

Small-x evolution and the proton spin puzzle

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Part 1: Proton spin puzzle

The spin asymmetry in deep inelastic scattering of longitudinally polarised muons by longitudinally polarised protons has been measured over a large x range ($0.01 < x < 0.7$). The spin-dependent structure function $g_1(x)$ for the proton has been determined and its integral over x found to be $0.114 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.026$, in disagreement with the Ellis-Jaffe sum rule. Assuming the validity of the Bjorken sum rule, this result implies a significant negative value for the integral of g_1 for the neutron. These values for the integrals of g_1 lead to the conclusion that the total quark spin constitutes a rather small fraction of the spin of the nucleon.

Reminder

$$g_1^\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 (\Delta q + \Delta \bar{q}), \quad \Delta q = q^\uparrow - q^\downarrow \text{ w.r.t. the proton spin} \quad (1)$$

and they observed for the proton

$$\int_{0.01}^{0.7} g_1(x) dx = 0.114 \pm 0.012(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.026(\text{syst.}) \quad (2)$$

Remarks

- In blue: finite range of integration. "... the small x region is expected to make a large contribution to the integrals."
- In red: Ellis-Jaffe sum rule. \rightarrow Theoretical understanding of the 70's.

\rightarrow How do we understand this value?

Theoretical prediction in the 70's

→ How do we understand this value? $0.114 \pm 0.012(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.026(\text{syst.})$

Ellis-Jaffe sum rule, assumptions

- Sea $q\bar{q}$: $\lambda^+(x) \simeq \lambda^-(x) \simeq \bar{\lambda}^+(x) \simeq \bar{\lambda}^-(x)$
- Ansatz $\Delta s \sim 0$ (no intrinsic strangeness)
- Belief that valence quarks carry the proton spin.

we obtain¹¹

$$\int_0^1 d\xi g_1^{ep}(\xi) = \frac{g_A}{12} (1.78), \quad (6)$$

$$\int_0^1 d\xi g_1^{en}(\xi) = \frac{g_A}{12} (-0.22), \quad (7)$$

where $g_A = 1.248 \pm .010$.

Ellis-Jaffe sum rule prediction (70's): 0.185 ± 0.0015 → Not compatible with 0.114

Where is the missing spin ?

Old fundamental problem ($\sim 30y$) → looking at small number adding up to 1/2.

- There are progresses → Still, we don't understand the spin of the proton in term of QCD dof.

The missing spin of the proton?

A more recent picture of the proton spin.

Spin sum rule (Jaffe Manohar decomposition [Nucl. Phys. B337, 509 (1990)])

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_q + \Sigma_g + L_q + L_g$$

Quark OAM
Gluon OAM
Quark spin
Gluon spin
Proton spin

Possibilities:

- Gluon spin
- Quark/Gluon angular orbital momentum

Large and low x region. Experiments only access a finite range of x ...

$$\Sigma_q = \int_0^1 dx (q^\uparrow(x) - q^\downarrow(x)) \quad (3)$$

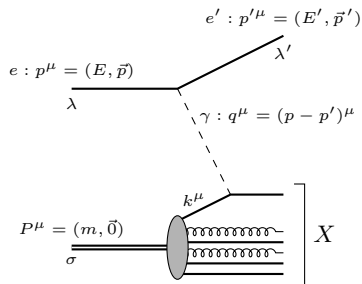
Possibilities

- Large- x ?
- Small- x ?

Part 2: Short intro to small-x physics

DIS and DGLAP evolution (1/2)

"The" Diagram:



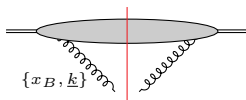
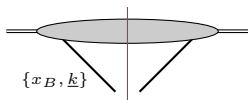
Kinematic invariants

$$Q^2 \equiv -q^2, \quad (\gamma\text{-virtuality})$$

$$x_B \equiv \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q} = \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s} + Q^2 - m^2} \quad (\text{Bjorken-}x),$$

$$y \equiv \frac{E - E'}{E}, \quad (\text{Inelasticity})$$

Parton distribution functions (in the *infinite momentum frame*):

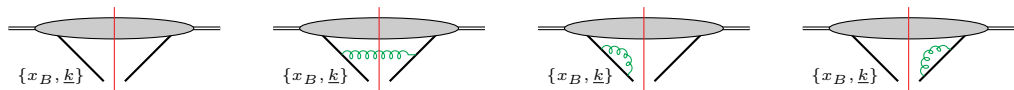


pdf noted $q_f(x_B, Q^2)$ and $g(x_B, Q^2)$

\Rightarrow What are the lowest order QCD corrections ?

DIS and DGLAP evolution (2/2)

Lowest order QCD corrections (and similar for gluons)



- Slowly increase Q^2 open gluon emission phase-space.
- Each "loop" gives a large log: $\ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2) \gg 1$.
- Asymptotic freedom $\alpha_s(Q^2) \ll 1$
- $\alpha_s \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2) \sim 1$. Need resummation. \Rightarrow Resummation parameter $\alpha_s \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$

At the leading-logarithmic-approximation (LLA)

- Look only at the large log and drop sub-leading terms
- Approach: relate the wave function Ψ_n to Ψ_{n-1} . \Rightarrow Splitting functions
- Virtual diagrams: use unitary trick $|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi'\rangle = |\Psi\rangle + R|\Psi\rangle + V|\Psi\rangle$

Above diagrams gives:

$$Q^2 \frac{\partial q_f(x, Q^2)}{\partial Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{qq}(z) q_f(x/z, Q^2) \quad (5)$$

\Rightarrow With all possible diagrams: Matrix-equation with mixing between distributions.

Paradigm shift

Why study the high energy behavior of QCD?

