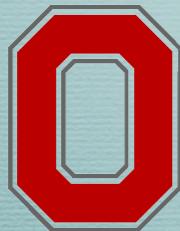


# Orbital Angular Momentum at Small $x$

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# Overview

- \* Motivation: proton spin puzzle
- \* Polarized observables / Light Cone Operator Treatment (LCOT) approach
- \* OAM distributions in terms of polarized S-matrices
- \* Polarized S-matrix (+moment) evolution
- \* Numerical results:
  - \* Small- $x$  asymptotics of OAM distributions
  - \* OAM/helicity PDF ratios

# Motivation: proton spin puzzle

- \* Jaffe-Manohar sum rule: [Jaffe, Manohar '90](#)

$$\int_0^1 dx \left[ \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2) + L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) + \Delta G(x, Q^2) + L_G(x, Q^2) \right] = \frac{1}{2}$$

- \* Current estimates of proton spin

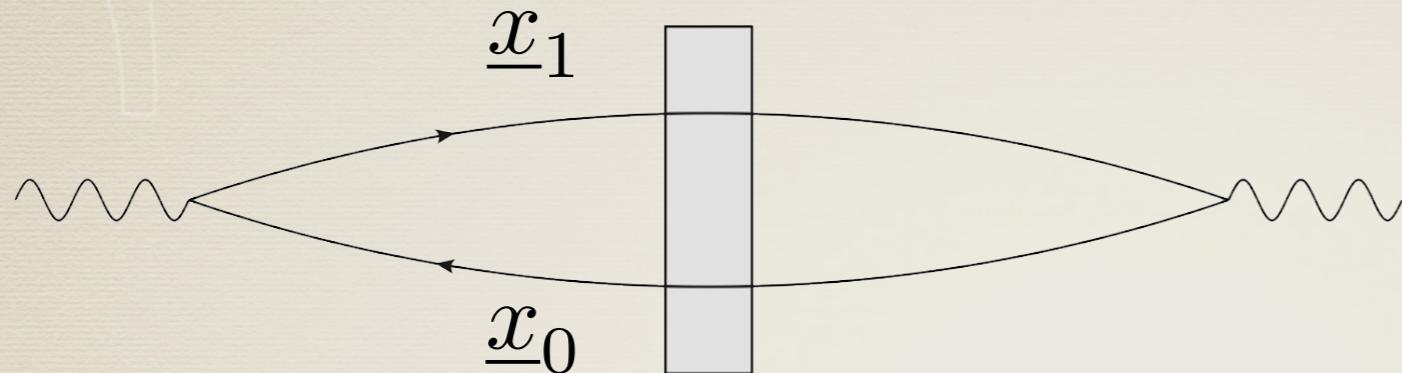
$$\int_{0.001}^1 dx \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx [0.15, 0.20] \quad \int_{0.05}^1 dx \Delta G(x, Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \approx [0.13, 0.26]$$

[RHIC Spin  
Collaboration '15  
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- \* Missing spin needs to be constrained at small- $x$
- \* Focus on OAM distributions at small- $x$

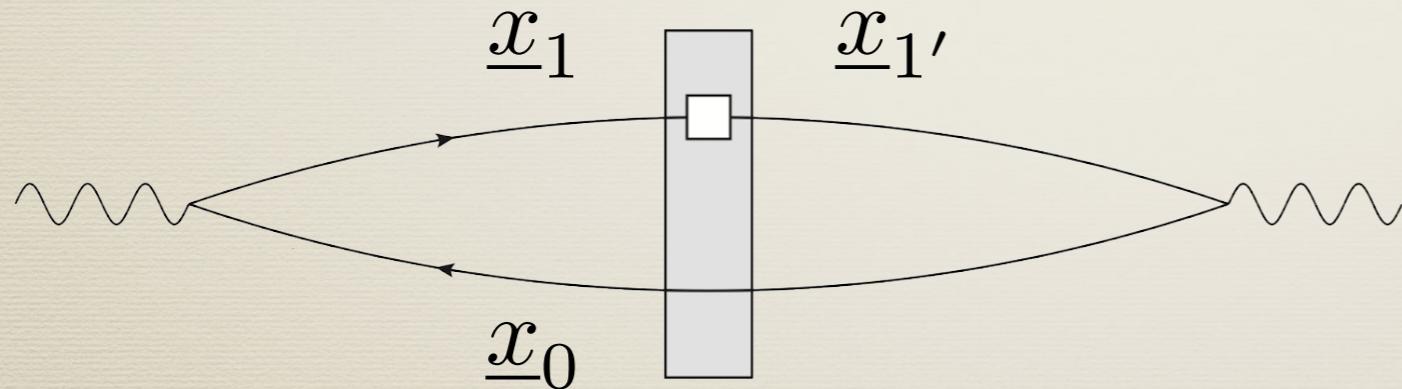
# Polarized observables

- \* Unpolarized observables dominated by eikonal contributions



$$S \sim \text{tr} [V_{\underline{x}_1} V_{\underline{x}_0}^\dagger]$$

- \* Polarized observables dominated by *sub*-eikonal contributions



$$S \sim \text{tr} [V_{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_{1'}}^{\text{pol}} V_{\underline{x}_0}^\dagger]$$

$$V_{\underline{x}}[x_f^-, x_i^-] \equiv \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ ig \int_{x_i^-}^{x_f^-} dx^- A^+(0^+, x^-, \underline{x}) \right]$$

