

Overview of physics at EIC:

From the perspective of an ordinary perturbative QCD theorist

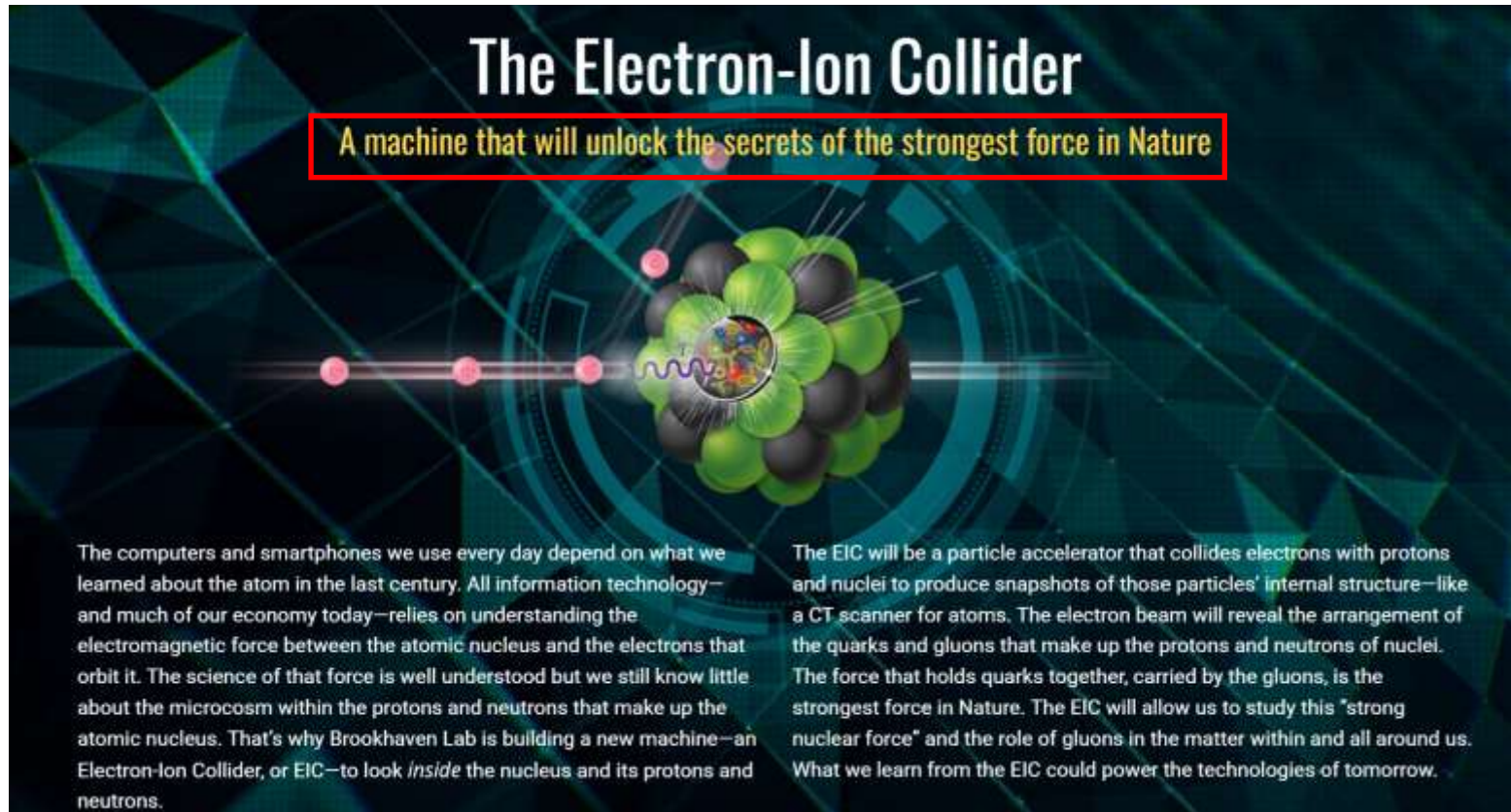
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The computers and smartphones we use every day depend on what we learned about the atom in the last century. All information technology—and much of our economy today—relies on understanding the electromagnetic force between the atomic nucleus and the electrons that orbit it. The science of that force is well understood but we still know little about the microcosm within the protons and neutrons that make up the atomic nucleus. That's why Brookhaven Lab is building a new machine—an Electron-Ion Collider, or EIC—to look *inside* the nucleus and its protons and neutrons.

The EIC will be a particle accelerator that collides electrons with protons and nuclei to produce snapshots of those particles' internal structure—like a CT scanner for atoms. The electron beam will reveal the arrangement of the quarks and gluons that make up the protons and neutrons of nuclei. The force that holds quarks together, carried by the gluons, is the strongest force in Nature. The EIC will allow us to study this "strong nuclear force" and the role of gluons in the matter within and all around us. What we learn from the EIC could power the technologies of tomorrow.

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EIC school at Kyoto

“YITP International School on EIC Physics” March 2 – 13, 2026

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- ❖ Constantia Alexandrou (Cyl and UCY, Cyprus: Member of the Council of PRACE)
Hadron Structure from Lattice QCD



- ❖ Yoshitaka Hatta (BNL, USA: Group Leader of RBRC Theory Group)
Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)



- ❖ Zhongbo Kang (UCLA, USA: Member of Advisory Board, BNL EIC Theory Institute)
Transverse Momentum Dependent Distributions (TMDs)



- ❖ Anna Stasto (PSU, USA: Convener of EIC Theory WG)
Small- x physics



- ❖ Iain Stewart (MIT, USA: Member of Steering Committee, BNL EIC Theory Institute)
Soft Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)

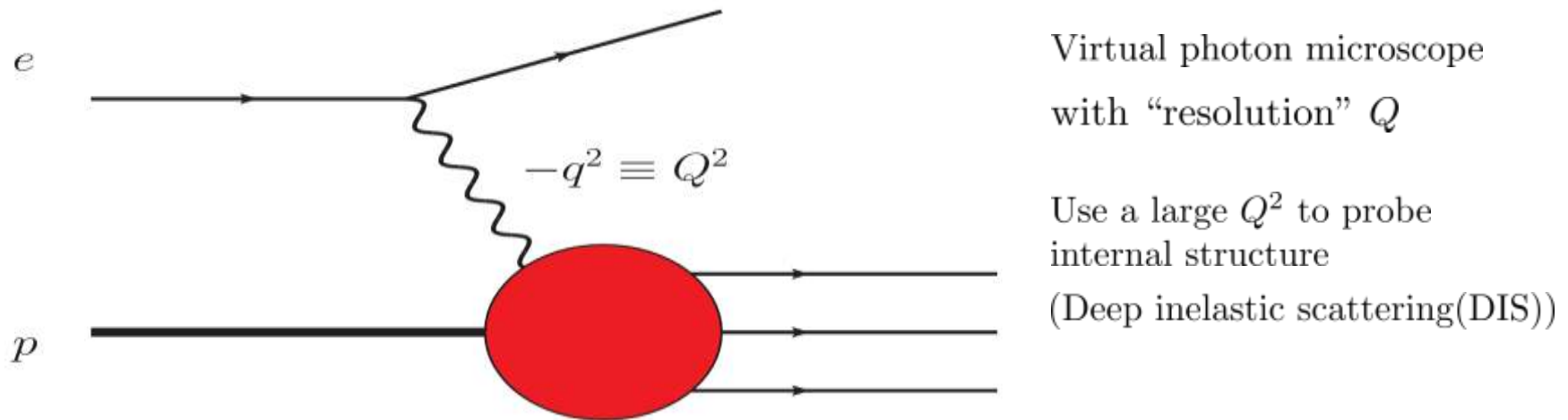


- ❖ Yong Zhao (ANL, USA)
Large Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET)

1. Nucleon structure and ep collision

Electron-proton(ion) collision

Investigation of the nucleon structure was initiated by SLAC in the late 1960s



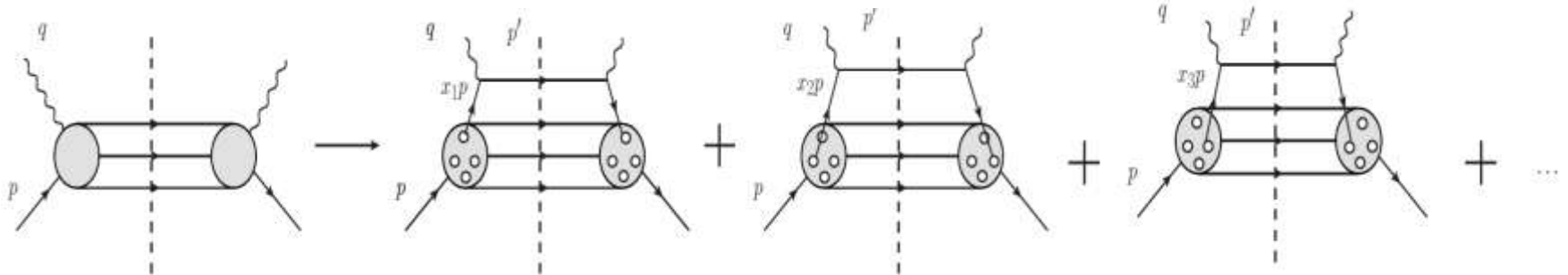
Further investigation was inherited by later experiments (EMC, HERA, JLab,...)

Why we still need another experiment ?

