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# *First measurement of interference fragmentation on a transversely polarized hydrogen target at HERMES*

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$h_1$  couples to  $H_1^\perp(z, z^2 \mathbf{k}_T^2)$ :

$$\mathcal{I}[\cdots] \equiv \int d^2 \mathbf{p}_T d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \delta(\mathbf{p}_T - \mathbf{k}_T - \frac{\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}}{z}) [\cdots]$$

$$d\sigma_{UT}^{\text{Collins}} \propto \sum_q e_q^2 \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{h\perp}}{M_h} h_1^q H_1^{\perp q} \right]$$

## Difficulties:

- extraction of  $h_1 H_1^\perp$  difficult, needs weighting with  $P_h^\perp$
- Sivers & Collins entangled:

$$d\sigma_{UT}^{\text{Sivers}} \propto \sum_q e_q^2 \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{h\perp}}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q} D_1^q \right]$$

$h_1$  couples to:

$$H_1^\perp(z, \zeta, M_h^2, \mathbf{k}_T^2, \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{R}_T) \text{ & } H_1^{\triangleleft'}(z, \zeta, M_h^2, \mathbf{k}_T^2, \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{R}_T)$$

Integrate over  $\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}$ :

left with only  $H_1^{\triangleleft}(z, \zeta, M_h^2)$   $\implies$

$$\sigma_{UT} \propto \sum_q e_q^2 \sin(\phi_{R\perp} + \phi_S) h_1 H_1^{\triangleleft}$$

Advantages:

- cross section asymmetry directly proportional to  $h_1 H_1^{\triangleleft}$   
(No weighting needed)
- No Collins/Sivers ‘entanglement’
- Completely independent from  $1\pi$  analysis

Disadvantages:

- less statistics
- $H_1^{\triangleleft}$  unknown (but can be measured at Belle & Babar)

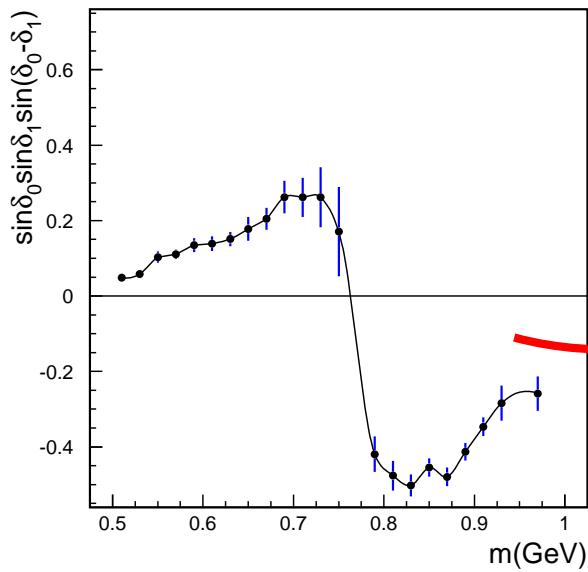
$$A_{UT} \sim \sin(\phi_{R\perp} + \phi_S) \sin \theta h_1 H_1^\triangleleft$$

Expansion of  $H_1^\triangleleft$  in Legendre moments:

$$H_1^\triangleleft(z, \cos \theta, M_{\pi\pi}^2) = H_1^{\triangleleft, sp}(z, M_{\pi\pi}^2) + \cos \theta H_1^{\triangleleft, pp}(z, M_{\pi\pi}^2)$$

describe interference between 2 pion pairs  
coming from different production channels.

about  $H_1^{\triangleleft, sp}$ :



Jaffe et al. [[hep-ph/9709322](#)]:

$$H_1^{\triangleleft, sp}(z, M_{\pi\pi}^2) = \frac{\sin \delta_0 \sin \delta_1 \sin(\delta_0 - \delta_1) H_1^{\triangleleft, sp'}(z)}{\delta_0 (\delta_1) \rightarrow S(P)\text{-wave phase shifts}}$$

