THREE-DIMENSIONAL NUCLEON STRUCTURE

AT THE EIC

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UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES OF RELATIVISTIC HADRONIC BOUND STATES



Nucleons provide 98% of the mass of the visible universe
 One of the goals of the modern nuclear physics is to study details of the structure of the nucleon

Parton Distribution Functions provide fundamental description



- Probability density to find a quark with a momentum fraction x
- ID snapshot of fundamental constituents
- Study of confined quarks and gluons

HADRON'S PARTONIC STRUCTURE

To study the physics of *confined motion of quarks and gluons* inside of the proton one needs a new type "hard probe" with two scales. Transverse Momentum Dependent functions (TMDs)



- One large scale (Q) sensitive to particle nature of quark and gluons
- One small scale (k_T) sensitive to how QCD bounds partons and to the detailed structure at ~fm distances.
- TMDs provide detailed information on the spin structure
- TMDs contain new probes, e.g. qgq operators rather that just qq or gg and thus include correlations
- TMDs encode 3D structure in the momentum space (complementary to GPDs)

TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM DEPENDENT FACTORIZATION



The confined motion (k_T dependence) is encoded in TMDs **Semi-Inclusive DIS** Dihadron in e⁺e⁻ **Drell-Yan** $\sigma \sim f_{q/P}(x, k_T) f_{q/P}(x, k_T) \ \sigma \sim D_{h_1/P}(z, k_T) D_{h_2/q}(z, k_T)$

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Meng, Olness, Soper (1992) *Ji, Ma, Yuan (2005)* Idilbi, Ji, Ma, Yuan (2004) Collins (2011)





Collins, Soper, Sterman (1985) *Ji, Ma, Yuan (2004)* Collins (2011)

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UNPOLARIZED Structure of the Nucleon

UNPOLARIZED TMD MEASUREMENTS









Bacchetta, Delcarro, Pisano, Radici, Signori, arXiv:1703.10157

V. Moos, I. Scimemi, A. Vladimirov, P. Zurita arXiv:2305.07473

P. Barry, L. Gamberg, W. Melnitchouk, E. Moffat, D. Pitonyak, AP, N. Sato Phys.Rev.D 108 (2023) 9, L091504

- Addresses the question of partonic confined motion
- Evolution with x and Q²
- Flavor dependence of unpolarized TMDs
- ► Interplay with collinear QCD at large q_T

TMD FITS OF UNPOLARIZED DATA

	Framework	W+Y	HERMES	COMPASS	DY	Z boson	W boson	N of points
KN 2006	LO-NLL	W	×	×	 	~	×	98
QZ 2001	NLO-NLL	W+Y	×	×	~	~	×	28 (?)
RESBOS resbos@msu	NLO-NNLL	W+Y	×	×	~	>	×	>100 (?)
Pavia 2013 arXiv:1309.3507	LO-PM	W	~	×	×	×	×	1538
Torino 2014 arXiv:1312.6261	LO-PM	W	✓ (separately)	✓ (separately)	×	×	×	576 (H) 6284 (C)
DEMS 2014 arXiv:1407.3311	NLO-NNLL	W	×	×	~	>	×	223
EIKV 2014 arXiv:1401.5078	LO-NLL	W	1 (x,Q²) bin	1 (x,Q²) bin	~	>	×	500 (?)
SIYY 2014 arXiv:1406.3073	NLO-NLL	W+Y	×	v	~	>	×	200 (?)
Pavia 2017 arXiv:1703.10157	LO-NLL	W	~	v	~	>	×	8059
SV 2017 arXiv:1706.01473	NNLO-NNLL	W	×	×	~	>	×	309
BSV 2019 arXiv:1902.08474	NNLO-NNLL	W	×	×	~	>	×	457
Pavia 2019 arXiv:1912.07550	NNLO-N3LL	W	×	×	~	>	×	353
SV 2019 arXiv:1912.06532	NNLO-N3LL	W	~	v	~	>	×	1039
MAP pion 2022 arXiv:2210.01733	NLO-N3LL	W	×	×	~	×	×	138
MAP 2022 arXiv:2206.07598	NNLO-N3LL-	W	~	v	~	>	×	2031
JAM 2023 arXiv: 2302.01192	NLO-NNLL	W	×	×	~	×	×	608
ART 2023 arXiv:2305.07473	N3LO-N4LL	W	×	×	~	 	~	627
Aslan at al 2024 arXiv:2401.14266	NLO-NLL	W	×	×	~	×	×	130
MAP 2025 arXiv:2502.04166	NNLO-N3LL	W	×	×	 ✓ 	 ✓ 	×	482

TMD ANALYSES

- Usually implement the data cut $q_T/Q < 0.2 \div 0.25$ to minimize power corrections (W term only)
- High perturbative accuracy and OPE matching to collinear PDFs.
 Good perturbative convergence
- Neglecting small higher twist contributions (i.e. Boer-Mulders)
- Non perturbative TMD behavior in b_T and x dependent, either flavor dependent or not. Usage of NN in the latest analysis
- Some differences in solutions of evolution equations and separation of perturbative and non perturbative contributions

UNPOLARIZED SIDIS TMD MEASUREMENTS



Combination of various processes is important for the tests of universality



MAP22:Bacchetta et al, JHEP 10 (2022) 127



HERMES



Ignazio Scimemi, Alexey Vladimirov JHEP 06 (2020) 137

CHALLENGES

Low q_T SIDIS data requires normalization of the theory (at least MAP22)

MAP22:Bacchetta et al, JHEP 10 (2022) 127

$$\omega(x, z, Q) = \frac{d\sigma^{\text{nomix}}}{dx \, dz \, dQ} \Big/ \int d^2 \boldsymbol{q}_T \, W$$

At NLL, $\omega(x, z, Q) = 1$. Beyond NLL, the prefactor becomes larger than one and guarantees that the integral of the TMD part of the cross section reproduces most of the collinear cross section, as suggested by the data.

