



Observable and quasi-observable in the nucleon spin decomposition

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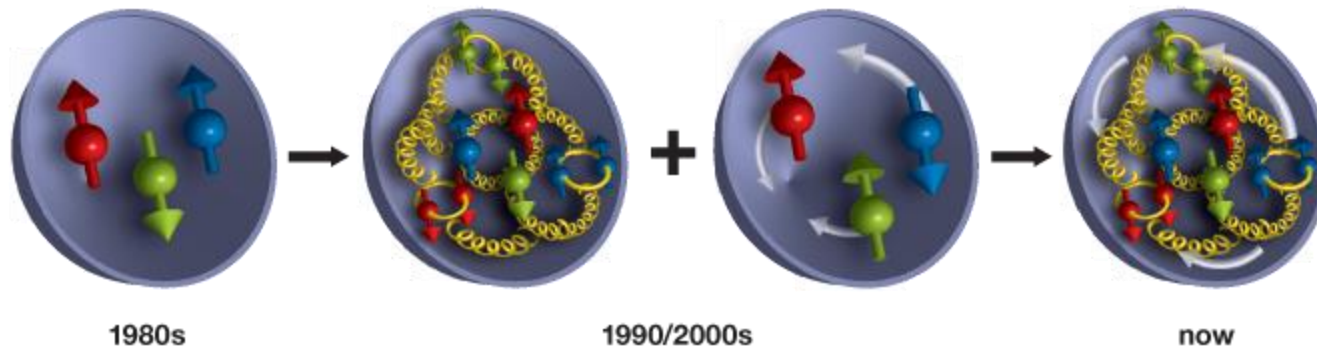
Outline



- Photon angular momentum
- Modern nucleon spin decomposition
- Active and passive transformations
- Background dependence

Structure of nucleons

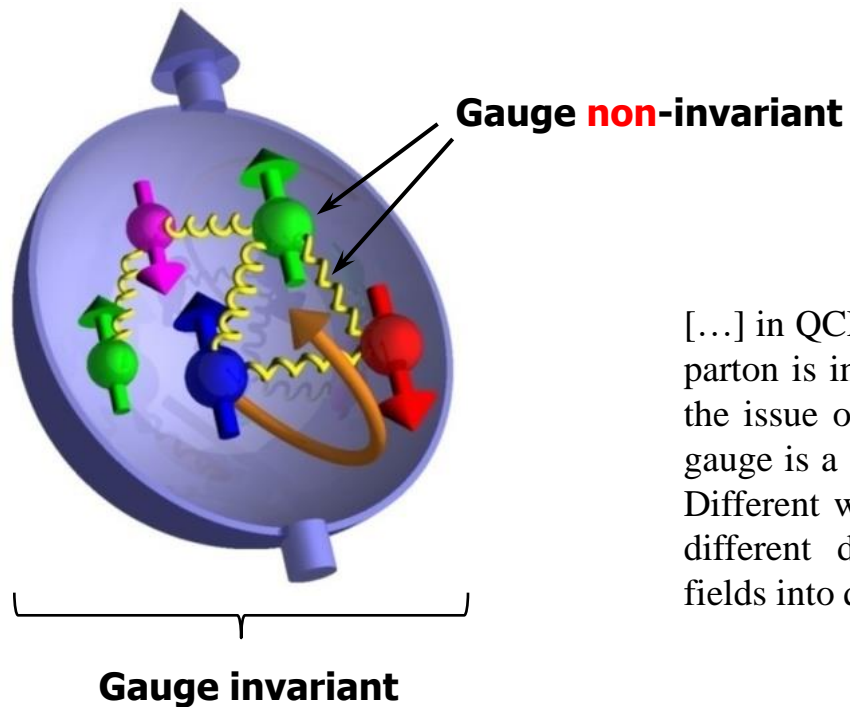
Our picture/understanding of the nucleon evolves !



But many questions remain unanswered ...

In particular, where does the nucleon spin come from ?

Gauge theory



[...] in QCD we should make clear what a quark or gluon parton is in an interacting theory. The subtlety here is in the issue of gauge invariance: a pure quark field in one gauge is a superposition of quarks and gluons in another. Different ways of gluon field gauge fixing predetermine different decompositions of the coupled quark-gluon fields into quark and gluon degrees of freedom.

[Bashinsky, Jaffe (1998)]

A choice of gauge is akin to a choice of **basis**

Photon spin and OAM

Most textbooks claim that **no gauge-invariant decomposition** of photon AM exists

$$\vec{J}_\gamma = \int d^3r \vec{r} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

But formally the following decomposition is gauge invariant

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{S}_\gamma &= \int d^3r \vec{E} \times \vec{A}_\perp \\ \vec{L}_\gamma &= \int d^3r E^i (\vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}) A_\perp^i\end{aligned}$$

Helmoltz decomposition

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_\parallel + \vec{A}_\perp, \quad \vec{A}_\parallel = \vec{\nabla} \frac{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}}{\vec{\nabla}^2}$$

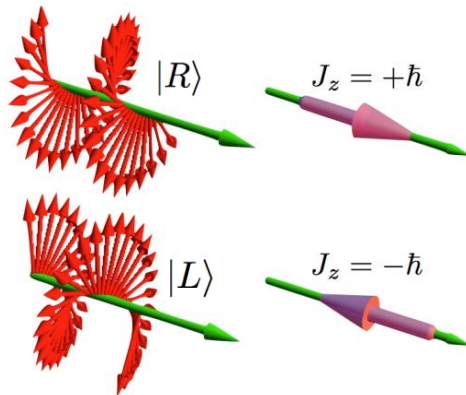
Non-local !

No contradiction because most textbooks implicitly refer to local expressions only !

Photon spin and OAM

Should we be happy with $\vec{J}_\gamma = \int d^3r \vec{r} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$?

Well... for a circularly polarized plane wave travelling along z



$$J_\gamma^z = \int d^3r [\vec{r} \times \underbrace{(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})}_{\propto \vec{e}_z}]^z = 0 ! \quad \times$$

$$S_\gamma^z = \int d^3r (\vec{E} \times \vec{A}_\perp)_z = V \frac{E_0^2}{\omega} \quad \checkmark$$

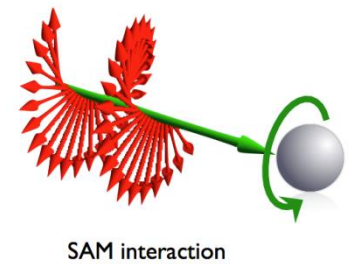
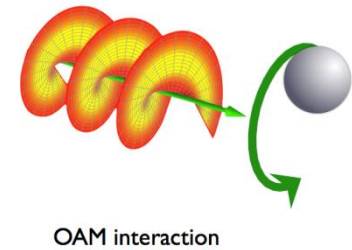
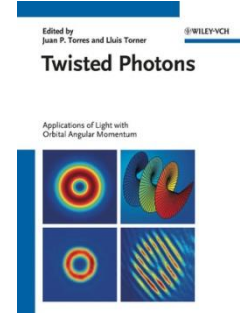
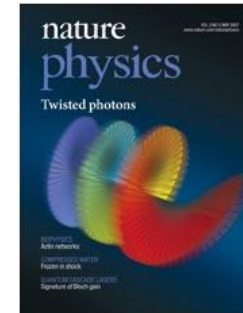
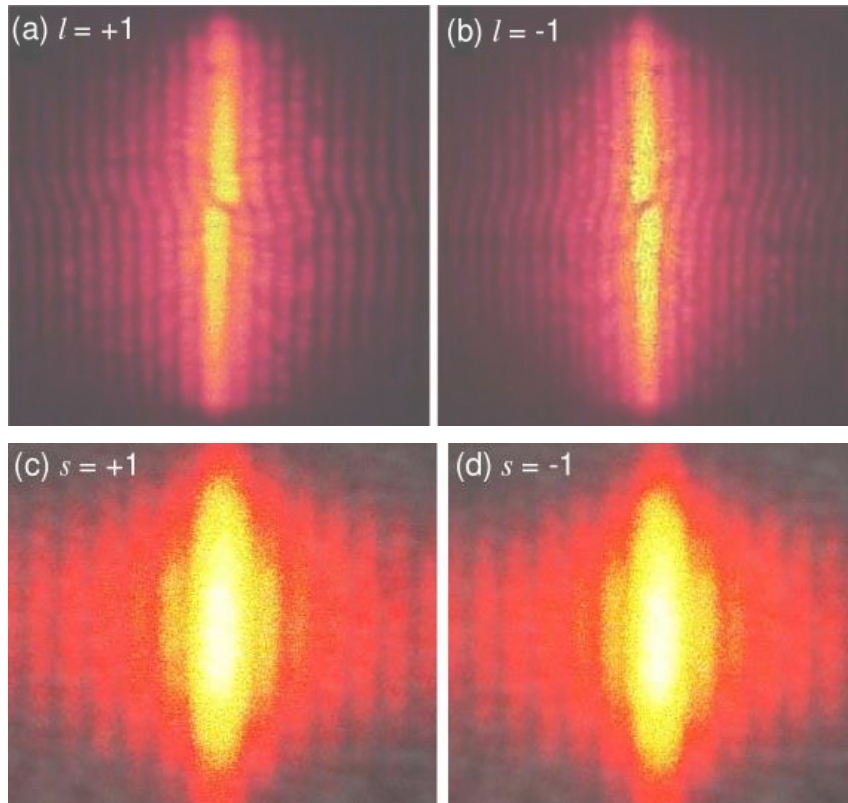
$$L_\gamma^z = \int d^3r E^i \underbrace{(\vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla} A_\perp^i)}_{\propto \vec{e}_z} = 0$$

