

Angular momentum distribution in the proton

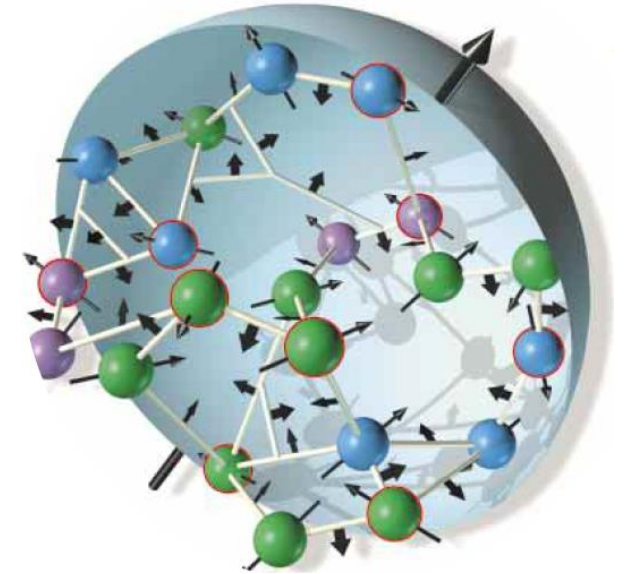
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The proton spin problem

The proton has spin $\frac{1}{2}$.

The proton is not an elementary particle.



➔
$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L^q + L^g$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + L_{kin}^q + J_g$$

Jaffe-Manohar sum rule

Ji sum rule

$\Delta\Sigma = 1$ in the naïve quark model

$\Delta\Sigma$ from polarized DIS

Longitudinal double spin asymmetry in polarized DIS

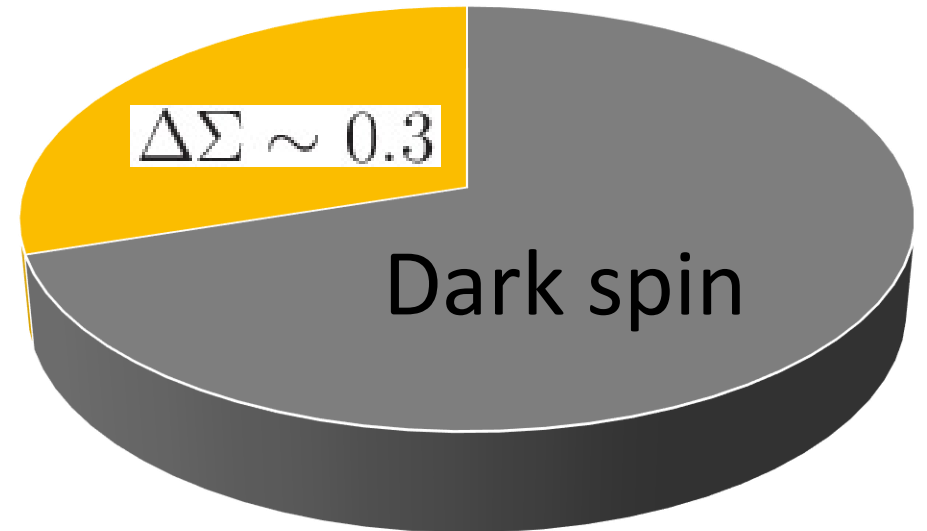
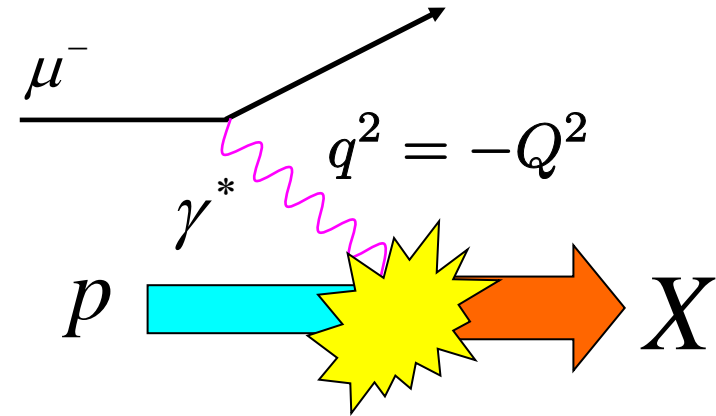
$$A_{LL} = \frac{\mu^\uparrow p^\downarrow - \mu^\uparrow p^\uparrow}{\mu^\uparrow p^\uparrow + \mu^\uparrow p^\downarrow}$$

$$\sim \left(1 + \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T}\right) \frac{2xg_1}{F_2}$$

$$\int_0^1 dx g_1(x) = \frac{1}{9}(\Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{12}(\Delta u - \Delta d)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{36}(\Delta u + \Delta d - 2\Delta s) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$



