Proton Structure from Basis Light-Front Quantization

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Outline

- Basis Light-front Quantization
- Application to proton
 - Electromagnetic Form factor
 - Parton distribution function (PDF)
 - TMD PDF + GPD
- Conclusion and outlook

Major Questions in Nuclear Physics



$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \left(\bar{\psi}_q (i D \!\!/ - m_q) \psi_q \right) - \frac{1}{4} G^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}_{\alpha} \quad \blacksquare$$



Electron–Ion Colliders

• Electron-Ion colliders with large collision energy and high luminosity



- EIC in the US is under construction by BNL@New York
- EicC in China is been planned by IMPCAS@Huizhou

Complimentarity

Nonperturbative Approach to Proton Structure

• Schrödinger equation universally describes bound-state structure

$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$



• Eigenstates $|\psi
angle$ encode full information of the system

Nonrelativistic



atom

Nonrelativistic



nucleus

Relativistic



nucleon

 Major challenges from relativity: frame dependence in wave function, particle number not conserving...

Light-front Quantization



Basis Light-Front Quantization

Hamiltonian eigenvalue equation:

[Vary, et.al, Phys.Rev.C '10]

$$P^{-}|\beta\rangle = P_{\beta}^{-}|\beta\rangle$$

- **P**⁻: Light-Front Hamiltonian
- \circ $|\beta\rangle$: Eigenstates
- $\circ P_{\beta}^{-}$: Eigenvalues for eigenstates



Basis setup:

Fock sector expansion: $|\beta_{nucleon}\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqqq\bar{q}\rangle + \cdots$

Single particle basis $|\alpha\rangle = |n_1, m_1, n_2, m_2, n_3, m_3\rangle \otimes |k_1^+, k_2^+, k_3^+\rangle \otimes |\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, C\rangle$ in $|qqq\rangle$: 2-dimension harmonic Discretized longitudinal Helicity and color oscillator

Basis truncation:

$$\sum_{i} (2n_i + |m_i| + 1) \le N_{\max}$$

$$\sum_{i} k_i^+ = K_{\max} \qquad \Lambda$$

momentum

$$\Lambda = \sum_{i} (\lambda_i + m_i)$$

Advantages:

- 1. Rotational symmetry in transverse plane
- 2. Exact factorization between center-of-mass motion and intrinsic motion
- 3. Harmonic oscillator basis supplies infrared behavior for hadrons

Publications on Nucleon

 $|P,\Lambda\rangle = |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqq u\bar{u}\rangle + |qqq d\bar{d}\rangle + |qqq s\bar{s}\rangle + \cdots$

Wave Functions:

[Chandan et al., Phys.Rev.D,102.016008] (2019) [Xu et al., Phys.Rev.D,108 9, 094002] (2023)

GPDs: [Xu et al., Phys.Rev.D,104.094036] (2021)
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 [Zhimin Zhu et al., 1404.13720 [hep-ph]] (2024)

Light-front Hamiltonian

QCD light-front Hamiltonian can be derived from QCD Lagrangian:



First Step: Up to $|qqqq\overline{q}\rangle$

 $|P_{baryon}\rangle = \Psi_1 |qqq\rangle + \Psi_2 |qqqg\rangle + \Psi_{31} |qqq u\bar{u}\rangle + \Psi_{32} |qqq d\bar{d}\rangle + \Psi_{33} |qqq s\bar{s}\rangle$

 $P^- = H_{K.E.} + H_{Interact}$



Fock Sector Decomposition

 $\left| P_{baryon} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left| qqqq \right\rangle + \left| qqqqg \right\rangle + \left| qqqu\bar{u} \right\rangle + \left| qqqd\bar{d} \right\rangle + \left| qqqs\bar{s} \right\rangle$

Parameter set:

Truncation parameter: $N_{\text{max}} = 7$ and $K_{\text{max}} = 16$

m_u	m_d	m_{f}	g	b	b _{inst}
1.0 GeV	0.9 GeV	5.8 GeV	3.0	0.7 GeV	2.8 GeV

In five quark Fock sector, we use current quark masses



Form Factor



- Comparing to experimental data, BLFQ results show good agreement at small Q^2
- BLFQ results almost satisfy Sudakov FF relation at large Q^2

Unpolarized PDF



Unpolarized PDFs:



- Particle number density distribution
- Fitting the initial scale by comparing the
 - second moment at experimental scale
- Qualitative agreement with global fitting

