

Hadron Spin Decomposition via QCD Sum Rules

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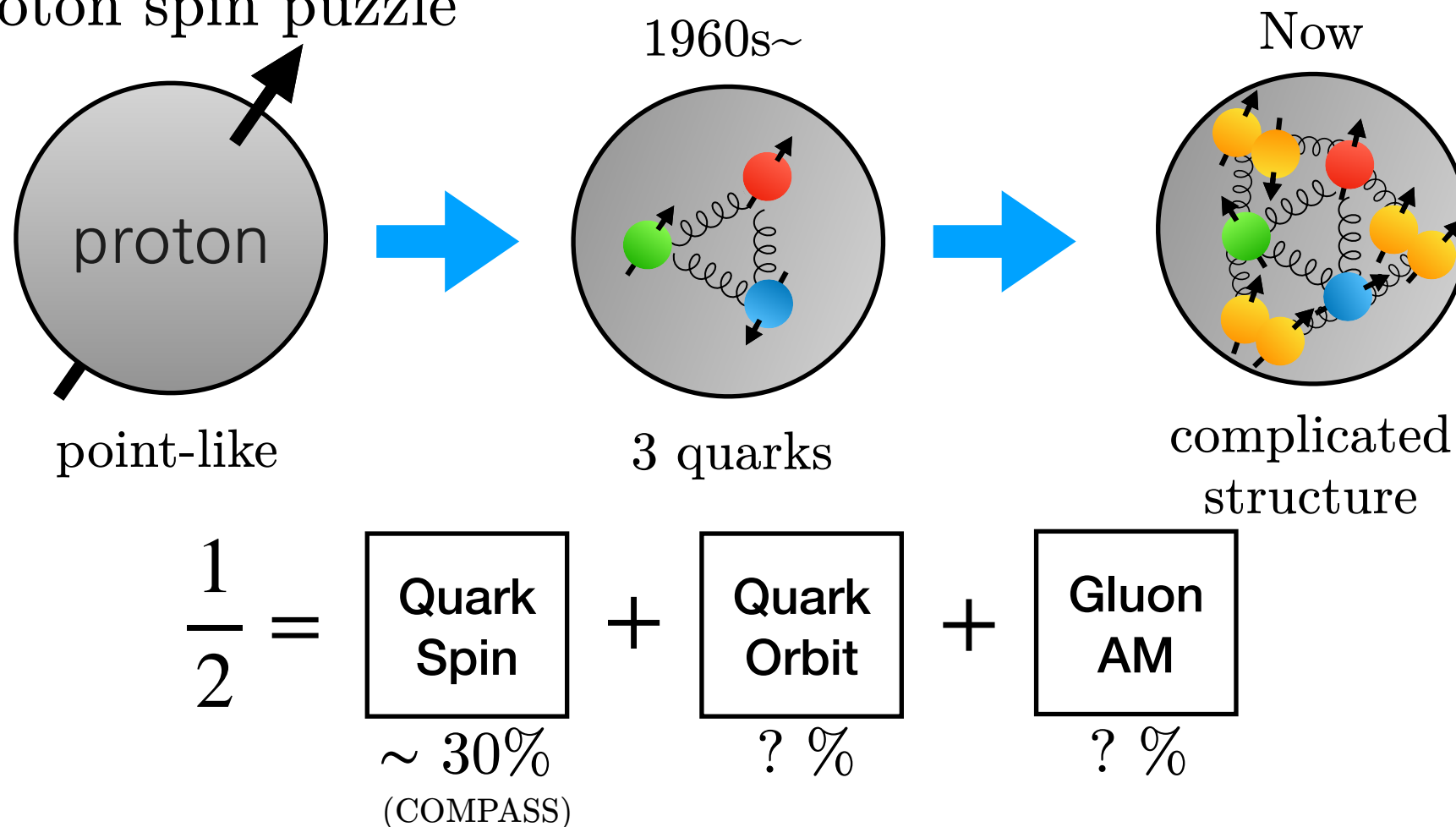
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- ▶ Basic idea of QCD Sum Rules (QCDSR)
- ▶ Hadron Spin Decomposition via QCDSR
- ▶ Application 1: Spin-1 quarkonium
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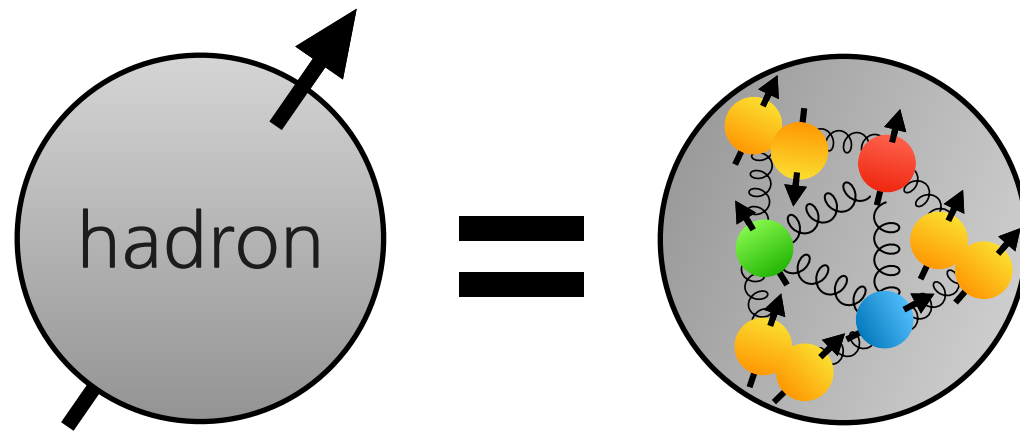
Motivation

- ▶ Hadron is composed of quarks and gluons
 - *meson=quark+anti-quark, baryon=3 quarks*
- ▶ Naive quark model is successful, but insufficient
- ▶ ex) Proton spin puzzle