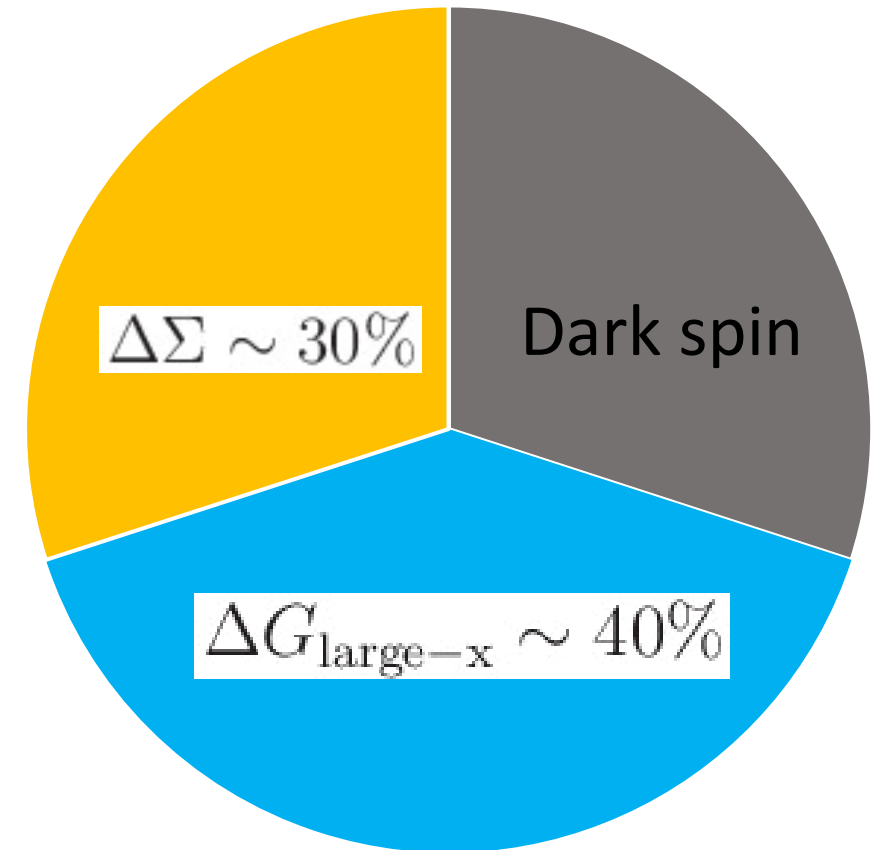
Evidence of nonzero gluon helicity $\Delta G = \int_0^1 dx \Delta G(x)$

A major achievement of the RHIC spin program!

$$\int_{0.05}^1 dx \Delta G(x, Q^2 = 10 \text{GeV}^2) = 0.20_{-0.07}^{+0.06} \quad \text{DSSV}$$

$$\int_{0.05}^{0.2} dx \Delta G(x, Q^2 = 10 \text{GeV}^2) = 0.17 \pm 0.06 \quad \text{NNPDF}$$

$$\int_{0.05}^1 dx \Delta G(x, Q^2 = 10 \text{GeV}^2) = 0.23 \pm 0.03 \quad \text{JAM}$$



Huge uncertainty from the **small-x** region

→ Renewed interest in the small-x resummation for helicity PDFs

Regge intercept at small-x, revisited

Bartels, Ermolaev, Ryskin (1996)

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}^{BER}(\omega) = \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \frac{504\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7} + \dots$$

Borden, Kovchegov (2023)

$$\Delta\gamma_{GG}^{us}(\omega) = \frac{4\bar{\alpha}_s}{\omega} + \frac{8\bar{\alpha}_s^2}{\omega^3} + \frac{56\bar{\alpha}_s^3}{\omega^5} + \frac{496\bar{\alpha}_s^4}{\omega^7} + \dots$$

Discrepancy at 4-loops!

$$\Delta q(x), \Delta G(x) \sim \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$$

$$\alpha_{BER} \approx 3.664 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$$

$$\alpha_{BK} \approx 3.661 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$$

NNLO global analysis for helicity PDF on the way

Vogelsang, talk at SPIN2023

Data:

DIS: EMC,SMC,E142,E143,E154,E155, **378**
 HERMES, COMPASS, HALL-A,CLAS
 (p,n,d,He)

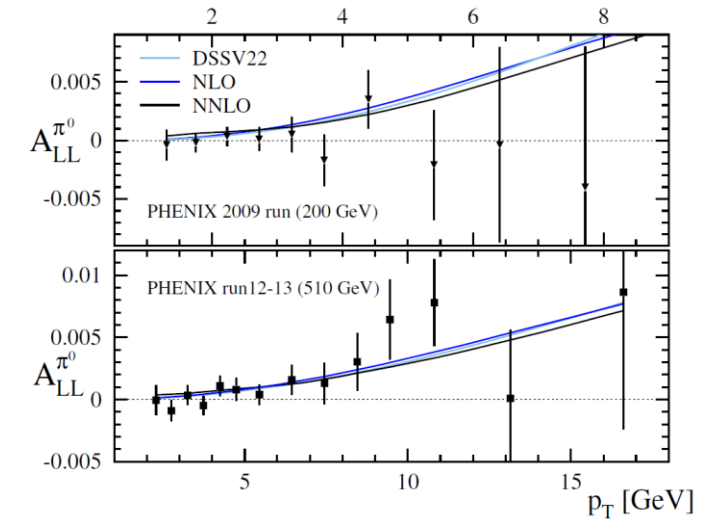
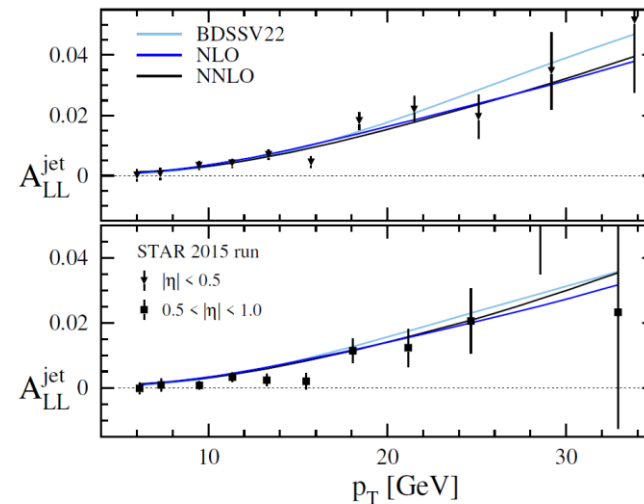
SIDIS: HERMES, COMPASS **80**
 ($p-\pi^\pm, d-\pi^\pm$)

PP-JETS: STAR run 5,6,9,12,13,15 **91**
 ($\sqrt{s} = 200, 510 \text{ GeV}$) (no dijets yet)

PP- π^0/π^\pm : PHENIX, STAR **82**

PP W^\pm : PHENIX, STAR **22**

Total: **653**



An elephant in the room: Orbital angular momentum

It's an undeniable fact that experimentally we know **nothing** about OAM

Spin sum rule cannot be complete without understanding OAM

Helicity is **not** a conserved quantity.

