Leading-Twist Flavor Singlet Quark TMDs at small-*x*

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Hadron Structure at small x

- Difficult to study experimentally, as it requires large center-of-mass energy.
- Small-*x* evolution could bridge the gap: parton densities at small *x* can be written in terms of their values at moderate *x*, which can be inferred from available data.
- Upcoming high-luminosity, polarized scattering machines like the EIC can cross check our formalism.



Main Objectives



[Accardi et al, 1212.1701]

We study leading-twist quark TMDs at small *x*, with 2-fold objectives

- Small-*x* evolution
- Asymptotic behaviors as $x \rightarrow 0$

Evolution allows for global fit with small-*x* data ($x \le 0.1$).

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DIS at Small *x*: The Dipole Picture

• Unpolarized PDF and structure functions, $F_1(x, Q^2)$ and $F_2(x, Q^2)$, relate to the **s-matrix** of dipole-target scattering:

$$S(\underline{x}_{1}, \underline{x}_{0}, s) \equiv S_{10}(s) = \frac{1}{N_{c}} \left\langle \operatorname{tr} \left[V_{\underline{1}} V_{\underline{0}}^{\dagger} \right] \right\rangle (s)^{\text{over target's state, including spin}}$$

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Unpolarized Dipole Amplitude

- Parton unpolarized PDF, $\Sigma(x, Q^2)$ and $G(x, Q^2)$, relate to unpolarized dipole amplitude, $S_{10}(s) = \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \operatorname{tr} \left[V_{\underline{1}} V_{\underline{0}}^{\dagger} \right] \right\rangle(s)$, which obeys BFKL/BK/JIMWLK evolution.
- Quark going through the shockwave at \underline{x}_1 : unpolarized Wilson line,
- Multiple parton exchanges at **eikonal** level (leading order in *x* or CM energy).



 $V_{\underline{x}_1}[x_f^-, x_i^-] = \mathcal{P} \exp\left[ig \int\limits_{x_i^-}^{x_f^-} dx^- A^+(0^+, x^-, \underline{x}_1)\right]$



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Unpolarized Wilson Line

$$V_{\underline{x}_{1}}[x_{f}^{-}, x_{i}^{-}] = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ig \int_{x_{i}^{-}}^{x_{f}^{-}} dx^{-} A^{+}(0^{+}, x^{-}, \underline{x}_{1}) \right]$$

• Eikonal vertex insertion:

$$V_{\underline{x}} = ig \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^{-} V_{\underline{x}}[\infty, x^{-}] A^{+}(x^{-}, \underline{x}) V_{\underline{x}}[x^{-}, -\infty]$$



Spin-Dependent Wilson Line

$$V_{\underline{x}_{1}}[x_{f}^{-}, x_{i}^{-}] = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ig \int_{x_{i}^{-}}^{x_{f}^{-}} dx^{-} A^{+}(0^{+}, x^{-}, \underline{x}_{1}) \right]$$

- Insertion of beyond-eikonal (s-suppressed) vertex w/ non-trivial spin structures
- Denoted by $V_{\underline{x},y;\sigma',\sigma}$, no longer diagonal in transverse positions

$$\bullet \quad V_{\underline{x},\underline{y};\,\sigma',\sigma} = V_{\underline{x}}\,\delta_{\sigma\sigma'}\,\delta^2(\underline{x}-\underline{y}) + V_{\underline{x},\underline{y}}^{[1]}\,\delta_{\sigma\sigma'} + V_{\underline{x},\underline{y}}^{[2]}\,\delta_{\sigma,-\sigma'} + V_{\underline{x},\underline{y}}^{[3]}\,\sigma\delta_{\sigma\sigma'} + V_{\underline{x},\underline{y}}^{[4]}\,\sigma\delta_{\sigma,-\sigma'}$$



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Gluon Vertex

- Starting from general structure: $\bar{u}_{\sigma'}(p+k) ig A(k) u_{\sigma}(p)$
- Take transverse Fourier transform and expand in powers of *s*
- Similar method for longitudinal and transverse spins, but with different basis spinors



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$q\overline{q}$ Vertices





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Other contributions

• $qg\overline{q}$ vertices



• $qq\overline{q}\overline{q}$ vertices



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Dominant contributions

• For each spin structure, the eikonality level of its dominant contribution is:

Helicity		Transverse spin	
Spin structure	Dominant contribution	Spin structure	Dominant contribution
$\delta_{\sigma,\sigma'}$	Eikonal	$\delta_{\chi,\chi'}$	Eikonal
$\sigma\delta_{\sigma,\sigma'}$	Sub-eikonal	$\chi\delta_{\chi,\chi'}$	Sub-sub-eikonal
$\delta_{{}_{\sigma,{}^{-\sigma'}}}$	Sub-sub-eikonal	$\delta_{\chi,-\chi'}$	Sub-eikonal
$\sigma\delta_{\sigma, -\sigma'}$	Sub-sub-eikonal	$\chi \delta_{\chi,-\chi'}$	Sub-sub-eikonal

