Studying nucleon structures via Target fragmentation: Fracture function and Nucleon energy correlator

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Nucleon tomography



Questions:

- Are there correlations between their momentum and spin orientations?



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 gluons?



Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering



Inclusive DIS: \bigcirc

- Dominated by the hard scattering on a collinear parton
 - Soft gluons cancel in the inclusive sum
- Simple collinear factorization structure : $\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes f_{a/P}(x,\mu^2)$
- However, too inclusive, lose information:
 - Fragmentation
 - Transverse-momentum dependence



Vanishing correlations in inclusive DIS

Linearly polarized gluons



• Require a transverse reference direction e.g. the initial parton k_T [Mulders, Rodrigues, 2001]

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

Cos 2 ϕ correlation

Vanish after the k_T -integration

No associated collinear PDF

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
- 01] Otherwise, prohibited by time reversal invariance
 - Sivers TMDs: [Sivers, 1992]

$$egin{aligned} \langle P|\psi\gamma^+\psi|P
angle \propto rac{k_\perp imes S_T}{M} f_{1T}^\perp(x,k_\perp^2) \ k_T ext{-odd} \end{aligned}$$



Semi-inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering



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

- Fragmentation, final-state interactions
- A tunable transverse momentum, \vec{P}_{h}
 - The intrinsic parton k_T
 - Azimuthal correlations with the parton/nulceon polarization
- 18 structure functions:





Hadron plane Bacchetta et al JHEP 02 (2007) 093. P_h ϕ_h e(l) $\gamma^*(q)$ N(P) $\sim e(l')$

SIDIS structure functions SIDIS differential cross section • 18 structure functions:

luons

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Two regions in SIDIS



Different interpretations for an azimuthal correlation



Current Fragmentation Region (CFR)



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



- Because of k_T , there are more TMDs than collinear PDFs
 - Accommodate Sivers-effects, Boer-Mulder partons,, 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)

Measured in the forward region of the incoming target



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



Strong correlations between the initial patrons and the final hadron



Fracture functions

$$egin{aligned} ext{Operator definition for collinear quark:} \ \mathcal{F}_{ij}(oldsymbol{x},oldsymbol{\xi}_h,P_{hot}) & \xi_h = rac{P_h^+}{P^+} \ = & rac{1}{2\xi_h(2\pi)^3} \int rac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{-ioldsymbol{x}P^+\lambda} \sum_X \langle PS | ar{\psi}_j (oldsymbol{x})
angle \end{aligned}$$



Fracture functions

Trentadue-Veneziano PLB 323 (1994) 201

$\langle \lambda n) {\cal L}_n^\dagger (\lambda n) | X P_h angle \langle P_h X | {\cal L}_n (0) \psi_i (0) | PS angle$



•Describe the partonic *structure* of the target once it *fragments* into a given hadron *h*.

 Conditional probability; A combination between PDF and FFs

•h=P, also called diffractive PDFs
 [Berera-Soper PRD 53 (1996) 6162]



SIDIS Factorization in the TFR



Same as inclusive DIS ($k_{a\perp} \ll Q$, thus neglected)

 $k_{a\perp}$ -integrated fracture functions

$$\otimes \mathcal{F}_a(x,\xi_h,P_{h\perp},\mu)$$
 Collins PRD 57 (1998)
ancel DGLAP evolutions

between the initial state and final state

 \rightarrow Azimuthal correlations between $P_{h\perp}$ and the polarizations of partons/nucleon



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Quark contributions



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Quark contributions

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

Quark polarization

Chiral odd,

Do not contribute!

Quark scattering is chiral even

Four structure functions

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

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

Gluonic contributions *Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP* 05 (2024) 298

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

Gluon polarization

yield non-zero contributions

Do not mix with quark!

- Eight gluonic fracture functions at twist 2
- $P_{h\perp}$ define the transverse reference direction

 \rightarrow Azimuthal correlations between $P_{h\perp}$ and the gluon spin

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Gluon polarization

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Gluonic contributions

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

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Start from one loop

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Novel contributions from linearly polarized gluons

Four azimuthal correlations uniquely generated by gluons:

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

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

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

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

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 - Provide unique probes into gluon dynamics

n polarizatic Nucleo

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 u_{1g}

 u^h_{1gT}

 l_{1gL}

 l^h_{1gT}

 t_{1g}^h

 t^h_{1gL}

 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

See also the applications in explaining the near-side ridge in pp collisions in, Guo-Liu-Yuan, 2408.14693

A signal of the Gluonic mechanism

\bigcirc A significant $F_{UL}^{\sin(2\phi_h)}/F_{UU}$ asymmetry is observed at CLAS12

➡ see a slide form Timothy B. Hayward :

- The F_{UL}^{sin2φ} asymmetry is theoretically purely generated by the Collins mechanism (also cos2φ)
- Hadronization in the TFR is more isotropic there is no additional chiral-odd quantity like the Collins function to pair with the Kotzinian-Mulders TMD because factorization into separate soft and hard scale processes does not hold.

- Are effects at large negative x_F that disagree with predictions the result of low t events where theory may break down (*even* with M_x 1 cut above ρ)?
- K_F CFR consistent with zero (in agreement with COMPASS and HERMES)

Nucleon energy correlator

[Liu-Zhu PRL 130, 2023]

A function to describe the **DIS energy pattern** in the target fragmentation region

 Describe the same parton physics as fracture functions? But was studied completely independent of fracture functions

→ What is the connection?

