Exploring patonic structures through the Target Fragmentation in SIDIS

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‣ How is the momentum/spin of a nucleon distributed among quarks and

- gluons?
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Questions:

One of the main goals in HERA, JLab, Compass, EIC, EicC…

Quark and gluon internal motion

‣ Are there correlations between their momentum and spin orientations?

Nucleon tomography

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Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering

‣ Dominated by the hard scattering on a collinear parton

- \cdot Collinear factorization: $\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes f_{a/P}(x,\mu^2)$
- ‣ However, too inclusive, lose information:
	- Fragmentation, final-state interactions
	- Transverse-momentum dependence

- Soft gluons cancel

Vanishing correlations in inclusive DIS

Single transverse spin asymmetry

$$
A_N \propto d\sigma(\vec{S}_\perp) - d\sigma(-\vec{S}_\perp)
$$

- ‣ T-odd effects
- ‣ Require final/initial-state interactions

Vanish after the k_T -integration No associated collinear PDF

Otherwise, prohibited by time reversal invariance

Example 2 Example 2 Exchange Controller gluons

‣ Require a transverse reference direction

e.g. the initial parton $k_T^{}$ [Mulders, Rodrigues, 2001]

$$
\langle P|F^{+\mu}F^{+\nu}|P\rangle\propto g_\perp^{\mu\nu}f_1^g-\frac{1}{M^2}\Big(k_\perp^\mu k_\perp^\nu+g_\perp^{\mu\nu}\frac{{\bm k}_\perp^2}{2}\Big)h_1^{\perp g}
$$

See e.g. the talk by *Cristian Pisano*

Semi-inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering

- ‣ Fragmentation of partons
- \cdot A tunable transverse momentum, $\vec{P}_{h\perp}$
	- azimuthal correlation from the final/initial state

 \odot SIDIS: a final-state hadron (P_h) is detected

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• 18 structure functions:

$$
\frac{d\sigma}{dx_B dy dz dP_{hT}^2 d\phi_h d\phi_S}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{\alpha^2}{x_B y Q^2} \frac{y^2}{2(1-\epsilon)} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2x_B}\right)
$$
\nLinearly polarized gluons, Boer-Mulder quar\n
$$
\times \left\{ F_{UU,T} + \epsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon (1+\epsilon)} F_{UU}^{\cos \phi_h} \cos \phi_h + \epsilon F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} \cos 2\phi_h + \lambda_e \sqrt{2\epsilon (1-\epsilon)} F_{LU}^{\sin \phi_h} \sin \phi_h \right.
$$
\n
$$
+ S_L \left[\sqrt{2\epsilon (1+\epsilon)} F_{UL}^{\sin \phi_h} \sin \phi_h + \epsilon F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h} \sin 2\phi_h \right] + \lambda_e S_L \left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\epsilon (1-\epsilon)} F_{LL}^{\cos \phi_h} \cos \phi_h \right]
$$
\n
$$
+ S_T \left[\left(F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \epsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right) \sin (\phi_h - \phi_S) + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \sin (\phi_h + \phi_S)
$$
\n
$$
+ \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \sin (2\phi_h - \phi_S) \right]
$$
\n
$$
+ \lambda_e S_T \left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \cos (\phi_h - \phi_S) \right]
$$
\nSingle transverse spin, from e.g. Sivers effects\n
$$
+ \sqrt{2\epsilon (1-\epsilon)} F_{LT}^{\cos \phi_S} \cos \phi_S + \sqrt{2\epsilon (1-\epsilon)} F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \cos (2\phi_h - \phi_S) \right]
$$

SIDIS differential cross section Bacchetta et al JHEP 02 (2007) 093.

