Closing in on the spinning glue







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From symmetry emerges rich phenomena

 $\left[i\hbar c\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\psi - mc^{2}\bar{\psi}\psi\right] - \frac{1}{16}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} - \left(q\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\lambda\psi\right)A_{\mu}$





How do those fit together?



Gluon physics: then and now



Gluon contriubtion to momentum, mass, spin?

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- quarks: 30% of 1/2 (?!)
 - u: +/0%
 - d: -40%
- Sea quarks? *L* ?
- \Rightarrow gluons

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time















Ratio of cross sections "aligned" vs. "anti-aligned" probes how gluons are spinning in the proton

(i) **High Energy** collisions of (ii) **polarized protons** and (iii) a world class **detector**

The observable and expectations





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gluon hypothesis + pQCD => Asymmetrty Prediction

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Preparing for the hunt

- Measure quark, gluon contribution to proton spin
 - q well constrained by previous DIS measurements
 - g wide open and requires a new approach: p+p, DIS++

Required

Luminosity

- Staged analysis of various channels
 - $p+p \rightarrow jets$
 - $p+p \rightarrow \gamma + jet$
 - $p+p \rightarrow$ charm, bottom
- First measure cross sections
 - under control experimentally and theoretically at NLO
- Then measure asymmetries
 - NLO QCD + phenomenology \rightarrow extract $\Delta g, \Delta \Sigma$

The RHIC Complex





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- 100 GeV proton beams
- Each bunch filled with a distinct polarization state
- Spin Rotators at STAR IR allow for transverse and longitudinal spin orientation
- Bunch Xings every 120 ns
- CNI polarimeters + Hydrogen Jet =>run by run polarization

pp Run Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
< Polarization> %	15	30	40-45	45-50	60
L _{max} [10 ³⁰ s ⁻¹ cm ⁻²]	2	6	6	16	30
L _{int} [pb ⁻¹] at STAR (L/T)	0 / 0.3	0.3 / 0.25	0.4 / 0	3.1 / 0.1	8.5 / 10.2



The STAR collaboration



~500 people ~15 nations





A taste of the challenges

TPC readout 40 µs & 107 ns crossing⇒ massive pileup



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Steady lumi progessEMCal late additionNo HCal



Significant challenges to overcome, MIT key player



Jet Reconstruction at STAR



Corrections to measured jets critical for physics bottom line

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Unpolarized inclusive jet cross section



Our best asymmetry measurement yet





- Precision asymmetry measurements at a *polarized* hadron collider using jets
- Systematics I-5 x I 0⁻³ => still statistically limited
- NLO pQCD with different assumptions for spinning glue

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- Previously ruled out large and positive (DIS + early RHIC)
- Now clearly rule out large and negative
- Now rule out "GRSV-std" at 99% CL
- Reject $\Delta G < -0.7$ with 90% CL

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So what would this mean?

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- At $Q^2 = I \text{ GeV}^2$
 - seems that gluon does not make large contribution
- What are theoretical uncertainties?
 - e.g., assumption on shape of gluon distribution
 - = > di-jet (RHIC 2008), photon-jet, heavy flavor (RHIC++)
- If this holds, focus shifts to quark angular momentum
 - natural in relativistic quark model
 - calculable on the lattice
 - can be measured in e+p scattering

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Resolution of the Proton Spin Problem

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These three pieces of physics, tested in many independent ways, all have the effect of converting quark spin to orbital angular momentum.

Altogether, these effects reduce the fraction of the proton spin carried by its quarks to about one third, in very good agreement with the data.



The next steps

- polarized $p+p@RHIC \rightarrow$ staged attack on the gluon
 - 1. Directly constrained Δg via jets, di-jets
 - 2. Map *x*-dependence of Δg
 - 3. Precision measurement with photon + jet
- Now beginning new era of phenomenology/calculation
 - global fits @NLO using
 - preliminary lattice calculations
- RHIC++ era \rightarrow precision attack on Δg and $\Delta \Sigma$
 - 0.5 TeV running
 - Electroweak channels
 - Potential Beyond SM physics
- But experiment is pushing this field forward!

Future directions: Tracking Upgrade



Si Strips + APV25 (MIT)

> GEM + APV25 (MIT, Yale, ANL)

~70 µm holes SBIR(II) Tech Etch Inc. / MIT







APS Pixel

(LBL)

~30 cm

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Some of the new MIT faces in QCD































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experiments are dedicated to a direct determination of the spin-dependent gluon distribution $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$,

$$\Delta g(x, Q^2) \equiv g^+(x, Q^2) - g^-(x, Q^2) , \qquad (2)$$

where g^+ (g^-) denotes the number density of gluons in a longitudinally polarized proton with same (opposite) sign of helicity as the proton's, and where x is the gluon's light-cone momentum fraction. The field-theoretic definition of Δg is

$$\Delta g(x,Q^2) = \frac{i}{4\pi \, x \, P^+} \int d\lambda \, \mathrm{e}^{i\lambda x P^+} \left\langle P, S | G^{+\nu}(0) \, \tilde{G}^+_{\ \nu}(\lambda n) | P, S \right\rangle \Big|_{Q^2} \,, \tag{3}$$

written in $A^+ = 0$ gauge. $G^{\mu\nu}$ is the QCD field strength tensor, and $\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$ its dual. The integral of $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$ over all momentum fractions x becomes a local operator only in $A^+ = 0$ gauge and then coincides with $\Delta G(Q^2)$ [2, 7]. The COMPASS experiment at CERN and the HERMES experiment at DESY attempt to access $\Delta g(x, Q^2)$ in charm- or high- p_T hadron final states in photon-gluon fusion $\gamma^*g \to q\bar{q}$. A new milestone has been reached with the advent of the first polarized proton-proton collider, RHIC at BNL [8, 9]. RHIC will provide precise and detailed information on Δg , over a wide range of x and Q^2 , and from a variety of probes.



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Translated to confidence levels



Models of large positive gluon helicity clearly ruled out

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A _{LL} systematics	(x 10 ⁻³)
Reconstruction + Trigger Bias	[-1,+3] (p _x dep)
Non- Longitudinal Polarization	0.03 (p ₇ dep)
Relative Luminosity	0.94
Backgrounds	0.5 - 0.1
p, systematic	±6.7%