- Still a lot of mysteries lie in the nucleon structure
 - 3D structure and polarization
 - Gluon structure in small- x
 - Origins of the mass and the spin

Parton model

Parton model: scattering of the nucleon is viewed as incoherent scatterings of internal particles “partons”



- Each parton behaves like a free particle and is scattered independently
 - A scattered parton has parallel momentum to the parent proton with a fraction x
- 1-dimensional motion

The proton scattering is characterized by parton distribution function $f_q(x)$

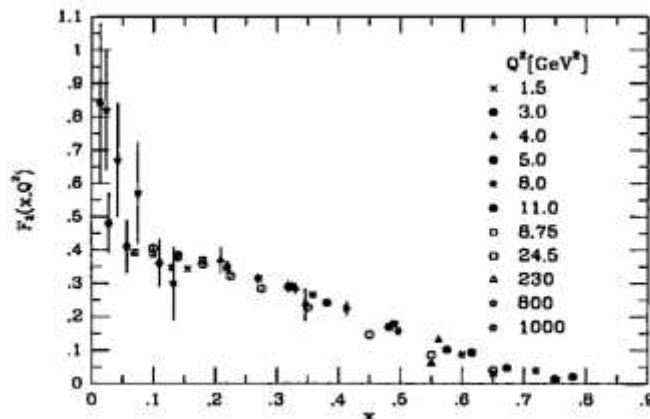


Fig. 4.2. The F_2 structure function from the SLAC-MIT, BCDMS, H1 and ZEUS collaborations.

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2x} F_2(x) = \sum_{a=q, \bar{q}} \frac{e_a^2}{2} f_a(x)$$

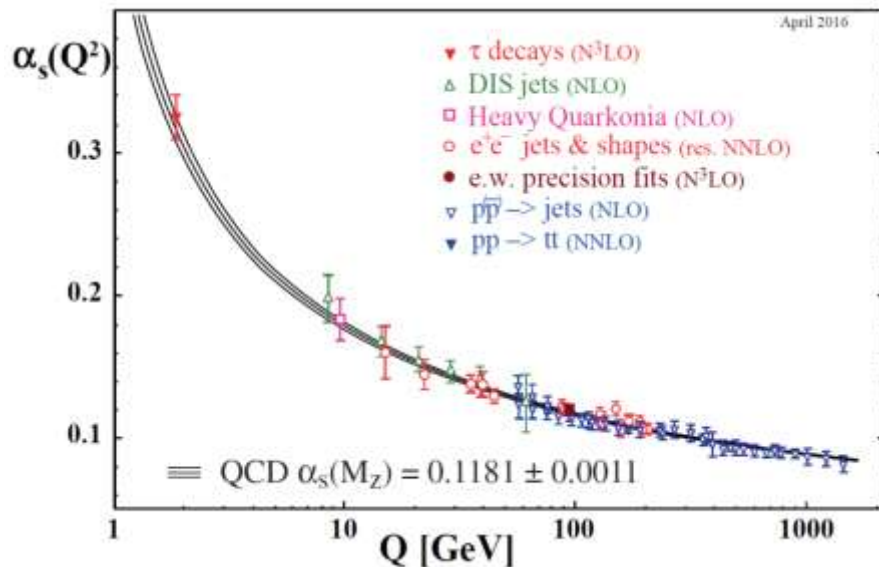
The structure functions depend on a single parameter
(Bjorken scaling)

F_2 shows the scaling in the wide range of Q^2

$$1\text{GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 1000\text{GeV}^2$$

Nucleon structure and modified perturbation

QCD exhibits the asymptotic freedom



modified perturbation against UV divergence
(Renormalization)

$$\alpha_s \rightarrow \alpha_s(Q^2)$$

The parton model has been accepted as a basic picture for high-energy scatterings up to present

The asymptotic freedom opened the door to the understanding of the nucleon structure by the first principle calculation

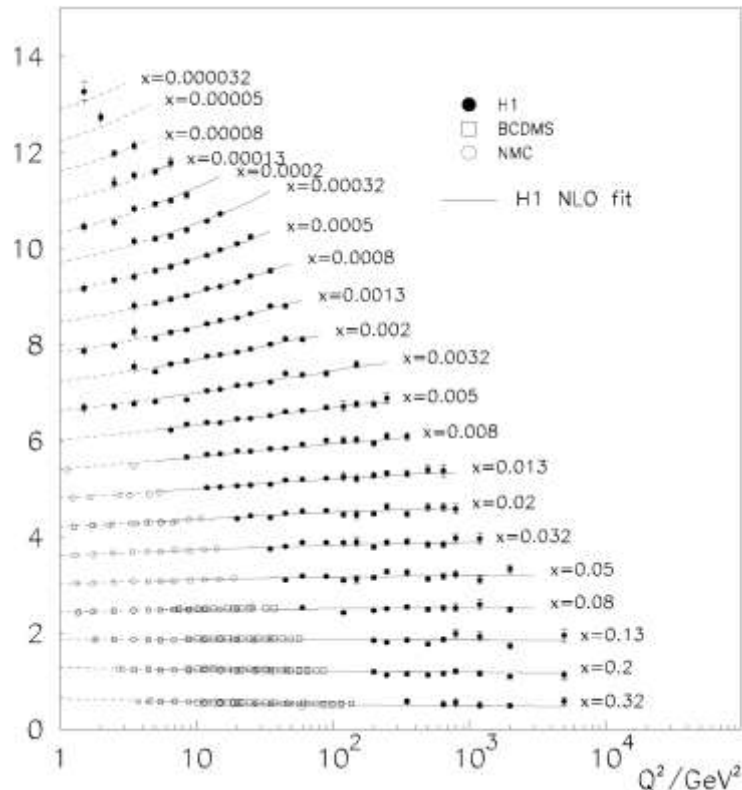
Although a large Q^2 allows us a perturbative approach, it brings a problem at the same time

The virtual photon with large Q scatters a quark with small mass m_q

Large scale gap $m_q \ll Q$ could spoil the perturbation theory by the large log contribution $\ln \frac{Q}{m_q}$

mass singularity
(collinear divergence)

Construction of modified perturbation brings Q -dependence of parton distribution
(Collinear factorization)



$$f(x) \longrightarrow f(x, Q^2)$$

QCD improved parton model

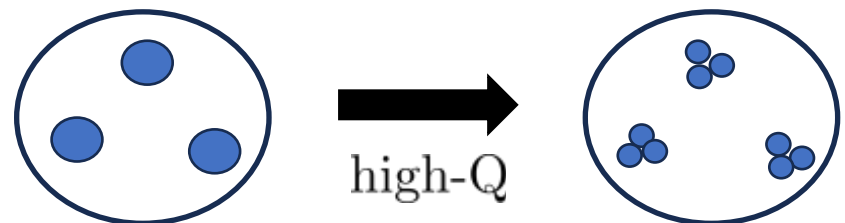
$$F_2(x) \rightarrow F_2(x, Q^2)$$

scaling violation

scaling violation is well controlled by DGLAP eq

parton distribution changes

with respect to resolution Q



2. Physics of TMD

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Transverse-momentum-dependent distribution

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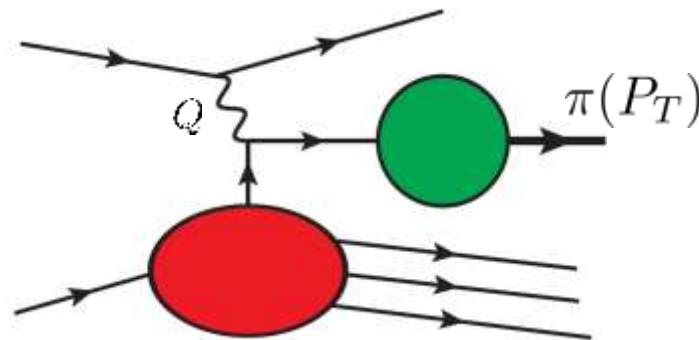
Understanding of 3D structure in the momentum space is one of the main goals of EIC

→ Determination of transverse-momentum-dependent(TMD) functions

processes with large virtuality Q and a small transverse momentum of observed particle P_T , $P_T \ll Q$

semi-inclusive DIS(SIDIS)

$$e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + \pi + X$$



A modified perturbation is needed to control large logs $\ln \frac{Q}{P_T}$

TMD factorization

J. C. Collins and D. E. Soper, Nucl. Phys. B193 (1981)

X. d. Ji, J. p. Ma and F. Yuan, Phys. Rev. D71 (2005)

TMD Handbook, arXiv:2304.03302

$$f(x) \longrightarrow f(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$$

A modified perturbation can be constructed by introducing k_T -dependence in nonperturbative functions

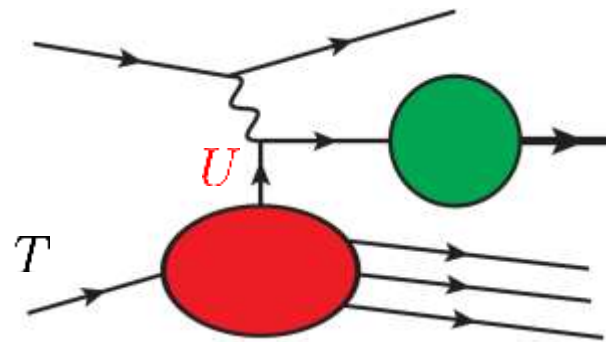
The resummation of large logs can be achieved by the renormalization group equations of TMD functions

If this modified perturbative expansion exists,

k_T -dependent function brings a new polarization effect D. W. Sivers, Phys. Rev. D41 (1990)

$$\frac{2}{M_N} (\vec{k}_T \times \vec{S}_\perp)_z f_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$$

unpolarized quark scattering inside the transversely polarized proton (Sivers effect)



not considered in the parton model

The single transverse-spin asymmetry (SSA) is an ideal probe: $A_N = \frac{d\sigma^\uparrow - d\sigma^\downarrow}{d\sigma^\uparrow + d\sigma^\downarrow}$