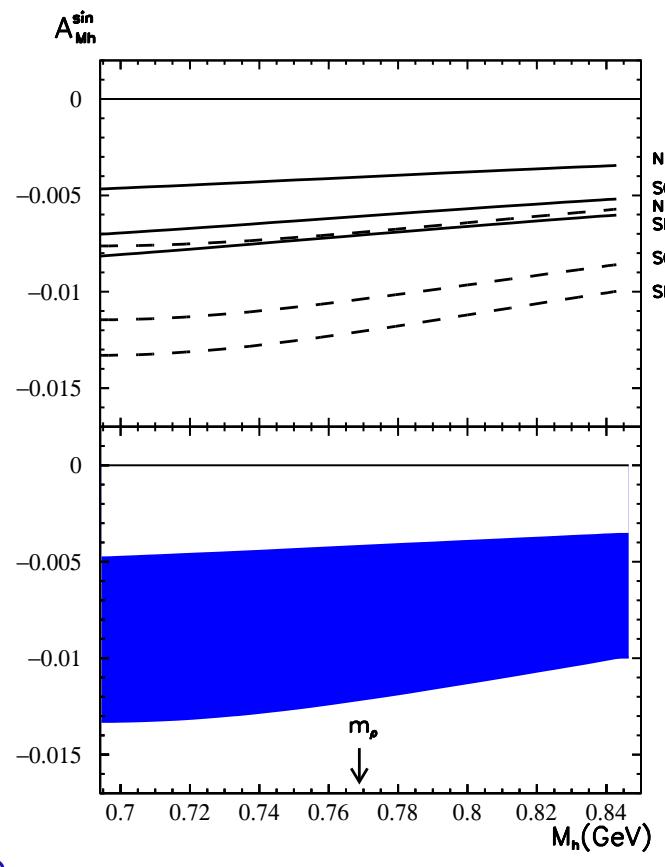
$$= \mathcal{P}(M_{\pi\pi}^2) H_1^{\triangleleft, sp'}(z)$$

$\Rightarrow A_{UL}^{\sin \phi_{R\perp}}$  might depend strongly on  $M_{\pi\pi}$

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Radici et al. [[hep-ph/0110252](#)]:

