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Recent STAR Spin Results & Spin Measurements at RHIC

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> Introduction

- RHIC as collider of polarized protons
- STAR detector
- Theory background: PDFs, FFs
- Recent STAR spin results:
 - jet, di-jet, W[±], Z, π^0 , (π^+ , π^-), (π^\pm ,jet) asymmetries
- **STAR** forward upgrade and future plans
 - Summary





Spin as well as mass, charge (electric, baryonic, lepton), flavor is one of the fundamental properties of particles.

> Origin of spin is one of the mysteries of Nature. Origin of spin is connected with the structure and symmetries of space-time at small scales.

Spin is a sophisticated probe of hadron and nuclear matter and fields.

QCD is the non-abelian gauge theory of quarks and gluons: asymptotic freedom and confinement are properties of the theory.

Main questions:

What is origin of spin ? What is the spin structure of proton in terms of interacting quarks and gluons at different scales ?



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider





Commissioning 1999
3.83 km circumference
Two separated rings: 120 bunches/ring 106 ns bunch crossing time

Nucleus-nucleus collisions (AuAu, CuCu, dAu, CuAu, UU, ... $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =7.7-200 GeV) RHIC is uniquely suited to map the QCD phase diagram at finite baryon density.

> Polarized proton-proton collisions $\sqrt{s} = 62.4, 200, 500, 510 \text{ GeV}$ RHIC is uniquely suited to map the proton spin structure.

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First polarized p-p collider in the world





- Spin varies from rf bucket to rf bucket (9.4 MHz)
- Spin pattern changes from fill to fill
- > Spin rotators provide choice of spin orientation
- Billions of spin reversals during a fill with little depolarization

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RHIC has completed very successful polarized p+p runs at $\sqrt{s} = 200,500,510$ GeV.

Over the past several years luminosity at RHIC has steadily increased.

Run 2017

Average store polarization: Blue ring - (54.6 ± 0.2) % Yellow ring - (55.7 ± 0.2) % Average store luminosity $1.27 \cdot 10^{-32}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹



V. H. Ranjbar et al.,

"RHIC polarized proton operation for 2017", Proc. IPAC'17, Copenhagen, Denmark (2017).

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Magnet

0.5 T Solenoid

Triggering & Luminosity Monitor

- Beam-Beam Counters $3.4 < |\eta| < 5.0$
- Zero Degree Calorimeters
- Vertex Position Detector

Tracking

- Large-volume TPC $|\eta| < 1.3$
- Forward GEM Tracker 1<η<2

Calorimetry with 2π coverage:

- Barrel EMC (Pb/Scintilator) $|\eta| < 1.0$
- Endcap EMC (Pb/Scintillator) $1.1 < \eta < 2.0$
- Forward Meson Spectrometer (not shown) $2.5 < \eta < 4.0$







Nucleon structure in terms of PDFs: DIS, SIDIS,...



Transversity Distribution

 $\delta f(x)$ probability density to find a transversely polarized parton with flavor f and momentum fraction xin transversaly polarized nucleon





0.1

0.3

0.01

0.03



 $\Delta f(x) = f^{\rightarrow}(x) - f^{\leftarrow}(x)$







Global QCD analysis of DIS and SIDIS data for understanding proton spin structure in terms of $f(x,Q^2)$, $\Delta f(x,Q^2)$, $\delta f(x,Q^2)$

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STAR Mechanisms for large transverse single-spin asymmetry A_N





 $\sqrt{s}=19.4 \text{ GeV}, p_{T} = 0.2-2.0 \text{ GeV/c}$



E704 Collaboration PLB261 (1991) 201 PLB264 (1991) 462

STAR Int.J.Mod.Phys.Conf.Ser. 40 (2016) 1660040 Phys.Rev.D 89, 012001 (2014)



Collins azimuthal asymmetry.

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Correlations of proton momentum (P), proton spin (S), quark momentum (k_q) , quark spin (s_q) , orbital momentum of quark (L_q) and gluon (L_g) in initial and final states reflect a variety of PDFs and FFs.

PDFs

FFs









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Longitudinal double-spin asymmetry A_{LL} of jet production



 $p + p \rightarrow jet + X$



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$$A_{LL}^{jet} = \frac{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{--} - \sigma_{+-} - \sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{--} + \sigma_{+-} + \sigma_{-+}}$$

 $\sigma_{_{++}}(\sigma_{_{+\!-\!}})$ is the diff. cross section when polarized beam protons has the same (opposite) helicity.

