

A study of gluon distributions inside the proton

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Outline of the talk

- Motivation: What is inside the proton? Proton spin puzzle ?
- How much gluon contribute to proton spin and orbital angular momentum ?
- Light front framework
- Gluon light front spectator model
- Gluon Transverse momentum distributions
- Gluon Generalized parton distributions
- Gluon orbital angular momentum .

Light front dynamics

Light-front dynamics describes how a relativistic system changes along a light-front direction.

- In light front,

$$\text{LF time } x^+ = x^0 + x^3$$

$$x^- = x^0 - x^3$$

$$x^\perp = (x^1, x^2).$$

$$\text{LF energy } p^- = p^0 - p^3$$

- No square root in energy dispersion relation $k^2 = k^+ k^- - k_\perp^2 = m^2$.

$$H_{LF}|\psi\rangle = M^2|\psi\rangle$$

In LF, Solving nonperturbative QCD is equivalent to solving the Hamiltonian eigenvalue problem.

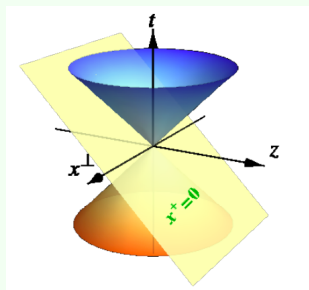


Figure: Leutwyler 1978

Light front wave functions (LFWFs)

- In LF, the hadron state $|\psi\rangle$ is expanded in multi-particle fock states $|n\rangle$ of free LF Hamiltonian $|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \psi_n |n\rangle$, where

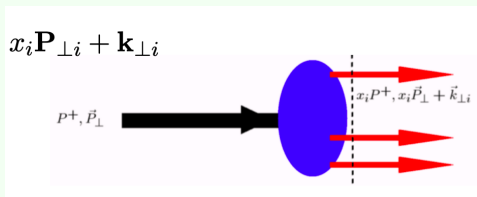
$$|n\rangle = |uud\rangle, |uudg\rangle, |uudq\bar{q}\rangle$$

- Fock component ψ_n is known as light front wave function.
- LFWFs $\psi_n(x_i, k_{\perp,i}, \lambda_i)$ depend only on the relative longitudinal, transverse momentum and spin of the parton.

- Momentum conservation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n k_{\perp,i} = 0$$

- Overlap of LFWFs: PDFs, TMDs, GPDs...



- LFWFs are frame independent object and provide intrinsic information of the structure of hadrons

Gluon light front spectator model

- The model is based on the quantum fluctuations of the electron in QED.
- In this simplified model, we describe the proton as a composite state of one active gluon and a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ spectator.

$$|P; \uparrow(\downarrow)\rangle = \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp dx}{16\pi^3 \sqrt{x(1-x)}} \times$$
$$\left[\psi_{+1+\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| +1, +\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle + \psi_{+1-\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| +1, -\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle \right.$$
$$\left. + \psi_{-1+\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| -1, +\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle + \psi_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) \left| -1, -\frac{1}{2}; xP^+, \mathbf{p}_\perp \right\rangle \right],$$

$\psi_{\lambda_g \lambda_X}^{\uparrow(\downarrow)} \rightarrow \text{LFWFs}$

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Light front wave functions(LFWFs)

The LFWFs for the Fock-state expansion for a proton with $J_z = +1/2$

$$\psi_{+1+\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{(-p_\perp^1 + ip_\perp^2)}{x(1-x)} \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2),$$

$$\psi_{+1-\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = -\sqrt{2} \left(M - \frac{M_X}{(1-x)} \right) \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2),$$

$$\psi_{-1+\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{(p_\perp^1 + ip_\perp^2)}{x} \varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2),$$

$$\psi_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp) = 0$$

Wave function motivated by modified from soft wall AdS/QCD two particle solution

$$\varphi(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) = N_g \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \sqrt{\frac{\log[1/(1-x)]}{x}} x^b (1-x)^a \exp \left[-\frac{\log[1/(1-x)]}{2\kappa^2 x^2} \mathbf{p}_\perp^2 \right]$$

$\kappa = 0.4$ GeV scale parameter

-[S Brodsky, G Teramond, Phys.Rev.D 77 (2008) 056007]

-[D Chakrabarti, C Mondal Eur.Phys.J.C 73 (2013) 2671]

