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## GLUON DISTRIBUTIONS IN POLARIZED TARGETS OF SPIN $\leq 1$

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## Perturbative VS Non perturbative OCD




- Two distinct energy scales: the hadronic scale (order $\Lambda_{\mathrm{ecD}}$ ) and the hard scale Q of the process.
- For several processes, factorization has been proven.


## The hadron structure in high energy processes: examples

Proton-proton pp collision nucleus


Lepton-proton scattering nucleus


## NONPERTURBATIVE PHYSICS:

 CORRELATION FUNCTIONS
## Quantum field theory language

QCD paradigm: quarks and gluons are confined inside hadrons (no free-fields)

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{s} u_{i}^{s}(k) \bar{u}_{j}^{s}(k) & \Rightarrow \Phi_{i j}(k ; P) \\
& =\sum_{X} \int \frac{d^{3} P_{X}}{(2 \pi)^{3} 2 E_{X}}\langle P| \bar{\psi}_{j}(0)|X\rangle\langle X| \psi_{i}(0)|P\rangle \delta^{4}\left(k+P-P_{X}\right) \\
& =\int \frac{d^{4} \xi}{(2 \pi)^{4}} e^{i k \cdot \xi}\langle P| \bar{\psi}_{j}(0) \psi_{i}(\xi)|P\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$



## Transverse momentum dependent (light-front) correlation function for quarks

$\Phi_{i j}^{[U]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T} ; n, P, S\right)=\left.\int \frac{d \xi \cdot P d^{2} \xi_{T}}{(2 \pi)^{3}} e^{i k \cdot \xi}\langle P, S| \bar{\psi}_{j}(0) U_{[0, \xi]} \psi_{i}(\xi)|P, S\rangle\right|_{\xi \cdot n=0}$
Nonlocal operator: color-gauge invariance?


Wilson lines: connect the two space-time points and restore gauge invariance

$$
U(0, \xi)=\mathrm{P} \exp \left(-i g \int_{0}^{\xi} d s^{u} A_{u}\right)
$$


[Brodsky, Hwang,Schmidt, 2002;
Belitsky, Ji, Yuan, 2003; Boer, Mulders,Pijlman, 2003]

Type of path in high energy processes: staple-like (future- or past-pointing) $\xi_{\mathrm{T}}$
Process dependence!

## Process dependence of the TMDs

The path connecting the end points depends on the color flow
$\longrightarrow$ process dependence
Famous sign-change of the Sivers and the Boer-Mulders functions

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
f_{1 T}^{\perp[+]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right)=-f_{1 T}^{\perp[-]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right) & h_{1}^{\perp[+]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right)=-h_{1}^{\perp[-]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right) \\
\text { SIDIS } & \text { Drell-Yan } & \text { SIDIS }
\end{array}
$$

[Collins, 2002]
Universality of PDFs


PDFs are universal!

## Transverse momentum dependent (light-front)

 correlation function for gluons$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda}^{* \mu}(k) \epsilon_{\lambda}^{\nu}(k) & \Rightarrow \Gamma^{\mu \nu}(k ; n, P) \\
& =\int \frac{d^{4} \xi}{(2 \pi)^{4}} e^{i k \cdot \xi}\langle P| F^{n \mu}(0) F^{n \nu}(\xi)|P\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Gamma^{\mu \nu\left[U, U^{\prime}\right]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T} ; n, P, S\right)=\left.\int \frac{d \xi \cdot P d^{2} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{T}}{(2 \pi)^{3}} e^{i k \cdot \xi}\langle P, S| F^{n \mu}(0) U_{[0, \xi]} F^{n \nu}(\xi) U_{[\xi, 0]}^{\prime}|P, S\rangle\right|_{\xi \cdot n=0}$

Gauge invariant thanks to the Wilson lines (not unique)
Parametrized in terms of gluon TMDs

## Transverse momentum dependent (light-front) correlation function for gluons


[Dominguez,Marquet,Xiao,Yuan,2011]