These two descriptions are related by a **non-zero** surface term

Photon spin and OAM

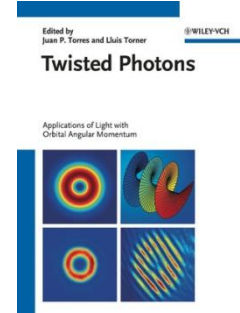
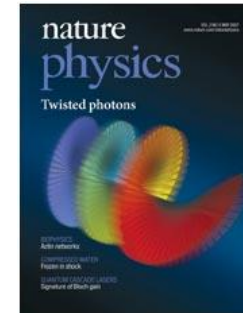
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Single-slit experiment

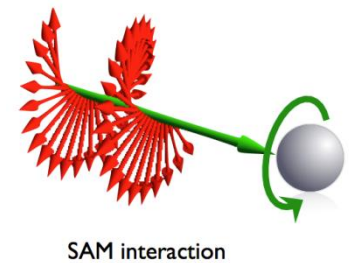
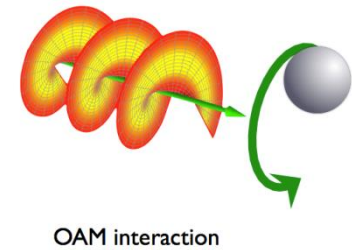
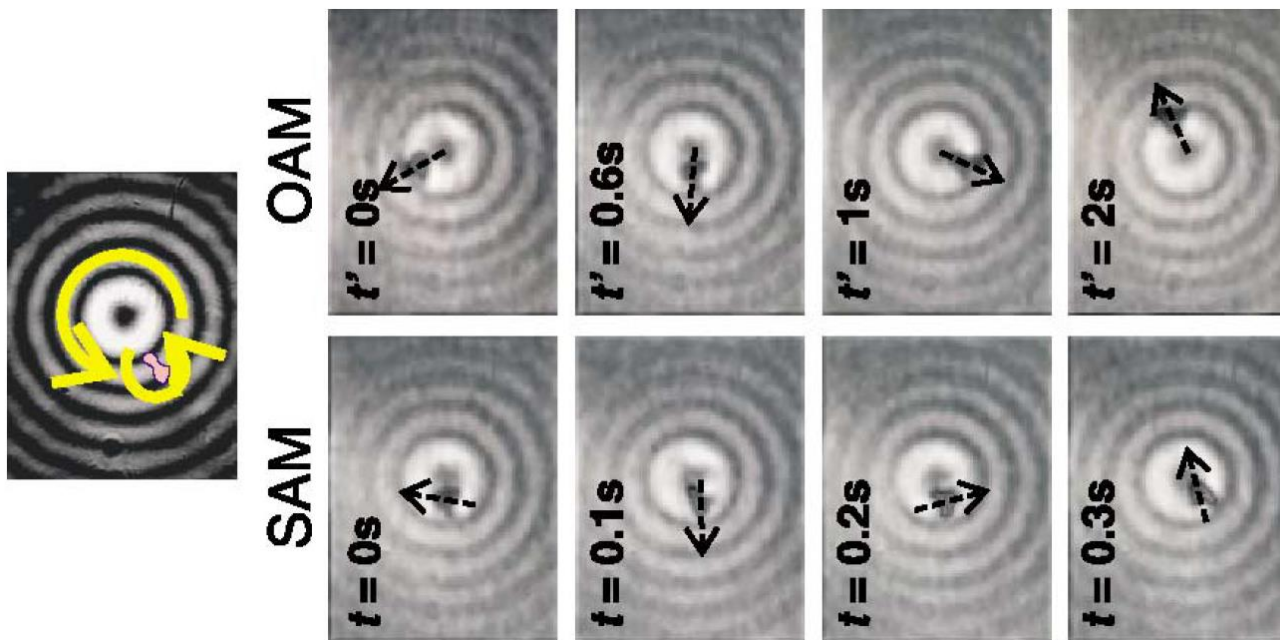


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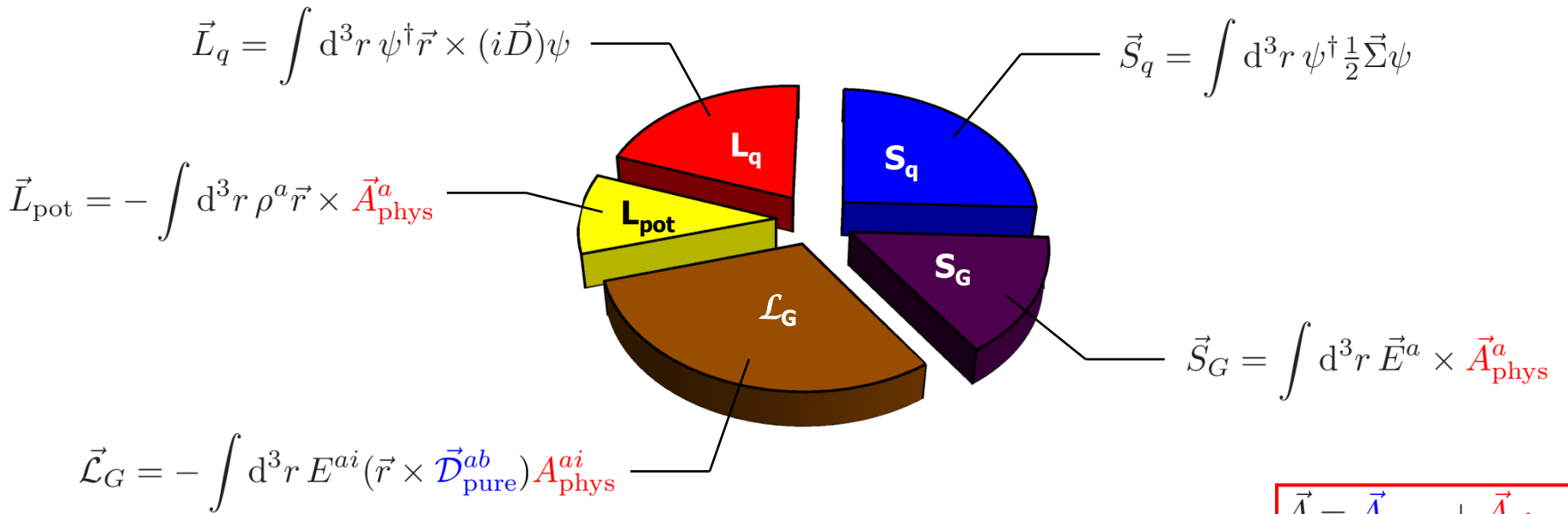
Optically trapped microscopic particle



[O'Neil *et al.* (2002)]
 [Garcés-Chavéz *et al.* (2003)]

Modern spin decomposition

[Leader, C.L. (2014)]

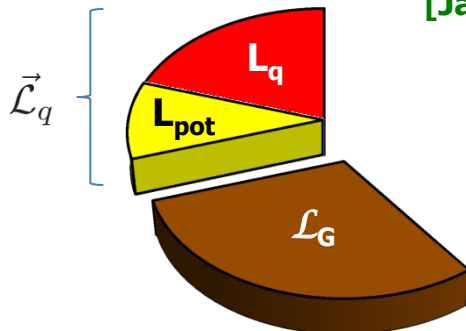


$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_{\text{pure}} + \vec{A}_{\text{phys}}$$

Gauge-invariant !