- There are four parameters in the LFWFs. : N_g, a, b, M_X
- The spectator mass $M_X > M$ should be.
- Fix the model scale and range of fitting :

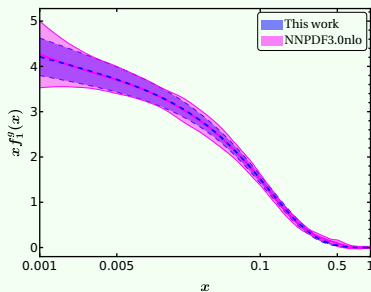
$$0.001 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ at } Q_0 = 2 \text{ GeV}$$

- The unpolarized gluon PDF $f_1^g(x)$ in the model

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^g(x) &= \frac{1}{16\pi^3} \int d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp \left[|\psi_{+1+1/2}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)|^2 + |\psi_{+1-1/2}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)|^2 + |\psi_{-1+1/2}^\uparrow(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)|^2 \right]. \\ &= 2N_g^2 x^{2b+1} (1-x)^{2a-2} \left[\kappa^2 \frac{(1+(1-x)^2)}{\log[1/(1-x)]} + (M(1-x) - M_X)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Fixing model parameters

- Fixed the model parameters by fitting the model unpolarized gluon PDF with the NNPDF3.0nlo global analysis.



Parameter	Central Value	1σ -Error band	2σ -Error band
a	3.88	± 0.1020	± 0.2232
b	-0.53	± 0.0035	± 0.0071

$N_g = 2.088$, $M_\chi = 0.985$ $\chi_{min}^2 = 20.88$ for 300 no of datas.

-R. D. Ball et al. (NNPDF Collaboration), Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 663 (2017).

Average longitudinal momentum

$$\langle x \rangle_g = \int_{0.001}^1 dx x f_1^g(x) = 0.416_{-0.041}^{+0.048},$$

	This work	Bacchetta	Ma-Lu	Pion model	Lattice
$\langle x \rangle_g$	0.416	0.424	0.411	0.409	0.427

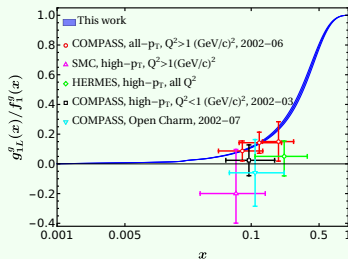
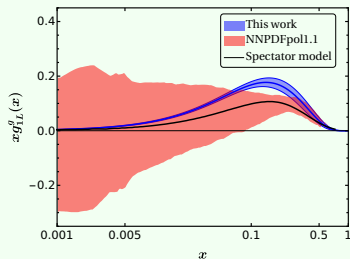
-[Bacchetta, Celiberto, Radici, Taels, EPJC 80 (2020)]

-[Lattice - C. Alexandrou et al. Phys. Rev. D 101, 094513, 2020]

-[Zhun Lu et al. Phys.Rev.D 94 (2016) 9, 094022]

-[Kaur, Dahiya DAE Symp.Nucl.Phys. 64 (2019) 641-642]

Helicity prediction and comparison



Gluon helicity	Central Value	our predictions
$\Delta G = \int_{0.05}^{0.3} dx g_{1L}^g(x)$	0.20 [PHENIX-2008]	$0.28^{+0.047}_{-0.037}$
$\Delta G = \int_{0.05}^{0.2} dx g_{1L}^g(x)$	0.23(6) [NNPDF-2014]	$0.22^{+0.033}_{-0.024}$
$\Delta G = \int_{0.05}^1 dx g_{1L}^g(x)$	0.19(6) [RHIC-2014]	$0.326^{+0.066}_{-0.050}$

Gluon Transverse momentum distributions (TMDs)

The TMD correlator is defined as matrix elements of non-local products of gluon fields between proton states.

$$\Gamma^{ij}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \mathbf{S}) = \frac{1}{xP^+} \int \frac{d\xi^-}{2\pi} \frac{d^2\xi_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{ik \cdot \xi} \langle P; S | F_a^{+j}(0) \mathcal{W}_{+\infty, ab}(0; \xi) F_b^{+i}(\xi) | P; S \rangle \Big|_{\xi^+=0}$$

-[S. Meissner et al. PhysRevD.76.034002(2007)]

-[Mulders, Rodrigues, PRD 63 (2001)]

- There are eight gluon TMDs
- T-even $\rightarrow f_1^g, g_{1L}^g, g_{1T}^g, h_1^{\perp g}$.
- T-odd $\rightarrow f_{1T}^g, h_{1T}^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}, h_{1L}^{\perp g}$.

