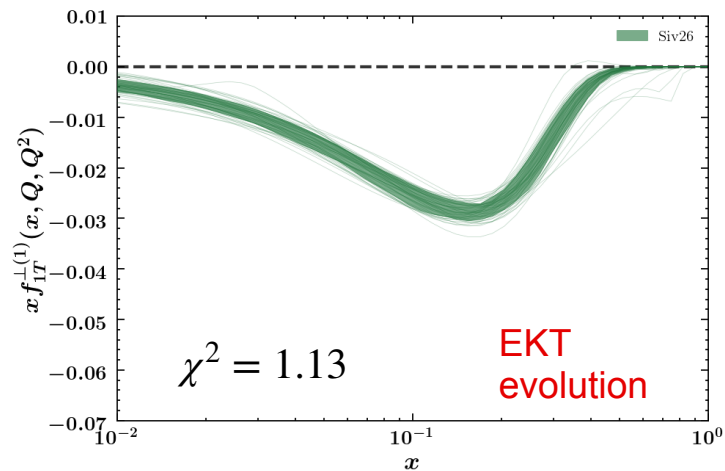
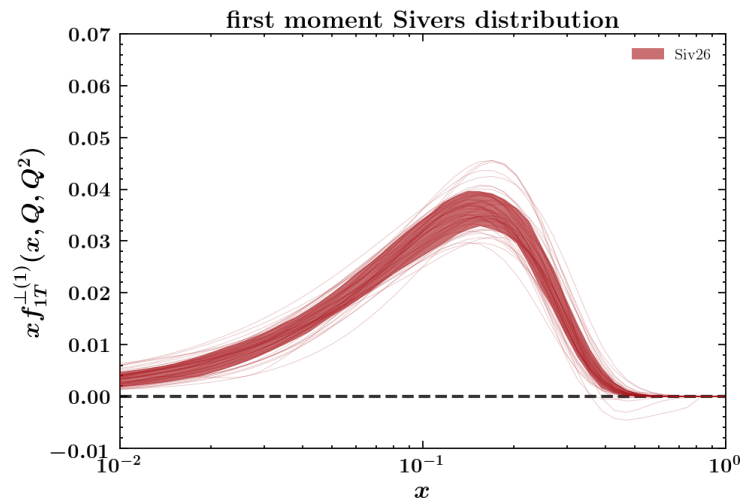
standard quark to quark splitting kernel for unpolarized PDFs,

$$P_{q \leftarrow q}(x) = C_F \left[ \frac{1 + x^2}{(1 - x)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1 - x) \right]$$

- > Modified evolution applied to the Sivers first moment
- > Kept the standard DGLAP evolution for collinear PDFs

Changes to splitting functions in apfel++

# Testing evolution frameworks: comparison



# Conclusions

- Updated MAP global extraction of Sivers function with a fully consistent TMD framework, connecting different datasets, energies, processes
- New data from COMPASS, Hermes, STAR help explore new phenomenological aspects of polarized TMDs (multi dim., DY)
- New datasets confirm previous works, allowing more flexibility