# Selected Recent hermes Results on Parton Distribution and Fragmentation Functions

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#### Main HERMES research topics:

Origin of nucleon spin





### **HERMES Spectrometer**



HERA longitudinally polarized 27.6 GeV e+/e- beam

Polarized and unpolarized internal gas target (spin flip every 90 s)

Kinematics: 0.02<x<0.7, 1.0 GeV<sup>2</sup><Q<sup>2</sup><15 GeV<sup>2</sup>

Data taking: summer 1995 - June 30, 2007

1995-2000: longitudinal target polarization, 2002-2005: transverse target pol. 2006-2007: unpolarized H, D targets + Recoil Detector



## Leading-twist Parton Distributions

Complete description of nucleon by quark momentum and spin distributions at leading-twist:  $3 k_{T}$ -integrated distribution functions (DF)





### Quark distribution functions



Fragmentation functions (FF)

 $D_1 \equiv D_q^h =$ , normal' FF,  $H_1^{\perp} =$ spin-dependent Collins FF (chiral-odd)





### Flavor tagging

 $v = E - E', Q^2 = -q^2 = -(\ell - \ell')^2$   $x = Q^2/(2Mv) =$  fraction of nucleon's longitudinal momentum carried by struck quark

q(x) = quark number density

Leading hadron originates with large probability from struck quark

 $D_q^h(z)$ := Fragmentation function (FF)  $z = E_h/v$ 

Measure hadron asymmetries

$$A_{LL}(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Z}) \cong \frac{\sum_{q} \mathbf{z}_{q}^{2} \Delta q(\mathbf{x}) D_{q}^{h}(\mathbf{Z})}{\sum_{q} \mathbf{z}_{q}^{2} q(\mathbf{x}) D_{q}^{h}(\mathbf{Z})}$$

Targets:  $\vec{H}$ ,  $\vec{D}$ ;  $h = \pi^{\pm}$ ,  $K^{\pm}$ , p (identified with RICH)



# Quark Helicity Distributions $\Delta q(x)$

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u quarks: large positive polarisation

d quarks: negative polarisation  $\Delta d(x) \cong -0.4 \Delta u(x)$ 

Sea quarks (ū, d, s): polarisation compatible with 0.



# The Strange Sea: S(x), $\Delta S(x)$

#### <u>Inputs:</u>

Multiplicities for K+ and K- from unpolarized deuteron

 $d^{2}N_{D}^{DIS}/dxdQ^{2} = K_{U}(x,Q^{2})[5 Q(x) + 2S(x)]$ 

where  $Q(x) = u(x)+\overline{u}(x)+d(x)+d(x)$  and  $S(x) = s(x) + \overline{s}(x)$ 

 $d^{2}N_{D}^{K_{\pm}}/dxdQ^{2} = K_{U}(x,Q^{2})[Q(x)]D_{Q}^{K}(z)dz + S(x)]D_{S}^{K}(z)dz]$ 

where  $D_Q^{K}(z) = 4D_u^{K}(z)+D_d^{K}(z)$  and  $D_S^{K}(z) = 2D_s^{K}(z)$ 

Inclusive and K+, K- asymmetries from polarized deuteron

 $A_{1,D} d^2 N^{DIS}/dx dQ^2 = K_{LL}(x,Q^2)[5 \Delta Q(x) + 2 \Delta S(x)]$ 

 $A_{1,D}^{K\pm} d^2 N^{K\pm} / dx dQ^2 = K_{LL}(x,Q^2) [\Delta Q(x) \int D_Q^K(z) dz + \Delta S(x) \int D_S^K(z) dz]$ 



# S(x) from Kaon Multiplicities





# $\Delta S(x)$ from Kaon Asymmetries



# Transverse Azimuthal Angular Asymmetries







First measurement of non-zero Collins effect

Both Collins fragmentation function and transversity distribution function are sizeable

Surprisingly large  $\pi^-$  asymmetry

Possible source: large contribution (with opposite sign) from unfavored fragmentation,



Transversity DF

**Collins FF** 

 $2(\sin(\phi + \phi_{S}))^{h}_{UT} \sim h_{1}^{q}(x) \otimes H_{1}^{\perp q}(z)$ 



## **Sivers Amplitudes**

N/q	U	L	т
U	- f <sub>1</sub>		$\mathbf{h_1}^{\perp}$
L		<b>g</b> <sub>1</sub>	$\mathbf{h}_{1L}^{\perp}$
т	$f_{1T}^{\perp}$	<b>g</b> <sub>1T</sub>	$\mathbf{h}_{1}$ $\mathbf{h}_{1T}^{\perp}$
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First observation of non-zero Sivers distribution function in DIS

Experimental evidence for orbital angular momentum L<sub>q</sub> of quarks

But: Quantitative contribution of  $L_q$  to nucleon spin still unclear



**Transverse SSA for**  $\pi^+$  -  $\pi^-$ 



# Azimuthal Asymmetries in Unpolarised SIDIS

#### **Boer-Mulders DF**







#### transversely polarised quarks in unpolarised nucleon



# Azimuthal Asymmetries in Unpolarised SIDIS

#### Cahn effect







#### Intrinsic transverse quark momentum



#### 1-photon exchange approximation: TAA forbidden







#### HERMES provides new constraints for S(x) at low Q<sup>2</sup>

HERMES made a first glimpse at various Transverse Momentum dependent parton Distribution functions

TMDs offer a large amount of new information on the nucleon structure They need to be explored in detail by the next generation of experiments at future high-luminosity e-N facilities