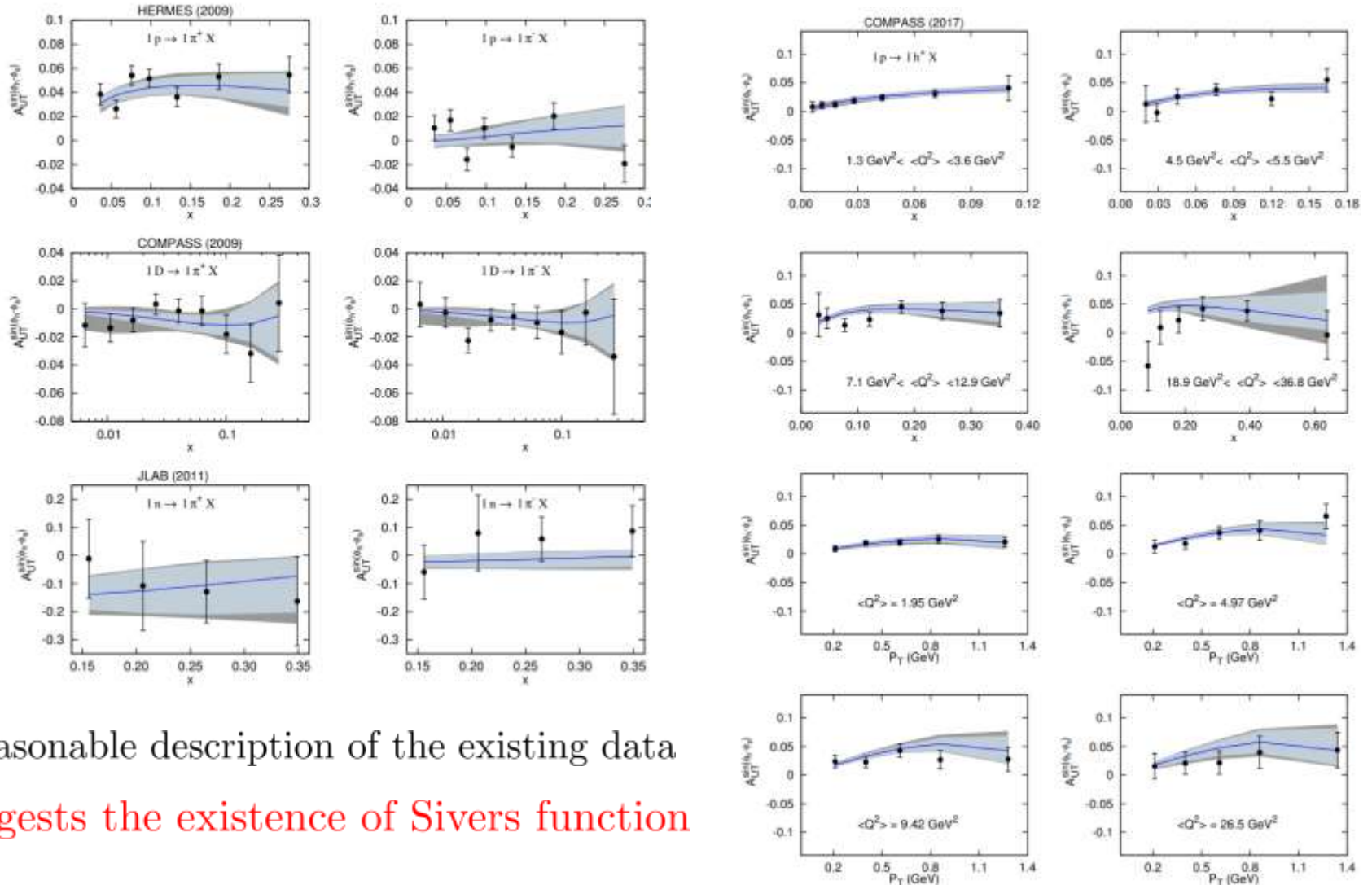
The parton model predicts a negligible SSA

G. L. Kane, J. Pumplin and W. Repko, Phys. Rev. Lett. 41 (1978)

Successes of Sivers

M. Boglione, U. D'Alesio, C. Flore
and J. O. Gonzalez-Hernandez, JHEP07 (2018)

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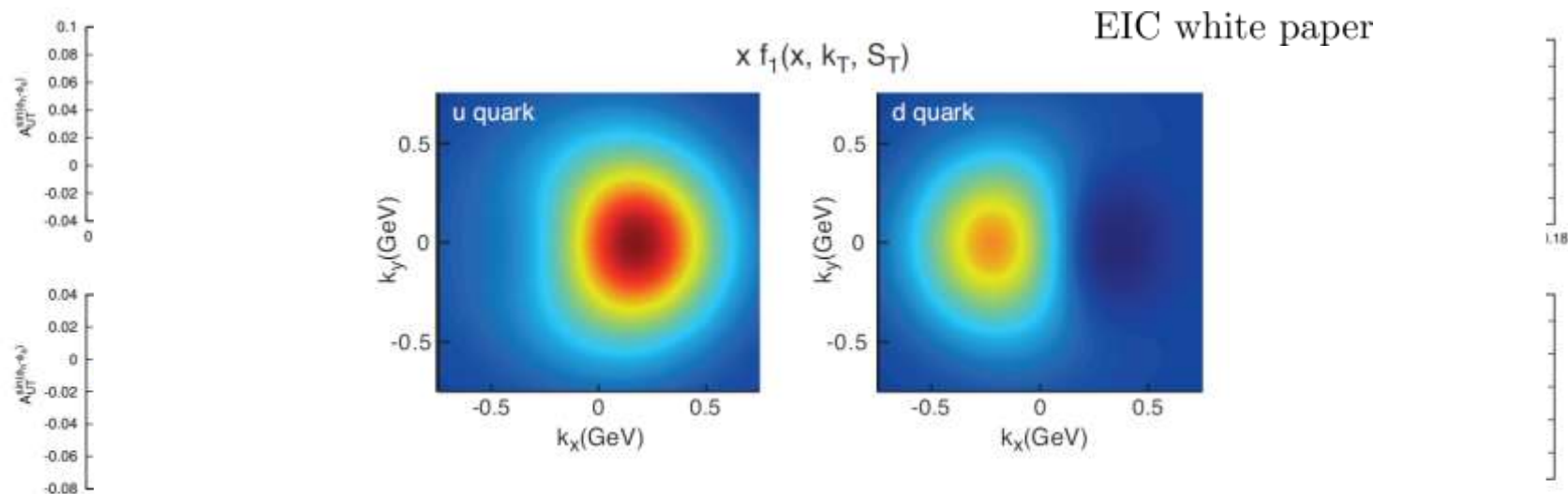


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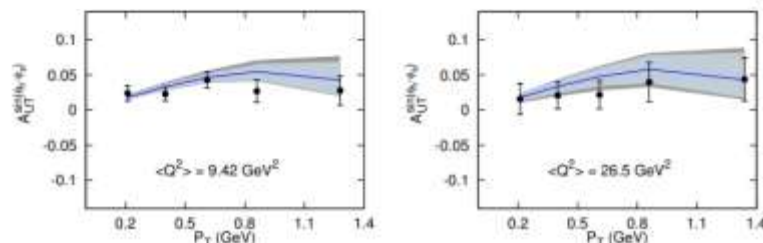


TMD framework has been intensively studied for decades

- gives the accessibility to novel nucleon structures beyond the parton model(3D structure, spin-mismatch scatterings)
- framework for a precision calculation as a resummed perturbation

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TMD evolution

TMD functions have two types of scale dependences

$$f(x, k_T) \longrightarrow f(x, k_T, \mu, \zeta)$$

renormalization

$$f_{1T}^\perp(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \int d^2 k_T e^{-i\vec{k}_T \cdot \vec{b}_T} f_{1T}^\perp(x, k_T, \mu, \zeta)$$

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Perturbative

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} f(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \gamma_q(\alpha_s(\mu), \frac{\zeta}{\mu^2}) f(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) \quad \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} f(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \frac{\tilde{K}}{2} f(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta)$$

Collins-Soper Kernel receives a contribution from $\alpha_s(1/b_T)$
nonperturbative in large b_T

The perturbative parts have been calculated up to 3-loop, 4-loop

Soft collinear effective theory(SCET) provides a systematic way TMD Handbook, arXiv:2304.03302

Different modelings of the nonperturbative part

Scimemi and Vladimirov, JHEP06(2020) MAPTMD22, JHEP10(2022)

New challenge for lattice QCD theorists

Lattice Parton (LPC) Collaboration, JHEP 08 (2023)

A. Avkhadiev, P. E. Shanahan, M. L. Wagman and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D108 (2023)

D. Bollweg, X. Gao, S. Mukherjee and Y. Zhao, Phys. Lett. B852 (2024)

Wide range of Q^2 from EIC will justify the validity of the TMD framework
as a resummed perturbation against the large logs

Non-universality of Sivers

$$\mathcal{F.T.}\langle PS_{\perp}|\bar{\psi}(0)\gamma^+\psi(x^-,x_T)|PS_{\perp}\rangle = \frac{2}{M_N}(\vec{k}_T \times \vec{S}_{\perp})_z f_{1T}^{\perp}(x,k_T) + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{F.T.}\langle PS_{\perp}|\bar{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\mu}\psi(x^-,x_T)|PS_{\perp}\rangle = \mathcal{F.T.}\langle P(-S_{\perp})|\bar{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\mu}\psi(x^-,x_T)|P(-S_{\perp})\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad f_{1T}^{\perp}(x,k_T) = 0$$

under PT

Does the Sivers function exist ? \longleftarrow Successes in the description of the SSA data