- DGLAP evolution in Q^2 .
- Differential equation \Rightarrow initial condition at fixed Q_0^2 for all x .
- For the proton spin puzzle: *we need the small- x asymptotic behavior of the distribution.*

Paradigm shift

- Recall $x_B = \frac{Q^2}{\hat{s} + Q^2 - m^2}$, for fixed Q^2 : “large \hat{s} ” \iff “small- x ”,
- Drop the assumption $Q^2/Q_0^2 \gg 1$, and study the small- x behavior for the high energy behavior of QCD.

Approximation	Coupling	Transverse log	Longitudinal log
LLA in Q^2	$\alpha_s \ll 1$	$\alpha_s \ln(Q^2/Q_0^2) \sim 1$	$\alpha_s \ln(1/x) \ll 1$
LLA in $1/x$	$\alpha_s \ll 1$	$\alpha_s \ln(Q^2/Q_0^2) \ll 1$	$\alpha_s \ln(1/x) \sim 1$

\Rightarrow Energy evolution and leading $\ln(1/x)$ approximation

Scattering in the high energy limit.

Taking the HE limit: consider the scattering of a probe on some (localized) external field,

- S-matrix $S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta_{out} | \alpha_{in} \rangle$ (finite energy).
- Evolution operator U write $S_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta_{in} | U(\infty, -\infty) | \alpha_{in} \rangle = \langle \beta_{in} | T e^{i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{int}(x)} | \alpha_{in} \rangle$.
- Apply a boost in the longitudinal direction to the states α, β , and extract the limit of infinite boost of the amplitude.

Eikonal scattering: as a consequence to the infinite boost limit,

- Support of the external field is contracted, and its configuration is frozen.
- Component of the external gauge field are ordered in eikonicity: $A^\pm \gg A_\perp \gg A^\mp$
- Wave function is evolved from $-\infty$ to 0, then the scattering is a phase rotation encoded into Wilson lines.

Beyond Eikonal, Sub-Eikonal,... : consists of relaxing the above limits.

“Simple” dipole model (1/2)

Multiple-rescatterings: GGM formula [Glauber-Gribov-Mueller]

Start with the dipole interaction with a single nucleon (cov. gauge):

$$\sigma^{q\bar{q}} \text{ Nucleon} \leftarrow N(\underline{x}, \underline{b}, Y=0) = \overline{\text{---}} + \overline{\text{---}} + \overline{\text{---}} + \overline{\text{---}} = \overline{\text{---}}$$

→ increases with \underline{x} , violation of *black-disk limit* (i.e. $N \leq 1$).

Assume a large nucleus with **well separated** (**dilute**) nucleons.

The imaginary part of the forward amplitude N_A in (GGM) is:

$$\sigma^{q\bar{q}} \text{ Nucleus} \leftarrow N_A(\underline{x}, \underline{b}, Y=0) = 1 - \exp\left(-K \overline{\text{---}}\right) \quad (6)$$

→ Obeys Froissart-Martin bound $N \leq 1$ (i.e. unitarity).

⇒ No energy dependence (i.e. in the rapidity Y)

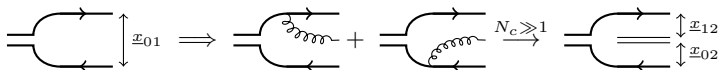
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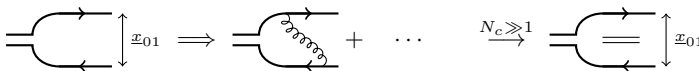
- Shock wave \iff GGM multiple-rescatterings.
- Wilson line $V \equiv \text{P}e^{ig \int_C dx \cdot A}$

“Simple” dipole model (2/2)

Mueller’s dipole model (*naive version*): or “How do we generate Y -dependence?”

- Quantum evolution corrections!
- Write the dipole scattering amplitude in Light Cone Perturbation Theory (LCPT) [Similar to *old fashioned time ordered perturbation theory*, but on the light-cone]

Real diagrams:  \Rightarrow $N_c \gg 1$ \Rightarrow x_{12} , x_{02} (7)

Virt diagrams:  \Rightarrow $N_c \gg 1$ \Rightarrow x_{01} (8)

Brings an additional integral

$$\int_{z_2}^{\min(z_1, 1-z_1)} \frac{dz_2}{z_2} \int \frac{d^2 \underline{x}_2}{4\pi} \quad (9)$$

\Rightarrow Turns out to be proportional to $\alpha_s \ln 1/x$

\Rightarrow **Y -dependence!**

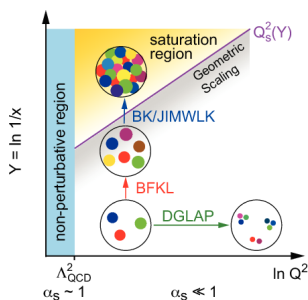
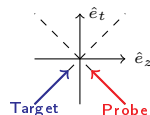
Rmks:

- The evolution equation of Mueller’s dipole model has been shown to equivalent to the BFKL equation.
- To go further into the saturation region (very-low x), one needs BK/JIMWLK

Part 3: Quark flavor-singlet helicity distribution

Comments on the Light Cone Operator Treatment (1/3)

△ Frame choice: → Probe minus-moving, target plus-moving.



- Aim: Contribution to the spin using *small-x asymptotic*.
→ Evolution in rapidity.
- Approach: Take a TMD,
→ Simplify / Evolve / Solve.
- Equations in the spirit of BK-evolution.
Initiated by [Kovchegov, Pitonyak, and Sievert].