## Process dependence!

process dependence, non universality and more:
Leading twist contribution: $\mu$ and $v$ transverse
Gauge link structures:
staple-like
$\Gamma^{\left[U, U^{\prime}\right] i j}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T} ; n, P, S\right)=\left.\int \frac{d \xi \cdot P d^{2} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{T}}{(2 \pi)^{3}}\langle P, S| F^{n i}(0) U_{[0, \xi]} F^{n j}(\xi) U_{[\xi, 0]}^{\prime}|P, S\rangle\right|_{\xi \cdot n=0}$
[Boer, Mulders,Pijlman, 2003;Bomhof, Mulders, Pijlman, 2006]
[Bomhof, Mulders, 2006,Buffing, Mukherjee, Mulders,2012]

## Relevant regions for gluon distributions



## GLUON PDFs

* Large-x: suppressed
* Small-x: dominant


## TARGET SPIN

## Polarized Hadrons

- Parent hadron momentum $P$;
- Parton momentum $k^{\mu}=x P^{\mu}+k_{T}^{\mu}+\left(k \cdot P-x M^{2}\right) n^{\mu}$;
- $n$, light-like vector satisfying $P \cdot n=1$;


## Vector polarization:

- Construction of the space-like spin vector satisfying $P \cdot S=0$;



## Tensor polarization (relevant for spin-I and higher)

- Construction of the symmetric traceless spin tensor satisfying $P_{\mu} T^{\mu \nu}=0$;

$$
\begin{aligned}
T^{\mu \nu}=\frac{1}{2}[ & \frac{2}{3} S_{L L} g_{T}^{\mu \nu}+\frac{4}{3} S_{L L} \frac{P^{\mu} P^{\nu}}{M^{2}}+\frac{S_{L T}^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}}}{M}+S_{T T}^{\mu \nu} \\
& \left.-\frac{4}{3} S_{L L} P^{\{\mu} n^{\nu\}}-M S_{L T}^{\{\mu} n^{\nu\}}+\frac{4}{3} M^{2} S_{L L} n^{\mu} n^{\nu} \frac{P^{\mu} P^{\nu}}{M^{2}}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

- Five more spin components (representing combinations of probability of finding the system in a certain spin state $\rightarrow$ less simple to visualize)
[Bacchetta,PhD Thesis,2002]
[Leader, "Spin in Particle Physics", 200I]


## Gluon TMDs in spin-1/2 target

|  |  | GLUON POLARIZATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Unpolarized | Circular | Linear |
| z | U | $f_{1}$ |  | $h_{1}^{\perp}$ |
| 占 | L |  | $g_{1}$ | $h_{1 L}^{\perp}$ |
| $\underset{\sim}{\text { ¢ }}$ | T | $f_{1 T}^{\perp}$ | $g_{1 T}$ | $h_{1}, h_{1 T}^{\perp}$ |

Spin 0 and 1/2
[Mulders,Rodrigues,2001] [Meissner, Metz and Goeke, 2007]

- The functions have dependence:

$$
f^{\left[U, U^{\prime}\right]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right)
$$

- Bold face: collinear PDFs
- Red Boxes: T-odd

- The gluon Boer-Mulders is T-even
- There is no gluon analogue of the transversity PDF etc...


## Gluon TMDs in spin-1/2 target



Spin 0 and 1/2 [Mulders,Rodrigues,2001] [Meissner, Metz and Goeke, 2007]

$$
U U: \quad g_{T}^{i j} f_{1}
$$

- The functions have dependence:

$$
f^{\left[U, U^{\prime}\right]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right)
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
L L & : \frac{i \epsilon_{T \alpha}^{\{i} k_{T}^{j\} \alpha}}{M^{2}} S_{L} h_{1 L}^{\perp} \\
T U & : \frac{g_{T}^{i j} \epsilon^{k \cdot S_{T}}}{M} f_{1 T}^{\perp} \\
T C & : \frac{i \epsilon_{T}^{i j} k_{T} \cdot S_{T}}{M} g_{1 T}
\end{aligned}
$$

- There is no gluon analogue of the transversity PDF
etc...