Hard factor to blame?

MAP22:Bacchetta et al, JHEP 10 (2022) 127

Should we use a different way of matching to collinear fixed order results?

Aslan et al Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 7, 074016

Should we understand better SIDIS?

Jefferson Lab Angular Momentum (JAM), M. Boglione et al JHEP 04 (2022) 084 M. Boglione et al, Phys.Lett.B 766 (2017) 245-25

CHALLENGES

Large q_T SIDIS data are in tension with the NLO calculations

Gonzalez-Hernandez et al Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018) 11, 114005



RECENT ADVANCES: TOMOGRAPHY OF PIONS AND PROTONS



The first simultaneous analysis of collinear and TMD distributions

$$\langle b_T | x \rangle_{q/\mathcal{N}} = \int \mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{b}_T \, b_T \, \tilde{f}_{q/\mathcal{N}}(b_T | x; Q, Q^2)$$



Resulting widths at Q = 4 and 8 (*GeV*)

Q dependence is well consistent with widening due to TMD evolution

Pion's width is smaller than that of the proton at $5.3 - 7.5 \sigma$ confidence level

Both decrease as x decreases,

consistent with the emergence of qq

condensate characterized by a scale

 $\sim 0.3 \, (fm)$



 Q, Q^2

 $f_{q/\mathcal{N}}(b_T|x;$



 $\mathrm{d}^2 \boldsymbol{b}_T \, \boldsymbol{b}_T$

 $\langle b_T$

Hints of the nuclear dependence of TMDs

Consistent with findings of

M. Alrashed, D. Anderle, Z. Kang, J. Terry, H. Xing, Phys.Rev.Lett. 129 (2022)

RECENT ADVANCES

ENI AUVANLES

Oscar del Rio, Alexei Prokudin, Ignazio Scimemi, Alexey Vladimirov Phys. Rev. D 110 (2024)

We established a robust relationship of the Transverse Momentum Moments (weighted integrals of TMDs with an upper cut-off) and collinear distributions, consistent with previous studies *M. A. Ebert, J. K. L. Michel, I. W. Stewart and Z. Sun, JHEP 07 (2022) 129 J. O. Gonzalez-Hernandez, T. Rainaldi, T. C. Rogers Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 9, 094029*

$$\int^{\mu} d^2k_T f(x, k_T; \mu, \zeta) = f(x; \mu)$$

We demonstrated these relations are very precise and extended them to higher moments 0.04 u = 20 GeV



The usage of TMMs will be useful in the future theoretical and phenomenological studies, as well as in lattice QCD studies. They also provide a foundation of relation of the collinear QCD and TMD physics 14

RECENT ADVANCES

Large logarithms arise at order α_s^n in the threshold regime $x \to 1$ in the form of the "plus" distributions, up to $\mathscr{L}_m \equiv [\ln^{m-1}(1-x)/(1-x)]_+, (m \le 2n)$

G. Sterman, Nucl. Phys. B281 (1987) 310, S. Catani and L. Trentadue, Physics B 327 (1989) 323

We demonstrated that they can be resummed in the coefficient functions

$$\lim_{b \to 0} \tilde{f}_q(x, b) = \sum_{q'} C_{qq'}(x, b) \otimes f_q(x)$$

and the result is universal for for unpolarized, helicity, and transversity TMD and FFs



It will be very useful for TMDs where higher orders are not studies and potentially will introduce strong constraints on the non perturbative models for the Collins-Soper kernel

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE EIC

EIC Yellow Report, Nucl. Phys. A 1026 (2022) 122447

 We expect the EIC to have an impact on the knowledge of the Collins-Soper kernel, the essential ingredient of factorization



Extensively studied by lattice QCD

A. Avkhadiev, P. Shanahan, M. Wagman, Y. Zhao Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 (2024) 23, 231901

We expect the impact on both TMD PDFs and TMD FFs



5 ×41 GeV, 5 ×100 GeV, 10 ×100 GeV, 18 ×100 GeV and 18 ×275 GeV scaled to 10 fb⁻¹ 16

CONCLUSIONS

- TMD physics is a data driven science
- TMD studies have made great progress, they are synergistic with many other areas: lattice QCD, SCET, small-x, jets, etc
- Current: HERMES, COMPASS, JLab 12, BELLE, RHIC spin, and LHC provide great experimental measurements for TMD physics
- Future: Electron-Ion Collider, together with other experiments such as JLab 12, LHC, and BELLE II, will make significant contributions to TMD studies

