# Gluonic Transversity from lattice QCD 



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## Gluonic Structure

- Past 60+ years: detailed view of quark structure of nucleons
- Gluonic structure (beyond gluon density) relatively unexplored
- Electron-lon Collider
- Priority in 2015 long range plan


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- "Understanding the glue that binds us all"
- What can LQCD do to help?



## Lattice QCD for the EIC

## Electron-lon Collider

Precision gluon structure Timescale~ 2025


Electron Ion Collider: The Next QCD Frontier

## Lattice QCD

Gluonic observables challenging! Few results so far:

- Gluon momentum fraction [Meyer\&Negele; Gockeler et al.; Yang et al.]
- Gluon contribution to helicity [Liu et al, Alexandru et al.]

K.F. Liu, C. Lorce, arXiv:1508.00911


## Gluonic Structure

## What does a proton look like?



## Boosted



Bag Model: Gluon field distribution is wider than the fast moving quarks. Gluon radius > Charge Radius


Constituent Quark Model: Gluons and sea quarks hide inside massive quarks. Gluon radius ~ Charge Radius


Lattice Gauge theory (with slow moving quarks), gluons more concentrated inside the quarks:
Gluon radius < Charge Radius

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Targets with $\mathrm{J} \geq \mathrm{I}$ have leading twist gluon parton distribution $\Delta\left(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{Q}^{2}\right)$ : double helicity flip [Jaffe \& Manohar 1989]

- Unambiguously gluonic: no analogous quark PDF at twist-2
- Vanishes in nucleon: measure of exotic glue in nuclei
- Experimentally measurable
- Nitrogen target: JLab Lol 2015 [J. Maxwell]
- Polarised nuclei at EIC [R. Milner]
- Moments calculable in LQCD



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Helicity amplitude basis:

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\begin{gathered}
W_{\mu \nu}\left(p, q, E, E^{\prime}\right)=E^{\prime * \alpha} E^{\beta} W_{\mu \nu, \alpha \beta}(p, q) \\
W_{\mu \nu, \alpha \beta}(p, q)=\sum_{h H, h^{\prime} H^{\prime}} P\left(h H, h^{\prime} H^{\prime}\right)_{\mu \nu, \alpha \beta} A_{h H, h^{\prime} H^{\prime}}(p, q) .
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Changes both photon and target helicity by 2 units: $\quad \Delta\left(x, Q^{2}\right)=A_{\| \#, \# \#}$


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Parton model interpretation

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\Delta\left(x, Q^{2}\right)=-\frac{\alpha_{s}\left(Q^{2}\right)}{2 \pi} \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{Q}^{2} x^{2} \int_{x}^{1} \frac{d y}{y^{3}}\left[g_{\hat{x}}\left(y, Q^{2}\right)-g_{\hat{y}}\left(x, Q^{2}\right)\right]
$$

$g_{\hat{x}, \hat{y}}\left(y, Q^{2}\right)$ : probability of finding a gluon with momentum fraction $y$ linearly polarised in $\hat{x}, \hat{y}$ direction
"How much more momentum of transversely polarized particle carried by gluons aligned rather than perpendicular to it in the transverse plane"

## Double Helicity Flip Gluon Structure Function

Moments of $\Delta\left(x, \mathrm{Q}^{2}\right)$ are calculable in LQCD

$$
\begin{array}{|l}
\text { Moment of Structure Function } \\
\int_{0}^{1} d x x^{n-1} \Delta\left(x, Q^{2}\right) \\
\hline \text { Reduced Matrix Element } \\
3 \pi \\
n+2
\end{array}, \frac{\alpha_{s}\left(Q^{2}\right)}{A_{n}\left(Q^{2}\right)}, n=2,4,6 \ldots,
$$

Determined by matrix elements of local gluonic operators
Symnetrize and tocac sultratat in $\mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}$ $\left\langle p E^{\prime}\right| \underline{S}\left[G_{\mu \mu_{1}} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu_{3}} \ldots \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu_{n}} G_{\nu \mu_{2}}\right]|p E\rangle$ symmetrize and trace subtract in $\mu_{1}, \ldots, \mu_{n}$

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\begin{array}{r}
=(-2 i)^{n-2} \underline{S}\left[\left(\left[p_{\mu} E_{\mu_{1}}^{\prime *}-p_{\mu_{1}} E_{\mu}^{\prime *}\right)\left(p_{\nu} E_{\mu_{2}}-p_{\mu_{2}} E_{\nu}\right)\right.\right. \\
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## LQCD Calculation

## First LQCD calculation ${ }^{[W}$ Detmold \& PES PRD 94 (2016), 014507$]$

- First moment in $\varphi$ meson (simplest spin- $I$ system, eventually $\rightarrow$ nuclei)
- Lattice details: clover fermions, Lüscher-Weisz gauge action

| $L / a$ | $T / a$ | $\beta$ | $a m_{l}$ | $a m_{s}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | 64 | 6.1 | -0.2800 | -0.2450 |
| $a(\mathrm{fm})$ | $L(\mathrm{fm})$ | $T(\mathrm{fm})$ | $m_{\pi}(\mathrm{MeV})$ | $m_{K}(\mathrm{MeV})$ |
| $0.1167(16)$ | $2.801(29)$ | $7.469(77)$ | $450(5)$ | $596(6)$ |
| $m_{\phi}(\mathrm{MeV})$ | $m_{\pi} L$ | $m_{\pi} T$ | $N_{\text {cfg }}$ | $N_{\text {src }}$ |
| $1040(3)$ | 6.390 | 17.04 | 1042 | $10^{5}$ |

- Many systematics not addressed (yet)!
- Quark mass effects
- Discretisation
- Volume effects
- Renormalisation


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operator insertion time

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\begin{aligned}
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= & Z_{\phi} e^{-E t} \sum_{\lambda \lambda^{\prime}} \epsilon_{j}^{(E)}(\vec{p}, \lambda) \epsilon_{k}^{(E) *}\left(\vec{p}, \lambda^{\prime}\right)\langle\vec{p}, \lambda| \mathcal{O}\left|\vec{p}, \lambda^{\prime}\right\rangle \\
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R_{j k}(t, \tau, \vec{p})=\frac{C_{j k}^{3 \mathrm{pt}}(t, \tau, \vec{p})+C_{j k}^{3 \mathrm{pt}}(T-t, T-\tau, \vec{p})}{C_{j k}^{2 \mathrm{pt}}(t, \vec{p})}
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- All polarisation combinations (j,k)
- Boost momenta up to (I,I,I)
- Examine all elements of each hypercubic irrep.

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\end{array} \\
& +E^{*} \text {. form factor at } \mathrm{Q}^{2}=\mathrm{t}=0 \\
& +\frac{A_{6, m-3}^{(n)}\left(t, \mu^{2}\right)}{M^{2}} S\left[\left((5 \cdot P)\left(P_{\mu} / \mu_{1}-\Delta_{\mu} P_{\mu_{1}}\right)\left(P_{\nu} E_{\mu_{2}}^{\prime *}-E_{\nu}^{\prime *} P_{\mu_{2}}\right)\right.\right. \\
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## Gluonic Structure circa 2025

Electron-lon collider will dramatically alter our knowledge of the gluonic structure of hadrons and nuclei

- Work towards a complete 3D picture of parton structure (PDFs, GPDs,TMDs)
- $\Delta\left(x, Q^{2}\right)$ has an interesting role

Purely gluonic
Non-nucleonic: directly probe nuclear effects

- Compare quark and gluon distributions in hadrons and nuclei
- Lattice QCD calculations in hadrons and light nuclei will be available

