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The Sivers asymmetry in hadronic dijet production

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ABSTRACT: We study the single spin asymmetry in the back-to-back dijet production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions. Such an asymmetry is generated by the Sivers functions in the incoming polarized proton. We propose a QCD formalism in terms of the transverse momentum dependent parton distribution functions, which allow us to resum the large logarithms that arise in the perturbative calculations. We make predictions for the Sivers asymmetry of hadronic dijet production at the kinematic region that is relevant to the experiment at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). We further compute the spin asymmetries in the selected positive and negative jet charge bins, to separate the contributions from u- and d-quark Sivers functions. We find that both the sign and size of our numerical results are roughly consistent with the preliminary results from the STAR collaboration at the RHIC.

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1 Introduction

Exploring transverse momentum dependent parton distribution functions (TMD PDFs) has become one of the major research topics in hadron physics in recent years [1]. TMD PDFs provide three-dimensional (3D) imaging of the nucleon in both the longitudinal and transverse momentum space, which is one of the scientific pillars at the future Electron-Ion Collider [2]. Such 3D imaging of the nucleon offers novel insights into the highly nontrivial non-perturbative QCD dynamics and correlations [3].

Sivers function is one of the most studied TMD PDFs in the community. It describes the distribution of unpolarized partons inside a transversely polarized nucleon, through a correlation between the transverse spin of the nucleon and the transverse momentum of the parton with respect to the nucleon's moving direction. The Sivers function was first introduced by Sivers in 1990s [4, 5] to describe the large single transverse spin asymmetries observed in single inclusive particle production in hadronic collisions, see e.g. [6, 7]. Since then, large single spin asymmetries have also been consistently observed in proton-proton collisions in high energy experiments at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) [8–13]. On the theoretical side, understanding the precise origin of such large spin asymmetries has triggered extensive research in the QCD community [14–22]. The difficulty in understanding such asymmetries for single hadron production (such as pions) in proton-proton collisions lies in the fact that they could receive contributions from many different correlations. Besides Sivers type correlations, whose collinear version is referred to as the Qiu-Sterman function [15, 23] in the incoming nucleon, there could also be similar correlations in the hadronization process when the parton fragments into the hadrons [17, 19, 21, 22, 24]. See [25] for a recent development along this direction.

Simultaneously the Sivers asymmetry has also been studied in semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS) by HERMES collaboration at DESY [26, 27], COMPASS collaboration at CERN [28, 29], and Jefferson Lab [30]. Because of the semi-inclusive nature of the process, one can isolate the contribution from the Sivers function via different azimuthal angular modulations [31]. One of the remarkable and unique properties of the Sivers functions is its non-universality nature. For example, based on parity and time-reversal invariance of QCD, one can show that quark Sivers functions in SIDIS are opposite to those in the Drell-Yan process [32–34]. Such a sign change has been studied and confirmed experimentally [35–38], though additional work remains to be done to quantify the change in more details [39].

Sivers effect has been continuously studied in proton-proton collisions at the RHIC. In order to eliminate the contributions from the spin correlations in the fragmentation process, the Sivers asymmetry for jet production processes has been explored in the experiment [13, 40, 41]. In particular, back-to-back dijet production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions was proposed by Boer and Vogelsang in 2003 as a unique opportunity at the RHIC [42]. Active investigation has been performed both experimentally [41] and theoretically [43–45]. On the experimental side, the Sivers asymmetry for dijet production was found to be quite small, largely due to the cancellation between u- and d-quark Sivers functions, which have similar size but opposite sign [25, 46, 47]. On the theoretical side, dijet production in proton-proton collisions is also subject to TMD factorization breaking [48, 49]. These have slowed down the efforts in the detailed study of the Sivers effect in the dijet production.

Recently, there have been renewed experimental and theoretical interests for jet production processes. Experimentally, the STAR collaboration at the RHIC is analyzing the new data for dijet Sivers asymmetry, and is exploring a novel method based on a charge weighting method in separating the contributions from individual u and d-quark Sivers functions [50]. The PHENIX collaboration at the RHIC is exploring the TMD factorization breaking effects via back-to-back dihadron and photon-hadron production in proton-proton collisions [51, 52]. Theoretically, there have been efforts in performing QCD resummation in back-to-back dijet [53, 54] and vector boson-jet production [55–57]. At the same time, a theoretical framework has been developed to study spin asymmetries in specific jet charge bin [58], which would facilitate the analysis of the dijet spin asymmetries by the STAR collaboration. In light of all these activities, we set out to develop a resummation formalism for studying the Sivers asymmetry in back-to-back dijet production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions. We make predictions for the dijet Sivers asymmetry in the kinematics relevant to the RHIC energy, to be compared with the experimental measurement in the near future.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we summarized the QCD formalism for dijet production in both unpolarized and polarized scatterings, and we provide a few remarks about our formalism. In section 3, we provide a procedure and demonstrate how to compute the process-dependent polarized hard functions in the color matrix form. In section 4, we present the renormalization group evolution of all the relevant functions in our formalism, and we provide the final resummation formula. Section 5 is devoted to the phenomenological studies, where we make predictions for dijet Sivers asymmetry in the kinematic region relevant to the experiment at the RHIC. Since we are mainly interested in the Sivers asymmetry in the forward rapidity region where quark contributions dominate, we consider only the quark Sivers contribution and neglect the gluon Sivers contribution. We summarize our paper in section 6.

2 QCD formalism for dijet production

In this paper, we study back-to-back dijet production in transversely polarized protonproton collisions in the center-of mass frame,

$$p(P_A, \vec{S}_\perp) + p(P_B) \to J_1(y_c, \vec{P}_{1\perp}) + J_2(y_d, \vec{P}_{2\perp}) + X,$$
 (2.1)

where the polarized proton with the momentum P_A and the transverse spin \vec{S}_{\perp} is moving in the +z-direction, while the unpolarized proton with the momentum P_B is moving in the -z-direction, and we have the center-of-mass energy $s = (P_A + P_B)^2$. The produced two jets J_1 and J_2 have rapidities $y_{c,d}$ and transverse momenta $\vec{P}_{1\perp}$ and $\vec{P}_{2\perp}$, respectively. These jets will be reconstructed via a suitable jet algorithm [59] and in the rest of the paper, we consider both of them to be anti- k_T jets with jet radii R. In order to access the transverse motion of the partons inside the protons, we concentrate in the back-toback region where the transverse momentum imbalance q_{\perp} is small. Here we define the average transverse momentum P_{\perp} of the two jets and the transverse momentum imbalance \vec{q}_{\perp} as follows

$$P_{\perp} = |\vec{P}_{1\perp} - \vec{P}_{2\perp}|/2, \qquad \vec{q}_{\perp} = \vec{P}_{1\perp} + \vec{P}_{2\perp}, \qquad (2.2)$$

where one has $q_{\perp} \ll P_{\perp}$ in the back-to-back region. The production of such back-to-back dijets is illustrated in figure 1. In the transversely polarized proton-proton collisions, the transverse spin vector \vec{S}_{\perp} of the incoming proton and the transverse momentum imbalance \vec{q}_{\perp} of the two jets will be correlated, as advocated in [42]. This correlation is accounted for in the Sivers function, which leads to a $\sin(\phi_q - \phi_S)$ -azimuthal modulation in the cross section between ϕ_q and ϕ_S , the azimuthal angles of \vec{q}_{\perp} and \vec{S}_{\perp} , respectively. Below we



Figure 1. Illustration of back-to-back dijet production in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions: $p(P_A, \vec{S}_{\perp}) + p(P_B) \rightarrow J_1(y_c, \vec{P}_{1\perp}) + J_2(y_d, \vec{P}_{2\perp}) + X$. The polarized proton with momentum P_A and transverse spin \vec{S}_{\perp} is moving in +z-direction, while the unpolarized proton with momentum P_B is moving in -z-direction. We have jet rapidities $y_{c,d}$ and transverse momenta $\vec{P}_{1\perp}$ and $\vec{P}_{2\perp}$, respectively. The dijet transverse momentum imbalance is defined as $\vec{q}_{\perp} = \vec{P}_{1\perp} + \vec{P}_{2\perp}$. Sivers asymmetry is generated due to the correlation between \vec{S}_{\perp} and \vec{q}_{\perp} .

summarize the factorized formalisms for dijet production in both unpolarized and polarized proton-proton collisions, and we provide more details for the relevant ingredients in the next section.

2.1 Dijet unpolarized cross section

In the back-to-back region where $q_{\perp} \ll P_{\perp}$, within the framework of soft-collinear effective theory (SCET) [60–64], one can write down a factorized form for the unpolarized differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_c dy_d dP_{\perp}^2 d^2 \vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \hat{s}^2} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{cd}} \int_{\perp} x_a f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu) x_b f_b^{\text{unsub}}(x_b, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu) \\
\times \operatorname{Tr} \left[\boldsymbol{S}_{ab \to cd}(\lambda_{\perp}, \mu, \nu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}_{ab \to cd}(P_{\perp}, \mu) \right] J_c(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_c^{\text{cs}}(k_{c\perp}, R, \mu) \\
\times J_d(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_d^{\text{cs}}(k_{d\perp}, R, \mu) ,$$
(2.3)

where $\hat{s} = x_a x_b s$ is the partonic center-of-mass energy, N_{init} is the corresponding spin- and color-averaged factor for each channel, while $1/(1 + \delta_{cd})$ arises from the symmetry factor due to identical partons in the final state. We have used the following short-hand notation

$$\int_{\perp} = \int d^2 \vec{k}_{a\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{b\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{c\perp} d^2 \vec{k}_{d\perp} d^2 \vec{\lambda}_{\perp} \delta^{(2)} (\vec{k}_{a\perp} + \vec{k}_{b\perp} + \vec{k}_{c\perp} + \vec{k}_{d\perp} + \vec{\lambda}_{\perp} - \vec{q}_{\perp}) \,. \tag{2.4}$$

In eq. (2.3), $f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu)$ and $f_b^{\text{unsub}}(x_b, k_{b\perp}, \mu, \nu)$ are the so-called unsubtracted TMD PDFs, which carry the longitudinal momentum fractions $x_{a,b}$ and the transverse momenta $k_{a\perp}$ and $k_{b\perp}$ with respect to their corresponding proton. In our process, we have

$$x_a = \frac{P_{\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} \left(e^{y_c} + e^{y_d} \right) , \qquad x_b = \frac{P_{\perp}}{\sqrt{s}} \left(e^{-y_c} + e^{-y_d} \right) , \qquad (2.5)$$

where y_c , y_d are the rapidities of the two leading jets.

After performing Fourier transform for eq. (2.3), we obtain the factorized formula in the coordinate *b*-space as follows

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_c dy_d dP_{\perp}^2 d^2 \vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \hat{s}^2} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1+\delta_{cd}} \int \frac{d^2 \vec{b}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i\vec{q}_{\perp}\cdot\vec{b}} x_a f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, b, \mu, \nu) \\
\times x_b f_b^{\text{unsub}}(x_b, b, \mu, \nu) \operatorname{Tr} \left[\mathbf{S}_{ab \to cd}(b, \mu, \nu) \cdot \mathbf{H}_{ab \to cd}(P_{\perp}, \mu) \right] \\
\times J_c(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_c^{\text{cs}}(b, R, \mu) J_d(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_d^{\text{cs}}(b, R, \mu) , \qquad (2.6)$$

where $f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, b, \mu, \nu)$ and $f_b^{\text{unsub}}(x_b, b, \mu, \nu)$ are the Fourier transform of $f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu)$ and $f_b^{\text{unsub}}(x_b, k_{b\perp}, \mu, \nu)$, respectively. On the other hand, $H_{ab\rightarrow cd}(P_{\perp}, \mu)$ is the hard function, while $S_{ab\rightarrow cd}(b, \mu, \nu)$ is a global soft function. Note that both the hard function $H_{ab\rightarrow cd}$ and the global soft function $S_{ab\rightarrow cd}$ are expressed in the matrix form in the color space and the trace $\text{Tr}[\cdots]$ is over the color. Such factorization of the hard scale $\sim P_{\perp}$ and the imbalance scale $\sim q_{\perp}$ [65]. Here μ and ν denotes renormalization and rapidity scales, separately. The rapidity scale ν arises because both the TMD PDFs and the global soft functions have rapidity divergence [66, 67], which are canceled between them as demonstrated below. This cancellation allows us to define rapidity divergence independent $\tilde{S}_{ab\rightarrow cd}(b, \mu)$ by

$$\boldsymbol{S}_{ab\to cd}(b,\mu,\nu) = \tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}_{ab\to cd}(b,\mu)S_{ab}(b,\mu,\nu), \qquad (2.7)$$

where $S_{ab}(b, \mu, \nu)$ is the standard soft function appearing in usual Drell-Yan and SIDIS processes. This explicit redefinition allows us to subtract the rapidity divergence from the unsubtracted TMD PDFs to define the standard TMD PDFs $f_i(x_i, b, \mu)$ that are free of rapidity divergence as [68]

$$f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, b, \mu, \nu) f_b^{\text{unsub}}(x_b, b, \mu, \nu) S_{ab}(b, \mu, \nu) = f_a(x_a, b, \mu) f_b(x_b, b, \mu).$$
(2.8)

Note that the properly-defined TMD PDFs $f_a(x_a, b, \mu)$ and $f_b(x_b, b, \mu)$ are no longer subject to the rapidity divergence and this is why there are no explicit ν -dependence in the arguments any more. Such properly-defined unpolarized TMD PDFs are the same as those probed in the standard SIDIS and Drell-Yan processes.