Even if OAM is zero at some scale, it is nonzero at different scales.

$$\frac{d}{d \ln Q^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma(Q^2) + \Delta G(Q^2) + L_q(Q^2) + L_g(Q^2) \right) = 0$$

Canonical OAM in QCD

Jaffe, Manohar (1990)

Decomposition of the canonical angular momentum tensor operator $M_{can}^{\mu\nu\rho}$

$$\Delta L_q = \frac{1}{2E(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(0)} \left\langle p_\infty^0, s^0 \left| \int d^3x i\psi^\dagger (\mathbf{x} \times \nabla)^3 \psi \right| p_\infty^0, s^0 \right\rangle,$$

$$\Delta L_g = \frac{1}{2E(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(0)} \left\langle p_\infty^0, s^0 \left| \int d^3x \text{Tr}\{E^k (\mathbf{x} \times \nabla)^3 A^k\} \right| p_\infty^0, s^0 \right\rangle.$$

To be understood in the light-cone gauge $A^+ = 0$

Gauge invariant completion of Jaffe-Manohar

YH (2011)

see also, [Bashinsky, Jaffe \(1999\)](#);

Exact definition of OAM to be used in the Jaffe-Manohar decomposition

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \langle P' S | \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ i \overleftrightarrow{D}_{pure}^i \psi | P S \rangle = i S^+ \epsilon^{ij} \Delta_{\perp j} L_{can}^q$$
$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \langle P' S | F^{+\alpha} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{pure}^i A_{\alpha}^{phys} | P S \rangle = -i \epsilon^{ij} \Delta_{\perp j} S^+ L_{can}^g$$

$$A_{phys}^{\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{D^+} F^{+\mu} = \int_{x^-}^{\infty} dz^- W[x^-, z^-] F^{+\mu}(z^-, x_{\perp})$$

$$D_{pure}^{\mu} = D^{\mu} - i A_{phys}^{\mu}$$

OAM from the Wigner distribution

Wigner distribution

Phase space distribution of partons in QCD

Belitsky, Ji, Yuan (2004)

$$W(x, \vec{k}_\perp, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{dz^- d^2 z_\perp}{16\pi^3} e^{ixP^+ z^- - i\vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{z}_\perp} \langle P - \frac{\Delta}{2} | \bar{q}(b - z/2) \gamma^+ q(b + z/2) | P + \frac{\Delta}{2} \rangle$$

Define

$$L^q = \int dx \int d^2 b_\perp d^2 k_\perp (\vec{b}_\perp \times \vec{k}_\perp)_z W^q(x, \vec{b}_\perp, \vec{k}_\perp)$$

Generalized TMD

Fourier transform $W(x, \vec{k}_\perp, \vec{b}_\perp) \rightarrow W(x, \vec{k}_\perp, \vec{\Delta}_\perp)$

$$\int \frac{d^3 z}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ixP^+ z^- - i\vec{k}_\perp \cdot \vec{z}_\perp} \langle p' | \bar{\psi}(-z/2) \gamma^+ \psi(z/2) | p \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}(p') \left[F_{1,1}^q + i \frac{\sigma^{j+}}{P^+} (\tilde{k}_\perp^j F_{1,2}^q + \tilde{\Delta}_\perp^j F_{1,3}^q) + i \frac{\sigma^{ij} \tilde{k}_\perp^i \tilde{\Delta}_\perp^j}{M^2} F_{1,4}^q \right] u(p)$$

$$L_{q,g} = - \int dx \int d^2 k_\perp \frac{k_\perp^2}{M^2} F_{1,4}^{q,g}(x)$$

Lorce, Pasquini (2011)
YH (2011)

Which OAM is this?

Wilson lines and OAMs

Canonical (JM) OAM from the light-cone staple Wilson line

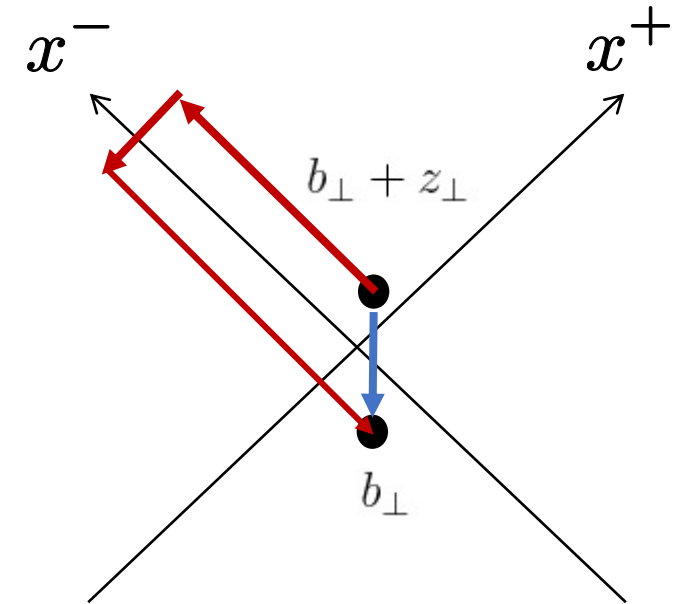
YH (2011)

$$\int d^2k_{\perp} (b_{\perp} \times k_{\perp}) W_{LC}(b_{\perp}, k_{\perp}) = \langle \bar{\psi} b_{\perp} \times i D_{\perp}^{pure} \psi \rangle$$

