# **Generalized Parton Distributions in Light-Front Holographic QCD**

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# **Gauge/Gravity Duality and LF holography**

#### Maldacena's conjecture

J.M. Maldacena, Int. J. Theor. Phys. 38, 1113 (1999).

Gauge field theory in *d*-dim

Gravitational theory in d+1-dim

A realization: AdS / CFT

semiclassical gravity approximation to strongly coupled QFTs

#### Light-front holographic QCD

QCD: conformal symmetry is broken by quark masses and quantum effects

Asymptotic freedom

Confinement and an infrared fixed point "bottom-up" approach: modify the background AdS space

impact LF variable- $\zeta \Leftrightarrow z$  holographic variable in AdS

measuring the separation of partons in a hadron

G.F. de Téramond and S.J. Brodsky, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 081601 (2009); S.J. Brodsky and G.F. de Téramond, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 201601 (2006); Phys. Rev. D 77, 056007 (2008); Phys. Rev. D 78, 025032 (2008).



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J. Rodríguez-Quintero, Phys. Rev. D 96, 054026 (2017).

## Hadron Spectrum in LF Holography



S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, H.G. Dosch, J. Erlich, Phys. Rep. 584, 1 (2015); H.G. Dosch, G.F. de Téramond, S.J. Brodsky, Phys. Rev. D 91, 045040 (2015); D91, 085016 (2015).

## **Unified View of Partonic Structures**

*Light-front wave function*  $\Psi(x_i, k_{T_i})$ 



# Form Factors in Holographic QCD

#### Form factor of a spinless hadron

$$\int d^4x dz \sqrt{g} \Phi_{P'}^*(x, z) \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_M \Phi_P(x, z) A^M(x, z) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{The coupling of an extermal EM field} \\ \text{propagating in AdS space to a hadron mode} \\ \sim (2\pi)^4 \delta^4 (P' - P - q) \epsilon_\mu (P + P')^\mu F(q^2) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{EM form factor in physical spacetime} \\ x^M = (x^\mu, z) & \sqrt{g} = (R/z)^5 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{J. Polchinski and M.J. Strassler,} \\ \text{JHEP 05 (2003) 012.} \\ \Phi_P(x, z) = e^{iP \cdot x} \Phi(z) & A_\mu(x, z) = e^{iq \cdot x} V(q^2, z) \epsilon_\mu(q), \qquad A_z = 0 \end{array}$$

Extracting the momentum conservation factor

$$F(Q^2) = \int \frac{dz}{z^3} V(Q^2, z) \Phi_\tau^2(z)$$

For hadron modes scale as  $\Phi_{\tau} \sim z^{\tau}$  at small  $z \sim 1/Q$ 

 $F_{\tau}(Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right)^{\tau-1}$  recover the hard-scattering power scaling

S.J. Brodsky and G.R. Farrar, Phys. Rev. Lett. 31, 1153 (1973).

V.A. Matveev, R.M. Muradian, A.N. Tevkhelidze, Lett. Nuovo Cimento 7, 719 (1973).

## Form Factors in Holographic QCD

Hadron wave function of twist- $\tau$  (soft-wall)

$$\Phi_{\tau}(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\Gamma(\tau-1)}} \kappa^{\tau-1} z^{\tau} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2/2}$$

EM current

$$V(Q^2, z) = \kappa^2 z^2 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1-x)^2} x^{Q^2/4\kappa^2} e^{-\kappa^2 z^2 x/(1-x)} = 4\kappa^4 z^2 \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{L_n^1(\kappa^2 z^2)}{M_n^2 + Q^2}$$

have poles at  $-Q^2 = M_n^2 = 4\kappa^2(n+1)$ 

H.R. Grigoryan and A.V. Radyushkin, Phys. Rev. D 76, 095007 (2007).

compare with LFHQCD spectral formula $M_n^2$  =corresponding to the Regge trajectory J = L = 1 $\rho$  meson trajectory is J = L + 1 = 1shift point

$$M_n^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left( n + \frac{J+L}{2} \right)$$

shift poles to 
$$-Q^2 = M_{\rho_n}^2 = 4\kappa^2 \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, H.G. Dosch, J. Erlich, Phys. Rep. 584, 1 (2015).