The jet functions $J_c(P_{\perp}R,\mu)$ and $J_d(P_{\perp}R,\mu)$ in eq. (2.6) describe the creation of anti k_T jets from the partons c and d, respectively. Finally, $S_c^{cs}(k_{c\perp}, R, \mu)$ and $S_d^{cs}(k_{d\perp}, R, \mu)$ are the collinear-soft functions. They describe soft gluon radiation with separations of order Ralong the jet direction, which can resolve the substructure of the jet. If one performs the integration over the azimuthal angle of the vector \vec{b} , we obtain the following expression

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_c dy_d dP_{\perp}^2 d^2 \vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \hat{s}^2} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{cd}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty db \, b \, J_0(q_{\perp}b) \, x_a f_a(x_a, b, \mu) \, x_b f_b(x_b, b, \mu)$$

$$\times \operatorname{Tr} \left[\tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}_{ab \to cd}(b, \mu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}_{ab \to cd}(P_{\perp}, \mu) \right] J_c(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_c^{cs}(b, R, \mu) J_d(P_{\perp}R, \mu)$$

$$\times S_d^{cs}(b, R, \mu) \,, \tag{2.9}$$

where J_0 is the Bessel function of order zero.

A few comments are in order. The proof of factorization in SCET involves matching from QCD to SCET, as well as field redefinitions to decouple fields in different modes. Such a procedure has become standard once different modes — such as hard, soft, collinear, collinear-soft modes for dijet production in our case — have been identified. For example, detailed proof of related factorization was provided in [56] within SCET formalism for vector boson and jet production in unpolarized proton-proton collisions. The extension to dijet production is straightforward, and this is how we write down eq. (2.3) for the unpolarized differential cross section.

It is well-known [48, 49, 69, 70] that the so-called Glauber mode will result in the TMD factorization breaking contributions to eq. (2.3). In this paper, we write down a theoretical formalism in eq. (2.6) using SCET with the factorization breaking effects from the Glauber mode ignored. By careful comparison between the predictions from our theoretical framework with the precision experimental data in the future, we can probe the size of the factorization breaking effects. In principle, such effects can be systematically accounted for in SCET by including explicitly the Glauber mode [71]. How exactly this works for dijet production remains to be investigated.

2.2 Dijet Sivers asymmetry

In the transversely polarized proton-proton collisions, the Sivers function will lead to a spin asymmetry in the cross section when one flips the transverse spin of the incoming proton. We thus define the difference in the cross section as $d\Delta\sigma(S_{\perp}) = [d\sigma(S_{\perp}) - d\sigma(-S_{\perp})]/2$. One can write down a similar factorized formula for such a spin-dependent differential cross section following eq. (2.3), and it is given by

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma(S_{\perp})}{dy_{c}dy_{d}dP_{\perp}^{2}d^{2}\vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}\hat{s}^{2}} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1+\delta_{cd}} \int_{\perp} \frac{1}{M} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} S_{\perp}^{\alpha} k_{a\perp}^{\beta} x_{a} f_{1T}^{\perp a,\,\text{unsub}}(x_{a}, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu) \times x_{b} f_{b}^{\text{unsub}}(x_{b}, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu) \text{Tr} \left[\mathbf{S}_{ab \rightarrow cd}(\lambda_{\perp}, \mu, \nu) \cdot \mathbf{H}_{ab \rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}(P_{\perp}, \mu) \right] \times J_{c}(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_{c}^{\text{cs}}(k_{c\perp}, R, \mu) J_{d}(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_{d}^{\text{cs}}(k_{d\perp}, R, \mu) , \qquad (2.10)$$

where $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ is a two-dimensional asymmetric tensor with $\epsilon_{12} = +1$.

In writing down this spin-dependent formalism, we start from the unpolarized factorized formalism in eq. (2.3) with the replacement of the unpolarized TMD PDF by the Sivers function following the so-called Trento convention [72],

$$f_a^{\text{unsub}}(x_a, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu) \to \frac{1}{M} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} S_{\perp}^{\alpha} k_{a\perp}^{\beta} f_{1T, ab \to cd}^{\perp a, \text{ unsub}}(x_a, k_{a\perp}, \mu, \nu), \qquad (2.11)$$

where the subscript $ab \rightarrow cd$ in the Sivers function on the right-hand side represents the so-called process-dependence of the Sivers function, as discovered by [43–45, 68, 73–75]. It turns out that one can shift such process-dependence to be included into the hard function, while changing the Sivers functions in eq. (2.10) to be the same as the one probed in the SIDIS process. Once this is done, we will have a new hard function $\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}(P_{\perp},\mu)$, which would be different from the unpolarized hard function, $\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\rightarrow cd}(P_{\perp},\mu)$. We explain in details how we derive the hard functions $\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}$ for different partonic processes in the next section, where we show non-trivial structures are expressed in terms of matrix forms in the color space. To a large degree, our formalism for the spin-dependent case can be regarded as an extension of the generalized TMD formalism introduced earlier in [43, 73– 75], but with a matrix form for both hard and soft functions.

In principle, the global soft function $S_{ab\to cd}(\lambda_{\perp}, \mu, \nu)$ in eq. (2.10) could also be different in the polarized case. In fact, ref. [76] shows in explicit calculations at one-loop level that soft functions in the polarized case are different from the unpolarized counterpart beyond leading logarithmic accuracy, which is an indication of TMD factorization breaking. However, the change in soft function comes from the Glauber gluon which we ignore as explained above.¹ In this respect, our starting point eq. (2.10) will be the best assumption at hand that takes a factorized form. We show the RG consistency for this factorized form, and we also demonstrate how we derive the process-dependent hard functions $H_{ab\to cd}^{\text{Sivers}}(P_{\perp},\mu)$ for the polarized scattering. We leave a detailed study on the numerical impact of any TMD factorization breaking effects for future investigation.

Performing Fourier transform from the transverse momentum space into the b-space, we obtain

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma(S_{\perp})}{dy_{c}dy_{d}dP_{\perp}^{2}d^{2}\vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}\hat{s}^{2}} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1+\delta_{cd}} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} S_{\perp}^{\alpha} \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{b}}{(2\pi)^{2}} e^{i\vec{q}_{\perp}\cdot\vec{b}} x_{a} f_{1T}^{\perp a(\beta)}(x_{a},b,\mu) \\ \times x_{b} f_{b}(x_{b},b,\mu) \operatorname{Tr} \left[\tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}_{ab\rightarrow cd}(b,\mu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}_{ab\rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}(P_{\perp},\mu)\right] \\ \times J_{c}(P_{\perp}R,\mu) S_{c}^{\text{cs}}(b,R,\mu) J_{d}(P_{\perp}R,\mu) S_{d}^{\text{cs}}(b,R,\mu) , \qquad (2.12)$$

where we have already used eq. (2.7) to rewrite the unsubtracted unpolarized TMD PDF and Sivers function in terms of the properly defined versions which are free of rapidity divergence. Here $f_{1T}^{\perp a(\beta)}(x_a, b, \mu)$ is the Fourier transform of the Sivers function,

$$f_{1T}^{\perp a(\beta)}(x_a, b, \mu) = \frac{1}{M} \int d^2 \vec{k}_{a\perp} e^{-i\vec{k}_{a\perp} \cdot \vec{b}} k_{a\perp}^{\beta} f_{1T}^{\perp a}(x_a, k_{a\perp}, \mu) ,$$

$$\equiv \left(\frac{ib^{\beta}}{2}\right) \hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp a}(x_a, b, \mu) , \qquad (2.13)$$

where we have used the fact that the integration in the first line would be proportional to b^{β} , and we thus factored b^{β} out explicitly in the second line.² The remaining part of the Sivers function is now denoted as $\hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp a}(x_a, b, \mu)$. Note that for the same reason as explained below eq. (2.8), we do not have the rapidity ν -dependence in the above equation. It is also instructive to emphasize that $\hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp a}(x_a, b, \mu)$ follows the same TMD evolution equations as the unpolarized TMD PDF $f_a(x_a, b, \mu)$, which enables us to evolve the Sivers function from some initial scale μ_0 to the relevant scale μ . On the other hand, at the initial scale μ_0 , the unpolarized TMD PDF $f_a(x_a, b, \mu_0)$ can be expanded in terms of the collinear PDFs $f_a(x_a, \mu_0)$. At a specific scale $\mu_b = b_0/b$ with $b_0 = 2e^{-\gamma_E}$, we have

$$f_a(x_a, b, \mu_b) = \int_{x_a}^1 \frac{dx}{x} C_{a \leftarrow i} \left(\frac{x_a}{x}, \mu_b\right) f_i(x, \mu_b), \qquad (2.14)$$

¹We thank J. Gaunt for pointing this out to us.

²To make the matching coefficient normalized to 1 at the lowest order in eq. (2.15), we include the additional factor of i/2 in eq. (2.13).



Figure 2. Illustration of first non-global logarithms from quantum correlation of in-jet and out-of-jet radiation.

where the coefficient $C_{a\leftarrow i}$ can be found in e.g. refs. [68, 77]. Likewise, Sivers function $\hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp a}(x_a, b, \mu)$ can be further matched onto the collinear twist-three Qiu-Sterman function $T_{a,F}(x_1, x_2, \mu)$. At the scale μ_b , one has the following expression for quark Sivers functions

$$\hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp q}(x_a, b, \mu_b) = \int_{x_a}^{1} \frac{dx}{x} C_{q \leftarrow q'}^T\left(\frac{x_a}{x}, \mu_b\right) T_{q', F}(x, x, \mu_b), \qquad (2.15)$$

where the matching coefficients at the NLO are given by [78-82]

$$C_{q \leftarrow q'}^{T}(x, \mu_b) = \delta_{qq'} \left[\delta(1-x) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_b)}{2\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{2N_c} \right) (1-x) \right].$$
(2.16)

We now plug eq. (2.13) into eq. (2.12), and integrate over the azimuthal angle of the vector \vec{b} , we obtain

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma(S_{\perp})}{dy_c dy_d dP_{\perp}^2 d^2 \vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sin(\phi_q - \phi_S) \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \hat{s}^2} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{cd}} \left(-\frac{1}{4\pi}\right) \int_0^\infty db \, b^2 J_1(q_{\perp}b) \\ \times \, x_a \, \hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp a}(x_a, b, \mu) x_b \, f_b(x_b, b, \mu) \, \text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}_{ab \to cd}(b, \mu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}_{ab \to cd}^{\text{Sivers}}(P_{\perp}, \mu)\right] \\ \times \, J_c(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_c^{\text{cs}}(b, R, \mu) J_d(P_{\perp}R, \mu) S_d^{\text{cs}}(b, R, \mu) \,, \tag{2.17}$$

where J_1 is the Bessel function of order one, and we have used the identity

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}S^{\alpha}_{\perp}\,\hat{q}^{\beta}_{\perp} = \sin(\phi_q - \phi_S)\,,\tag{2.18}$$

with \hat{q}_{\perp} the unit vector along the direction of the imbalance \vec{q}_{\perp} . In general, the so-called single spin asymmetry (the Sivers asymmetry) A_N for dijet production will be then given by

$$A_N = \frac{d\Delta\sigma(S_\perp)}{dy_c dy_d dP_\perp^2 d^2 \vec{q}_\perp} \left/ \frac{d\sigma}{dy_c dy_d dP_\perp^2 d^2 \vec{q}_\perp} \right.$$
(2.19)

2.3 Remarks

We will provide detailed expressions and discuss the evolution of all the relevant functions in the next section. Here, let us emphasize the following points on our factorized formalism:

• There will be non-global structures from quantum correlations between in-jet and outof-jet radiations: exclusive jet production will be sensitive on the correlation effects between in-jet and out-of-jet radiations, which is first discovered in [83]. There, it was shown that non-global logarithms first appear at NNLO order through a correlated emission from a heavy mass hemisphere to a light mass hemisphere. We observe similar non-global logarithms first at NNLO through a correlated emission from the higher scaled in-jet to the lower scaled out-of-jet emission as shown in figure 2, which is given at NNLO by [84]

$$-\frac{C_A C_a}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{24} \ln^2 \left(\frac{P_{\perp}^2}{\mu_b^2}\right), \qquad (2.20)$$

where $C_a = C_F$ and C_A for the quark and gluon jet, respectively. To generalize the analysis of these non-global logarithms to general resummation order, the factorization and resummation formula need to include multi-Wilson-line structures [85, 86]. The multi-Wilson-line formalism then gives rise to the non-linear evolution equation [87] for non-global logarithms (NGLs) resummation. The TMD factorization formula including such effects have been given in [56, 88, 89]. Numerically, the leading-logarithmic NGLs resummation can be solved using parton shower methods [83, 90–92] or BMS equations [93, 94]. In our phenomenology, we have included the contributions from leading-logarithmic NGLs as discussed in section 5.