Linearly polarized gluons, Boer-Mulder quark

Single transverse spin, from e.g. Sivers effects,

Two regions in SIDIS

➡ Different interpretations for an azimuthal correlation

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Current Fragmentation Region (CFR)

 \bullet Collinear factorization: $P_{h_+}\gg \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ $\sigma \propto H(Q, P_{h\perp}) \otimes f_{a/P}(x,\mu^2) \otimes D_{h/b}(z,\mu^2) \ .$ \blacklozenge TMD factorization: $P_{h\perp} \ll Q$ $\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes f_{a/P}\bigl(x, k_{\perp}, \mu^2\bigr) \otimes D_{h/b}\bigl(z, p_{\perp}, \mu^2\bigr).$

- Because of k_T , there are more TMDs than collinear PDFs
	- Accommodate Sivers-effects, linearly polarized gluons, Boer-Mulder effects, etc.
- However, soft-gluon radiations play an important role
	- Sudakov effects
	- May generate asymmetries
		- contaminate the interpretations
		- See e.g.. Hatta-Xiao-Yuan-Zhou, PRD 104, 054037 (2021).

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Is there a probe:

Figure 12 Free of soft-gluon contributions, like inclusive DIS

M Accommodate various correlation effects like TMDs

Target Fragmentation Region (TFR)

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• Fragmented from **the remnants of the target**, after a parton was struck out

Strong correlations between the initial patrons and the final hadron

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[Berera-Soper *PRD 53 (1996) 6162*]

 $\lambda n) \mathcal{L}_n^{\dagger} (\lambda n)]_j |X P_h\rangle \langle P_h X | [\mathcal{L}_n(0) \psi(0)]_i | PS \rangle.$

Fracture functions

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\text{Operator definition for collinear quark: } \text{[Ber} \\
\mathcal{F}_{ij}(x,\xi_h,P_{h\perp}) &\xi_h = \frac{P_h^+}{P^+} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\xi_h(2\pi)^3}\int \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi}e^{-ixP^+\lambda}\sum_X \langle PS|[\bar{\psi}(\lambda
$$

SIDIS Factorization in the TFR

\bullet Collinear factorization: $\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes$

$$
k_{a\perp}\ll Q\ ,\ \text{thus neglected}
$$

*k*_{a⊥}-integrated fracture functions

◆ Collinear fracture functions: probe the nucleon structure by correlations between the initial state and final state

➡ Azimuthal correlations between $P_{h\perp}$ and the parton/nucleon polarizations

- Hard scattering, as simple as in inclusive DIS
	- ‣ Soft-gluon cancellation

$$
\Im \mathcal{F}_a(x,\xi,P_{h\perp}) \qquad \text{Collins \; PRD 57 (1998) 3051}
$$
\n
$$
\Box
$$

- parametrization analogous to TMDs

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Anselmino-Barone-Kotzinian, PLB 699 (2011) 108

Quark polarization

Twist-2: Quark contributions

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Quark polarization

- ‣ Chiral even
- ‣ Four structure functions

$$
F_{UU,T} = x_B u_1, \t F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} = \frac{|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{M} x_B u_{1T}^h,
$$

$$
F_{LL} = x_B l_{1L}, \t F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} = \frac{|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{M} x_B l_{1T}^h.
$$

➡ Gluonic contributions and Twist-3 effects (e.g., Linearly polarized gluons)

The other 14 structure functions?

Anselmino-Barone-Kotzinian, PLB 699 (2011) 108

Gluonic contributions

Gluon polarization

Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 05 (2024) 298

 $\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta} \propto \sum_{Y} \langle PS | (G^{+\alpha}(\lambda n) \mathcal{L}_n^{\dagger}(\lambda n))^a | X P_h \rangle \langle P_h X | (\mathcal{L}_n(0) G^{+\beta}(0))^a | PS \rangle$

 \blacklozenge Four of them mix with quark, only to yield the $\alpha_{\rm s}$ -corrections to the four structure functions at tree level

 $F_{UU,T}\ ,\ F_{LL}\ ,\ F^{\sin(\phi_h-\phi_s)}_{UT,T}\ ,\ F^{\cos(\phi_n-\phi_s)}_{LT}$

- ‣ Start from one loop
- ‣ Eight gluonic fracture functions at twist 2

Gluonic contributions

Gluon polarization

Linearly polarized gluo Do not mix with quark!