$$D_{pure}^{\perp} = D^{\perp} - \frac{i}{D^+} F^{+\perp}$$

Kinetic (Ji's) OAM from the straight Wilson line

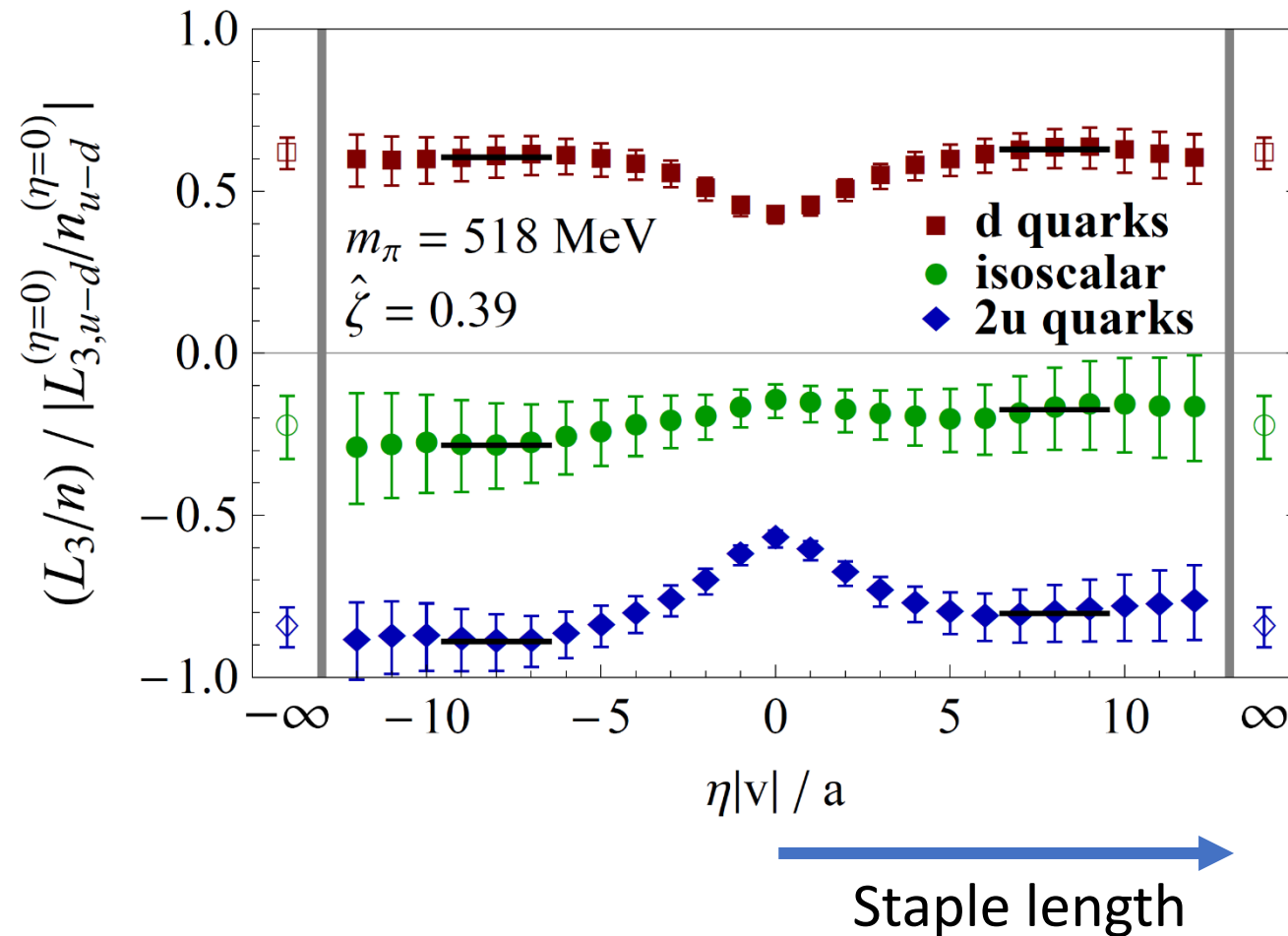
Ji, Xiong, Yuan (2012)



Jaffe-Manohar vs. Ji on a lattice

Engelhardt (2017)

Engelhardt et al. (2020)



OAM distributions

In order to determine $\Delta\Sigma$, ΔG , we first extract the associated PDFs $\Delta q(x)$, $\Delta G(x)$ and integrate over x .

Same with $L_{can}^{q,g}$

OAM from the Wigner distribution

$$L_{can}^q = \int dx \int d^2b_{\perp} d^2k_{\perp} (\vec{b}_{\perp} \times \vec{k}_{\perp})_z W^q(x, \vec{b}_{\perp}, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

Define the x-distribution

$$\rightarrow L_{can}^q(x) = \int d^2b_{\perp} d^2k_{\perp} (\vec{b}_{\perp} \times \vec{k}_{\perp})_z W^q(x, \vec{b}_{\perp}, \vec{k}_{\perp})$$

It's a twist-3 PDF, similar to $g_2(x)$.