- Our formalism for unpolarized dijet production in eqs. (2.6) is similar to those in [53, 54]. Here, by taking the small-R limit, we refactorize the TMD R-dependence soft function [53, 54] as the product of the R-independent global TMD soft function and the R-dependent collinear-soft function [55, 56]. In addition, the R-dependent hard function in [53, 54] has been further factorized into a R-independent hard function as above and the jet functions which naturally capture all the R-dependence. In this regard, the factorized formula presented here is more transparent and intuitive. Such refactorizations are essential to resum logarithms of R for small radius jets.
- After performing the refactorization mentioned in the above item, both the single logarithmic anomalous dimensions of the global and collinear-soft function not only depend on the magnitude $|\vec{b}|$ but also the azimuthal angle ϕ_b of the vector \vec{b} [55, 56]. Especially, after taking into account QCD evolution effects the ϕ_b integral is divergent in some phase space region. In order to regularize such divergences, we can first take ϕ_b averaging in both the global and collinear-soft function, and then explicit ϕ_b dependence will vanish. Therefore, one can avoid such divergence in the resummation formula directly. This ϕ_b averaging method will not change the RG consistency at the one-loop order. The other methods to avoid such divergence have been discussed in [56], and no significant numerical differences are found at the NLL accuracy. The



Figure 3. Unpolarized scattering amplitudes for the $qq \rightarrow qq$ subprocess. From left the right, the scattering amplitude is provided for the *t*- and *u*-channel processes.

similar ϕ_b averaging methods have also been used in [95–97] to simplify the calculation of the TMD soft function.

3 Hard functions in unpolarized and polarized scattering

In this section, we derive the hard functions for both unpolarized and polarized scatterings, i.e. $H_{ab\rightarrow cd}(P_{\perp},\mu)$ and $H_{ab\rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}(P_{\perp},\mu)$ in eqs. (2.9) and (2.17), respectively. They are matrices in the color space. We first review the results for the hard functions $H_{ab\rightarrow cd}$ in the unpolarized scattering, which are well-known in the literature, see e.g. refs. [98, 99]. We then derive the hard function matrices $H_{ab\rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}$ in the polarized scattering case. These hard functions properly take into account the process-dependence of the Sivers functions [43–45, 68, 73–75]. To get started, we define the Mandelstam variables for the partonic scattering process, $a(p_1) + b(p_2) \rightarrow c(p_3) + d(p_4)$, as follows

$$\hat{s} = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = (p_3 + p_4)^2 = 4P_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2\left(\frac{\Delta y}{2}\right) = x_a x_b s,$$
 (3.1a)

$$\hat{t} = (p_1 - p_3)^2 = (p_2 - p_4)^2 = -2P_{\perp}^2 e^{-\Delta y/2} \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta y}{2}\right),$$
 (3.1b)

$$\hat{u} = (p_1 - p_4)^2 = (p_2 - p_3)^2 = -2P_{\perp}^2 e^{\Delta y/2} \cosh\left(\frac{\Delta y}{2}\right),$$
 (3.1c)

where $\Delta y = y_c - y_d$ is the rapidity difference of the two jets. In the following, the expressions for the hard functions will be written in terms of these Mandelstam variables.

3.1 Unpolarized hard matrices

3.1.1 Four quark subprocesses

We start with the partonic subprocesses that involve four quarks, such as $qq \rightarrow qq$. In table 1, we organize each of the four quark subprocesses into a color basis. The color basis operators acting on particles *i* and *j* are denoted as $\Gamma_{n,ij}$ which are used to generate the hard and soft matrices. For the four quark interactions, two operators, n = 1, 2, are required to span the color space. As seen in the table, this results in 12 total color matrices. Using the fact that hard function for the unpolarized case is invariant under the charge conjugation, the bottom row can easily be computed from the top row. Furthermore, once the hard matrices have been calculated for the first column, crossing symmetry can

$12 \rightarrow 34$	Color Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Color Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Color Basis
$qq' \rightarrow qq'$		$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$		$q\bar{q}' ightarrow \bar{q}'q$	
$qq' \rightarrow q'q$	$\Gamma_{n,31}\Gamma_{n,42}$	$q\bar{q}' \to q\bar{q}'$	$\Gamma_{n,21}\Gamma_{n,34}$	$q\bar{q} \to \bar{q}'q'$	$\Gamma_{n,41}\Gamma_{n,23}$
$qq' \rightarrow qq$		$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$		$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q}q$	
$\bar{q}\bar{q}' ightarrow \bar{q}\bar{q}'$		$\bar{q}q \rightarrow \bar{q}'q'$		$\bar{q}q' \rightarrow q'\bar{q}$	
$\bar{q}\bar{q}' o \bar{q}'\bar{q}$	$\Gamma_{n,13}\Gamma_{n,24}$	$\bar{q}q' \rightarrow \bar{q}q'$	$\Gamma_{n,12}\Gamma_{n,43}$	$\bar{q}q \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$	$\Gamma_{n,14}\Gamma_{n,32}$
$\bar{q}\bar{q}' o \bar{q}\bar{q}$		$\bar{q}q \rightarrow \bar{q}q$		$\bar{q}q \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	

Table 1. The choice of basis for each of the four quark subprocesses. $\Gamma_{n,ij}$ are operators in color space which join the fermion lines *i* and *j*. For the four quark subprocesses, two operators, $\Gamma_{1,ij}$ and $\Gamma_{2,ij}$, are required to span the color space.

be applied in order to obtain the hard color matrices for the second and third column. It is then only necessary to explicitly calculate the hard matrices for the subprocesses associated with the color basis $\Gamma_{n,31}\Gamma_{n,42}$. For our calculation, we follow the conventions used in refs. [98, 99] to choose $\Gamma_{1,ij} = (t^a)_{ij}$ and $\Gamma_{2,ij} = \delta_{ij}$, so that the color basis is spanned by the orthogonal basis

$$\theta_1 = (t^a)_{ij}(t^a)_{kl}, \qquad \theta_2 = \delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}, \qquad (3.2)$$

$$\theta_1^{\dagger} = (t^a)_{ji}(t^a)_{lk}, \qquad \theta_2^{\dagger} = \delta_{ji}\delta_{lk}.$$
(3.3)

We note that other bases have been used in the literature [100]. We now explicitly perform the calculation for the $qq' \rightarrow qq'$, $qq' \rightarrow q'q$, and $qq \rightarrow qq$ subprocesses. For these subprocesses, we can write

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_t^{\mathrm{kin}} \left(t^b \right)_{31} \left(t^b \right)_{42} + \mathcal{M}_u^{\mathrm{kin}} \left(t^b \right)_{32} \left(t^b \right)_{41}$$
(3.4)

where we have suppressed the $ab \rightarrow cd$ subprocess label. The subscript in the \mathcal{M} terms denotes the relevant Mandelstam variable $(\hat{t} \text{ or } \hat{u})$ for the channel that contributes to the subprocess as shown in the figure 3. To arrive at this expressions, we have separated the color parts from the kinematic parts (denoted with the superscript kin). These kinematic scattering amplitudes are defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_{t}^{\mathrm{kin}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{g_{s}^{2}}{\hat{t}}\bar{u}(P_{1})\gamma^{\mu}u(x_{a}\,P_{A})\bar{u}(P_{2})\gamma_{\mu}u(x_{b}\,P_{B}) & ab \to cd = qq' \to qq' \\ 0 & \text{for} & ab \to cd = qq' \to q'q \\ -\frac{g_{s}^{2}}{\hat{t}}\bar{u}(P_{1})\gamma^{\mu}u(x_{a}\,P_{A})\bar{u}(P_{2})\gamma_{\mu}u(x_{b}\,P_{B}) & ab \to cd = qq \to qq \,, \end{cases}$$
(3.5)

$$\mathcal{M}_{u}^{\mathrm{kin}} = \begin{cases} 0 & ab \to cd = qq' \to qq' \\ -\frac{g_{s}^{2}}{\hat{u}}\bar{u}(P_{2})\gamma^{\mu}u(x_{a}P_{A})\bar{u}(P_{1})\gamma_{\mu}u(x_{b}P_{B}) & \text{for} & ab \to cd = qq' \to q'q \\ \frac{g_{s}^{2}}{\hat{u}}\bar{u}(P_{2})\gamma^{\mu}u(x_{a}P_{A})\bar{u}(P_{1})\gamma_{\mu}u(x_{b}P_{B}) & ab \to cd = qq \to qq . \end{cases}$$
(3.6)

We can now decompose these scattering amplitudes in color space as

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \,\theta_1 + \mathcal{M}_2 \,\theta_2 \qquad \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} = \mathcal{M}_1^{\dagger} \,\theta_1^{\dagger} + \mathcal{M}_2^{\dagger} \,\theta_2^{\dagger} \,, \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\mathcal{M}_{1} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]} \quad \mathcal{M}_{2} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}\theta_{2}^{\dagger}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}\theta_{2}^{\dagger}\right]} \quad \mathcal{M}_{1}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\theta_{1}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]} \quad \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\theta_{2}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}\theta_{2}^{\dagger}\right]}.$$
 (3.8)

To obtain the expressions in eq. (3.8), we have exploited the orthogonality of our chosen color basis in eqs. (3.2) and (3.3). Then we will have $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ as

$$\mathcal{M}|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\to cd} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}_{ab\to cd}\right],$$
(3.9)

where the hard matrix is given by

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\to cd} = \begin{bmatrix} |\mathcal{M}_1|^2 & \mathcal{M}_1 \mathcal{M}_2^{\dagger} \\ \mathcal{M}_2 \mathcal{M}_1^{\dagger} & |\mathcal{M}_2|^2 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.10)$$

and the leading order soft matrix as

$$\boldsymbol{S}_{ab\to cd} = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \theta_1^{\dagger} \\ \theta_2 \theta_1^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \theta_2^{\dagger} \\ \theta_2 \theta_2^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2 \theta_2^{\dagger} \\ \theta_2 \theta_2^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} N_c C_F & 0 \\ 0 & N_c^2 \end{bmatrix} .$$
(3.11)

The hard matrices of the four quark processes in $\Gamma_{31}\Gamma_{42}$ color basis in table 1 are given by

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qq' \to qq'} = \frac{8g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{t}^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.12)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qq' \to q'q} = \frac{8g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2\right)}{\hat{u}^2 C_A^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -C_F \\ -C_F & C_F^2 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.13)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qq \to qq} = \frac{8g_s^4}{\hat{t}^2 \hat{u}^2 N_c^2} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{t}^4 + \hat{s}^2 \hat{t}^2 - 2N_c \hat{s}^2 \hat{u} \hat{t} + N_c^2 \hat{u}^4 + N_c^2 \hat{s}^2 \hat{u}^2 & -C_F \hat{t} \left(\hat{t}^3 + \hat{s}^2 \hat{t} - N_c \hat{s}^2 \hat{u} \right) \\ -C_F \hat{t} \left(\hat{t}^3 + \hat{s}^2 \hat{t} - N_c \hat{s}^2 \hat{u} \right) & C_F^2 \hat{t}^2 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2 \right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(3.14)$$

We find these results to be consistent with the expressions in [98]. The remaining hard functions can be obtained from crossing symmetries.