- completely different model, not predicting a sign change of the asymmetry

# before integration over $P_{h\perp}$

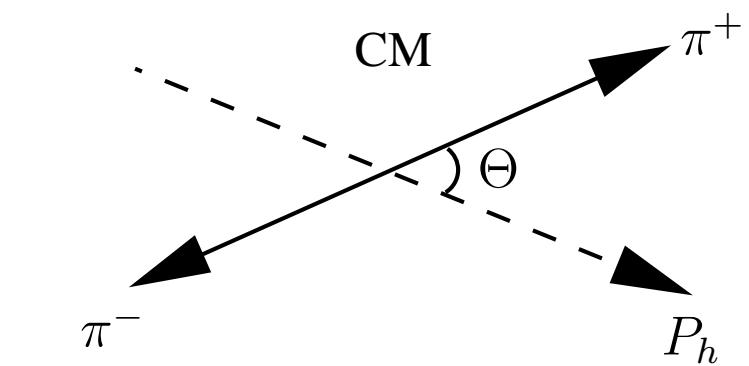
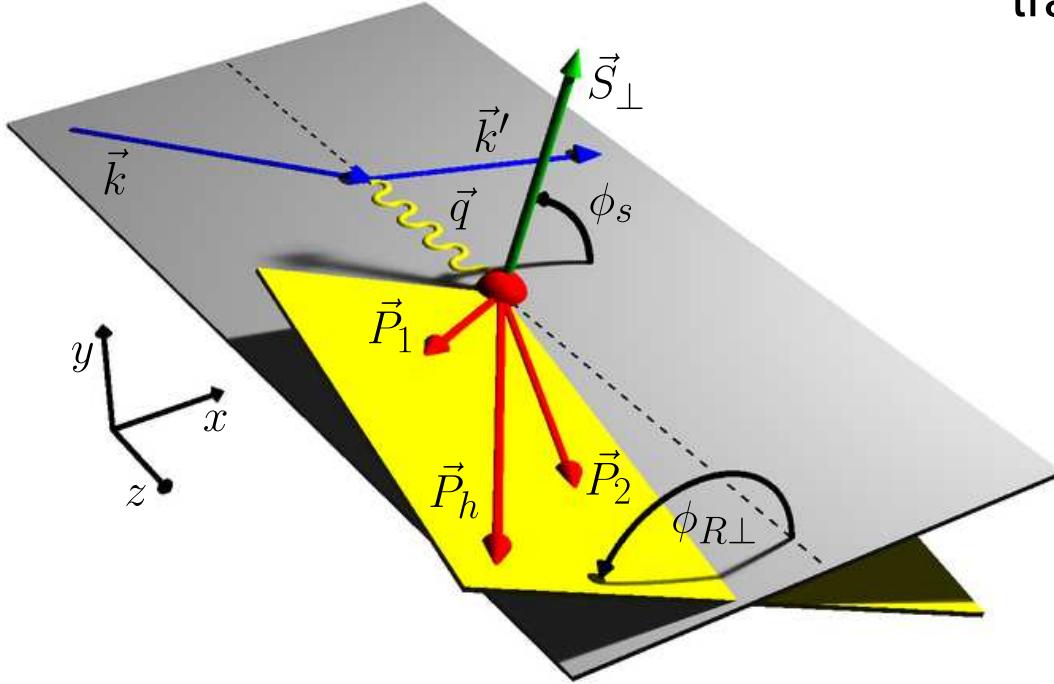
$$\begin{aligned}
 d^9\sigma_{OT} = & \sum_a \frac{\alpha^2 e_a^2}{2\pi Q^2 y} |\vec{S}_T| A(y) \left\{ \frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \sin(\phi_R - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{k}_T}{2MM_h} g_{1T} G_1^\perp \right] \right. \\
 & - \frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \cos(\phi_R - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{k}_T) - (\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{p}_T)}{2MM_h} g_{1T} G_1^\perp \right] \\
 & - \frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \sin(2\phi_h - \phi_R - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{2(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp}) - \vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{k}_T}{2MM_h} g_{1T} G_1^\perp \right] \\
 & - \frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \cos(2\phi_h - \phi_R - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{k}_T) + (\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{p}_T)}{2MM_h} g_{1T} G_1^\perp \right] \\
 & + \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp}}{M} f_{1T}^\perp D_1 \right] + \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{p}_T}{M} f_{1T}^\perp D_1 \right] \Big\} \\
 & + \sum_a \frac{\alpha^2 e_a^2}{2\pi Q^2 y} |\vec{S}_T| B(y) \left\{ \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp}}{M_h} h_1 H_1^\perp \right] \right. \\
 & + \cos(\phi_h + \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{k}_T}{M_h} h_1 H_1^\perp \right] + \boxed{\frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \sin(\phi_R + \phi_S) \mathcal{I} [h_1 \bar{H}_1^\triangleleft] + \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S)} \\
 & \times \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{4(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})^2 (\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp}) - 2(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{k}_T) - \vec{p}_T^2 (\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})}{2M^2 M_h} h_{1T}^\perp H_1^\perp \right] \\
 & + \cos(3\phi_h - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \left( \frac{2(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})^2 (\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{k}_T) + 2(\vec{k}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{p}_T)}{2M^2 M_h} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - \frac{\vec{p}_T^2 (\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{k}_T)}{2M^2 M_h} \right) h_{1T}^\perp H_1^\perp \right] + \frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \sin(2\phi_h + \phi_R - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{2(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})^2 - \vec{p}_T^2}{2M^2} h_{1T}^\perp \bar{H}_1^\triangleleft \right] \\
 & \left. + \frac{|\vec{R}_T|}{M_h} \cos(2\phi_h + \phi_R - \phi_S) \mathcal{I} \left[ \frac{(\vec{p}_T \cdot \hat{P}_{h\perp})(\hat{P}_{h\perp} \wedge \vec{p}_T)}{2M^2} h_{1T}^\perp \bar{H}_1^\triangleleft \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The  $A_{UL}$  &  $A_{UT}$  asymmetries are related to these polarized cross sections (subleading twist, Bacchetta et al.):

$$\sigma_{UL} \sim \sum_q e_q^2 \sin \phi_{R\perp} \sin \theta [K_1 |\mathbf{S}_{\parallel}| h_L - K_2 |\mathbf{S}_{\perp}| h_1] (H_1^{\triangleleft,sp} + H_1^{\triangleleft,pp} \cos \theta)$$