Twist structure of OAM PDF

YH, Yoshida (2012)

$$L_{can}^q(x) = x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'} (H_q(x') + E_q(x')) - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} \tilde{H}_q(x')$$

$$- x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \Phi_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{3x_1 - x_2}{x_1^2(x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

$$- x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \tilde{\Phi}_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{1}{x_1^2(x_1 - x_2)}.$$

Wandzura-Wilczek part

genuine twist-3

$$\Phi_F \sim \langle P' | \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ F^{+i} \psi | P \rangle$$

$$M_F \sim \langle P' | F^{+\mu} F^{+i} F_{\mu}^+ | P \rangle$$

$$L_{can}^g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} (H_g(x') + E_g(x')) - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} \Delta G(x')$$

$$+ 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^3} \int dX \Phi_F(X, x') + 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \tilde{M}_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{1}{x_1^3(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$+ 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 M_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{2x_1 - x_2}{x_1^3(x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

Evolution of $L_{q,g}(x)$: WW part

$$\frac{d}{d \ln Q^2} \begin{pmatrix} L_q(x) \\ L_g(x) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{P}_{qq}(z) & \hat{P}_{qg}(z) & \Delta \hat{P}_{qq}(z) & \Delta \hat{P}_{qg}(z) \\ \hat{P}_{gq}(z) & \hat{P}_{gg}(z) & \Delta \hat{P}_{gq}(z) & \Delta \hat{P}_{gg}(z) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L_q(x/z) \\ L_g(x/z) \\ \Delta q(x/z) \\ \Delta G(x/z) \end{pmatrix},$$

Leading order [Hagler, Schafer \(1998\)](#)
[Harindranath, Kundu \(1999\)](#)
[Hoodbhoy, Ji, Lu \(1999\)](#)

All orders [Boussarie, YH, Yuan \(2019\)](#)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln Q^2} \begin{pmatrix} L_q^\omega \\ L_g^\omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{qq}^{\omega+1} & \gamma_{qg}^{\omega+1} \\ \gamma_{gq}^{\omega+1} & \gamma_{gg}^{\omega+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L_\Sigma^\omega \\ L_g^\omega \end{pmatrix} \\ + \frac{1}{\omega+1} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{qq}^{\omega+1} - \Delta \gamma_{qq}^\omega & 2\gamma_{qg}^{\omega+1} - \Delta \gamma_{qg}^\omega \\ \gamma_{gq}^{\omega+1} - 2\Delta \gamma_{gq}^\omega & 2\gamma_{gg}^{\omega+1} - 2\Delta \gamma_{gg}^\omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \Sigma^\omega \\ \Delta G^\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

Evolution of $L_{q,g}(x)$: genuine twist-3 part

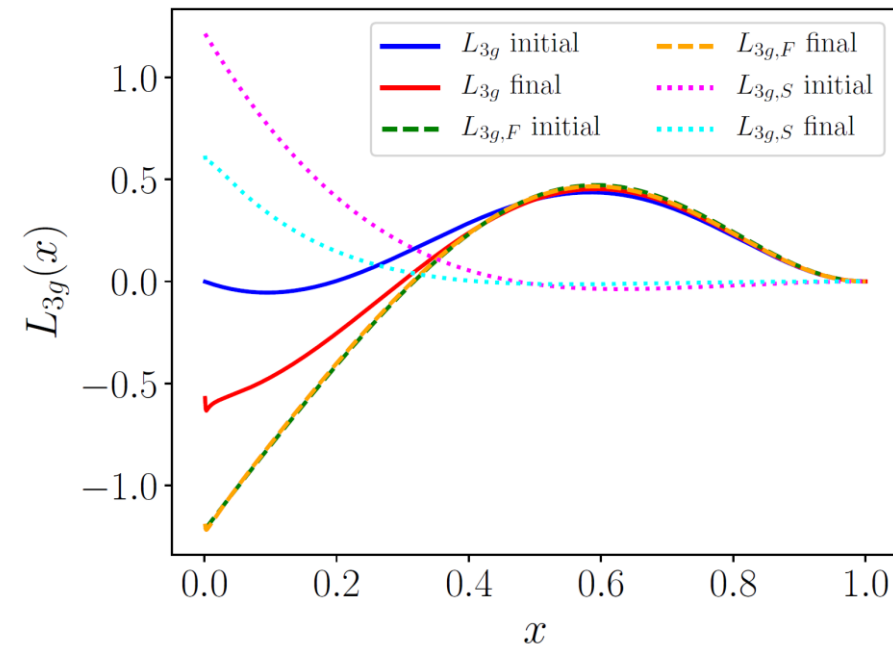
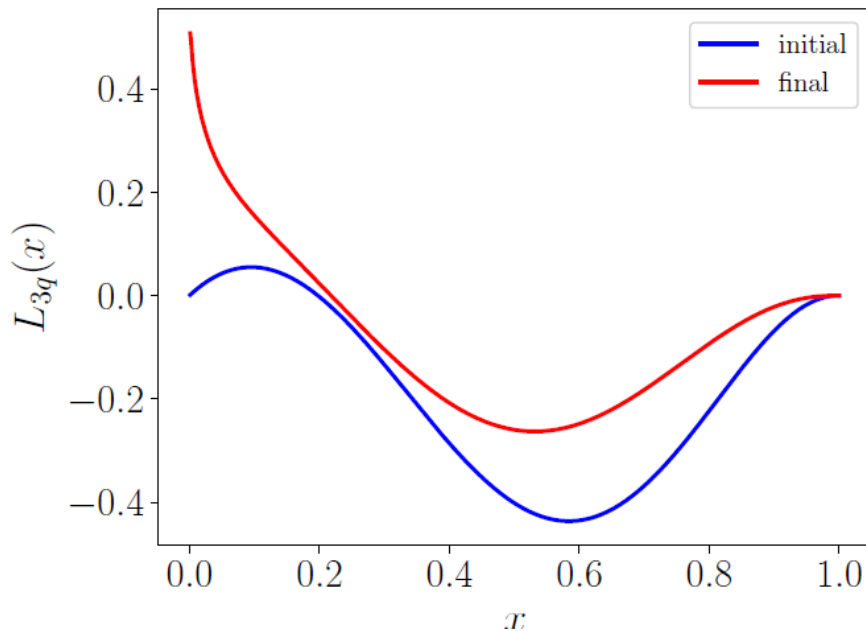
YH, Yao (2019)

Non-forward matrix elements of $\frac{\bar{\psi}\gamma^+ F^{+i}\psi}{F^{+\mu}F^{+i}F_{\mu}^+}$ in the limit $\Delta_{\perp} \rightarrow 0$, zero skewness

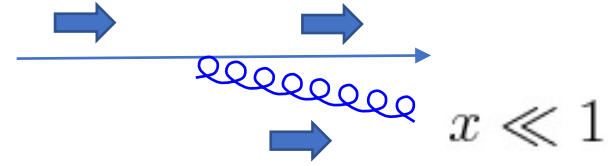
→ The same evolution as for the [Efremov-Teryaev-Qiu-Sterman](#) function.

