Measurement of the Collins Asymmetry in Mid-Rapidity Jets at STAR

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(unpolarized scattering experiments)

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quark with spin equal (opposite) to S_{\parallel}

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BEMC, EEMC: barrel/endcap calorimeters for triggering, jet reconstruction





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50

40

p_T [GeV/c]

10

data / theory 1.4 1.0 0.0

0.2

Combined HT

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NLO QCD (Vogelsang)

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JETS

GEANT

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 π^+ : favored = u, unfavored = d π^- : favored = d, unfavored = u

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The Collins Asymmetry

















* Asymmetric distributions shown here are NOT a result of the Collins Asymmetry, they are a relic of track curvatures between TPC sectors; they are opposite for blue, yellow beam measurements & are symmetric with respect to the S-axis

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Only *Leading* pions (highest momentum fraction *z*) are kept

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$sin(\Phi_s - \Phi_{\pi})$ spectrum





(Use of opposing polarizations, weighted by beam luminosity, ensures that detector acceptances cancel in the asymmetry.)





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"blue" beam polarized

beam polarized IOM'

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Asymmetry should be opposite in sign for + vs. – pions



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Extra Reference Slides

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red = up pol., black = down pol., blue = added

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Extraction of δq F. Yuan, arXiv:0804.3047 [hep-ph] (2008)



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Quality Assessment: Leading $\pi^* p_T^{-}$ by Run



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Effect on z due to triggering on neutral particles