The gauge invariance requires the Wilson line $\mathcal{F.T.}\langle PS_{\perp}|\bar{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\mu}\mathcal{W}\psi(x^-,x_T)|PS_{\perp}\rangle$

3D Wilson line changes its path under PT

PT connects two different functions

$$f_{1T}^{\perp\text{SIDIS}}(x,k_T) = -f_{1T}^{\perp\text{DY}}(x,k_T)$$

Important test of the TMD framework

Experimental data so far seems to support the sign change within large error bars

Sivers effect within the TMD framework has reached a high level of precision

NLO hard cross section + TMD evolution

M. G. Echevarria, Z. B. Kang and J. Terry, JHEP01 (2021)



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Zhongbo Kang

Role of TMD in Physics

- small transverse momentum + large scale could often happen in high energy reactions

cf. q_T -spectrum of a heavy particle production ($Z, W, \text{Higgs} \dots$): $q_T \ll M$

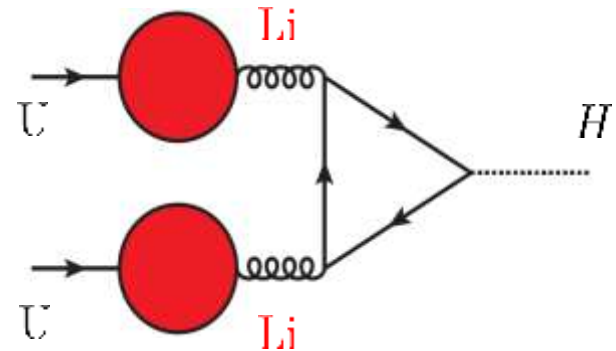
G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS], Phys. Lett. B705 (2011)

Novel polarization could happen

linearly polarized gluon TMD

$$\left(\frac{p_T^\mu p_T^\nu}{M_N^2} + g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \frac{p_T^2}{2M_N^2} \right) h_1^{\perp g}(x, p_T)$$

linearly polarized gluon inside the unpolarized proton



- TMD polarizations can be used as a tool to pin down a new physics

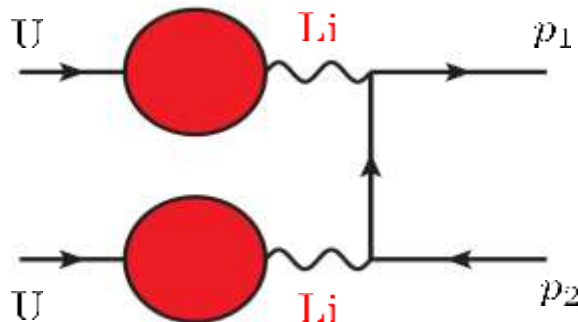
Contribution from the above linearly polarized gluon changes its sign between the scalar and the pseudoscalar Higgs productions

D. Boer *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012)

D. Gutierrez-Reyes, S. Leal-Gomez, I. Scimemi and A. Vladimirov, JHEP11 (2019)

Linearly polarized photon may be used as a signal of a strong magnetic field

C. Li, J. Zhou and Y. J. Zhou, Phys. Lett. B795 (2019)



$$\left(2 \frac{p_T^\mu p_T^\nu}{p_T^2} + g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \right) h_1^{\perp \gamma}(x, p_T)$$

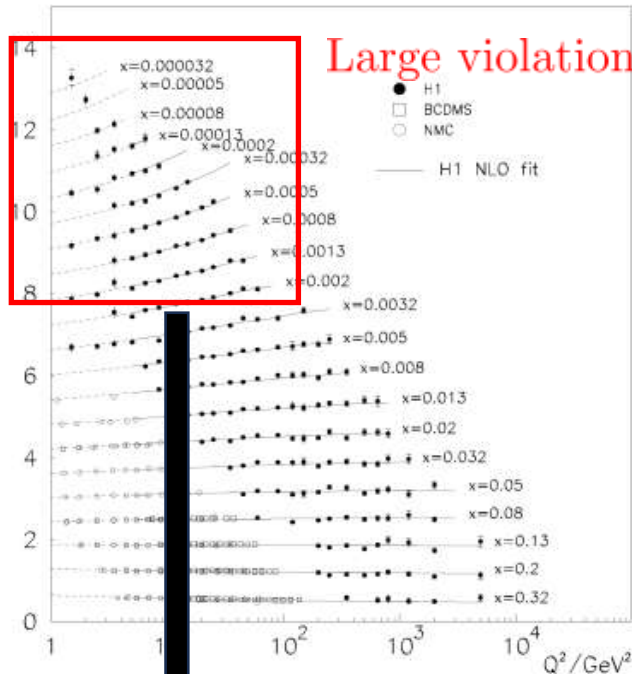
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Gluon density in small- x



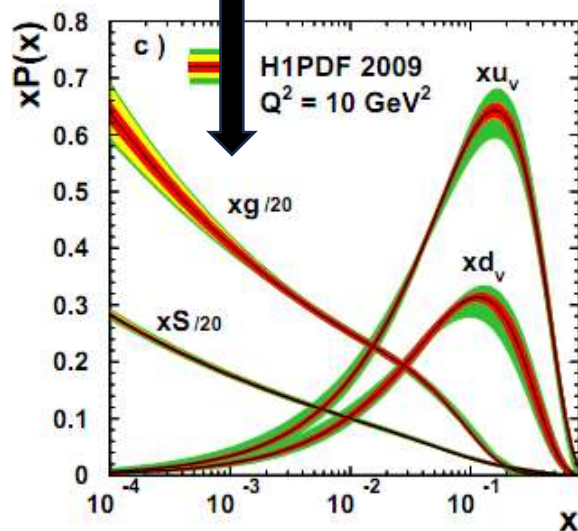
Large violation in small- x

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DGLAP equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln Q^2} f_q(x, Q) = \frac{\alpha_s(Q)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) f_q(y, Q) + \frac{\alpha_s(Q)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{qg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \underbrace{f_g(y, Q)}_{\text{gluon density}}$$

Gluon density can be observed
as the subleading contribution in DIS



$$\text{Bjorken } x: \quad x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q} = \frac{Q^2}{s + Q^2} \simeq \frac{Q^2}{s}$$

It is small in Regge-Gribov limit: fixed Q^2 , $s \rightarrow \infty$

→ large log enhancement from $\ln(1/x)$

Can we construct a modified perturbation
with small- x resummed gluon density ?

BFKL equation

Balitsky-Fadin-Kuraev-Lipatov

Summation of large $\log \ln(1/x)$ can be performed by BFKL equation

$$(\text{Gluon density}) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\alpha_p - 1} \quad \alpha_p - 1 \simeq 0.79$$

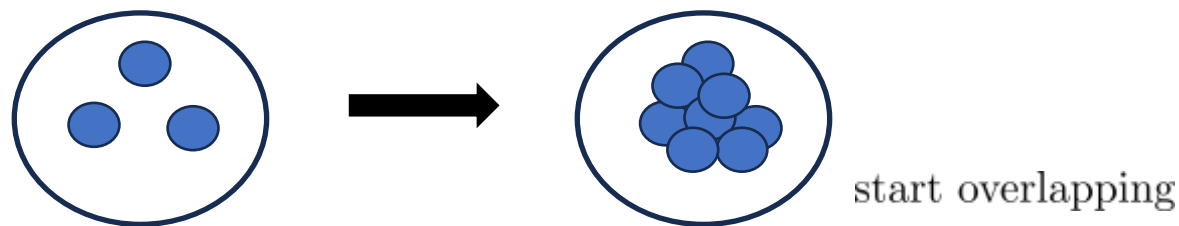
The total cross section in pp collision: σ_{tot}

BFKL shows $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = s^{\alpha_p - 1}$ but data shows $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = s^{0.1}$

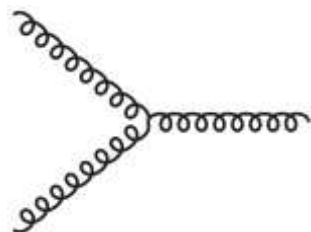
unitary bound says it should be up to logarithmic dependence $\ln^2 s$ in $s \rightarrow \infty$

What are we overlooking ?

Regge-Gribov limit: fixed Q^2 , $s \rightarrow \infty$ density increases with a fixed resolution



QCD exhibits the gluons' self-interaction



possibility of recombination



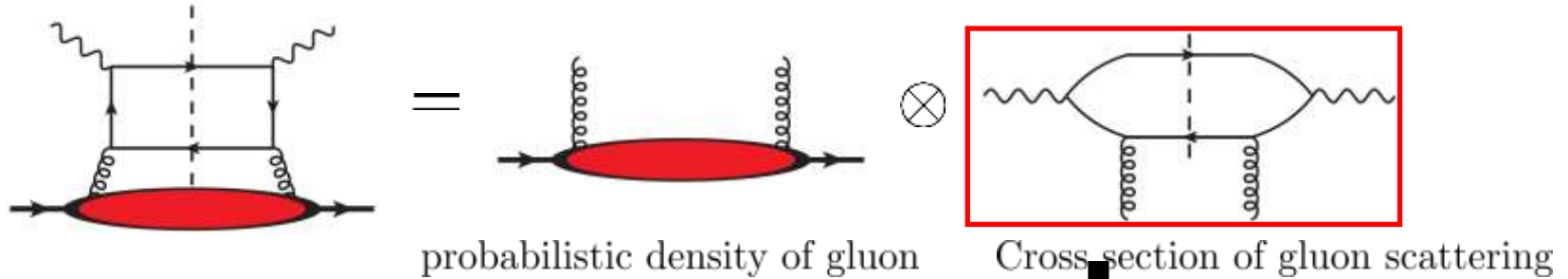
BK equation

If this picture is correct there should be the point of saturation density

verification in experiment

Color-glass-condensate EFT

- conventional parton picture $\gamma^* p \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (gluon scattering channel)