Numerical code developed by [Pirnay \(2013\)](#)

Straightforward to adapt to the OAM problem



OAM at small-x



Suppose a quark emits a very soft gluon.

Nothing happens to the quark.

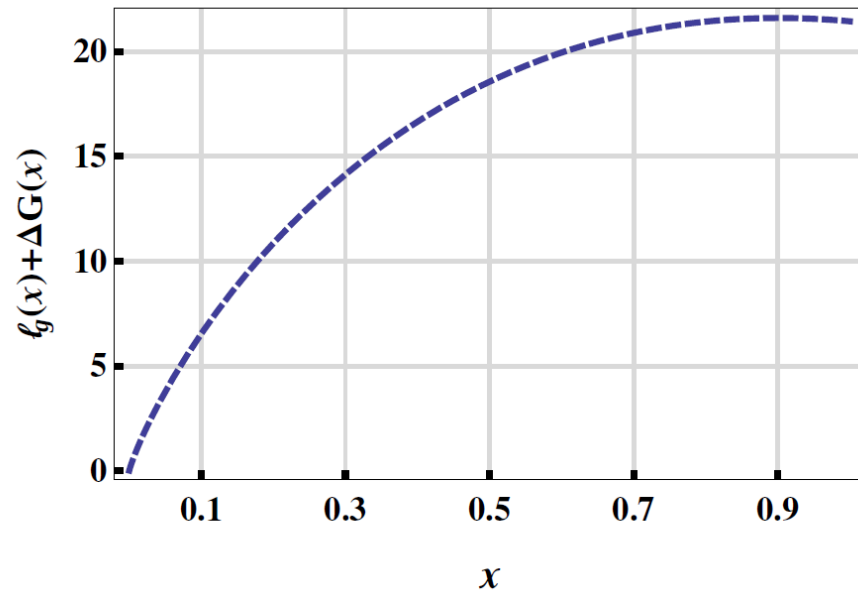
From angular momentum conservation, gluon helicity and OAM must cancel.

$$\frac{d}{d \ln Q^2} L_g(x) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} (-2C_F + \dots) \Delta q(x/z)$$

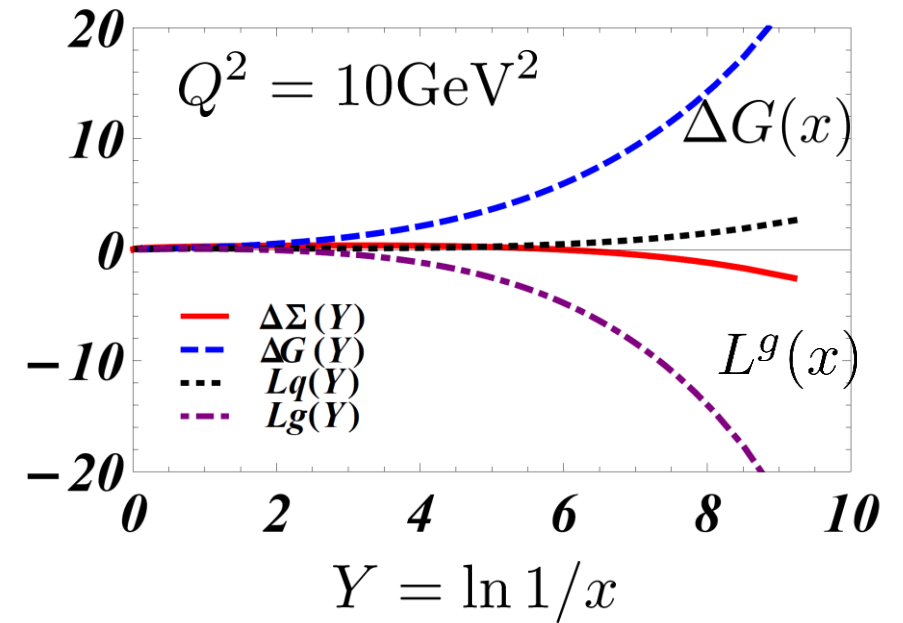
$$\frac{d}{d \ln Q^2} \Delta G(x) = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} (+2C_F + \dots) \Delta q(x/z)$$

Helicity-OAM cancellation at small-x

More Mukherjee, Nair (2017)



YH, Yang (2018)



All-order argument

Start from the exact formula [YH, Yoshida \(2013\)](#)

$$L_{can}^g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} (H_g(x') + E_g(x')) - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} \Delta G(x')$$
$$+ 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^3} \int dX \Phi_F(X, x') + 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \tilde{M}_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{1}{x_1^3(x_1 - x_2)} + 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 M_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{2x_1 - x_2}{x_1^3(x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

Assume that the helicity term dominates on the rhs

If $\Delta G(x) \sim \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$, then $L_g(x) \approx -\frac{2}{1+\alpha} \Delta G(x)$ [Boussarie, YH, Yuan \(2019\)](#)

Consistent with double log resummation
Robust under inclusion of genuine twist-3 effects

