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Transverse single-spin asymmetries of midrapidity π^0 and η mesons in polarized p + pcollisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

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We present a measurement of the transverse single-spin asymmetry (TSSA) for π^0 and η mesons in $p^{\uparrow} + p$ collisions in the pseudorapidity range $|\eta| < 0.35$ and at a center-of-mass energy of 200 GeV with the PHENIX detector at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider. In comparison with previous measurements in this kinematic region, these results have a factor of 3 smaller uncertainties. As hadrons, π^0 and η mesons are sensitive to both initial- and final-state nonperturbative effects for a mix of parton flavors. Comparisons of the differences in their TSSAs have the potential to disentangle the possible effects of strangeness, isospin, or mass. These results can constrain the twist-3 trigluon collinear correlation function as well as the gluon Sivers function.

INTRODUCTION I.

The transverse structure of the proton has attracted in-6 creasing experimental and theoretical interest in the past 7 two decades. In particular, transverse single-spin asym-8 metries (TSSAs) have been one of the primary means to 9 probe transverse partonic dynamics in the nucleon. Large 10 azimuthal asymmetries of up to $\sim 40\%$ have been ob-11 served from transversely polarized $p^{\uparrow} + p$ collisions in light 12 meson production at large Feynman-x ($x_F = 2p_L/\sqrt{s}$), 13 from center of mass energies of $\sqrt{s} = 4.9$ GeV up to 14 500 GeV [1–6]. Next-to-leading order perturbative QCD 15 calculations that only include spin-momentum correla-16 tions from parton scattering predict small asymmetries 17 on the order of m_q/Q [7] where m_q is the bare quark 18 has and Q is the hard scale, indicating that significant 19 nonperturbative effects must dominate the large mea-20 sured asymmetries. Two different approaches have been 21 proposed to describe the large asymmetries observed in 22 hadronic interactions. 23

In the first approach, nonperturbative parton distribu-24 tion functions (PDFs) and fragmentation functions (FFs) 25 are explicitly dependent on transverse momentum. In 26 this so-called transverse-momentum-dependent (TMD) 27 framework, these functions depend on a soft (k_T) and 28 hard (Q) momentum scale such that $\Lambda_{QCD} \lesssim k_T \ll Q$. 29 One possible origin of the large TSSAs is the Sivers 30 TMD PDF [8], which correlates the nucleon transverse 31 spin with the parton transverse momentum, k_T . Re-32 cently, this function has received great theoretical and 33 experimental interest due to the prediction of modified 34 universality between semi-inclusive deep-inelastic lepton-35 nucleon scattering (SIDIS) and the Drell-Yan (DY) pro-36 cess of quark-antiquark annihilation to dileptons. This 37 prediction is a result of differences in color flow from in-38 teractions with remnants in the initial versus final states, 39 related to the PT-odd nature of the Sivers TMD PDF and 40 the PT invariance of QCD [9]. Another possible origin of 41 the TSSA is the Collins TMD FF [10], which correlates 42 the transverse polarization of a fragmenting quark to the 43 angular distribution of hadrons. 44

45 tries relies on collinear higher-twist effects with multi-⁸⁹ sured asymmetries. It is interesting to note that inclusive 46

⁴⁷ parton correlations. In the twist-3 approach, interference arises between scattering amplitudes with one and two collinear partons, which leads to a nonzero TSSA. This 49 approach applies to observables in which only one sufficiently large momentum scale (Q) is measured, such that 51 $Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$. [11] In order to keep the multiparton cor-52 relation functions process-independent, the initial- and final-state interactions between the struck parton and the 54 proton remnants are included in the hard perturbative 55 part of the twist-3 collinear factorization [12]. Collinear twist-3 correlation functions are split into two types: the 57 quark-gluon-quark functions (qgq) and the trigluon func-58 tions (ggg). In the context of initial-state effects, the ggg 60 functions describe the interference from scattering off of one quark versus scattering off of a gluon and a quark 61 of the same flavor, while the ggg functions capture the 62 interference between scattering off of one gluon versus 63 scattering off of two. The twist-3 approach is well suited to describe observed inclusive forward hadron asymmetries because the observed hadron p_T can be used as a proxy for the hard scale, and unlike the TMD approach, these correlation functions do not explicitly depend on a soft-scale transverse momentum. However, the twist-3 $_{70}$ approach has been related to k_T moments of TMD PDFs ⁷¹ and TMD FFs and has been shown to be equivalent to the TMD approach in the overlapping kinematic regime [13]. 72

