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The JAM fit of spin-dependent PDFs

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We present results of a new next-to-leading order fit of spin-dependent parton distribution functions from the most recent world data on inclusive polarized deep-inelastic scattering, focusing in particular on the large- x and low- Q^2 regions. By directly fitting polarization asymmetries we eliminate biases introduced by using polarized structure function data extracted under nonuniform assumptions for the unpolarized structure functions. For analysis of the large- x data we implement nuclear smearing corrections for Deuteron and ^3He nuclei, and systematically include target mass and higher twist corrections to the g_1 and g_2 structure functions at low Q^2 . We also explore the effects of Q^2 and W^2 cuts in the data sets, and the potential impact of future data on the behavior of the spin-dependent parton distributions.

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