=> new approach for studying spin structures of hadrons

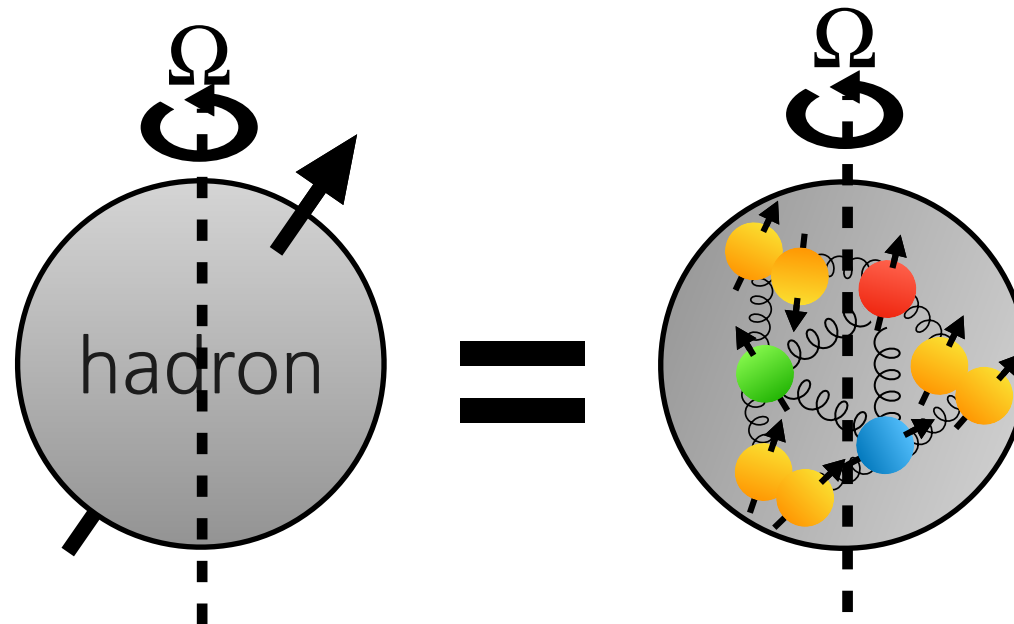
Two-point function (2PF)



$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(q) &= i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{|\langle 0 | \phi | h \rangle|^2}{q^2 - m_h^2 + i\epsilon} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

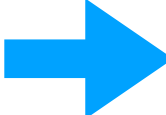
- Basic tool for studying properties of a particle created by $\phi(x)$
- In QCD, a composite field can create hadronic states
- Study hadron mass m_h in terms of quarks and gluons

In a rotating frame



$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(q, \Omega) &= i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle_\Omega \\ &= \Pi(q) + \underline{\Pi^{\text{rot}}(q)} \cdot \Omega + \mathcal{O}(\Omega^2)\end{aligned}$$

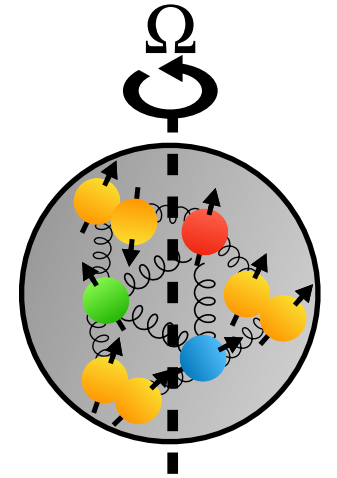
- Uniform rotation with angular velocity Ω along the z-axis
- Two independent ways to derive the $\Pi^{\text{rot}}(q)$
 - Method A : quarks and gluons
 - Method B : total system

 spin structure of 2PF

Method A

For $\Omega \ll 1$, ψ and A_μ^a introduce their total AM operators.

Insert “QCD total AM” into the two-point function



$$J_{\text{QCD}}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} \vec{\gamma} \gamma^5 \psi + \psi^\dagger (\vec{x} \times (-i \vec{D})) \psi + \vec{x} \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

(Ji's decomposition)

$\uparrow$ S_q : quark spin $\uparrow$ L_q : quark orbit $\uparrow$ J_g : gluon AM

$$\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(q) = i \int d^4x d^4y e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \overset{\text{insert}}{\downarrow} J_{\text{QCD}}(y) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle S_q \rangle + \langle L_q \rangle + \langle J_g \rangle$$

: AM decomposition of two-point function

Method B

For $\Omega \ll 1$, ϕ field introduce its total AM operator.

$$\phi'(x) \rightarrow (1 + iJ_z\Omega x^0)\phi(x) + \mathcal{O}(\Omega^2)$$

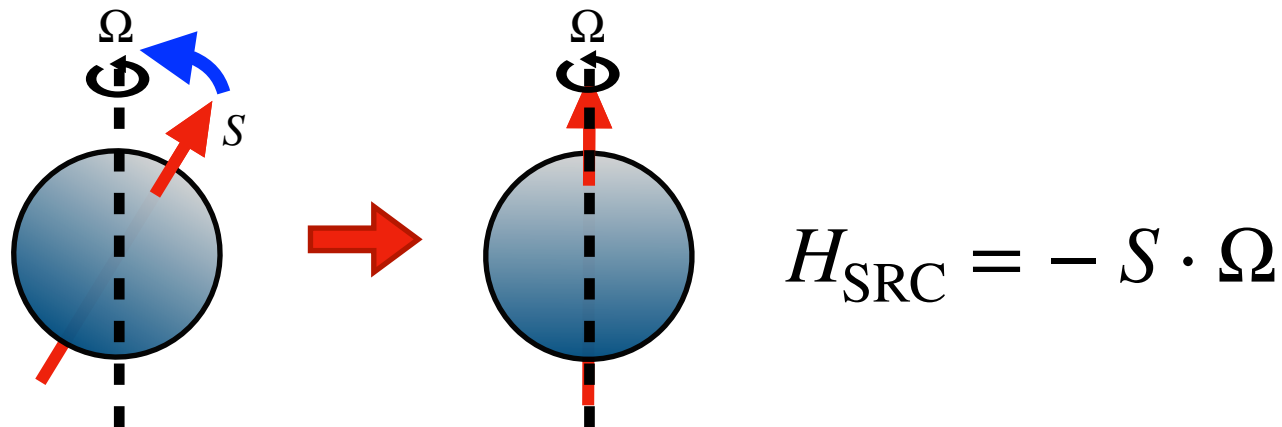
In the rest frame,

$$\Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(q) = \left[\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{total} \\ \text{spin}}}{S_z} + (\vec{q} \times (i\vec{\partial}_q))_3 \right] \partial_q^0 \Pi(q) \quad \rightarrow \quad \Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