73 Both SIDIS and DY measurements have shown that 74 certain TMD PDFs are consistent with modified univer-75 sality provided that effects from TMD evolution with the hard-scale Q are small [14, 15] and that interac-77 tions in the initial or final state can produce nonzero ⁷⁸ asymmetries [16–19]. In hadronic interactions where at 79 least one final-state hadron is measured, both initial- and 80 final-state interactions can play competing roles in the 81 measured asymmetries; here TMD-factorization break-⁸² ing has been predicted due to soft gluon exchanges that ⁸³ are possible in both the initial and final states simul-84 taneously [20]. Additional leading-power spin asymme-85 tries have been predicted in hadronic collisions due to 86 this breakdown, without which these asymmetries would 87 be subleading [21], but further work is needed to con-The second approach to describe the large asymme- ** nect TMD-factorization breaking to experimentally mea-

hadron TSSA measurements in hadronic collisions ap- 144 90 pear to plateau at p_T up to 5 GeV/c [3, 5] and have been 91 measured to be nonzero at up to $p_T \sim 7$ GeV/c [6, 22]. 92 145 Recent studies in the twist-3 framework have successfully 93 described the p_T dependence of these forward asymme-94

tries by including twist-3 effects in hadronization [23]. 95

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Since the inception of the collinear twist-3 and TMD 99 factorization pictures, there has been theoretical evi-100 dence that they could combine to form a unified pic-101 ture of TSSAs in hard processes. This concept was re-102 cently tested with the first simultaneous global analysis 103 of TSSAs in SIDIS, DY, e^+e^- annihilation, and proton-104 proton collisions [11]. This study used quark TMD PDFs 105 and FFs to describe the asymmetries in processes that are 106 sensitive to the soft-scale momentum, i.e. SIDIS, Drell-107 Yan, and e^+e^- annihilation. These TMD functions were 108 also used to calculate collinear twist-3 qgq correlation 109 functions which were applied to inclusive forward pion 110 asymmetry measurements from RHIC. This simultane-111 ous description of TSSAs across multiple collision species 112 indicates that all TSSAs have a common origin that is 113 related to multiparton correlations. 114

Additional questions about the origin of the TSSAs in 115 hadronic interactions remain. Forward jet measurements 116 indicate that the TSSA is significantly smaller than neu-117 tral pion asymmetries at similar x_F and \sqrt{s} [24]. Nonzero 118 kaon and antiproton asymmetries observed at forward ra-119 pidities show that the measured asymmetries cannot be 120 due only to proton valence quark contributions as naively 121 predicted in a valence-like model, where the Sivers ef-122 fect from sea-quarks and/or gluons is ignored, and that 123 the fragmentation of quarks into hadrons in which they 124 are not valence quarks could play a role in the observed 125 nonzero asymmetries [4, 25]. Eta meson measurements, 126 sensitive to potential effects from strange quark contribu-127 tions, isospin, and/or hadron mass show forward asym-128 metries similar in magnitude to neutral pions [26]. Even 129 four decades after the initial discovery of large TSSAs in 130 hadronic interactions [1], there remain many unresolved 131 questions about their origin. Therefore it is crucial to 132 continue extending measurements to try to better under-133 stand the nonperturbative dynamics which are responsi-134 ble for the TSSAs in hadronic collisions. 135

In this paper we report a measurement of the TSSA of 136 π^0 and η mesons in $p^{\uparrow}+p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s}=200$ GeV in 137 the midrapidity region $|\eta| < 0.35$. The data was taken 138 during the 2015 RHIC run and a total integrated lumi-139 nosity of approximately 60 pb^{-1} was collected. This mea-140 surement extends previous measurements from RHIC to 141 higher p_T and reduces the statistical uncertainties by a 142 factor of three in the overlapping p_T region. 143