3.1.2 Two quarks and two gluon subprocesses

In table 2, we provide a list of subprocesses involving two quarks and two gluons with the color basis operators $\Gamma_{n,ij}^{ab}$. For the two quark and two gluon interactions, three operators, n = 1, 2, 3, are required to span the color space. A convenient choice for the computation is the set of orthogonal operators (primed),

$$\Gamma_{1,ij}^{ab}{}' = \frac{\delta^{ab}}{2N_c} \delta_{ij}, \qquad \Gamma_{2,ij}^{ab}{}' = \frac{1}{2} d^{abc} t_{ij}^c, \qquad \Gamma_{3,ij}^{ab}{}' = \frac{1}{2} f^{abc} t_{ij}^c, \qquad (3.15)$$

which has the corresponding orthogonal basis,

$$\theta_1' = \frac{\delta^{ab}}{2N_c} \delta_{ij} , \qquad \theta_2' = \frac{1}{2} d^{abc} t_{ij}^c , \qquad \theta_3' = \frac{1}{2} f^{abc} t_{ij}^c . \tag{3.16}$$

At the same time, we find that the final expressions for the hard matrices take a simpler form when one uses the non-orthogonal basis used in refs. [98-100] by defining the basis

$12 \rightarrow 34$	Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Basis	$12 \rightarrow 34$	Basis
$q\bar{q} ightarrow gg$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,21}$	$qg \to gq$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,41}$	$qg \to qg$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,31}$	$gq \to gq$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,42}$	$gq \to qg$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,32}$	$gg \to q\bar{q}$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,43}$
$\bar{q}g \rightarrow \bar{q}g$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,21}$	$\bar{q}g ightarrow g\bar{q}$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,41}$	$\bar{q}q ightarrow gg$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,31}$	$gg \to \bar{q}q$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,42}$	$g\bar{q} ightarrow \bar{q}g$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,32}$	$g\bar{q} ightarrow g\bar{q}$	$\Gamma^{ab}_{n,43}$

Table 2. The choice of basis for each of two quark two gluon subprocesses. Three operators $\Gamma_{1,ij}^{ab}, \Gamma_{2,ij}^{ab}, \Gamma_{3,ij}^{ab}$ are required to span the color space for each subprocess.

operators to be (unprimed)

$$\Gamma_{1,ij}^{ab} = (t^a t^b)_{ij}, \qquad \Gamma_{2,ij}^{ab} = (t^b t^a)_{ij}, \qquad \Gamma_{3,ij}^{ab} = \delta_{ij} \delta^{ab}.$$
(3.17)

The corresponding basis is given by

$$\theta_1 = (t^a t^b)_{ij}, \qquad \theta_2 = (t^b t^a)_{ij}, \qquad \theta_3 = \delta_{ij} \delta^{ab}.$$
(3.18)

We note that the normalization of θ_3 in [100] differs from the normalization of refs. [98, 99] by a factor of 2. For the choice of basis in eq. (3.18), the LO soft matrix is given by

$$\boldsymbol{S}_{ab\to cd} = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \theta_1^{\dagger} \\ \theta_2 \theta_1^{\dagger} \\ \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2 \theta_2^{\dagger} \\ \theta_3 \theta_1^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \theta_2^{\dagger} \\ \theta_2 \theta_2^{\dagger} \\ \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2 \theta_2^{\dagger} \\ \theta_3 \theta_2^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2 \theta_3^{\dagger} \\ \theta_3 \theta_2^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \operatorname{Tr} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2 \theta_3^{\dagger} \\ \theta_3 \theta_3^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_c C_F^2 & -\frac{C_F}{2} & N_c C_F \\ -\frac{C_F}{2} & N_c C_F^2 & N_c C_F \\ N_c C_F & N_c C_F & 2N_c^2 C_F \end{bmatrix} .$$
(3.19)

In order to exploit the orthogonality condition of the primed basis in eq. (3.16), but still provide a simple expression for the hard matrices using the unprimed basis in eq. (3.18), we first compute the hard matrices in the primed basis then obtain the results in the unprimed basis using the relation

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\to cd} = \boldsymbol{R}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{H}_{ab\to cd}^{\prime} \boldsymbol{R}, \quad \text{where} \quad \boldsymbol{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2N_c & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}. \quad (3.20)$$

We now perform the calculation for the hard matrices for the $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$ process in the primed orthogonal basis. The scattering amplitude for this subprocess can be written in color space as

$$\mathcal{M} = M_1 \theta_1' + M_2 \theta_2' + M_3 \theta_3' \qquad \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} = M_1^{\dagger} \theta_1'^{\dagger} + M_2^{\dagger} \theta_2'^{\dagger} + M_3^{\dagger} \theta_3'^{\dagger} \qquad (3.21)$$

where

$$\mathcal{M}_{1} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}\theta_{1}^{\prime\dagger}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}^{\prime}\theta_{1}^{\prime\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{2} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}\theta_{2}^{\prime\dagger}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}^{\prime}\theta_{2}^{\prime\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{3} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}\theta_{3}^{\prime\dagger}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{3}^{\prime}\theta_{3}^{\prime\dagger}\right]}, \qquad (3.22)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{1}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\theta_{1}^{\prime}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}^{\prime}\theta_{1}^{\prime}\right]}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\theta_{2}^{\prime}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}^{\prime}\theta_{2}^{\prime}\right]}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{3}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\theta_{3}^{\prime}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{3}^{\prime}\theta_{3}^{\prime}\right]}.$$
(3.23)

The hard matrix in the primed basis can therefore be computed as

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to gg}^{\prime} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \, M_1^{\dagger} \, M_1 \, M_2^{\dagger} \, M_1 \, M_3^{\dagger} \\ M_2 \, M_1^{\dagger} \, M_2 \, M_2^{\dagger} \, M_2 \, M_3^{\dagger} \\ M_3 \, M_1^{\dagger} \, M_3 \, M_2^{\dagger} \, M_3 \, M_3^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \,.$$
(3.24)

Finally, we now use eq. (3.20) to obtain the simplified hard functions in the unprimed basis as

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to gg} = 8g_s^4 \frac{\left(\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{s}^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{u}{\hat{t}} & 1 & 0\\ 1 & \frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{u}} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$
(3.25)

The hard matrices for other subprocesses involving two quarks and two gluons, such as $qg \rightarrow qg$, can be obtained from this expression using crossing symmetries.

3.1.3 Four gluon subprocesses

For the four gluon subprocesses, $gg \to gg$, we follow the work in refs. [98, 99] to use the following over-complete basis

$$\theta_{1} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{2}} t^{a_{3}} t^{a_{4}} \right], \qquad \theta_{2} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{2}} t^{a_{4}} t^{a_{3}} \right], \qquad \theta_{3} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{4}} t^{a_{3}} t^{a_{2}} \right], \\ \theta_{4} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{4}} t^{a_{2}} t^{a_{3}} \right], \qquad \theta_{5} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{3}} t^{a_{4}} t^{a_{2}} \right], \qquad \theta_{6} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{3}} t^{a_{2}} t^{a_{4}} \right], \\ \theta_{7} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{4}} \right] \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{2}} t^{a_{3}} \right], \qquad \theta_{8} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{2}} \right] \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{3}} t^{a_{4}} \right], \qquad \theta_{9} = \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{1}} t^{a_{3}} \right] \operatorname{Tr} \left[t^{a_{2}} t^{a_{4}} \right]. \\ (3.26)$$

We note that a six dimensional basis was chosen in [100]. Using this basis in eq. (3.26), one can show that the hard matrix takes the following form

The LO soft matrix for this channel is given in appendix C of [99] for this basis as

$$\boldsymbol{S}_{gg \to gg} = \frac{C_F}{8N_c} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & b_0 & c_0 & b_0 & b_0 & d_0 & d_0 & -e_0 \\ b_0 & a_0 & b_0 & b_0 & c_0 & b_0 & -e_0 & d_0 & b_0 \\ c_0 & b_0 & a_0 & b_0 & b_0 & b_0 & d_0 & d_0 & -e_0 \\ b_0 & b_0 & b_0 & a_0 & b_0 & -e_0 & d_0 & d_0 \\ b_0 & c_0 & b_0 & b_0 & a_0 & b_0 & -e_0 & d_0 & d_0 \\ b_0 & b_0 & b_0 & c_0 & b_0 & a_0 & d_0 & -e_0 & d_0 \\ d_0 & -e_0 & d_0 & d_0 & -e_0 & d_0 & d_0e_0 & e_0^2 & e_0^2 \\ d_0 & d_0 & d_0 & -e_0 & d_0 & d_0 & e_0^2 & e_0^2 & d_0e_0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.28)$$

where $a_0 = N_c^4 - 3N_c^2 + 3$, $b_0 = 3 - N_c^2$, $c_0 = 3 + N_c^2$, $d_0 = 2N_c^2 C_F$, and $e_0 = N_c$.

3.2 Polarized hard matrices

As we have emphasized in the previous section, Sivers function is non-universal. The wellknown example is the sign change between the Sivers function probed in SIDIS and that in Drell-Yan (DY) process [32–34],

$$f_{1T}^{\perp q(\text{DY})}(x, k_{\perp}, \mu) = -f_{1T}^{\perp q(\text{SIDIS})}(x, k_{\perp}, \mu) \,. \tag{3.29}$$

Such a sign change can be easily taken care of in describing the Drell-Yan Sivers asymmetry,

$$d\Delta\sigma(S_{\perp}) \propto f_{1T}^{\perp q(\text{DY})}(x, k_{\perp}, \mu) H(Q, \mu) = f_{1T}^{\perp q(\text{SIDIS})}(x, k_{\perp}, \mu) \left[-H(Q, \mu) \right], \qquad (3.30)$$

where $H(Q, \mu)$ is the hard function in the Drell-Yan process, and we have applied eq. (3.29) in the second step. In other words, if we use the SIDIS Sivers function in a Drell-Yan process, we shift the minus sign (or the process-dependence) into the hard function.

For the partonic subprocesses in the hadronic dijet production, one has much more complicated process-dependence for the Sivers functions involved. This can be seen from the highly nontrivial gauge link structure which has been derived in [74] in the definition of the TMD PDFs. Even in these complicated processes, one can incorporate such processdependence of the Sivers functions into modified hard functions as in eq. (3.30) [43–45, 73, 75]. We follow a similar procedure in this section to include this process-dependence of the Sivers functions into the hard functions in the matrix form.

In figure 4, we demonstrate the factorization between the Sivers function and modified hard functions. Unlike the unpolarized case, the contributions of the Sivers asymmetry are given by considering the attachment of an additional collinear (to the incoming hadron) gluon to three of the external legs. Such a gluon is part of the gauge link in the definition of the Sivers function, and it is the imaginary part of the Feynman diagram (related to the socalled soft gluonic pole) that contributes to the process-dependence of the Sivers function.

It is important to note that the additional gluon leads to additional complications so that naive crossing symmetry cannot be used to relate one hard function to another, as in the unpolarized case studied above. These complications occur because the contributions to the Sivers asymmetry are only given by attaching the additional gluon to three of the four external legs. Furthermore, since the sign of the interaction (imaginary part) with the external gluon is opposite for quarks and anti-quarks, this sign must also be accounted for when applying crossing symmetry or charge conjugation.

3.2.1 Four quark subprocesses

As in the unpolarized case, the bases for four quark subprocesses are given in table 1. As discussed above, one cannot naively apply crossing symmetry to obtain hard matrices of a general polarized subprocess. For the polarized four quark subprocesses, however, only the sign of each color factor changes under charge conjugation. Therefore, the hard matrices for the bottom row of table 1 can be obtained from the results from the top row of this table with the addition of a minus sign.

To demonstrate how $H_{ab\to cd}^{\text{Sivers}}$ are derived, we explicitly perform the calculation for the $qq' \to qq', qq' \to q'q$, and $qq \to qq$ subprocesses as we did for the unpolarized case.



Figure 4. A demonstration of the factorization between the Sivers function and the hard function for $qq' \rightarrow qq'$ subprocess. The red lines indicate the locations of the soft poles while the blue gluon represents the gauge link which generates the asymmetry.