GLUONS	$-g_T^{\alpha\beta}$	$\varepsilon_T^{\alpha\beta}$	$p_T^{\alpha\beta}$
U	f_1^g		$h_1^{\perp g}$
L		g_{1L}^g	h_{1L}^g
T	f_{1T}^g	g_{1T}^g	$h_{1T}^g, h_{1T}^{\perp g}$

- TMDs in a spectator model \rightarrow overlap of LFWFs.

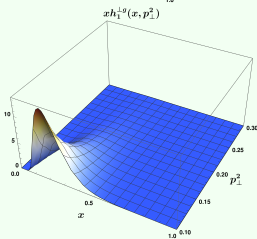
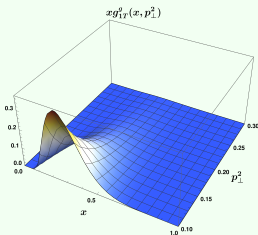
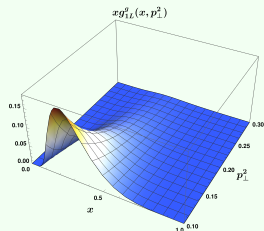
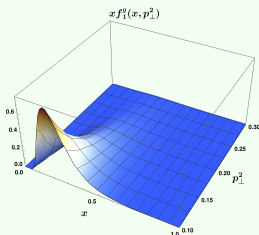
T-even TMDs

$$f_1^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) > 0$$

$$f_1^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \geq |g_{1L}^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)|$$

$$f_1^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \geq \frac{|\mathbf{p}_\perp|}{M} |g_{1T}^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)|$$

$$f_1^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \geq \frac{|\mathbf{p}_\perp|^2}{2M^2} |h_1^{\perp g}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)|$$



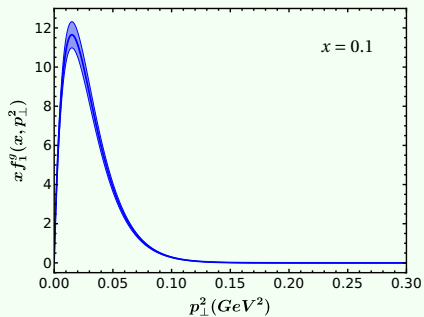
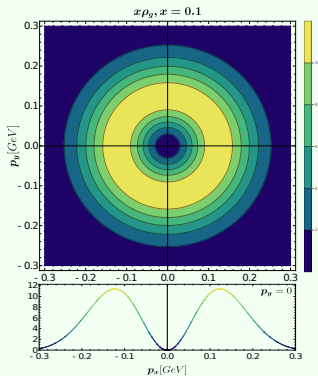
$$[f_1^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)]^2 = [g_{1L}^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2)]^2 + \left[\frac{|\mathbf{p}_\perp|}{M} g_{1T}^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \right]^2 + \left[\frac{\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}{2M^2} h_1^{\perp g}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \right]^2$$

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Gluon densities

Density of an unpolarized gluon inside an unpolarized proton

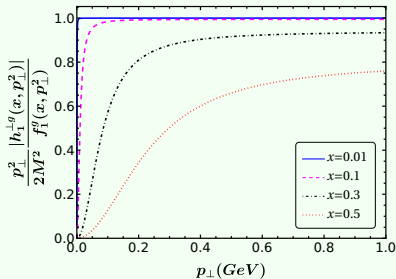
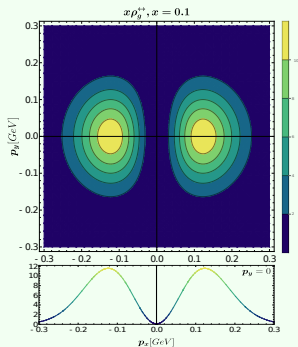


-Comparable with Bacchetta et al EPJC80

Boer-Mulders density

The longitudinally polarized gluon density

$$x\rho_g^{\leftrightarrow}(x, p_x, p_y) = \frac{1}{2} \left[x f_1^g(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) + \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{2M^2} x h_1^{\perp g}(x, \mathbf{p}_\perp^2) \right]$$



Spherical symmetry gets distorted due to the second term and shows dipolar structure in momentum space.

