Exploring patonic structures through the Target Fragmentation in SIDIS

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Nucleon tomography



Questions:

- gluons?



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



Quark and gluon internal motion

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

• Are there correlations between their momentum and spin orientations?



Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering



Inclusive DIS: \bigcirc

Dominated by the hard scattering on a collinear parton

- Soft gluons cancel

- 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



Vanishing correlations in inclusive DIS

Single transverse spin asymmetry

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

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

Otherwise, prohibited by time reversal invariance

Linearly polarized gluons



Require a transverse reference direction

e.g. the initial parton k_T [Mulders, Rodrigues, 2001]

$$\langle P|F^{+\mu}F^{+
u}|P
angle \propto g_{\perp}^{\mu
u}f_1^g - rac{1}{M^2}\Big(k_{\perp}^{\mu}k_{\perp}^{
u}+g_{\perp}^{\mu
u}rac{m k_{\perp}^2}{2}\Big)h_1^{\perp g}$$

Vanish after the k_T -integration

No associated collinear PDF





Semi-inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering



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

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





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

• 18 structure functions:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}x_{B}\mathrm{d}y\mathrm{d}z\mathrm{d}P_{hT}^{2}\mathrm{d}\phi_{h}\mathrm{d}\phi_{S}}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^{2}}{x_{B}yQ^{2}}\frac{y^{2}}{2(1-\epsilon)}\left(1+\frac{\gamma^{2}}{2x_{B}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^{2}}{x_{B}yQ^{2}}\frac{y^{2}}{2(1-\epsilon)}\left(1+\frac{\gamma^{2}}{2x_{B}}\right)$$

$$\times \left\{F_{UU,T} + \epsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_{h}}\cos\phi_{h} + \epsilon F_{UU}^{\cos2\phi_{h}}\cos2\phi_{h} + \lambda_{e}\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_{h}}\sin\phi_{h} + S_{L}\left[\sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}F_{UL}^{\sin\phi_{h}}\sin\phi_{h} + \epsilon F_{UL}^{\sin2\phi_{h}}\sin2\phi_{h}\right] + \lambda_{e}S_{L}\left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^{2}}F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_{h}}\cos\phi_{h}\right]$$

$$+ S_{T}\left[\left(F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})} + \epsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}\right)\sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S}) + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{h}+\phi_{S})}\sin(\phi_{h}+\phi_{S}) + \epsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}\sin(3\phi_{h}-\phi_{S}) + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_{S}}\sin\phi_{S} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}\sin(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})\right]\right)$$

$$+ \lambda_{e}S_{T}\left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^{2}}F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}\cos(\phi_{h}-\phi_{S}) - \frac{1}{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}\cos(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})\right]\right]$$

$$+ \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_{S}}\cos\phi_{S} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})}\cos(2\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})\right]$$



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Two regions in SIDIS



Different interpretations for an azimuthal correlation



Current Fragmentation Region (CFR)



• Collinear factorization: $P_{h_{\perp}} \gg \Lambda_{
m QCD}$ $\sigma \propto H(Q, P_{h\perp}) \otimes f_{a/P}(x, \mu^2) \otimes D_{h/b}(z, \mu^2)$ • TMD factorization: $P_{h\perp} \ll Q$ $\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes f_{a/P}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \mu^2) \otimes D_{h/b}(z, \mathbf{p}_{\perp}, \mu^2)$



- 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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Target Fragmentation Region (TFR)



Solution Is there a probe:

Free of soft-gluon contributions, like inclusive DIS

Accommodate various correlation effects like TMDs

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Target Fragmentation Region (TFR)



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



Strong correlations between the initial patrons and the final hadron



Fracture functions

$$egin{aligned} ext{Operator definition for collinear quark: [Berlevel] & \mathcal{F}_{ij}(x,\xi_h,P_{h\perp}) & \xi_h = rac{P_h^+}{P^+} \ =& rac{1}{2\xi_h(2\pi)^3} \int rac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+\lambda} \sum_X \langle PS | [ar{\psi}(\lambda)) \rangle \, . \end{aligned}$$



rera-Soper *PRD 53 (1996) 6162*]

 $\lambda n) {\cal L}_n^\dagger (\lambda n)]_j |XP_h
angle \langle P_h X| [{\cal L}_n(0)\psi(0)]_i |PS
angle |V|$



SIDIS Factorization in the TFR



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

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

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

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

- parametrization analogous to TMDs

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

k_{a+} -integrated fracture functions

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

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Twist-2: Quark contributions

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

Quark polarization

Nucleon polarization		U	L	Т
	U	u_1		t_1^h
	L		l_{1L}	t^h_{1L}
	Т	u^h_{1T}	l^h_{1T}	t_1,t_{1T}^h
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Twist-2: Quark contributions

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

Quark polarization





- Chiral even
- Four structure functions

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

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

The other 14 structure functions?

