Quantum Stress on the Light Front

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The last global unknown

- The energy-momentum tensor (EMT) characterizes the coupling between gravity and matter
- EMT for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ hadrons:

$$\langle p', s' | T^{\mu\nu}(0) | p, s \rangle = \frac{1}{2M} \bar{u}_{s'}(p') \left[2P^{\mu}P^{\nu}A(q^2) + iP^{\{\mu}\sigma^{\nu\}\rho}q_{\rho}J(q^2) + \frac{1}{2}(q^{\mu}q^{\nu} - q^2g^{\mu\nu})D(q^2) \right] u_s(p).$$

where P = (p' + p)/2, q = p' - p.

- Gravitational form factors are connected with the intrinsic distributions of hadron.
 - $A(q^2)$: energy and mass distribution $\rightarrow A(0) = 1$
 - $J(q^2)$: angular momentum distribution $\rightarrow J(0) = \frac{1}{2}$
 - $D(q^2)$: stress distribution D(0) is unconstrained

Mechanical properties

[Perevalova '16]

Pressure distributions are Fourier transformation of D term

$$p(r) = -\frac{1}{6M} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{iq \cdot r} q^2 D(-q^2).$$

► *D* term indicates the stability of hadron Local stability criteria: $\frac{2}{3}s(r) + p(r) > 0 \rightarrow$ a negative D(0)

von Laue condition: $\int d^3r p(r) = 0$

$$D(0) \sim \int d^3r r^2 p(r) < 0?$$



Experiment access



$$\int_{-1}^{1} dx x H^{a}(x,\xi,t) = A^{a}(t) + \xi^{2} D^{a}(t), \quad \int_{-1}^{1} dx x E^{a}(x,\xi,t) = B^{a}(t) - \xi^{2} D^{a}(t).$$





Theoretical progress

- perturbative QCD [Tong '22]
- light-front quark-diquark model [Chakrabarti '20]
- Dyson-Schwinger equation [Xing '23]



Non-perturbative calculations based on quantum field theory are scarce. D term needs proper non-perturbative renormalization!

Scalar Yukawa model

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_{\mu}\chi^{\dagger}\partial^{\mu}\chi - m^{2}\chi^{\dagger}\chi + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\mu}\varphi\partial^{\mu}\varphi - \frac{1}{2}\mu^{2}\varphi^{2} + g_{0}\chi^{\dagger}\chi\varphi + \delta m^{2}\chi^{\dagger}\chi$$

where m = 0.94GeV, $\mu = 0.14$ GeV, $\alpha \equiv g^2/(16\pi m^2)$. g_0 and δm^2 are renormalization parameters.

- χ : mock nucleon, φ : mock pion
- quenched approximation, no nucleon-antinucleon loops

$$m_{\text{bare}}^2 = m^2 - \delta m^2, \quad \mu_{\text{bare}}^2 = \mu^2$$

One nucleon sector:

$$|p\rangle = |\chi\rangle + |\chi\varphi\rangle + |\chi\varphi\varphi\rangle + |\chi\varphi\varphi\varphi\rangle + \cdots$$

- This model is solved up to $|\chi\varphi\varphi\varphi\rangle$ sector non-perturbatively
 - Fock sector dependent renormalization
 - converge up to $|\chi\varphi\varphi\rangle$ sector

[Li '15]

 $m^2 \gg \mu^2$

Diagrammatic representation

EMT in scalar Yukawa model:

Diagrammatic representation for hadron matrix elements:

EMT renormalization



Counterterms can cancel with divergent diagrams, e.g. diagram (a) and (b):



GFFs on the light front

• In Drell-Yan frame
$$q^+ = 0$$
:

$$t^{\alpha\beta} = 2P^{\alpha}P^{\beta}A(q^{2}) + \frac{1}{2}(q^{\alpha}q^{\beta} - q^{2}g^{\alpha\beta})D(q^{2}) + \frac{(q^{2})^{2}\omega^{\alpha}\omega^{\beta}}{(P^{+})^{2}}S_{1}(q^{2}) + \frac{1}{(P^{+})^{2}}\epsilon^{\alpha\mu\nu\gamma}P_{\mu}q_{\nu}\omega_{\gamma}\epsilon^{\beta\rho\sigma\lambda}P_{\rho}q_{\sigma}\omega_{\lambda}S_{2}(q^{2}).$$

 $S_{1,2}(q^2)$ are two spurious form factors originating from violation of the Lorentz symmetry.