Generalized Parton distributions (GPDs)

- GPDs appear in exclusive processes such as DVCS, DDVCS, DVMS etc.
- GPDs are off forward matrix elements of bilocal operators.
- GPDs encode spatial as well as spin structure of the nucleon.

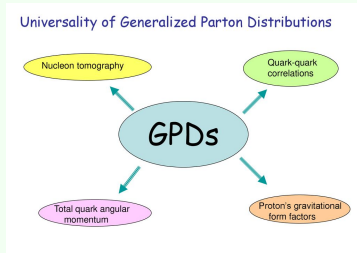
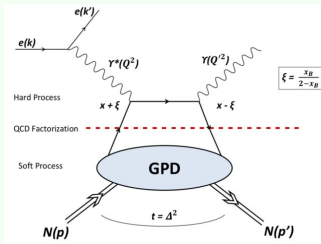


Figure: V.Burkert talk

- In forward limit GPDs \rightarrow PDFs

Chiral even GPDs at non-zero skewness

$$A_{\lambda'\mu',\lambda\mu} = \frac{1}{P_+} \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p', s' | \epsilon^i(\mu') F^{+i}(-\frac{z}{2}) F^{+j}(\frac{z}{2}) \epsilon^{*j}(\mu) | p, s \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, z_T=0}$$

- [M Diehl, Phys.Rept. 388 (2003)]

- [Boffi, Pasquini Riv.Nuovo Cim. 30 (2007) 9, 387-448]

where μ (μ') gluon helicity of the initial (final) state

$$H^g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} T_1^g - \frac{2M\xi^2}{\sqrt{t_0-t}(1-\xi^2)} T_3^g,$$

$$\tilde{H}^g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} T_2^g + \frac{2M\xi}{\sqrt{t_0-t}(1-\xi^2)} T_4^g,$$

$$E^g = -\frac{2M}{\epsilon\sqrt{t_0-t}} T_3^g, \quad \tilde{E}^g = \frac{2M}{\epsilon\xi\sqrt{t_0-t}} T_4^g,$$

$$T_1^g = A_{++,++} + A_{-+,-+},$$

$$T_2^g = A_{++,++} - A_{-+,-+},$$

$$T_3^g = A_{+,-,+} + A_{+,-,-},$$

$$T_4^g = A_{+,-,+} - A_{+,-,-},$$

Chiral odd GPDs at non-zero skewness

$$H_T^g = \frac{2M}{\epsilon\sqrt{t_0-t}(1-\xi^2)} \tilde{T}_1^g - \frac{4M^2\xi}{(t_0-t)(1-\xi^2)\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \tilde{T}_3^g,$$

$$E_T^g = \frac{4M^2}{(t_0-t)(1-\xi^2)\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left(\xi \tilde{T}_3^g + \tilde{T}_4^g \right)$$

$$\tilde{E}_T^g = \frac{4M^2}{(t_0-t)(1-\xi^2)\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} \left(\tilde{T}_3^g + \xi \tilde{T}_4^g \right)$$

$$\tilde{H}_T^g = 0$$

$$\tilde{T}_1^g = A_{++,-} + A_{-+,+},$$

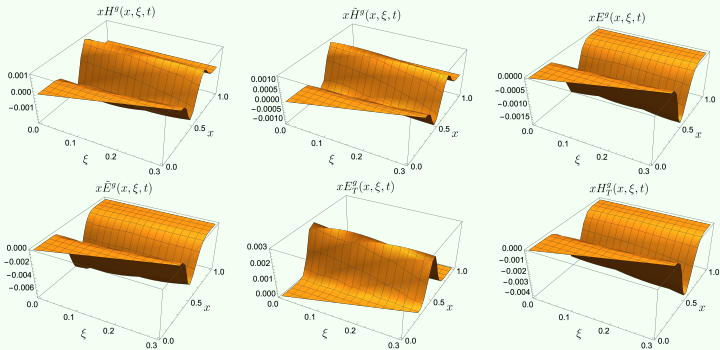
$$\tilde{T}_2^g = A_{++,-} - A_{-+,+},$$

$$\tilde{T}_3^g = A_{++,+} + A_{+,-,+},$$

$$\tilde{T}_4^g = A_{++,+} - A_{+,-,+}$$

The matrix elements T_i^g and \tilde{T}_i^g can be written in terms of overlap of light-front wavefunctions.