II. ANALYSIS

The asymmetries are measured with transversely po-¹⁴⁶ larized proton beams where the average polarization of $_{147}$ the clockwise beam was 0.58 \pm 0.02 and that of the counter-clockwise beam was 0.60 ± 0.02 [27]. The direction of the beam polarization was found to be consistent with the vertical within statistical uncertainties. The polarization direction of each beam independently changes bunch to bunch which reduces systematic uncertainties associated with variations in detector performance with time. It also allows for polarization-averaged measure-155 ments and, for a single-spin asymmetry analysis, means there are two ways to measure the TSSA with the same ¹⁵⁷ data set. This is done by sorting the particle yields for ¹⁵⁸ the polarization directions of one beam at a time, effec-¹⁵⁹ tively averaging over the polarization of the other beam. $_{160}\,$ These statistically independent asymmetries are used to ¹⁶¹ verify the analysis and are averaged together for the final 162 result.

The data analysis procedure is similar to our previous measurements [5]. Neutral pion and eta mesons are reconstructed via their two-photon decays by using the midrapidity electromagnetic calorimeter (EMCal). The EMCal is located in two central arms, each covering $\Delta \phi = \pi/2$ in azimuth and $|\eta| < 0.35$ in pseudora-169 pidity, centered at $\phi = \pi/16$ and $15\pi/16$. It is com-170 prised of two different types of calorimeters: six sectors of sampling lead-scintillator (PbSc) calorimeters and 171 two sectors of Cherenkov lead-glass (PbGl) calorime-172 173 ters [28]. The two calorimeter systems have different 174 granularity ($\delta\phi \times \delta\eta = 0.011 \times 0.011$ in the PbSc and $_{175}$ 0.008 \times 0.008 in the PbGl) and also different responses ¹⁷⁶ to charged hadrons, which provides important systematic 177 cross checks for these measurements. A tracking system 178 includes a drift chamber to measure track momentum ¹⁷⁹ and pad chamber stations to measure the charged particle ¹⁸⁰ hit position [29]. The measurement of the track positions ¹⁸¹ in front of the calorimeter is used to veto charged parti-182 cles from the photon sample. The Beam-Beam Counters 183 (BBC) are arrays of quartz Cherenkov radiators that sur-¹⁸⁴ round the beam pipe and are placed ± 144 cm away from the nominal collision point. The BBC covers full azimuth 185 and $3.0 < |\eta| < 3.9$ in pseudorapidity. They measure 186 187 the z-vertex position; a vertex cut of ± 30 cm around the nominal collision point is used for this analysis. The 188 minimum bias trigger requires at least one charged particle to be measured in both the north and south sides of the BBC. This analysis is based on the data sample ¹⁹² selected with the EMCal-based high-energy-photon trig-¹⁹³ ger with energy threshold of 1.5 GeV, which is taken in 194 coincidence with the minimum bias trigger.

195 Photons are identified as clusters in the EMCal and ¹⁹⁶ are required to pass a shower profile cut which sup-¹⁹⁷ presses clusters from hadrons. High- p_T trigger photons ¹⁹⁸ are paired with another photon in the same event that is ¹⁹⁹ also on the same side of the detector. A charged track veto cut eliminates clusters that geometrically match 201 from electrons. The contribution of EMCal detector 248 to the invariant mass spectra where a Gaussian is used 202 noise is reduced by a minimum energy cut of 0.5 GeV 249 to describe the invariant mass peak, and a third order 203 and a time-of-flight cut of |TOF| < 5 ns. The timing 250 polynomial is used to describe the combinatorial back-204 of the cluster is measured by the EMCal and the time 251 ground, as shown in the green curves in Figure 1. Us-205 zero reference of the event is provided by the BBC. Each 252 ing this method, the contribution of combinatorial back-206 photon pair is required to pass an energy asymmetry cut: 253 ground under the π^0 peak is determined to vary from 207 $\alpha = |E_1 - E_2|/(E_1 + E_2) < 0.8$. π^0 yields are comprised 254 10% in the lowest p_T bin to 6% in the highest. Under 208 of photon pairs with invariant mass in the signal region $_{255}$ the η meson invariant mass peak, the background frac-209 $\pm 25 \text{ MeV/c}^2$ from the π^0 mass peak and η meson yields 256 tion varies from 71% to 47% in the lowest to highest 210 are measured in the range ± 70 MeV/c² around the η_{257} p_T bins. In Eq. (3), the background asymmetry, A_N^{BG} , 211 mass peak. 212