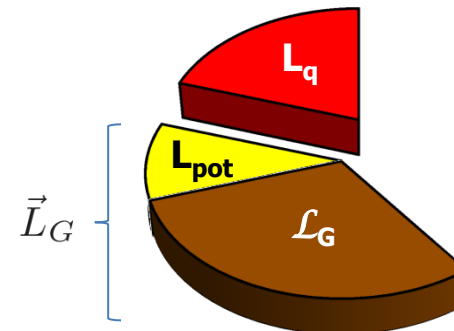
Canonical

[Jaffe, Manohar (1990)]
[Chen *et al.* (2008)]



Kinetic

[Ji (1997)]
[Wakamatsu (2010)]



Chen *et al.* approach

$$A_\mu(x) = A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x) + A_\mu^{\text{phys}}(x)$$

Classical, background field **Quantum, dynamical field**

[Chen *et al.* (2008,2009)]
[Wakamatsu (2010,2011)]

NB: old recurrent idea

Gauge transformation

$$A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x) \mapsto U(x) \left[A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x) + \frac{i}{g} \partial_\mu \right] U^{-1}(x)$$
$$A_\mu^{\text{phys}}(x) \mapsto U(x) A_\mu^{\text{phys}}(x) U^{-1}(x)$$

Pure-gauge covariant derivatives

$$D_\mu^{\text{pure}} = \partial_\mu - ig A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x)$$
$$\mathcal{D}_\mu^{\text{pure}} = \partial_\mu - ig [A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x), \quad]$$

Field strength

$$F_{\mu\nu}^{\text{pure}}(x) = \frac{i}{g} [D_\mu^{\text{pure}}, D_\nu^{\text{pure}}] = 0$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) = \mathcal{D}_\mu^{\text{pure}} A_\nu^{\text{phys}}(x) - \mathcal{D}_\nu^{\text{pure}} A_\mu^{\text{phys}}(x) - ig [A_\mu^{\text{phys}}(x), A_\nu^{\text{phys}}(x)]$$

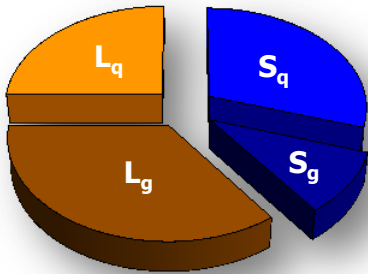
Background dependence

$$A_\mu = \underbrace{(A_\mu^{\text{pure}} + C_\mu)}_{\tilde{A}_\mu^{\text{pure}}} + \underbrace{(A_\mu^{\text{phys}} - C_\mu)}_{\tilde{A}_\mu^{\text{phys}}}$$

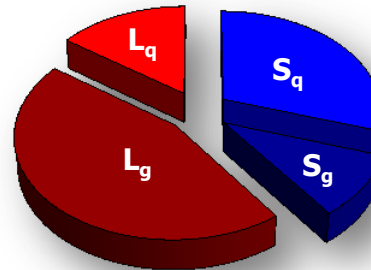
[Stoilov (2010)]
[C.L. (2013)]

Infinitely many possibilities !

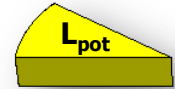
Coulomb condition $\vec{D}_{\text{pure}} \cdot \vec{A}_{\text{phys}} = 0$



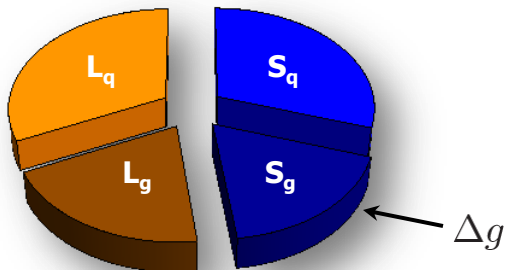
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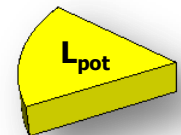
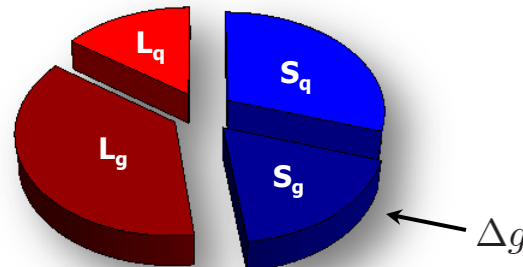
[Wakamatsu (2010)]



Light-front condition $A_{\text{phys}}^+ = 0$



[Hatta (2011)]
[C.L. (2013)]



Background vs gauge dependence

What is the difference between fixing a **background** and fixing a gauge ?

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Breaks locality but preserves symmetry

Fixing a gauge amounts to choosing a basis in internal space at each point

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What do we mean by gauge invariance ?

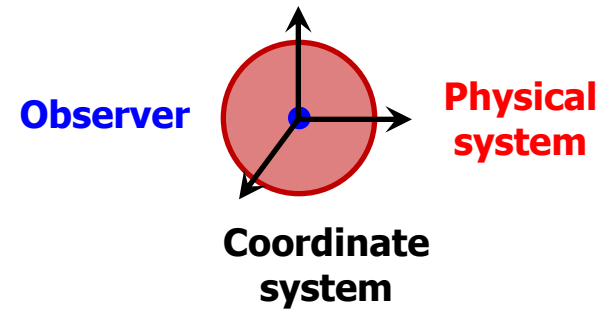
Fundamental laws are postulated to be both **symmetric** and **local**

Physical quantities are necessarily **symmetric** but not necessarily **local**

Similar story with Lorentz invariance ...

Lorentz symmetry

Standard / textbook / non-covariant framework



$$p^0 = M$$

Mass (rest-frame energy)

Lorentz symmetry

Standard / textbook / non-covariant framework



$$p^0 = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + M^2} \quad \text{Energy}$$

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Active transformation

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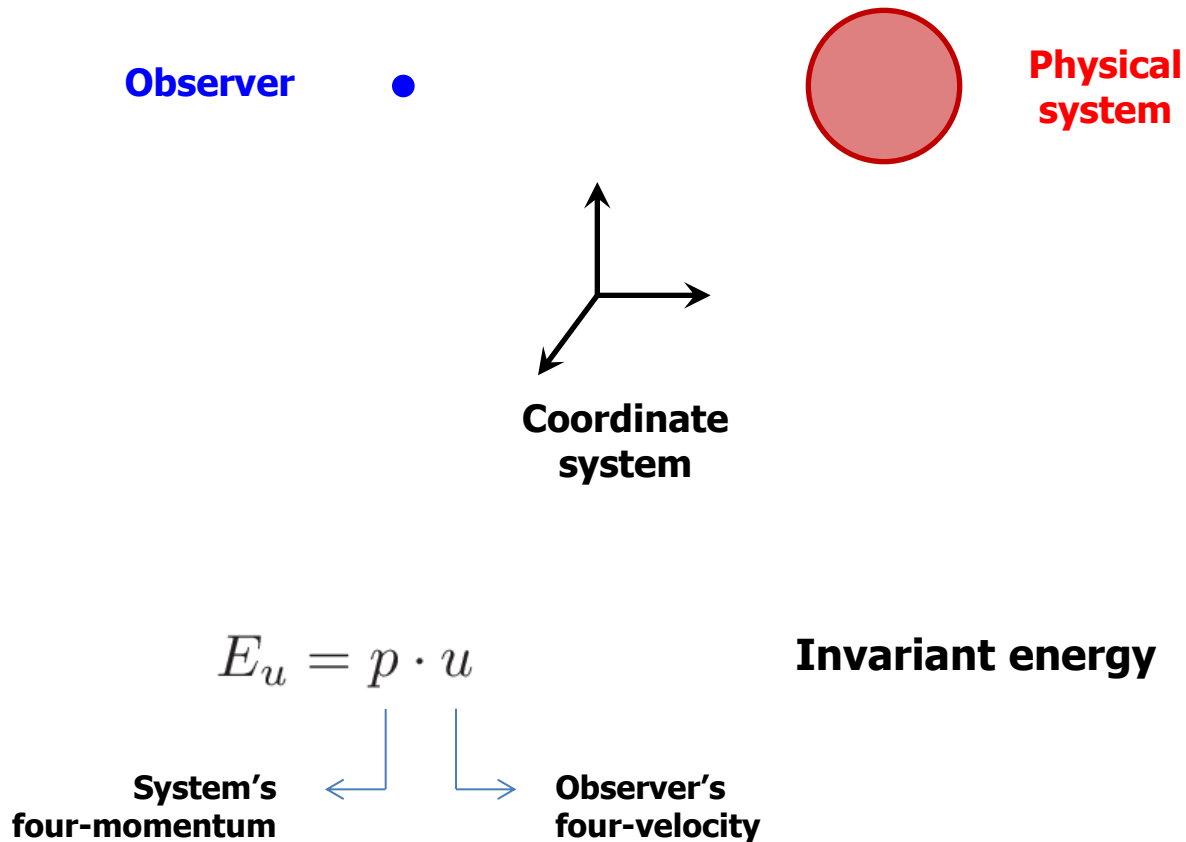