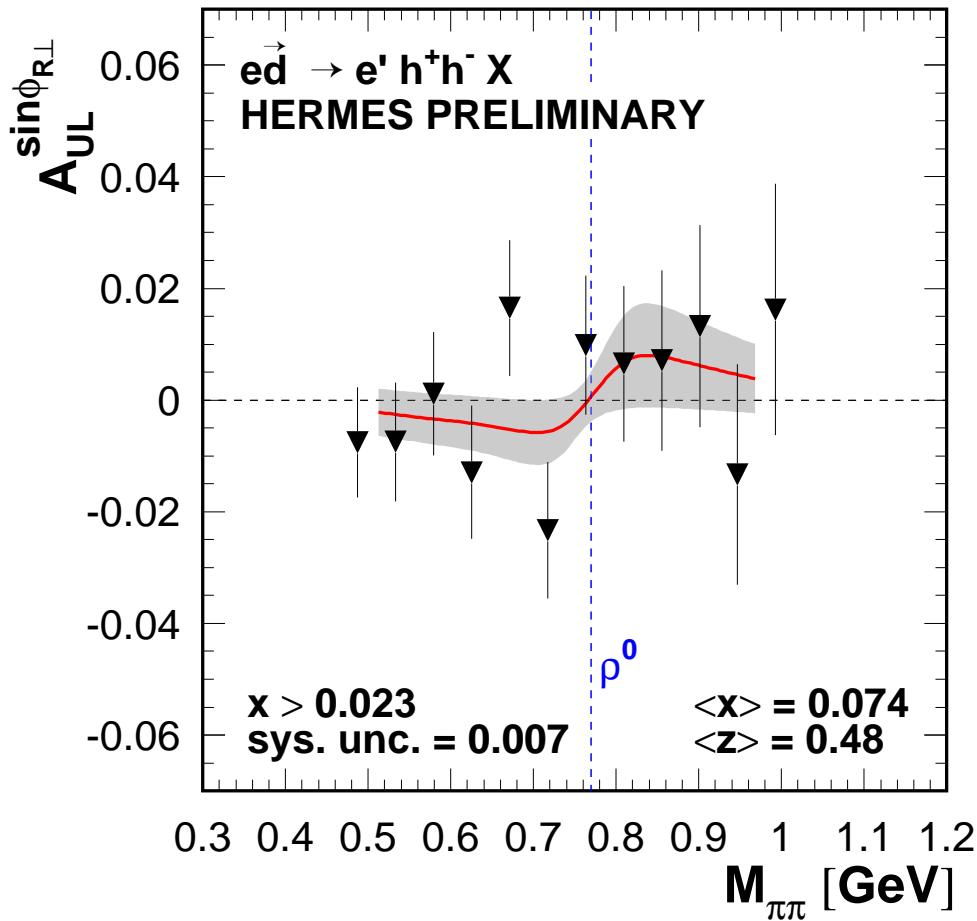
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{UT} \sim & \sum_q e_q^2 |\mathbf{S}_{\perp}| \sin(\phi_{R\perp} + \phi_S) \sin \theta K_3 h_1 (H_1^{\triangleleft,sp} + H_1^{\triangleleft,pp} \cos \theta) \\ & + K_4 \sin \phi_S (\dots) \end{aligned}$$

transversely polarized hydrogen target



What is measured:

$$A_{UT}(\phi_{R\perp}, \phi_s, \theta) = \frac{1}{|S_T|} \frac{N^{\uparrow}(\phi_{R\perp}, \phi_s, \theta)/N_{\text{DIS}}^{\uparrow} - N^{\downarrow}(\phi_{R\perp}, \phi_s, \theta)/N_{\text{DIS}}^{\downarrow}}{N^{\uparrow}(\phi_{R\perp}, \phi_s, \theta)/N_{\text{DIS}}^{\uparrow} + N^{\downarrow}(\phi_{R\perp}, \phi_s, \theta)/N_{\text{DIS}}^{\downarrow}}$$