► t^{++} and t^{+-} are free of the spurious contributions. In Breit frame ($P_{\perp} = 0$): $t^{++} = 2(P^+)^2 A(-q_{\perp}^2),$ $t^{+-} = 2(m^2 + \frac{1}{4}q_{\perp}^2)A(-q_{\perp}^2) + q_{\perp}^2D(-q_{\perp}^2),$ $trt^{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}q_{\perp}^2D(-q_{\perp}^2) + q_{\perp}^2S_2(-q_{\perp}^2).$ $\Rightarrow A(-q_{\perp}^2) = \frac{t^{++}}{2(P^+)^2}, \quad q_{\perp}^2D(-q_{\perp}^2) = t^{+-} - \frac{m^2 + \frac{1}{4}q_{\perp}^2}{(P^+)^2}t^{++}$

Conservation laws

► Light-front Schrödinger equation,

$$\begin{split} \hat{P}^{\mu} \left| p \right\rangle &= p^{\mu} \left| p \right\rangle, \\ \Rightarrow p^{\mu} 2 p^{+} \delta^{(3)}(p - p') &= \langle p' | \hat{P}^{\mu} | p \rangle = \langle p' | \int d^{3}x \hat{T}^{+\mu}(x) | p \rangle \\ &= \int d^{3}x e^{iq \cdot x} \left\langle p' | \hat{T}^{+\mu}(0) | p \right\rangle = \delta^{(3)}(p - p') \left\langle p' | \hat{T}^{+\mu}(0) | p \right\rangle. \end{split}$$

► Forward limit (q=0):

$$\begin{split} \hat{P}^{+} &= \int d^{3}x \hat{T}^{++}(x), \ \Rightarrow \ \langle p | \hat{T}^{++}(0) | p \rangle = 2p^{+}p^{+}, \ \Rightarrow \ A(0) = 1, \\ \hat{P}^{-} &= \int d^{3}x \hat{T}^{+-}(x), \ \Rightarrow \ \langle p | \hat{T}^{+-}(0) | p \rangle = 2p^{+}p^{-}, \ \Rightarrow \ \lim_{q_{\perp} \to 0} q_{\perp}^{2} D(-q_{\perp}^{2}) = 0. \end{split}$$

Here, $d^3x = \frac{1}{2}dx^-d^2x_{\perp}$.

• Indeed, D = D(0) is finite in our model.

Numerical results



- Compare A(Q²) and D(Q²) from perturbative regime to strong coupling regime, Q² = −q² = q²_⊥.
- ▶ For small α , $D(Q^2)$ is close to -1, the free scalar particle's result.
- ▶ In the forward limit: A(0) = 1, D(0) is finite and less than -1.
- As α increases, D(0) becomes more negative.
- ▶ For large Q^2 , $A(Q^2 \to \infty) = Z$, $D(Q^2 \to \infty) = -Z$, the one-body Fock sector contribution.

Matter density and pressure



Light-front distribution:

fit functions: $f(Q^2) = f(\infty) + \frac{a_1}{1+Q^2/\Lambda_1^2} + \frac{a_2}{1+Q^2/\Lambda_2^2}$

$$\mathcal{A}(r_{\perp}) = \int \frac{d^2 q_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp}} A(-q_{\perp}^2), \quad p(r_{\perp}) = -\frac{1}{6M} \int \frac{d^2 q_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp}} q_{\perp}^2 D(-q_{\perp}^2)$$

• A point-like repulsive core at $r_{\perp} = 0$

$$\int \frac{d^2 q_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i q_{\perp} \cdot r_{\perp}} q_{\perp}^2 \frac{1}{1 + q_{\perp}^2 / \Lambda_1^2} = \frac{\Lambda_1^2}{2\pi} \delta^{(2)}(r_{\perp}) - \frac{\Lambda_1^4}{2\pi} K_0(\Lambda_1 r_{\perp})$$

Light-Front Wave Function Representation

A general light-front wave function (LFWD) representation for t^{++} : [Brodsky '00]

$$t^{++} = 2(P^{+})^2 \sum_{n} \int \left[dx_i d^2 k_{i\perp} \right]_n \sum_{j} x_j \psi_n(\{x_i, k_{i\perp}\}) \psi_n(\{x_i, k_{i,j\perp}\}) \psi_n(\{x_i,$$

where

$$\int \left[dx_i d^2 k_{i\perp} \right]_n = \frac{1}{S_n} \prod_{i=1}^n \int \frac{dx_i}{2x_i} 2\delta(\sum_i x_i - 1) \int \frac{d^2 k_{i\perp}}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(2)}(\sum_i k_{i\perp})$$
$$k_{i,j\perp} = \begin{cases} k_{i\perp} - x_i q_\perp, & \text{spectator: } i \neq j \\ k_{i\perp} + (1 - x_i) q_\perp, & \text{struck parton: } i = j \end{cases}$$

