

# Spin-orbit coupling in QCD

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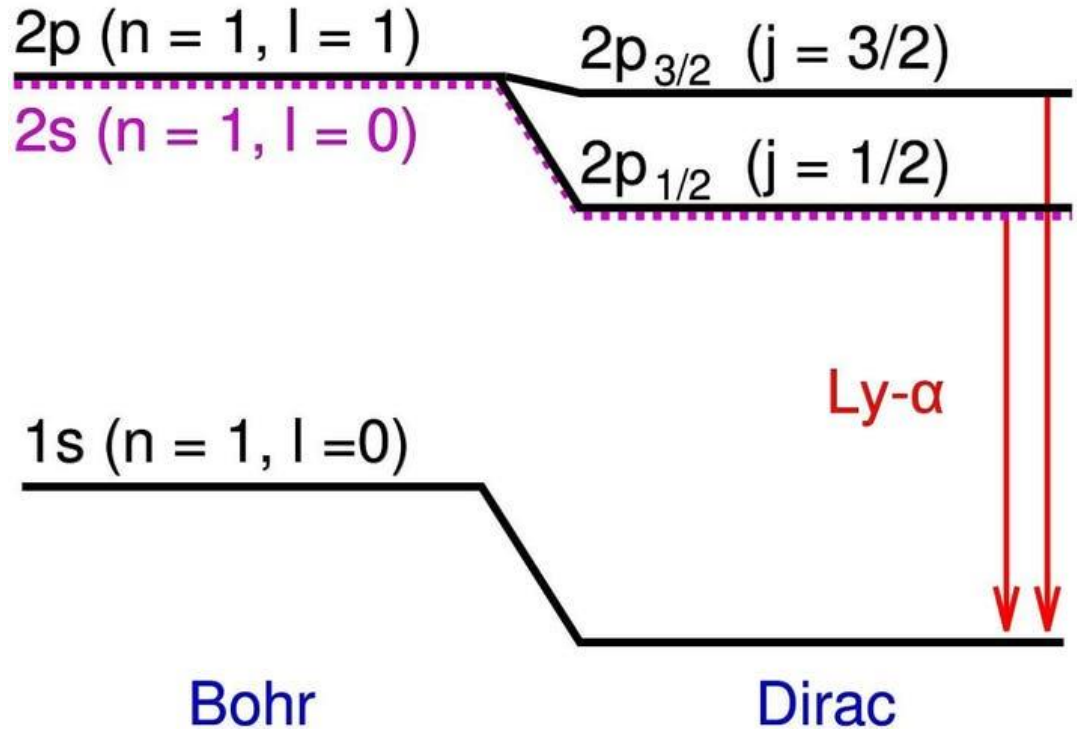
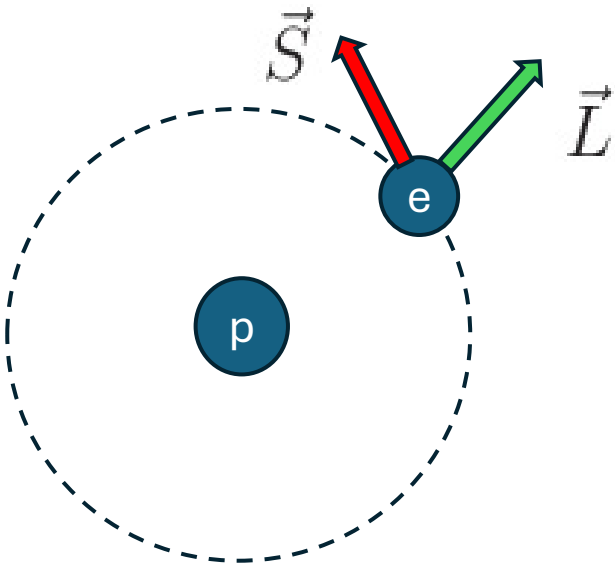
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# Spin-orbit coupling in atoms

$$V = -\frac{\mu_B e}{mc^2 r^3} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}$$