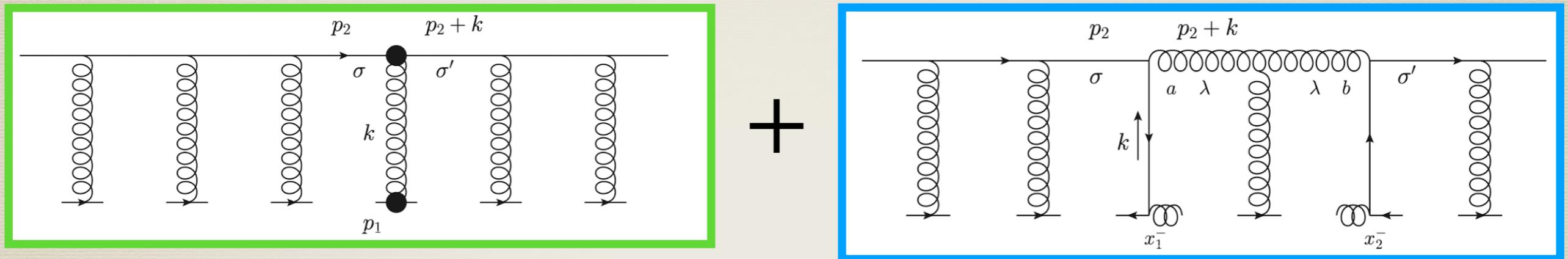
$$V_{\underline{x}} \equiv V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, -\infty]$$

[Kovchegov,  
Pitonyak, Sievert '15  
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[Cougoulic, Kovchegov,  
Tarasov, Tawabutr '22  
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# Polarized propagators

- Sub-eikonal vertex sandwiched between semi-infinite Wilson lines (LCOT approach)



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- Polarized* dipole amplitudes

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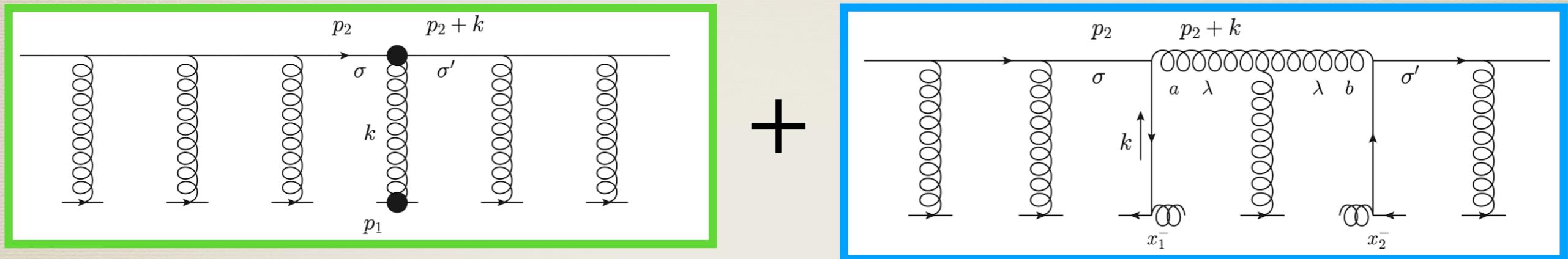
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# OAM operator

\* Generic OAM operator

Hatta '11 (1111.3547)

Ji, Xiong, Yuan '12 (1207.5221)

$$L_z(Q^2) = \int \frac{d^2 b_\perp d^2 k_\perp db^- dk^+}{(2\pi)^3} (\underline{b} \times \underline{k}) W(k, b)$$

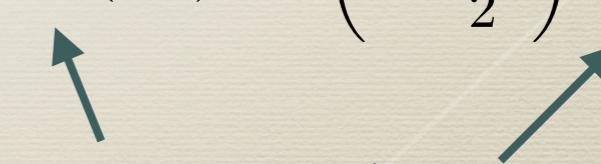
where Wigner functions are

$$W^{q,\text{SIDIS}}(k, b) = 2 \sum_X \int d^2 r dr^- e^{ik \cdot r} \left\langle \bar{\psi} \left( b - \frac{1}{2}r \right) V_{\underline{b} - \frac{1}{2}\underline{r}} \left[ b^- - \frac{1}{2}r^-, \infty \right] |X\rangle \frac{1}{2} \gamma^+ \right. \\ \left. \times \langle X | V_{\underline{b} + \frac{1}{2}\underline{r}} \left[ \infty, b^- + \frac{1}{2}r^- \right] \psi \left( b + \frac{1}{2}r \right) \right\rangle$$

$$W^{G,\text{dipole}}(k, b) = \frac{4}{x P^+} \int d^2 r dr^- e^{ix P^+ r^- - ik \cdot r} \left\langle \text{tr} \left[ F^{+i} \left( b - \frac{1}{2}r \right) \mathcal{U}^{[+]}(b, r) F^{+i} \left( b - \frac{1}{2}r \right) \mathcal{U}^{[-]}(b, r) \right] \right\rangle$$