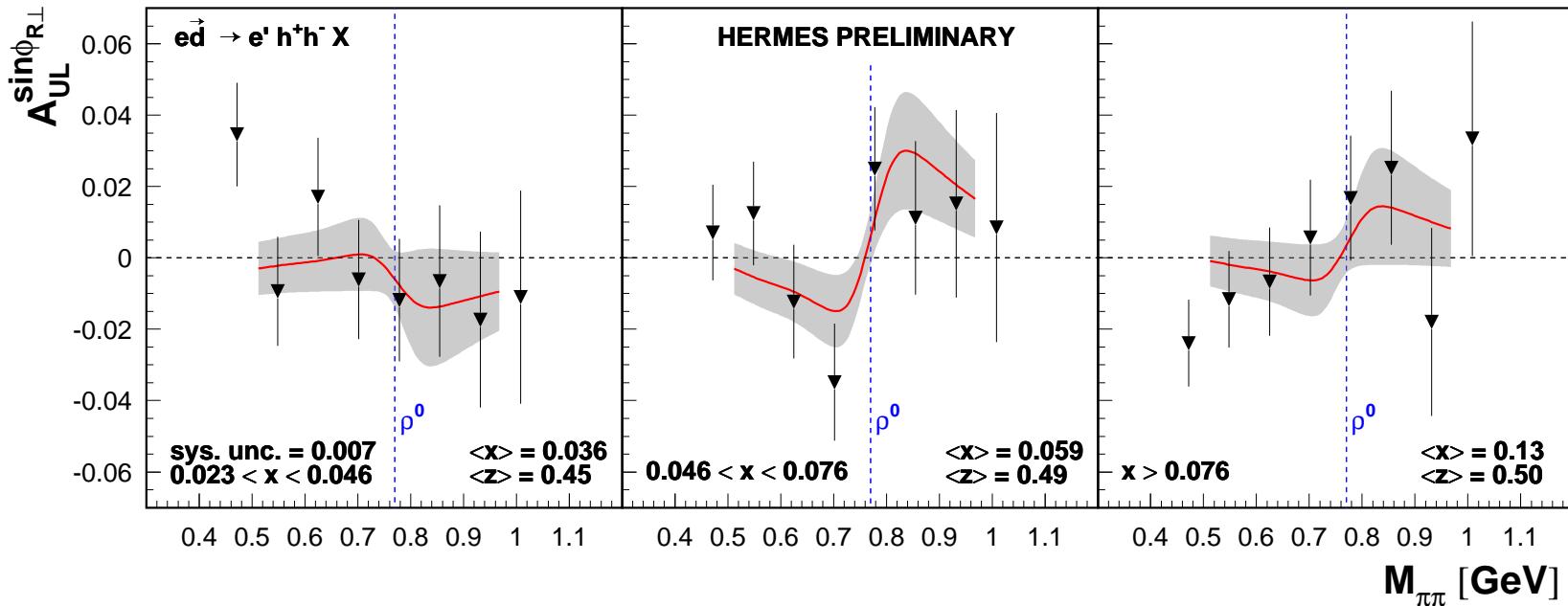


$$c_1 = 0.040 \pm 0.036$$

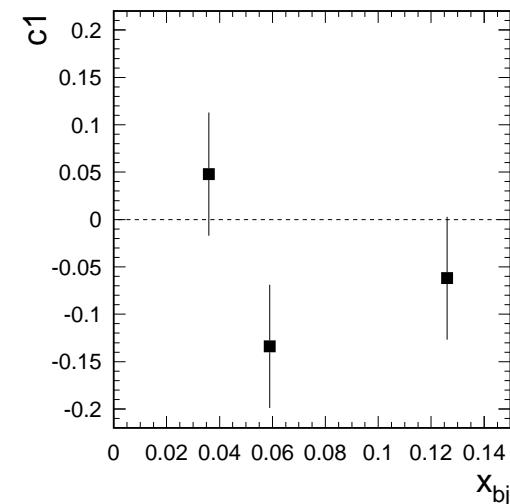
$$c_2 = -0.001 \pm 0.004$$

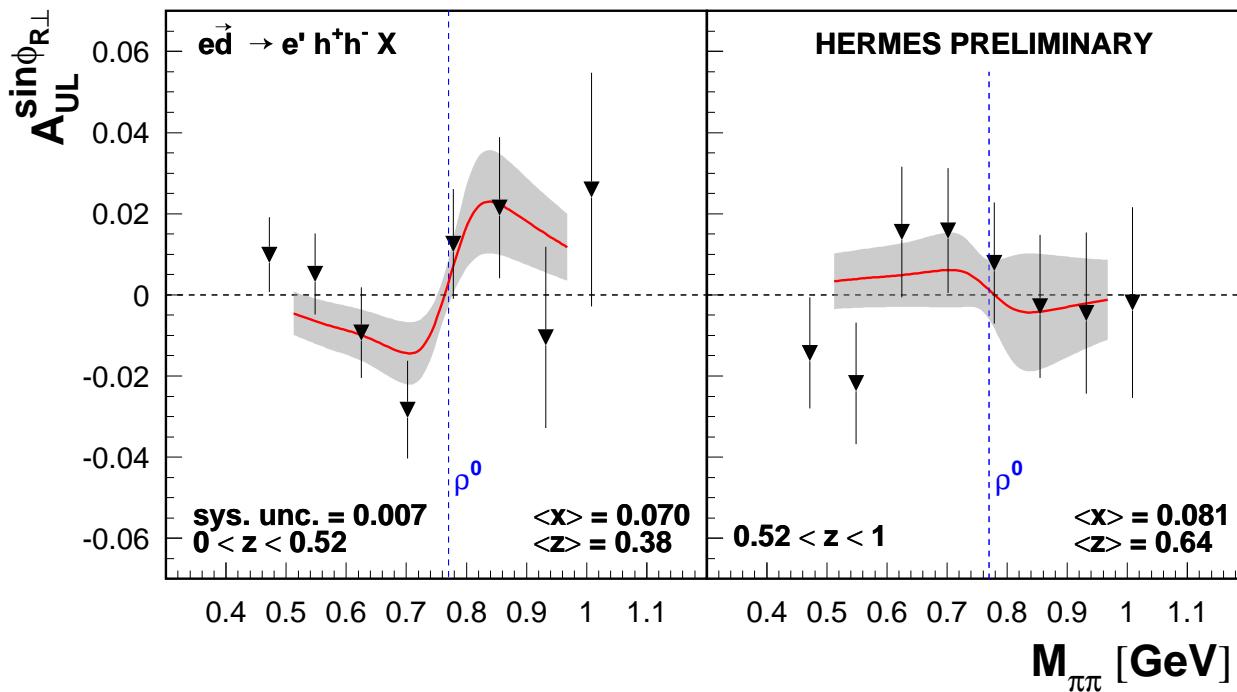
- hint of a sign change at the  $\rho^0$  mass