- color-glass-condensate (CGC) EFT

$$\langle\langle O \rangle\rangle_Y = \int [D\rho] W_Y[\rho] \langle O \rangle[A[\rho]]$$

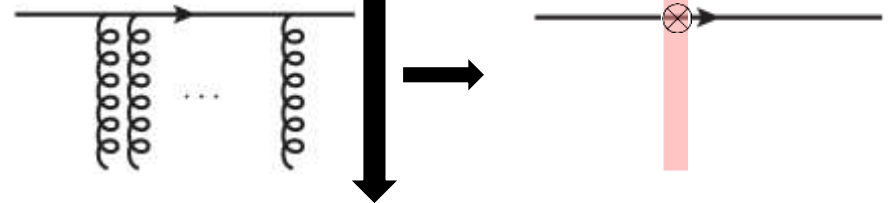
$$Y = \log(1/x)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \langle\langle O \rangle\rangle_Y = \langle\langle H_{\text{JIMWLK}} O \rangle\rangle_Y$$

JIMWLK eq

path integral by the small- x effective action in terms of the Wilson line

$$V(x_\perp) = \text{P exp} \left(i g \int dx^- A^+(x^-, x_\perp) \right)$$



Y -evolution is consistent with BFKL in dilute

J. Jalilian-Marian *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. B504 (1997)

with BK in dense

E. Ferreiro, E. Iancu, A. Leonidov and L. McLerran,
Nucl. Phys. A703 (2002)

The diagram shows a gluon scattering cross section in the CGC framework, represented by a box diagram with two Wilson lines (vertical red bars with crosses) inserted into the internal lines. This is followed by the expression $\sim \text{Tr}[V(x_\perp)V^\dagger(y_\perp)]$.

Era of NLO studies

NLO results for eA has been published one after another in recent years

NLO JIMWLK kernel H_{JIMWLK} A. Kovner, M. Lublinsky and Y. Mulian, Phys. Rev. D89 (2014)

Inclusive DIS arXiv: 1009.4729, 1207.3844, 1112.4501, 1606.00777, 1708.06557, 1711.08207, 2103.14549, 2112.03158, 2204.02486, 2211.03504

Inclusive dijet

arXiv: 2108.06347, 2204.11650, 2208.13872, 2304.03304

Exclusive light vector meson

arXiv: 1612.08026, 2203.16911

Exclusive heavy vector meson

arXiv:2104.02349, 2204.14031

Single inclusive and dihadron

arXiv:2207.03606, 2210.03208, 2211.04837

Diffractive dihadron

arXiv: 2211.05774

Diffractive DIS

arXiv: 2401.17251

Diffractive dijet

arXiv: 1606.00419, 2112.06353, 2207.06268

Inclusive photon+dijet

arXiv: 1911.04530

Inclusive dihadron

arXiv: 2405.19404

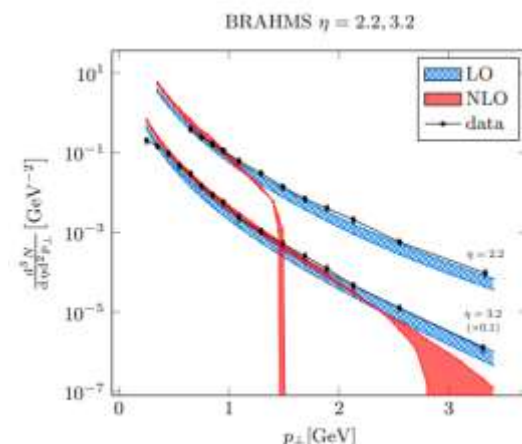
High statistical data in various processes
at EIC is expected to show a signal of CGC

A. M. Stasto, B. W. Xiao and D. Zaslavsky,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014)

First numerical study at NLO

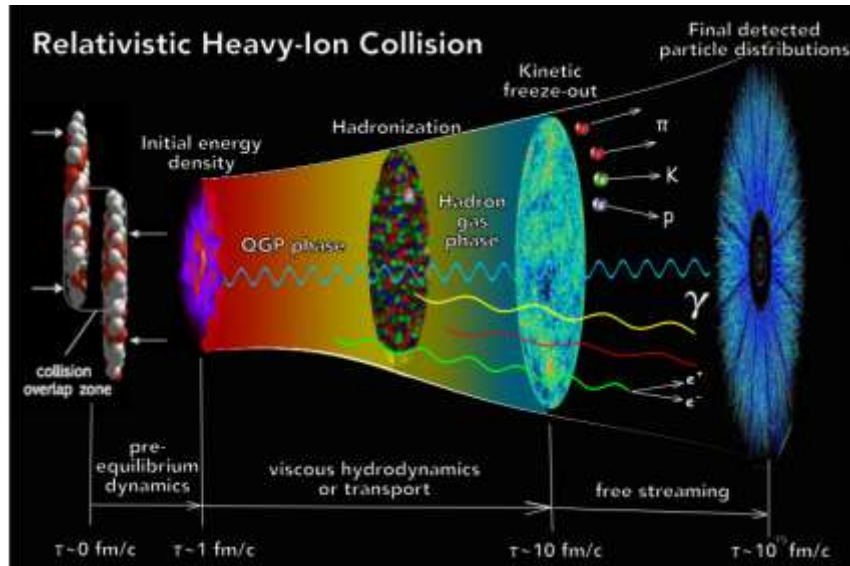


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Role of small- x in physics

Initial condition of Heavy-Ion Collisions

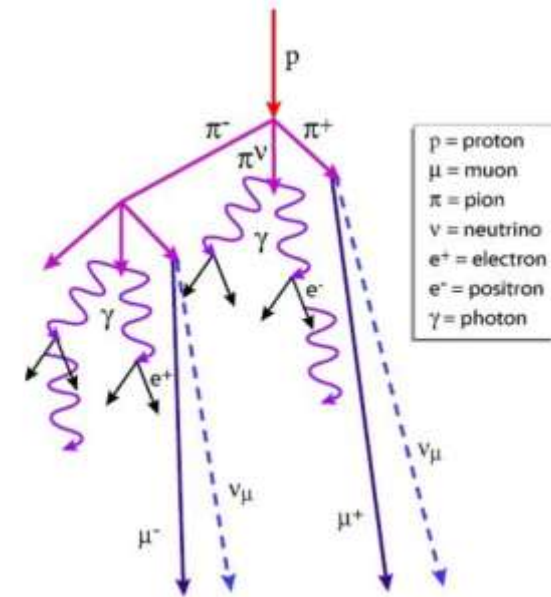


P. Achenbach *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A1047 (2024)

Quark-Gluon-Plasma is produced by two energetic heavy ions collision in lab

The precise understanding of the initial conditions is essential for understanding the properties of the quark-gluon plasma

Origin of cosmic rays



Proton's energy could reach 10^{20} GeV which is much larger than the energy of the proton beam at LHC

Produced cosmic ray could reflect nontrivial dynamics after the collision

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Origin of mass and spin of the proton

High energy reactions show the uud quark mass is just 1% of the proton mass $938\text{MeV}/c^2$

What is the origin of the mass ?

What are the roles of quarks and gluons ?



EMC experiment observed small quark spin

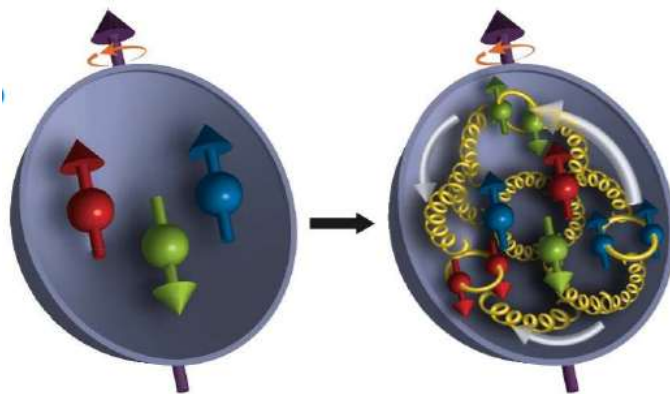
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma &= \frac{1}{2}(\Delta u + \Delta d + \Delta s) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(0.12 \pm 0.17 + (-0.19 \pm 0.06))\end{aligned}$$

“Spin crisis”

How much are the other contributions ?

(gluon spin, OAMs)

How can we access them ?