Form factor

$$F_{\tau}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\rho_{n=0}}^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\rho_{n=1}}^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\rho_{n=\tau-2}}^2}\right)}$$

S.J. Brodsky and G.F. de Téramond, Phys. Rev. D 77, 056007 (2008).

### **Pion Form Factor**

#### Pion form factor compared with data



G.F. de Téramond and S.J. Brodsky, Proc. Sci. LC2010 (2010) 029. S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, H.G. Dosch, J. Erlich, Phys. Rep. 584, 1 (2015). [Sec. 6.1.5]

## Form Factors in Holographic QCD

#### Nucleon form factor: spin-nonflip

Nucleon wave function

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{+}(z) \sim z^{\tau+1/2} e^{-\kappa^{2} z^{2}/2}, & \Psi_{-}(z) \sim z^{\tau+3/2} e^{-\kappa^{2} z^{2}/2} \\ (L=0) & (L=1) \end{split}$$

Dirac form factor

G.F. de Téramond, H.G. Dosch, S.J. Brodsky, Phys. Rev. D 87, 075005 (2013).

$$F_1^N(Q^2) = \sum_{\pm} g_{\pm}^N \int \frac{dz}{z^4} V(Q^2, z) \Psi_{\pm}^2(z)$$

 $g_{\pm}$  are determined by the spin-flavor structure

SU(6) symmetry: 
$$g_{+}^{p} = 1$$
,  $g_{-}^{p} = 0$ ,  $g_{+}^{n} = -\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $g_{-}^{n} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

# Form Factors in Holographic QCD

#### Nucleon form factor: spin-flip

$$\int d^4x dz \sqrt{g} \bar{\Psi}_{P'}(x,z) e^M_A e^N_B [\Gamma^A, \Gamma^B] F_{MN}(x,z) \Psi_P(x,z) = 2 \delta^4 (P' - P - q) \epsilon_\mu \bar{u}(P') \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M_N} F_2(q^2) u(P),$$

Effective spin-flip amplitude in AdS space of an external EM field coupling to a nucleon

> Pauli form factor in physical spacetime

Z. Abidin and C.E. Carlson, Phys. Rev. D 79, 115003 (2009).

Pauli form factor

$$F_2^N(Q^2) = \chi_N \int \frac{dz}{z^3} \Psi_+(z) V(Q^2, z) \Psi_-(z)$$

normalized to anomalous magnetic moments

Scaling: additional power of z in the wave function product of  $\Psi_+$  and  $\Psi_-$ 

the leading scaling of the Pauli form factor has additional power of  $1/Q^2$ 

### **Nucleon Form Factors**

#### Nucleon form factors compared with data



$$F_1^p(Q^2) = F_{\tau=3}(Q^2)$$
  

$$F_1^n(Q^2) = -\frac{r}{3}[F_{\tau=3}(Q^2) - F_{\tau=4}(Q^2)]$$

$$F_2^p(Q^2) = \chi_p[(1 - \gamma_p)F_{\tau=4}(Q^2) + \gamma_pF_{\tau=6}(Q^2)]$$
  

$$F_2^n(Q^2) = \chi_n[(1 - \gamma_n)F_{\tau=4}(Q^2) + \gamma_nF_{\tau=6}(Q^2)]$$
  

$$\gamma_p = 0.27 \qquad \gamma_n = 0.38$$

R.S. Sufian, G.F. de Téramond, S.J. Brodsky, A. Deur, H.G. Dosch, Phys. Rev. D 95 014011 (2017).