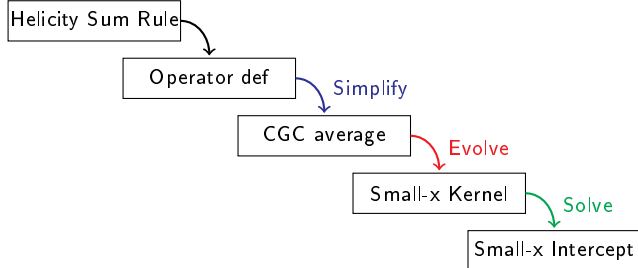
Rmk: ∃ other frameworks for g_1 at small- x , such as Bartel, Ermolaev, and Ryskin [BER] - (1996).

Notation: we use V for fundamental WL, and U for adjoint WL.

Comments on the Light Cone Operator Treatment (2/3)

Yuri's (and *al.*) approach "Simplify, Evolve, and Solve"

[Y.V Kovchegov, D. Pitonyak, and M. D. Sievert 2016 2017] [Y.V Kovchegov, and M. D. Sievert 2018]



Mixed space:

- $z \equiv k^+ / P^+$
- $\underline{x} = \mathbf{x} = \vec{x}_\perp$

Fourier phase

- $e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\underline{\zeta} - \underline{y})}$

Dipole model

- Splitting factor $\underline{x} / \underline{x}^2$

Helicity distributions (flavor-singlet)

$$g_{1L}^S(x, k_T^2) = \frac{8N_c}{(2\pi)^6} \int d^2\underline{\zeta} d^2\underline{w} d^2\underline{y} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\underline{\zeta} - \underline{y})} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\underline{\zeta} - \underline{w}}{|\underline{\zeta} - \underline{w}|^2} \cdot \frac{\underline{y} - \underline{w}}{|\underline{y} - \underline{w}|^2} G_{\underline{w}, \underline{\zeta}}(zs) \quad (10)$$

where

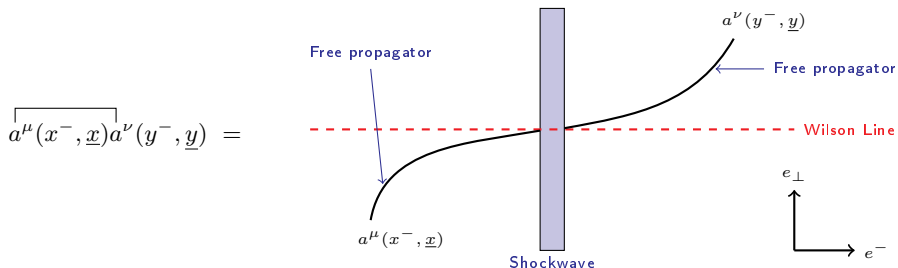
$$G_{\underline{w}, \underline{\zeta}}(zs) = \frac{k_1^- p^+}{N_c} \text{Re} \left\langle \text{T tr} \left[V_{\underline{\zeta}} V_{\underline{w}}^{pol \dagger} \right] + \text{T tr} \left[V_{\underline{w}}^{pol} V_{\underline{\zeta}}^\dagger \right] \right\rangle \quad (11)$$

Think of it as a regular dipole amplitude (for the moment) \rightarrow to be evolved.

Comments on the Light Cone Operator Treatment (3/3) - Evolution

Recipe:

- Split the background field A^μ into a new background A^μ and a quantum field a^μ .
- Integrate out quantum fields a^μ .
- Require the propagator in the new background. Use shockwave approximation.
- Pull out the corresponding kernel for one step of evolution.



Remarks

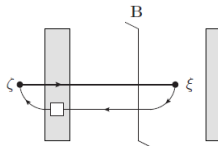
- Introduce Wilson line and polarized Wilson lines, up to subeikonal level.
- Splitting field w.r.t. to their longitudinal momentum fraction.
 - △ Different from genuine Born-Oppenheimer, that would be w.r.t. frequency or loffe time.

Situation prior to [2204.11898] (1/3)

Consider the quark helicity TMD [Kovchegov et al. 2018]

$$g_{1L}^q(x, k_T^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{S_L} S_L \int d^2 \underline{r} dr^- e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \langle p, S_L | \bar{\psi}(0) U[0, r] \frac{\gamma^+ \gamma^5}{2} \psi(r) | p, S_L \rangle. \quad (12)$$

- Gauge-link $U[0, r]$ is process dependent, SIDIS \rightarrow forward staple.
- Simplify at small- x , remaining diagram is B.



After some algebra...

$$g_{1L}^q(x, k_T^2) = -\frac{2p^+}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^2 \zeta d^2 w \frac{d^2 k_1 dk_1^-}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i(\underline{k}_1 + \underline{k}) \cdot (\underline{w} - \underline{\zeta})} \theta(k_1^-) \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \times \bar{v}_{\sigma_2}(k_2) \frac{1}{2} \gamma^+ \gamma^5 v_{\sigma_1}(k_1) 2\sqrt{k_1^- k_2^-} \times \left\langle \text{TV}_{\underline{\zeta}}^{ij} \left(\bar{v}_{\sigma_1}(k_1) \hat{V}_{\underline{w}}^{\dagger j i} v_{\sigma_2}(k_2) \right) \right\rangle \times \frac{1}{[2k_1^- xP^+ + \underline{k}_1 - i\epsilon k_1^-][2k_1^- xP^+ + \underline{k}^2 + i\epsilon k_1^-]} \Big|_{k_2^- = k_1^-, \underline{k}_2 = -\underline{k}} + c.c. \quad (13)$$

\Rightarrow Focus on the green part!