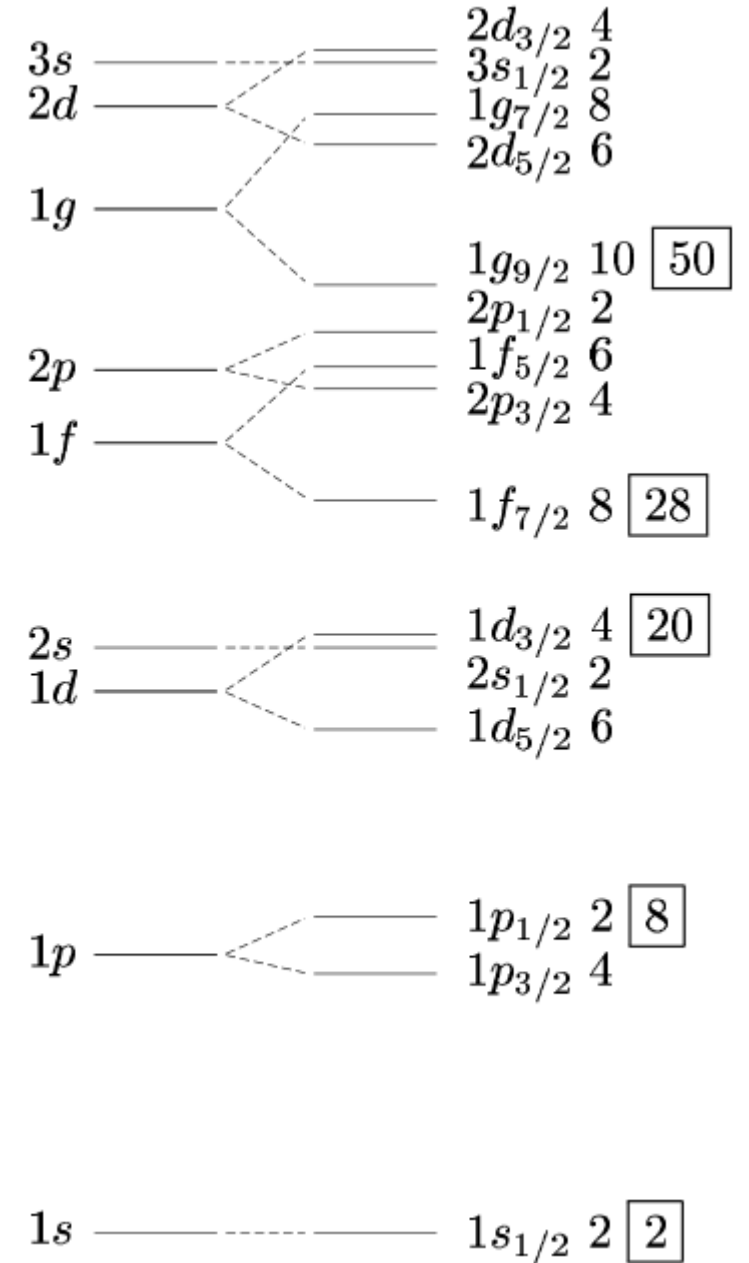
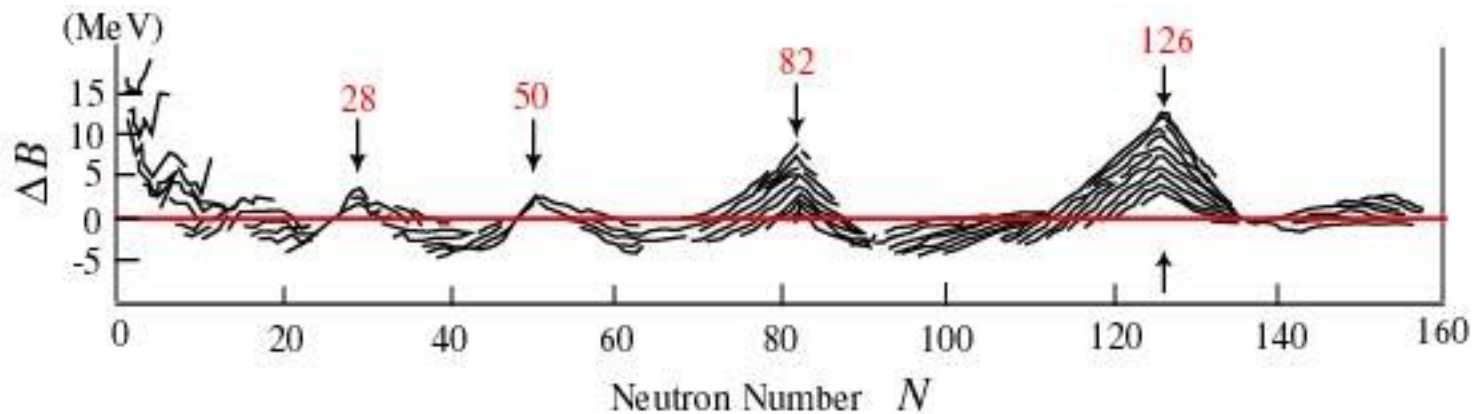
$\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$  in the electron rest frame + relativistic effects contributes to the **fine structure** of atoms

# Spin-orbit coupling in nuclei

In the nuclear shell model, nucleons orbiting inside a nucleus feel a spin-orbit force

Strong spin-orbit coupling → **magic numbers**

Mayer & Jensen Nobel prize (1963)



# Spin-orbit coupling in nucleons?

Quarks and gluons carry spin and OAM. Naturally there is spin-orbit coupling

The number of quarks and gluons indefinite

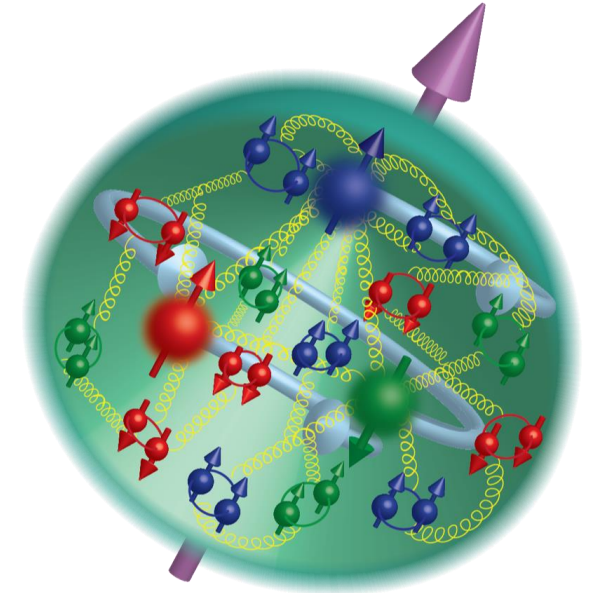
Gluon spin and OAM need to be carefully defined

→ Go to infinite momentum frame

→ Gauge invariant **canonical** OAM

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\Delta\Sigma}_{\text{spin}} + \underbrace{\Delta G}_{\text{spin}} + \underbrace{L_q}_{\text{orbit}} + \underbrace{L_g}_{\text{orbit}}$$

Consider correlation  $S^z L^z$ , closest analog of  $\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}$  in nonrelativistic systems