Afterwards, we provide the expressions for the remaining subprocesses. To start, it is important to remind ourselves that a non-vanishing Sivers asymmetry requires initial/final state interactions generating a phase. Because all initial and final partonic states relevant for dijet production are colored, both initial and final state interactions have to be taken into account. Such interactions would generate non-trivial gauge link structures, see e.g. refs. [44, 74, 101]. On the left side of figure 4, as an example, we show all possible diagrams with one gluon exchange between the remnant of the polarized proton and the $qq' \rightarrow qq'$ hard scattering part, which contribute to the Sivers asymmetry. Now with the presence of the extra gluon scattering (first order of the gauge link expansion), the diagram at the left side of the cut will be denoted as $\mathcal{M}_j^{\text{Sivers},a}$, while the right side is same as the unpolarized case denoted as \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} . Here *a* is the color for the attached gluon, *j* is the color index for the incoming quark with momentum $x_a P_A$ on the left side of cut line, while the color index for the incoming quark on the right side of the cut line is given by 1 like in the previous section. In contrast to the unpolarized correlation function, quarks *j* and 1 do not need to have the same color, because of the presence of the gluon from the gauge link. Now we



Figure 5. Polarized scattering amplitudes for the $qq \rightarrow qq$ subprocess. From left the right, the first three graphs give the scattering amplitude for the *t*-channel for initial-state, final-state 1, and final-state 2 interactions. The remaining channels give the contributions for the *u*-channel for initial-state, final-state 1, and final-state 2 interactions.

perform the following expansion to obtain the hard matrix $|\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers}}|^2$ for the polarized case,

$$\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\mathrm{Sivers},a}\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} = |\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{Sivers}}|^{2} t_{1j}^{a}, \qquad (3.31)$$

where t_{1j}^a will be included into the quark-quark correlator in the polarized proton to become $\sim \langle PS | \bar{\psi}_1 n \cdot A^a t_{1j}^a \psi_j | PS \rangle$, see e.g. refs. [74, 75, 102]. From eq. (3.31), we thus derive

$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers}}|^{2} = \frac{1}{\text{Tr}\left[t^{a}t^{a}\right]} \mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a} t_{j1}^{a} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}$$
$$= \frac{1}{N_{c}} \cdot \frac{1}{C_{F}} \mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a} t_{j1}^{a} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}.$$
(3.32)

At the same time, we use the convention that N_{init} in the polarized and unpolarized cases are the same. Therefore, the factor of $1/N_c$ in eq. (3.32) is absorbed into N_{init} . With that in mind, to arrive at the correct normalization of the polarized hard function, we thus obtain

$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers}}|^2 \to \frac{1}{C_F} \mathcal{M}_j^{\text{Sivers},a} t_{j1}^a \mathcal{M}^\dagger, \qquad (3.33)$$

which is demonstrated on the right-hand side of figure 4.

Now we need to project $\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}$ and \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} into the color basis separately. The polarized scattering amplitude $\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}$ can be written as

$$\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a} = \mathcal{M}_{t}^{\text{kin}} \left(t^{b} t^{a} \right)_{42} \left(t^{b} \right)_{3j} + \mathcal{M}_{t}^{\text{kin}} \left(t^{b} \right)_{42} \left(t^{a} t^{b} \right)_{3j} + \mathcal{M}_{t}^{\text{kin}} \left(t^{a} t^{b} \right)_{42} \left(t^{b} \right)_{3j} \quad (3.34)$$
$$+ \mathcal{M}_{u}^{\text{kin}} \left(t^{b} t^{a} \right)_{32} \left(t^{b} \right)_{4j} + \mathcal{M}_{u}^{\text{kin}} \left(t^{a} t^{b} \right)_{32} \left(t^{b} \right)_{4j} + \mathcal{M}_{u}^{\text{kin}} \left(t^{b} \right)_{32} \left(t^{b} \right)_{4j} ,$$

where $\mathcal{M}_t^{\text{kin}}$ and $\mathcal{M}_u^{\text{kin}}$ are the same as the expressions in eqs. (3.5) and (3.6). From left to right on the top line of this expression, these terms give the scattering amplitudes for the initial-state, final-state 1, and final-state 2 interaction for the *t*-channel, corresponding to the first three diagrams of figure 5 in the same order. Likewise from left to right on the bottom line, the terms give the scattering amplitude for the initial-state, final-state 1, and final-state 2 interaction for the *u*-channel, corresponding to the last three diagrams of figure 5 in the same order. Using the Feynman rules for the gauge link color factors given in figure 6 of [75], we easily arrive at eq. (3.34) from these diagrams. From the unpolarized scattering amplitude given in eq. (3.4), we write the conjugate amplitude as

$$\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} = \mathcal{M}_{t}^{\mathrm{kin}\dagger} \left(t^{b} \right)_{24} \left(t^{b} \right)_{13} + \mathcal{M}_{u}^{\mathrm{kin}\dagger} \left(t^{b} \right)_{23} \left(t^{b} \right)_{14} \,. \tag{3.35}$$

Analogous to the unpolarized scattering amplitude, the scattering amplitude can be decomposed into the orthogonal basis given in eq. (3.2) as

$$\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\mathrm{Sivers},a} t_{j1}^{a} = \mathcal{M}_{1}^{\mathrm{Sivers}} \theta_{1} + \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\mathrm{Sivers}} \theta_{2} , \qquad (3.36)$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} = \mathcal{M}_{1}^{\dagger} \theta_{1}^{\dagger} + \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\dagger} \theta_{2}^{\dagger} , \qquad (3.37)$$

where we have

$$\mathcal{M}_{1}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}t_{j1}^{a}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}t_{j1}^{a}\theta_{2}^{\dagger}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}\theta_{2}^{\dagger}\right]}, \qquad (3.38)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{1}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \theta_{1}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{1} \theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \theta_{2}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{2} \theta_{2}^{\dagger}\right]}. \tag{3.39}$$

After performing this decomposition, we can now write

$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers}}|^2 = \text{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\to cd}^{\text{Sivers}} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}_{ab\to cd}\right], \qquad (3.40)$$

where $H_{ab \rightarrow cd}^{\text{Sivers}}$ is given by

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{ab\to cd}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{1}{C_F} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{Sivers}} \ \mathcal{M}_1^{\dagger} \ \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{Sivers}} \ \mathcal{M}_2^{\dagger} \\ \mathcal{M}_2^{\text{Sivers}} \ \mathcal{M}_1^{\dagger} \ \mathcal{M}_2^{\text{Sivers}} \ \mathcal{M}_2^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.41)

and \boldsymbol{S} is the same as the unpolarized case.

From these expressions, we can obtain the polarized hard matrices for the $qq' \rightarrow qq'$, $qq' \rightarrow q'q$, and $qq \rightarrow qq$ subprocesses as

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qq' \to qq'}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{4g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{t}^2 N_c C_F} \begin{bmatrix} N_c^2 - 5 & 0\\ 2C_F & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.42)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qq' \to q'q}^{\text{Sivers}} = -\frac{4g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2\right)}{\hat{u}^2 N_c^3 C_F} \begin{bmatrix} N_c^2 + 3 & -(N_c^2 + 3) C_F \\ -(3 - N_c^2) C_F & (3 - N_c^2) C_F^2 \end{bmatrix},$$
(3.43)

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qq \to qq}^{\text{Sivers}} = \boldsymbol{H}_{qq' \to qq'}^{\text{Sivers}} + \boldsymbol{H}_{qq' \to q'q}^{\text{Sivers}} + \frac{4\hat{s}^2 g_s^4}{\hat{t}\hat{u}N_c^2 C_F} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -(5 - N_c^2) C_F \\ -(5 - N_c^2) C_F & 2C_F^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(3.44)

Since $qq \rightarrow qq$ subprocess receives contributions from both t- and u-channels (as well as their interference), its expression is the most complicated among the three subprocesses computed. One can show that after performing the trace with the soft color matrix, the expressions are consistent with the squared amplitude of [75]. The color matrices for the remaining four quark subprocesses in the top row of table 1 can be computed in the same spirit and we obtain the following expressions

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to q'\bar{q}'}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{4\left(N_c^2 + 1\right)g_s^4\left(\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{s}^2 N_c C_F} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.45)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}' \to q\bar{q}'}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{4g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{t}^2 N_c^3 C_F} \begin{bmatrix} N_c^2 + 1 - \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) C_F\\ 2N_c C_F^2 & -2N_c C_F^3 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.46)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to q\bar{q}}^{\text{Sivers}} = \boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to q'\bar{q}'}^{\text{Sivers}} + \boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}'\to q\bar{q}'}^{\text{Sivers}} - \frac{8\hat{u}^2 g_s^4}{\hat{s}\hat{t}N_c^2 C_F^2} \begin{bmatrix} \left(N_c^2+1\right) C_F & -\frac{1}{2} \left(N_c^2+1\right) C_F^2 \\ N_c C_F^3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.47)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}'\to\bar{q}'q}^{\text{Sivers}} = -\frac{4g_s^4\left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2\right)}{\hat{u}^2 N_c C_F} \begin{bmatrix} N_c^2 - 3 & 0\\ 2C_F & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.48)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to\bar{q}'q'}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{4\left(N_c^2+1\right)g_s^4\left(\hat{t}^2+\hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{s}^2 N_c^3 C_F} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -C_F\\ -C_F & C_F^2 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.49)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to\bar{q}q}^{\text{Sivers}} = \boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}'\to\bar{q}'q}^{\text{Sivers}} + \boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to\bar{q}'q'}^{\text{Sivers}} - \frac{8\hat{t}^2g_s^4}{\hat{s}\hat{u}N_c^2C_F} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -\frac{1}{2}\left(3-N_c^2\right)C_F\\ -\frac{1}{2}\left(N_c^2+3\right)C_F & C_F^2 \end{bmatrix} . \quad (3.50)$$

After performing charge conjugation, the hard color matrices for the subprocesses in the bottom row of table 1 can be obtained from these expressions.

3.2.2 Two quarks and two gluon subprocesses

All twelve of the two quark and two gluon subprocesses are given in table 2. As we have mentioned in section 1, we neglect the gluon Sivers contribution in this paper. This means that all subprocesses with a gluon incoming from the polarized proton will be neglected. There are then six remaining subprocesses to compute. However, we find that under charge conjugation, the polarized hard functions once again only change by an overall minus sign. Thus, we only need to perform the calculation for three of the hard matrices.

In order to further demonstrate our method for calculating the polarized hard matrices, we now perform the calculation for the $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$ subprocess. We then provide the expressions for the remaining hard matrices. For the unpolarized process the scattering amplitude has three channels. After the addition of the external gluon, there are then nine polarized process to be considered. At the cross section level, this results in 27 hard interactions which need to be considered. Despite this complication, we can once again write

$$|\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers}}|^2 = \frac{1}{C_F} \mathcal{M}_j^{\text{Sivers}\,a} t_{j1}^a \mathcal{M}^\dagger \,. \tag{3.51}$$

Just like in the unpolarized case, we begin the calculation by decomposing the amplitudes into the primed basis first. Then to simplify our result, we rotate into the unprimed basis. The scattering amplitudes for the process can then be written as

$$\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers}\,a}t_{j1}^{a} = \mathcal{M}_{1}^{\text{Sivers}}\theta_{1}' + \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\text{Sivers}}\theta_{2}' + \mathcal{M}_{3}^{\text{Sivers}}\theta_{3}', \qquad (3.52)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{i}^{\dagger} = \mathcal{M}_{1}^{\dagger} \theta_{1}^{\prime \dagger} + \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\dagger} \theta_{2}^{\prime \dagger} + \mathcal{M}_{3}^{\dagger} \theta_{3}^{\prime \dagger}, \qquad (3.53)$$

where

$$\mathcal{M}_{1}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}t_{j_{1}}^{a}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}^{\prime}\theta_{1}^{\prime}\right]}, \ \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}t_{j_{1}}^{a}\theta_{2}^{\prime}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}^{\prime}\theta_{2}^{\prime}\right]}, \ \mathcal{M}_{3}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}_{j}^{\text{Sivers},a}t_{j_{1}}^{a}\theta_{3}^{\prime}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\theta_{3}^{\prime}\theta_{3}^{\prime}\right]},$$
(3.54)

$$\mathcal{M}_{1}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \theta_{1}^{\prime}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}^{\prime} \theta_{1}^{\prime}^{\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{M}_{2}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \theta_{2}^{\prime}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{2}^{\prime} \theta_{2}^{\prime}^{\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{M}_{3}^{\dagger} = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \theta_{3}^{\prime}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\theta_{3}^{\prime} \theta_{3}^{\prime}^{\dagger}\right]}. \quad (3.55)$$

The hard matrix in the primed basis can then be computed as

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to gg}^{\text{Sivers} \prime} = \frac{1}{C_F} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_1^{\dagger} \, \, \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_2^{\dagger} \, \, \mathcal{M}_1^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_3^{\dagger} \\ \mathcal{M}_2^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_1^{\dagger} \, \, \mathcal{M}_2^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_2^{\dagger} \, \, \mathcal{M}_2^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_3^{\dagger} \\ \mathcal{M}_3^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_1^{\dagger} \, \, \mathcal{M}_3^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_2^{\dagger} \, \, \mathcal{M}_3^{\text{Sivers}} \, M_3^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} \,.$$
(3.56)

In order to obtain the hard matrix in the unprimed basis we apply the transformation

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to gg} = \boldsymbol{R}^{\dagger} \, \boldsymbol{H}'_{q\bar{q}\to gg} \, \boldsymbol{R} \qquad \boldsymbol{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2N_c & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \, . \tag{3.57}$$

The final result for all of the two quark and two gluon interactions hard matrices are given by

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to gg}^{\text{Sivers}} = -\frac{4g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{s}\hat{t}^2\hat{u}N_cC_F} \begin{bmatrix} 2\hat{s}^2N_cC_F & 2\hat{s}\hat{u}N_cC_F & 0\\ -\hat{s}\hat{u}\left(N_c^2 + 1\right) & -\hat{u}^2\left(N_c^2 + 1\right) & 0\\ \hat{s}^2N_c & \hat{s}\hat{u}N_c & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.58)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{qg \to gq}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{4g_s^4 \left(\hat{s}^2 + \hat{t}^2\right)}{\hat{s}\hat{t}\hat{u}^2 N_c C_F} \begin{bmatrix} 2\hat{s}^2 N_c C_F & 2\hat{s}\hat{t}N_c C_F & 0\\ -\hat{s}\hat{t} \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) & -\hat{t}^2 \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) & 0\\ \hat{s}^2 N_c & \hat{s}\hat{t}N_c & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (3.59)$$

$$\boldsymbol{H}_{q\bar{q}\to gg}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{4g_s^4 \left(\hat{t}^2 + \hat{u}^2\right)}{\hat{s}^2 \hat{t} \hat{u} N_c C_F} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}^2 \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) \ \hat{t} \hat{u} \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) \ 0\\ \hat{t} \hat{u} \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) \ \hat{t}^2 \left(N_c^2 + 1\right) \ 0\\ \hat{s} \hat{u} N_c \ \hat{s} \hat{t} N_c \ 0 \end{bmatrix} ,$$
(3.60)

(3.61)

After performing charge conjugation, the hard color matrices for the remaining subprocesses can be obtained from these expressions.

