Investigating Proton Structure at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

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How do we understand the visible matter in our universe in terms of the fundamental quarks and gluons of quantum chromodynamics?



Deep-Inelastic Scattering: A Tool of the Trade



- Probe nucleon with an electron or muon beam
- Interacts electromagnetically with (charged) quarks and antiquarks
- "Clean" process theoretically—quantum electrodynamics well understood and easy to calculate
- Technique that originally discovered the parton structure of the nucleon in the 1960s



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 $q + \overline{q} \to \mu^+ + \mu^-$

- Would expect anti-down/antiup ratio of 1 if sea quarks are only generated dynamically by gluon splitting into quarkantiquark pairs
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PRD64, 052002 (2001)



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Hadronic collisions play a complementary role to electron-nucleon scattering and have let us continue to find surprises in the rich linear momentum structure of the proton, even after > 40 years! antiquent put

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Observations with different probes allow us to learn different things!

radio continuum (408 MHz) atomic hydrogen radio continuum (2.5 GHz) molecular hydroae infrared mid-infrared near infrared optical м Multiwavelength Milky Way



QCD: Discovery and development
 - 1973 → ~2004



• Since 1990s starting to consider detailed internal QCD *dynamics*, going beyond traditional parton model ways of looking at hadrons—and perform phenomenological calculations using these new ideas/tools!



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Non-linear QCD meets data: A global analysis of lepton-proton scattering with running coupling BK evolution PRD80, 034031 (2009)

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T. Hatsuda, PANIC 2011



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"Modern-day 'testing' of (perturbative) QCD is as much about pushing the boundaries of its applicability as about the verification that QCD is the correct theory of hadronic physics."
– G. Salam, hep-ph/0207147 (DIS2002 proceedings)



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- A collider-based program, but not designed to be at the energy (or intensity) frontier. More closely analogous to many areas of condensed matter research—create a system and study its properties
- What systems are we studying?



- "Simple" QCD bound states—the proton is the simplest stable bound state in QCD (and conveniently, nature has already created it for us!)
- Collections of QCD bound states (nuclei, also available out of the box!)
- QCD deconfined! (quark-gluon plasma, some assembly required!)



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→RHIC was designed from the start as a single facility capable of nucleus-nucleus, proton-nucleus, and proton-proton collisions

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Vast majority of past four decades focused on *1-dimensional* momentum structure! Since 1990s starting to consider other directions . . .



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Polarized protons first studied in 1980s. How angular momentum of quarks and gluons add up still not well understood!



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Good measurements of flavor distributions in valence region. Flavor structure at lower momentum fractions still yielding surprises!



Theoretical and experimental concepts to describe and

access position only born in mid-1990s. Pioneering

measurements over past decade.

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Accounted for by theorists from beginning of QCD, but more detailed, potentially observable effects of color have come to forefront in last couple years . . .



RHIC as a polarized p+*p collider*





December 2001: News to celebrate

SHIC Experimenter Status BRAHMS (200): 0.00 STAR (200): 0.20

Beam Lifetime 1358,25 Mil PHENIX (2005: 3.2) PHOBOS: KGED: 54

Tuesday December 11, 2001

2230: Significant polarization has been measured in RHIC, at 100 GeV

MACHINE





RHIC performance for polarized protons



RHIC's current main experiments



STAR:

- Key strengths jets + correlations •
- Full acceptance including PID • for $|\eta| < 1$, $\Delta \phi \sim 2\pi$
- Forward EM calorimetry

PHENIX:

- High resolution; high rate capabilities for rare probes
- Central arms $|\eta| < 0.35$, $\Delta \phi \sim 2\pi$ with key strength measuring EM probes
- Muon arms $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$
- Forward EM calorimetry





Proton spin structure at RHIC

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Advantages of a polarized *proton-proton collider*:
Hadronic collisions → Leading-order access to gluons
High energies → Applicability of perturbative QCD
High energies → Production of new probes: W bosons



Reliance on input from simpler systems

- Disadvantage of hadronic collisions: much "messier" than deep-inelastic scattering! → Rely on input from simpler systems
 - Just as the heavy ion program at RHIC relies on information from simpler collision systems

• The more we know from simpler systems such as deep-inelastic scattering and e+e- annihilation, the more we can in turn learn from hadronic collisions



