

First analysis of world polarized DIS data with small-x helicity evolution

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- as well as predictions for measurements to be made at the EIC

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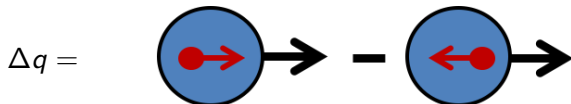
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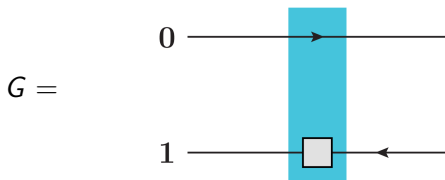
- Q^2 resolution at which we probe the proton
- $x \propto \frac{1}{s}$, we need theory to find the dependence of

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Calculating Helicity Distributions

Helicity distributions are computed from the polarized dipole amplitude

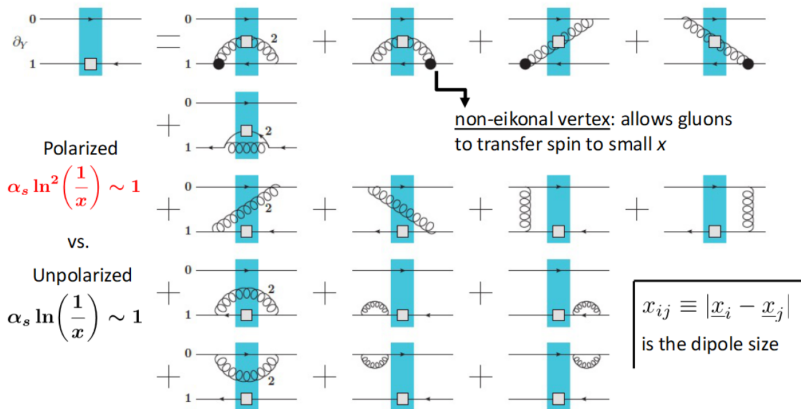
$$\Delta q(x, Q^2) + \Delta \bar{q}(x, Q^2) = \frac{N_c}{2\pi^3} \int_0^{\ln \frac{Q^2}{x\Lambda^2}} d\eta \int_{\max\{0, \eta - \ln \frac{1}{x}\}}^{\eta} ds_{10} G_q(s_{10}, \eta)$$



- Rapidity, $\eta = \ln \frac{zs}{\Lambda^2}$, $z =$ momentum fraction of quark
- Log of transverse momentum, $s_{10} = \ln \frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}$, x_{10} separation between quarks

Helicity Dependent Processes

Small- x helicity (KPS) evolution involves the “polarized dipole amplitude” (Kovchegov, Pitonyak, Sievert: JHEP 1601 (2016), PRL 118 (2017), PRD 95 (2017), PLB 772 (2017), JHEP 1710 (2017); Kovchegov & Sievert PRD 99 (2019); Kovchegov & Cougoulic PRD 100 (2019))



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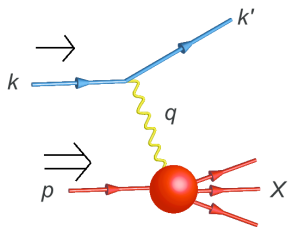
Observables predicted by our formalism: Double spin asymmetries in DIS

$$A_{||} = \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow}} \propto A_1 \propto g_1$$