Situation prior [2204.11898] (2/3)

The previous green operator reads

$$\left(\bar{v}_\sigma(p) \hat{V}_{\underline{x}}^\dagger v_{\sigma'}(p') \right) = 2\sqrt{p^- p'^-} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \left(V_{\underline{x}}^\dagger - \sigma V_{\underline{x}}^{pol\dagger} + \dots \right). \quad (14)$$

Remarks

- Decompose into helicity-dependent and helicity-independent parts.
- Probing the helicity of the target: Expecting $\langle \hat{O}^{pol} \rangle \propto \sigma \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \Sigma \delta_{\Sigma\Sigma'}$
- Unpolarized is simply $\langle \hat{O}^{eik} \rangle \propto \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{\Sigma\Sigma'}$

⇒ The flavor-singlet contribution simplified at small- x gives

$$g_{1L}^S(x, k_T^2) = \frac{8N_c i}{(2\pi)^5} \int d^2\zeta d^2\underline{w} e^{-ik \cdot (\underline{\zeta} - \underline{w})} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\underline{\zeta} - \underline{w}}{(\underline{\zeta} - \underline{w})^2} \cdot \frac{k}{k^2} G_{\underline{w}, \underline{y}}(zs). \quad (15)$$

The dipole operator $G_{\underline{w}, \underline{y}}(zs)$ is

$$G_{\underline{w}, \underline{y}}(zs) = \frac{k_1^- p^+}{N_c} \text{Re} \left\langle \text{T tr} \left[V_{\underline{x}} V_{\underline{w}}^{pol\dagger} \right] + \text{T tr} \left[V_{\underline{w}}^{pol} V_{\underline{x}}^\dagger \right] \right\rangle, \quad (16)$$

where the polarized Wilson line reads

$$V_{\underline{x}}^{pol} = ig \frac{p^+}{s} \int dx^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x^-] F^{12} V_{\underline{x}}[x^-, -\infty] \quad (17)$$

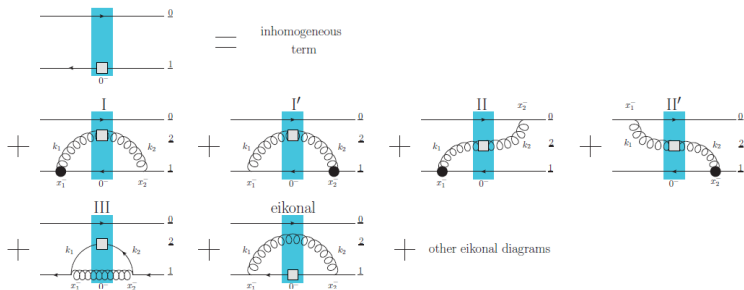
$$- g^2 \frac{p^+}{s} \int dx_1^- \int_{x_1^-} dx_2^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x_2^-] t^b \psi_\beta(x_2^-, \underline{x} U_{\underline{x}}^{ba}[x_2^-, x_1^-] \left[\frac{1}{2} \gamma^+ \gamma^5 \right]_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x_1^-, \underline{x}) t^a V_{\underline{x}}[x_1^-, -\infty].$$

Situation prior to [2204.11898] (3/3)

Remarks

- "Dressed dipoles" involve polarized WL. Obtained as sub-eikonal corrections to the scattering of a quark on a target.
- Corrections are proportional to $\sigma\delta_{\sigma\sigma'}$ in helicity basis (Brodsky-Lepage spinors in the minus direction).

Evolution (DLA, Involves the same WL at different coordinates $\rightarrow \sigma\delta_{\sigma\sigma'}$)



Solve

Intercept in the pure glue case is $\alpha_h^q \sim 2.31 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$.

✗ Disagreement with BER pure glue intercept $\alpha_h^q \sim 3.66 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$

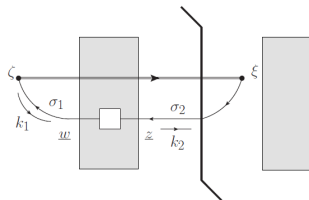
Quark flavor-singlet helicity TMD - New dipole (1/2)

Let us start again from the quark helicity TMD: [2204.11898]

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{1L}^q(x, k_T^2) = & -\frac{2p^+}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^2\zeta d^2w d^2z \frac{d^2k dk^-}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot (\underline{w} - \underline{\zeta}) + i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\underline{z} - \underline{\zeta})} \theta(k_1^-) \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \\
 & \times \bar{v}_{\sigma_2}(k_2) \frac{1}{2} \gamma^+ \gamma^5 v_{\sigma_1}(k_1) 2\sqrt{k_1^- k_2^-} \times \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[V_{\underline{\zeta}} V_{\underline{z}, \underline{w}; \sigma_2, \sigma_1}^\dagger \right] \right\rangle \\
 & \times \frac{1}{[2k_1^- xP^+ + \underline{k}_1 - i\epsilon k_1^-][2k_1^- xP^+ + \underline{k}^2 + i\epsilon k_1^-]} \Big|_{k_2^- = k_1^-, \underline{k}_2 = -\underline{k}} + c.c. \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

Remarks

- $V_{\underline{z}, \underline{w}; \sigma', \sigma}$ is the quark S -matrix for a quark-target scattering in helicity-basis.
- Allows for non locality before and after the shock wave.