Transverse coordinate representation:

struck parton

light-front wave function representation for t^{+-} :

$$t^{+-} = \sum_{n} 2 \int \left[dx_i d^2 k_{i\perp} \right]_n \sum_{j} \psi_n^* (\{x_i, k_{i,j\perp}^+\}) \psi_n(\{x_i, k_{i,j\perp}^-\}) \frac{k_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2 - \frac{1}{4} q_\perp^2}{x_j} + \sum_{n} 2 \int \left[dx_i d^2 k_{i\perp} \right]_n \psi_n^* (\{x_i, k_{i\perp}\}) \psi_n(\{x_i, k_{i,n\perp}\}) \left[M^2 - \sum_{j} \frac{k_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2}{x_j} \right]$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{k}_{i,j\perp}^{\pm} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{k}_{i\perp} \pm \frac{1}{2} x_i \boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}, & \text{spectator: } i \neq j \\ \boldsymbol{k}_{i\perp} \mp \frac{1}{2} (1 - x_i) \boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}, & \text{struck parton: } i = j \end{cases}$$
$$\boldsymbol{k}_{i,n\perp} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{k}_{i\perp} - x_i \boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}, & \text{pion, i.e. } i \neq n \\ \boldsymbol{k}_{i\perp} + (1 - x_i) \boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}, & \text{nucleon, i.e. } i = n \end{cases}$$

struck parton



Transverse coordinate representation:

$$t^{+-} = \sum_{n} 2 \int \left[dx_i d^2 r_{i\perp} \right]_n \widetilde{\psi}_n^*(\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \sum_{j} e^{i\mathbf{r}_{j\perp} \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp} \frac{-\nabla_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2 - \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{q}_\perp^2}{x_j} \widetilde{\psi}_n(\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \\ - \sum_{n} 2 \int \left[dx_i d^2 r_{i\perp} \right]_n \widetilde{\psi}_n^*(\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \left[\sum_{j} \frac{-\nabla_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2}{x_j} - M^2 \right] \widetilde{\psi}_n(\{x_i, \mathbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) e^{i\mathbf{r}_n \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp}{x_{j+15}} \right]$$

light-front wave function representation for $D(-q_{\perp}^2)$:

$$\begin{split} D(-\boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}^2) &= 2\sum_n \int \left[dx_i d^2 \boldsymbol{r}_{i\perp} \right] \widetilde{\psi}_n^*(\{x_i, \boldsymbol{r}_{i\perp}\}) \\ &\times \sum_j \left\{ \frac{e^{i\boldsymbol{r}_{j\perp}\cdot\boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}} - e^{i\boldsymbol{r}_{n\perp}\cdot\boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}}}{\boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}^2} \frac{-\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{j\perp}^2 + m_j^2 - x_j^2 M^2}{x_j} - \frac{1 + x_j^2}{4x_j} e^{i\boldsymbol{r}_{j\perp}\cdot\boldsymbol{q}_{\perp}} \right\} \widetilde{\psi}_n(\{x_i, \boldsymbol{r}_{i\perp}\}). \end{split}$$

D(0) is finite:

$$\begin{split} D(0) &= -1 + 2\sum_{n} \int \left[dx_{i} d^{2} r_{i\perp} \right]_{n} \widetilde{\psi}_{n}^{*}(\{x_{i}, \textbf{r}_{i\perp}\}) \\ &\times \sum_{j} \frac{1}{x_{j}} \left\{ (r_{n}^{2} - r_{j\perp}^{2})(-\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{j\perp}^{2} + m_{j}^{2} - x_{j}^{2}M^{2}) + \frac{1}{4}(x_{j}^{2} - 1) \right\} \widetilde{\psi}_{n}(\{x_{i}, \textbf{r}_{i\perp}\}). \end{split}$$

Summary

- We calculate the GFFs of a strongly-coupled scalar nucleon using light-front Hamiltonian formalism.
- We extract matter distrubutions and pressure from form factors $A(-q_{\perp}^2)$ and $D(-q_{\perp}^2)$.
- We obtain a non-perturbative LFWF representation of the D-term, which can be used in phenomenological QCD models as well as to understand the nature of the stress inside hadrons

Thank You