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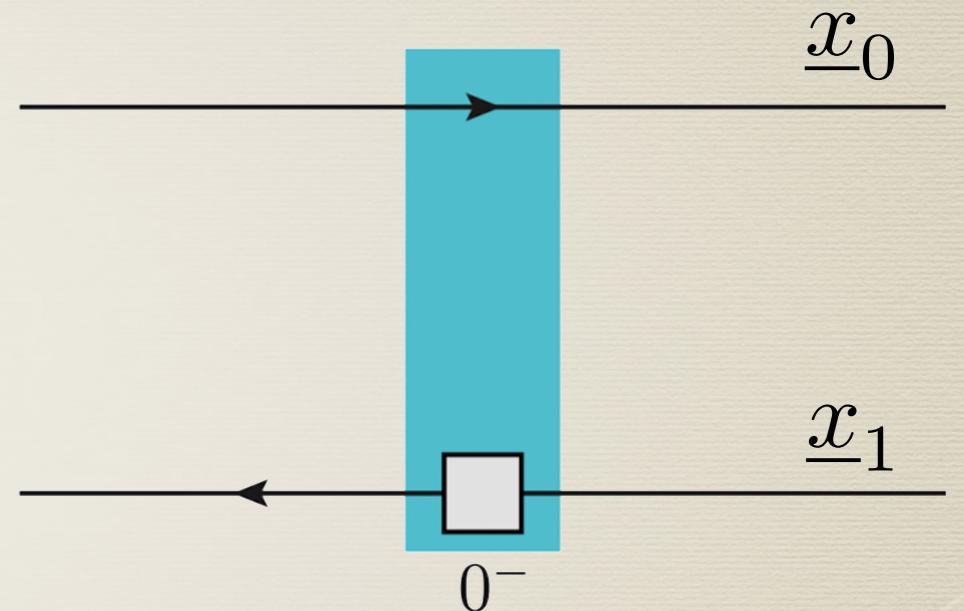
Future and past  
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# Polarized dipole amplitudes

- \* Impact-integrated polarized dipole amplitudes appear in calculations

$$Q(x_{10}^2, zs) \equiv \int d^2 \left( \frac{\underline{x}_0 + \underline{x}_1}{2} \right) Q_{10}(zs)$$



$$G_2(x_{10}^2, zs) \equiv \frac{\epsilon^{ij} x_{10}^j}{x_{10}^2} \int d^2 \left( \frac{\underline{x}_0 + \underline{x}_1}{2} \right) G_{10}^i(zs)$$

- \* For OAM, need first  $x_1$ -moments (moment amplitudes)

$$I_3(x_{10}^2, zs) \equiv \frac{x_{10}^i}{x_{10}^2} \int d^2 x_1 x_1^i Q_{10}(zs)$$

$$\epsilon^{ij} I_4(x_{10}^2, zs) + \epsilon^{ik} x_{10}^k x_{10}^j I_5(x_{10}^2, zs) + \epsilon^{jk} x_{10}^k x_{10}^i I_6(x_{10}^2, zs) \equiv \int d^2 x_1 x_1^i G_{10}^j(zs)$$

# OAM distributions at small $x$

- \* OAM distributions can be written in terms of the regular and moment dipole amplitudes

$$L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) = \frac{N_c N_f}{2\pi^3} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int_{1/zs}^{\min[1/zQ^2, 1/\Lambda^2]} \frac{dx_{10}^2}{x_{10}^2} \left[ Q - 3G_2 - I_3 - 2I_4 + I_5 + 3I_6 \right] (x_{10}^2, zs)$$

$$L_G(x, Q^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^2} [2I_4 + 3I_5 + I_6] \left( zs = \frac{Q^2}{x}, x_{10}^2 = \frac{1}{Q^2} \right)$$