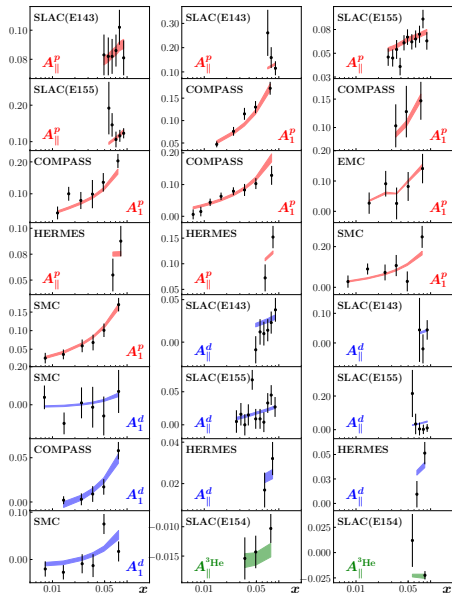
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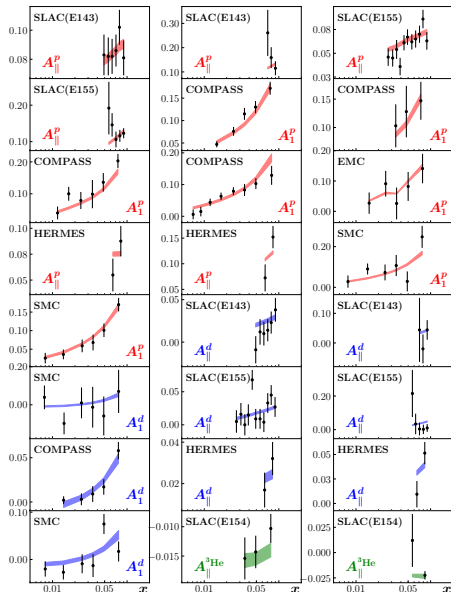
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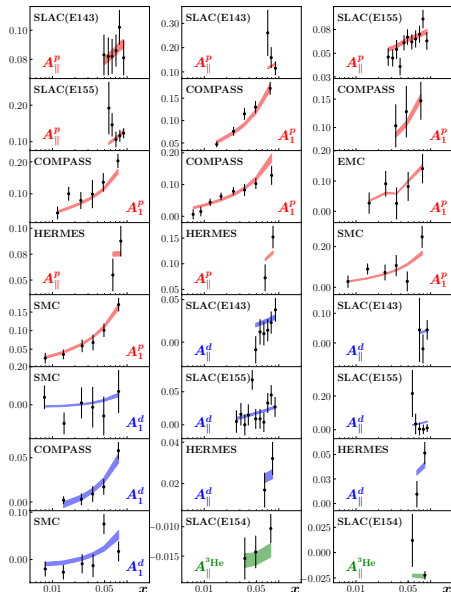


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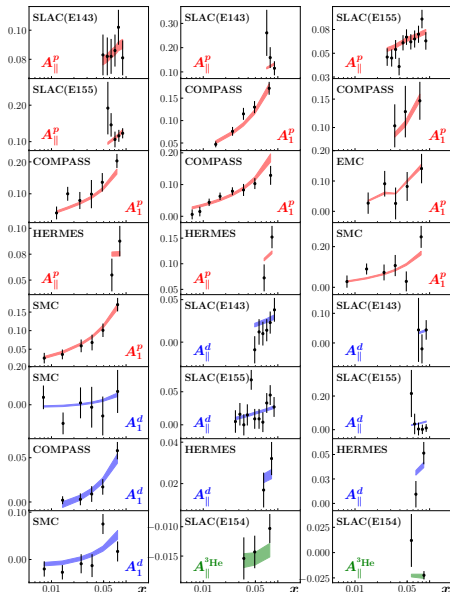
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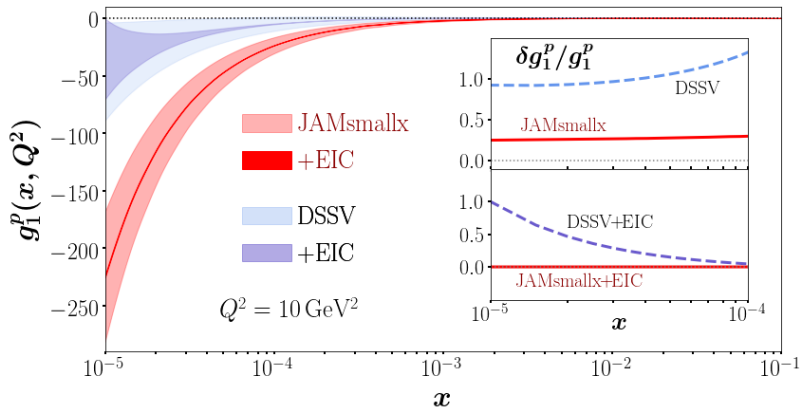
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- $\chi^2/npts = 1.01$

Predictions for Electron Ion Collider



- Predict large negative g_1
- Significant improvement in error from EIC

- We have a theory that describes the hPDFs in terms of the polarized dipole amplitude
- Performed the first small- x fit of world polarized DIS data
- Predicted g_1 down to $x = 10^{-5}$
- While maintaining control over the uncertainty
- In the future, look at other observables (SIDIS) to nail down hPDFs separately and compute total spin contribution

Thank you!

Helicity PDFs

Preliminary extraction of hPDFs and $\Delta\Sigma = \sum_q \Delta q^+(x, Q^2)$

(EIC pseudo data generated assuming $\Delta s^+ = 0$, then fitted with $\Delta s^+ \neq 0$)