Predictive power of pQCD



High-energy processes have predictable rates given:

Partonic hard scattering rates (calculable in pQCD)

- Parton distribution functions (need experimental input)
- Fragmentation functions (need experimental input)

Universal nonperturbative factors



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Proton "spin crisis"

SLAC: 0.10 < *x* < 0.7

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Delta \Sigma + \Delta G + L_{G+q}$$



$$\Delta \Sigma_{SLAC} \sim 0.6$$
 Quark-Parton Model
expectation
E130, Phys.Rev.Lett.51:1135 (1983)
472 citations



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SLAC: 0.10 < x < 0.7CERN: 0.01 < x < 0.5

0.1

 $0.01 < x_{CERN} < 0.5$

0.05

0.1

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0.2

x-Bjorken

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Delta \Sigma + \Delta G + L_{G+q}$$

Hence $(14\pm9\pm21)\%$ of the proton spin is carried by the spin of the quarks. The remaining spin must be carried by gluons or orbital angular momentum

> These haven't been easy to measure! EMC (CERN), Phys.Lett.B206:364 (1988) 1759 citations!

> > **"Proton Spin Crisis"**



0.01

1,0

0.6

0.2

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A^P 0.4

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This experiment SLAC [26]

o SLAC [27]

0.02

0.5 0.7
Quest for ΔG , the gluon spin contribution to the spin of the proton



With experimental evidence indicating that only about 30% of the proton's spin is due to the spin of the quarks, in the mid-1990s predictions for the integrated gluon spin contribution to proton spin ranged from 0.7 - 2.3!

Many models hypothesized large gluon spin contributions to screen the quark spin, but these would then require large orbital angular momentum in the opposite direction.



Probing the helicity structure of the nucleon with p+p collisions



$$A_{LL} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{|P_1P_2|} \frac{N_{++} / L_{++} - N_{+-} / L_{+-}}{N_{++} / L_{++} + N_{+-} / L_{+-}}$$

Study difference in particle production rates for same-helicity vs. oppositehelicity proton collisions



RHIC measurements sensitive to gluon polarization



Neutral pion double-helicity asymmetries



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- Clear nonzero asymmetry seen in STAR jet measurements from 2009 data!
- PHENIX π⁰ data consistent

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• DSSV and NNPDF have released new polarized pdf fits including RHIC data

- 2009 STAR jet A_{LL} results in particular provide significantly tighter constraints on gluon polarization than previous measurements
- Both find evidence for positive gluon polarization in the region x > 0.05, but looks like orbital angular momentum will still be needed to account for total spin



Other recently measured probes sensitive to gluon helicity





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 $\pi, Jets$ Not expected to resolve spin crisis, but of particular
interest given surprising isospin-asymmetricIm-
ionsBack-tstructure of the unpolarized sea discovered by E866
at Fermilab.as





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Flavor-separated sea quark helicities through W production

$\Delta q(x), \Delta \overline{q}(x)$



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$$A_L^{W^+} \approx -\frac{\Delta u(x_1)\overline{d}(x_2) - \Delta \overline{d}(x_1)u(x_2)}{u(x_1)\overline{d}(x_2) - \overline{d}(x_1)u(x_2)}$$

$$A_L^{W^-} \approx -\frac{\Delta d(x_1)\overline{u}(x_2) - \Delta \overline{u}(x_1)d(x_2)}{d(x_1)\overline{u}(x_2) - \overline{u}(x_1)d(x_2)}$$

Parity violation of weak interaction + control over proton spin orientation gives access to *flavor*-spin structure of proton





World W cross section measurements





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Large parity-violating single-helicity asymmetries



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 New preliminary PHENIX muon results extend rapidity range

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NNPDF, NPB 887.276 (2014)



Latest NNPDF fit to helicity distributions, including RHIC W data: Indication of SU(3) breaking in the polarized quark sea (as in the unpolarized sea), but still relatively large uncertainties on helicity distributions of anti-up and anti-down quarks



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Due to quark transversity, i.e. correlation of transverse quark spin with transverse proton spin? Other effects? We'll need to wait more than a decade for the birth of a new subfield in order to explore the possibilities . . .