Passive transformation
+ change of perspective

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Lorentz symmetry

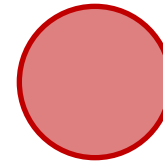
Covariant framework



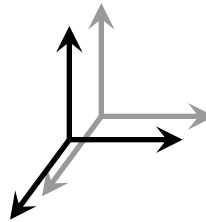
Lorentz symmetry

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Observer



Physical
system



Coordinate
system

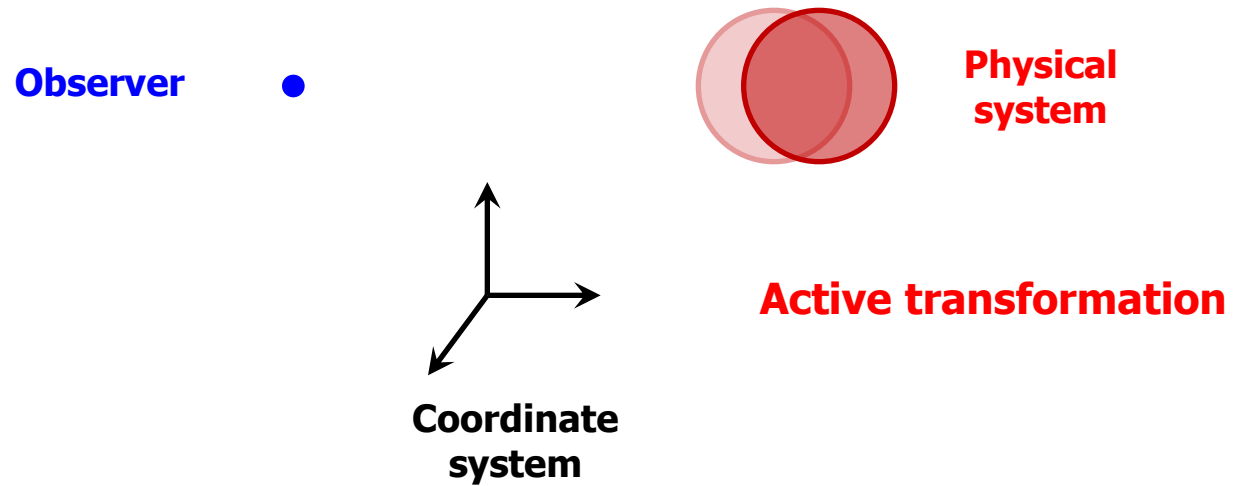
Passive transformation

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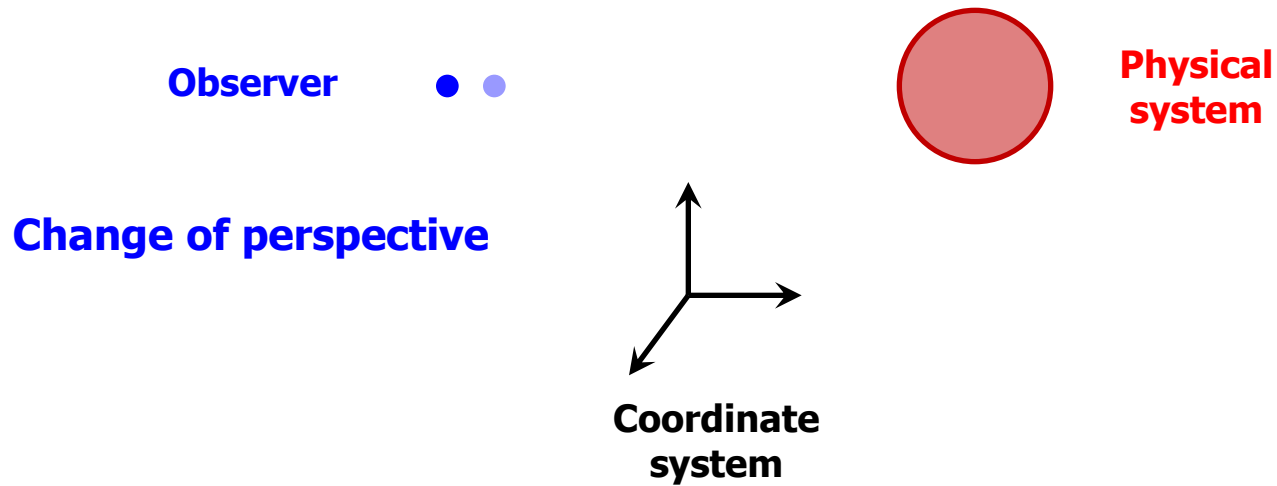


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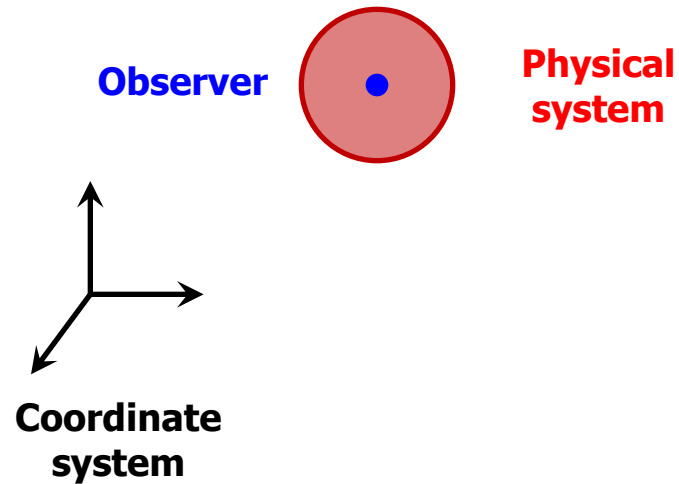


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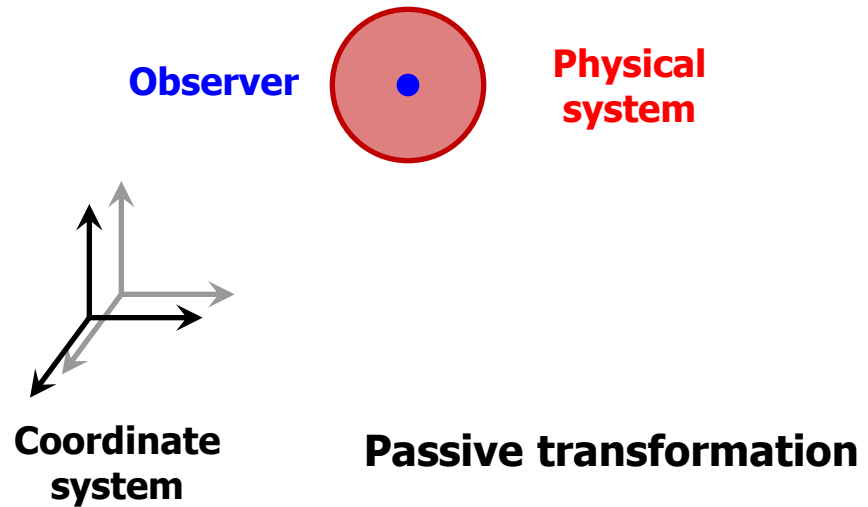


$$\begin{aligned} E_{\star} &= p \cdot u_{\star} \\ &= p^2 / M = M \end{aligned}$$

Invariant mass (proper energy)