# Quark spin-orbit correlation

Polarized quark GTMD

Meissner, Metz, Schlegel (2008)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{f}_q(x, \xi, k_\perp, \Delta_\perp) &= \int \frac{d^3 z}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ixP^+ z^- - ik_\perp \cdot z_\perp} \langle p' s' | \bar{q}(-z/2) W_\pm \gamma^+ \gamma_5 q(z/2) | ps \rangle \\ &= \frac{-i}{2M} \bar{u}(p' s') \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{ij} k_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} G_{1,1}^q + \frac{\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5}{P^+} (k_\perp^i G_{1,2}^q + \Delta_\perp^i G_{1,3}^q) + \sigma^{+-} \gamma_5 G_{1,4}^q \right] u(ps)\end{aligned}$$

Quark spin-orbit correlation

$$C_q = \int dx \int d^2 k_\perp \frac{k_\perp^2}{M^2} G_{1,1}^q(x, k_\perp, 0) \sim \langle S^z L^z \rangle \quad \text{Lorce, Pasquini (2011)}$$

Associated PDF

$$C_q(x) = \int d^2 k_\perp \frac{k_\perp^2}{M^2} G_{1,1}^q(x, k_\perp, 0)$$

$C_q > 0$  if helicity and OAM are aligned,  $C_q < 0$  if they are anti-aligned

# Gluon spin-orbit correlation

Polarized gluon GTMD

$$\begin{aligned} x\tilde{f}_g(x, \xi, k_\perp, \Delta_\perp) &= i \int \frac{d^3 z}{(2\pi)^3 P^+} e^{ixP^+ z^- - ik_\perp \cdot z_\perp} \langle p' | \tilde{F}^{+\mu}(-z/2) \widetilde{W}_\pm F_\mu^+(z/2) | p \rangle \\ &= \frac{-i}{2M} \bar{u}(p') \left[ \frac{\epsilon_{ij} k^i \Delta^j}{M^2} G_{1,1}^g + \frac{\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5}{P^+} (k^i G_{1,2}^g + \Delta^i G_{1,3}^g) + \sigma^{+-} \gamma_5 G_{1,4}^g \right] u(p) \end{aligned}$$

$$xC_g(x) = \int d^2 k_\perp \frac{k_\perp^2}{M^2} G_{1,1}^g(x, k_\perp, 0)$$

$C_g(x)$  is odd. The first moment vanishes  $\int dx C_g(x) = 0$

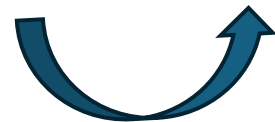
# Orbital angular momentum and spin-orbit correlation

unpol Wigner

$$L_q(x) = \int dk_{\perp} db_{\perp} b_{\perp} \times k_{\perp} f_q(x, k_{\perp}, b_{\perp})$$

polarized Wigner

$$C_q(x) = \int dk_{\perp} db_{\perp} b_{\perp} \times k_{\perp} \tilde{f}_q(x, k_{\perp}, b_{\perp})$$



$\gamma_5$  rotation

$$L_q(x) = x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'} (H_q(x') + E_q(x')) - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} \tilde{H}_q(x')$$

$$- x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \Phi_F(x_1, x_2) \mathcal{P} \frac{3x_1 - x_2}{x_1^2 (x_1 - x_2)^2}$$

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Wandzura-Wilczek part

YH, Yoshida (2012)

genuine twist-3

# Twist structure of spin-orbit correlation

YH, Schoenleber (2024)

See also,  
Rajan, Engelhardt, Liuti (2018)

Unpol PDF

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_q(x) = & x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} x' \Delta q(x') - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} q(x') \\
 & - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int_{-1}^1 dx_2 \frac{\Psi_{qF}(x_1, x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} P \frac{3x_1 - x_2}{x_1^2(x_1 - x_2)} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_g(x) = & x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} x' \Delta G(x') - 2x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} G(x') - 4x \sum_q \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^3} \int dX \tilde{\Psi}_{qF}(X, x') \\
 & + 4x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int dx_2 P \frac{\tilde{N}_F(x_1, x_2)}{x_1^3(x_1 - x_2)} + 4x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} dx_1 \int dx_2 \frac{N_F(x_1, x_2)}{x_1^3(x_1 - x_2)} P \frac{2x_1 - x_2}{x_1 - x_2}
 \end{aligned}$$



# Unexpected connection to $g_T(x)$

$$C_q(x) = \frac{\tilde{g}^q(x)}{2} - x \int_x^{\epsilon(x)} \frac{dx'}{x'^2} q(x') + \dots$$

same

$$g_T^q(x) = -\frac{1}{2x} \tilde{g}^q(x) - \frac{1}{2x} \int dx' \frac{\tilde{G}_{Fq}(x, x') + G_{Fq}(x, x')}{x - x'} + \frac{m_q}{M} \frac{h_1^q(x)}{x}$$

`kinematical twist-3 part' of the  $g_T(x)$  distribution

# 2 spin sum rules, 1 momentum sum rule?

Spin

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q (A_{q+\bar{q}} + B_{q+\bar{q}}) + \frac{1}{2}(A_g + B_g) \quad \text{Ji (1996)}$$

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Momentum version of Jaffe-Manohar

$$= -3C_q^{(2)} - \frac{3}{2}C_g^{(2)} + \frac{3}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx dx' \left[ \Lambda_q(x, x') + \frac{2x\tilde{\Lambda}_q(x, x') + \tilde{\Lambda}_G(x, x')}{x - x'} \right]$$

YH, Schoenleber (2024)