213 with the "relative luminosity" formula 214

$$A_N = \frac{1}{P \left\langle \cos(\phi) \right\rangle} \frac{N^{\uparrow} - \mathcal{R} N^{\downarrow}}{N^{\uparrow} + \mathcal{R} N^{\downarrow}}, \qquad (1) \frac{^{262}}{^{263}}$$

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which compares the yield of particles for when the beam 215 was polarized up versus down. Here P is the beam polar-216 ization, N refers to the meson yield, and the arrows refer 217 to the up (\uparrow) or down (\downarrow) directions of beam polarization. 218 The relative luminosity, $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{L}^{\uparrow}/\mathcal{L}^{\downarrow}$, is the ratio of the 219 integrated luminosity with bunches that were polarized 220 in opposite directions. This is determined by the num-221 ber of times each crossing fires the minimum bias trigger 222 and is measured to better than 10^{-4} . The acceptance 223 factor, $\langle \cos(\phi) \rangle$, accounts for the detector azimuthal cov-224 erage, where $\phi = 0$ points 90° from the (vertical) spin 225 axis. This correction is calculated as a function of pho-226 ton pair p_T because the diphoton azimuthal acceptance 227 depends heavily on the decay angle and ranges from 0.95 228 at low p_T to 0.89 at high p_T . The asymmetry is calcu-229 lated separately for the two detector arms and then the 230 average weighed by the statistical error is taken for the 231 final result. Eq. (1) as written is for the arm to the left 232 of the beam taken as polarized, while an overall minus 233 sign is needed for the arm to the right of the beam taken 234 as polarized. 235

An alternative method of calculating the asymmetry 236 is the "square root" formula 237

$$A_N = \frac{1}{P \left\langle \cos(\phi) \right\rangle} \frac{\sqrt{N_L^{\uparrow} N_R^{\downarrow}} - \sqrt{N_L^{\downarrow} N_R^{\uparrow}}}{\sqrt{N_L^{\uparrow} N_R^{\downarrow}} + \sqrt{N_L^{\downarrow} N_R^{\uparrow}}}, \qquad (2)$$

which is used as a cross check. This formula combines 238 data from the two arms (left and right) and both beam 239 polarization directions (up and down). The subscripts in 240 Eq. (2) refer to the yields to the left (L) and right (R)241 side of the polarized beam momentum direction. 242

The measured asymmetries are also corrected for back-243 ground 244

$$A_N^{\rm Sig} = \frac{A_N - r \cdot A_N^{\rm BG}}{1 - r},\tag{3}$$

where r is the fractional contribution of photon pairs 266 245 from combinatorial background within the invariant mass 267 tematic uncertainties can be found in Tables I and II 246

with a measured charged track, reducing background 247 peak. The background fraction is calculated from fits ²⁵⁸ is evaluated with photon pairs in side band regions lo-The transverse single-spin asymmetries are determined 259 cated on either side of the signal peak, as represented in the red regions in Figure 1. For the π^0 analysis these side band regions are $47 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 97 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $177 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 227 \text{ MeV}/c^2$, and for the η meson analysis these regions are $300 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 400 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and $700 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 800 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. The background asymme- $_{265}$ tries are consistent with zero across all p_T bins.



Example invariant mass distributions around FIG. 1. the π^0 (top) and η (bottom) peak for photon pairs with $4 < p_T < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ in one of the detector arms. The blue region at the center of each plot corresponds to the invariant mass region under the peak which is used to calculate A_N in Eq. (3) and the red side band regions correspond to the photon pairs that are used to calculate A_N^{BG} . The green curve corresponds to the fit to the combinatorial background which is used to calculate the background fraction.