✦ These four generate four unique azimuthal modulations, without quark's interference !

 $F_{UU}^{\cos2\phi_h}$, $F_{UL}^{\sin2\phi_h}$, $F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi)}$

Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 05 (2024) 298

 $\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta} \propto \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle PS | (G^{+\alpha}(\lambda n) \mathcal{L}_n^{\dagger}(\lambda n))^a | XP_h \rangle \langle P_h X | (\mathcal{L}_n(0) G^{+\beta}(0))^a | PS \rangle$

$$
\mathcal{M}_{U}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} g_{\perp}^{\alpha\beta} u_{1g} + \frac{1}{2M^2} \left(P_{h\perp}^{\alpha} P_{h\perp}^{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} g_{\perp}^{\alpha\beta} P_{h\perp}^2 \right) t_{1g}^h
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{L}^{\alpha\beta} = S_L \left(i \frac{\epsilon_{\perp}^{\alpha\beta}}{2} l_{1gL} + \frac{\tilde{P}_{h\perp}^{\{\alpha} P_{h\perp}^{\beta\}}}{4M^2} t_{1gL}^h \right)
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{T}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{g_{\perp}^{\alpha\beta}}{2} \frac{P_{h\perp} \cdot \tilde{S}_{\perp}}{M} u_{1gT}^h + \frac{P_{h\perp} \cdot S_{\perp}}{M} i \frac{\epsilon_{\perp}^{\alpha\beta}}{2} l_{1gT}^h
$$
\n
$$
- \frac{P_{h\perp} \cdot S_{\perp}}{M} \frac{\tilde{P}_{h\perp}^{\{\alpha} P_{h\perp}^{\beta\}}}{4M^2} t_{1gT}^h + \frac{\tilde{P}_{h\perp}^{\{\alpha} S_{\perp}^{\beta\}} + \tilde{S}_{\perp}^{\{\alpha} P_{h\perp}^{\beta\}}}{8M} t_1
$$

$$
^{\phi_h-\phi_S)}\ ,F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h+\phi_S)}
$$

Four azimuthal modulations uniquely determined by gluons

- ‣ Free of quark contributions to all loops;
	- ➡ Provide unique probes into gluon dynamics
- ‣ CFR: the Collins mechanism through the quark channels

$$
F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} = -\frac{\alpha_s T_F}{2\pi} x_B \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^{1-\xi_h} \frac{dz}{z} \left(\frac{x_B}{z}\right)^2 \frac{P_{h\perp}^2}{2M^2} t_{1g}^h (z, \xi_h, P_{h\perp}), \qquad \text{T-even}, \quad \text{linear polarized gluons}
$$
\n
$$
F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h} = \frac{\alpha_s T_F}{2\pi} x_B \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^{1-\xi_h} \frac{dz}{z} \left(\frac{x_B}{z}\right)^2 \frac{P_{h\perp}^2}{2M^2} t_{1gL}^h (z, \xi_h, P_{h\perp}),
$$
\n
$$
F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S)} = \frac{\alpha_s T_F}{2\pi} x_B \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^{1-\xi_h} \frac{dz}{z} \left(\frac{x_B}{z}\right)^2 \frac{P_{h\perp}^3}{4M^3} t_{1gT}^h (z, \xi_h, P_{h\perp}), \qquad \text{T-odd, single spin asymmetry}
$$
\n
$$
F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} = \frac{\alpha_s T_F}{2\pi} x_B \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^{1-\xi_h} \frac{dz}{z} \left(\frac{x_B}{z}\right)^2 \frac{P_{h\perp}^1}{2M} \left[t_{1gT}(z, \xi_h, P_{h\perp}) + \frac{P_{h\perp}^2}{2M^2} t_{1gT}^h (z, \xi_h, P_{h\perp})\right]
$$

Novel contributions from linearly polarized gluons

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Hadrons in TFR: a polarizing filter for gluons