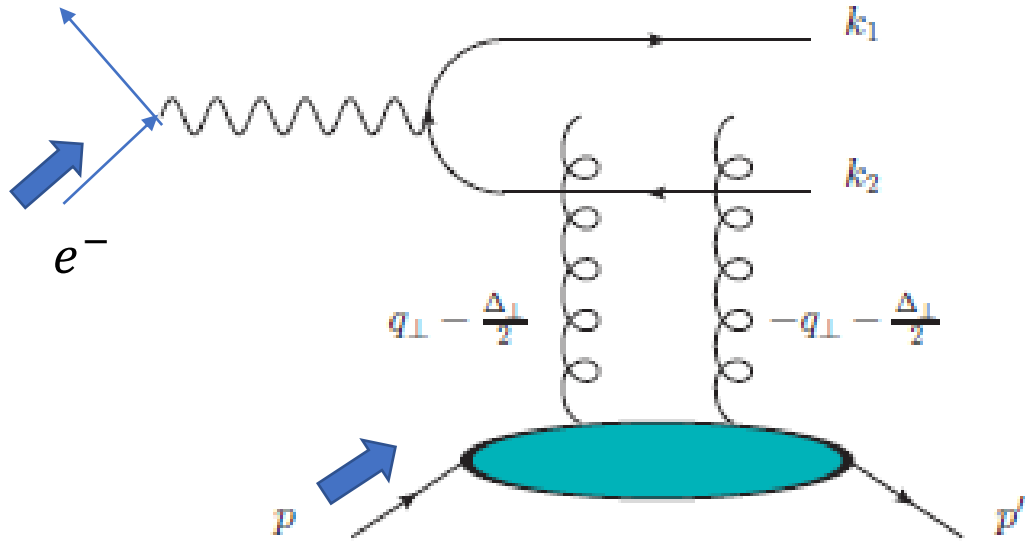
[Boussarie, YH, Yuan \(2019\)](#)
[Kovchegov, Manley \(2023\)](#); [Manley \(2024\)](#)

Observables for OAM

- Nonexistent...until recently
- Still at the level of identifying processes that are sensitive to OAM at leading order.
- GTMD factorization hard to establish
(see however, [Echevarria, Gutierrez-Garcia, Scimemi \(2023\)](#))

Longitudinal **double** spin asymmetry in diffractive dijets

Bhattacharya, Boussarie, YH, (2022) + paper in preparation



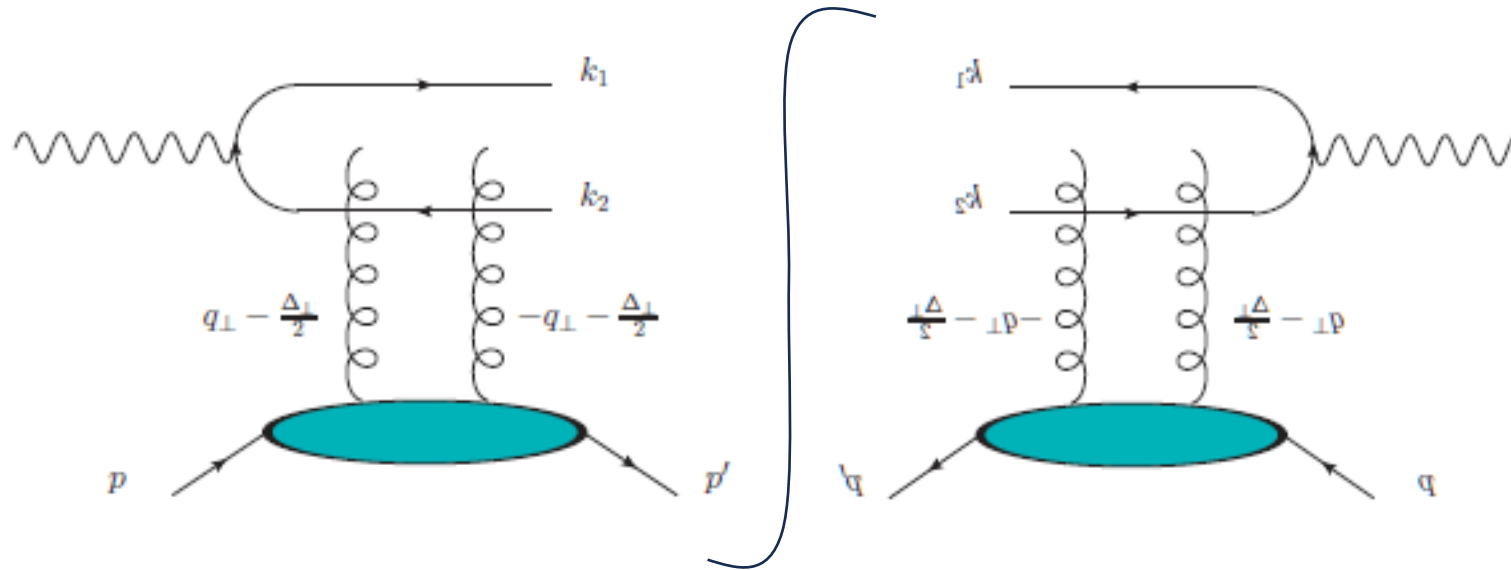
$$L^z \sim b_\perp \times k_\perp$$

conjugate to Δ_\perp
proton recoil momentum

correlated with jet
transverse momentum

$$d\sigma^{h_p h_l} \sim h_p h_l \cos(\phi_{l_\perp} - \phi_{\Delta_\perp}) \text{Re}(iA_L^{2*} A_T^{3i} - iA_T^{2i*} A_L^3)$$