- \* Compare to helicity PDFs at small  $x$

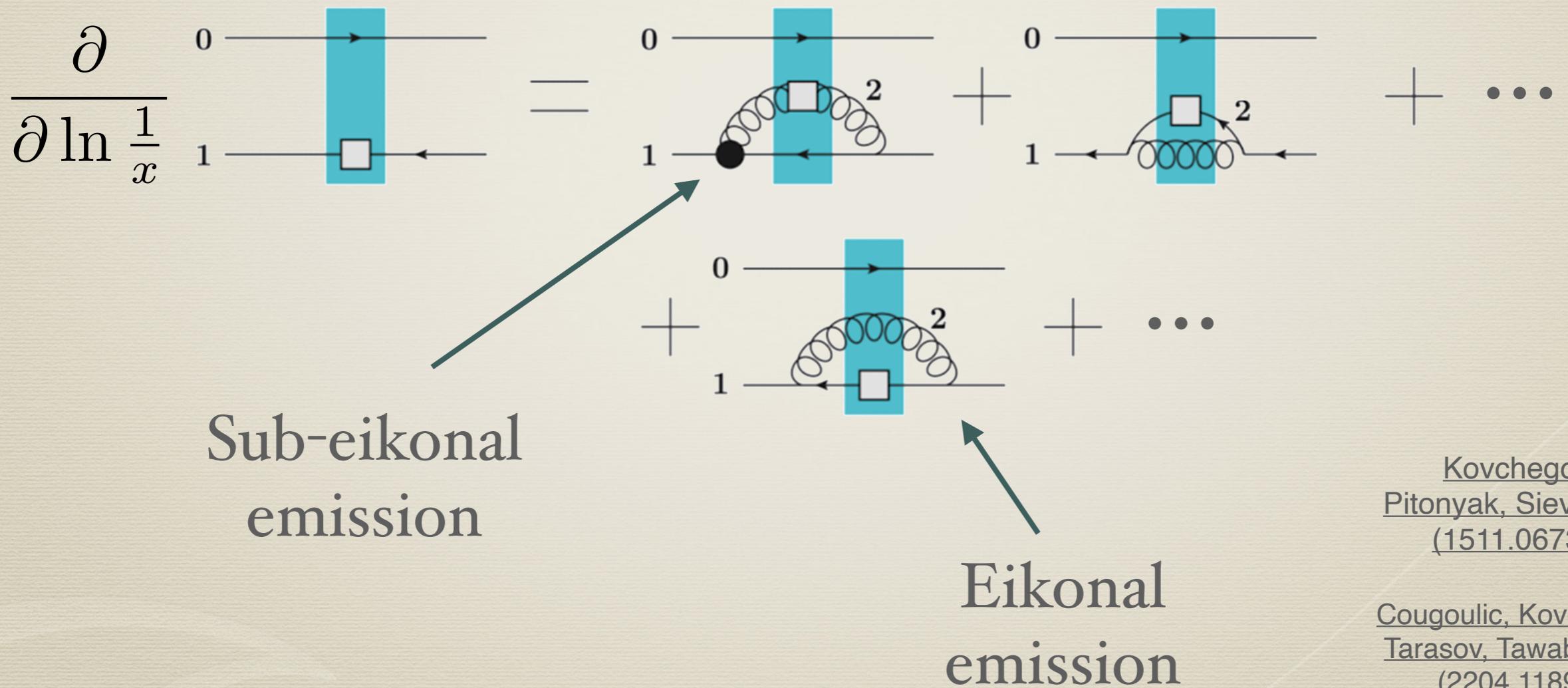
$$\Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) = -\frac{N_c N_f}{2\pi^3} \int_{\Lambda^2/s}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \int_{1/zs}^{\min[1/zQ^2, 1/\Lambda^2]} \frac{dx_{10}^2}{x_{10}^2} [Q + 2G_2] (x_{10}^2, zs)$$

$$\Delta G(x, Q^2) = \frac{2N_c}{\alpha_s \pi^2} G_2 \left( zs = \frac{Q^2}{x}, x_{10}^2 = \frac{1}{Q^2} \right)$$

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# Polarized S-matrix evolution

- \* Helicity evolution similar to BK/JIMWLK emission  
resummation parameter is  $\alpha_s \ln^2(1/x)$



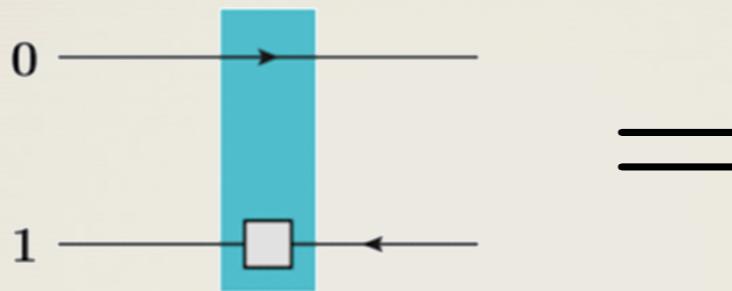
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# Moment amplitude evolution

\* Moment evolution: integrate over  $x_1$  and match tensor structures

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \ln \frac{1}{x}} \int d^2 x_1 x_1^i$$



$$\left[ \int d^2 x_1 x_1^i \right] =$$

The expression is enclosed in brackets, indicating it is a sum of terms. The first term is a blue rectangle with a black dot at index 1 and a white square at index 0, connected by a curved line labeled '2'. The second term is a blue rectangle with a white square at index 1 and a curved line labeled '2' connecting it to index 0. Both terms are followed by ellipses.