# Physical meaning of the new momentum sum rule

YH, Schoenleber (2024)

$$1 = \underbrace{-3C_q^{(2)} - \frac{3}{2}C_g^{(2)}}_{\text{kinetic energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{3}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dx dx' \left[ \Lambda_q(x, x') + \frac{2x\tilde{\Lambda}_q(x, x') + \tilde{\Lambda}_G(x, x')}{x - x'} \right]}_{\text{potential energy}}$$

$$\langle p' | \bar{q} \gamma^+ F^{+i} q | p \rangle \approx i \Delta^i \int dx dx' \Lambda_q(x, x')$$

# Transverse force & potential

$$F_a^{+i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})_a^i$$

color Lorentz force

Burkardt (2008)

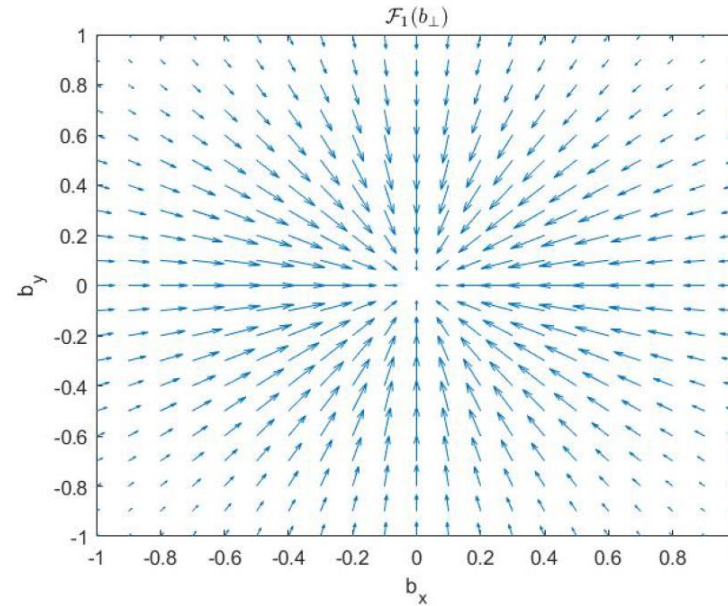
$$\tilde{F}_a^{+i} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{B} - \vec{v} \times \vec{E})_a^i$$

dual color Lorentz force

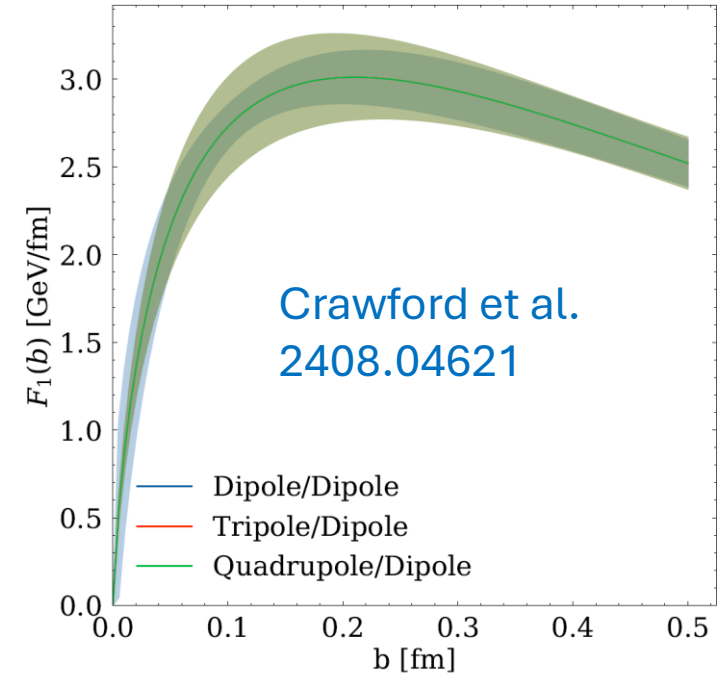
Force  $\rightarrow$  gradient of a **potential**

$$\mathcal{F}_q^i(b_\perp) \equiv -\frac{\partial}{\partial b^i} V_q(b_\perp)$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \int dx dx' \Lambda_q(x, x') = \int d^2 b_\perp V_q(b_\perp)$$



Aslan, Burkardt,  
Schlegel (2019)



Crawford et al.  
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# Measuring spin-orbit correlation at the EIC

