Current status of spin-dependent parton distributions

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Finding 1: An EIC can uniquely address three profound questions about nucleons—neutrons and protons—and how they are assembled to form the nuclei of atoms:

- How does the mass of the nucleon arise?
- How does the spin of the nucleon arise?
- What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?

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Ok ... QCD is more complicated: "Spin crisis challenge"

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Moments of helicity distributions

A big community working on the challenge

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Kovchegov, Sievert, Pitonyak ('17)

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Hatta, Nakagawa, Xiao, Yuan, Zhao ('17)



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Lattice QCD



Alexandrou et al., (ETMC) ('17)

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- Striped segments:
 - \rightarrow connected contributions
- Solid segments:
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Global analyses

Valence polarization



- MC sampling approach
- \blacksquare All $\Delta {\rm DIS}$ data with $W^2>4{\rm GeV}^2$
- Constraints on twist-3 distributions
- \blacksquare No sign of $\Delta d(x)/d(x) \rightarrow 1$

NS, Melnitchouk, Kuhn, Ethier, Accardi ('15)



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Gluon polarization



De Florian, Sassot, Stratmann, Vogelsang ('14)

 $\blacksquare Single fit method + Lagrange$



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Nocera ('17)







Xu (spin 18)





Strange polarization

Most of existing analysis on $\Delta PDFs$ used additional constraints

Neutron decay
$$\rightarrow \int_0^1 dx \ (\Delta u^+ - \Delta d^+) = g_A$$

Hyperon decay $\rightarrow \int_0^1 dx \ (\Delta u^+ + \Delta d^+ - 2\Delta s^+) = g_8$



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Summary and outlook

From spin crisis to spin challenge:

- \rightarrow a growing community exploring QCD
- From global analysis to universal analysis: → TMDs, GPDs

■ From single fits to MC methods: → a paradigm shift