Wilson lines and eikonal expansion

At sub-eikonal order:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}; \sigma', \sigma} &= V_{\underline{x}} \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \\
 &+ \frac{i P^+}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- d^2 z V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, z^-] \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{z}) \left[-\delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \overleftarrow{D}^i D^i + g \sigma \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} F^{12} \right] (z^-, \underline{z}) V_{\underline{y}}[z^-, -\infty] \delta^2(\underline{y} - \underline{z}) \\
 &- \frac{g^2 P^+}{2s} \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1^- \int_{z_1^-}^{\infty} dz_2^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, z_2^-] t^b \psi_{\beta}(z_2^-, \underline{x}) U_{\underline{x}}^{ba}[z_2^-, z_1^-] \left[\delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \gamma^+ - \sigma \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} \gamma^+ \gamma^5 \right]_{\alpha\beta} \\
 &\quad \times \bar{\psi}_{\alpha}(z_1^-, \underline{x}) t^a V_{\underline{x}}[z_1^-, -\infty],
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Remarks

- Blue \rightarrow Already used in previous V^{pol} . Label *of the first kind*; notation $V^{pol} [1]$. Proportional to $\sigma \delta_{\sigma \sigma'}$.
- Red \rightarrow "NEW" (in our framework). Label *of the second kind*; notation $V^{pol} [2]$. Proportional to $\delta_{\sigma \sigma'}$.

Picture?

For the quark S -matrix at sub eikonal order, see also:

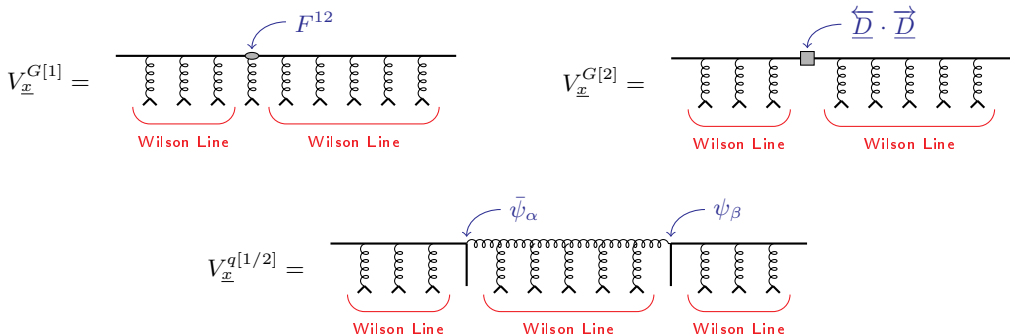
- Balitsky and Tarasov, e.g. [1505.02151]
- Chirilli, e.g. [1807.11435]
- Altinoluk et al., e.g. [2012.03886]
- Kovchegov et al., e.g. [1808.09010] [2108.03667]

Wilson lines and eikonal expansion - Pictures!

Polarized WL,

$$V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{pol}[1]} = \underbrace{V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]} + V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{q}[1]}}_{\sigma \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}}, \quad V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{pol}[2]} = \underbrace{V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{G}[2]} + V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{q}[2]}}_{\delta_{\sigma\sigma'}} \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{y}).$$

can be represented as



Contraction with $(\gamma^+ \gamma^5)_{\alpha\beta} \times \sigma \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}$ or $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}^+ \times \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}$

Quark flavor-singlet helicity TMD - New dipole (2/2)

Simplified at small- x , the quark flavor-singlet helicity TMD reads

$$g_{1L}^S(x, k_T^2) = \frac{8 N_c N_f}{(2\pi)^5} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int d^2 x_{10} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{10}} \left[i \frac{\mathbf{x}_{10}}{x_{10}^2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{k}}{k^2} [Q(x_{10}^2, zs) + G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)] - \frac{(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{x}_{10})^2}{k^2 x_{10}^2} G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) \right], \quad (20)$$

The new dipole G_2 is defined with

$$G_{10}^j(zs) \equiv \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_{\underline{\zeta}}^\dagger V_{\underline{\xi}}^{j G[2]} + \left(V_{\underline{\xi}}^{j G[2]} \right)^\dagger V_{\underline{\zeta}} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle \quad (21)$$

$$\int d^2 \left(\frac{x_1 + x_0}{2} \right) G_{10}^i(zs) = (x_{10})_{\perp}^i G_1(x_{10}^2, zs) + \epsilon^{ij} (x_{10})_{\perp}^j G_2(x_{10}^2, zs). \quad (22)$$

Remarks

- Dependence on previously used dipole $Q(x_{10}^2, zs)$.
- The previously missing dependence is proportional to $G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)$.
- New contribution depends on the sub-eikonal operator \overleftrightarrow{D} , related to the Jaffe-Manohar polarized gluon distribution.

Evolution, revised and updated

One step of evolution reads the formal form

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_i = \hat{\mathcal{O}}_i^{(0)} + \sum_j \mathcal{K}_{ij} \otimes \hat{\mathcal{O}}_j \quad (23)$$

Features

- Kernel involves transverse and longitudinal logarithmic integrals.
→ **The evolution is DLA**, as opposed to the unpolarized one being SLA.
- **Lifetime ordering** is explicit $\theta(z\underline{x}_{10}^2 - z'\underline{x}_{21}^2)$.
- **Mixing** to operators involving Wilson lines of first and/or second kind.

Remarks

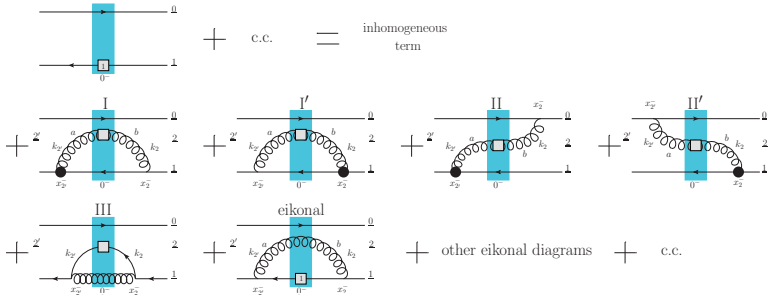
- Similar to the Balitsky hierarchy, equation are not closed.
- Can be closed! In the 't Hooft large N_c -limit or Veneziano large $N_c \& N_f$ -limit.