# Moment amplitude evolution

\* Large- $N_c$  evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} I_3 \\ I_4 \\ I_5 \\ I_6 \end{pmatrix} (x_{10}^2, z s) &= \begin{pmatrix} I_3 \\ I_4 \\ I_5 \\ I_6 \end{pmatrix}_0 (x_{10}^2, z s) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{s x_{10}^2}}^z \frac{dz'}{z'} \int_{\frac{1}{z' s}}^{x_{10}^2} \frac{dx_{21}^2}{x_{21}^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\Gamma_3 - 4\Gamma_4 + 2\Gamma_5 + 6\Gamma_6 - 2\Gamma_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, z' s) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\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} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & 2 & 6 & -4 & -6 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 & -3 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_3 \\ I_4 \\ I_5 \\ I_6 \\ G \\ G_2 \end{pmatrix} (x_{21}^2, z' s).
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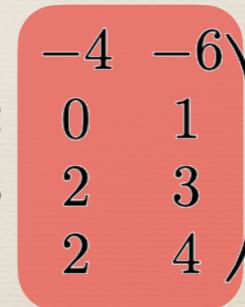
Large  $N_c$

$Q = G$

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Mixing with “regular”  
polarized amplitudes!

(cf. polarized DGLAP)

# Numerical results: small- $x$ asymptotics

- \* OAM distributions have same asymptotics as helicity counterparts (large  $N_c$ )

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$$L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) \sim L_G(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{3.66\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}}$$

- \* Previously found

$$L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{2.31\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}}$$

$$L_G(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{1.88\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}}$$

[Kovchegov '19  
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# Numerical results: OAM/hPDF ratios

- \* Prediction for OAM/hPDF ratios

Boussarie, Hatta, Yuan '19  
(1904.02693)

$$\Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2), \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\alpha \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} L_G(x, Q^2) &\approx -\frac{2}{1+\alpha} \Delta G(x, Q^2) \\ L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) &\approx -\frac{1}{1+\alpha} \Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