Lorentz symmetry

Covariant framework

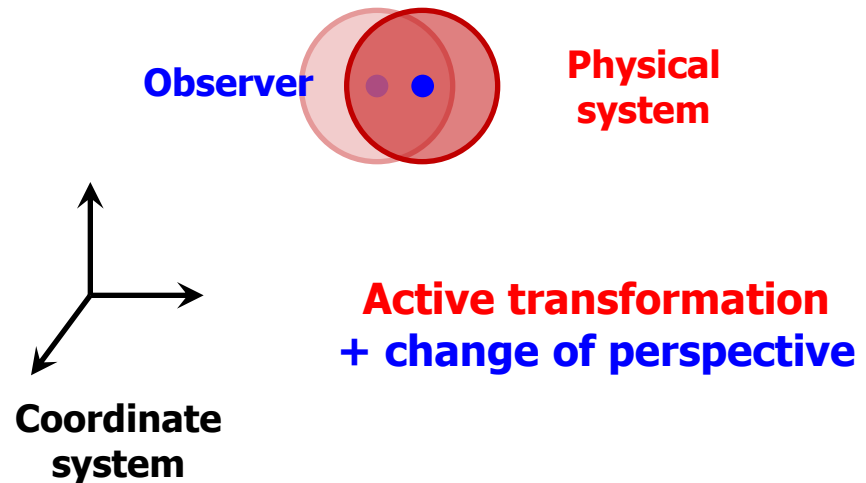


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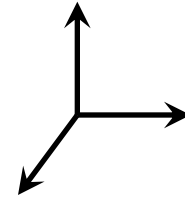
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Background vs gauge dependence (cont'd)

Fixing a **background** amounts to choosing an internal **observer** ●

Fixing a gauge amounts to choosing an internal coordinate system

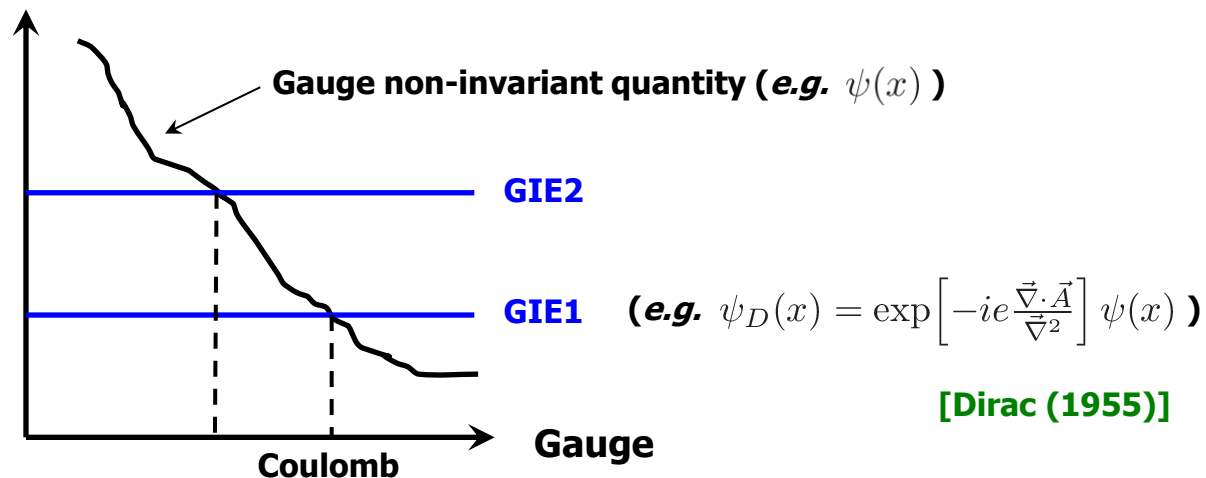


To each **background/observer** is associated a natural gauge/coordinate system

When fixing a gauge/coordinate system, one often implicitly fixes the background/observer

Gauge-invariant extension (**GIE**)

[Hoodbhoy, Ji (1999)]



Practical approaches

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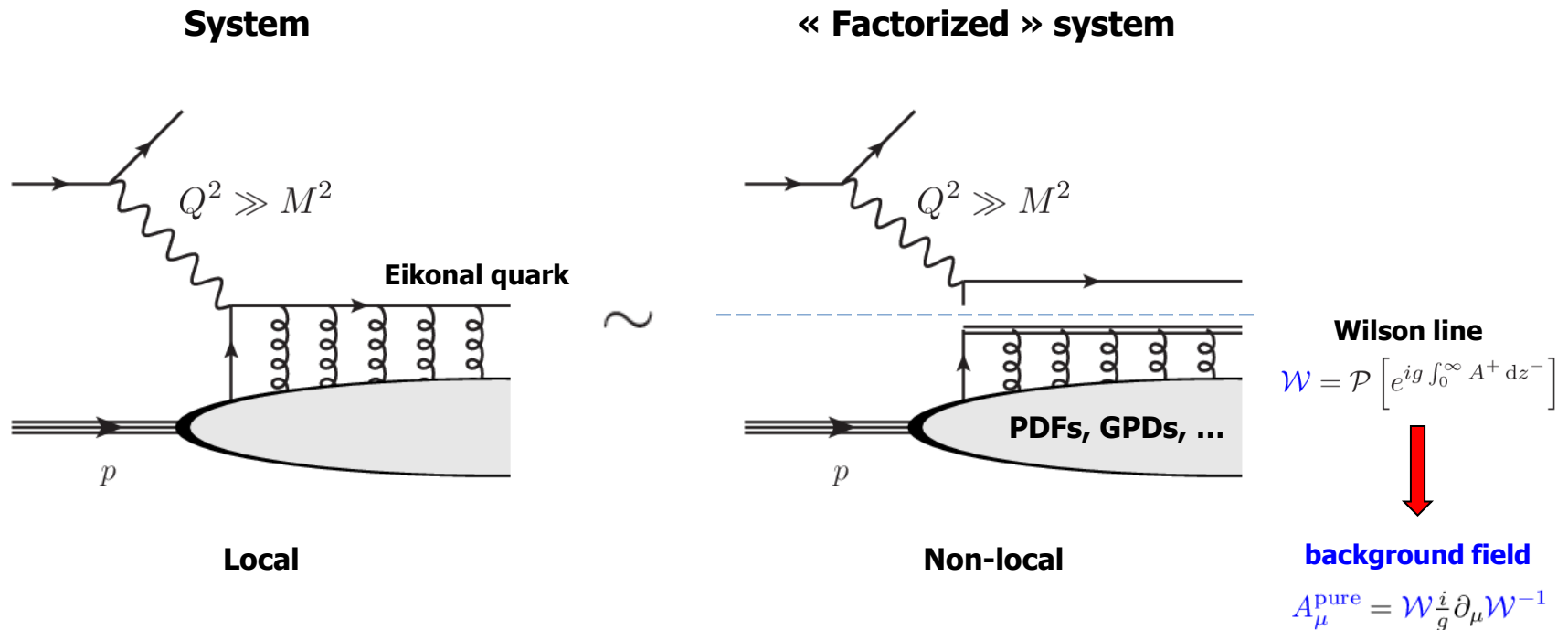
- **Define new complicated (non-local) gauge-invariant quantities**
- **Consider quantities with simple interpretation**
- **Try to find the corresponding observables**



Proper background has to be identified

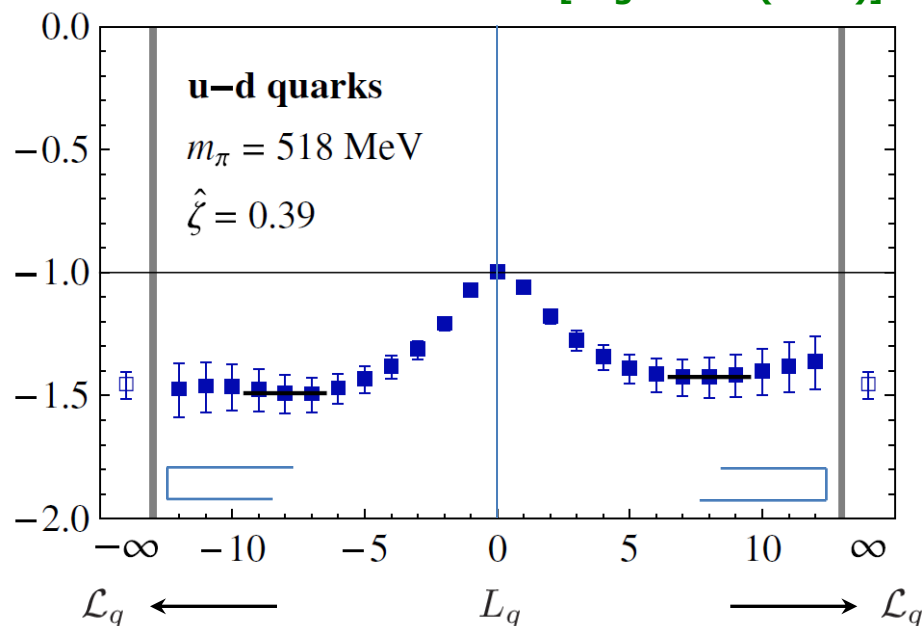
Nucleon structure

What is the natural **background/observer** in the nucleon spin decomposition ?