Results

$$\Delta G(x)|_{x \ll 1} \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\alpha \quad (24)$$

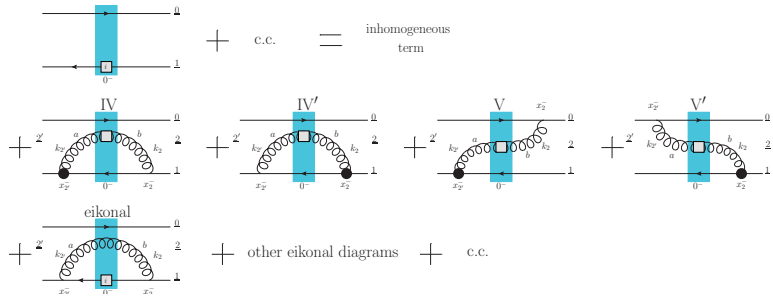
- In the pure glue sector, the intercept becomes $\alpha_h^q \sim 3.66 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$. In complete agreement with BER result.
- Iterating this kernel, one recover the small- x spin-dependent DGLAP kernel.

Evolution, revised and updated - What is really looks like... Type 1



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_0 V_1^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle (zs) = \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_0 V_1^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle_0 (zs) \quad (95) \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2x_2 \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{x_{21}^2} - \frac{x_{21} \cdot x_{20}}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \right] \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_1^\dagger \right] \left(U_2^{\text{pol}[1]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) \right. \\
 & + \left. \left[2 \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^4} - \frac{\epsilon^{ij} (x_{21}^j + x_{21}^j)}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} - \frac{2 x_{20} \times x_{21}}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} \left(\frac{x_{21}^i}{x_{21}^2} - \frac{x_{20}^i}{x_{20}^2} \right) \right] \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_1^\dagger \right] \left(U_2^{G[2]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) \right\} \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2x_2 \left\{ \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_2^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] U_1^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) + 2 \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^2} \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_2^{G[2]\dagger} \right] U_1^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) + \text{c.c.} \right\} \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2x_2 \frac{x_{10}^2}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_1^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] U_2^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) - \frac{C_F}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_0 V_1^{\text{pol}[1]\dagger} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) + \text{c.c.} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Evolution, revised and updated - What is really looks like... Type 2



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_0 V_1^i G^{[2] \dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle (zs) &= \frac{1}{2N_c} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_0 V_1^i G^{[2] \dagger} \right] + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle_0 (zs) & (106) \\
 + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi^2} \int_{\Lambda_\sigma^2} \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2 x_2 \left\{ \left[\frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^2} - \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{20}^j}{x_{20}^2} + 2x_{21}^i \frac{x_{21} \times x_{20}}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \right] \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_1^\dagger \right] \left(U_2^{\text{pol}[1]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) \right. \\
 + \left[\delta^{ij} \left(\frac{3}{x_{21}^2} - 2 \frac{x_{20} \cdot x_{21}}{x_{20}^2 x_{21}^2} - \frac{1}{x_{20}^2} \right) - 2 \frac{x_{21}^i x_{20}^j}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left(2 \frac{x_{20} \cdot x_{21}}{x_{20}^2} + 1 \right) + 2 \frac{x_{21}^i x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left(2 \frac{x_{20} \cdot x_{21}}{x_{21}^2} + 1 \right) + 2 \frac{x_{20}^i x_{20}^j}{x_{20}^4} - 2 \frac{x_{21}^i x_{21}^j}{x_{21}^4} \right] \\
 \times \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_1^\dagger \right] \left(U_2^j G^{[2]} \right)^{ba} + \text{c.c.} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) \left. \right\} \\
 + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Lambda_\sigma^2} \frac{dz'}{z'} \int d^2 x_2 \frac{x_{10}^2}{x_{21}^2 x_{20}^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[t^b V_0 t^a V_1^i G^{[2] \dagger} \right] \left(U_2 \right)^{ba} \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) - \frac{C_F}{N_c^2} \left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_0 V_1^i G^{[2] \dagger} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle (z's) + \text{c.c.} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$G(x_{10}^2, z, s) = G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z, s) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{sx_{10}^2}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{\frac{1}{z's}}^{x_{10}^2} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} \left[\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) + 3 G(x_{21}^2, z's) \right. \\ \left. + 2 G_2(x_{21}^2, z's) + 2 \Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) \right], \quad (25a)$$

$$\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) = G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z's) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{sx_{10}^2}}^{z'} \frac{dz''}{z''} \int_{\frac{1}{z''s}}^{\min[x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2 \frac{z'}{z''}]} \frac{dx_{32}^2}{x_{32}^2} \left[\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z''s) + 3 G(x_{32}^2, z''s) \right. \\ \left. + 2 G_2(x_{32}^2, z''s) + 2 \Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z''s) \right], \quad (25b)$$

$$G_2(x_{10}^2, z, s) = G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z, s) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\Lambda^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{\max[x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{z's}]}^{\min[\frac{z}{z'} x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}]} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} \left[G(x_{21}^2, z's) + 2 G_2(x_{21}^2, z's) \right], \quad (25c)$$

$$\Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z's) = G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z's) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\Lambda^2}{s}}^{z' \frac{x_{21}^2}{x_{10}^2}} \frac{dz''}{z''} \int_{\max[x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{z''s}]}^{\min[\frac{z'}{z''} x_{21}^2, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}]} \frac{dx_{32}^2}{x_{32}^2} \left[G(x_{32}^2, z''s) + 2 G_2(x_{32}^2, z''s) \right]. \quad (25d)$$