- \* Previously found

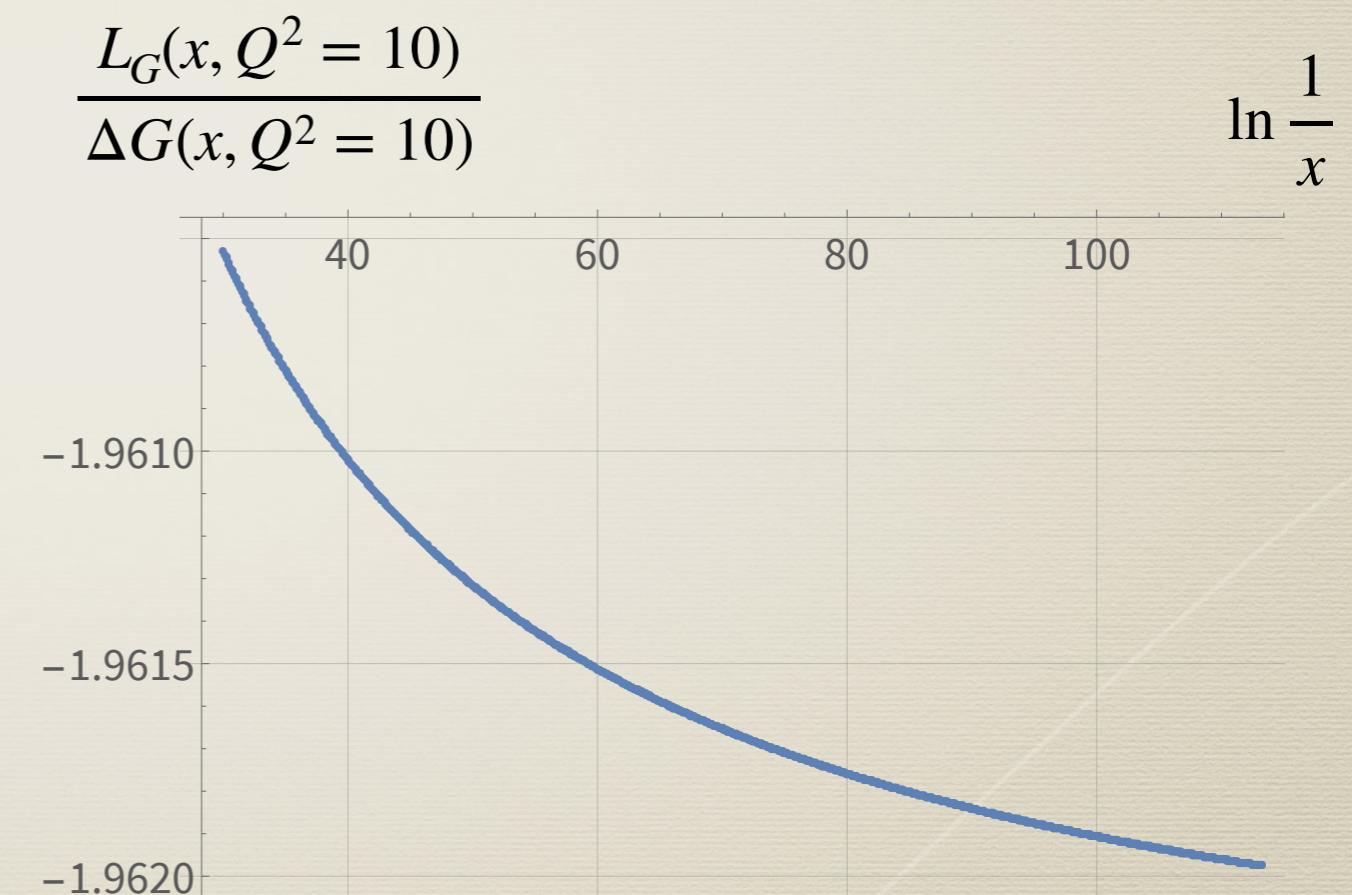
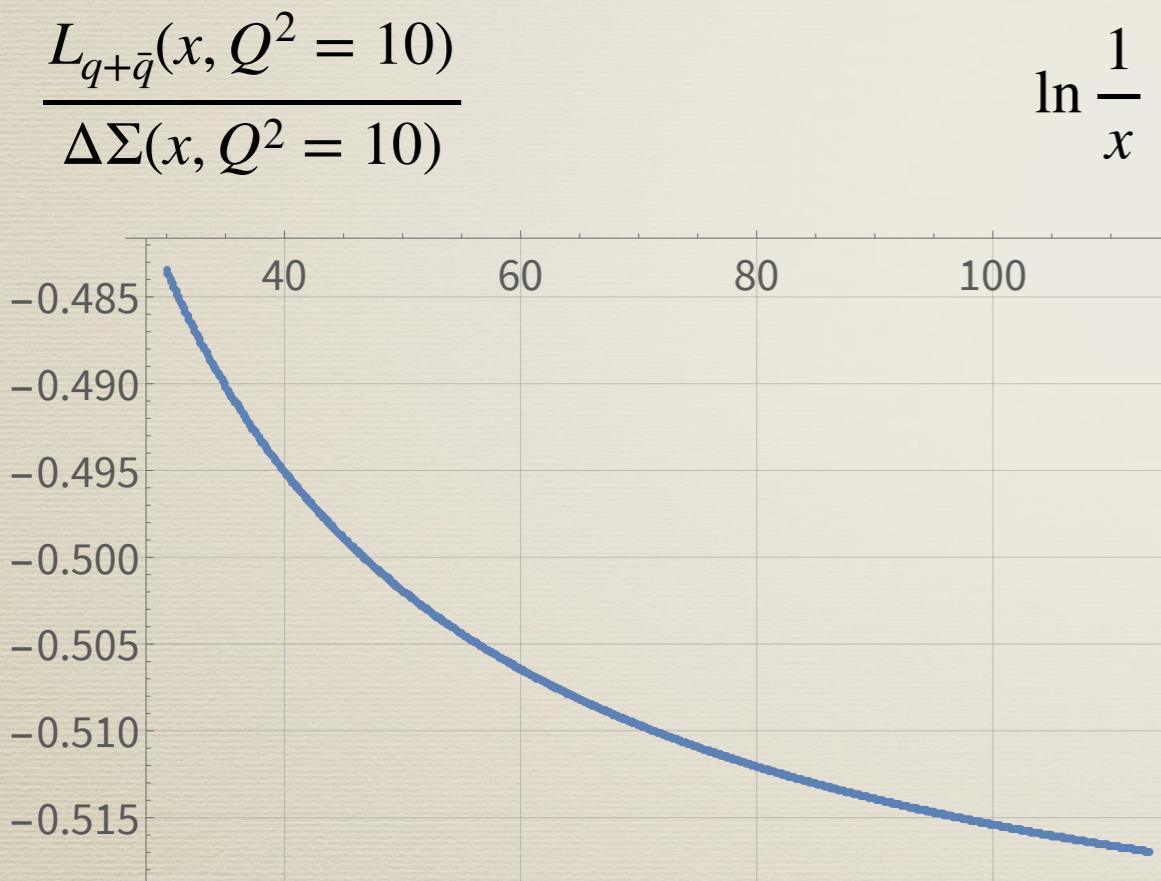
$$L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) = -\Delta \Sigma(x, Q^2)$$

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$$L_G(x, Q^2) = \left[ \#(\sqrt{\alpha_s}) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2} \right] \Delta G(x, Q^2)$$

# Numerical results: OAM/hPDF ratios

- \* Compute OAM/hPDF ratios numerically  
(e.g. for rapidity step size of 0.05,  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ )



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# Numerical results: OAM/hPDF ratios

- \* Take numerical continuum limit  
(e.g. for  $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ )

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$$\frac{L_{q+\bar{q}}(x)}{\Delta\Sigma(x)} = -0.57 + \frac{1.3}{\ln(1/x)}$$

$$\frac{L_G(x)}{\Delta G(x)} = -1.96 + \frac{0.061}{\ln(1/x)}$$

- \* OAM and helicity of **equal importance** at small- $x$
- \* Rapidity dependence suppressed but likely relevant for current/near-future kinematics

# Summary

- \* LCOT evolution technique works for OAM at small- $x$
- \* Requires introduction of new ***moment*** polarized dipole amplitudes
  - \* Derived **novel** large  $N_c$  evolution equations for moment amplitudes
  - \* Determined **small- $x$  asymptotics** of OAM distributions

$$L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2) \sim L_G(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2) \sim \Delta G(x, Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{3.66\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}}$$