$\uparrow$ total orbital AM

s_z : eigenvalue of S_z

Spin-Rotating Coupling (SRC)



$$\Pi(\omega) \rightarrow \Pi(\omega + s_z\Omega) = \Pi(\omega) + s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \cdot \Omega + \mathcal{O}(\Omega^2) \quad \rightarrow \quad \Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

A = B

► In the rest frame,

$\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = \lim_{\vec{q} \rightarrow 0} \langle S_q \rangle + \langle L_q \rangle + \langle J_g \rangle$: quantifies how quarks and gluons contribute to the total spin of the system

$\Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$: depends on total spin & inertial frame 2PF

► Both methods are describing the same quantity

$$\rightarrow \Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

: very useful insight into the spin structure of 2PF

Implications

$$\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

(1) Spin decomposition of individual Feynman diagram

$$\Pi(\omega) = \frac{1}{s_z} \int^\omega d\omega' \Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega') \quad \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} = \langle S_q(\omega) \rangle + \langle L_q(\omega) \rangle + \langle J_g(\omega) \rangle$$

(2) Verify computation of Π_A^{rot}

$\Pi(\omega)$ is much easier to compute or is already given.

(3) Constraint on the spectral density in a rotating frame

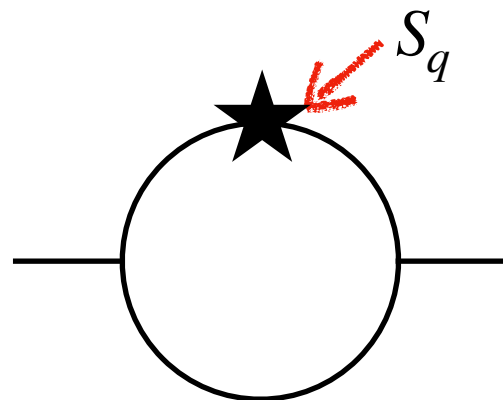
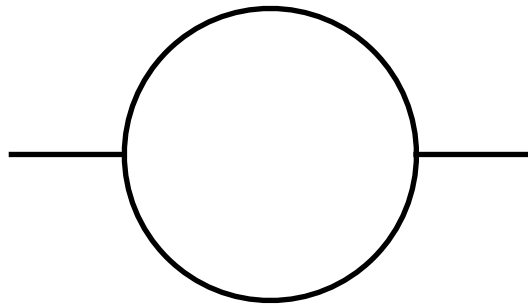
$$\rho = \text{Im}\Pi \Rightarrow \rho^{\text{rot}} = \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{rot}} = s_z \frac{\partial \rho(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

Example

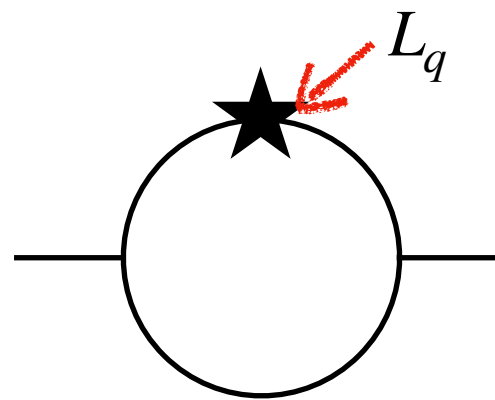
Vacuum polarization. $\phi(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu\psi(x)$

$$\Pi(q) = i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Im}\Pi(\omega) = \frac{-3\omega^2}{4\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{\omega^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m^2}{\omega^2} \right)$$



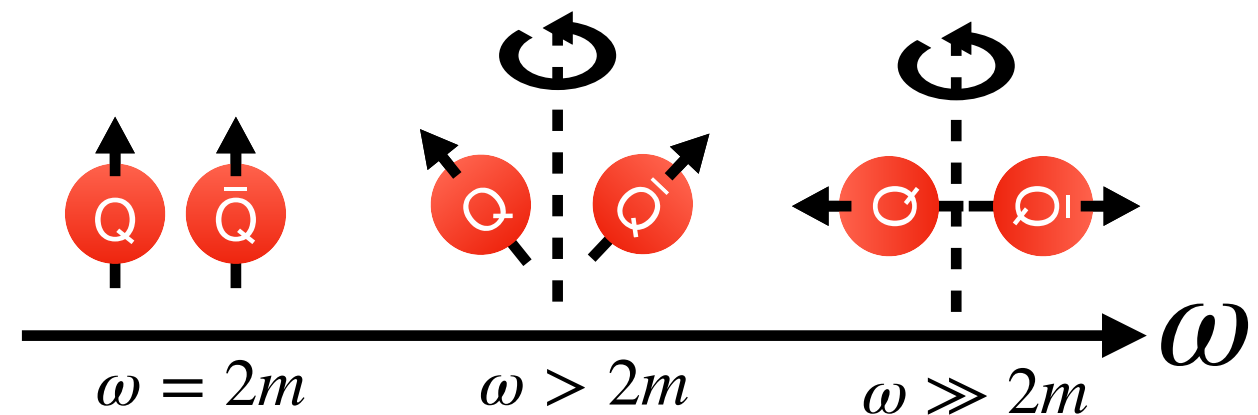
$$\text{Im}\langle S_q(\omega) \rangle = \frac{3m^2}{2\pi\sqrt{\omega^2}\sqrt{\omega^2 - 4m^2}}$$



$$\text{Im}\langle L_q(\omega) \rangle = \frac{(\omega^2 - m^2)\sqrt{\omega^2 - 4m^2}}{2\pi(\omega^2)^{3/2}}$$