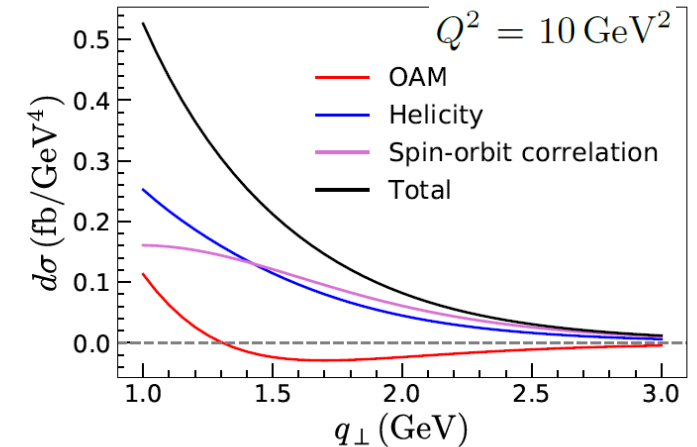
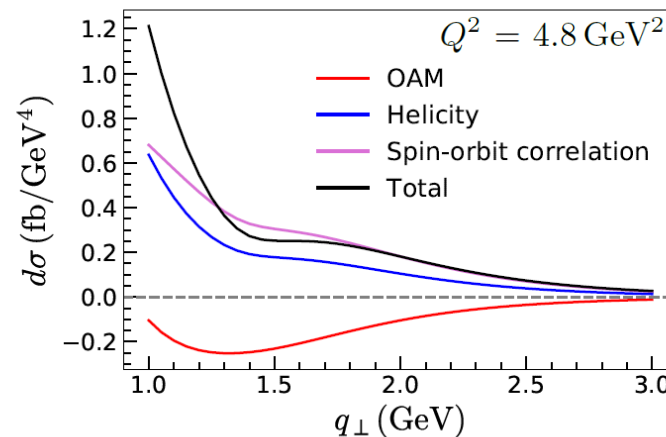
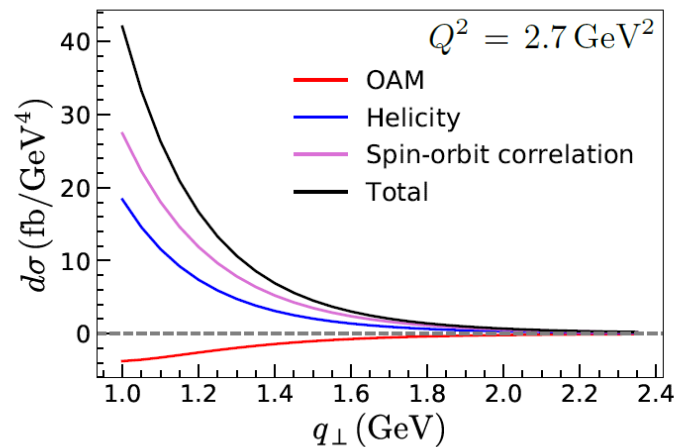
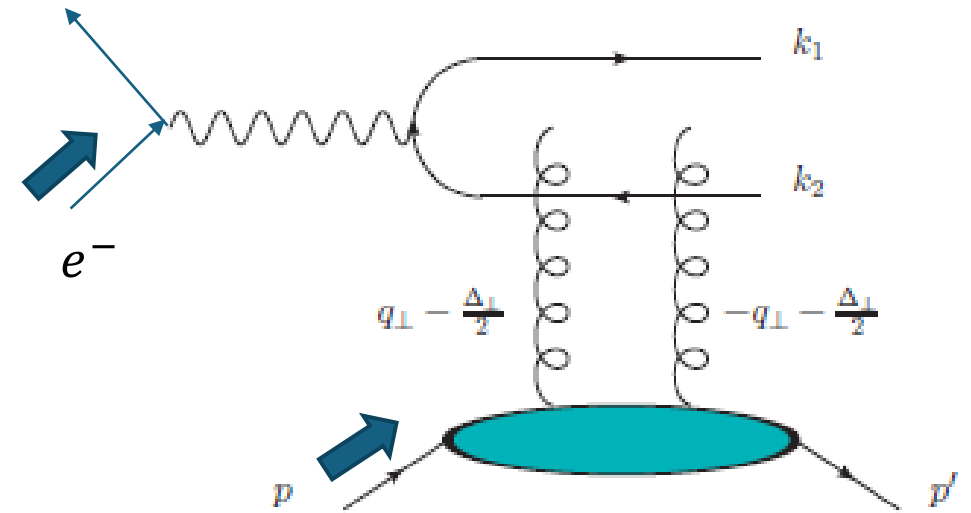
Longitudinal double spin asymmetry in diffractive dijets

→ signal of gluon OAM

Bhattacharya, Boussarie, YH (2022);  
Kovchegov, Manley (2024)

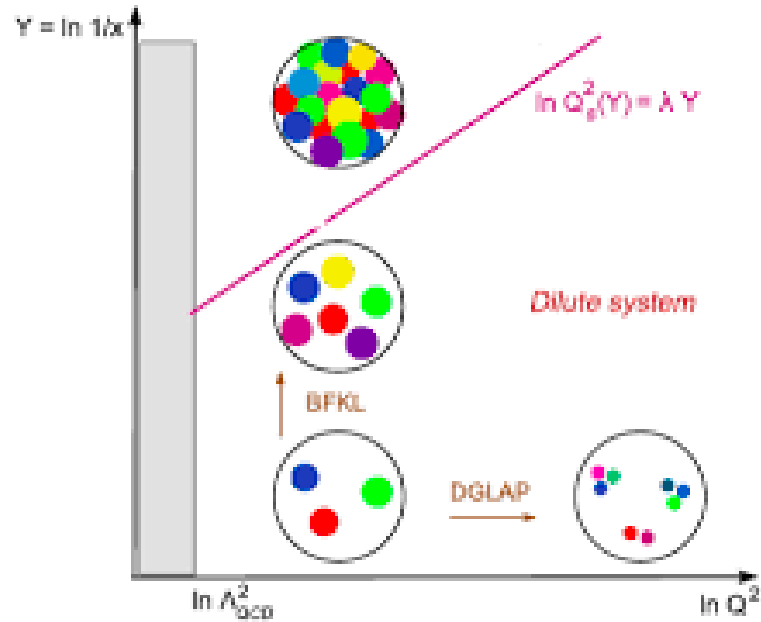
Gluon spin-orbit correlation also contributes

Bhattacharya, Boussarie, YH, (2024)