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Transverse-momentum-dependent distributions and single-spin asymmetries



1989: The "Sivers mechanism" is proposed in an attempt to understand the observed asymmetries.D.W. Sivers, PRD41, 83 (1990)

Departs from the traditional *collinear* factorization assumption in pQCD and proposes a correlation between the *intrinsic transverse motion* of the quarks and gluons and the proton's spin

$$s \cdot (p_1 \times p_2)$$

Spin and momenta can be of partons or hadrons

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$$h_{1T} = - + Transversity$$

k_T - dependent,

Relevant measurements in simpler systems (DIS, e+e-) only starting to be made over the last ~9 years, providing evidence that many of these correlations are non-zero in nature! Rapidly advancing field both experimentally and theoretically.

















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Transverse single-spin asymmetries: From low to high energies!

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Effects persist up to transverse momenta of 7(!) GeV/c at $\sqrt{s}=500$ GeV



- Can try to interpret these non-perturbative effects within the framework of perturbative QCD.
- Haven't yet disentangled all the possible contributing effects to the (messy) process of p+p to pions



<u>Modified universality</u> of T-odd transverse-momentum-dependent distributions: Color in action!

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Still waiting for a polarized quark-antiquark annihilation measurement to compare to existing lepton-nucleon scattering measurements . . .






Modified universality requires full QCD: Gauge-invariant quantum field theory

We have ignored here the subtleties needed to make this a gauge invariant definition: an appropriate path ordered exponential of the gluon field is needed [18].

gauge links have physical consequences; quark models for non vanishing Sivers function, SIDIS final state interactions

From M. Anselmino, Transversity 2014

Collins, 1993

Brodsky, Hwang, Schmidt, PL B530 (2002) 99 - Collins, PL B536 (2002) 43

An earlier proof that the Sivers asymmetry vanishes because of time-reversal invariance is invalidated by the path-ordered exponential of the gluon field in the operator definition of parton densities. Instead, the time-reversal argument shows that the Sivers asymmetry is reversed in sign in hadron-induced hard processes (e.g., Drell-Yan), thereby violating naive universality of parton densities. Previous phenomenology with time-reversal-odd parton densities is therefore validated.

$$[f_{1T}^{q\perp}]_{\text{SIDIS}} = -[f_{1T}^{q\perp}]_{\text{DY}}$$

Physical consequences of a gauge-invariant quantum theory: Aharonov-Bohm (1959)

Wikipedia:

"The Aharonov–Bohm effect is important conceptually because it bears on three issues apparent in the recasting of (Maxwell's) classical electromagnetic theory as a gauge theory, which before the advent of quantum mechanics could be argued to be a mathematical reformulation with no physical consequences. The Aharonov–Bohm thought experiments and their experimental realization imply that the issues were not just philosophical.

The three issues are:

- whether potentials are "physical" or just a convenient tool for calculating force fields;
- whether action principles are fundamental;
- the principle of locality."



Physical consequences of a gauge-invariant quantum theory: Aharonov-Bohm (1959)

Physics Today, September 2009 : The Aharonov–Bohm effects: Variations on a subtle theme, by Herman Batelaan and Akira Tonomura.

"Aharonov stresses that the arguments that led to the prediction of the various electromagnetic AB effects apply equally well to any other gauge-invariant quantum theory. In the standard model of particle physics, the strong and weak nuclear interactions are also described by gauge-invariant theories. So one may expect that particle-physics experimenters will be looking for new AB effects in new domains."



See e.g. Pijlman, hep-ph/0604226 or Sivers, arXiv:1109.2521 Aharonov-Bohm effect in QCD!!

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Simplicity of these two processes: Abelian vs. non-Abelian nature of the gauge group doesn't play a major qualitative role.

BUT: In QCD expect additional, new effects due to specific <u>non-Abelian</u> nature of the gauge group

DIS versus Drell-Yan: *process-dependent* **pdf!** (Collins 2002)



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QCD Aharonov-Bohm effect: Color entanglement

- 2010: Rogers and Mulders predict *color entanglement* in processes involving p+p production of hadrons if quark transverse momentum taken into account
- Quarks become correlated *across* the two protons
- Consequence of QCD specifically as a *non-Abelian* gauge theory!



$$p + p \rightarrow h_1 + h_2 + X$$

Color flow can't be described as flow in the two gluons separately. Requires simultaneous presence of both.



Testing the Aharonov-Bohm effect in QCD as a non-Abelian gauge theory





 $p+A \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + X$ for different invariant masses: No color entanglement expected

Get predictions from fits to data where no entanglement expected



Testing the Aharonov-Bohm effect in QCD as a non-Abelian gauge theory



Get predictions from fits to data where no entanglement expected





Make predictions for processes where entanglement *is* expected; look for deviation



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Summary and outlook

- We still have a ways to go from the quarks and gluons of QCD to full descriptions of the protons and nuclei of the world around us!
- After an initial "discovery and deveopment" period lasting ~30 years, we're now taking early steps into an exciting new era of *quantitative QCD*!
- Work related to the intrinsic transverse momentum of quarks within the proton has opened up a whole new research area focused on spin-momentum correlations and parton dynamics in QCD, and brought to light fundamental predictions of process-dependent pdfs and color entanglement across QCD bound states



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 There's a large and diverse community of people—at RHIC and complementary
 facilities—driven to continue coaxing the secrets out of one of the most fundamental building blocks of the world around us.

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Additional Material



The proton as a QCD "laboratory"





Consequences of QCD as a non-Abelian gauge theory: New predictions emerging







Improvements in knowledge of gluon and sea quark spin contributions from RHIC data





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World data on polarized proton structure function







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Dijet Cross Section and Double Helicity Asymmetry



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Fragmentation Functions (FF's): Improving Our Input for Inclusive Hadronic Probes

- FF's not directly calculable from theory—need to be measured and fitted experimentally
- The better we know the FF's, the tighter constraints we can put on the polarized parton distribution functions!
- Traditionally from e+e- data—clean system!
- Framework now developed to extract FF's using all available data from deep-inelastic scattering and hadronic collisions as well as e+e-
 - de Florian, Sassot, Stratmann: PRD75:114010 (2007) and arXiv:0707.1506





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Sampling the Integral of ΔG : $\pi^0 p_T vs. x_{gluon}$

Inclusive asymmetry measurements in p+p collisions sample from wide bins in x sensitive to (truncated) integral of ΔG , not to functional form vs. x

Based on simulation using NLO pQCD as input











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Longitudinal (Helicity) vs. Transverse Spin Structure

- Transverse spin structure of the proton cannot be deduced from longitudinal (helicity) structure
 - Spatial rotations and Lorentz boosts don't commute!
 Only the same in the non-relativistic limit
- Transverse structure linked to intrinsic parton transverse momentum (k_T) and orbital angular momentum!



The Collins Effect Must be Present In e⁺e⁻ Annihilation into Quarks!



Collins effect in e+e-Quark fragmentation will lead to effects in di-hadron correlation measurements!



π⁺
 π⁻

Pattern of pion species asymmetries in the forward direction \rightarrow valence quark effect.

0.4

But this conclusion confounded by kaon and antiproton asymmetries!



Another Surprise: Transverse Single-Spin Asymmetry in Eta Meson Production



New eta A_N from PHENIX PRD90, 072008 (2014)



- Large ηA_N observed by STAR and PHENIX (and E704), similar in magnitude to π^0
- Expect to measure forward *direct photons* from 2015 data for p+p, p+A with transverse proton polarization minimal sensitivity to final-state effects



PHENIX MPC-EX forward preshower upgrade

Transverse single-spin asymmetry in dihadron production from STAR





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Testing the Aharonov-Bohm effect in QCD as a non-Abelian gauge theory

- Don't know what to expect from color-entangled quarks → Look for contradiction with predictions for the case of *no* color entanglement
- But first need to parameterize (unpolarized) transversemomentum-dependent parton distribution functions from world data—never looked at before!





Spin-momentum correlations and the proton as a QCD "laboratory"

"Transversity" pdf:

$$h_1 = \underbrace{\textcircled{}}_{1} - \underbrace{\textcircled{}}_{1}$$

 $f_{1T}^{\perp} = \bigcirc - \bigcirc$

Correlates proton transverse spin and quark transverse spin

 S_p - S_q coupling

"Sivers" pdf:

Correlates proton transverse spin and quark transverse momentum

 S_p - L_q coupling

 $h_1^{\perp} = \bigcirc - \bigcirc$

"Boer-Mulders" pdf:

Correlates quark transverse spin and quark transverse momentum

 S_q - L_q coupling