➡ $\text{Im}\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = \text{Im}\{ \langle S_q(\omega) \rangle + \langle L_q(\omega) \rangle \}$

➡ $\text{Im}\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \text{Im}\Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$ with $s_z = 1$

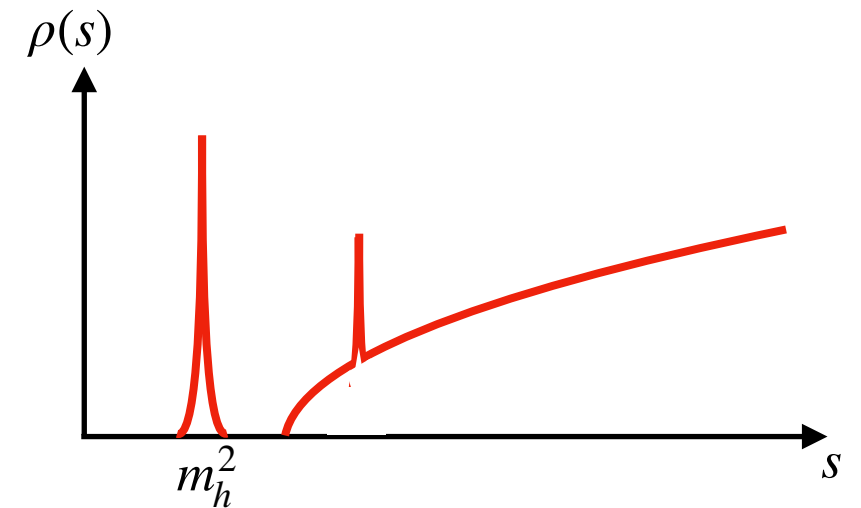


spin-1 $Q\bar{Q}$ system at rest

Two-point function - revisit

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(q) &= i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho(s)}{s - q^2 - i\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{|\langle 0 | \phi | h \rangle|^2}{q^2 - m_h^2 + i\epsilon} + (\text{excited} + \text{multi-particles})\end{aligned}$$

$\rho(s)$: spectral density



- Not only a single hadron, but also excited & multi-particle states
- Extracting a single state is challenging at low energy scale
- QCD Sum Rule, a technique to extract the ground state from 2PF

QCD Sum Rules (QCDSR)

$$\Pi(q) = i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

OPE ($Q^2 = -q^2 \gg 0$)

$$\Pi^{\text{OPE}}(Q^2) = \sum_n C_n(Q^2) \langle \mathcal{O}_n \rangle$$

“Wilson coefficients” $\nearrow$ $C_n(Q^2)$

$\nwarrow$ $\langle \mathcal{O}_n \rangle$ “Vacuum condensate”

Spectral rep. ($q^2 > 0$)

“Spectral density” $\searrow$

$$\Pi^{\text{phen}}(q^2) = \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho(s)}{s - q^2 - i\epsilon}$$

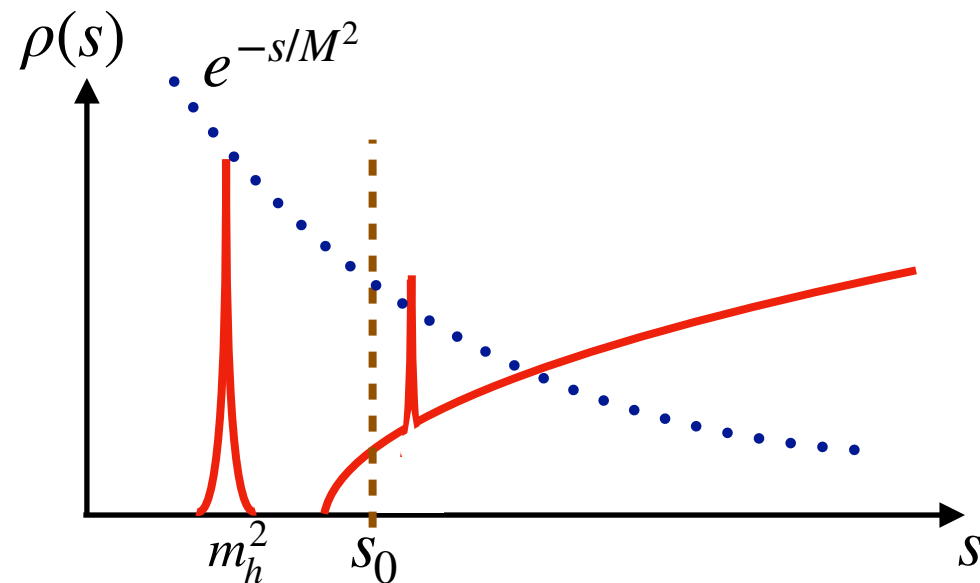
(Borel transformed)
Sum rule

$$\int_0^{s_0} ds e^{-s/M^2} \text{Im} \Pi^{\text{OPE}}(s) \approx \int_0^{s_0} ds e^{-s/M^2} \rho(s)$$

- Approximate relation, but useful
- Spectral density is constrained by OPE series
- s_0 is a threshold parameter that suppresses the continuum contribution
- M is a parameter that controls “OPE convergence” + “continuum suppression”