$$g(M_{\pi\pi}^2) \simeq c_1 \mathcal{P}(M_{\pi\pi}^2) + c_2$$

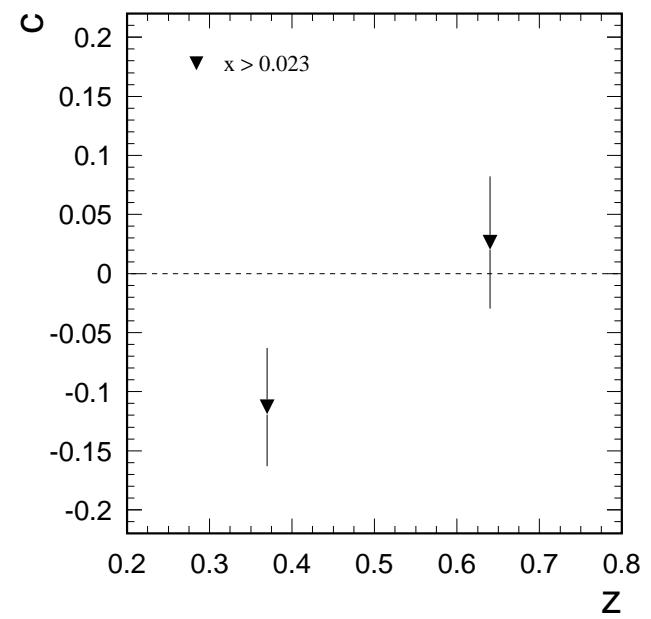


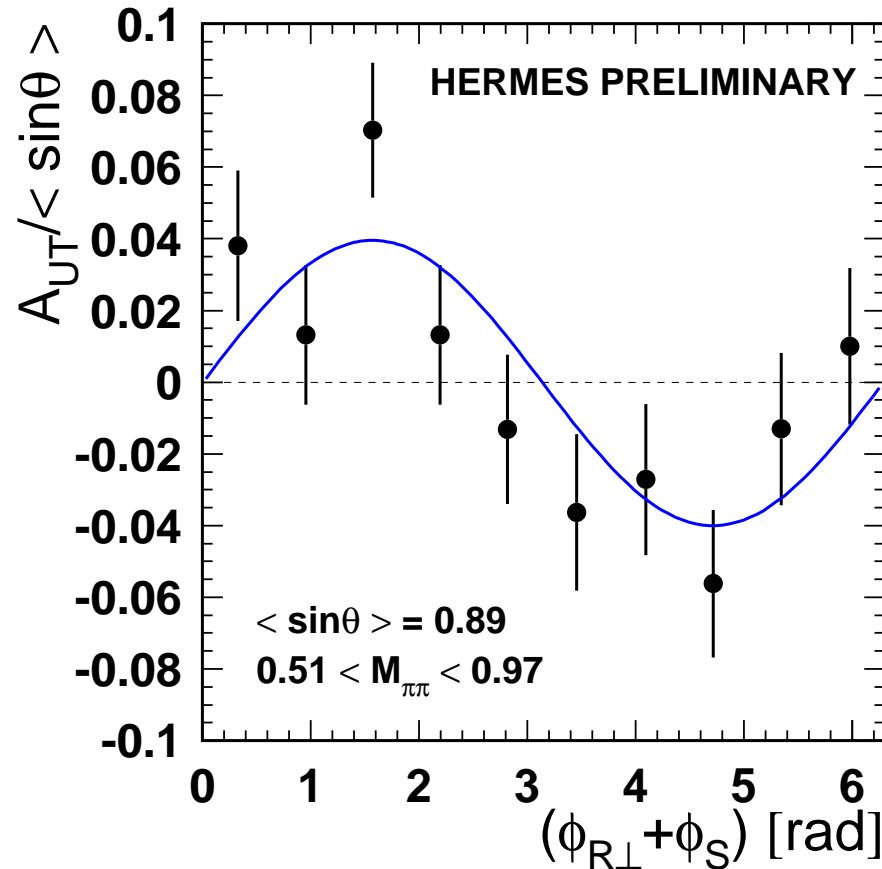
- higher  $x$ : hint of sign change at  $\rho^0$  according to Jaffe's model