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$$\begin{split} \Phi^{[\Gamma]}(x,k_{\perp}^{2}) &= \int \frac{d^{2}r\,dr^{-}}{(2\pi)^{3}}\,e^{ik\cdot r}\,\langle P,S|\,\bar{\psi}(0)\,\mathcal{U}[0,r]\,\Gamma\,\psi(r)\,|P,S\rangle \\ &= \frac{P^{+}}{4\pi^{3}}\sum_{X}\int d\xi^{-}d^{2}\xi\,d\zeta^{-}d^{2}\zeta\,\,e^{ik\cdot(\zeta-\xi)}(\Gamma)_{\alpha\beta}\,\Big\langle\bar{\psi}_{\alpha}(\xi)\,V_{\underline{\xi}}[\xi^{-},\infty]\,|X\rangle\,\langle X|\,V_{\underline{\zeta}}[\infty,\zeta^{-}]\,\psi_{\beta}(\zeta)\Big\rangle \end{split}$$



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where Γ is a product of Dirac matrices

- Gauge link and quark prop through shockwave: Wilson line
- Expand these Wilson lines in eikonality to pick out the term of desired spin structure



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Quark TMDs at Small *x*: h_{1L}^{\perp} example



$$\frac{\underline{k}^{j}}{M} h_{1L}^{q\perp}(x,k_{\perp}^{2}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{S_{L}} S_{L} \int \frac{d^{2}r \, dr^{-}}{(2\pi)^{3}} e^{ik \cdot r} \langle P, S_{L} | \, \bar{\psi}(0) \, \mathcal{U}[0,r] \, \frac{\gamma^{+} \gamma^{j} \gamma_{5}}{2} \, \psi(r) \, | P, S_{L} \rangle$$

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Quark TMDs at Small *x*: h_{1L}^{\perp} example

• Following the process described previously, flavor-singlet worm-gear h is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k^{1}}{M}h_{1L}^{\perp,S}(x,k_{\perp}^{2}) &= \frac{ixN_{c}}{2\pi^{4}} \int d^{2}x_{1} d^{2}x_{0} \int \frac{d^{2}k_{1}}{(2\pi)^{2}} e^{i(\underline{k}+\underline{k}_{1})\cdot\underline{x}_{10}} \frac{1}{k_{1\perp}^{2}k_{\perp}^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{k_{1\perp}^{2}} + \frac{1}{k_{\perp}^{2}}\right) \int \frac{dz}{z} \\ &\times \left\{ \left[2(\underline{S}\cdot\underline{k})(\underline{S}\cdot\underline{k}_{1}) - (\underline{k}\cdot\underline{k}_{1})\right] H_{10}^{1L}(z) + \left[(\underline{S}\cdot\underline{k})(\underline{S}\times\underline{k}_{1}) + (\underline{S}\times\underline{k})(\underline{S}\cdot\underline{k}_{1})\right] H_{10}^{2L}(z) \right\} \\ \text{Where} \quad H_{10}^{1L}(z) &= \frac{(zs)^{2}}{2N_{c}} \operatorname{Im} \left\langle \operatorname{T} \operatorname{tr} \left[V_{\underline{0}}V_{\underline{1}}^{\mathrm{T}\dagger}\right] + \operatorname{T} \operatorname{tr} \left[V_{\underline{0}}^{\dagger}V_{\underline{1}}^{\mathrm{T}}\right] \right\rangle \\ & H_{10}^{2L}(z) &= \frac{(zs)^{2}}{2N_{c}} \operatorname{Re} \left\langle \operatorname{T} \operatorname{tr} \left[V_{\underline{0}}V_{\underline{1}}^{\mathrm{T}\dagger}\right] + \operatorname{T} \operatorname{tr} \left[V_{\underline{0}}^{\dagger}V_{\underline{1}}^{\mathrm{T}}\right] \right\rangle \\ V_{\underline{z}}^{\mathrm{T}} &= \frac{g^{2}(\underline{p}_{1}^{+})^{2}}{2s^{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_{1}^{-} \int_{z_{1}^{-}}^{\infty} dz_{2}^{-} V_{\underline{z}}[\infty, z_{2}^{-}] t^{b}\psi_{\beta}(z_{2}^{-}, z) U_{\underline{z}}^{ba}[z_{2}^{-}, z_{1}^{-}]} \\ \times \left\{\gamma^{-}\gamma^{+} \left[i\gamma_{5}(\underline{S}\cdot\underline{D}_{z}) - (\underline{S}\times\underline{D}_{z})\right] + \gamma^{+}\gamma^{-} \left[i\gamma_{5}(\underline{S}\cdot\underline{D}_{z}) - (\underline{S}\times\underline{D}_{z})\right] \right\}_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\alpha}(z_{1}^{-}, z) t^{a} V_{\underline{z}}[z_{1}^{-}, -\infty], \\ \text{Santiago, 2310.02231]} \\ \text{Yossathorn (Josh) Tawabutr} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{2}^{\mathrm{T}} &= -\frac{g^{2}(\underline{p}_{1}^{+})^{2}}{Favor-Singlet Quark TMDs at small x} \qquad QCD Evolution, Pavia 2024 \end{aligned}$$

Summary of Eikonality (Flavor Singlet)

• For each TMD, the eikonality level of its dominant contribution is:



Small-*x* Evolution

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- Quark TMD \rightarrow polarized dipoles \rightarrow small-*x* evolution
- Impose kinematic constraints with **neighbor dipoles** (lifetime ≠ dipole size)
- The evolution resums $\alpha_s \ln^2(1/x)$
- Solving the evolution equation asymptotically gives small-*x* behavior of TMDs.



