第三届高能物理理论与实验融合发展研讨会

## 核子自旋结构的实验研究

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#### 20th Century could be called "Century of Spin Surprises!"



"Experiments with spin have killed more theories in physics, than any other single physical variable"



James D. Bjorken

"If theorists had their way, they would ban all experiments involving spin"

Elliot Leader

#### (a few) Milestones in Spin

- Stern & Gerlach (1922) Space quantization
- Goudschmidt & Uhlenbeck (1925) Discovery of electron spin
- Stern (1933) Proton anomalous magnetic moment  $\mu_p = 2.79$
- Yale-SLAC Collaboration (1978) Electro-Weak interference in polarized e-D: parity violation
- European Muon Collaboration (1988) proton spin crisis





Postcard from Gerlach to Bohr.

### World efforts for high energy spin physics



Polarized proton-proton

scattering, RHIC

 Polarized proton-proton: JPARC (Japan) GSI-FAIR (Germany) NICA (Russia)

### **Proton Spin Structure**

#### Well known:

Proton has structure Its spin is 1/2

Naïve guess-based quark model:

$$\langle S_p \rangle = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma$$



### Spin crisis





EMC Picture: CERN-EP-80-134

European Muon Collaboration (EMC) Beam: 100-280 GeV muon, pol 80% Target: Ammonia, pol 80%

EMC, PLB 206 (1988) 364-370

Quark spin contributes only ~20% of proton spin

$$\langle S_p \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma$$

What make up the proton spin?

# High-energy spin structure is much more complicated than quark-model



### Limitation of Inclusive DIS



#### RHIC – Polarized Proton-Proton Collider



Shutdown in 2025, next stage: Electron-ion Collider

#### **STAR Detector Overview**



## RHIC spin data



Sampled by STAR

### Probe gluon spin in proton-proton collision



**Double-spin asymmetry:** 

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} - \sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}}{\sigma^{\uparrow\uparrow} + \sigma^{\uparrow\downarrow}} \propto \frac{\Delta f_1}{f_1} \otimes \frac{\Delta f_2}{f_2} \otimes \hat{a}_{LL} \otimes D_f^h$$

- Abundant yields of jets at RHIC
- Sub-processes directly sensitive to gluon
- $\mathbf{X}_{g,q} \sim p_T^{\text{jets}} / \sqrt{\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{e}^{-\eta}}$
- Constrain gluon helicity-dependent PDFs

### Yes, gluon spin does contribute!







- First evidence of non-zero contributions from gluon spin at Q<sup>2</sup>~10 GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Drive the constraints on  $\Delta G$

#### Inclusive-jet/di-jet/hadrons/direct-photon ALL Results



PHENIX, PRD 102, 032001 (2020)





PHENIX, PRL130, 251901 (2023)



#### STAR di-jet preliminary results





#### PHENIX preliminary



Longitudinal data taking concluded at RHIC, PHENIX and STAR released the full statistics results.

#### Impact on gluon polarization $\Delta G$



•  $\Delta G = \int_{0.001}^{0.05} \Delta g(x) dx = 0.15 + 0.65 - 0.45$ 

The RHIC Cold QCD Program, White Paper, arXiv:2302.00605



DSSV14 + RHIC (≤2022):

- $\Delta G = \int_{0.05}^{1} \Delta g(x) dx = 0.22 + 0.03 0.06$
- $\Delta G = \int_{0.001}^{0.05} \Delta g(x) dx = 0.17 + 0.33 0.17$

### Probing sea quarks via W boson production

Unique way to study proton spin-flavor structure:

- W boson selects quarks/antiquarks with specific helicity.
- W bosons are measured via leptonic decay.



Parity violating single-spin asymmetry:



## Impact of W results



- Now we know:  $\Delta \bar{u} > 0$  and  $\Delta \bar{d} < 0$
- The flavor asymmetry  $\Delta \bar{u} \Delta \bar{d}$  similar size but opposite sign to the unpolarized flavor asymmetry  $\bar{u} \bar{d}$

### Another spin puzzle



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### Remains mystery after 40+ years



- Nearly independent of  $\sqrt{s}$  over a very wide range ( $\sqrt{s}$ : 4.9 GeV to 500 GeV).
- TMDs and colinear Twist-3 frameworks developed to explain A<sub>N</sub> origin
  - Qiu-Sterman functions, Sivers effect, Collins effect, etc.