- $c_1(x) \propto h_1(x)$  ?





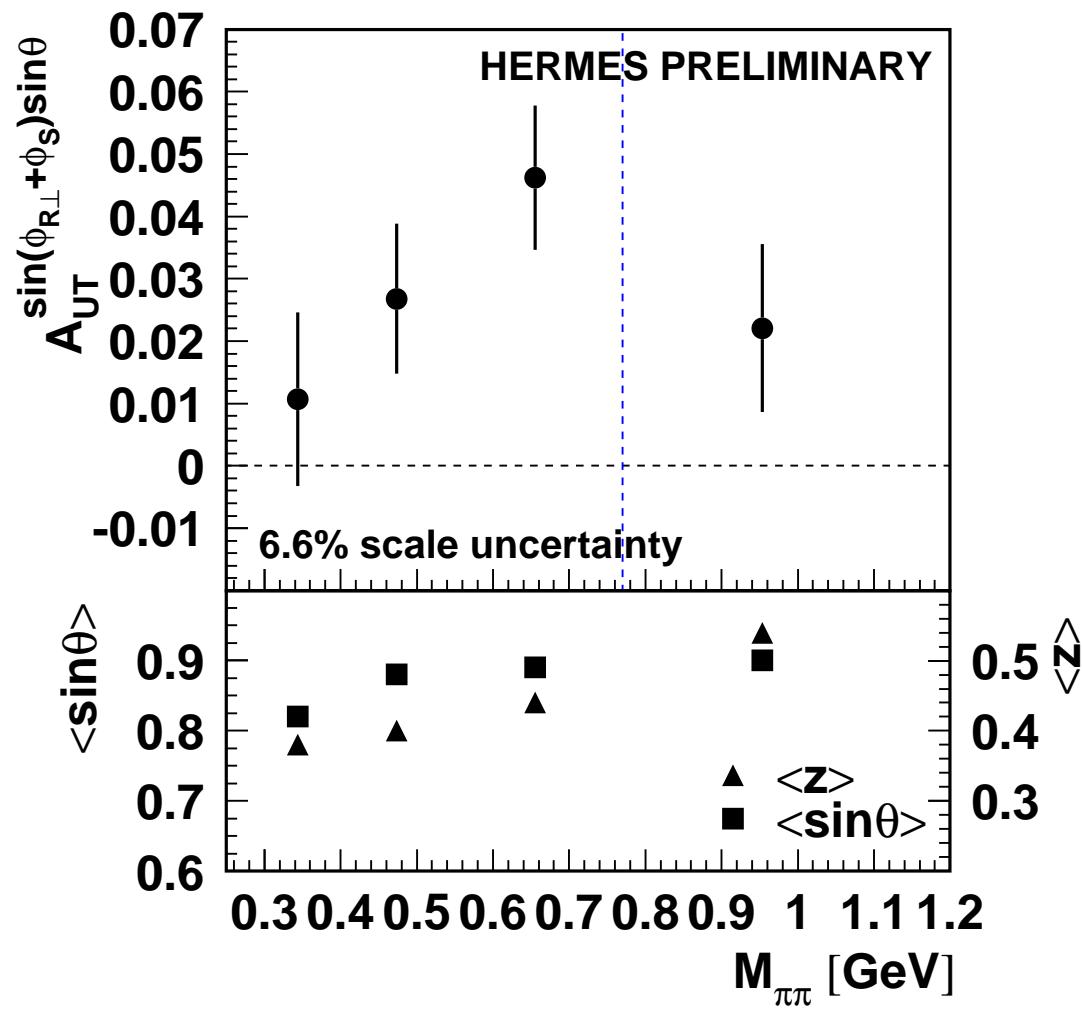
- sign change at  $\rho^0$  according to Jaffe's model for low  $z$
- $c_1(z) \propto H_1^{\leftarrow, sp}(z, M_{\pi\pi})$  ?