## Gluon TMDs in spin-1 target



## Gluon PDFs in spin-1 target

|  |  | GLUON POLARIZATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Unpolarized | Circular | Linear |
|  | U | $f_{1}$ |  |  |
|  | L |  | $g_{1}$ |  |
|  | T |  |  |  |
|  | LL | $f_{1 L}$ |  |  |
|  | LT |  |  |  |
|  | TT |  |  | $h_{1 T T}(x)$ |

## NUCLEAR GLUONOMETRY *

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We identify a new leading twist structure function in QCD which can be measured in deep elastic scattering from polarized targets (such as nuclei) with spin $\geqslant 1$. The structure function measures a gluon distribution in the target and vanishes for a bound state of protons and neutrons, thereby providing a clear signature for exotic gluonic components in the target.

[Detmold,Shanahan,2016]
$\Delta(x)$ Double helicity flip structure function

Probability to find linearly polarized gluons $h_{1 T T}(x)$ inside a transversely tensor polarized target (misleadingly called "gluon transversity")

Lattice calculations
[NPLQCD collaboration,2017]
$h_{1 T T}(x) \quad$ Clear signal of a non-vanishing first Mellin moment
$f_{1 L L}(x) \quad$ With the current precision not resolvable from zero

# POSITIVITY BOUNDS 

## Matrix representation of the correlator

Single out hadron spin:

$$
\rho=\frac{1}{3}\left(I+\frac{3}{2} S^{i} \Sigma^{i}+3 T^{i j} \Sigma^{i j}\right) .
$$

$$
\Gamma^{i j}=\sum_{s s^{\prime}} \rho_{s s^{\prime}} G_{s s^{\prime}}^{i j}
$$

Gamma: matrix in the gluon polarization space G: matrix in gluon $\otimes$ target spin space
Circular polarization bases $| \pm\rangle=\mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|x\rangle \pm i|y\rangle)$;
Quarks:
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { [Bacchetta,Boglione,Henneman, } G^{i j}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}G+7 \\ \text { Mulders,2000] }\end{array}\right. \\ G-+ \\ G--\end{array}\right)$
[Bacchetta, Mulders200I]
Gluons:
[Mulders,Rodrigues,2001]
[Meissner, Metz and Goeke,2007]

## Positivity bounds on gluon TMDs

$6 \times 6$ matrix in gluon $\otimes$ target spin space


$$
\frac{\boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{4}}{2 M^{4}}\left|h_{1 T T}^{\perp \frac{1}{2}}\right| \leq f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}-g_{1}
$$

$$
\frac{\boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}}{2 M^{2}}\left|h_{1}^{\perp}-h_{1 L L}^{\perp}\right| \leq f_{1}-f_{1 L L}
$$

Bounds can be sharpened!

$$
\frac{\boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}}{2 M^{2}}\left(h_{1}^{2}+4 h_{1 L T}^{2}\right) \leq\left(f_{1}-f_{1 L L}\right)\left(f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}+g_{1}\right)
$$

... 6 more inequalities from the remaining $2 \times 2$ principal minors

## Bounds on the gluon PDFs in spin-I targets

Only few gluon functions survive upon integration over transverse momenta:
$G_{s s^{\prime}}^{i j}(x)=$

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ccc:ccc}
f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}-g_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & f_{1}-f_{1 L L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}+g_{1} & -2 h_{1 T T} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -2 h_{1 T T} & f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}+g_{1} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & f_{1}-f_{1 L L} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}-g_{1}
\end{array}\right)
$$

$$
f_{1 L L} \leq f_{1},
$$

Bounds come from the diagonalization of the full matrix

$$
\left|g_{1}\right| \leq f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2},
$$

$$
\left|h_{1 T T}\right| \leq \frac{1}{2}\left(f_{1}+\frac{f_{1 L L}}{2}+g_{1}\right)
$$

Lattice calculations on the first moment of this bound
[Detmold,Shanahan,2016]

REMARKS ON POSITIVITY BOUNDS

- Model-independent inequalities;
- Rigorous test of QCD;
- Allow for an estimate of the magnitude of the functions.

