JAM-small x Helicity Phenomenology

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

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• Q^2 resolution at which we probe the proton

• $x \propto \frac{1}{5}$, we need theory to find the dependence of

Calculating Helicity Distributions

Helicity distributions are computed from the polarized dipole amplitude

$$\Delta q(x, Q^{2}) + \Delta \bar{q}(x, Q^{2}) = \frac{N_{c}}{2\pi^{3}} \int_{0}^{\ln \frac{Q^{2}}{x\hbar^{2}}} d\eta \int_{\max\{0, \eta - \ln \frac{1}{x}\}}^{\eta} ds_{10} \ G_{q}(s_{10}, \eta)$$

$$G = 1$$

• 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

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$$G_q^{(0)}(s_{10},\eta) = a_q \ \eta + b_q \ s_{10} + c_q$$

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- Only have data for g_1^p and g_1^n

$$g_1^p(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q Z_q^2 \Delta q^+(x, Q^2)$$

Observables predicted by our formalism: Double spin asymmetries in DIS

$$A_{||} = rac{\sigma^{\uparrow \Downarrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow \Uparrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow \Downarrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow \Uparrow}} \propto A_1 \propto g_1$$

 $\uparrow (\downarrow)$ is Positive (negative) helicity electron $\Uparrow (\Downarrow)$ is Positive (negative) helicity proton A_1 is a virtual photoproduction asymmetry



Monte-Carlo generation of parameters that tend towards minimum χ^2



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$$\chi^2 / npts = 1.01$$

Predictions for Electron Ion Collider



- Predict large negative g₁
- 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!