significant  $\sin(\phi_{R\perp} + \phi_S)$   
behavior!

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{R\perp} + \phi_S) \sin \theta} = 0.040 \pm 0.009 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.003 \text{ (syst)}$$



- positive asymmetry moment for all invariant mass bins
- result rules out predicted sign change at the  $\rho^0$  mass (Jaffe et al.)

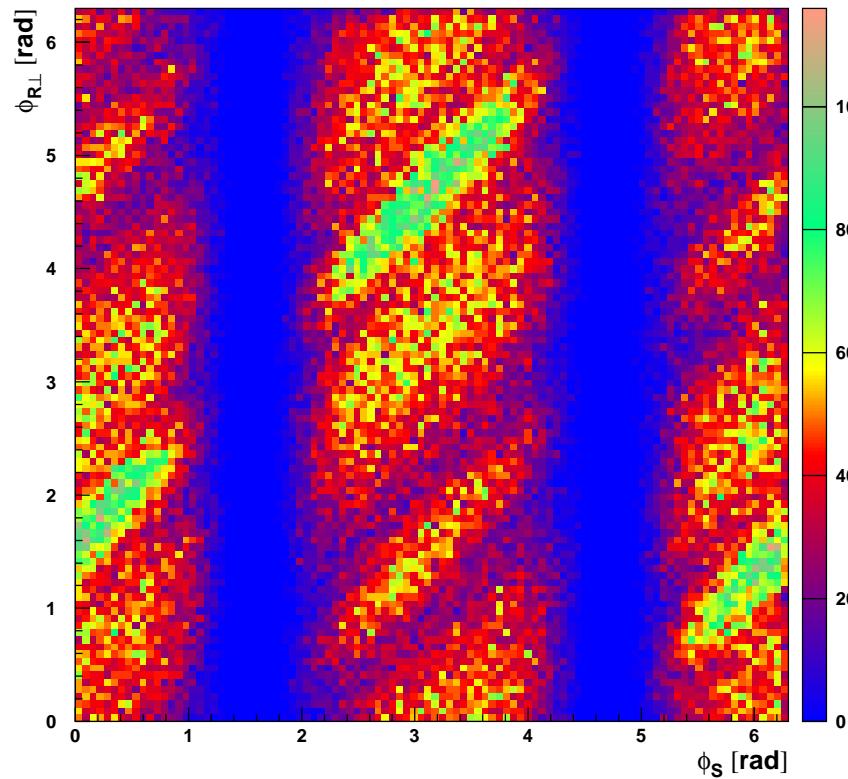
Where the following binning was used: 0.25 - 0.40 - 0.55 - 0.77 - 2.0

## Conclusions:

- A (significantly) non-zero asymmetry-moment has been measured providing evidence for a non-zero interference fragmentation function.
- This also implies that interference fragmentation can be used to study transversity!
- The new results using a transversely polarized hydrogen target rule out the invariant mass behavior as predicted by R. Jaffe.

## Outlook:

- Increase statistics using the data from 2005
- Extract asymmetry moment relating to  $H_1^{\triangleleft, pp}$
- Extract quantitative information on  $h_1 H_1^{\triangleleft}$



Correlation in the  $(\phi_{R\perp}, \phi_S)$  distribution due to HERMES acceptance & spectrometer magnet field

Monte Carlo studies show: no fake asymmetries due to these correlations