Accessing the contributions with quasi-distributions

[Engelhardt (2017)]



Large momentum effective theory

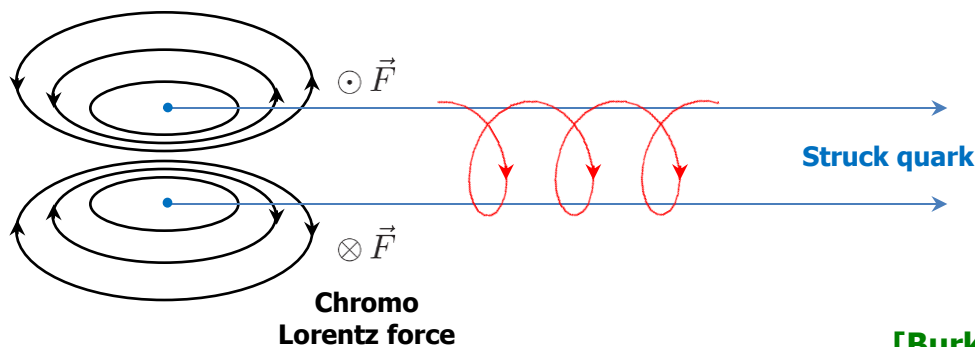
$$f(\dots) = \lim_{P_z \rightarrow \infty} f(\dots; P_z)$$

[Ji (2013)]
 [Ji, Zhang, Zhao (2015)]
 [Zhao, Liu, Yang (2016)]

« Inside » the nucleon

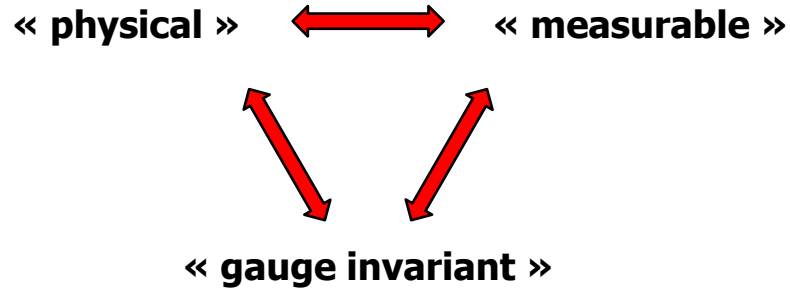
« Outside » the nucleon

$$L_{\text{pot}} = L_q - \mathcal{L}_q < 0$$



[Burkardt (2013)]
 [Burkardt, C.L. (in preparation)]

Summary



Observables

E.g. cross-sections

Measurable, physical, gauge invariant (*active* and *passive*)



Expansion scheme

E.g. collinear factorization

Background-dependent

Quasi-observables

E.g. parton distributions

« Measurable », « physical », « gauge invariant » (only *passive*)

Backup slides

Angular momentum

Quantum mechanics

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

Quantum field theory

$$J^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x) = L^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x) + S^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x)$$

$$L^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x) = x^\alpha T^{\mu\beta}(x) - x^\beta T^{\mu\alpha}(x)$$

Poincaré covariance

$$\partial_\mu J^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x) = 0, \quad \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$$



$$T^{[\alpha\beta]}(x) = -\partial_\mu S^{\mu\alpha\beta}(x)$$

Absent in GR

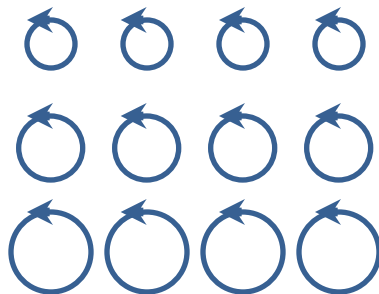
Energy-momentum tensor

In presence of spin density $T^{0i} \neq T^{i0}$

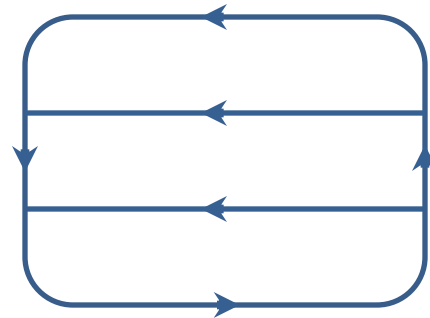
Belinfante
« improvement »

$$T_B^{\mu\nu} \equiv T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\lambda [S^{\lambda\mu\nu} + S^{\mu\nu\lambda} + S^{\nu\mu\lambda}]$$

$$= T^{\nu\mu}$$



Spin density gradient



Four-momentum circulation

In rest frame

$$M = \int d^3r T_B^{00}(\vec{r})$$

$$J^i = \int d^3r \epsilon^{ijk} r^j T_B^{0k}(\vec{r})$$

No « spin » contribution !

Energy-momentum form factors

Mellin moment of twist-2 vector GPDs

$$\langle p', s' | T^{++}(0) | p, s \rangle$$

$$\int dx x H(x, \xi, t) = A(t) + 4\xi^2 C(t)$$

$$\int dx x E(x, \xi, t) = B(t) - 4\xi^2 C(t)$$

[Ji (1996)]

Poincaré covariance

$$\langle p', s' | T_q^{[\alpha\beta]}(0) | p, s \rangle = -i\Delta_\mu \langle p', s' | S_q^{\mu\alpha\beta}(0) | p, s \rangle$$

$$D_q(t) = -G_A^q(t)$$

[C.L., Mantovani, Pasquini (2018)]

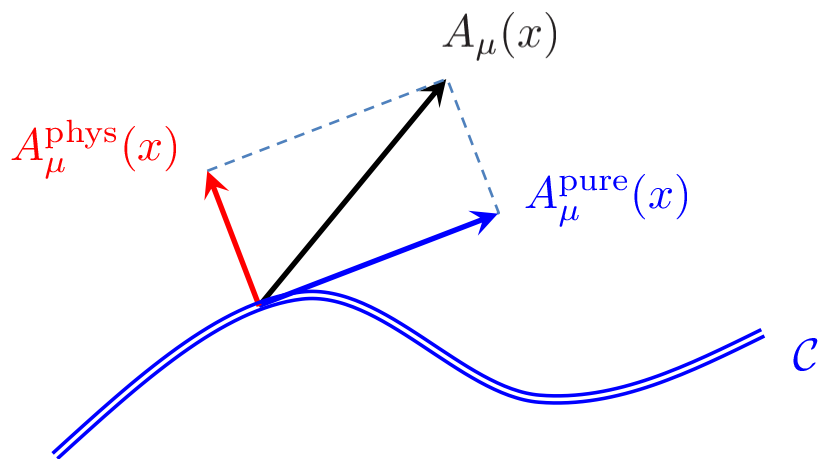
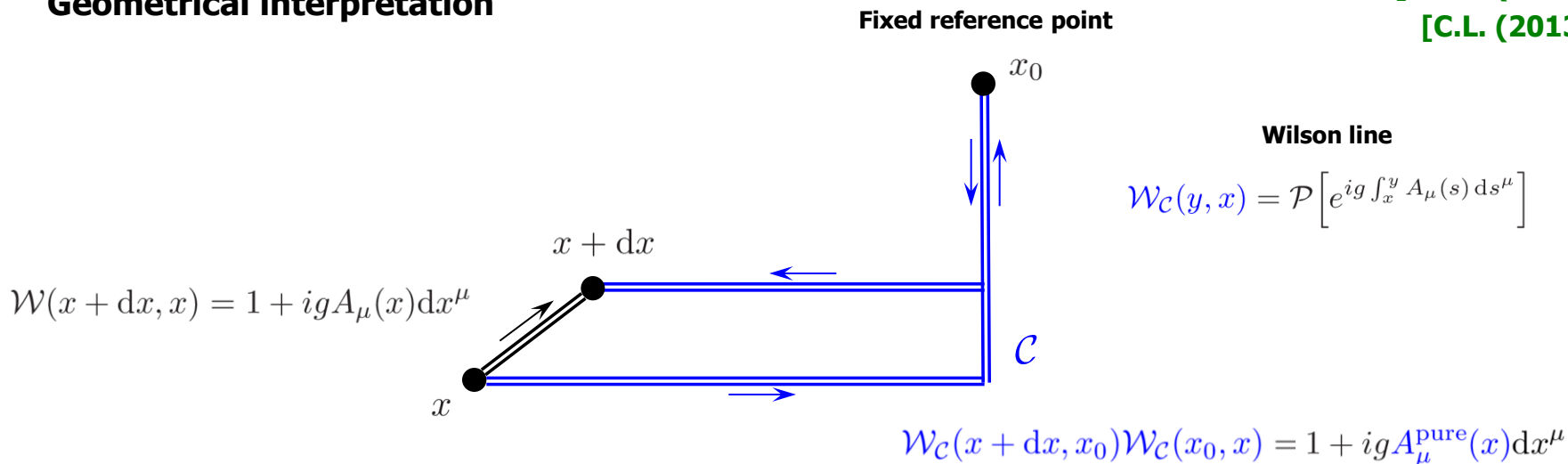
No contribution to AM from $\bar{C}(t)$