- \* Numerically calculated OAM/hPDF ratio and found OAM just as important as helicity at small- $x$  and **rapidity dependence** of ratios

\* Backup

# Polarized Wilson lines

$$V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}; \sigma, \sigma'} = \sigma \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{pol}[1]} \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) + \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'} V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{pol}[2]}$$

$$V_{\underline{x}}^{\text{pol}[1]} = V_{\underline{x}}^G[1] + V_{\underline{x}}^q[1]$$

$$V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^{\text{pol}[2]} = \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{y}) V_{\underline{x}}^q[2] + V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^G[2]$$

$$V_{\underline{x}}^G[1] = \frac{i g P^+}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^- V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x^-] F^{12}(x^-, \underline{x}) V_{\underline{x}}[x^-, -\infty],$$

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

$$V_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}}^G[2] = -\frac{i P^+}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz^- d^2 z V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, z^-] \delta^2(\underline{x} - \underline{z}) \tilde{D}^i(z^-, \underline{z}) D^i(z^-, \underline{z}) V_{\underline{y}}[z^-, -\infty] \delta^2(\underline{y} - \underline{z}),$$

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

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# CGC Averaging

- \* Standard *polarization-dependent* CGC averaging

$$\left\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}}(b, r) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2P^+} \int \frac{d^2 \Delta d\Delta^+}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ib \cdot \Delta} \left\langle P + \frac{\Delta}{2} \right| \hat{\mathcal{O}}(0, r) \left| P - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right\rangle.$$

$$\left\langle \dots \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{S_L} S_L \frac{1}{2P^+ V^-} \langle P, S_L | \dots | P, S_L \rangle$$

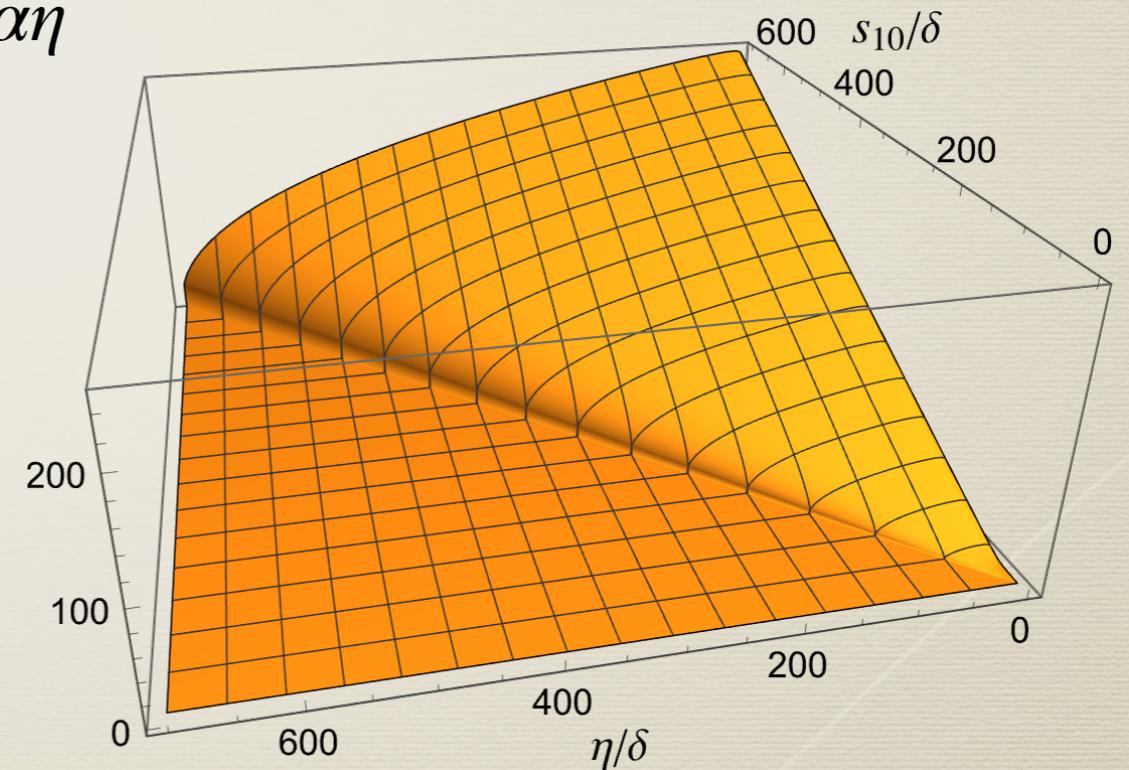
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# Moment amplitude asymptotics