A summary of the asymmetries and statistical and sys-

where the total systematic uncertainty is the sum of the 268 three sources of systematic uncertainty added in quadra-269 ture. The systematic uncertainty on the asymmetry due 270 to the background fraction in Eq. (3) is determined by 271 varying the fit ranges when computing r and calculating 272 how much the background-corrected asymmetry changes. 273 While the asymmetries calculated with the "relative lu-274 minosity" (Eq. (1)) and the "square root" (Eq. (2)) for-275 mulas were found to be statistically consistent, their dif-276 ference was assigned as a systematic uncertainty due to 277 possible variations in detector performance and beam 278 conditions. This dominates the total systematic uncer-279 tainty for most p_T bins. 280

Bunch shuffling is a technique used to investigate po-281 tential sources of systematic uncertainty that could cause 282 the measured asymmetry results to vary from their true 283 values beyond statistical fluctuations. It involves ran-284 domizing the assigned bunch-by-bunch polarization di-285 rections of the beam such that the physical asymmetry 286 disappears in order to isolate the statistical variations 287 present in the data. All asymmetry values have bunch 288 shuffling results consistent with statistical variations ex-289 cept for the lowest p_T bin where there is 7% and 6% 290 more variation beyond what is expected from statistical 291 fluctuations in the π^0 and η meson analyses, respectively. 292 These values are used to assign additional systematic un-293 certainties to the lowest p_T bin of the π^0 and η meson 294 asymmetries and dominate the total systematic uncer-295 tainty for those bins. 296

Additional cross checks included examining the asym-297 metries in the two arms separately using Eq. (1) and mea-298 suring the asymmetry as an explicit function of ϕ . All 299 checks were statistically consistent with the main asym-300 metry results. 301

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION III.

The result for A_N of neutral pions at midrapidity in 303 $p^{\uparrow}+p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV is shown in Figure 2 304 where the bands represent the systematic uncertainty 323 measurements [26, 30] do not yet clearly resolve whether 305 and the bars represent the statistical uncertainty. The $_{324}$ the η meson asymmetry is larger than the π^0 asymmetry 306 figure shows this result compared to the previous re- 325 try as predicted in some models [31]. At midrapidity, 307 sults [5], demonstrating the improvement in statistical ³²⁶ there is a larger contribution from gluon dynamics and, 308 precision. In Figure 2, the inset shows a zoomed-in com- 327 as shown in Figure 4, both asymmetries are consistent 309 parison at small p_T . The new measurement is consistent 328 with zero and therefore show no evidence for differences 310 with our previous measurement and improves the preci- 329 due to strangeness, isospin, or mass. 311 sion on average by a factor of 3. The new measurement of 330 312 A_N of neutral pions is consistent with zero in the entire 331 oretical predictions. The ggq curve shows the predicted 313 p_T range. 314

315 at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV is shown in Figure 3. This measure-³³⁴ tion. This curve was calculated with fits that were pub-316 ment is also compared to the previous result, similarly 335 lished in Ref. [11] and has been reevaluated in the ra-317 to Figure 2. The new measurement is consistent with $_{336}$ pidity range of PHENIX. Midrapidity π^0 production in-318 the previous result and with zero across the entire $p_{T_{337}}$ cludes a large fractional contribution from gluons in the 319 range. Comparisons of π^0 and η meson TSSAs may in- 338 proton, so a complete collinear twist-3 description of the 320 dicate additional effects from strange quarks, isospin dif- $_{339}$ midrapidity π^0 TSSA would also need to include the con-321 ferences, or hadron mass. At forward rapidity, existing 340 tribution from the trigluon correlation function. Given 322



FIG. 2. Transverse single-spin asymmetry of neutral pions measured at $|\eta| < 0.35$ in $p^{\uparrow} + p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV. An additional scale uncertainty of 3.4% due to the polarization uncertainty is not shown.



FIG. 3. Transverse single-spin asymmetry of eta mesons measured at $|\eta| < 0.35$ in $p^{\uparrow} + p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV. An additional scale uncertainty of 3.4% due to the polarization uncertainty is not shown.