Example

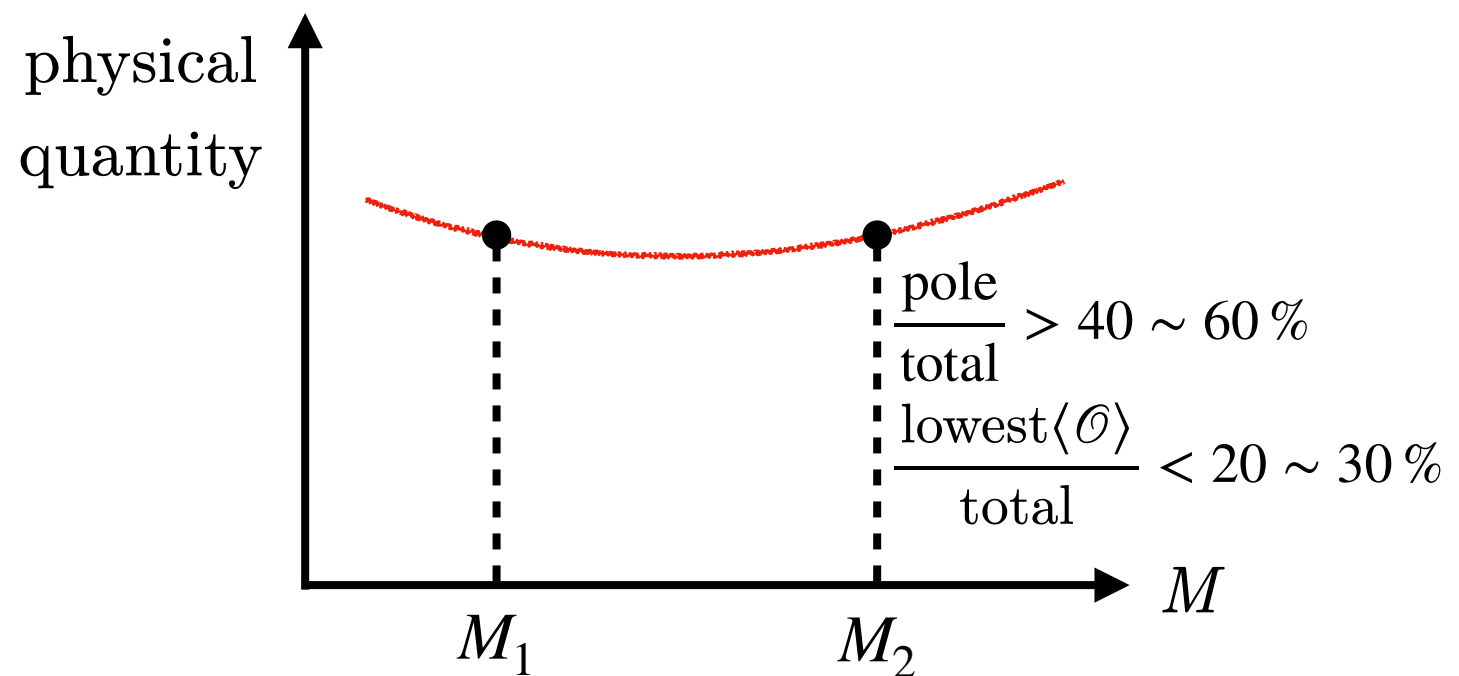
$$\int_0^{s_0} ds e^{-s/M^2} \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{OPE}}(s) \approx \int_0^{s_0} ds e^{-s/M^2} \rho(s)$$



$$\rho(s) \approx f_h \delta(s - m_h^2) + \theta(s - s_0) \cdot \text{continuum}$$

$$\bar{\Pi}(M) \equiv \int_0^{s_0} ds e^{-s/M^2} \text{Im}\Pi^{\text{OPE}}(s) \propto e^{-m_h^2/M^2}$$

$$m_h^2 = - \frac{\partial \bar{\Pi}(M^2) / \partial (1/M^2)}{\bar{\Pi}(M^2)}$$



Approximate, but reliable within limited range of M .

So far, widely used to predict and understand masses of various hadrons

Hadron Spin Decomposition via QCDSR

Inertial frame

$$\Pi(q) = i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle$$

Rotating frame

$$\Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

$$\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = \langle S_q(\omega) \rangle + \langle L_q(\omega) \rangle + \langle J_g(\omega) \rangle$$

QCDSR

$$\int_0^{s_0} ds \text{Im} \Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(s) e^{-s/M^2} \propto s_z \times \text{spin indep.}$$

$$\Pi_B^{\text{rot}} = \Pi_A^{\text{rot}}$$

$$\int_0^{s_0} ds \text{Im} \Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(s) e^{-s/M^2} \propto s_q + l_q + j_g$$

Equivalence

$$\frac{\int_0^{s_0} ds \text{Im} \Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(s) e^{-s/M^2}}{\int_0^{s_0} ds \text{Im} \Pi_B^{\text{rot}}(s) e^{-s/M^2}} = \frac{s_q + l_q + j_g}{s_z} = 1$$

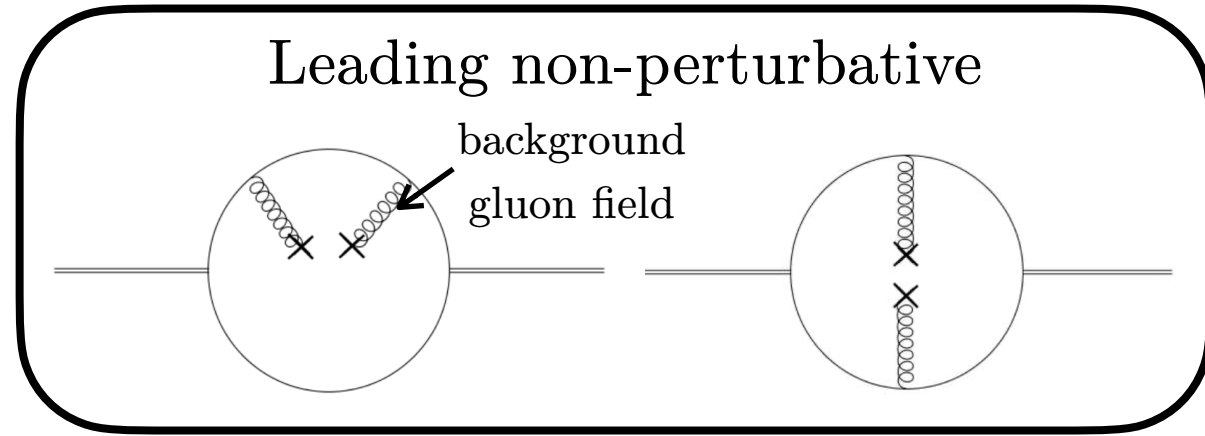
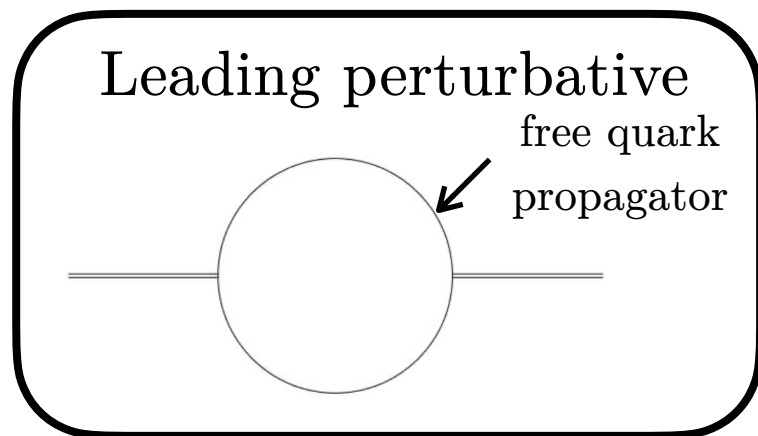
s_q : quark spin
 l_q : quark orbital
 j_g : gluon total