Proton mass decomposition

T. Aoyama *et al.* [HAL QCD],
Phys. Rev. D110 (2024)

No doubt that the nucleon mass arises from QCD dynamics

Is more microscopic understanding possible ?

$$\langle p | \underline{T^{\mu\nu}} | p \rangle = 2P^\mu P^\nu$$

QCD energy momentum tensor(EMT)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_q^{\mu\nu} + T_g^{\mu\nu}$$

roles of quarks and gluons could be separately understood

There are two decompositions

1. rest energy

$$2M^2 = \langle p | T^{00} | p \rangle \Big|_{\vec{p}=0}$$

$$M = M_m + M_q + M_g + \frac{1}{4}M_a$$
2. invariant mass

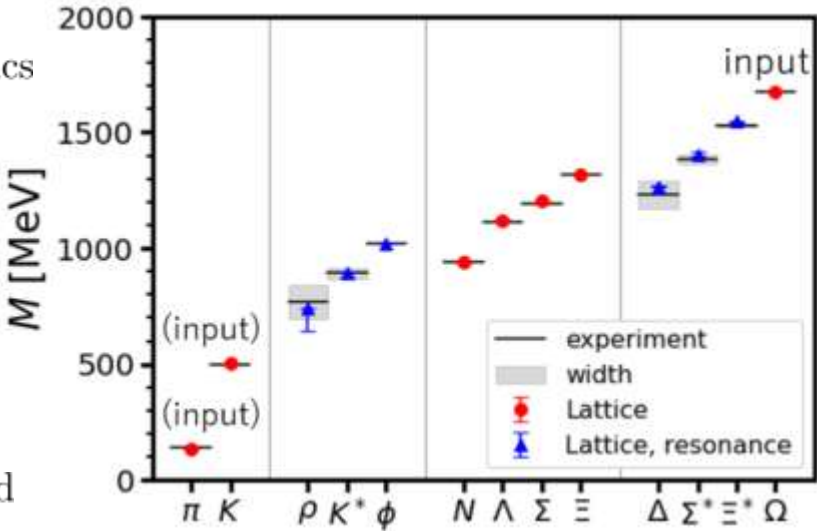
$$2M^2 = \langle p | T^\mu_\mu | p \rangle$$

$$M = M_m + M_a$$

$$M_m = \sum_q \sigma_q \quad M_q = \frac{3}{4} \left(M \sum_q \langle x \rangle_q - M_m \right) \quad M_g = \frac{3}{4} M \sum \langle x \rangle_g$$

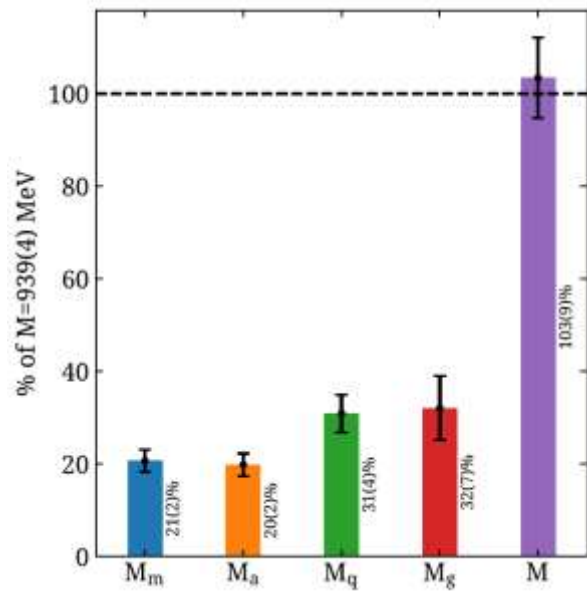
two total momentum fractions $\langle x \rangle_q$ and $\langle x \rangle_g$
and the sigma terms σ_q

→ calculable on lattice



C. Alexandrou et al., PRD 101, 094513 (2020)

PRD 102, 054517 (2020)



Talk by C. Alexandrou
at 3rd Proton Mass Workshop

The charm quark sigma term σ_c gives a sizable contribution



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Is there anything pQCD theorists can do ?

Gravitational form factors

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p' | T_{q,g}^{\mu\nu} | p \rangle &= \bar{u}(p') \left[A_{q,g}(t) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_{q,g}(t) \frac{P^{\{\mu} i \sigma^{\nu\} \alpha} \Delta_{\alpha}}{2M} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + D_{q,g}(t) \frac{\Delta^{\mu} \Delta^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{M} + \bar{C}_{q,g}(t) M g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} P &= \frac{p + p'}{2} \\ \Delta &= p' - p \\ t &= \Delta^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2M} \langle p | T^{00} | p \rangle \Big|_{\vec{p}=0} = M \left(\boxed{A_q(0)} + A_g(0) + \boxed{\bar{C}_q(0)} + \bar{C}_g(0) \right)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2M} \langle p | T^{\mu}_{\mu} | p \rangle = M \left(\boxed{A_q(0)} + A_g(0) + 4 \boxed{\bar{C}_q(0)} + \bar{C}_g(0) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_q(0) + A_g(0) &= 1 & \bar{C}_q(0) + \bar{C}_g(0) &= 0 \\ \text{total momentum fraction} & & \text{conservation law} (\Delta_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu}_{q+g} = 0) & \end{aligned}$$

just have to evaluate $A_q(0)$ and $\bar{C}_q(0)$

$$A_q(0) = \int_0^1 dx \, x q(x) \longleftarrow \text{moment of the parton distribution function}$$

$$\text{global QCD analysis at NNLO (CT18)} \quad A_q(0, \mu = 1.3 \text{ GeV}) = 0.613$$

Perturbative matching

2-loop Y. Hatta, A. Rajan and K. Tanaka, JHEP12 (2018)

3-loop K. Tanaka, JHEP03 (2023)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{C}_q(\mu) = -\bar{C}_g(\mu) = & -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{n_f}{4C_F + n_f} + \frac{2n_f}{3\beta_0} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2n_f}{3\beta_0} + 1 \right) \frac{\langle N(p) | m \bar{\psi} \psi | N(p) \rangle}{2M^2} \\
 & - \frac{4C_F A_q(\mu_0) + n_f (A_q(\mu_0) - 1)}{4(4C_F + n_f)} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\alpha_s(\mu_0)} \right)^{\frac{8C_F + 2n_f}{3\beta_0}} \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \left(-\frac{n_f (34C_A + 49C_F)}{108\beta_0} + \frac{\beta_1 n_f}{6\beta_0^2} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[\frac{n_f (34C_A + 157C_F)}{108\beta_0} + \frac{C_F}{3} - \frac{\beta_1 n_f}{6\beta_0^2} \right] \frac{\langle N(p) | m \bar{\psi} \psi | N(p) \rangle}{2M^2} \right) - \frac{1}{4} A_q^{\text{NLO}}(\mu) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{n_f^2}{\beta_0} \left[\frac{697C_A}{1458} + \frac{169C_F}{2916} \right] + n_f \left[\frac{17\beta_1 C_A}{54\beta_0^2} + \frac{\beta_2}{6\beta_0^2} + \frac{49\beta_1 C_F}{108\beta_0^2} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\beta_0} \left\{ \left(\frac{401}{648} - \frac{26\zeta(3)}{9} \right) C_A C_F + \left(2\zeta(3) - \frac{67}{27} \right) C_A^2 + \left(\frac{8\zeta(3)}{9} - \frac{2407}{2916} \right) C_F^2 \right\} - \frac{\beta_1^2}{6\beta_0^3} \right] \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[-\frac{n_f^2}{\beta_0} \left(\frac{697C_A}{1458} + \frac{1789C_F}{2916} \right) + n_f \left(-\frac{17\beta_1 C_A}{54\beta_0^2} - \frac{\beta_2}{6\beta_0^2} - \frac{157\beta_1 C_F}{108\beta_0^2} + \frac{\beta_1^2}{6\beta_0^3} - \frac{17C_F}{27} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{n_f}{\beta_0} \left\{ \left(\frac{26\zeta(3)}{9} + \frac{4315}{648} \right) C_A C_F + \left(\frac{67}{27} - 2\zeta(3) \right) C_A^2 + \left(\frac{11803}{2916} - \frac{8\zeta(3)}{9} \right) C_F^2 \right\} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{61C_A C_F}{108} - \frac{C_F^2}{27} \right] \frac{\langle N(p) | m \bar{\psi} \psi | N(p) \rangle}{2M^2} \right) - \frac{1}{4} A_q^{\text{NNLO}}(\mu) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

two nonperturbative inputs

PDF $\nearrow A_q(0)$ and σ_q

cannot determined in a hard process \nearrow

Analysis by effective theory

$$\bar{C}_q(0, \mu = 1\text{GeV}) = -0.18$$

K. Tanaka, JHEP03 (2023)

Hoferichter, Elvira, Kubis, Meißner, PRL115, 092301

Lattice

Alexandrou, *et al.*, PRD102, 054517

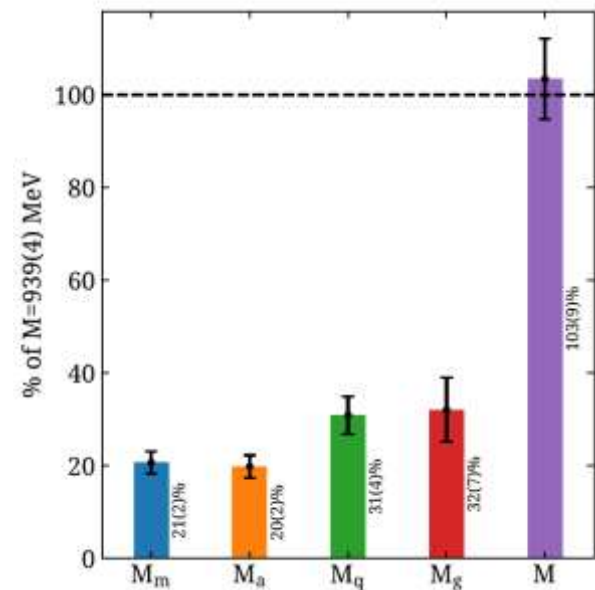
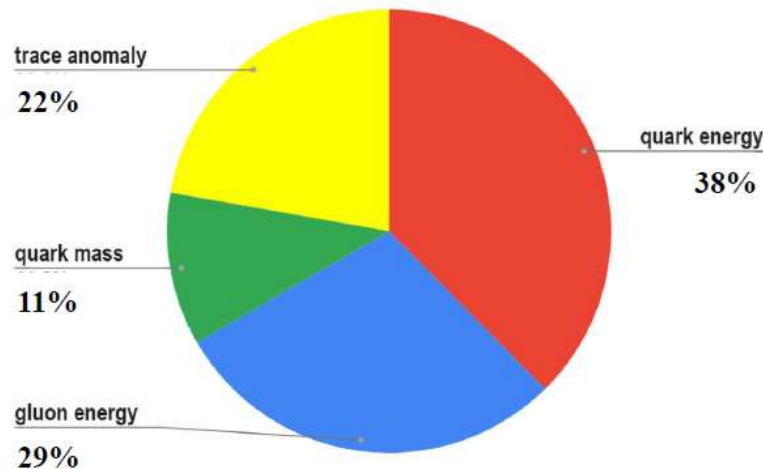
$$M = \frac{1}{2M} \langle p | T^{00} | p \rangle \Big|_{\vec{p}=0} = M \left(\underbrace{A_q(0)}_{0.6} + \underbrace{A_g(0)}_{0.4} + \underbrace{\bar{C}_q(0)}_{-0.18} + \underbrace{\bar{C}_g(0)}_{0.18} \right)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2M} \langle p | T^\mu_\mu | p \rangle = M \left(\underbrace{A_q(0)}_{0.6} + \underbrace{A_g(0)}_{0.4} + 4 \left[\underbrace{\bar{C}_q(0)}_{-0.18} + \underbrace{\bar{C}_g(0)}_{0.18} \right] \right)$$

Mass decomposition in perturbative approach

talk by K. Tanaka

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How can EIC contribute to this problem ?