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



Gluonic contributions

Gluon polarization



+ Four of them mix with quark, only to yield the α_{s} -corrections to the four structure functions at tree level

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

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

 $\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta} \propto \sum_{V} \langle PS| (G^{+\alpha}(\lambda n) \mathcal{L}_{n}^{\dagger}(\lambda n))^{a} | XP_{h} \rangle \langle P_{h}X| (\mathcal{L}_{n}(0) G^{+\beta}(0))^{a} | PS \rangle$



- 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 !

 $F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h}~,F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_h}~,F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_h)}$

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

 $\mathcal{M}^{\alpha\beta} \propto \sum_{W} \langle PS | (G^{+\alpha}(\lambda n) \mathcal{L}_{n}^{\dagger}(\lambda n))^{a} | XP_{h} \rangle \langle P_{h}X | (\mathcal{L}_{n}(0) G^{+\beta}(0))^{a} | PS \rangle$

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

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







Novel contributions from linearly polarized gluons

Four azimuthal modulations uniquely determined by gluons

$$F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_{h}} = -\frac{\alpha_{s}T_{F}}{2\pi}x_{B}\sum_{q,\bar{q}}e_{q}^{2}\int_{x_{B}}^{1-\xi_{h}}\frac{dz}{z}\left(\frac{x_{B}}{z}\right)^{2}\frac{P_{h\perp}^{2}}{2M^{2}}t_{1g}^{h}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right), \qquad \text{T-even, linear polarized gluons in an unpolarized target}$$

$$F_{UL}^{\sin 2\phi_{h}} = \frac{\alpha_{s}T_{F}}{2\pi}x_{B}\sum_{q,\bar{q}}e_{q}^{2}\int_{x_{B}}^{1-\xi_{h}}\frac{dz}{z}\left(\frac{x_{B}}{z}\right)^{2}\frac{P_{h\perp}^{2}}{2M^{2}}t_{1gL}^{h}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right), \qquad \text{T-even, linear polarized gluons in an unpolarized target}$$

$$F_{UL}^{\sin(3\phi_{h}-\phi_{S})} = \frac{\alpha_{s}T_{F}}{2\pi}x_{B}\sum_{q,\bar{q}}e_{q}^{2}\int_{x_{B}}^{1-\xi_{h}}\frac{dz}{z}\left(\frac{x_{B}}{z}\right)^{2}\frac{P_{h\perp}^{3}}{4M^{3}}t_{1gT}^{h}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right), \qquad \text{T-odd, single spin asymmetry}$$

$$F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{h}+\phi_{S})} = \frac{\alpha_{s}T_{F}}{2\pi}x_{B}\sum_{q,\bar{q}}e_{q}^{2}\int_{x_{B}}^{1-\xi_{h}}\frac{dz}{z}\left(\frac{x_{B}}{z}\right)^{2}\frac{P_{h\perp}^{3}}{2M}\left[t_{1gT}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right) + \frac{P_{h\perp}^{2}}{2M^{2}}t_{1gT}^{h}\left(z,\xi_{h},P_{h\perp}\right)\right]$$

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

	Gluon polarization					
c		U	L	Т		
Nucleon polarizatio	U	u_{1g}		t^h_{1g}		
	L		l_{1gL}	t^h_{1gL}		
	т	u^h_{1gT}	l^h_{1gT}	t_{1gT},t_{1gT}^{h}		



Hadrons in TFR: a polarizing filter for gluons



- The TFR hadron dose not directly participate in the hard scattering

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



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Longitudinal photon

At one loop,

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

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

- Hard coefficients are the same as F_L in the inclusive DIS
- TFR: $\sigma_L / \sigma_T \propto \alpha_s$ at twist-2
- CFR: the twist-4 TMDs at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$