- Process dependence:

The matrix $G$ is positive semidefinite only for operators in the form $\mathrm{O}^{\dagger}(0) \mathrm{O}(\xi)$. The simplest gauge link structures for which this holds are $[+,+],[-,-],[+,-]$, and $[-,+]$;

- QCD evolution effects:

Multi-scale evolution: no studies have been performed on the (in)stability of the TMD bounds after evolution.


Collinear bounds are stable under DGLAP equations

# EXPERIMENTAL 

 RELEVANCE
## Experimental relevance at present facilities:

## Spin-I program at JLab:

- Proposals on tensor polarized experiments using nitrogen targets: extraction of the gluon structure function $\Delta$ (encouraged for full submission at JLab by PAC 44)


## In the future...

Possibilities at LHC:

- COMPASS and AFTER@LHC (it allows, in principle, for polarized targets)


Electron Ion Collider EIC

- Would allow to thoroughly study many gluon observables.

CONCLUSIONS

## Conclusions

- Gluon TMDs are fundamental tools to understand hadron internal structure (3D distribution of momentum);
- Their knowledge would reveal a lot about the internal dynamics of gluons in hadrons, which is at present almost unknown;
- TMDs allows one to study fundamental problems such as gauge invariance and process dependence.
- Gluon distributions (PDFs and TMDs) are dominant is in the small-x limit: it is important that future facilities access this kinematical region.
- When hadron polarization is included, the additional degrees of freedom could open up a wide range of new phenomena (signs of different types of partonhadron correlations);
- Positivity bounds can be used as model-independent tools to estimate magnitude of mainly unknown functions.
- "Exotic" or non-nucleonic gluonic effects within nuclei would also allow to study more thoroughly the binding between the constituents;


## Thank you!

## BACK UP SLIDES

|  | Unpolarized | Longitudinal | Transverse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\mathbf{1}}$ |  | $h_{1}^{\perp}$ |
| L |  | $\boldsymbol{g}_{\mathbf{1}}$ | $h_{1 L}^{\perp}$ |
| T | $f_{1 T}^{\perp}$ | $g_{1 T}$ | $\boldsymbol{h}_{\mathbf{1}}, h_{1 T}^{\perp}$ |
| LL | $\boldsymbol{f}_{\mathbf{1 L \boldsymbol { L }}}$ |  | $h_{1 L L}^{\perp}$ |
| LT | $f_{1 L T}$ | $g_{1 L T}$ | $h_{1 L T}, h_{1 L T}^{\perp}$ |
| TT | $f_{1 T T}$ | $g_{1 T T}$ | $h_{1 T T}, h_{1 T T}^{\perp}$ |

Functions depend on: $f^{q[U]}\left(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{T}^{2}\right)$

Bold-face: Collinear

Red Box: T-odd

Spin-orbit correlations: Sivers function Boer-Mulders function


$$
\boldsymbol{s} \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{P} \times \boldsymbol{k}_{T}\right) \quad \boldsymbol{s} \cdot\left(\boldsymbol{P} \times \boldsymbol{k}_{T}\right)
$$

- $h_{1 L T}$ is T-odd and survives $\mathrm{k}_{\text {T-integration }}$
$-f_{14}$ enters in the spin-1 structure function ${ }_{30} b_{1}$