spin independent terms cancel out,
 spin decomposition of the ground state

Spin-1 Quarkonium

► $\phi(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu\psi(x)$ or $\bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\psi(x)$ ($\psi = c$ or b)

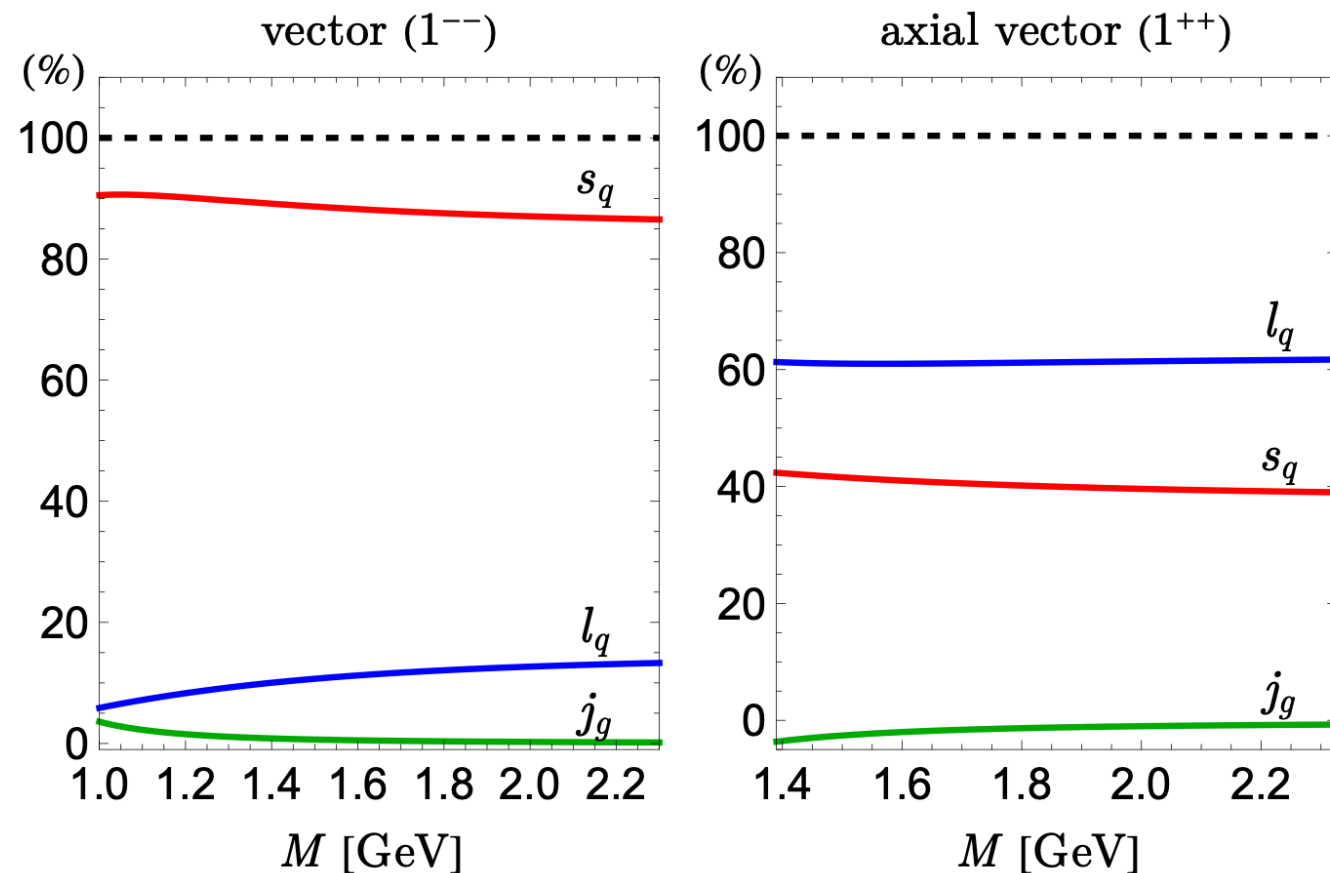
► Feynman diagrams (truncated OPE upto D=4)



$$\propto \left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \right\rangle$$