- The measurement of the inclusive jet longitudinal double-spin asymmetry A_{LL} in polarized pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200 \text{ GeV}$
- ➤ The results of NLO QCD fits for NNPDF are dramatically changed for △G over 0.05<x<0.5 at Q²=10 (GeV/c)² from 0.06±0.18 to 0.21±0.10 by including or after reweighting the fit using the STAR jet data.
- > When included in updated global analyses, they provide evidence at the 3σ level for positive gluon polarization in the region x > 0.05.



The inclusion of the STAR jet data results in a substantial reduction in the uncertainty for the gluon polarization in the region x > 0.05 and indicates a preference for the gluon helicity contribution to be positive in the RHIC kinematic range.

> R. D. Ball et al. NNPDF Collaboration Nucl. Phys. B 887, 276 (2014).

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Asymmetry A_{LL} of jet production in p-p at $\sqrt{s}=510$ GeV





➢ RHIC had very successful pp runs with 510 GeV during 2012 and 2013

-- higher center-of-mass energy probes lower x partons

A_{LL} at 510 GeV is well described by global fits that previously gave a good description of the 2009 measurements at 200 GeV.

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First measurement of di-jet spectra and di-jet asymmetry A_{LL}



The cross section result is consistent with NLO pQCD plus hadronization and underlying event corrections and has the potential to constrain unpolarized PDFs.

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The A_{LL} results support the most recent DSSV and NNPDF NLO global analyses, which included 2009 RHIC data and found the first non-zero ΔG value for x > 0.05.

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Forward-rapidity measurement (Run 2009)





- Forward rapidity Di-Jet A_{LL} measurement based on three topological combinations in η: Barrel East (-0.8<η<0) - EEMC (0.8<η<1.8) Barrel West (0<η<0.8) - EEMC (0.8<η<1.8) EEMC (0.8<η<1.8) - EEMC (0.8<η<1.8)
- Forward A_{LL} measurement consistent with global fit results constrained by Run 2009 A_{LL} data



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Mid-rapidity measurement (Runs 2012,2013)



A_{LL} measurements (Runs 2012,2013) consistent with DSSV2014 and NNPDF1.1 constrained by Run 2009 data and consistent with Run 2009 di-jet results

Di-jet measurements at forward rapidity and higher \sqrt{s} pr	ovide
more precise mapping of $\Delta g(x)$ at lower x:	

 $x \sim 10^{-2}$ will be reached with additional recorded data

 $x \sim 10^{-3}$ will be reached with STAR forward upgrade

-- $x \sim 0.02$ has been reached

STAR preliminary, C.Gagliardi , ICNFP 2017

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$\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Longitudinal single-spin asymmetry } A_L \\ W^{\pm} \ \ \mbox{production in p-p collisions } \end{array}$





 σ_+ (σ_-) is the cross sections when the polarized proton beam has positive (negative) helicity



$$W^{+} \rightarrow e^{+} + \nu$$

$$A_{L}^{W^{+}} \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_{1})u(x_{2}) - \bar{d}(x_{2})\Delta u(x_{1})}{\bar{d}(x_{1})u(x_{2}) + \bar{d}(x_{2})u(x_{1})}$$

$$W^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \bar{\nu}$$

$$A_{L}^{W^{-}} \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{u}(x_{1})d(x_{2}) - \bar{u}(x_{2})\Delta d(x_{1})}{\bar{u}(x_{1})d(x_{2}) + \bar{u}(x_{2})d(x_{1})}$$

The measurements provides a direct probe of the helicity-dependent PDFs ($\Delta u, \Delta \overline{u}, \Delta d, \Delta \overline{d}$) through a parity-violating longitudinal single-spin asymmetry A_L

STAR is well equipped to measure A_L for W^{\pm} production within a range of $|\eta| < 1$ (TPC, BEMC, EEMC).









STAR preliminary, arXive:1702.02927 STAR, Phys.Rev.Lett.113,072301(2014)

The asymmetries for W^{\pm} measured as a function of the decay lepton pseudorapidity provides a theoretically clean probe of the proton's polarized quark distributions at the scale of the W^{\pm} mass.

> STAR 2013 results are consistent with 2011+2012 results and the most precise measurements of A_L so far.

> The results are compared to theoretical predictions, constrained by polarized DIS measurements, and show a preference for a sizable, positive up antiquark polarization in the range 0.05 < x < 0.2.

> Further constraints on sea quark helicity distributions.





STAR Transverse single-spin asymmetry A_N at $\sqrt{s}=500$ GeV





Sivers-sign change scenario preferred over no-sign change scenario, if TMD evolution effects are small.

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The sign change if evolution effects are small.