## Parametrization of the gluon correlator:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma^{i j[U]}\left(x, k_{T}\right)=\frac{x}{2}\left\{-g_{T}^{i j} f_{1}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+\frac{k_{T}^{i j}}{M^{2}} h_{1}^{\perp}{ }^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \Gamma_{L}^{i j[U]}\left(x, k_{T}\right)=\frac{x}{2}\left\{i \epsilon_{T}^{i j} S_{L} g_{1}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+\frac{\epsilon_{T \alpha}^{\{i} k_{T}^{j\} \alpha}}{M^{2}} S_{L} h_{1 L}^{\perp[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \Gamma_{T}^{i j[U]}\left(x, k_{T}\right)=\frac{x}{2}\left\{\frac{g_{T}^{i j} \epsilon_{T}^{k S_{T}}}{M} f_{1 T}^{\perp[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)-\frac{i \epsilon_{T}^{i j} k_{T} \cdot S_{T}}{M} g_{1 T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right. \\
& \left.-\frac{\epsilon_{T}^{k\{i} S_{T}^{j\}}+\epsilon_{T}^{S_{T}\{i} k_{T}^{j\}}}{4 M} h_{1}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)-\frac{\epsilon_{T \alpha}^{\{i} k_{T}^{j\} \alpha S_{T}}}{2 M^{3}} h_{1 T}^{\perp}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \Gamma_{L L}^{i j[U]]}\left(x, k_{T}\right)=\frac{x}{2}\left\{-g_{T}^{i j} S_{L L} f_{1 L L}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+\frac{k_{T}^{i j}}{M^{2}} S_{L L} h_{1 L L}^{\perp[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \Gamma_{L T}^{i j[U]}\left(x, k_{T}\right)=\frac{x}{2}\left\{-g_{T}^{i j} \frac{k_{T} \cdot S_{L T}}{M} f_{1 L T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+i \epsilon_{T}^{i j} \frac{\epsilon_{T}^{S_{L T} k}}{M} g_{1 L T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+\frac{S_{L T}^{\{i} k_{T}^{j\}}}{M} h_{1 L T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+\frac{k_{T}^{i j \alpha} S_{L T \alpha}}{M^{3}} h_{1 L T}^{\perp[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \Gamma_{T T}^{i j[U]}\left(x, k_{T}\right)=\frac{x}{2}\left\{-g_{T}^{i j} \frac{k_{T}^{\alpha \beta} S_{T T \alpha \beta}}{M^{2}} f_{1 T T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+i \epsilon_{T}^{i j} \frac{\epsilon_{T \gamma}^{\beta} k_{T}^{\gamma \alpha} S_{T T \alpha \beta}}{M^{2}} g_{1 T T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right. \\
& +S_{T T}^{i j} h_{1 T T}^{[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)+\frac{S_{T T \alpha}^{\{i} k_{T}^{j\} \alpha}}{M^{2}} h_{1 T T}^{\perp[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right) \\
& \left.+\frac{k_{T}^{i j \alpha \beta} S_{T T \alpha \beta}}{M^{4}} h_{1 T T}^{\perp \perp[U]}\left(x, k_{T}^{2}\right)\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Density matrix

$$
\begin{gathered}
\rho=\frac{1}{3}\left(I+\frac{3}{2} S^{i} \Sigma^{i}+3 T^{i j} \Sigma^{i j}\right) \\
\rho=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\frac{S_{L}}{2}+\frac{S_{L L}}{3}+\frac{1}{3} & \frac{S_{L T x}-i S_{L T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}}+\frac{S_{T x}-i S_{T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2}\left(S_{T T x x}-i S_{T T x y}\right) \\
\frac{S_{L T x}+i S_{L T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}}+\frac{S_{T x}+i S_{T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{3}-\frac{2 S L L}{3} & \frac{S_{L T x}+i S_{L T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}}+\frac{S_{T x}-i S_{T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}} \\
\frac{1}{2}\left(S_{T T x x}+i S_{T T x y}\right) & \frac{-S_{L T x}-i S_{L T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}}+\frac{S_{T x}+i S_{T y}}{2 \sqrt{2}} & -\frac{S_{L}}{2}+\frac{S_{L L}}{3}+\frac{1}{3}
\end{array}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Positivity bounds: construction of the matrix

$$
\begin{aligned}
& G=\frac{x}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
A & B \\
B^{\dagger} & C
\end{array}\right) \quad \mathrm{C} \text { is the transformed of } \mathrm{A} \text { under Parity }
\end{aligned}
$$