Recovering small-x pol DGLAP

- **Pol DGLAP** splitting function at small-x is

$$\Delta P_{gg}(z) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} 4N_c + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 4N_c^2 \ln^2 z + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^3 \frac{7}{3} N_c^3 \ln^4 z \quad (26)$$

and DGLAP evolution is

$$\frac{\partial \Delta G(x, Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \Delta P_{gg} \Delta G\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right) \quad (27)$$

- For the **DLA small-x evolution equations**, start with

$$G^{(0)}(x_1 0^2, z_s) = 0, \quad G_2^{(0)}(x_1 0^2, z_s) = 1 \quad (28)$$

iterate three times, one finds

$$\Delta G^{(3)}(x, Q^2) = \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^3 \left[\underbrace{\frac{7}{120} \ln^5\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}_{NNLO \text{ DGLAP}_{gg}} + \frac{1}{6} \ln^4\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \ln^2\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) + \underbrace{\frac{2}{9} \ln^3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \ln^3\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)}_{(LO)^3 \text{ DGLAP}_{gg}} \right]$$

using $1/x_{10}^2 \rightarrow Q^2$, $z_s z_{10}^2 \rightarrow 1/x$.

A quick conclusion

- Small- x evolution equations for helicity distributions at DLA.
- Involve G_2 operator, which gives small- x DGLAP evolution to three loops.
- Numerical agreement with the intercept found by BER.

Some Prospects

- Going beyond the DLA limit. Resumming IR-log, and thus interfacing with full spin-dependent DGLAP.
- Fixing helicity-JIMWLK at DLA and Implementation.
- Phenomenology using the JAM framework.

Extra

- Gluon helicity and Lipatov vertex
- Large N_c limit
- TMD's
- g_1
- hJIMWLK slides

Gluon helicity

From the Jaffe-Manohar (JM) gluon helicity PDF

$$\Delta G(x, Q^2) = \int d^2 k g_{1L}^{G dip}(x, k_T^2) = \frac{-2i}{x P^+} \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{S_L} S_L \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi^- e^{ixP^+ \xi^-} \times \langle P, S_L | \epsilon^{ij} F^{a+i}(0^+, 0^-, \underline{0}) U_{\underline{0}}^{ab}[0, \xi^-] F^{b+j}(0^+, \xi^-, \underline{0}) | P, S_L \rangle, \quad (29)$$

Identify after some algebra the dipole gluon helicity TMD

$$g_{1L}^{G dip}(x, k_T^2) = \frac{-2i}{x P^+ V^-} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{S_L} S_L \langle P, S_L | \epsilon^{ij} \text{tr} \left[L^{i\dagger}(x, \underline{k}) L^j(x, \underline{k}) \right] | P, S_L \rangle \quad (30)$$

where we define the Lipatov vertex:

$$L^j(x, \underline{k}) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi^- d^2 \xi e^{ixP^+ \xi^- - i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{\xi}} V_{\underline{\xi}}[\infty, \xi^-] (\partial^j A^+ + ixP^+ A^j) V_{\underline{\xi}}[\xi^-, -\infty] \quad (31)$$

$$F^{+i}(x^-, \underline{x}) \quad F^{+j}(y^-, \underline{y} = \underline{x}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad F^{+i}(x^-, \underline{x}) \quad F^{+j}(y^-, \underline{y} = \underline{x})$$

Gluon helicity

Expanding the Lipatov vertex in eikonality (i.e. Bjorken x)

$$L^j(x, \underline{k}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi^- d^2\xi e^{-i\underline{k}\cdot\underline{\xi}} V_{\underline{\xi}}[\infty, \xi^-] \left[\partial^j A^+ + ixP^+ \left(\xi^- \partial^j A^+ + A^j \right) + \mathcal{O}(x^2) \right] V_{\underline{\xi}}[\xi^-, -\infty], \quad (32)$$

which we can write

$$L^j(x, \underline{k}) = -\frac{k^j}{g} \int d^2\xi e^{-i\underline{k}\cdot\underline{\xi}} V_{\underline{\xi}} - \frac{xP^+}{2g} \int d^2\xi e^{-i\underline{k}\cdot\underline{\xi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- V_{\underline{\xi}}[\infty, z^-] \left[D^j - \overleftarrow{D}^j \right] V_{\underline{\xi}}[z^-, -\infty] \quad (33)$$

Performing the helicity dependent "CGC average"

$$g_{1L}^{G dip}(x, k_T^2) = \frac{-4i}{g^2 (2\pi)^3} \epsilon^{ij} k^i \int d^2\zeta d^2\xi e^{-i\underline{k}\cdot(\underline{\xi}-\underline{\zeta})} \underbrace{\left\langle \left\langle \text{tr} \left[V_{\underline{\zeta}}^\dagger V_{\underline{\xi}}^{j G[2]} + \left(V_{\underline{\xi}}^{j G[2]} \right)^\dagger V_{\underline{\zeta}} \right] \right\rangle \right\rangle}_{=2N_c G_{\underline{\xi}, \underline{\zeta}}^j(zs)}, \quad (34)$$

with a polarized Wilson line of the second kind

$$V_{\underline{z}}^{i G[2]} \equiv \frac{P^+}{2s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- V_{\underline{z}}[\infty, z^-] \left[D^i(z^-, \underline{z}) - \overleftarrow{D}^i(z^-, \underline{z}) \right] V_{\underline{z}}[z^-, -\infty]. \quad (35)$$

\implies We call $G_{\underline{\xi}, \underline{\zeta}}^j(zs)$ a Polarized dipole amplitude of the second kind.