- Probe anti-quark Sivers function for the first time.
- Directly measure the evolution effects.

arXiv: 1602.03922

Run 2017: A_N for W, Z and Drell-Yan at $\sqrt{s}=510$ GeV

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Asymmetry reaches 40% for charged pions and exhibits similar x_F dependence over a wide range of \sqrt{s}

- SSAs are related to the structure of hadrons and their spin and orbital angular momentum content in terms of partons.
- > They play a crucial role in the 3D mapping of the nucleons.

STAR Transverse single-spin asymmetry A_N at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV





STAR, Phys.Rev. D89, 012001 (2014)

- ► The cross section for neutral pions produced in polarized p-p collisions over the range $0.8 < \eta < 2.0$ and $5 < p_T < 16$ GeV/c at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV was measured.
- The transverse asymmetry A_N is measured over a previously unexplored kinematic range in x_F and p_T
- Such measurements may aid our understanding of the onset and kinematic dependence of the large asymmetries observed at more forward pseudorapidity (η ≈ 3) and their underlying mechanisms.
- A_N results are consistent with a twist-3 model prediction of a small asymmetry over the present kinematic range.

STAR Transverse single-spin asymmetry A_N at $\sqrt{s}=500$ GeV







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 $A_{\rm N}$ vs. $p_{\rm T}$ for "electromagnetic jets" at forward rapidities (2.5< η <4.0)





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A_N: Single Spin Asymmetry in Forward π^0 (low *x*) in p+p and p+Au

STAR FMS & 2.5< $|\eta|$ <4.0 $p+p @ \sqrt{s}=200 \text{ GeV}$





Shaded bands represent systematic uncertainty, dominated by dependence of A_N on observed BBC multiplicity

Nuclear effects on fragmentation process
 Possible gluon saturation effects (CGC)

No suppression has been observed so far.

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 $A_{UT} \propto h_1 \otimes H_1^{<}$



• A_{UT} is scaled at $\sqrt{s}=200$ and 500 GeV with M_{inv}

A_{UT} as a function of η
 Significant asymmetry seen at high η and p_T

STAR publication is in preparation

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 \triangleright A_{UT} is sensitive to transversity - h₁, and interference FF - H₁[<].

The possibility to extract transversity without a full global analysis.

STAR Asymmetry of transversely polarized proton collisions





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Transverse spin transfer coefficient D_{TT}





- Most precise measurement on $\Lambda(\overline{\Lambda})$ polarization in p+p collision at RHIC, which reach $p_T \sim 8 \text{ GeV/c}$ with statistical uncertainty of 0.04.
- > The dominant source of systematic uncertainty is from relative luminosity in low p_T .
- ▶ D_{TT} of Λ and Λ are consistent with each other and consistent with zero at the presently available precision.







E.-C.Aschenauer at el., for the RHIC SPIN, PHENIX and STAR Collaborations, arXiv:1602.03922

	Year	√s (GeV)	Delivered Luminosity	Scientific Goals	Observable	Required Upgrade
	2017	p [°] p@510	400 pb ⁻¹ 12 weeks	Sensitive to Sivers effect non-universality through TMDs and Twist-3 T _{q,F} (x,x) Sensitive to sea quark Sivers or ETQS function Evolution in TMD and Twist-3 formalism	A_N for γ , W^{\pm} , Z^0 , DY	A _N ^{DY} : Postshower to FMS@STAR
				Transversity, Collins FF, linearly pol. Gluons, Gluon Sivers in Twist-3	$\begin{array}{l} A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{S}-2\phi_{h})} A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{S}-\phi_{h})} \text{ modula-}\\ \text{tions of } h^{*} \text{ in jets, } A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{S})} \text{ for jets} \end{array}$	None
				First look at GPD Eg	A_{UT} for J/ Ψ in UPC	None
Scheduled RHIC running	2023	p [†] p @ 200	300 pb ⁻¹ 8 weeks	subprocess driving the large A_N at high x_F and η	A_N for charged hadrons and flavor enhanced jets	Yes Forward instrum.
				evolution of ETQS fct. properties and nature of the diffractive exchange in p+p collisions.	A_N for γ A_N for diffractive events	None None
	2023	p [†] Au @ 200	1.8 pb ⁻¹ 8 weeks	What is the nature of the initial state and hadronization in nuclear collisions	R_{phu} direct photons and DY	$R_{pAu}(DY)$:Yes Forward instrum.
				Nuclear dependence of TMDs and nFF	$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_s - \phi_h)}$ modulations of h^* in jets, nuclear FF	None
				Clear signatures for Saturation	Dihadrons, y-jet, h-jet, diffraction	Yes Forward instrum.
	2023	p [†] Al @ 200	12.6 pb ⁻¹ 8 weeks	A-dependence of nPDF,	R_{pAl} : direct photons and DY	R _{pAl} (DY): Yes
			o needs	A-dependence of TMDs and nFF	$\begin{array}{c} A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_S-\phi_h)} \text{ modulations of } h^* \text{ in} \\ \text{ jets, nuclear FF} \end{array}$	None
				A-dependence for Saturation	Dihadrons, y-jet, h-jet, diffraction	Yes Forward instrum.
Potential fut running	202X	p [*] p@ 510	1.1 fb ⁻¹ 10 weeks	TMDs at low and high x	A_{UT} for Collins observables, i.e. hadron in jet modulations at $\eta > 1$	Yes Forward instrum.
				quantitative comparisons of the validity and the limits of factorization and universality in lepton-proton and proton- proton collisions	mid-rapidity observables as in 2017 run	None
ire	202X	p p@ 510	1.1 fb ⁻¹ 10 weeks	$\Delta g(x)$ at small x	A_{LL} for jets, di-jets, h/ γ -jets at $\eta > 1$	Yes Forward instrum.