Near-threshold quarkonium production, Sullivan process,...

Need more idea

Proton spin decomposition

Ji's sum rule

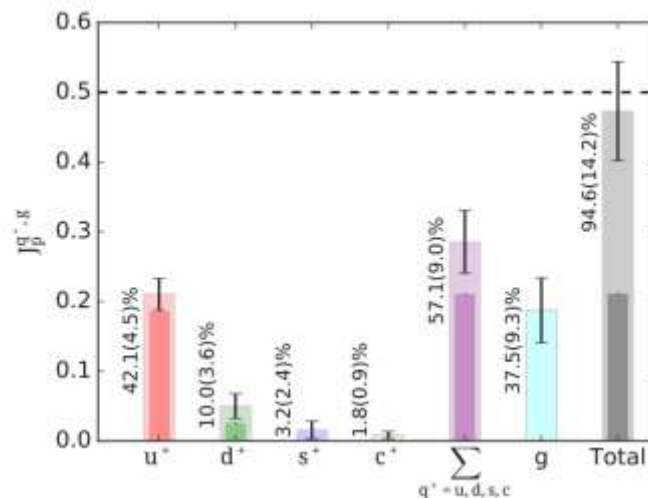
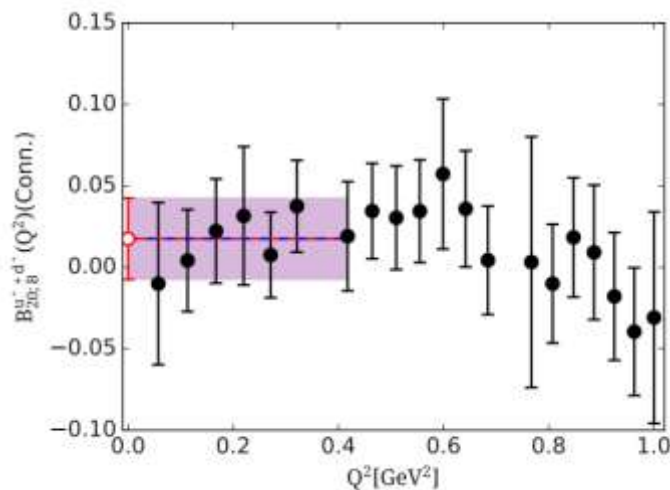
$$\frac{1}{2} = J_q + J_g = \frac{1}{2} \left(A_{q+g}(0) + B_{q+g}(0) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p' | T_{q,g}^{\mu\nu} | p \rangle = & \bar{u}(p') \left[A_{q,g}(t) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_{q,g}(t) \frac{P^{\{\mu} i \sigma^{\nu\}}}{2M} \Delta_\alpha \right. \\ & \left. + D_{q,g}(t) \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{M} + \bar{C}_{q,g}(t) M g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p) \end{aligned}$$

in $p' \rightarrow p$

lattice result

C. Alexandrou *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D101 (2020)



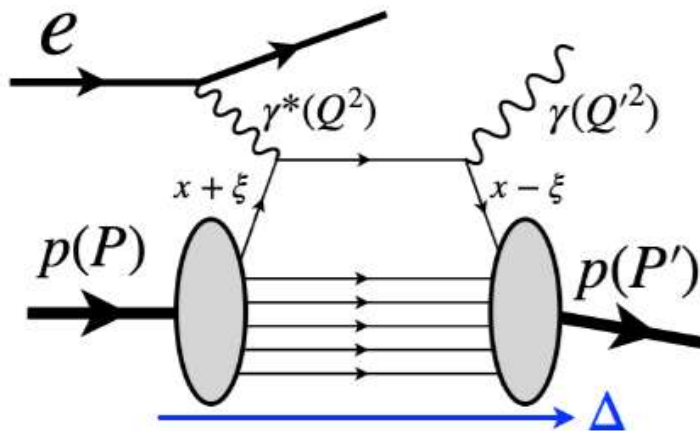
$$\frac{1}{2} \left(A_{q,g}(0) + B_{q,g}(0) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int dx x \left(\underbrace{H_{q,g}(x, 0, 0)}_{\text{generalized parton distribution(GPD) functions}} + \underbrace{E_{q,g}(x, 0, 0)}_{\text{generalized parton distribution(GPD) functions}} \right)$$

$q(x)$:parton distribution function

extracted from the off-forward matrix, difficult

$$e_q \int dx E_q(x, \xi, t) = F_2(t) \quad \text{electromagnetic form factors}$$

possible to access x -dependence ?



Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering(DVCS)

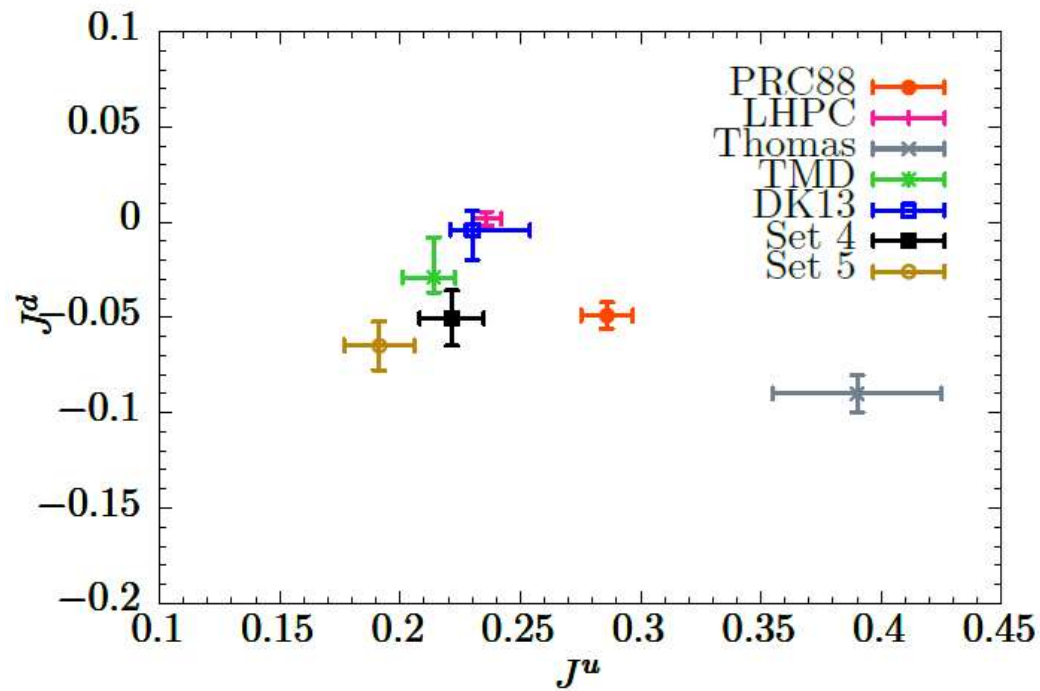
Exclusive reaction

GPDs appear at the amplitude level

Many different cross sections with respect to the polarizations and the sign of beam charge

The cross sections receive contributions from Compton form factors(CFFs)

$$\mathcal{F}(\xi, t) = e_q \int dx \left[\frac{1}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\xi + x + i\epsilon} \right] F_q(x, \xi, t) + O(\alpha_s) \quad F_q = \{H_q, E_q, \dots\}$$