#### Transverse single-spin asymmetries at RHIC



**Sivers:** Correlations between initial-state parton transverse momentum with proton's spin and momentum; process dependent.

**Collins:** Correlations between the polarization of a scattered quark and the momentum of a hadron fragment transverse to the scattered quark direction.

**Transversity:** transverse polarization of partons inside transversely polarized proton.

#### $\pi^0$ , EM-jet, Di-jet A<sub>N</sub> – Sivers

#### STAR, PRD 103 (2021) 9, 092009

arXiv: 2305.10359



- $A_N$  measured with forward EM-jets, dijet and  $\pi^0$  in 200/500 GeV pp collisions
- High multiplicity EM-jets ( $n_{\gamma}$  > 2) and non-isolated  $\pi^0$  (w/ nearby  $\gamma$ ) tend to generate smaller  $A_N$
- First observation of non-zero Sivers asymmetries in dijet production in polarized *p*+*p* collisions
- No significant collision energy dependence observed

#### Hadron in Jet $A_N$ – Transversity + Collins



STAR, PRD 106 (2022), 072010

- Transversity is probed most directly in the jet  $p_T$  dependence •
- Collins TMD FF is sensitive to the  $(j_T,z)$  dependence •
- Significant Collins asymmetries have been observed in 200 GeV measurement ٠
- **Discrepancy with theoretical predictions** •

### RHIC spin is just concluded

Complementary to DIS, RHIC is unique machine for studying proton spin structure, 1D and 3D

- Featured measurements of gluon and sea quark helicity dependent PDFs (mostly) concluded successfully:  $\Delta G > 0$  and  $\Delta \overline{u} > \Delta \overline{d}$
- Transverse program in progress: existing data being published/analyzed and more data from last spin run in 2024

#### Next generation: polarized Electron-ion Collider

### Questions expecting EIC to answer



Does gluon saturate at high energy? How does a dense nuclear environment affect the quarks and gluons, their correlations, and their interactions?

How do the nucleon properties (mass & <u>spin</u>) emerge from their interactions?





How are the sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, distributed in space and momentum inside the nucleon?

### Nex generation: Electron-ion Collider



## **US-EIC** Status

Approved in Dec 2019 (CD0)

- US EIC is based on the RHIC complex: proton/ion ring, injectors, ion sources, infrastructure
- Add a 5 to18 GeV electron storage ring and its injector complex to the RHIC facility





C. Montag, SPIN2023

## **EicC Status**





High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility in Huizhou, Guangdong province

- a national facility on nuclear physics, atomic physics, heavy-ion applications ...
- beam commissioning is planned in 2025

#### EicC is based on HIAF

- electron: 3.5 GeV, polarization ~ 80%
- ion: <u>p, d, <sup>3</sup>He<sup>++</sup></u>, <sup>7</sup>Li<sup>3+</sup>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>6+</sup>, <sup>40</sup>Ca<sup>20+</sup>, <sup>197</sup>Au<sup>79+</sup>, <sup>208</sup>Pb<sup>82+</sup>, <sup>238</sup>U<sup>92+</sup> polarized

#### Complementarity of US-EIC and EicC



R.G. Milner and R. Ent, Visualizing the proton 2022

Common physics goal:

- nucleon 1D, 3D spin structure
- Nucleon mass origin
- Nuclear environment effect

#### Complementary QCD phase space:

- US-EIC: small-x gluon dominated region; saturation behavior; etc.
- EicC: moderate x sea quark region; exotic hadron states, especially those with heavy flavor quark contents; etc

## Summary

- A lot of discoveries from spin experiments in the past 100 years
- Spin in high energy physics: from spin crisis to spin puzzle, a lot achievements but still many open questions.
- Next generation experiments for proton spin structure polarized electron-proton collider: EIC, EicC, …
- More interesting experiments not covered: polarization effects at final state, Lambda spontaneous polarization, global polarization in HIC, ...