Table 1-2: Summary of the Cold QCD physics program propsed in the years 2017 and 2023 and if an additional 500 GeV run would become possible.

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The **STAR** forward upgrade is motivated mainly by exploration of cold **QCD** physics in the very high and low regions of Bjorken *x*.

The forward upgrade will enable **STAR** to investigate the full physics program outlined in the **RHIC Cold QCD** Plan.

> The STAR Forward Calorimeter System and Forward Tracking System



The STAR forward Calorimeter System and Forward Tracking System beyound BES-II Note 648 https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/starnotes/public/sn0648



Detector	pp and pA	AA
ECal	~10%/√E	~20%/√E
HCal	~60%/√E	
Tracking	charge separation	0.2 <pt<2 20-30%<="" c="" gev="" th="" with=""></pt<2>
_	photon suppression	1/pT
		0 4 4100 4 1

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Proposal May 2017





- The forward upgrade program of STAR will enable us to study the longitudinal structure of the proton, the breaking of boost invariance in heavy-ion collisions, to explore the transport properties of the hot and dense matter formed in heavy-ion collisions near the region of perfect fluidity.
- The measurements at forward rapidity at RHIC will provide crucial tests for the effective theories of high-energy QCD and its evolution equation.
 - Such measurements will be complementary and necessary for a smooth transition toward the physics program in e+A collisions at a future Electron Ion Collider and fully explore the results from the EIC as well.

arXiv:1212.1701







- > RHIC remains the only accelerator with polarized proton beams in the world.
- > Large and uniform acceptance, excellent PID of the STAR experiment allows

to perform measurements with unpolarized, longitudinally and transversally polarized protons up to \sqrt{s} = 510 GeV and obtain new data.

- The measurements of single and double-spin asymmetries of inclusive jets, di-jets, W and Z bosons, pions and pion pairs, the spin transfer coefficient of Λ in p+p provide verification of QCD in perturbative and non-perturbative region.
- The inclusion of STAR data into global PDF and FF analyses helps determine the gluon polarization contribution to proton spin, helicity of sea quarks and to understand the origin of transverse spin asymmetry.
- The forward upgrade at STAR would significantly improve the capabilities of the STAR experiment for measurements of observables such as asymmetries of pion, jet, Drell-Yan e⁺e⁻ pairs produced at forward rapidity in p+p and p+A collisions.

Spin stays a key element in the exploration of fundamental physics at RHIC.

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Back-up slides



Global Λ hyperon polarization in nuclear collisions





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STAR has recently reported the first observation of global polarization of Λ hyperons in heavy ion collisions. The discovery has been published in Nature 548, 62 (2017) as a cover story.

The polarization direction of the Lambdas is correlated at the level of several percent with the direction of the system angular momentum in non-central AuAu collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=7.7-32$ GeV.



HI collisions at RHIC produce the most vortical fluid.

The rotational substructure of the fluid nuclear matter created at RHIC represents an entirely new direction in hot QCD research (Chiral Magnetic and Chiral Vortical Effects) and are planned to study for the future.