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Small-*x* Evolution

- Generally, the evolution equation is not closed, generating hierarchy of multiquark correlators
- In the large *N_c* limit, we have a closed and linear system of equations. Schematically:

$$\begin{pmatrix} H(x_{10}^2, zs) \\ \Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, zs) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H(x_{10}^2, zs) \\ \Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{21}^2, zs) \end{pmatrix}^{(0)} + \int \frac{dz'}{z'} \int \frac{d^2 x_{32}}{x_{32}^2} \mathcal{K}(x_{10}, x_{21}, x_{32}) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} H(x_{32}^2, z's) \\ \Gamma(x_{10}^2, x_{32}^2, z's) \end{pmatrix}$$
Evolution kernel:
a matrix-valued function of parent and daughter dipole sizes

Small-*x* Evolution

• 4 families of evolution equation

Corresponding flavor singlet quark TMDs	Eikonality	See Monday talk by Yuri Kovchegov	
Helicity (g_{1L})	Sub-eikonal	-eikonal	
Sivers (f_{1T}^{\perp}) and Worm-gear (g_{1T}^{\perp})	Sub-eikonal	-	
Boer-Mulders (h_1^{\perp}) and Worm-gear (h_{1L}^{\perp})	Sub-sub-eikonal	~	
Transversity (h_1) and pretzelosity (h_{1T}^{\perp})	Sub-sub-eikonal	-	

Sivers and Worm-Gear g

- Solved iteratively at large-N_c
- The TMDs grow as a power law ~ $(1/x)^{2.8\sqrt{\alpha_s N_c/4\pi}}$ with oscillatory behavior in ln(1/x). However, the period is *extremely* large.
- At sufficiently small *x*, we need to include single-logs, *α*_sln(1/x), together with unpolarized evolution



Transversity and Pretzelosity

- Solved **analytically** at large-N_c
- The difference between dipoles and neighbor dipoles is suppressed at small *x*.
- The TMDs grow as a power law ~ $x (1/x)^{2 \sqrt{\alpha_s N_c/2\pi}}$
- The extra factor of *x* comes from the TMD's relation with the dipoles



Boer-Mulders and Worm-Gear h

- Solved **analytically** at large-*N_c*
- At small-*x*, the TMDs oscillate as ~ $x J_1[\ln(1/x)]$, which has decaying amplitude. Thus, there is no significant contribution from small *x*.
- Overall, we can write TMD ~ x.

Small-*x* Asymptotic Behaviors

• Flavor singlet [Cougoulic, Kovchegov, Tarasov, YT, 2204.11898; Adamiak, Santiago, YT, in preparation]

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		Quark Polarization					
		U	L	Т			
Nucleon Polarization	U	$f_1^{\rm S} \sim x^{-\frac{4\alpha_s N_c}{\pi}\ln(2)}$		$h_1^{\perp \mathrm{S}} \sim x$			
	L		$g_1^{ m S} \sim x^{-3.66 \sqrt{lpha_s N_c/2\pi}}$	$h_{1L}^{\perp \mathrm{S}} \sim x$			
	Т	$f_{1T}^{\perp \mathrm{S}} \sim x^{-2.8 \sqrt{\alpha_s N_c / 4\pi}}$	$g_{1T}^{\rm S} \sim x^{-2.8\sqrt{\alpha_s N_c/4\pi}}$	$h_1^{\mathrm{S}} \sim h_{1T}^{\perp \mathrm{S}} \sim x^{1-2\sqrt{rac{lpha_s N_c}{2\pi}}}$			

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{S}}(x,k_{\perp}) = \sum_{f=u,d,s} \left[\Phi^{\mathrm{q}}(x,k_{\perp}) + \Phi^{\bar{\mathrm{q}}}(x,k_{\perp}) \right]$$

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Small-*x* Asymptotic Behaviors

• Flavor non-singlet [Kovchegov, Sievert, Pitonyak, 1610.06197; Santiago, 2310.02231]



• Next step: gluon TMDs

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Conclusion

- We have developed a framework that relates spin-dependent quark TMDs to beyond-eikonal corrections of the light-cone Wilson line, in term of which the small-*x* evolution equations have been developed (1 system of eqns per TMD)
- The equations are at DLA, resumming $\alpha_s \ln^2(1/x)$.
- Asymptotic behaviors have been determined for all quark TMDs. (This work: flavor singlet; previous work: flavor non-singlet)
- The framework can be extended to gluon TMDs (to do next).