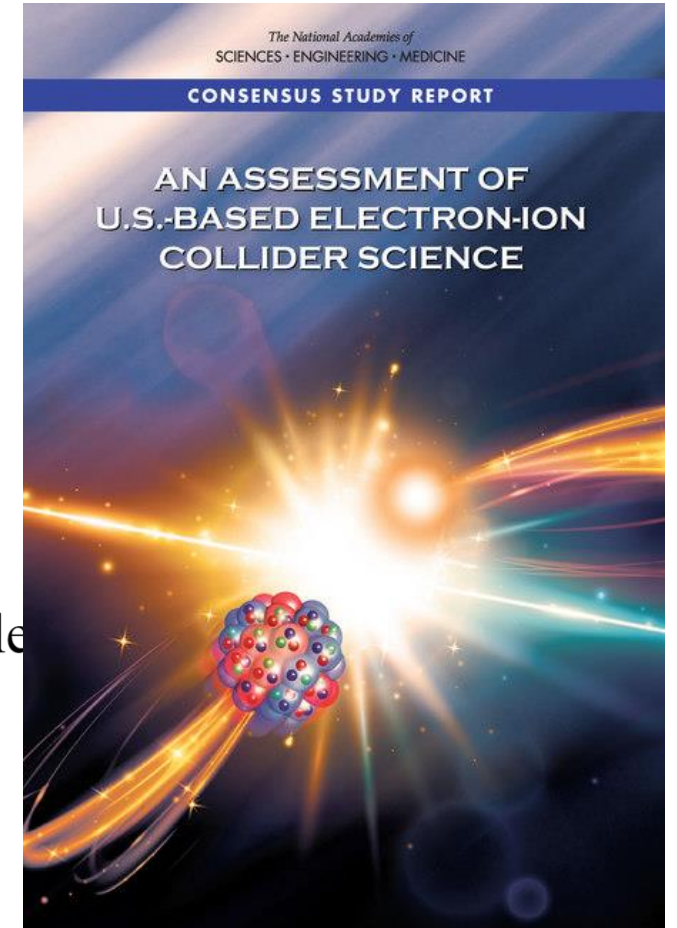
# Spin-orbit coupling at small-x

**Gluon saturation** at small-x:  
one of the core topics of EIC



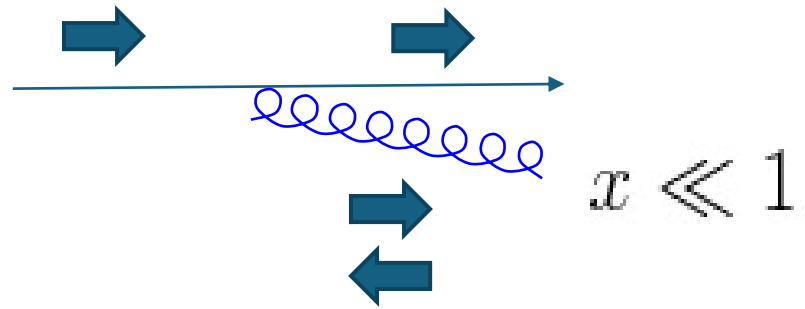
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# Intuitive argument

Imagine a very energetic quark emits a soft gluon



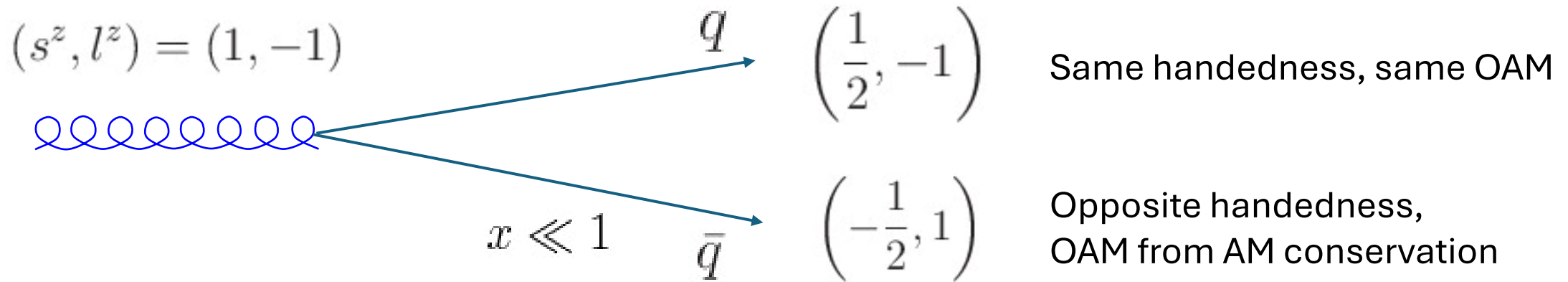
Quark spin and momentum (and OAM) unchanged.

From angular momentum conservation, the total angular momentum of the emitted gluon must be zero

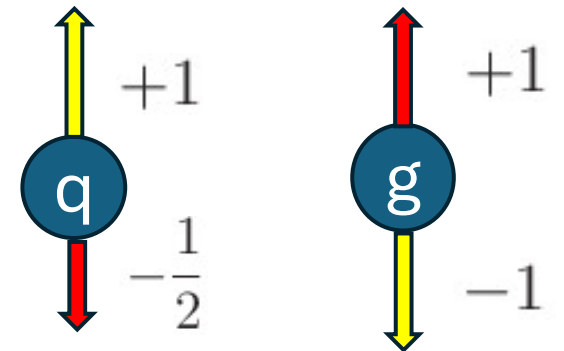
$$(s^z, l^z) = (\pm 1, \mp 1)$$



Imagine the emitted soft gluon further splits into a  $q\bar{q}$  pair



Helicity and OAM are always in opposite directions  
 Remarkably, only  $L^z = \pm 1$  states appear in this argument