► QCDSR analysis
ex) charmonium

$$\frac{s_q + l_q + j_g}{s_z} = 1$$



Take average over a reliable range of M

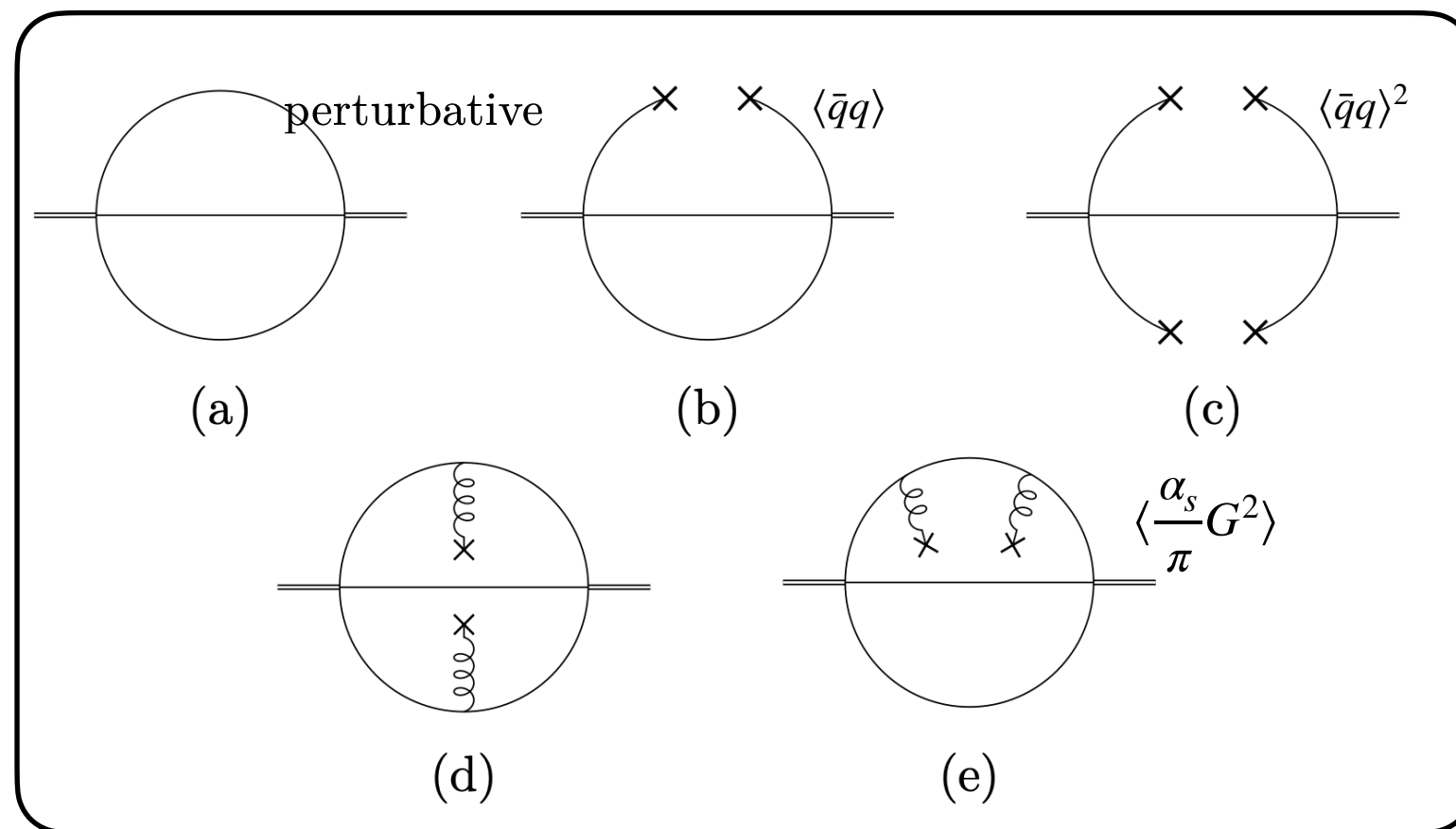
Spin-1 Quarkonium

	Vector (%)			Axial (%)		
	S-wave	$\Upsilon(1S)$	J/ψ	P-wave	χ_{b1}	χ_{c1}
s_q	100	92	87.6	50	43	40
l_q	0	7.6	11.8	50	57	61
j_g	0	0.015	0.6	0	-0.005	-1.5

- Total sum = 100 %
- Classical picture from the naive Q.M.
S-wave: quark spin(100%) , P-wave: quark spin(50%) quark oam(50%)
- Spin structures are slightly different from the classical picture.
- As quark mass becomes lighter, spin content deviates further from classical picture

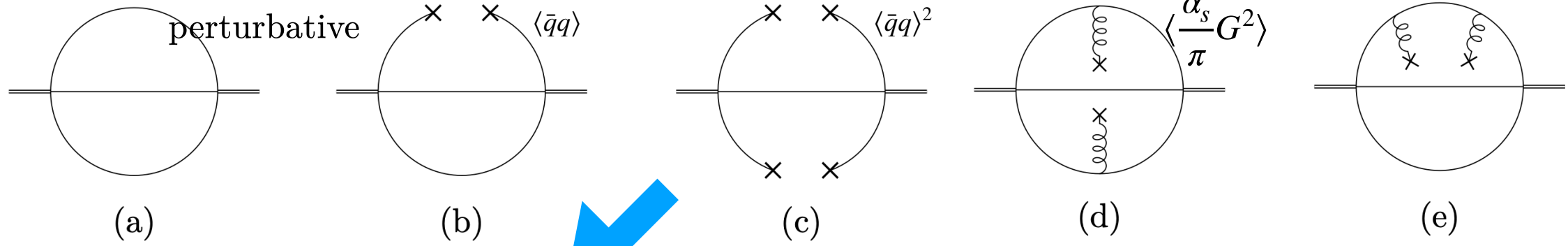
Spin-1/2 Proton

- $\phi(x) = \epsilon_{abc}[u^{aT}(x)C\gamma^5 d^b(x)]u^c(x)$
- massless quark limit: $m_{u,d} \rightarrow 0$
- Feynman diagrams (truncated OPE upto D=4)



$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$: quark condensate, chiral symmetry breaking in QCD