Lattice: LHPC

J. D. Bratt *et al.* [LHPC], Phys. Rev. D82 (2010)

Model: Thomas, TMD

GPD: the others

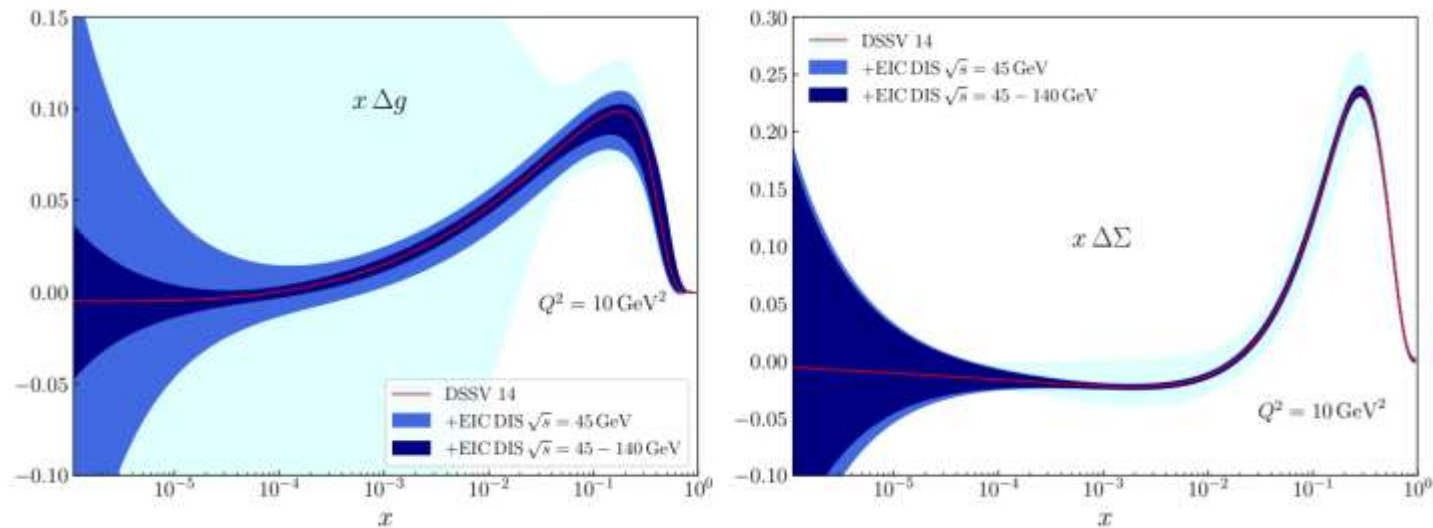
Total quark spin and gluon spin has been well determined by experiment

$$\Delta\Sigma \simeq 30\%$$

Δg : small positive, but large uncertainty in small- x

EIC has potential to reduce much more uncertainties

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Can we combine them to the spin decomposition ?

Jaffe-Manohar sum rule

R. L. Jaffe and A. Manohar, Nucl. Phys. B337 (1990)

X.S. Chen et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008)

$$1/2 = \Delta\Sigma + \Delta g + L^q + L^g$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L^q(x) = & x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'} (H_q(x') + E_q(x')) - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} \tilde{H}_q(x') \\
& - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \Phi_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{3x_1 - x_2}{x_1^2(x_1 - x_2)^2} - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \tilde{\Phi}_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{1}{x_1^2(x_1 - x_2)}
\end{aligned}$$

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

Experimental determination is highly challenging

Another possible way
 C. Lorce and B. Pasquini, Phys. Rev. D84, 014015 (2011)
 C. Lorce, B. Pasquini, X. Xiong and F. Yuan, Phys. Rev. D85 (2012)
 Y. Hatta, Phys. Lett. B708 (2012)

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_q^z(x) &= \int dx \int d^2b_T \int d^2k_T \underbrace{(\vec{b}_T \times \vec{k}_T)}_{\text{position}} \underbrace{f_q(x, \vec{k}_T, \vec{b}_T)}_{\text{momentum}} \text{Wigner distribution} \\
 &\quad \vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} \\
 &= - \int dx \int d^2k_T \frac{\vec{k}_T^2}{M_N^2} \underline{F_{1,4}^q(x, 0, \vec{k}_T^2, 0, 0)} \text{S. Meissner, A. Metz and M. Schlegel, JHEP08 (2009)} \\
 &\quad \text{Generalized TMD(GTMD)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Direct measurement of GTMDs has been discussed

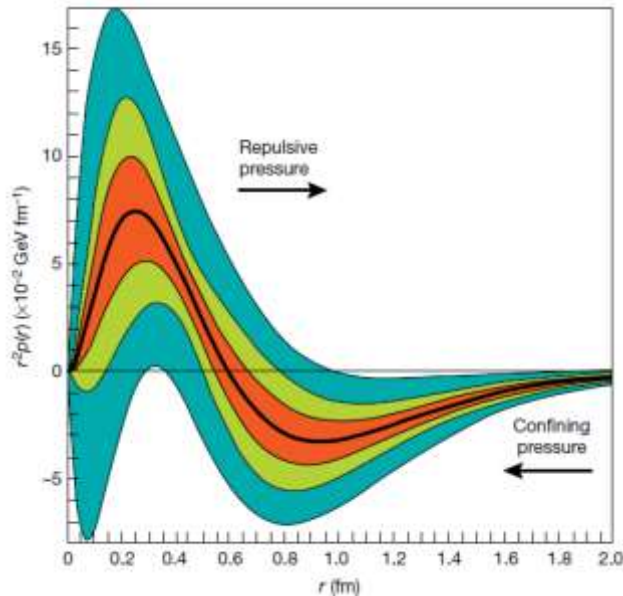
$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma_T}{dtdQ^2dx_Bd\phi} &= \frac{(N_c^2-1)^2\alpha_{em}^2\alpha_s^2f_\pi^2\xi^3\Delta_\perp^2}{2N_c^4(1-\xi^2)Q^{10}(1+\xi)} [1+(1-y)^2] \\
 &\times \left\{ \left[|\mathcal{F}_{1,1}+\mathcal{G}_{1,1}|^2 + \boxed{\mathcal{F}_{1,4}} + \mathcal{G}_{1,4}|^2 + 2\frac{M^2}{\Delta_\perp^2} |\mathcal{F}_{1,2}+\mathcal{G}_{1,2}|^2 \right] \right. \\
 &\quad + \cos(2\phi)a \left[-|\mathcal{F}_{1,1}+\mathcal{G}_{1,1}|^2 + |\mathcal{F}_{1,4}+\mathcal{G}_{1,4}|^2 \right] \\
 &\quad \left. + \lambda \sin(2\phi) 2a \operatorname{Re} \left[(i\mathcal{F}_{1,4} + i\mathcal{G}_{1,4}) (\mathcal{F}_{1,1}^* + \mathcal{G}_{1,1}^*) \right] \right\} \\
 &\quad e + p \rightarrow e + p + \pi^0 \\
 &\quad \text{S. Bhattacharya, D. Zheng and J. Zhou, Phys. Rev. Lett. 133 (2024)} \\
 \\
 d\sigma_{\text{DSA}} &= \frac{1}{4}(d\sigma^{++} - d\sigma^{+-} - d\sigma^{-+} + d\sigma^{--}) \\
 &\quad e + p \rightarrow e + p + \text{di-jet} \\
 \\
 ih_p \frac{1+\xi}{2M^2} \epsilon^{ij} k_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j &\left[2 \left(H_g - \frac{\xi^2}{1-\xi^2} E_g \right) \boxed{F_{1,4}^g} - E_g F_{1,2}^g \right] \\
 &\quad \text{S. Bhattacharya, R. Boussarie and Y. Hatta, Phys. Rev. D111 (2025)}
 \end{aligned}$$

There is still much room for discussion on how to measure OAM

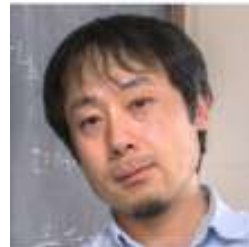
$$\begin{aligned}
\langle p' | T_{q,g}^{\mu\nu} | p \rangle = & \bar{u}(p') \left[\overset{\text{mass, spin}}{\boxed{A_{q,g}(t)}} \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + \overset{\text{spin}}{\boxed{B_{q,g}(t)}} \frac{P^{\{\mu} i \sigma^{\nu\} \alpha} \Delta_{\alpha}}{2M} \right. \\
& \left. + \boxed{D_{q,g}(t)} \frac{\Delta^{\mu} \Delta^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{M} + \boxed{\bar{C}_{q,g}(t)} M g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p)
\end{aligned}$$

pressure inside the proton

$$p_{q,g}(r) = \frac{1}{6Mr^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{d}{dr} D_{q,g}(r) - M \bar{C}_{q,g}(r)$$



still more interesting issues



Lecture by Yoshitaka Hatta

Nonperturbative approach

Lattice computation has played the central role in the mass and the spin decompositions

How about for the distribution functions ?

Parton distribution function

$$f_q(x, Q^2) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ \exp\left(-ig \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-)\right) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

$$\xi^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(t - z) \quad \text{Lattice calculation is difficult even for the simplest PDF}$$

Quasi distribution method

$$O_{\text{lattice}} = \underbrace{C}_{\text{Perturbative coefficient}} \otimes \underbrace{f_q}_{\text{PDF}}$$

-PDF

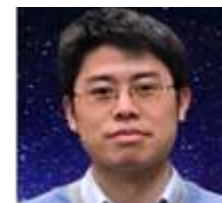
X. Xiong, X. Ji, J. H. Zhang and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D90 (2014)

-TMD

X. Ji, L. C. Jin, F. Yuan, J. H. Zhang and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. D99 (2019)

-GPD

X. Ji, A. Schäfer, X. Xiong and J. H. Zhang, Phys. Rev. D92 (2015)



Lecture by
Yong Zhao

Ken Wilson Award in 2022

Applications of quantum computing

- Parton distribution function

H. Lamm, S. Lawrence, and Y. Yamauchi, Phys. Rev. Res. 2 (2020)

N. Mueller, A. Tarasov, and R. Venugopalan, Phys. Rev. D102 (2020)

M. G. Echevarria et al., Phys. Rev. D104 (2021)

W. Qian, R. Basili, S. Pal, G. Luecke, and J. P. Vary, Phys. Rev. Res. 4 (2022)

T. Li et al., Phys. Rev. D105, L111502 (2022)

Z. B. Kang, N. Moran, P. Nguyen and W. Qian, arXiv:2501.09738

extension to TMD and GPD is possible ?

- Parton fragmentation function

never possible to calculate on lattice

T. Li, H. Xing, D. B. Zhang, arXiv:2406.05683

Application of the quantum computing to the structure functions
still has much room for discussion

Summary

I briefly reviewed the current status of the subjects related to the main objectives of EIC experiment

The objectives of the EIC are diverse and broad. It is difficult to cover all areas with a small team.

We warmly welcome young people and those from other fields!
Especially Japanese participants!