3.2.3 Simplification in the one-dimensional color space

We note that for processes in which the color space is one dimensional, i.e. single color basis in the decomposition, such as Drell-Yan, SIDIS, and color singlet boson-jet processes, the decomposition of scattering amplitude is trivial. We have

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{kin}} \theta_1 \,, \tag{3.62}$$

where $\mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}} = \mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}}_s + \mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}}_t + \mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}}_u$ in general receives contribution from different channels as above. The kinematic parts can be trivially extracted by

$$\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{kin}} = \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}, \qquad \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{kin}^{\dagger}} = \frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\theta_{1}\right]}{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}.$$
(3.63)

Therefore the unpolarized hard matrices can be constructed simply by³

$$\boldsymbol{H} = \left| \mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}} \right|^2 \left[1 \right] , \qquad \boldsymbol{S} = \left[\text{Tr} \left[\theta_1 \theta_1^{\dagger} \right] \right] . \tag{3.64}$$

In these expressions, we have suppressed the subprocess subscript since these expressions are true for all subprocesses with a one-dimensional color space. The differential cross section is then given by

$$\left|\mathcal{M}\right|^{2} = \operatorname{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{H}\cdot\boldsymbol{S}\right] = C^{u}\left|\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{kin}}\right|^{2}$$
(3.65)

where in the second line we have defined $C^u = \text{Tr} \left[\theta_1 \theta_1^{\dagger}\right]$. Similarly, for the polarized hard matrix, we can write

$$\left|\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers}}\right|^{2} = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers,a}}t_{j1}^{a}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\theta_{1}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]} = \text{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{H}^{\text{Sivers}}\cdot\boldsymbol{S}\right] = \frac{C^{\text{Sivers}}}{C^{u}}\left|\mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}}\right|^{2},\qquad(3.66)$$

where $C^{\text{Sivers}}\mathcal{M}^{\text{kin}} = \text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{M}^{\text{Sivers},a}t_{j1}^{a}\theta_{1}^{\dagger}\right]$. Therefore, the hard functions of the polarized and unpolarized scatterings are related by an overall color constant,

$$\boldsymbol{H}^{\text{Sivers}} = \frac{C^{\text{Sivers}}}{C^u} \boldsymbol{H} \,. \tag{3.67}$$

Here, C^{Sivers} can further be decomposed into color factors arising from gauge link gluons interacting with different external colored partons, as seen in [75, 103–105].

3.3 Evolution equations

Hard functions can be related to the Wilson coefficients C_I^{Γ} in the color basis $\{\theta_I\}$ of section 3 by $H_{IJ} = \sum_{\Gamma} C_I^{\Gamma} C_J^{\Gamma*}$. Here Γ represents different helicity states of the incoming and outgoing particles. Explicit expressions of the Wilson coefficients at next-to-leading order can be found in [98, 99], but we do not present them as we are only using the treelevel hard functions for our study. We do, however, include the renormalization group (RG) evolution of the hard functions coming from the 1-loop anomalous dimensions. Then the Wilson coefficients satisfy the RG evolution equations [98, 99, 106, 107]

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} C_I^{\Gamma} = \left[\left(\gamma_{\text{cusp}} \frac{c_H}{2} \ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{\mu^2} + \gamma_H \right) \delta_{IJ} + \gamma_{\text{cusp}} M_{IJ} \right] C_J^{\Gamma}.$$
(3.68)

³We keep the boldface notations to be consistent, but H and S are just numbers here.

Here, $\gamma_{\text{cusp}} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + \cdots$ is the cusp anomalous dimensions and $c_H = C_a + C_b + C_c + C_d$. The non-cusp anomalous dimension is defined as

$$\gamma_H = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma^a_\mu \left[\alpha_s(\mu) \right] + \gamma^b_\mu \left[\alpha_s(\mu) \right] + \gamma^c_\mu \left[\alpha_s(\mu) \right] + \gamma^d_\mu \left[\alpha_s(\mu) \right] \right) , \qquad (3.69)$$

where $\gamma^i_{\mu}[\alpha_s(\mu)] = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\gamma_i + \cdots$, with $\gamma_q = \frac{3}{2}C_F$ and $\gamma_g = \frac{\beta_0}{2}$. Lastly, the matrix \boldsymbol{M} takes the form

$$\boldsymbol{M} = -\sum_{i < j} \boldsymbol{T}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{T}_j \left[L(s_{ij}) - L(\hat{t}) \right], \qquad (3.70)$$

where $s_{12} = s_{34} = \hat{s}$, $s_{13} = s_{24} = \hat{t}$, and $s_{14} = s_{23} = \hat{u}$ and

$$L(\hat{t}) = \ln\left(\frac{-\hat{t}}{\mu^2}\right), \qquad L(\hat{u}) = \ln\left(\frac{-\hat{u}}{\mu^2}\right), \qquad L(\hat{s}) = \ln\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{\mu^2}\right) - i\pi.$$
(3.71)

From the RG evolution of the Wilson coefficients given in eq. (3.68), we can arrive at the RG evolution equations for hard matrix H as

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{H\dagger}, \qquad (3.72)$$

where $\mathbf{\Gamma}^{H}$ is given by

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{H} = \left(\gamma_{\text{cusp}} \frac{c_{H}}{2} \ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{\mu^{2}} + \gamma_{H}\right) \boldsymbol{I} + \gamma_{\text{cusp}} \boldsymbol{M} \,. \tag{3.73}$$

4 QCD resummation and evolution formalism

In this section, we present the renormalization group (RG) equations for the rest of the key ingredients in the factorized formalism. These include the TMD PDFs, global soft functions, jet functions, and collinear-soft functions. After presenting their NLO perturbative results and RG evolution equations, we check the RG consistency. In the end, we present our resummation formula for dijet production.

4.1 TMDs and global soft functions

The unsubtracted TMD PDFs in the factorized formula in eq. (2.6) describe the radiation along the incoming beams. They satisfy the RG evolution equations

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln f_i^{\text{unsub}}(x, b, \mu, \nu) = \gamma_\mu^{f_i}(\mu, \nu) , \qquad (4.1)$$

$$\nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \ln f_i^{\text{unsub}}(x, b, \mu, \nu) = \gamma_\nu^{f_i}(\mu) , \qquad (4.2)$$

where its μ - and ν -anomalous dimensions are given by

$$\gamma_{\mu}^{f_i}(\mu,\nu) = \gamma_{\text{cusp}} C_i \ln \frac{\nu^2}{x_i^2 P^{-2}} + \gamma_{\mu}^i [\alpha_s(\mu)], \qquad (4.3)$$

$$\gamma_{\nu}^{f_i}(\mu,\nu) = \frac{\alpha_s C_i}{\pi} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2}.$$
(4.4)

As we will see in this subsection, the rapidity divergences of the unsubtracted TMDs will be exactly canceled by the rapidity divergences of the global soft functions, which will allow us to identify the standard TMDs with subtracted rapidity divergence as in eq. (2.8) above.

Suppressing the label $ab \to cd$ for convenience, the global soft functions up to 1-loop are given by

$$\boldsymbol{S}^{(0)}(b) = \boldsymbol{I}, \qquad (4.5)$$

$$\boldsymbol{S}^{\text{bare},(1)}(b) = \sum_{i < j} \boldsymbol{T}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{T}_j \, \mathcal{I}_{ij}^{(1)}(b) \,, \qquad (4.6)$$

where [108]

$$\mathcal{I}_{12}^{(1)}(b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left[2\left(\frac{2}{\eta} + \ln\frac{\nu^2}{\mu^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2}\right) - \frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \ln^2\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right],$$
(4.7)

$$\mathcal{I}_{13}^{(1)}(b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{2}{\eta} + \ln \frac{\nu^2}{\mu^2} - 2y_c \right) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} \right) - \frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right], \tag{4.8}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{34}^{(1)}(b) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left[4 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} \right) \ln(2 \cosh(\Delta y/2)) - \frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{2}{\epsilon} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} - \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} + \Delta y^2 - 4\ln^2(2 \cosh(\Delta y/2)) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right],$$
(4.9)

$$\mathcal{I}_{14}^{(1)}(b) = \mathcal{I}_{13}^{(1)}(b)(y_c \to y_d), \quad \mathcal{I}_{23}^{(1)}(b) = \mathcal{I}_{13}^{(1)}(b)(y_c \to -y_c), \quad \mathcal{I}_{24}^{(1)}(b) = \mathcal{I}_{14}^{(1)}(b)(y_d \to -y_d).$$
(4.10)

The explicit matrix forms of tree-level soft functions in eq. (4.5) for some color basis $\{\theta_I\}$ can be computed as

$$(I)_{IJ} = \theta_I \theta_J^{\dagger} \,, \tag{4.11}$$

which is equivalent to the matrix forms of the LO soft functions found in section 3. The matrix $T_i \cdot T_j$ of the eq. (4.6) was also computed in the color bases used in section 3 and can be found in [98, 99]. The renormalized global soft functions satisfy the RG evolution equations

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\mu}^{S\dagger} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} + \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\mu}^{S}, \qquad (4.12)$$

$$\nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\nu}^{S\dagger} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} + \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\nu}^{S}, \qquad (4.13)$$

From eqs. (4.5)–(4.10) and using $\sum_i \mathbf{T}_i = 0$, we then find

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^{S} = -\frac{\alpha_{s}}{2\pi} \left[C_{a} \left(\ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{x_{a}^{2}S} + \ln \frac{\nu^{2}}{\mu^{2}} \right) + C_{b} \left(\ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{x_{b}^{2}S} + \ln \frac{\nu^{2}}{\mu^{2}} \right) + (C_{c} + C_{d}) \left(\ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{P_{\perp}^{2}} - \ln \frac{\mu^{2}}{\mu_{b}^{2}} \right) \right] \mathbf{I} \\ -\frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} \mathbf{M} + \frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} \left(\mathbf{T}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{2} + \mathbf{T}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{4} \right) i\pi \\ = -\frac{\gamma_{\text{cusp}}}{2} \left[C_{a} \left(\ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{x_{a}^{2}S} + \ln \frac{\nu^{2}}{\mu^{2}} \right) + C_{b} \left(\ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{x_{b}^{2}S} + \ln \frac{\nu^{2}}{\mu^{2}} \right) + (C_{c} + C_{d}) \left(\ln \frac{-\hat{t}}{P_{\perp}^{2}} - \ln \frac{\mu^{2}}{\mu_{b}^{2}} \right) \right] \mathbf{I} \\ -\gamma_{\text{cusp}} \mathbf{M} + \gamma_{\text{cusp}} \left(\mathbf{T}_{1} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{2} + \mathbf{T}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{4} \right) i\pi ,$$

$$(4.14)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\nu}^{S} = -\frac{\alpha_{s}(C_{a}+C_{b})}{2\pi} \ln \frac{\mu^{2}}{\mu_{b}^{2}} \boldsymbol{I}, \qquad (4.15)$$

where M was given in eq. (3.70) and we promoted $\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \to \gamma_{\text{cusp}}$, which is consistent with the factorization consistency relation below. Note that eq. (4.14) is strictly real and the imaginary term $\sim i\pi$ cancels exactly with the imaginary term found in M.