‣ However, it can serves as a polarizing filter to select the initial gluons with linear polarizations

- The TFR hadron dose not directly participate in the hard scattering
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Unpolarized gluon/quarks

 $4T_Fz\bar{z}u_{1gT}^h\left(z,\xi_h,P_{h\perp}\right) + 2C_Fzu_{1T}^h\left(z,\xi_h,P_{h\perp}\right)\Big]$

Sivers-type gluon/quark

Longitudinal photon

At one loop,

$$
F_{UU,L} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} x_B \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^{1-\xi_h} \frac{dz}{z} [4T_F]
$$

$$
F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{P_{h\perp}}{M} x_B \sum_{q,\bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_{x_B}^{1-\xi_h} \frac{dz}{z} \Big[4
$$

- \cdot Hard coefficients are the same as F_L in the inclusive DIS
- TFR: $\sigma_{L}/\sigma_{T} \propto \alpha_{s}$ at twist-2
- \triangleright CFR: the twist-4 TMDs at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$

$\{z\bar{z}u_{1g}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right)+2C_{F}zu_{1}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right)\}\$

‣ Not independent, related by QCD equations of motion ‣Expressed with the twist-3 quark distributions only: $\mathcal{M}^{\left[\gamma_\perp^\mu\right]}=\frac{1}{P^+}\bigg(P^\mu_{h\perp}u^h-S_L\tilde{P}^\mu_{h\perp}u^h_L-\tilde{S}^\mu_\perp M u_T-\frac{P^\mu_{h\perp}P^\nu_{h\perp}-\frac{1}{2}P^2_{h\perp}g^{\mu\nu}_\perp}{M}\tilde{S}_{\perp\nu}u^h_T\bigg)$ $\mathcal{M}^{\left[\gamma_{\perp}^{\mu}\gamma_{5}\right]}=\frac{1}{P^{+}}\Big(\tilde{P}_{h\perp}^{\mu}l^{h}+S_{L}P_{\perp}^{\mu}l_{L}^{h}+S_{\perp}^{\mu}Ml_{T}-\frac{P_{h\perp}^{\mu}P_{h\perp}^{\nu}-\frac{1}{2}P_{h\perp}^{2}g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}}{M}S_{\perp\nu}l_{T}^{h}\Big)$

Twist-3 contributions

"Fast moving quark" + "slowly moving" gluon "slowly moving" quark

Higher-twist effects are non-trivial even at tree level:

Chen-Ma-Tong, PRD 108 (2023) 9, 9

 $\tilde{a}^{\mu}\equiv\epsilon_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}a_{\nu}$ $\,M\,$

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Eight structure functions contribute at twist-3, which are all missing at twist-2.

$$
F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} = -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 u^h
$$

$$
F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h} = \sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 l^h
$$

$$
F_{UL}^{\sin\phi_h} = -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 u_L^h
$$

$$
F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_h} = -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 l_L^h
$$

Twist-3 contributions

‣ Connected to multi-parton correlations; Have no simple probability interpretation.

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$$
F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S} = -\sum_{q} e_q^2 \frac{2M}{Q} x_B^2 u_T
$$

\n
$$
F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} = -\sum_{q} e_q^2 \frac{\vec{P}_{h\perp}^2}{QM} x_B^2 u_T^h
$$

\n
$$
F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_S} = -\sum_{q} e_q^2 \frac{2M}{Q} x_B^2 l_T
$$

\n
$$
F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} = -\sum_{q} e_q^2 \frac{\vec{P}_{h\perp}^2}{QM} x_B^2 l_T^h
$$

$$
\Sigma(\theta,\phi)=\sum_h\int d\sigma^{e+N\to e+h+X}\frac{E_h}{E_N}\delta\big(\theta^2-\theta_h^2\big)\delta(\phi-\phi_h)
$$

DIS energy pattern in the TFR

‣ The factorization of SIDIS can be extended to the DIS energy pattern: [*Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP* 08 (2024) 227]