Unpolarized PDF



Helicity PDF





- Helicity PDFs encode information on spin contributions from parton to hadron
- At x < 0.2 region, helicity PDFs of u quark qualitatively agree with global fitting data
- Helicity PDF of d quark has a good agreement with global fitting results

Helicity PDF

> Spin decomposition

 $\mu_0^2 = 0.22 \text{ GeV}^2$

[Jaffe and Manohar, (1990)]

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma + \Delta G + L_q + L_g$$
$$\Delta\Sigma_u = 0.86 \qquad \Delta\Sigma_{\overline{d}} = 0.008$$
$$\Delta\Sigma_d = -0.16 \qquad \Delta\Sigma_{\overline{u}} = 0.008$$

$$\Delta \Sigma_s = \Delta \Sigma_{\overline{s}} = 0.007$$



Transversity PDF



- BLFQ show approximately polarized symmetry between the transverse and longitudinal direction
- BLFQ results more close to the JAM data.
- Down quark's tensor charge agrees with the global fitting data
- Up quark's tensor charge is larger than global fitting data

TMDs for Valence and Sea Quarks



- T-even TMDs
- Gauge link ignored (=1)
- Small x behavior is contributed by $|qqqq\bar{q}\rangle$

TMDs for Sea Quarks and Gluon



TMDs with Five Particle Fock Sector



- Up and Down quarks have opposite sign
- Anti-up and anti-down quarks have the same sign

TMDs with Five Particle Fock Sectors



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GPDs for Valence Quarks



- *u* and *d* quark GPDs (contributions from all Fock sectors)
- E_u has positive distribution while E_d is negative, consistent with Dirac FF ²⁹

GPDs for Gluon and Sea Quarks



Gluon and *s* quark GPDs *E_s* mainly contributes at small *x* region

GPDs for Sea Quarks



- \bar{u} and \bar{d} GPDs are concentrated in small-x region
- \bar{u} and \bar{d} GPD *E* have small negative region around $x \sim 0.2$





- Valence quarks occupy core region
- Gluon radius > sea quark radius > valence quark radius
- As $x \to 1$, nucleon behaves like point particle

Conclusion

- Basis Light-front Quantization:
 - Nonperturbative approach to quantum field theory in Hamiltonian formalism
 - Full relativistic effects included
 - Access to 3D structure of hadrons: FFs, PDFs, GPDs, TMDs...
 - Access to parton correlation / higher twist distributions
- Clean input from QCD interactions
 - Correct overall behavior in both longitudinal and transverse directions
 - Almost correct spin structure
 - Insufficient large-x component (possibly due to missing confinement)

OutLook

- First principles calculation of proton structure
 - Full QCD light-front Hamiltonian implemented
 - More higher Fock sectors included
- Excited nucleon states/mesons/light nuclei
- Reaction dynamics through time-dependent lightfront Schrödinger equation

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TMDs for Valence and Sea Quarks



• Small x behavior is contributed by $|qqqq\bar{q}\rangle$

TMDs for Sea Quarks and Gluon



Average Transverse Momentum Distribution



• Total contributions from $|qqq\rangle + |qqqqg\rangle + |qqqq\bar{q}\rangle$

- In small-x region, average transverse momentum of gluon is larger than quark
- In large-x region, gluon distribution is almost same with quark distributions

Publications on Nucleon GPDs

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> |qqq⟩:

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 $\succ |qqq\rangle + |qqqg\rangle + |qqqq\overline{q}\rangle:$

Work in progress

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

The deeply virtual Compton scattering describes the process: $e + p \rightarrow e + p + \gamma$



> The DVCS cross-section is distinguishable with BH process:



GPDs and Compton Form Factors

$$\begin{split} \frac{d^{5}\sigma_{\text{DVCS}}}{dx_{Bj}dQ^{2}d|t|d\phi d\phi_{S}} &= \Gamma|T_{\text{DVCS}}|^{2} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma}{Q^{2}(1-\epsilon)} \Big\{ F_{UU,T} + \epsilon F_{UU,L} + \epsilon \cos 2\phi F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi} + \sqrt{\epsilon(\epsilon+1)} \cos \phi F_{UU}^{\cos \phi} + (2h)\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \sin \phi F_{LU}^{\sin \phi} \\ &+ (2\Lambda) \Big[\sqrt{\epsilon(\epsilon+1)} \sin \phi F_{UL}^{\sin \phi} + \epsilon \sin 2\phi F_{UL}^{\sin2\phi} + (2h) \Big(\sqrt{1-\epsilon^{2}} F_{LL} + 2\sqrt{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cos \phi F_{LL}^{\cos \phi} \Big) \Big] \\ &+ (2\Lambda_{T}) \Big[\sin(\phi - \phi_{S}) (F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi - \phi_{S})} + \epsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi - \phi_{S})}) + \epsilon \sin(\phi + \phi_{S}) F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi + \phi_{S})} + \epsilon \sin(3\phi - \phi_{S}) F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi - \phi_{S})} \\ &+ \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} (\sin \phi_{S} F_{UT}^{\sin \phi_{S}} + \sin(2\phi - \phi_{S}) F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi - \phi_{S})}) \Big] \\ &+ (2h) (2\Lambda_{T}) \Big[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^{2}} \cos(\phi - \phi_{S}) F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi - \phi_{S})} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cos \phi_{S} F_{LT}^{\cos \phi_{S}} \\ &+ \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cos(2\phi - \phi_{S}) F_{LT}^{\cos(2\phi - \phi_{S})} \Big] \Big\}. \end{split}$$



GPDs and Compton Form Factors

Cross sections to Compton form factors

$$|T|^{2} = |T_{BH} + T_{DVCS}|^{2} = |T_{BH}|^{2} + |T_{DVCS}|^{2} + T_{BH}^{*}T_{DVCS} + T_{DVCS}^{*}T_{BH}$$



GPDs to Compton form factors

$$\mathcal{F}(\xi, -t) = \int_{-1}^{1} dx \left(\frac{1}{x - \xi - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x + \xi - i\epsilon} \right) F(x, \xi, -t)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\xi, -t) = \int_{-1}^{1} dx \left(\frac{1}{x - \xi - i\epsilon} + \frac{1}{x + \xi - i\epsilon} \right) \tilde{F}(x, \xi, -t)$$

$$\mathsf{GPDs}$$

- Compton form factors are integrations of GPDs over x
- It is challenging to extract GPDs from CFFs
- Exploring GPDs from theory is interesting

Semi-Inclusive DIS

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}y\mathrm{d}z\mathrm{d}\psi\mathrm{d}^{2}p_{h\perp}} &= \frac{\alpha_{em}^{2}}{xyQ^{2}} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma^{2}}{2x}\right) \left(\mathcal{F}_{UU} + \lambda_{l}\mathcal{F}_{LU} + \lambda\mathcal{F}_{UL} + \lambda_{l}\lambda\mathcal{F}_{LL} + S_{\perp}\mathcal{F}_{UT} + \lambda_{l}S_{\perp}\mathcal{F}_{LT}\right), \\ \mathcal{F}_{UU} &= \frac{y^{2}}{1 - \varepsilon} \left(\mathcal{F}_{UU,T} + \varepsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon)}F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_{h}}\cos\phi_{h} + \varepsilon F_{UU}^{\cos\phi_{h}}\cos2\phi_{h}\right), \\ \mathcal{F}_{UL} &= \frac{y^{2}}{1 - \varepsilon} \left(\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon)}F_{UL}^{\sin\phi_{h}}\sin\phi_{h} + \varepsilon F_{UL}^{\sin(2\phi_{h}}\sin2\phi_{h}\right), \\ \mathcal{F}_{LL} &= \frac{y^{2}}{1 - \varepsilon} \left(\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^{2}}F_{LL} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)}F_{LL}^{\cos\phi_{h}}\cos\phi_{h}\right), \\ \mathcal{F}_{UT} &= \frac{y^{2}}{1 - \varepsilon} \left[\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon)}F_{UT}^{\sin\phi_{s}}\sin\phi_{s} + \left(F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_{h} - \phi_{s})} + \varepsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(3\phi_{h} - \phi_{s})}\right)\sin(\phi_{h} - \phi_{s}) \\ &+ \varepsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_{h} + \phi_{s})}\sin(\phi_{h} + \phi_{s}) + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 + \varepsilon)}F_{UT}^{\sin(2\phi_{h} - \phi_{s})}\sin(2\phi_{h} - \phi_{s}) + \varepsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(3\phi_{h} - \phi_{s})}\sin(3\phi_{h} - \phi_{s}) \right], \\ \mathcal{F}_{LT} &= \frac{y^{2}}{1 - \varepsilon} \left[\sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_{s}}\cos\phi_{s} + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^{2}}F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_{h} - \phi_{s})}\cos(\phi_{h} - \phi_{s}) \\ &+ \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_{s}}\cos\phi_{s} + \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^{2}}F_{LT}^{\cos(\phi_{h} - \phi_{s})}\cos(\phi_{h} - \phi_{s}) \\ &+ \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)}F_{LT}^{\cos\phi_{s}}\cos(2\phi_{h} - \phi_{s}) \right], \\ \mathcal{E} &= \frac{1 - y - \frac{1}{4}\gamma^{2}y^{2}}{1 - y + \frac{1}{2}y^{2} + \frac{1}{4}\gamma^{2}y^{2}}, \\ x &= \frac{Q^{2}}{2P \cdot q} \quad y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot l} \quad z = \frac{P \cdot P_{h}}{P \cdot q} \quad \gamma = \frac{2Mx}{Q} \end{split}$$