In the large N_c -limit (drop quarks t -channel exchanges)

$$U_{\underline{x}}^{\text{pol}[1]} \rightarrow U_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]} \quad (36)$$

Replace adjoint WL using:

$$(U_{\underline{x}})^{ba} = 2 \text{tr}[t^b V_{\underline{x}} t^a V_{\underline{x}}^\dagger]. \quad (37)$$

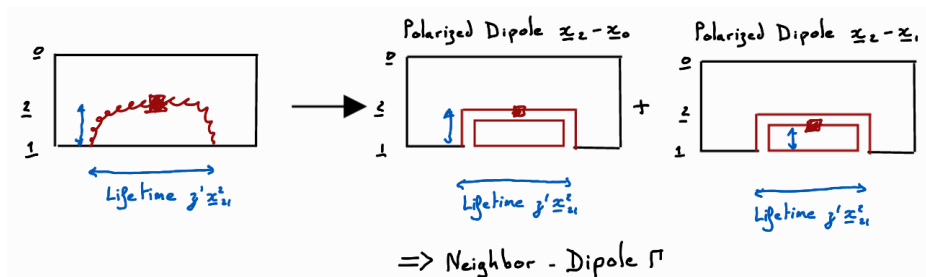
and

$$\left(U_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]}\right)^{ba} = 2 \times \left\{ 2 \text{tr} \left[t^b V_{\underline{x}} t^a V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]\dagger} \right] + 2 \text{tr} \left[t^b V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{G}[1]} t^a V_{\underline{x}}^\dagger \right] \right\}. \quad (38)$$

$$\left(U_{\underline{x}}^{i\text{G}[2]}\right)^{ba} = 2 \text{tr} \left[t^b V_{\underline{x}} t^a V_{\underline{x}}^{i\text{G}[2]\dagger} \right] + 2 \text{tr} \left[t^b V_{\underline{x}}^{i\text{G}[2]} t^a V_{\underline{x}}^\dagger \right] \quad (39)$$

Notice the factor 2 in the former. A gluon has twice the spin of a quark.

Solving, 't Hooft limit - Lifetime



After Fiertzing around, introduce neighbor dipole amplitude Γ to enforce lifetime ordering at each step of the evolution.

Solving, 't Hooft limit - Equation and intercept

$$G(x_{10}^2, z s) = G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z s) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{s x_{10}^2}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{\frac{1}{z' s}}^{\frac{x_{10}^2}{x_{21}^2}} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} \left[\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z' s) + 3 G(x_{21}^2, z' s) \right. \\ \left. + 2 G_2(x_{21}^2, z' s) + 2 \Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z' s) \right], \quad (40a)$$

$$\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z' s) = G^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z' s) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{s x_{10}^2}}^{z'} \frac{dz''}{z''} \int_{\frac{1}{z'' s}}^{\min\left[x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2 \frac{z'}{z''}\right]} \frac{dx_{32}^2}{x_{32}^2} \left[\Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z'' s) + 3 G(x_{32}^2, z'' s) \right. \\ \left. + 2 G_2(x_{32}^2, z'' s) + 2 \Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z'' s) \right], \quad (40b)$$

$$G_2(x_{10}^2, z s) = G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z s) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\Lambda^2}{s}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{\max\left[x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{z' s}\right]}^{\min\left[\frac{z}{z'} x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\right]} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} \left[G(x_{21}^2, z' s) + 2 G_2(x_{21}^2, z' s) \right], \quad (40c)$$

$$\Gamma_2(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z' s) = G_2^{(0)}(x_{10}^2, z' s) + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi} \int_{\frac{\Lambda^2}{s}}^{z' \frac{x_{21}^2}{x_{10}^2}} \frac{dz''}{z''} \int_{\max\left[x_{10}^2, \frac{1}{z'' s}\right]}^{\min\left[\frac{z'}{z''} x_{21}^2, \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\right]} \frac{dx_{32}^2}{x_{32}^2} \left[G(x_{32}^2, z'' s) + 2 G_2(x_{32}^2, z'' s) \right]. \quad (40d)$$

Numerical solution for the intercept:

$$\Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim g_1(x, Q^2) \sim (1/x)^{3.66} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}. \quad (41)$$

		Quark polarization		
		Unpolarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1 = \odot$	*	$h_1^\perp = \odot \uparrow - \odot \downarrow$
	L	*	$g_1 = \odot \rightarrow - \odot \leftarrow$	$h_{1L}^\perp = \odot \nearrow - \odot \searrow$
	T	$f_{1T}^\perp = \odot \uparrow - \odot \downarrow$	$g_{1T} = \odot \rightarrow - \odot \leftarrow$	$h_1 = \odot \uparrow - \odot \downarrow$ $h_{1T}^\perp = \odot \nearrow - \odot \searrow$

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Getting g_1 - short recap

From the antisym hadronic tensor (e.g. [PDG] [Lampe and Reya 2000])

$$W^{[\mu\nu]} \sim i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{q^\rho}{M_p P \cdot q} \left[S^\sigma g_1(x, Q^2) + \left(S^\sigma - \frac{Q \cdot q}{P \cdot q} P^\sigma \right) g_2(x, Q^2) \right] \quad (42)$$

DIS pol Scattering cross section is

$$\sigma^{\gamma^* P}(\lambda, \Sigma) = -\frac{8\pi^2 \alpha_{EM} x}{Q^2} \lambda \Sigma \left[g_1(x, Q^2) - \frac{4x^2 M_p^2}{Q^2} g_2(x, Q^2) \right] \quad (43)$$



One finally obtain (take the DLA limit)

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = -\sum_f \frac{Z_f^2}{2} \frac{N_c}{2\pi^3} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int_{1/zs}^{\min\{1/zQ^2, 1/\Lambda^2\}} \frac{dx_{10}^2}{x_{10}^2} [Q(x_{10}^2, zs) + 2G_2(x_{10}^2, zs)] \quad (44)$$