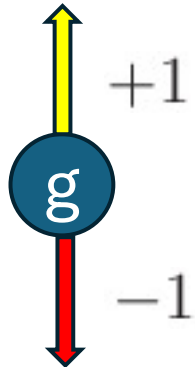


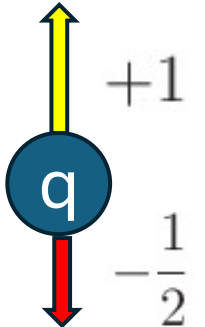
# Semi-classical calculation at small-x

Bhattacharya, Boussarie, YH (2024)

$$\frac{i}{x} \int \frac{d^3 z}{(2\pi)^3 P^+} e^{ixP^+ z^- - ik_\perp \cdot z_\perp} \langle p' | 2\text{Tr}[W_+ \tilde{F}^{+\mu}(-z/2) W_\pm F_\mu^+(z/2)] | p \rangle = -i \frac{\epsilon_{ij} k_\perp^i \Delta_\perp^j}{M^2} C_g^{[+\pm]}(x, \xi, k_\perp, \Delta_\perp),$$

Approximate  $e^{ixP^+ z^-} \approx 1$  (eikonal approximation)

$$C_g(x) = -G(x)$$


$$C_q(x) = -\frac{1}{2}q(x)$$


# Quantum entanglement of spin and OAM

Bhattacharya, Boussarie, YH (2024)

$$s^z = \pm 1 \quad \text{qubit (Alice)} \quad l^z = \pm 1 \quad \text{qubit (Bob)}$$

Perfect spin-orbit **anti**-correlation at small-x  $\rightarrow$  'Bell states'

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle_s |-\rangle_l + |-\rangle_s |+\rangle_l), \quad |\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}i} (|+\rangle_s |-\rangle_l - |-\rangle_s |+\rangle_l)$$

Every single quark and gluon at small-x is a maximally entangled Bell state

$$\langle S^z \rangle = \langle L^z \rangle = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \langle S^z L^z \rangle = -1$$

True nature of the system encoded in correlations

# Quantum entanglement of the spin and orbital angular momentum of photons using metamaterials

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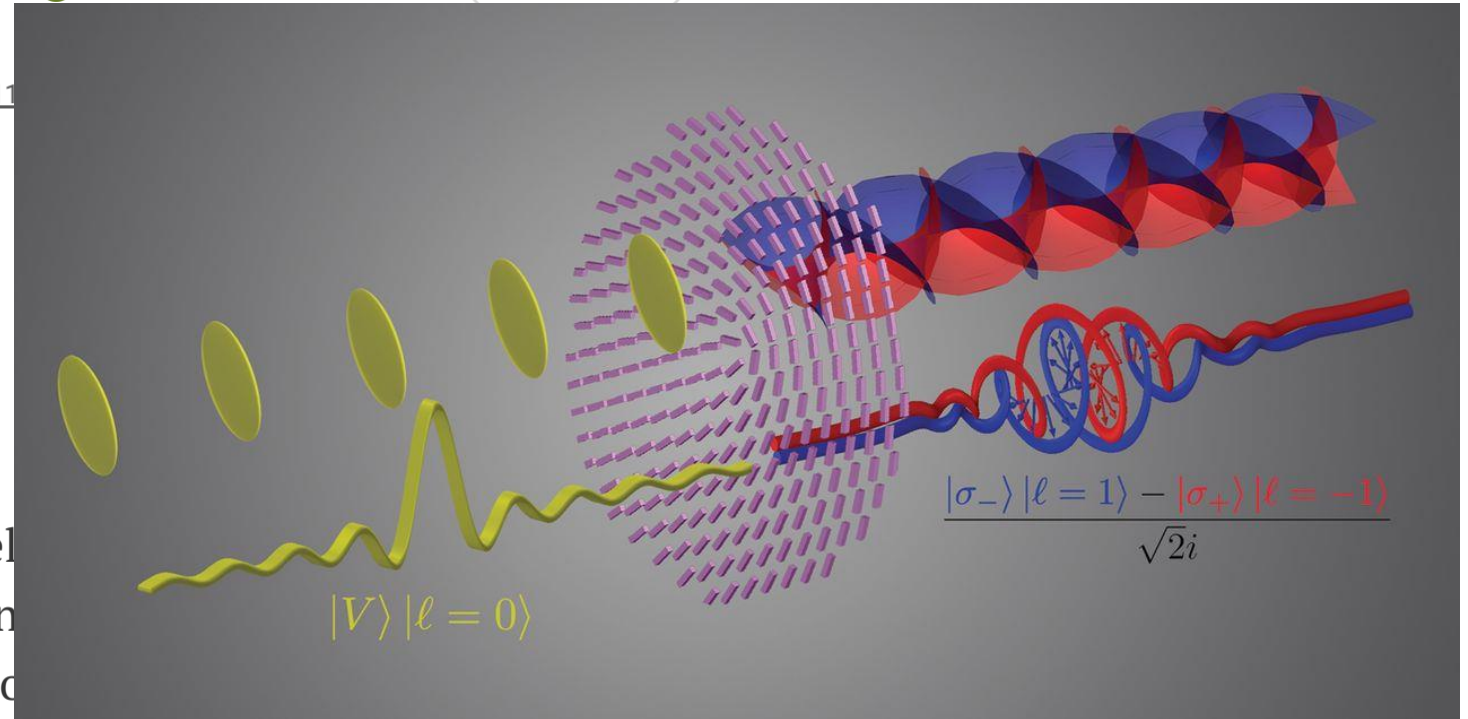
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## Abstract

Metamaterials constructed from deep subwavelength phenomena ranging from negative refractive index to general relativity, and superresolution imaging. Metamaterials are a new platform for quantum optics. We present the use of a dielectric metasurface to generate entanglement between the spin and orbital angular momentum of photons. We demonstrate the genera-

tion of entangled photon pairs with opposite spin and orbital angular momentum.



In QCD, maximal entanglement is a default property of soft partons!