 $p + p \rightarrow W^{\pm} + X$





 σ_+ (σ_-) is the cross sections when the polarized proton beam has positive (negative) helicity





Longitudinal double-spin asymmetry A_{LL} W[±] production in p-p collisions



$$p + p \rightarrow W^{\pm} + X$$

STAR, Phys.Rev.Lett. 113, 072301 (2014)



$$A_{LL}^{W} = \frac{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{--} - \sigma_{+-} - \sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{--} + \sigma_{+-} + \sigma_{-+}}$$

The W double-spin asymmetry is sensitive to the product of quark and antiquark polarizations and has also been proposed to test positivity constraints using a combination of A_L and A_{LL}.
 The measured double-spin asymmetries are consistent with the theoretical predictions and in conjunction with A^W_L satisfy the positivity bounds within the current.

positivity bounds within the current uncertainties.

The inclusion of this measurement in global QCD analyses of RHIC and DIS data should significantly improve the determination of the polarization of up and down antiquarks in the proton and provide new input on the flavor symmetry of the proton's antiquark distributions.





 A_N vs. p_T for "electromagnetic jets" at forward rapidities (2.5< η <4.0) Jet-like events reconstructed from photons in the FMS

 $\frac{N\!\!\uparrow\!(\phi)-N\!\!\downarrow\!(\phi)}{N\!\!\uparrow\!(\phi)+N\!\!\downarrow\!(\phi)}=p_0+P\!\times\!A_N\!\cos(\phi)$

P- beam polarization p_0 – relative up/down lum.

➤ The anti- k_T jet algorithm is used with R = 0.7 to find jets in the forward (FMS photons) and central (EMC+BEMC towers) rapidity regions, with $p_T^{EM-jets} > 2.0$ GeV/c and pseudo-rapidity $2.8 < \eta^{EM-Jet} < 4.0$ and $-1.0 < \eta^{EM-Jet} < 2.0$, respectively.

> Energy of the forward EM-jets: $40 < E^{EM-Jet} < 100 \text{ GeV}, 0.16 < x_F < 0.4.$

> Only one EM-jet from the forward and central regions is chosen with the highestenergy EM-Jet in the forward region and highest $p_T^{EM-jets}$ from mid-rapidity.

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- The asymmetry decreases with increasing number of photons in the "electromagnetic jet".
- The asymmetries are basically flat as a function of jet p_T for all jet energies and photon multiplicities in the jet.
- This behaviour is very different from naive expectations $(\sim 1/p_T)$ for an asymmetry driven by QCD subprocesses.

Cross section ratio W^+/W^- in pp at \sqrt{s} = 510 GeV





STAR constraint on d/\overline{u} at high x

TPC+BEMC+EEMC 0.06<x<0.4, -2<η<2

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Global Fits with STAR Results

Big impact seen in NNPDFpol1.1 global analysis after including STAR A_L data



New constraints on spin-dependent PDFs from STAR

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Single-Spin Asymmetries (SSA)

- There are multiple contributions to transverse singlespin asymmetries in the TMD framework
- STAR is sensitive to several modulations

Terms in Numerator of TMD SSA for qq scattering	English Names	Modulate
$\Delta^N f_{a/A^{\uparrow}} \bullet f_{b/B} \bullet D_{\pi/q}$	Sivers•PDF•FF	$\sin(arphi_{S_{A}})$
$h_1^a ullet \Delta^{\!\scriptscriptstyle N} f_{b \uparrow / B} ullet D_{\pi / q}$	Transversity•Boer-Mulders•FF	$\sin(arphi_{S_A})$
$h_{1T}^{\perp a} \bullet \Delta^{\!\!N} f_{b\dagger/B} \bullet D_{\pi/q}$	Pretzelocity•Boer-Mulders•FF	$\sin(arphi_{S_A})$
$h_1^a \bullet f_{_{b/B}} \bullet \Delta D_{_{\pi/q}}$	Transversity•PDF •Collins	$\sin(\varphi_{S_A}-\varphi_{\pi})$
$\Delta f^N_{a/A\uparrow} \bullet \Delta^N f_{b\uparrow/B} \bullet \Delta D_{\pi/q\uparrow}$	Sivers•Boer-Mulders•Collins	$\sin(\varphi_{S_A}-\varphi_{\pi})$
$h_{1T}^{\perp a} \bullet f_{b/B} \bullet \Delta D_{\pi/q}$	Pretzelocity•PDF•Collins	$\sin(\varphi_{S_A} + \varphi_{\pi})$
$\Delta f^N_{a/A\uparrow} \bullet \Delta^N f_{b\uparrow/B} \bullet \Delta D_{\pi/q\uparrow}$	Sivers•Boer-Mulders•Collins	$\sin(\varphi_{S_A} + \varphi_{\pi})$

*Analogous modulations for gg scattering also exist Phys. Rev. D 83 034021 (2011)