(which contributes to pressure ...)

Background dependence

Geometrical interpretation

[Hatta (2012)]
[C.L. (2013)]



$$A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x) = \frac{i}{g} W_C(x, x_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} W_C(x_0, x)$$

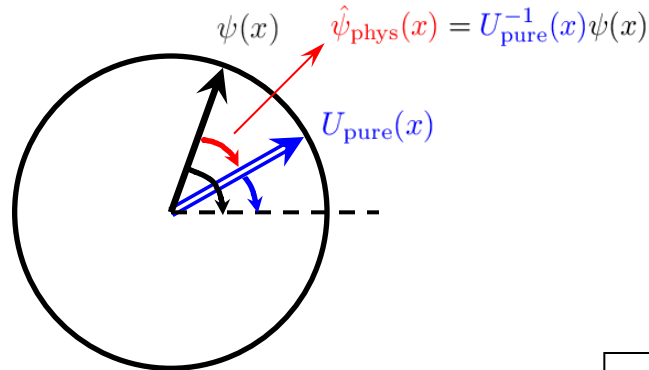
$$A_\mu^{\text{phys}}(x) = - \int_{x_0}^x W_C(x, s) F_{\alpha\beta}(s) W_C(s, x) \frac{\partial s^\alpha}{\partial x^\mu} ds^\beta$$

Non-local !

Stueckelberg symmetry

Quantum Electrodynamics

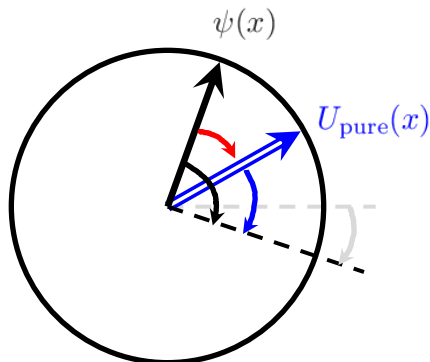
Phase in
internal space



« **Physical** »

« **Background** »

Passive

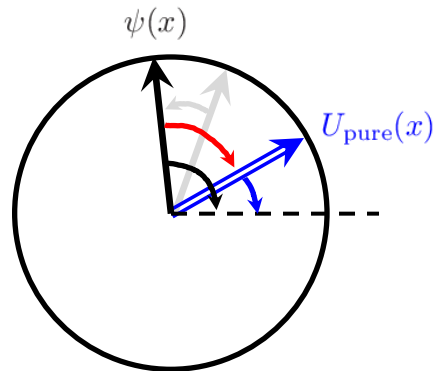


$$\psi(x) \mapsto U(x)\psi(x)$$

$$U_{\text{pure}}(x) \mapsto U(x)U_{\text{pure}}(x)$$

$$\hat{\psi}_{\text{phys}}(x) \mapsto \hat{\psi}_{\text{phys}}(x)$$

Active



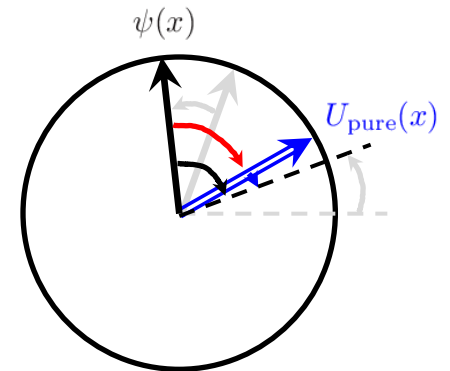
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Stueckelberg

Active x (**Passive**)⁻¹



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OAM and path dependence

[Ji, Xiong, Yuan (2012)]

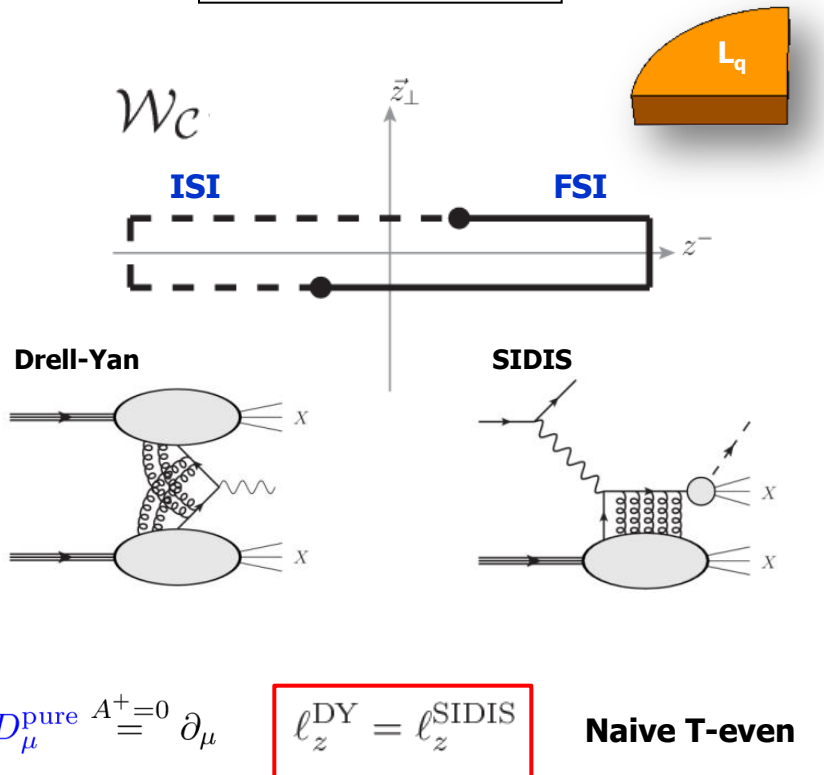
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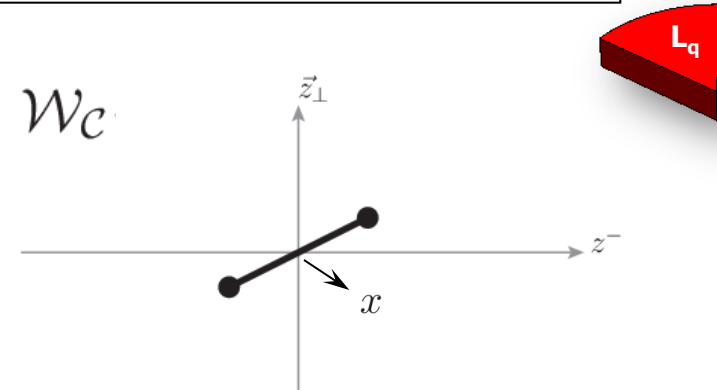
Quark generalized OAM operator

$$L_{q,C}^{\mu\nu\rho}(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu(x^\nu \frac{i}{2}\overleftrightarrow{D}_{\text{pure}}^\rho - x^\rho \frac{i}{2}\overleftrightarrow{D}_{\text{pure}}^\nu)\psi(x)$$