# Extension to arbitrary $0 < x < 1$

YH, Montgomery, 2410.16082

Bell states in the limit  $x \rightarrow 0$ , both quarks and gluons

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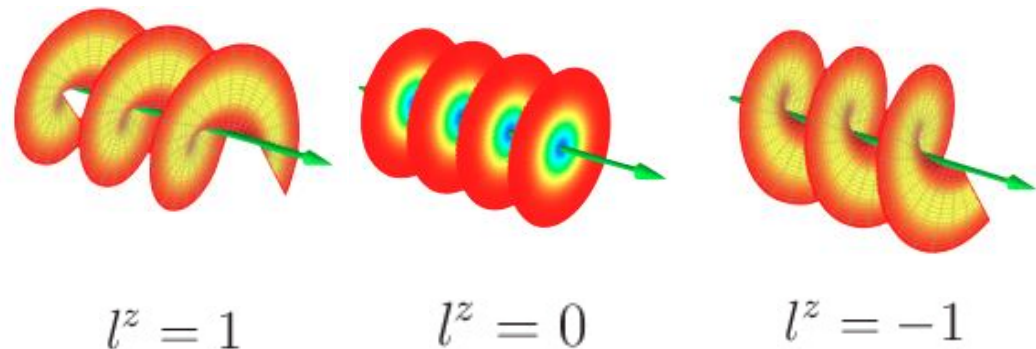
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# OAM conditional probability

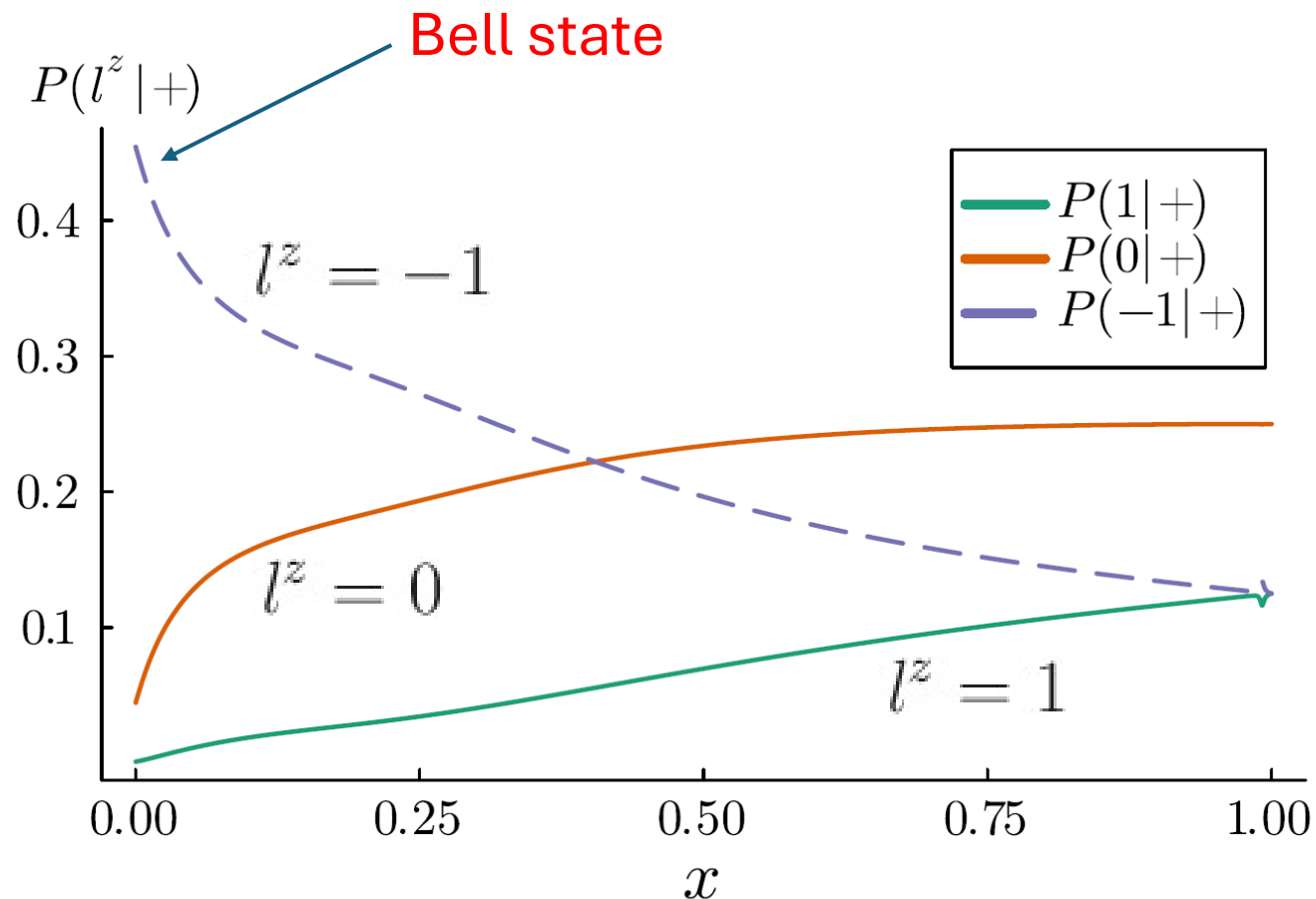
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Gedanken experiment: Pick a gluon with  $s^z = 1$ .

What are the probabilities that different values of  $l^z$  are realized?



Computable (only for gluons!)  
using techniques from Quantum  
Information Science and gluon spin-  
orbit correlation  $C_g(x)$



# Conclusions

Spin-orbit coupling: ubiquitous phenomena in atomic physics, chemistry, and QCD

New momentum sum rule: momentum version of Jaffe-Manohar

New QCD-QIS connection:

Maximal entanglement between spin and OAM    quark: small-x  
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