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

Unpolarized gluon/quarks

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

Sivers-type gluon/quark





Twist-3 contributions

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

"Fast moving quark" + "slowly moving" gluon



Not independent, related by QCD equations of motion •Expressed with the twist-3 quark distributions only: $\mathcal{M}^{\left[\gamma_{\perp}^{\mu}\right]} = \frac{1}{P^{+}} \left(P_{h\perp}^{\mu} u^{h} - S_{L} \tilde{P}_{h\perp}^{\mu} u_{L}^{h} - \tilde{S}_{\perp}^{\mu} M u_{T} \right)$ $\mathcal{M}^{\left[\gamma_{\perp}^{\mu}\gamma_{5}\right]} = \frac{1}{P^{+}} \Big(\tilde{P}_{h\perp}^{\mu} l^{h} + S_{L} P_{\perp}^{\mu} l_{L}^{h} + S_{\perp}^{\mu} M l_{T}$

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



$$-\frac{P_{h\perp}^{\mu}P_{h\perp}^{\nu}-\frac{1}{2}P_{h\perp}^{2}g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}}{M}\tilde{S}_{\perp\nu}u_{T}^{h}\Big) \\ -\frac{P_{h\perp}^{\mu}P_{h\perp}^{\nu}-\frac{1}{2}P_{h\perp}^{2}g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}}{M}S_{\perp\nu}l_{T}^{h}\Big) \qquad \tilde{a}^{\mu}\equiv\epsilon_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}a_{\nu}$$





Twist-3 contributions

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

$$\begin{split} F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_h} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 u^h \\ F_{LU}^{\sin\phi_h} &= \sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 l^h \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} F_{UL}^{\sin\phi_h} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 u_L^h \\ F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_h} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2|\vec{P}_{h\perp}|}{Q} x_B^2 l_L^h \end{split}$$

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

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

$$\begin{split} F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_S} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2M}{Q} x_B^2 u_T \\ F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{\vec{P}_{h\perp}^2}{QM} x_B^2 u_T^h \\ F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_S} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{2M}{Q} x_B^2 l_T \\ F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} &= -\sum_q e_q^2 \frac{\vec{P}_{h\perp}^2}{QM} x_B^2 l_T^h \end{split}$$



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DIS energy pattern in the TFR



$$\Sigma(heta,\phi) = \sum_h \int d\sigma^{e+N o e+h+X} rac{E_h}{E_N} \deltaig(heta^2 - heta_h^2ig) \delta(\phi-\phi_h)$$

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



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

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

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

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

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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





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

$$\mathcal{M}^q_{ij, ext{EEC}}(x, heta,\phi) = \sum_h \int_0^{1-x} \xi_h d\xi_h \int d^2 oldsymbol{P}_{h\perp} \deltaig(heta^2 - heta_h^2ig) \delta(\phi - \phi_h) \mathcal{M}^q_{ij, ext{FrF}}(x,\xi_h,oldsymbol{P}_{h_\perp})$$

- One-to-one correspondence Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 08 (2024) 227, 2406.08559
- Parton-level proxy

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



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

Chen-Ma-Tong JHEP 11 (2021) 038

Quark fracture functions at large $P_{h\perp}$



Chen-Ma-Tong JHEP 11 (2021) 038

$$\begin{split} f\left(x,\xi_{h},\boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^{2}\right) &= \int_{\frac{\xi_{h}}{1-x}}^{1} \frac{dz}{z^{2}} \int_{x}^{1} dy \delta(x+\xi_{h}/z-y) \frac{\alpha_{s} z^{2}}{2\pi^{2} \xi_{h} \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp}^{2}} \\ &\times \left[C_{F} \frac{x^{2}+y^{2}}{y^{2}} d_{h/g}(z)q(y) + T_{F} \left(1-\frac{x}{y}\right) \left[\frac{x^{2}}{y^{2}} + \left(1-\frac{x}{y}\right)^{2}\right] d_{h/\bar{q}}(z)g(y)\right] \end{split}$$

Need a non-trivial phase to be generated in the



TMD fracture functions & Dihadron production



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

- 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

The hadron $P_{h_{2}\perp}$ in the CFR can resolve the initial $k_{a\perp}$

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

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

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

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

•Beam-spin asymmetry