### From Form Factors to GPDs

#### Form factor for arbitrary twist- $\tau$

$$F_{\tau}(t) = \frac{1}{N_{\tau}} B\left(\tau - 1, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{t}{4\lambda}\right) \qquad N_{\tau} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\tau - 1)}{\Gamma(\tau - \frac{1}{2})}$$

For integer  $\tau$ , it gives the pole structure

$$F_{\tau}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_0^2})(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_1^2})\cdots(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{\tau-2}^2})}$$

S.J. Brodsky and G.F. de Téramond, Phys. Rev. D 77, 056007 (2008);

S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, H.G. Dosch, J. Erlich, Phys. Rep. 584, 1 (2015).

$$M_n^2 = 4\lambda(n+\frac{1}{2}), n = 0, 1, 2, ..., \tau - 2$$

 $\rho$  vector meson and its radial excitations

It has the same structure of Veneziano amplitude  $B(1 - \alpha(s), 1 - \alpha(t))$ with the s-channel dependence replaced by a fixed pole  $1 - \alpha(s) \rightarrow \tau - 1$ 

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{t}{4\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}$$
  $\rho$  trajectory

The mass scale  $\lambda$  is fixed by the  $\rho$  meson mass:

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \kappa = m_{\rho}/\sqrt{2} = 0.548 \,\mathrm{GeV}$$

For large  $Q^2 = -t$ , it has the scaling behavior

$$F_{\tau}(Q^2) \sim \left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right)^{\tau-1}$$

### From Form Factors to GPDs

Writing the form factor in terms of valence GPD at zero skewness

$$F^q(t) = \int_0^1 dx \, H^q_v(x,t)$$

Express the form factor with the Euler integral representation

$$F_{\tau}(t) = \frac{1}{N_{\tau}} B\left(\tau - 1, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{t}{4\lambda}\right) \qquad \qquad B(u, v) = \int_{0}^{1} dy \, y^{u-1} (1 - y)^{v-1} \qquad y = w(x)$$
  
w(x) is a reparametrization function

$$\begin{aligned} H^{q}(x,t) &= \frac{1}{N_{\tau}} [1 - w(x)]^{\tau - 2} w(x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} w'(x) e^{(t/4\lambda) \log[1/w(x)]} \\ &= q_{\tau}(x) \exp[tf(x)], \end{aligned}$$

$$q_{\tau}(x) = \frac{1}{N_{\tau}} [1 - w(x)]^{\tau - 2} w(x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} w'(x) \qquad \qquad f(x) = \frac{1}{4\lambda} \log\left(\frac{1}{w(x)}\right)$$

The collinear distribution q(x) and the profile function f(x) are related by a universal  $\tau$ -independent reparametrization function w(x).

### **Constraints on w(x)**

Mathematical constraints:

$$B(u,v) = \int_0^1 dy \, y^{u-1} (1-y)^{v-1} \qquad y = w(x)$$
$$w(0) = 0, \qquad w(1) = 1, \qquad w'(x) \ge 0 \quad \text{for} \ x \in [0,1]$$

Physical requirements:

Small-*x* behavior:  $H_v^q(x, t) \sim x^{-t/4\lambda} q_v(x)$  Regge theory motivated ansatz

 $w(x) \sim x$ 

Large-*x* behavior:  $q_{\tau}(x) \sim (1-x)^{2\tau-3}$  Drell-Yan inclusive counting rule

$$w(x) = 1 - (1 - x)w'(1) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - x)^2 w''(1) + \cdots$$
$$w'(1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad w''(1) \neq 0$$
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4\lambda} \log\left(\frac{1}{w(x)}\right) \qquad \qquad f'(1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f''(1) \neq 0$$

### **Pion and Nucleon GPDs**

Pion:

$$H_v^{u,\bar{d}}(x,t) = (1-\gamma)H_{\tau=2}(x,t) + \gamma H_{\tau=4}(x,t)$$

#### Nucleon:

Spin-nonflip: 
$$H_v^u(x,t) = \left(2 - \frac{r}{3}\right) H_{\tau=3}(x,t) + \frac{r}{3} H_{\tau=4}(x,t)$$
  
 $H_v^d(x,t) = \left(1 - \frac{2r}{3}\right) H_{\tau=3}(x,t) + \frac{2r}{3} H_{\tau=4}(x,t)$ 