OPE calculations



$$\bar{\Pi}(\omega)/\omega = -\frac{5\omega^4 \log(-\omega^2)}{512\pi^4} + \frac{7\omega \log(-\omega^2)}{16\pi^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle - \frac{7}{6\omega^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 - \frac{5 \log(-\omega^2)}{256\pi^2} \langle G_0 \rangle,$$

$$\bar{\Pi}_B^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \bar{\Pi}(\omega)}{\partial \omega} = -\frac{25\omega^4 \log(-\omega^2)}{1024\pi^4} + \frac{7\omega \log(-\omega^2)}{16\pi^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle + \frac{7}{12\omega^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 - \frac{5 \log(-\omega^2)}{512\pi^2} \langle G_0 \rangle,$$

$$\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle S_u \rangle & : & \langle S_d \rangle & : & \langle L_u \rangle & : & \langle L_d \rangle & : & \langle J_g \rangle \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{25\omega^4 \log(-\omega^2)}{1024\pi^4} \\ \frac{7\omega \log(-\omega^2)}{16\pi^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \\ \frac{7}{12\omega^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 \\ -\frac{5 \log(-\omega^2)}{512\pi^2} \langle G_0 \rangle \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{diagram (a)} : & \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{6}{25} & + & -\frac{1}{25} & + & \frac{36}{25} & + & -\frac{4}{25} & + & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{diagram (b)} : & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{6}{7} & + & -\frac{1}{21} & + & \frac{8}{21} & + & -\frac{4}{21} & + & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{diagram (c)} : & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{10}{7} & + & -\frac{3}{7} & + & 0 & + & 0 & + & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{diagram (d-e)} : & \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{5} & + & -\frac{11}{15} & + & \frac{40}{9} & + & \frac{56}{45} & + & -\frac{32}{9} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, we confirm that A=B 18

Spin-1/2 Proton

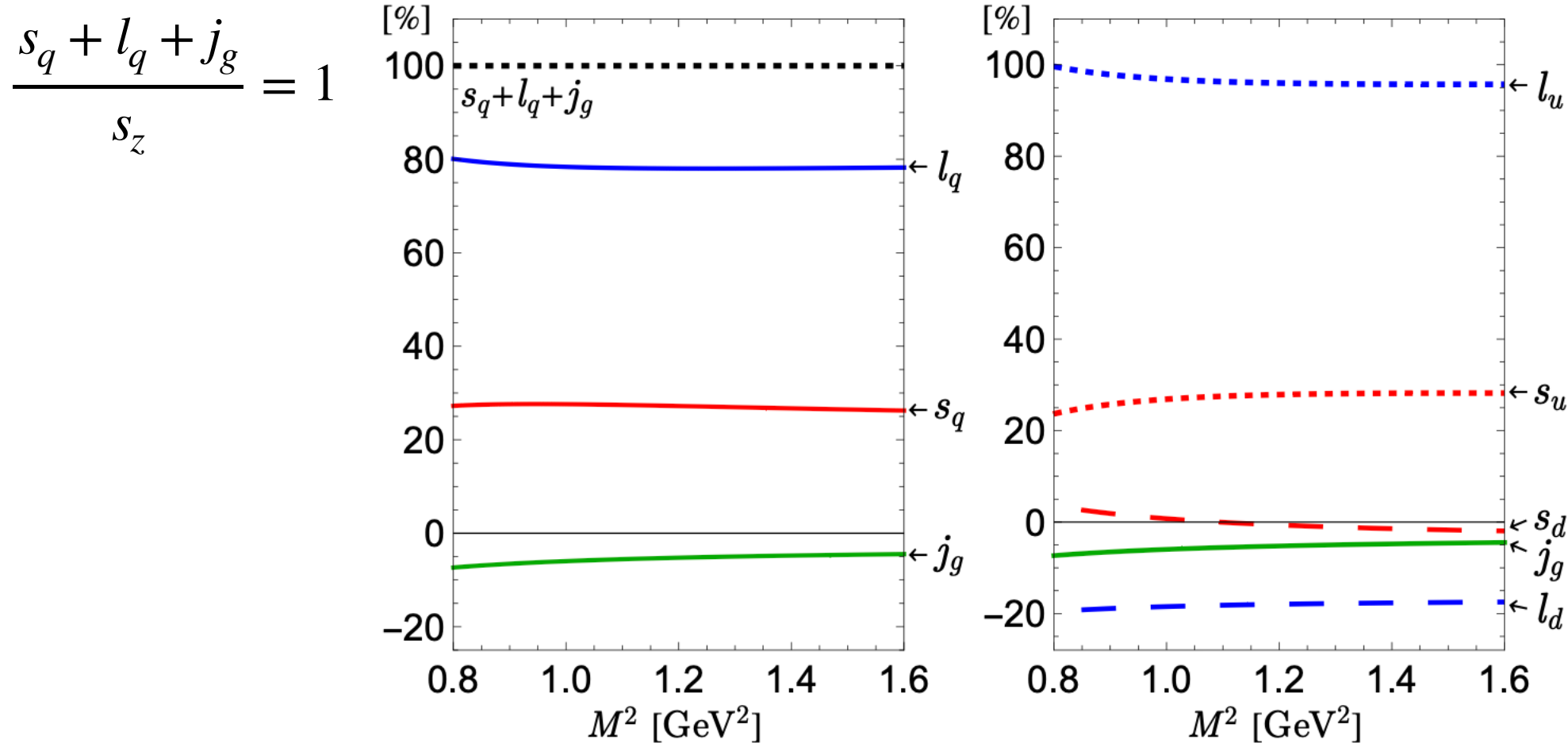


TABLE I: Spin decomposition of the proton at rest

Component	Overall (%)	Up-quark (%)	Down-quark (%)
s_q	27.1 ± 0.4	27.3 ± 1.1	-0.2 ± 1.5
l_q	78.3 ± 0.5	96.4 ± 0.6	-18.2 ± 0.6
j_g	-5.4 ± 0.8	—	—

$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ contribution, i.e. (b)+(c), $\sim 50\%$

significantly affects not only proton mass but also its spin structure

Summary

► For a given 2PF,

$$\Pi_A^{\text{rot}}(\omega) = s_z \frac{\partial \Pi(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$$

► 2PF in an inertial frame + QCDSR => hadron mass

► 2PF in a rotating frame + QCDSR => hadron spin structure

Thank you for listening !