Transverse size in electroproduction

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The two special cases of GPD's

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Form Factors \implies Quark distributions in b-space

Fourier transforms of form factors give charge densities in impact parameter:

Miller (2007) Carlson and Vanderhaeghen (2008)

$$\rho_0(\boldsymbol{b}) \equiv \int \frac{d^2 \boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i \boldsymbol{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{b}} \frac{1}{2P^+} \langle P^+, \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{q}, \lambda | J^+(0) | P^+, -\frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{q}, \lambda \rangle$$



PDF's vs. Densities in terms of wave functions

Parton distribution in x_B (neglecting Wilson line):

$$f_{q/N}(x) = \sum_{n,\lambda_i,k} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int \frac{dx_i d^2 \mathbf{k}_i}{16\pi^3} \right] 16\pi^3 \delta(1 - \sum_i x_i) \, \delta^{(2)}(\sum_i \mathbf{k}_i) \\ \times \delta(x - x_k) |\psi_n(x_i, \mathbf{k}_i, \lambda_i)|^2$$

Density in impact parameter space:

$$\rho_0(\boldsymbol{b}) = \sum_{n,\lambda_i,k} e_k \Big[\prod_{i=1}^n \int dx_i \int 4\pi d^2 \boldsymbol{b}_i \Big] \delta(1 - \sum_i x_i) \frac{1}{4\pi} \delta^{(2)}(\sum_i x_i \boldsymbol{b}_i) \\ \times \delta^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{b} - \boldsymbol{b}_k) |\psi_n^{\lambda}(x_i, \boldsymbol{b}_i, \lambda_i)|^2$$

No Wilson line: Fock expansion is "exact" No "leading twist": Resolution in $b \sim 1/Q_{max}$

Examples: transverse densities in neut



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I-z, - \vec{k}_t

No model dependence, given $F(Q^2)$ No variables, except target (neutron, pion, ...) But: Analogous analyses possible for other processes

Compare with Color Transparency

Effective transverse size of hadrons is process-dependent

 $\gamma^*(Q^2) + A \rightarrow \rho + A$

Transverse size (including gluons) as fn of Q² measured by nucleus A

In form factors, Q² dependence measures the transverse distribution of quarks Paul Hoyer Frascati 12 November 2013

Example: Deuteron disintegration at 90°

In photoproduction $(q^2 = 0)$: the 90° cross section shows dimensional scaling for $E_{\gamma} \ge 1$ GeV.

Need to consider electroproduction to determine the size of the deuteron.

Here: Specify how Fourier transform of *q* determines the transverse size of deuteron

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Dimensional scaling: Only compact deuterons at large k_{\perp}

 \implies Broad distribution in q^2

C. Bochna et al, PRL 81 (1998) 4576 For any transition $\gamma^* N \rightarrow f$

$$\int \frac{d^2 q}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}} \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle f(p_f) | J^+(0) | N(p) \rangle$$

$$\propto \psi_n^{f^*}(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i) \psi_n^N(x_i, \mathbf{b}_i) \sum_k e_k \delta^2(\mathbf{b}_k - \mathbf{b})$$

Note: Wave functions are diagonal in x_i , b_i

The wave functions are evaluated at t+z=0, when the γ^* interacts.

The *b*-distribution reflects the transverse size at the LF time of interaction,

and may be studied as a function of the final state f.

Analogous expression for the squared amplitudes (cross sections)

Example: $\gamma^{*}(q) N(p) \rightarrow f = K^{+}(p_{1}) \Lambda(p_{2})$

The Fourier transfor over q is done in a specific frame:

$$p = (p^+, p^-, -\frac{1}{2}q)$$
$$q = (0^+, q^-, q)$$

 $p_f = q + p = p_1 + p_2$

The final state f is characterized by x and k, which are independent of q:

$$p_1^+ = x p_f^+$$

 $p_2^+ = (1-x) p_f^+$
 $p_2^- = (1-x) p_f^- k$

If the γ^* couples directly to a strange quark (in the nucleon!), expect to see a narrower *b*-distribution than for $f = \pi N$.

Fourier transform of the cross section

The $\gamma^{*+N} \rightarrow f$ amplitudes have dynamical phases (resonances,...). \Rightarrow Calculating their Fourier transforms requires a partial wave analysis.

However, we can Fourier transform the cross section itself.

Then the *b*-distribution reflects the difference between the impact parameters of the photon vertex in the amplitude and its complex conjugate:

$$\int \frac{d^2 \boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\boldsymbol{q}\cdot\boldsymbol{b}} \left| \frac{1}{2p^+} \langle f(p_f) | J^+(0) | N(p) \rangle \right|^2 = \int d^2 \boldsymbol{b}_q \,\mathcal{A}_{fN}(\boldsymbol{b}_q) \,\mathcal{A}_{fN}^*(\boldsymbol{b}_q - \boldsymbol{b})$$

QED illustration: $\gamma^* + \mu \rightarrow \mu + \gamma$

The 3 terms correspond to 2, 1 and 0 of the γ^* interactions occurring on the initial muon. The imaginary part arises from an angular correlation between **b** and **k**.

Summary

Intuitively, the q -dependence of a virtual photon interaction gives information about the charge distribution in space.

2-dim. FT's of scattering amplitudes describe charge densities in transverse space at an instant of Light-Front time $x^+ = t + z$

Unlike pdf's, no "leading twist" limit is implied. The resolution in impact parameter is $\Delta b \sim 1/Q_{max}$

 \Rightarrow Learn new aspects of strong interaction dynamics.

This type of analysis is waiting for an application to real data! No model dependence – except to estimate finite energy effects.