Energy pattern in the DIS

Reduce collinear singularities

• An extension of the energy pattern in e^+e^- annihilation:

Basham-Brown-Ellis-Love, PRD 17 (1978) 2298.

- Cleaner probe ; Minimize the non-perturbative effects in the final state Does not require event-by-event analysis, unlike jet algorithms
- 18 structure functions, one-to-one correspond to SIDIS

Reduce soft singularities

Meng-Olness-Soper NPB 371 (1992) 79

Li-Makris-Vitev PRD 103 (2021) 094005 Kang-Lee-Shao-Fan JHEP 03 (2024) 153 Liu-Zhu, PRL130 (2023) 091901 Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 08 (2024) 227

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The connection

Nucleon energy correlator (NEC)

[Liu-Zhu PRL 130, 2023]

The probability of finding a parton while observing an energy flow from target remnants

$$\bigstar \text{ An energy sum rule: [Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 08 (2024) 227]}$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{NEC}}(x,\theta,\phi) = \sum_{h} \int_{0}^{1-x} \xi_{h} d\xi_{h} \int d^{2} \boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp} \delta(\theta^{2} - \theta_{h}^{2}) \delta(\phi - \phi_{h}) \mathcal{M}_{\text{FrF}}(x,\xi_{h},\boldsymbol{P}_{h\perp})$$

- One-to-one correspondence; Same evolutions
- Fracture functions are the parent functions of nucleon energy correlator
- Applications *I* Derive the behaviors of nucleon energy correlators
 - **Model of the sectorization formula of the energy pattern from SIDIS**

Fracture functions

[Trentadue-Veneziano PLB 323 (1994) 201]

The probability of finding a parton while observing a specific hadron h from target remnants

Nucleon energy corrolators for Odderons

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• Single transverse spin asymmetry: $\Sigma_{UT}^{\sin(\phi-\phi_S)}$ —

quark Sivers NEC at small x:

$$f_T^{t,q}(x,\theta) = \frac{N_c}{\theta^2 (2\pi)^4} \int_0^{1-x} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} (\boldsymbol{k}_\perp^2)^2 \int d^2 \boldsymbol{k}_{g\perp} \left[\int_0^{1-x} \frac{d\xi}{\xi} (\boldsymbol{k}_\perp^2)^2 \int d^2 \boldsymbol{k}_{g\perp} \right] d^2 \boldsymbol{k}_{g\perp}$$

However, this inclusive measurement is not feasible, due to C-odd nature of the odderon:

$$\sum_{a=q,ar{q}}e_a^2f_T^{t,a}(x, heta)=0$$

$$f_{T,\mathbb{S}}^{t,q}(x,\theta) = \Big(\sum_{h\in\mathbb{S}}\int_0^1 z d_{h/\bar{q}}(z) dz\Big) f_T^{t,q}(x,$$

-the energy pattern from a subset of hadrons

Mantysaari-Tawabutr-Tong: in preparation

A Measure the energy flow from a subset of charged hadrons, like $S = \{\pi^+\}, \{\pi^-\}$

Derived from the quark Sivers fracture function using the sum rule

Nucleon energy corrolators for Odderons

• Single transverse spin asymmetry: $\Sigma_{UT}^{\sin(\phi-\phi_S)}$

 \rightarrow The sign changes from π^+ to π^-

-the energy pattern from a subset of hadrons

Mantysaari-Tawabutr-Tong: in preparation

Fracture function—SIDIS in the TFR

- Probe the nucleon structure through the correlation between the initial state and the final state, complementary to TMDs
- Sensitive to the linearly polarized gluons
- Hadrons in the TFR: a polarizing filter for gluons
- Nucleon energy correlator—the DIS energy pattern in the TFR
 - An energy sum rule:
 - Fracture functions are the parent functions of the NEC
 - The application for a subset of hadrons:
 - Spin-dependent odderon& Quark Sivers-NEC :

Nucleon energy correlator Liu-Zhu PRL 130, 2023

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

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

$$\mathcal{E}(\theta,\phi) = \sum_{h} \int \frac{d^3 P_h}{2E_h (2\pi)^3} \frac{E_h}{E_N} \delta(\theta^2 - \theta_h^2) \delta(\phi - \phi_h) a_h^{\dagger} a_h$$

Fracture functions

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{FrF},ij}(x,\xi_h,{ec P}_{h\perp}) = rac{1}{2\xi_h(2\pi)^3}\int rac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{-ixP^+\lambda}\sum_X \langle PS|ar{\psi}_j(\lambda n)\mathcal{L}_n^\dagger(\lambda n)|XP_h
angle\langle P_hX|\mathcal{L}_n(0)\psi_i(0)|PS
angle$$

$$\sum_{X} \int \frac{d^{3} \mathbf{P}_{X}}{2E_{X}(2\pi)^{3}} |P_{h}X\rangle \langle XP_{h}| = a_{h}^{\dagger}a_{h}$$

TMD fracture functions & Dihadron production

\star TMD factorization: $\sigma \propto H(Q) \otimes \mathcal{F}_a(x,k_\perp,\xi,P_{h\perp}) \otimes D(z,p_\perp)$

- Spin-dependence: Anselmino-Barone-Kotzinian, PLB 699 (2011) 108
- TMD Evolutions: Chen-Ma-Tong, JHEP 10 (2019) 285
- Diffraction and small-x: Iancu-Mueller-Triantafyllopoulos, PRL. 128 (2022) 202001 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

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

Guo-Yuan 2312.01008 -An explanation:

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