Figure 5 shows this π^0 TSSA result plotted with the-332 contribution from collinear twist-3 qgq functions from The measurement of A_N of η mesons in $p^{\uparrow}+p$ collisions 333 both the polarized proton and the process of hadroniza-



374 FIG. 4. Comparison of the π^0 and η meson asymmetries measured at $|\eta| < 0.35$ in $p^{\uparrow} + p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV. An 376 additional scale uncertainty of 3.4% due to the polarization uncertainty is not shown.



FIG. 5. This π^0 asymmetry result plotted with theory calculations for the asymmetry in both the collinear twist-3 $\left[11\right]$ $^{_{395}}$ and TMD [32] theoretical frameworks. See text for details.

the small expected contribution from the qgq correlation $^{\rm 399}$ function, this measurement can constrain future calcu-342 lations of the ggg correlation function, such as those in 343 Ref. [33]. 344

The other theory curves in Figure 5 show predictions 345 for the midrapidity π^0 TSSA generated by the Sivers 402 346 TMD PDF. These curves include contributions from both 347 the quark and gluon Sivers functions and have been eval- $_{\rm 403}$ 348 uated for $x_F = 0$, which approximates the measured 404 the outstanding questions regarding the physical origin 349 kinematics. These calculations use the generalized par- $_{405}$ of TSSAs. The TSSAs of π^0 and η mesons were measured 350 ton model (GPM) which takes the first k_T moment of 406 at midrapidity in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV by the 351 the Sivers function (e.g. $\int k_T \cdot q(k_T)$) and does not in- 407 PHENIX experiment. The measured π^0 (η meson) asym-352 clude next-to-leading-order (NLO) interactions with the $_{408}$ metry is consistent with zero in the presented p_T range, 353 proton fragments. The "GPM" curve uses the parame- 409 up to precision of 3×10^{-4} (2×10^{-3}) in the lowest p_T 354 ters stated in Equation 32 of Ref. [32]. The color-gauge- 410 bins. Both measurements have a significant reduction in 355 invariant generalized parton model (CGI-GPM) expands 411 uncertainty from previous measurements at midrapidity 356 on the GPM by including initial- and final-state inter- 412 at RHIC. These data extend previous constraints to any 357 358 actions through the one-gluon exchange approximation. 413 presence of gluon spin-momentum correlations in trans-350 This model has been shown to reproduce the predicted 414 versely polarized protons.

sign change for the quark Sivers function in SIDIS and Drell-Yan. The CGI-GPM curves plotted in Figure 5 show two different scenarios for this model, the specifics of which can be found in Equation 34 of Ref. [32]. The values that are used for the Scenario 1 curve are chosen to maximize the open heavy flavor TSSA generated by the gluon Sivers function while still keeping this asymmetry within the statistical error bars of the published result in Ref. [34] and simultaneously describing the previously published midrapidity π^0 TSSA from Ref. [5]. The values used in the Scenario 2 curve are similarly calculated, except that they minimize the open heavy flavor TSSA within the range of the published statistical error bars. As shown in the zoomed-in inset of Figure 5, this π^0 TSSA result has the statistical precision at low p_T needed to distinguish between the GPM and CGI-GPM frameworks, preferring CGI-GPM Scenario 2.

Measurements of TSSAs in p+p collisions are essential 377 to understanding the underlying nonperturbative pro-378 cesses which generate them. In particular, further measurements are necessary to clarify certain questions in the interpretations of the TSSAs. For example, the small forward jet asymmetries measured in Ref. [24] have been interpreted as a cancellation of up and down quark asymmetries, implying that the comparatively forward large neutral pion asymmetries include significant contributions from spin-momentum correlations in hadronization [23]. Additionally, the p_T dependence of these forward rapidity measurements remains to be clearly understood; measurements of nonzero asymmetries out to even higher p_T would help confirm that these twist-3 observables eventually fall off with increasing hard scale. While the midrapidity measurements here are all consistent with zero, they still provide the highest available statistical precision and p_T reach available at the PHENIX 394 experiment. While forward rapidity light hadron TSSAs are dominated by valence quark spin-momentum corre-396 lations in the polarized proton, these midrapidity TSSA 397 measurements are sensitive to both quark and gluon dy-398 namics at leading order. Thus these data also provide further constraints to gluon spin-momentum correlations 400 ⁴⁰¹ in transversely polarized protons [33, 35].