Spin-flip:

$$E_v^u(x,t) = \chi_u[(1-\gamma_u)H_{\tau=4}(x,t) + \gamma_u H_{\tau=6}(x,t)]$$
$$E_v^d(x,t) = \chi_u[(1-\gamma_d)H_{\tau=4}(x,t) + \gamma_d H_{\tau=6}(x,t)]$$

$$\gamma_u \equiv \frac{2\chi_p \gamma_p + \chi_n \gamma_n}{2\chi_p + \chi_n}, \qquad \gamma_d \equiv \frac{2\chi_n \gamma_n + \chi_p \gamma_p}{2\chi_n + \chi_p}$$

strange quark contribution is neglected

# **Matching Scale**

#### Matching the couplings from LFHQCD and pQCD



Bjorken sum rule:

$$\frac{\alpha_{g_1}(Q^2)}{\pi} = 1 - \frac{6}{g_A} \int_0^1 dx \, g_1^{p-n}(x, Q^2)$$

Effective coupling in LFHQCD (valid at low- $Q^2$ )

$$\alpha_{g_1}^{AdS}(Q^2) = \pi \exp\left(-Q^2/4\kappa^2\right)$$

Imposing continuity for  $\alpha$  and its first derivative

A. Deur, S.J. Brodsky, G.F. de Téramond, Phys. Lett. B 750, 528 (2015); J. Phys. G 44, 105005 (2017).

## **Nucleon PDFs**

#### Nucleon PDFs in comparison with global fits



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4\lambda} \left[ (1-x) \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + a(1-x)^2 \right]$$
$$w(x) = x^{1-x} e^{-a(1-x)^2}$$

Parameter "*a*" is fixed by the first moment  $a = 0.531 \pm 0.037$ 

Evolved from the matching scale  $1.06 \pm 0.15$  GeV

Red bands: the uncertainties of the matching scale and the parameter "a".

G.F. de Téramond, TL, R.S. Sufian, H.G. Dosch, S.J. Brodsky, A. Deur, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 182001 (2018).

## **Nucleon PDFs**

#### Difference between LFHQCD results and global fits



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## **Pion PDF**



## **Nucleon GPDs**



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## **Pion GPD**



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## **Impact Parameter Distributions**



## Summary

The structure of GPDs is determined from LF holographic QCD up to a universal reparametrization function w(x).

Imposing constraints on w(x) to incorporate Regge behavior of small-x and inclusive counting rules at  $x \rightarrow 1$ . A simple w(x) ansatz results in precise descriptions of parton distributions for both nucleon and pion.

The LF holographic QCD provides a unified framework to describe hadron spectrum and structure.

Thanks!



## **Nucleon Form Factors**

#### Sachs form factors

$$G_E^N(Q^2) = F_1^N(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4m_N^2}F_2^N(Q^2)$$
$$G_M^N(Q^2) = F_1^N(Q^2) + F_2^N(Q^2).$$



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### **Different w(x) ansatz**

#### Nucleon PDFs with different w(x) forms



(1) 
$$w(x) = x^{1-x}e^{-a(1-x)^2}$$

(2) 
$$w(x) = Ax + Bx^2 + Cx^3$$
  
 $B = 3 - 2A, \quad C = A - 2$ 

#### **Effective LF Wave Functions**

**b**⊥-space:

$$\psi_{\text{eff}}^{\tau}(x, \mathbf{b}_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{q_{\tau}(x)}{f(x)}} (1-x) \exp\left(-\frac{(1-x)^2}{8f(x)} \mathbf{b}_{\perp}^2\right)$$

normalization:

$$\int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_\perp |\psi_{\text{eff}}(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp)|^2 = 1$$

**k**⊥-space:

$$\psi_{\text{eff}}^{\tau}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) = 8\pi \frac{\sqrt{q_{\tau}(x)f(x)}}{1-x} \exp\left(-\frac{2f(x)}{(1-x)^2}\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2\right)$$

normalization: 
$$\int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} |\psi_{\text{eff}}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)|^2 = 1$$