- \* Define logarithmic coordinates  $\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}} \ln \frac{zs}{\Lambda^2}$      $s_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}} \ln \frac{1}{x_{10}^2 \Lambda^2}$
- \* Moment amplitudes are exponential in  $\eta$  at large  $\eta$ 
  - \* Enables ansatz:  $I(0, \eta) \propto e^{\alpha \eta}$
  - \* Can extract  $\alpha$  numerically

find it agrees w/ helicity

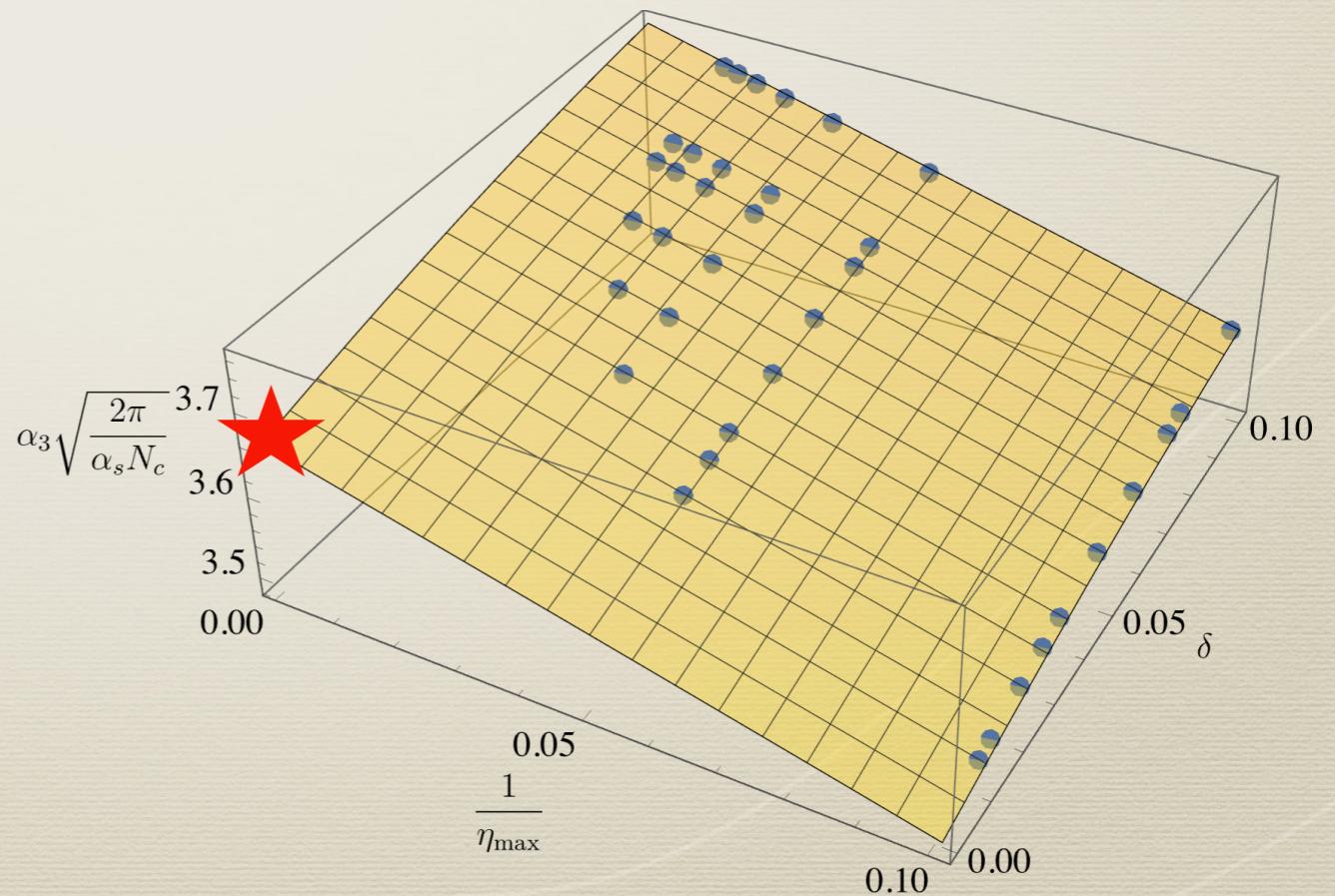
$$\alpha_h = 3.66 \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}$$



# Numerical continuum limit

- \* For a numerical value, can create surface in step size and maximum rapidity/energy evolved
- \* Using polynomials, can fit the surface to extrapolate to the continuum (no step size, infinite energy)

- \* e.g. for  $I_3$  intercept



# Numerical results: OAM/hPDF ratios

- \* Can numerically investigate OAM/hPDF ratios another way
- \* Ansätze for distribution functions (motivated by helicity solution)

$$\left| L_{q+\bar{q}} \left( y = \ln \frac{1}{x}, Q^2 \right) \right| = \exp \left( \bar{\alpha}y + \bar{\beta} + \bar{\gamma} \ln y + \frac{\bar{\delta}}{y} \right)$$
$$\left| \Delta\Sigma \left( y = \ln \frac{1}{x}, Q^2 \right) \right| = \exp \left( \alpha y + \beta + \gamma \ln y + \frac{\delta}{y} \right)$$

$$* \text{ We see } \alpha = \bar{\alpha}, \gamma = \bar{\gamma} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{L_{q+\bar{q}}(x, Q^2)}{\Delta\Sigma(x, Q^2)} \right| = \exp(\bar{\beta} - \beta) \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{\delta} - \delta}{y} \right)$$