Spin Asymmetry

$$\textbf{>} \textbf{Sivers Asymmetry:} \quad A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} = \langle \sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \rangle_{UT} \\ = \frac{F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \varepsilon F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)}}{2(F_{UU,T} + \varepsilon F_{UU,L})},$$

Collins Asymmetry:
$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} = \langle \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) \rangle_{UT}$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)}}{2(F_{UU,T} + \varepsilon F_{UU,L})}.$$

Structure functions:

$$\begin{split} F_{UU,T} &= \mathcal{C} \left[f_1 D_1 \right] \quad F_{UT,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} = \mathcal{C} \left[-\frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{h}} \cdot \boldsymbol{p}_T}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp} D_1 \right] \quad F_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} = \mathcal{C} \left[-\frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{h}} \cdot \boldsymbol{k}_T}{M_h} h_1 H_1^{\perp} \right] \\ F_{UU,L} &= 0, \qquad \qquad F_{UT,L}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} = 0, \\ \mathcal{C} \left[w f D \right] &= x \sum_a e_a^2 \int d^2 \boldsymbol{p}_T \, d^2 \boldsymbol{k}_T \, \delta^{(2)} \left(\boldsymbol{p}_T - \boldsymbol{k}_T - \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp} / z \right) \, w(\boldsymbol{p}_T, \boldsymbol{k}_T) \, f^a(x, p_T^2) \, D^a(z, k_T^2), \end{split}$$



experiment data is HERMES 2020

$$A_{UT}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \propto \frac{\mathcal{C}[\omega_3 h_1 H_1^{\perp}]}{\mathcal{C}[f_1 D_1]} \qquad \omega_3 = -\frac{\hat{h} \cdot \vec{k}_T}{M}$$

M is the mass of nucleon M_h is the mass of Hadron 46

Light-Front Hamiltonian $|P_{baryon}\rangle = \Psi_1 |qqq\rangle + \Psi_2 |qqqg\rangle$

 $P^{-} = H_{K.E.} + H_{trans} + H_{longi} + H_{Interact}$

$$H_{K.E.} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2 + m_q^2}{p_i^+}$$

 $H_{trans} \sim \kappa_T^4 r^2$ -- Brodsky, Teramond arXiv: 1203.4025

$$H_{longi} \sim -\sum_{ij} \kappa_L^4 \partial_{x_i} \left(x_i x_j \partial_{x_j} \right)$$
 ---Y Li, X Zhao , P Maris , J Vary, PLB 758(2016)

 $H_{Interact} = H_{Vertex} + H_{inst} = g\overline{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} T^{a} \psi A^{a}_{\mu} + \frac{g^{2} C_{F}}{2} j^{+} \frac{1}{(i\partial^{+})^{2}} j^{+}$



Unpolarized Parton Distribution Functions



Unpolarized PDFs:



- Interpret as particle number density distribution
- The data point are extracted from MARATHON data

Including the One Dynamical Gluon Fock Sector, the gluon distribution is closer to the global fit.

Nucleon Spin with BLFQ



Helicity Parton Distribution Functions



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[In preparation, Siqi Xu, C. Mondal et.al]

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3-Dimension Structure of Nucleon



TMDs with One Dynamical Gluon



- Including |qqq > + |qqq g > Fock sector, we calculate the gluon distribution in the proton
- Small x behaviour: higher Fock sector



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