Spin, orbit, and spin-orbit



3 contributions:

$$\mathcal{H}_g$$

$$\mathcal{L}_g$$

OAM

$$\mathcal{H}_g$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_g$$

helicity

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_g$$

$$\mathcal{C}_g$$

spin-orbit coupling ← New

Gluon spin-orbit coupling

Polarized gluon GTMD

helicity operator

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -i\epsilon_{ij} \int \frac{d^3z}{(2\pi)^3 P^+} e^{ixP^+z^- - i\tilde{k}_\perp \cdot \tilde{z}_\perp} \langle p' | F_a^{+i}(-z/2) F_a^{+j}(z/2) | p \rangle \\
 &= \frac{-i}{2M} \bar{u}(p') \left[\frac{\epsilon_{ij} \tilde{k}_\perp^i \tilde{\Delta}_\perp^j}{M^2} G_{1,1}^g + \frac{\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5}{P^+} (\tilde{k}_\perp^i G_{1,2}^g + \tilde{\Delta}_\perp^i G_{1,3}^g) + \sigma^{+-} \gamma_5 G_{1,4}^g \right] u(p),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_g(x) &= \int \frac{dk_\perp^2}{M^2} k_\perp^2 G_{1,1}(x, k_\perp) \\
 &= x^2 \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} (\tilde{H}_g(x') + \tilde{E}_g(x')) - 2x^2 \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} G(x') + \dots \\
 &\approx -xG(x) < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

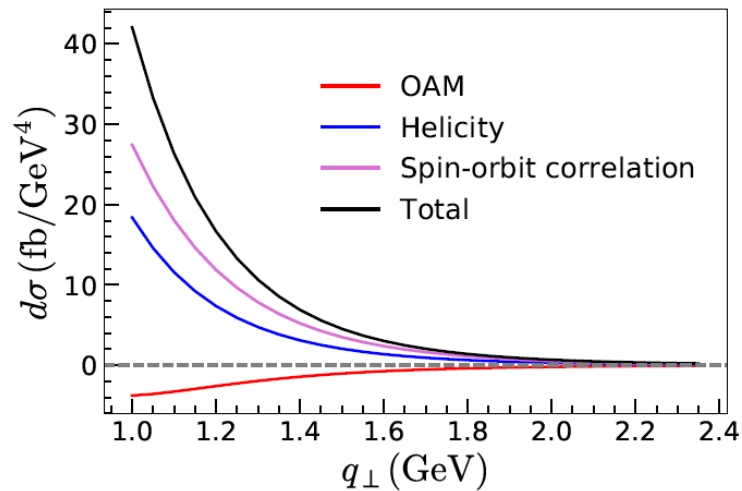
$C > 0$ spin and OAM aligned

$C < 0$ spin and OAM anti-aligned

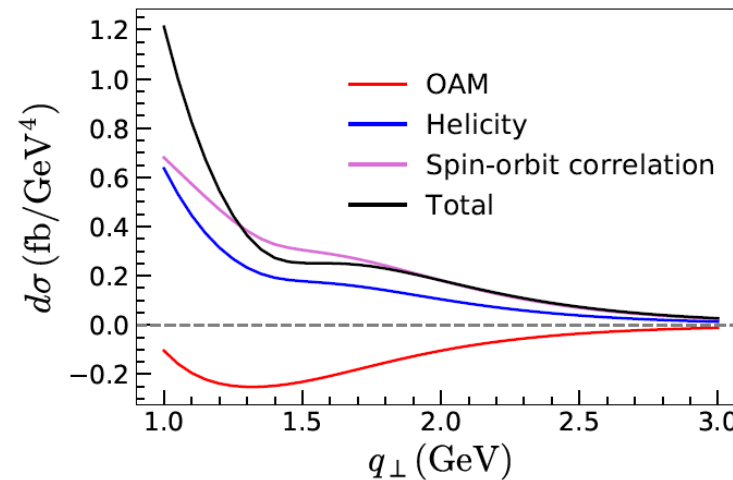
Lorce, Pasquini (2011)

Numerical result (updated)

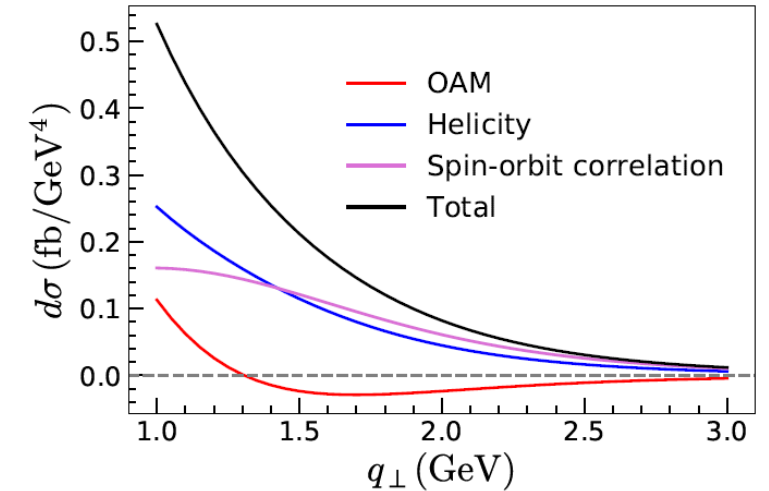
Bhattacharya, Boussarie, YH, in preparation



$$Q^2 = 2.7 \text{ GeV}^2$$



$$Q^2 = 4.8 \text{ GeV}^2$$



$$Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$$

In practice, reconstructing jets at low-Pt is challenging.

Re-interpret the process as semi-inclusive diffractive DIS (SIDDIS) [YH, Xiao, Yuan \(2022\)](#)

Conclusions

- OAM is an essential component of the spin sum rule.
- Helicity is not RG invariant. OAM is always there.
- Unraveling the proton spin structure is a key mission of EIC. More attention/discussion needed in the community.
- Our proposal: DSA in diffractive dijet. Other proposals on the market e.g., [Bhattacharya, Zheng, Zhou 2312.01309](#)

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