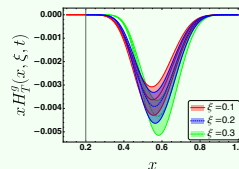
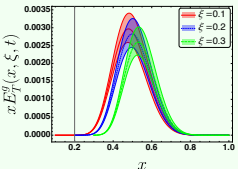
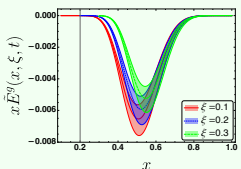
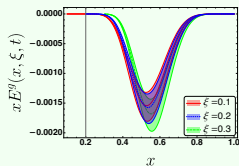
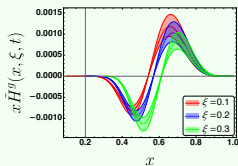
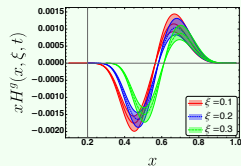
Gluon GPDs at non-zero skewness



at transverse momentum transfer $-|t| = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

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2D plots in DGLAP region



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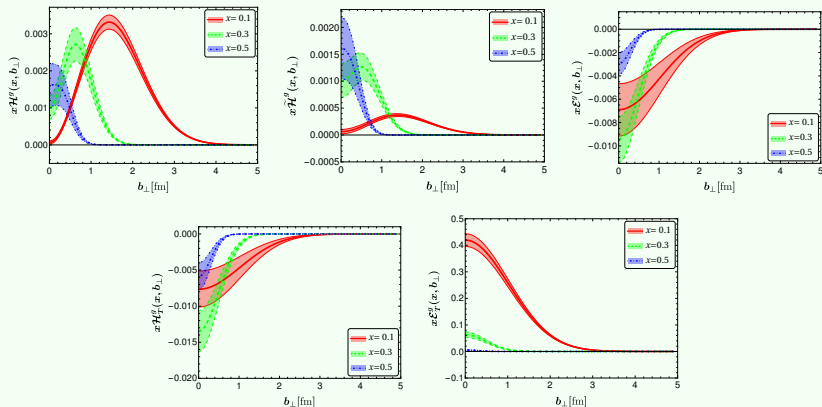
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The behaviour is comparable with Tan, Lu PRD 108 (2023) 5, 054038

Gluon Impact parameter distribution(IPDs)

- IPDs reveal the gluon distributions in transverse-coordinate space and longitudinal momentum for different gluon and target polarizations.

$$\mathcal{F}(x, b_{\perp}) = \int \frac{d^2\Delta_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\Delta_{\perp} \cdot b_{\perp}} F^g(x, \xi = 0, t = -\Delta_{\perp}^2)$$



Gluon Orbital angular momentum

According to Ji's sum rule, the total angular momentum J_z^g of the gluon

$$J_z^g = \frac{1}{2} \int dx x [H^g(x, 0, 0) + E^g(x, 0, 0)]$$

-[Xiang-Dong Ji, Phys Rev Lett. 78, 610613 (1996)]

$$J_z^g = 0.058, \quad J_z^g|_{\text{BLFQ}} = 0.066, \quad J_z^g|_{\text{Lattice}} = 0.187(46)(10)$$

Kinetic OAM of gluon

$$L_z^g = \int dx \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x [H^g(x, 0, 0) + E^g(x, 0, 0)] - \tilde{H}^g(x, 0, 0) \right\}$$

Our result $L_z^g = -0.42$

while $L_z^g|_{\text{Ma-Lu}} = -0.123$ [Tan-Lu, PRD 108, 054038]

• Spin-orbit correlation

$$C_z^g(x) = \int dx d^2 k_{\perp} d^2 b_{\perp} (\vec{b}_{\perp} \times \vec{k}_{\perp})_z \rho_{UL}^q(\vec{b}_{\perp}, \vec{k}_{\perp}, x) \quad C_z^g = -7.7480$$

$C_z^g < 0$ means gluon spin and OAM antialigned.

Conclusion and future work

- We have explored the light front dynamics and its implication to understand hadron dynamics in terms of LFWFs.
- We have discussed light-front spectator model for the gluon with the light-front wave functions modeled from the soft-wall holographic AdS/QCD prediction for two-body bound states.
- In a gluon spectator model, we have shown the results for the gluon average momentum, helicity, TMDs, densities, GPDs and OAM contribution of the gluon.

Thanks for listening...