• Energy pattern in the TFR, factorized with **nucleon-energy correlator** [Liu-Zhu PRL 130, 2023]

[Meng-Olness-Soper NPB 371 (1992) 79]

- Clearer probe, less sensitivity to the non-perturbative effects in final-state
-
- ✓All 18 energy-pattern structure functions are derived

✓using the sum rule between fracture function and nucleon-energy correlator

■ SIDIS in the TFR

- ‣ Fracture function:
	- Probe the nucleon structure through the correlation between the initial state and the final state
	- ‣ All eighteen structure functions are derived in terms of fracture functions
		- Gluonic contributions and higher-twist effects
		- Hadrons in the TFR: a polarizing filter for gluons
- ‣ Extended to the DIS energy pattern in the TFR using the connection between fracture function and nucleon-energy correlator

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- One-to-one correspondence Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 08 (2024) 227, [2406.08559](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.08559)
- Parton-level proxy

Nucleon energy correlator Liu-Zhu PRL 130, 2023

$$
\mathcal{M}_{ij,\text{EEC}}^q(x,\theta,\phi) = \int \frac{d\eta^-}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+\eta^-} \langle PS|\bar{\psi}_j(\eta^-)\mathcal{L}_n^\dagger(\eta^-)\mathcal{E}(\theta,\phi)\mathcal{L}_n(0)\psi_i(0)|PS\rangle
$$

$$
\mathcal{E}(\theta,\phi)|X\rangle = \sum_{a\in X}\delta(\theta^2-\theta_a^2)\delta(\phi-\phi_a)\frac{E_a}{E_N}|X\rangle
$$

Fracture functions are the parents functions of nucleon energy correlator

$$
\mathcal{M}_{ij,\mathrm{EEC}}^q(x,\theta,\phi)=\sum_h\int_0^{1-x}\xi_h d\xi_h\int d^2\textbf{\textit{P}}_{h\perp}\delta\big(\theta^2-\theta_h^2\big)\delta(\phi-\phi_h)\mathcal{M}_{ij,\mathrm{FrF}}^q(x,\xi_h,\textbf{\textit{P}}_{h\perp})
$$

Backup:

In the intermediate $P_{h\perp}$ region, how are the two approaches should be consistent

Chen-Ma-Tong JHEP 11 (2021) 038

Backup:

Matching of Fracture Functions at large $P_{h\perp}$

Quark fracture functions at large *Ph*[⊥]

Need a non-trivial phase to be generated in the

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$$
(x, \xi_h, P_{h\perp}^2) = \int_{\frac{\xi_h}{1-x}}^1 \frac{dz}{z^2} \int_x^1 dy \delta(x + \xi_h/z - y) \frac{\alpha_s z^2}{2\pi^2 \xi_h P_{h\perp}^2}
$$

$$
\times \left[C_F \frac{x^2 + y^2}{y^2} d_{h/g}(z) q(y) + T_F \left(1 - \frac{x}{y} \right) \left[\frac{x^2}{y^2} + \left(1 - \frac{x}{y} \right)^2 \right] d_{h/\bar{q}}(z) g(y) \right]
$$

Backup:

TMD fracture functions & Dihadron production

$\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes \mathcal{F}$ **★TMD factorization:**

The hadron $\,P_{h_2\perp}$ in the CFR can resolve the initial *ka*[⊥]

 $k_{a\perp}$ un-integrated \rightarrow TMD fracture functions

$$
\overline{h}_a(x, k_\perp, \xi, P_{h\perp})
$$

- Spin-dependence: Anselmino-Barone-Kotzinian, PLB 699 (2011) 108
- TMD Evolutions: Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 10 (2019) *285*
- Diffraction and small-X: Hatta-Xiao-Yuan PRD 106 (2022) 094015 Hatta-Yuan PLB 854 (2024) 138738

PLB 706, 46 (2011); PLB 713, 317 (2012).

•Beam-spin asymmetry

Iancu-Mueller-Triantafyllopoulos, PRL. 128 (2022) 202001

Backup: