Hadronization dynamics from the spectral representation of the gauge invariant quark propagator

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- Quarks and gluons are the fundamental d.o.f of QCD, yet we lack understanding on how color neutral and massive hadrons emerge out of these colored and massless quarks and gluons
- Understanding hadronization remains elusive, but studying it will shed light on QCD dynamics and hadron formation







### AA, Bacchetta, AA (2017)

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- Gauge invariant and fully dressed quark propagator
- Color averaging mimics color neutralization



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(axial gauges)
$$\hat{s}_{ij}(p,v) = \hat{s}_3(p^2, p \cdot v) \not p_{ij} + \sqrt{p^2} \hat{s}_1(p^2, p \cdot v) \mathbb{I}_{ij} + \hat{s}_0(p^2, p \cdot v) \not p_{ij}$$

$$\hat{s}_3(p^2) \qquad \hat{s}_2(p^2) \qquad \frac{p^2}{p \cdot v} \hat{s}_0(p^2).$$

(lightlike axial gauges)

 $\hat{s}_{3}(p^{2})$ 

 $\hat{s}_3(p^2)$ ,  $\hat{s}_2(p^2)$ ,  $\hat{s}_0(p^2)$  : spectral operators  $\widetilde{W}(k-p;w,v) = \int \frac{d^4\xi}{(2\pi)^4} e^{i\xi \cdot (k-p)} W(0,\xi;w,v)$ 

 $\hat{s}_2(p^2)$ 



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 $i\widetilde{S}_{ij}$ 

## Light-cone spectral representation

$$\frac{\operatorname{Fr}_{c}}{N_{c}} \left\langle \Omega | i \tilde{S}(p) | \Omega \right\rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{4}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\sigma^{2} \rho(\sigma^{2}) \frac{i}{p^{2} - \sigma^{2} + i\epsilon} \theta(\sigma^{2})$$

$$\rho(p^{2}) = \rho_{3}(p^{2}) \not p + \sqrt{p^{2}} \rho_{1}(p^{2}) + \left(\frac{p^{2}}{p \cdot v} \rho_{0}(p^{2}) \not p\right)$$

$$\operatorname{Disc}\frac{\operatorname{Tr}_{c}}{N_{c}}\left\langle\Omega|i\tilde{S}(p)|\Omega\right\rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3}}\rho(p^{2})\theta(p^{2})\theta(p^{2})$$





• Boost quark at large light-cone momentum:  $k^- \sim Q$ 

 $k^- \gg |\mathbf{k}_\perp| \gg k^+$ 

Integrate out the supressed component of the quark momentum:

$$J_{ij}(k^{-}, \vec{k}_{\perp}; n_{+}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int dk^{+} \Xi_{ij}(k; n_{+})$$

• Generalizes the perturbative quark propagator that appears in in Inclusive and semi-inclusive DIS

 $W_{\text{TMD}}(\xi^+, \xi_{\perp}) = \mathcal{U}_{n_+}[0^-, 0^+, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}; 0^-, \infty^+, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}] \mathcal{U}_{n_{\perp}}[0^-, \infty^+, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}; 0^-, \infty^+, \xi_{\perp}] \mathcal{U}_{n_+}[0^-, \infty^+, \xi_{\perp}; 0^-, \xi^+, \xi_{\perp}]$ 

$$W_{\text{coll}}(\xi^+) = \mathcal{U}_{n_+}[0^-, 0^+, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}; 0^-, \xi^+, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}]$$

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 $w = n^+$ 

• Expand in Dirac structures, in powers of  $1/k^-$ 

$$J(k^{-}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}; n_{+}) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(k^{-})\gamma^{+} + \frac{\Lambda}{k^{-}} \left[\zeta(k^{-})\mathbb{I} + \alpha(k^{-})\frac{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{\Lambda}\right] + \frac{\Lambda^{2}}{2(k^{-})^{2}}\omega(k^{-}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^{2})\gamma^{-}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(k^{-}) &= J^{[\gamma^{-}]} \\ \zeta(k^{-}) &= \frac{k^{-}}{\Lambda} J^{[\mathbb{I}]} \\ \omega(k^{-}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^{2}) &= \left(\frac{k^{-}}{\Lambda}\right)^{2} J^{[\gamma^{+}]} \end{aligned}$$





## Spectral sum rule

• Based solely on the gauge invariance o J, we can obtain a new sum rule for the "light-cone spectral function":

$$\int_0^\infty dp^2 \, p^2 \, \rho_0(p^2) = 0$$

• Rules out the contribution that would in principle be present at twist-4 due to  $\psi$ 





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$$k + m = k^{-} \gamma^{+} + k_{\perp} + m\mathbb{I} + \frac{m^{2} + k_{\perp}^{2}}{2k^{-}} \gamma^{-}$$
$$J(k^{-}, \mathbf{k}_{T}; n_{+}) = \frac{\theta(k^{-})}{4(2\pi)^{3} k^{-}} \left\{ k^{-} \gamma^{+} + k_{T} + M_{j}\mathbb{I} + \frac{K_{j}^{2} + k_{T}^{2}}{2k^{-}} \gamma^{-} \right\}$$

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$$\begin{split} \not{k} + m &= k^- \gamma^+ + \not{k}_\perp + m\mathbb{I} + \frac{m^2 + k_\perp^2}{2k^-} \gamma^- \\ J(k^-, k_T; n_+) &= \frac{\theta(k^-)}{4(2\pi)^3 k^-} \left\{ k^- \gamma^+ + \not{k}_T + M_j \mathbb{I} + \frac{K_j^2 + k_T^2}{2k^-} \gamma^- \right\} \\ \hline \\ \text{Average mass of all the} \\ \text{hadronization products} \\ \text{produced during the} \\ \text{fragmentation of a quark} \end{split}$$



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 $M_j = \int dp^2 \sqrt{p^2} \rho_1(p^2)$ 







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Gauge invariant generalization of the gauge dependent dressed quark mass











• In other gauges,

$$K_j^2 = \mu_j^2 + \tau_j^2$$

Final state interactions

$$\tau_j^2 = (2\pi)^3 \int_0^\infty dp^2 \operatorname{Disc} \frac{\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathbf{c}}}{\operatorname{N}_{\mathbf{c}}} \langle \Omega | \hat{\sigma}_3(p^2) ig \, \boldsymbol{D}_\perp \left( \boldsymbol{A}^\perp(\boldsymbol{\xi}_\perp) + \mathcal{Z}^\perp(\boldsymbol{\xi}_\perp) \right)_{\boldsymbol{\xi}_\perp = 0} | \Omega \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{Z}^{\perp}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\perp}) = \int_{0}^{\infty^{+}} ds^{+} \boldsymbol{D}_{\perp} \left( U_{n_{+}}[0^{-}, 0^{+}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\perp}; 0^{-}, s^{+}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\perp}] G^{\perp -}(0^{-}, s^{+}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\perp}) U_{n^{+}}[0^{-}, s^{+}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\perp}; 0^{-}, \infty^{+}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\perp}] \right) |\Omega\rangle$$



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- *M<sub>j</sub>* provides a gauge invariant generalization of the gauge dependent dressed quark mass
- Non-vanishing even in the chiral limit
- Provides a direct way to probe dynamical mass generation
- Not only of theoretical interest..
- It's calculable, but moreover.. It can be measured!





### Snowmass 2021 White Paper Upgrading SuperKEKB with a Polarized Electron Beam: Discovery Potential and Proposed Implementation

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Figure 13: The Fourier components  $A_L^1(y)$  and  $A_L^{\cos\phi}(y,Q)$  of the longitudinal electron spin asymmetry as a function of y at the SuperKEKB nominal energy Q = 10.58 GeV. The band in the  $\cos\phi$  modulation indicates the sensitivity of the measurement to  $\pm 20\%$  variation in the jet mass at the initial scale. The rightmost panel shows the  $A_L^{\cos\phi}$  modulation as a function of Q at fixed y = 0.5, along with its 20% sensitivity to  $M_j$ , which also slightly increases at lower energies due to QCD evolution.



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