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# Precision Studies of the Proton's Helicity Structure at an EIC

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200 + 500 GeV jet, di-jet, pion data will continue to improve knowledge of Δg expect: meaningful constraint down to about x =0.01 not sufficient to reliably determine its integral

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#### good control of

- systematic uncertainties
- particle ID for SIDIS
- "hadronic method" for e-w
- QED radiative corrections







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### What can be achieved at an EIC ?

# 1<sup>st</sup> step: up-to-date baseline fit

DSSV+ analysis: based on DSSV framework but updated with recent COMPASS data



# preparation of DIS and SIDIS pseudo data



### - PEPSI MC to generate $\sigma^{++}$ and $\sigma^{+-}$ with LO GRSV PDFs



• use relative uncert. of data to generate pseudo data by randomizing around DSSV+ by 1-σ

• SIDIS: incl. typical 5% (10%) uncertainty for pion (kaon) frag. fcts (from DSS analysis)

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# powerful tool: scaling violations at small x

rough small-x approximation to Q<sup>2</sup>-evolution:

 $\frac{dg_1}{d\log(Q^2)} \propto -\Delta g(x,Q^2)$ 

spread in Δg(x,Q²) translates into spread of scaling violations for g<sub>1</sub>(x,Q²)

• need x-bins with a least two Q<sup>2</sup> values to compute derivative (limits x reach somewhat)



• error bars for moderate **10fb<sup>-1</sup> per c.m.s. energy**; bands parameterize current DSSV+ uncertainties

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- includes only "stage-1 data" [even then Q<sup>2</sup><sub>min</sub> can be 2-3 GeV<sup>2</sup>]
- can be pushed to x=10<sup>-4</sup> with 20 x 250 GeV data [still one can play with Q<sup>2</sup><sub>min</sub>]

### "issues":

• (SI)DIS @ EIC limited by systematic uncertainties

need to control rel. lumi, polarimetry, detector performance, ... very well

#### • QED radiative corrections

need to "unfold" true x,Q<sup>2</sup> well known problem (HERA) BNL-LDRD project to sharpen tools

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similar improvements for all quark flavors

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- somewhat less dramatic for quark sea
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### correlated systematic uncertainties

• lead to a shift

[global fits account for relative normalizations between different experiments]

- polarization measurement is likely to be the dominant source
- relative luminosity error in A<sub>LL</sub>
   [A<sub>LL</sub> can be as small as a few times 10<sup>-4</sup> at small x if Δg is small]

# closing in on the spin sum rule

- combined correlated uncertainties for  $\Delta\Sigma$  and  $\Delta g$ 



 results obtained with two Lagrange multipliers

• similar improvement for 0.0001-1 moments needs 20 x 250 GeV data

 can expect approx. 5-10% uncertainties on ΔΣ and Δg but need to control systematics

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- C<sub>Bi</sub> known up to O(α<sub>s</sub><sup>4</sup>) Kodaira; Gorishny, Larin; Larin, Vermaseren; Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn, ...
- theoretically interesting, non-trivial relation to Adler fct. in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> "Crewther relation"
- experimental challenge: effective neutron beam (<sup>3</sup>He), very precise polarimetry, ...
- expect to **need data down to 10^{-4}** to determine relevant non-singlet combination  $\Delta q_3$  to about 1-2 %



"running integral" for Bjorken sum

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### • can systematically study charm contribution to g<sub>1</sub>

- irrelevant so far (<< 1%) in fixed target data
- relevance at EIC strongly depends on size of  $\Delta g$
- charm not massless for EIC kinematics; need to compute relevant NLO corrections [in progress]

#### some expectations (LO estimates)



• high Q<sup>2</sup>: access to novel electroweak structure functions [thanks to 100-1000 x HERA lumi] probes combinations of PDFs different from photon exchange -> flavor separation from DIS

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NLO QCD corrections all available

de Florian, Sassot; MS, Vogelsang, Weber; van Neerven, Zijlstra; Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt

- can be easily put into global QCD analyses
- kinematically limited to medium-to-large x region
- novel Bj-type sum rules

e.g. 
$$g_5^{W^-,p} - g_5^{W^+,n} = \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi}\right)g_A$$

• can extract (anti-)strangeness from CC charm production  $W^+s' 
ightarrow c$  NLO: Kretzer, MS

MS, Vogelsang, Weber

example



## take away message

# many unique opportunities to study helicity PDFs at a high-energy polarized lepton-nucleon collider



access to small x to reliably determine  $\Delta g$  and  $\Delta \Sigma$ 



flavor separation in broad x, Q<sup>2</sup> range to study (a)symmetry of quark sea



access to novel electroweak probes at high Q<sup>2</sup>



effective neutron beam: study of Bjorken sum rule