We note that $\Gamma_{\nu}^{S} \sim I$ and that this is expected as the hard functions do not have any rapidity divergence. Thus, we can write

$$\nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\nu}^{S\dagger} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} + \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\nu}^{S} = -\frac{\alpha_s (C_a + C_b)}{\pi} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2} \boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) , \qquad (4.16)$$

which has the same rapidity anomalous dimensions as the back-to-back soft functions $S_{ab}(b,\mu,\nu)$ found in standard Drell-Yan and SIDIS process [67]. As expected, the rapidity divergence of the global soft function $\mathbf{S}(b,\mu,\nu)$ in eq. (4.16) exactly cancels the rapidity anomalous dimensions for the unsubtracted TMDs $f_a(b,\mu,\nu)$ and $f_b(b,\mu,\nu)$ given in eq. (4.4). Therefore, as discussed in the introduction, we can define $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}(b,\mu)$ absent of the rapidity divergence such that

$$\boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) = \tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}(b,\mu)S_{ab}(b,\mu,\nu).$$
(4.17)

Then as in eq. (2.8), $S_{ab}(b, \mu, \nu)$ is combined with the unsubtracted TMDs to identify standard TMDs free of the rapidity divergences.

4.2 Jet and collinear-soft functions

Both jet and collinear-soft functions describe the radiation which resolves the produced jets. The jet functions [109, 110] encode the collinear radiations inside anti- k_T jet with radius R. The NLO expressions are given by

$$J_i(P_{\perp}R,\mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\frac{C_i}{4} \ln^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{P_{\perp}^2 R^2} \right) + \frac{\gamma_i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\mu^2}{P_{\perp}^2 R^2} \right) + d_i \right],$$
(4.18)

where the algorithmic dependent terms d_i for anti- k_T algorithm are

$$d_q = \left(\frac{13}{4} - \frac{3\pi^2}{8}\right) C_F \,, \tag{4.19}$$

$$d_g = \left(\frac{67}{18} - \frac{3\pi^2}{8}\right) C_A - \frac{23}{36} n_f \,. \tag{4.20}$$

The jet functions satisfy the RG evolution equations

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} J_i(P_\perp R, \mu) = \gamma_\mu^{J_i}(\mu) J_i(P_\perp R, \mu) , \qquad (4.21)$$

where the anomalous dimension is given by

$$\gamma_{\mu}^{J_i}(\mu) = \gamma_{\text{cusp}} C_i \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{P_{\perp}^2 R^2}\right) + \gamma_{\mu}^i [\alpha_s(\mu)] \,. \tag{4.22}$$

The collinear-soft functions [55, 56] describe the soft radiation along the jet direction and resolves the jet cone R. The NLO expressions are given by

$$S_i^{cs,(1)}(b,R,\mu) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s C_i}{4\pi} \left[\ln^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2 R^2} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right].$$
(4.23)

The collinear-soft functions satisfy the RG evolution equations

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} S_i^{\rm cs}(b, R, \mu) = \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_i}(\mu) S_i^{\rm cs}(b, R, \mu) , \qquad (4.24)$$

where its anomalous dimension takes the form

$$\gamma_{\mu}^{cs_i}(\mu) = \gamma_{\rm cusp} C_i \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_b^2 R^2}\right) \,. \tag{4.25}$$

4.3 RG consistency at 1-loop

With the anomalous dimensions presented for all the ingredients, we now show that our factorized formula given in eq. (2.6) satisfy the consistency relations for the RG evolutions. The cancellation of the rapidity divergences was already checked around eq. (4.16). We also expect μ -divergence of the various functions to cancel and satisfy the consistency equation

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln(\operatorname{Tr} \left[\boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}(P_{\perp},\mu) \right]) + \gamma_{\mu}^{f_{a}} + \gamma_{\mu}^{f_{b}} + \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_{c}} + \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_{d}} + \gamma_{\mu}^{J_{c}} + \gamma_{\mu}^{J_{d}} = 0.$$
 (4.26)

From eqs. (3.72), (3.73), (4.12), (4.14), we immediately find at 1-loop,

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \ln\left(\operatorname{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}(P_{\perp},\mu)\right]\right) = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\mu}^{S\dagger} \cdot \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\mu}^{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{H} + \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{H\dagger}\right]}{\operatorname{Tr}\left[\boldsymbol{S}(b,\mu,\nu) \cdot \boldsymbol{H}(P_{\perp},\mu)\right]} = -\frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} \left[C_{a} \ln\left(\frac{\nu^{2}}{x_{a}^{2}S}\right) + C_{b} \ln\left(\frac{\nu^{2}}{x_{b}^{2}S}\right) - (C_{c} + C_{d}) \ln\left(\frac{P_{\perp}^{2}}{\mu_{b}^{2}}\right)\right] + 2\gamma_{H}. \quad (4.27)$$

One can then easily check from the μ -anomalous dimensions of the other functions given in eqs. (4.3), (4.22), (4.25) that eq. (4.26) is explicitly satisfied at 1-loop.

4.4 Resummation formula

Based on the above discussions and RG renormalization group methods in SCET, we can now derive the expression for the all-order resummed result. Explicitly, we calculate the cross section at the NLL accuracy, where we will use the two-loop cusp and one-loop single logarithmic anomalous dimension and the matching coefficients are kept at leading order. On the other hand, the color structures inside the hard and soft function will mix with each other under the RG evolution, which was first studied in [65]. In this paper, we will apply the same methods in [98] to solve the RG equations. For the unpolarized cross section, the resummation formula has the form as follows:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_{c}dy_{d}dP_{\perp}^{2}d^{2}\vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}\hat{s}^{2}} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1+\delta_{cd}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} db \, b \, J_{0}(q_{\perp}b) \, x_{a}f_{a}(x_{a},\mu_{b_{*}}) \, x_{b}f_{b}(x_{b},\mu_{b_{*}}) \\
\times \exp\left\{-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{h}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \left[\gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_{s})c_{H} \ln \frac{|\hat{t}|}{\mu^{2}} + 2\gamma_{H}(\alpha_{s})\right]\right\} \\
\times \sum_{KK'} \exp\left[-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{h}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_{s})(\lambda_{K}+\lambda_{K'}^{*})\right] H_{KK'}(P_{\perp},\mu_{h})\tilde{S}_{K'K}(b_{*},\mu_{b_{*}}) \\
\times \exp\left[-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{j}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{J_{c}}(\alpha_{s}) - \int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{cs}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_{c}}(\alpha_{s})\right] U_{\text{NG}}^{c}(\mu_{cs},\mu_{j}) J_{c}(P_{\perp}R,\mu_{j})S_{c}^{\text{cs}}(b_{*},R,\mu_{cs}) \\
\times \exp\left[-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{j}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{J_{d}}(\alpha_{s}) - \int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{cs}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_{d}}(\alpha_{s})\right] U_{\text{NG}}^{d}(\mu_{cs},\mu_{j}) J_{d}(P_{\perp}R,\mu_{j})S_{d}^{\text{cs}}(b_{*},R,\mu_{cs}) \\
\times \exp\left[-S_{\text{NP}}^{a}(b,Q_{0},\sqrt{\hat{s}}) - S_{\text{NP}}^{b}(b,Q_{0},\sqrt{\hat{s}})\right],$$
(4.28)

where λ_K is the eigenvalue of the matrix M_{IJ} in the hard anomalous dimension (3.68) and $H_{KK'}$ and $\tilde{S}_{K'K}$ are the hard and soft function in the diagonal basis as defined in [98]. In our numerical calculation, we use the LAPACK library [111] to obtain their value at different phase-space points. We have applied the b_* -prescription to prevent the Landau pole from being reached in the *b*-integral. Here, we define b_* as

$$b_* = b/\sqrt{1 + b^2/b_{\max}^2}, \qquad (4.29)$$

where b_{max} is chosen [112] to be $1.5 \,\text{GeV}^{-1}$. Our perturbative Sudakov factor come from solving the renormalization group evolution equations for different functions from their intrinsic scales, which are chosen for the hard, jet and collinear-soft function as

$$\mu_h = \sqrt{\hat{s}}, \quad \mu_j = P_\perp R, \quad \mu_{cs} = \mu_{b_*} R.$$
 (4.30)

Note that $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \sim P_{\perp}$ is completely fixed by the measured quantities y_c , y_d and P_{\perp} as seen from eq. (2.5). Another choice of $\mu_h \sim P_{\perp}$ leads to similar numerical results.

The nonperturbative Sudakov factor in eq. (4.28) was fitted to experimental data in [113]. The extracted functions are given by

$$S_{\rm NP}^{a,b}(b,Q_0,\mu) = g_1^f b^2 + \frac{g_2}{2} \frac{C_{a,b}}{C_F} \ln \frac{\mu}{Q_0} \ln \frac{b}{b_*}, \quad \text{with } g_1^f = 0.106, \ g_2 = 0.84, \ Q_0^2 = 2.4 \,\text{GeV}^2.$$

$$(4.31)$$

We also incorporate NGLs resummation effects included by the function $U_{\rm NG}^{c,d}$. In order to include NGLs resummation effects at NLL accuracy, we also need to consider the extra one-loop single logarithmic anomalous dimension $\hat{\Gamma}$ from the non-linear evolution parts. However, in [85, 86] this anomalous dimension was shown to cancel between the jet and collinear-soft function up to two-loop order. The explicit operator-based derivation of RG consistency including $\hat{\Gamma}$ can be found in [56, 89, 114]. In the large N_c limit, the non-linear evolution equation can be solved using the parton shower algorithm [115]. Especially, at the NLL accuracy the evolution is totally determined by the one-loop anomalous dimension $\hat{\Gamma}$, which is equivalent to the one appearing in the light jet mass distribution at the e^+e^- collider. Therefore, we can use the same fitting function form given in [83] to capture NGLs resummation contributions after setting proper initial and final evolution scales. In our case, these two scales are the jet scale μ_j and the collinear-soft scale μ_{cs} . Explicitly, the function is

$$U_{\rm NG}^k(\mu_{cs},\mu_j) = \exp\left[-C_A C_k \frac{\pi^2}{3} u^2 \frac{1+(au)^2}{1+(bu)^c}\right],\tag{4.32}$$

where the superscript k = q and g denote the (anti-)quark and gluon jet, respectively, and with $C_q = C_F$ and $C_g = C_A$. The parameters a, b and c are fitting parameters which are given as $a = 0.85 C_A$, $b = 0.86 C_A$ and c = 1.33. The variable $u = \frac{1}{\beta_0} \log \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_{cs})}{\alpha_s(\mu_j)}$ is the evolution scale measuring the separation of the scales μ_{cs} and μ_j . As shown in eq. (4.30), b_* prescription for μ_{cs} keeps u from reaching a nonperturbative scale.

As we have done for the unpolarized cross section, we also derive a similar resummation formula for the spin-dependent cross section

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma(S_{\perp})}{dy_{c}dy_{d}dP_{\perp}^{2}d^{2}\vec{q}_{\perp}} = \sin(\phi_{q} - \phi_{S})\sum_{abcd} \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}\hat{s}^{2}} \frac{1}{N_{\text{init}}} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{cd}} \left(-\frac{1}{4\pi}\right) \int_{0}^{\infty} db \, b^{2} J_{1}(q_{\perp}b) \\
\times x_{a}T_{a,F}(x_{a}, x_{a}, \mu_{b_{*}}) x_{b}f_{b}(x_{b}, \mu_{b_{*}}) \exp\left\{-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{h}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \left[\gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_{s})c_{H} \ln\frac{|\hat{t}|}{\mu^{2}} + 2\gamma_{H}(\alpha_{s})\right]\right\} \\
\times \sum_{KK'} \exp\left[-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{h}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_{s})(\lambda_{K} + \lambda_{K'}^{*})\right] H_{KK'}(P_{\perp}, \mu_{h})\tilde{S}_{K'K}(b_{*}, \mu_{b_{*}}) \\
\times \exp\left[-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{j}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{J_{c}}(\alpha_{s}) - \int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{cs}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_{c}}(\alpha_{s})\right] U_{\text{NG}}^{c}(\mu_{cs}, \mu_{j}) J_{c}(P_{\perp}R, \mu_{j})S_{c}^{\text{cs}}(b_{*}, R, \mu_{cs}) \\
\times \exp\left[-\int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{j}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{J_{d}}(\alpha_{s}) - \int_{\mu_{b_{*}}}^{\mu_{cs}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}^{cs_{d}}(\alpha_{s})\right] U_{\text{NG}}^{d}(\mu_{cs}, \mu_{j}) J_{d}(P_{\perp}R, \mu_{j})S_{d}^{\text{cs}}(b_{*}, R, \mu_{cs}) \\
\times \exp\left[-S_{\text{NP}}^{s}(b, Q_{0}, \sqrt{\hat{s}}) - S_{\text{NP}}^{b}(b, Q_{0}, \sqrt{\hat{s}})\right],$$
(4.33)

where at the NLL accuracy we keep the LO matching coefficient in eq. (2.16). It involves the parametrization for the Sivers function, which depends on the collinear Qiu-Sterman function $T_{q,F}(x_a, x_a, \mu_{b_*})$ and a different non-perturbative Sudakov factor S_{NP}^s . The relevant parametrization has been determined from a recent global analysis of the Sivers asymmetry of SIDIS and Drell-Yan processes [116]. The non-perturbative Sudakov factor is given by

$$S_{\rm NP}^s(b,Q_0,\mu) = g_1^s b^2 + \frac{g_2}{2} \ln \frac{\mu}{Q_0} \ln \frac{b}{b_*}, \quad \text{with } g_1^s = 0.18.$$
(4.34)