SUMMARY IV.

The measurements presented here were motivated by

$\langle p_T \rangle (\text{GeV}/c)$	A_N	$\sigma_{ m stat}$	$\sigma_{ m syst}$	$\sigma_{ m syst}$	$\sigma_{ m syst}$
			(rel. lumi. vs sqrt.)	(bg. fraction)	(total)
2.58	1.43×10^{-4}	2.81×10^{-4}	5.71×10^{-5}	3.92×10^{-7}	1.20×10^{-4}
3.42	-3.43×10^{-4}	3.21×10^{-4}	1.73×10^{-5}	3.92×10^{-6}	1.77×10^{-5}
4.40	3.35×10^{-4}	5.71×10^{-4}	6.56×10^{-5}	1.91×10^{-6}	6.57×10^{-5}
5.40	2.33×10^{-3}	1.06×10^{-3}	9.61×10^{-5}	6.68×10^{-7}	9.61×10^{-5}
6.41	-6.89×10^{-4}	1.87×10^{-3}	1.12×10^{-4}	2.11×10^{-5}	1.14×10^{-4}
7.42	1.93×10^{-3}	3.11×10^{-3}	3.41×10^{-4}	7.61×10^{-5}	3.50×10^{-4}
8.43	-2.38×10^{-3}	4.88×10^{-3}	2.45×10^{-4}	3.99×10^{-4}	4.69×10^{-4}
9.43	4.04×10^{-4}	7.03×10^{-3}	3.31×10^{-4}	1.16×10^{-4}	3.51×10^{-4}
10.79	7.34×10^{-3}	$7.99 imes 10^{-3}$	9.71×10^{-5}	3.13×10^{-4}	3.28×10^{-4}
13.53	-1.05×10^{-2}	1.27×10^{-2}	6.86×10^{-4}	1.15×10^{-5}	6.86×10^{-4}

TABLE I. The measured A_N of π^0 in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV as a function of p_T . An additional scale uncertainty of 3.4% due to the polarization uncertainty is not shown. The total σ_{syst} in the lowest p_T bin includes an additional systematic uncertainty of 1.06×10^{-4} from bunch shuffling.

TABLE II. The measured A_N of η mesons in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV as a function of p_T . An additional scale uncertainty of 3.4% due to the polarization uncertainty is not shown. The total σ_{syst} in the lowest p_T bin includes an additional systematic uncertainty of 6.20×10^{-4} from bunch shuffling.

$\langle p_T \rangle (\text{GeV}/c)$	A_N	$\sigma_{ m stat}$	$\sigma_{ m syst}$	$\sigma_{ m syst}$	$\sigma_{ m syst}$
			(rel. lumi. vs sqrt.)	(bg. fraction)	(total)
2.39	2.44×10^{-3}	1.83×10^{-3}	5.18×10^{-4}	4.58×10^{-5}	8.09×10^{-4}
3.53	-1.99×10^{-3}	1.59×10^{-3}	8.36×10^{-5}	3.31×10^{-5}	8.99×10^{-5}
4.39	-3.31×10^{-3}	2.48×10^{-3}	1.44×10^{-4}	4.55×10^{-5}	1.51×10^{-4}
5.40	-1.39×10^{-3}	4.21×10^{-3}	2.41×10^{-4}	3.59×10^{-5}	2.44×10^{-4}
6.41	2.22×10^{-3}	7.09×10^{-3}	1.12×10^{-3}	6.35×10^{-6}	1.12×10^{-3}
7.42	1.03×10^{-2}	1.15×10^{-2}	7.03×10^{-4}	1.60×10^{-4}	7.20×10^{-4}
8.75	7.90×10^{-3}	1.37×10^{-2}	1.24×10^{-3}	1.88×10^{-4}	1.25×10^{-3}
11.76	1.68×10^{-2}	2.19×10^{-2}	4.25×10^{-3}	3.70×10^{-4}	4.26×10^{-3}

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