Light-front



x-based Fock-Schwinger



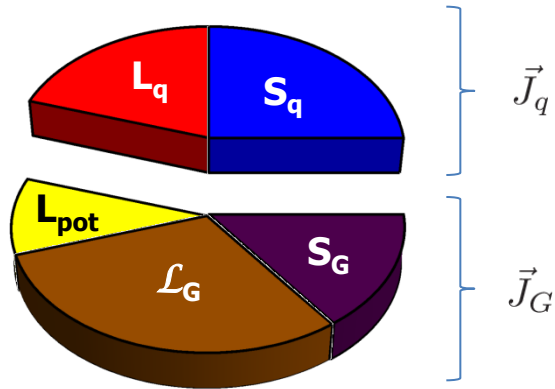
Coincides *locally* with kinetic quark OAM

$$A_\mu(x) = A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(x)$$

$$A_\mu(y) \neq A_\mu^{\text{pure}}(y) \quad y \neq x$$

$$L_q^{\mu\nu\rho}(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu(x^\nu iD^\rho - x^\rho iD^\nu)\psi(x)$$

Ji relation



$$J_{q,G} = \int dx \frac{x}{2} [H^{q,G}(x, 0, 0) + E^{q,G}(x, 0, 0)]$$

[Ji (1997)]

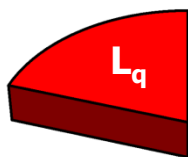
Genuine AM sum rule \rightarrow Vanishing total anomalous gravitomagnetic moment

$$\sum_{a=q,G} \int dx x E^a(x, 0, 0) = 0$$

[Teryaev (1999)]

[Brodsky, Hwang, Ma, Schmidt (2001)]

Penttinen-Polyakov-Shuvaev-Strikman relation



Twist-3 GPDs

$$\begin{aligned} L_q &= - \int dx x G_2^q(x, 0, 0) \\ &= \int dx x \left[H^q(x, 0, 0) + E^q(x, 0, 0) + \tilde{E}_{2T}^q(x, 0, 0) \right] \end{aligned}$$

[Penttinen *et al.* (2000)]
[Kiptily, Polyakov (2002)]
[Hatta, Yoshida (2012)]

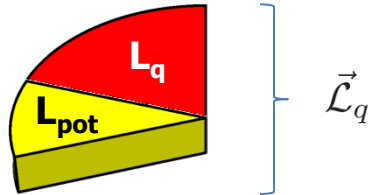
Quark AM sum rule

$$\int dx x [H^q(x, 0, 0) + E^q(x, 0, 0) + 2 G_2^q(x, 0, 0)] - \int dx \tilde{H}^q(x, 0, 0) = 0$$

or equivalently

$$\int dx x [H^q(x, 0, 0) + E^q(x, 0, 0) + 2 \tilde{E}_{2T}^q(x, 0, 0)] + \int dx \tilde{H}^q(x, 0, 0) = 0$$

Accessing the contributions with TMDs



Transversity relation

 Model-dependent !

$$\mathcal{L}_q = \int dx d^2k_\perp \left[h_1^q(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2) - g_{1L}^q(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2) \right]$$

[Ma, Schmidt (1998)]

Pretzelosity relation

 Model-dependent !

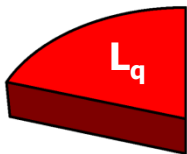
$$\mathcal{L}_q = - \int dx d^2k_\perp \frac{\vec{k}_\perp^2}{2M^2} h_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2)$$

[She, Zhu, Ma (2009)]

[Avakian *et al.* (2010)]

[Efremov *et al.* (2010)]

[C.L., Pasquini (2012)]



Lensing relation

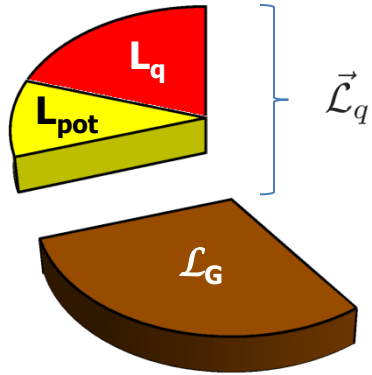
 Model-dependent !

$$\int d^2k_\perp f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x, \vec{k}_\perp^2) = -I^q(x) E^q(x, 0, 0)$$

[Burkardt (2004)]

[Bacchetta, Radici (2011)]

Accessing the contributions with GTMDs

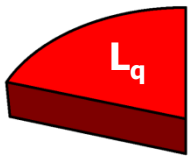


F_{14} relation (staple gauge link)

$$\mathcal{L}_{q,G} = - \int dx d^2 k_{\perp} \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2}{M^2} F_{14}^{q,G}(x, 0, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{0}_{\perp}; \mathcal{W}_{\square})$$

[C.L., Pasquini (2011)]

[Hatta (2011)]



F_{14} relation (straight gauge link)

$$L_q = - \int dx d^2 k_{\perp} \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2}{M^2} F_{14}^q(x, 0, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{0}_{\perp}; \mathcal{W}_{|})$$

[Ji, Xiong, Yuan (2012)]

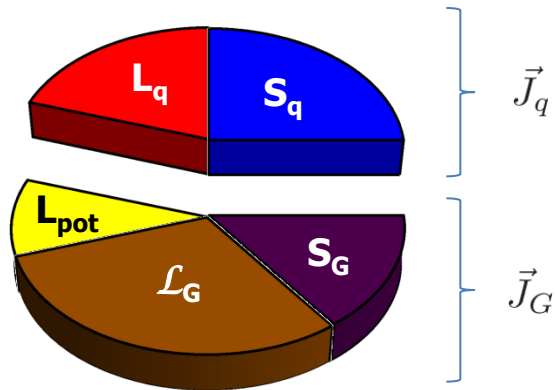
[C.L. (2012)]



$$L_G \neq - \int dx d^2 k_{\perp} \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}^2}{M^2} F_{14}^G(x, 0, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{0}_{\perp}; \mathcal{W}_{|})$$

[Liu, C.L. (2015)]

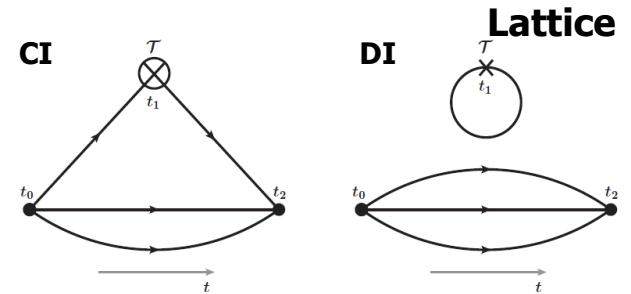
Accessing the contributions with EMFFs



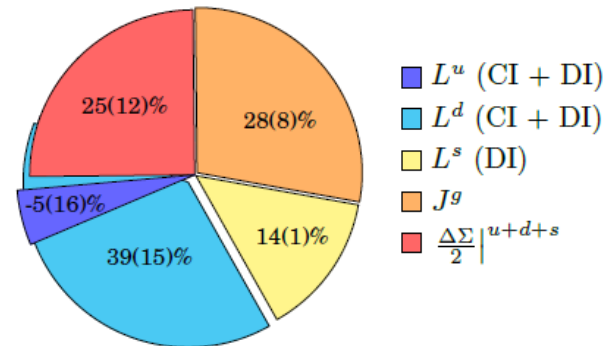
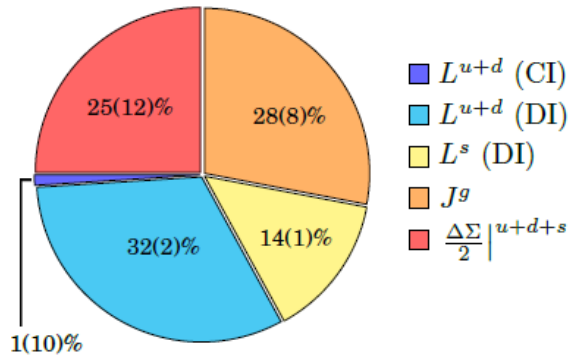
Ji relation

$$J_{q,G} = \frac{1}{2} [A^{q,G}(0) + B^{q,G}(0)]$$

[Ji (1997)]



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[Deka *et al.* (2015)]