5 Phenomenology

In this section we will present the numerical results using the resummation formula in eqs. (4.28) and (4.33), where intrinsic scales for the hard, jet and collinear-soft function are

defined in eq. (4.30). In the numerical study, we will focus on the Sivers asymmetry for the dijet production at the RHIC with $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV, where the jet events are reconstructed by using anti- k_T algorithm with jet radius R = 0.6. The transverse momentum P_{\perp} and the rapidity $y_{c,d}$ of jets are

$$P_{\perp} > 4 \,\text{GeV}, \quad -1 < y_{c,d} < 2.$$
 (5.1)

For the unpolarized proton, we use the HERAPDF20NLO parton distribution functions [117]. The numerical Bessel transforms in eqs. (4.28) and (4.33) are performed using the algorithm in [118]. Furthermore, the eq. (2.9) is derived after neglecting the power corrections from $\mathcal{O}(q_{\perp}^2/P_{\perp}^2)$. In other words, in the large q_{\perp} region, the full results should include corrections from the so-called Y-term, which can be obtained from perturbative QCD calculations [119]. In this paper we focus on the contribution from back-to-back dijet production. In order to select such kinematics, we require the transverse momentum q_{\perp} for the dijet system $|q_{\perp}| < q_{\perp}^{\text{cut}}$. In the numerical calculations, we fix the value of $q_{\perp}^{\text{cut}} = 2 \text{ GeV}$.

As shown in the figure 1, the transverse-polarized proton moves on +z-direction and its spin points to +y-direction with $\phi_S = \pi/2$. The transverse momentum vector \vec{q}_{\perp} lies in the x - y plane, and the Sivers asymmetry is defined as the difference of the events between $q_{\perp,x} > 0$ and $q_{\perp,x} < 0$ hemispheres, that is the same as the measurements by STAR collaboration [41]. Explicitly, we have

$$A_N(y_{\rm sum}) = \frac{\int_0^{q_\perp^{\rm cut}} dq_\perp \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_q \int d\mathcal{PS} \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{dq_\perp d\phi_q dy_c dy_d dP_\perp} \Big[\theta(\cos\phi_q) - \theta(-\cos\phi_q)\Big]}{\int_0^{q_\perp^{\rm cut}} dq_\perp \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_q \int d\mathcal{PS} \frac{d\sigma}{dq_\perp d\phi_q dy_c dy_d dP_\perp}}, \qquad (5.2)$$

with $\int d\mathcal{PS} = \int dy_c dy_d dP_{\perp} \delta(y_{\text{sum}} - y_c - y_d)$ represents the transverse momenta and rapidities integral for dijets. In the numerator, the ϕ_q -integral with $\theta(\cos\phi_q)$ and $\theta(-\cos\phi_q)$ corresponds $q_{\perp,x} > 0$ and $q_{\perp,x} < 0$, respectively.

In the figure 6, we show the numerical results of the Sivers asymmetry for dijet processes, where we neglect the charm and bottom jet events. The red and blue curves represent the asymmetry contributed from u- and d-quark Sivers function, respectively. As is expected, we find that the asymmetry is enhanced in the large y_{sum} region, i.e. the forward scattering region, due to the larger fractional contribution of Sivers function in the valence region. Besides, the contributions from u- and d-quark Sivers function are opposite from each other, which causes a huge cancellation of the asymmetry, as shown by the black curves in figure 6.

In the calculation, most of the asymmetries come from the partonic scattering process $qg \rightarrow qg$ where the initial quark comes from the polarized proton. Especially, the more forward jet is associated with the parton from the polarized proton moving in the same direction. Hence, if we can tag parton species initiating the more forward jet, then we can separate u- and d-quark Sivers functions and avoid the accidental cancellation as shown in the left plot of figure 6.

In order to achieve jet flavor separation mentioned above, one possible method is applying the electric charge information of jets, which has been proposed in [50, 58, 120].



Figure 6. Theoretical predictions of the Sivers asymmetry for dijet production at the RHIC with $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$. In the left plot red and blue curves are the results from u- and d- quark Sivers function, and the black curve includes all the contributions. In the right plot we show the Sivers asymmetry distribution within three different jet charge Q_{κ} bins. The red and blue bands indicate the theoretical uncertainties using the 200 replicas of the quark Sivers function [116]. At each point in calculation of our theoretical prediction, we retain the middle 68% of the replicas.

In this paper, we will use the standard jet electric charge definition given in [121, 122]

$$Q_{\kappa} = \sum_{h \in \text{jet}} z_h^{\kappa} Q_h \,, \tag{5.3}$$

where z_h is the transverse momentum ratio between hadrons and the jet. κ is an input parameter, which is fixed by $\kappa = 0.3$ [58] in our calculations. As shown in [58], after measuring the jet charge information, the theory formula is slightly modified by replacing the jet function $J_i(P_{\perp}R,\mu)$ in eq. (2.17) by the charge-tagged jet function $\mathcal{G}_i(Q_{\kappa}, P_{\perp}R,\mu)$ as

$$\frac{d\Delta\sigma}{dQ_{\kappa}d^{2}q_{\perp}} = \int d\mathcal{PS} T_{a,F} \otimes f_{b} \otimes \operatorname{Tr}[\boldsymbol{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}] \otimes S_{c}^{cs} \otimes S_{d}^{cs} \left[\mathcal{G}_{c} J_{d} \theta(y_{c} - y_{d}) + J_{c} \mathcal{G}_{d} \theta(y_{d} - y_{c})\right],$$
(5.4)

with the normalization as $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dQ_{\kappa} \mathcal{G}_i(Q_{\kappa}, P_{\perp}R, \mu) = J_i(P_{\perp}R, \mu)$ required by the probability conservation. Here we only replace the more forward jet function with the charge-tagged jet function, which corresponds to the insertion of the step function. We define the jet charge bin fraction as

$$r_i^{\text{bin}} = \frac{\int_{\text{bin}} dQ_\kappa \,\mathcal{G}_i(Q_\kappa, P_\perp R, \mu)}{J_i(P_\perp R, \mu)}.$$
(5.5)

Then the Sivers asymmetry A_N in different jet charge bins is given as, in terms of jet charge bin fraction

$$A_N^{\pm,0} = \frac{\sum_{i=u,d,g,\dots} r_i^{\pm,0} \Delta \sigma_i}{\sigma},\tag{5.6}$$

	u	\bar{u}	d	\bar{d}	s	\overline{s}	g
r_i^+	0.61	0.16	0.15	0.51	0.15	0.50	0.37
r_i^-	0.10	0.54	0.48	0.14	0.49	0.16	0.37
r_i^0	0.29	0.30	0.37	0.35	0.36	0.34	0.26

Table 3. The jet charge bin fractions $r_i^{\pm,0}$ for various jet flavors from Pythia8 simulation, where the jet charges are defined using all charged-hadrons inside the jet.

where we suppress the phase space integral shown in eq. (5.2). The index *i* denotes the parton species initiating the more forward jet. Here we use the same jet charge bins defined in [58], where +, - and 0 indicate $Q_{\kappa} > 0.25, Q_{\kappa} < -0.25$ and $|Q_{\kappa}| < 0.25$ bins, separately. Such jet charge bin fraction can be fitted from the unpolarized cross section for back-to-back dijet events at the RHIC. In [50], the authors have shown the preliminary results from the measurements as $\kappa = 0$. In the theory calculation, one can use Monte-Carlo event generators such as Pythia8 [123] to estimate these numbers. In the table 3 we give the results of jet charge bin fractions $r_i^{\pm,0}$ for various jet flavors used in our numerical calculations, where the jet charges are defined using all charged hadrons inside the jet.

In the right plot of figure 6 we show the result of A_N within the different jet charge bins. After selecting the charge of the more forward jet $Q_{\kappa} > 0.25$, the contribution from the u-quark Sivers function is enhanced compared to the case without the jet charge measurement (the black curve in the left plot). A similar size enhancement from the dquark Sivers function is also observed in $Q_{\kappa} < -0.25$ charge bin as shown by the blue curve. Besides, we find the Sivers asymmetries from $Q_{\kappa} > 0.25$ bins are positive and $Q_{\kappa} < -0.25$ bins are negative, which are consistent with the preliminary STAR measurements [50]. In the forward region, the Sivers asymmetry can achieve $\mathcal{O}(0.01\%)$, and size of our calculation is also around the same order of the data. Furthermore, we have also plotted the theoretical uncertainty which is related to the extraction of the Sivers function obtained in [116]. To generate this uncertainty, we have considered the 200 replicas from this reference. For each replica, we generate our theoretical prediction. We then retain the middle 68% at each point. We plot the uncertainty as red and blue bands for the positive and negative jet charge bins in the figure 6, respectively. Taken together, our calculation suggests that the dijet production at the hadron collider is an important process to extract the information about the Siver function and deserves further studies on the theoretical framework about the remarks discussed in 2.3.

6 Conclusions

We study the single spin asymmetries of dijet production in the back-to-back region in transversely polarized proton-proton collisions. In the back-to-back region, the dijet transverse momentum imbalance q_{\perp} is much smaller than the transverse momentum P_{\perp} of the jets. In this case, the conventional perturbative QCD calculations in the expansion of coupling constant α_s generate large logarithms in the form of $\alpha_s^n \ln^m (P_{\perp}^2/q_{\perp}^2)$ with $m \leq 2n-1$,

which have to be resummed in order to render the convergence of the perturbative computations. We propose a QCD formalism in terms of transverse momentum dependent (TMD) parton distribution functions for dijet production in both unpolarized and polarized proton-proton collisions. Such a formalism allows us to resum the aforementioned large logarithms, and further takes into account the non-universality or process-dependence of the Sivers functions in the case of the transversely polarized scattering. It is well-known that hadronic dijet production in back-to-back region suffers from TMD factorization breaking effects. Thus, to write down the QCD "seemingly factorized" formalism for resumming large logarithms mentioned above, we make a couple of approximations. First of all, we neglect the Glauber mode in the formalism which are known to be the main reason for the TMD factorization breaking. Secondly, we have assumed that the soft gluon radiation that is encoded in the global soft function in our formalism is spin-independent, i.e., they are the same between the unpolarized and polarized scatterings. Since the precise method for dealing with the TMD factorization breaking effects is still not known, we feel that the proposed formalism in this paper is a reasonable starting point for further investigation.

With such a formalism at hand, we compute the Sivers asymmetry for the dijet production in the kinematic region that is relevant to the proton-proton collisions at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC), and find that the spin asymmetry is very small due to the cancellation between u- and d-quark Sivers functions, which are similar in size but opposite in sign. However, we find that the individual contribution from u- and d-quark Sivers functions can lead to an asymmetry of size $\mathcal{O}(\pm 0.05\%)$ in the forward rapidity region, which seems feasible at the RHIC. Motivated by this, we compute the Sivers asymmetry of dijet production in the positive and negative jet charge bins, i.e., when the jet charge Q_{κ} for the jet with the larger rapidity of two is in the bins $Q_{\kappa} > 0.25$ and $Q_{\kappa} < -0.25$, respectively. By selecting the positive (negative) jet charge bin, we enhance the contribution from u- (d)-quark Sivers function and thus enhance the size of the asymmetry. Our calculation shows that Sivers asymmetries in such positive (negative) jet charge bins lead to asymmetries of size $\mathcal{O}(+0.01\%)$ ($\mathcal{O}(-0.01\%)$), respectively. The sign of such asymmetries seem to be consistent with the preliminary STAR measurements at the RHIC. The size of our calculations is also around the same order of the experimental data. This give us a great hope to further investigate the single spin asymmetries for hadronic dijet production at the RHIC.

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Note added. While this work was being written up, we noticed a similar work [76] appears on arXiv. The authors investigate process dependent factorization violation from the soft gluon radiation. Their method is different from our approach. We assume a factorized form for the spin-dependent cross section, which we demonstrate to be renormalization group consistent. Within this factorized form, we explicitly calculate the process dependent polarized hard function in the matrix form. Besides, in the numerical calculations we include quark Sivers functions in all the partonic channels. We believe these two studies are complementary with each other.

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