

# The Residual Mean Field Model and a Possible Universal Limit for Valence PDFs

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## ABSTRACT

We developed the **Residual Mean Field (RMF)** model to analyze valence quarks inside the nucleon. We separate the nucleon into valence and residual subsystems using the formalism of effective light-front diagrammatic methods. Model parameterized through fitting of valence PDFs. Good agreement found for  $d_V$  and  $u_V$ , with some underestimation at high  $x$  for latter.

## INTRODUCTION

- The nucleon state,  $|N\rangle$ , can be expressed as a Fock expansion in term of light front wave functions (LFWFs):

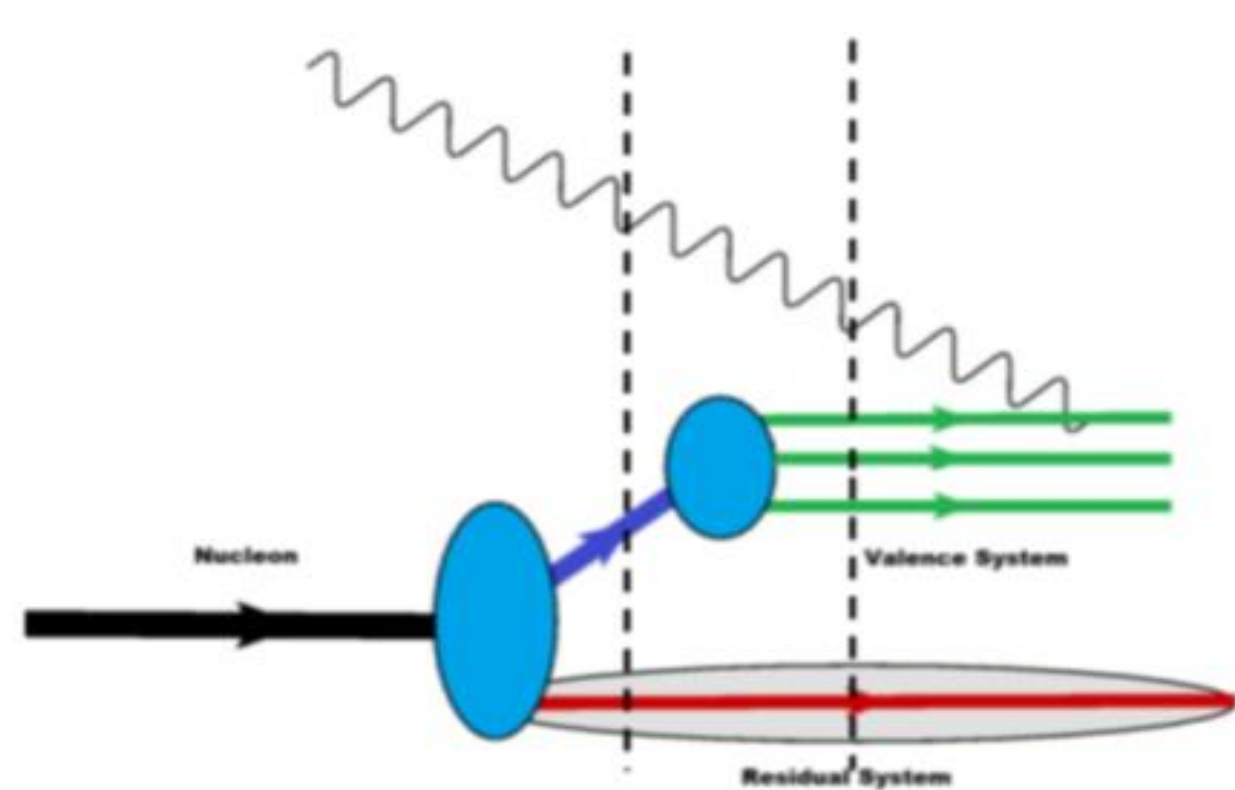
$$|N\rangle = \int [d\mu_{3q}] \psi_{3q} |qqq\rangle + \int [d\mu_{4q,\bar{q}}] \psi_{4q,\bar{q}} |qqq\bar{q}\bar{q}\rangle + \int [d\mu_{3q,1g}] \psi_{3q,1g} |qqqg\rangle + \dots$$

- No one has been able to derive the QCD LFWFs completely from theory. Instead, we model  $|N\rangle$  phenomenologically by assuming:

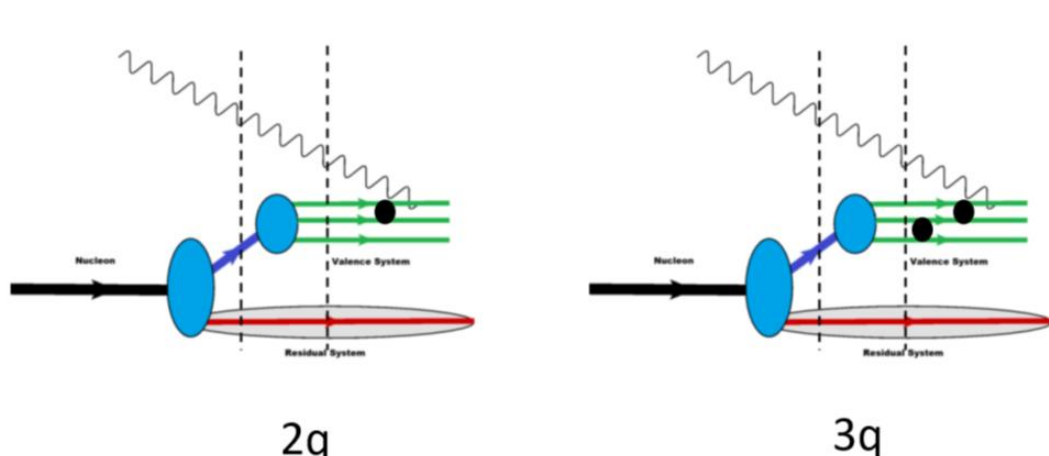
**Nucleon = Valence x Residual\***

\* gluons, sea quarks, meson cloud, etc.

$$|N\rangle = \psi_{3q} |3q\rangle \otimes \psi_{VR} |VR\rangle$$



Soft



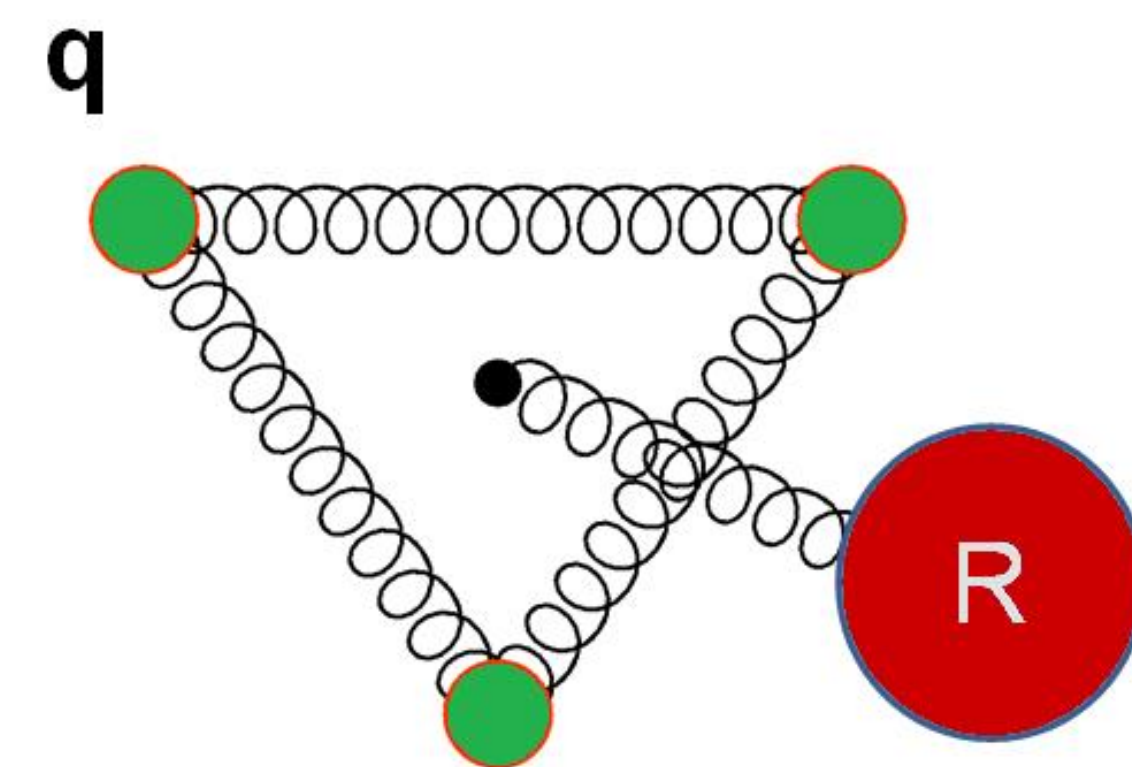
- Only will focus on Soft. Later, 2q & 3q

## THE MODEL

- Core of valence quarks - Effective bound fermions (fixed number)
- Valid for  $x > 0.1$  and different mechanisms dominate
- Use a spectral function approach
- Residual structure universal

- Can express valence PDF,  $f_V(x, Q^2)$ , through LFWFs:

$$f_V(x, Q^2) = \int \prod_{i=1,2,3,R} \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=1,2,3,R} x_i\right) \delta(x_1 - x_B) \times \int \prod_{i=1,2,3,R} \frac{d^2k_{i,\perp}}{16\pi^3} 16\pi^3 \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{i=1,2,3,R} k_{i,\perp}\right) |\psi_{VR}|^2 |\psi_{3q}|^2$$



- The Use LF relativistic, harmonic oscillators to model  $\psi_{VR}$  and  $\psi_{3q}$ .
- Assume massless valence quarks. The 8-dimensional phase space integral above can be reduced to:

$$x f_V(x) = \mathcal{N}' x \int_0^{1-x} dx_R \frac{(1-x_R-x)^3}{(1-x_R)^3} \exp\left[-B_R m_N^2 \left(x - \frac{m_R}{m_N}\right)^2\right]$$

- 3 parameters:  $\mathcal{N}'$ ,  $B_R$ ,  $m_R$

## RESULTS

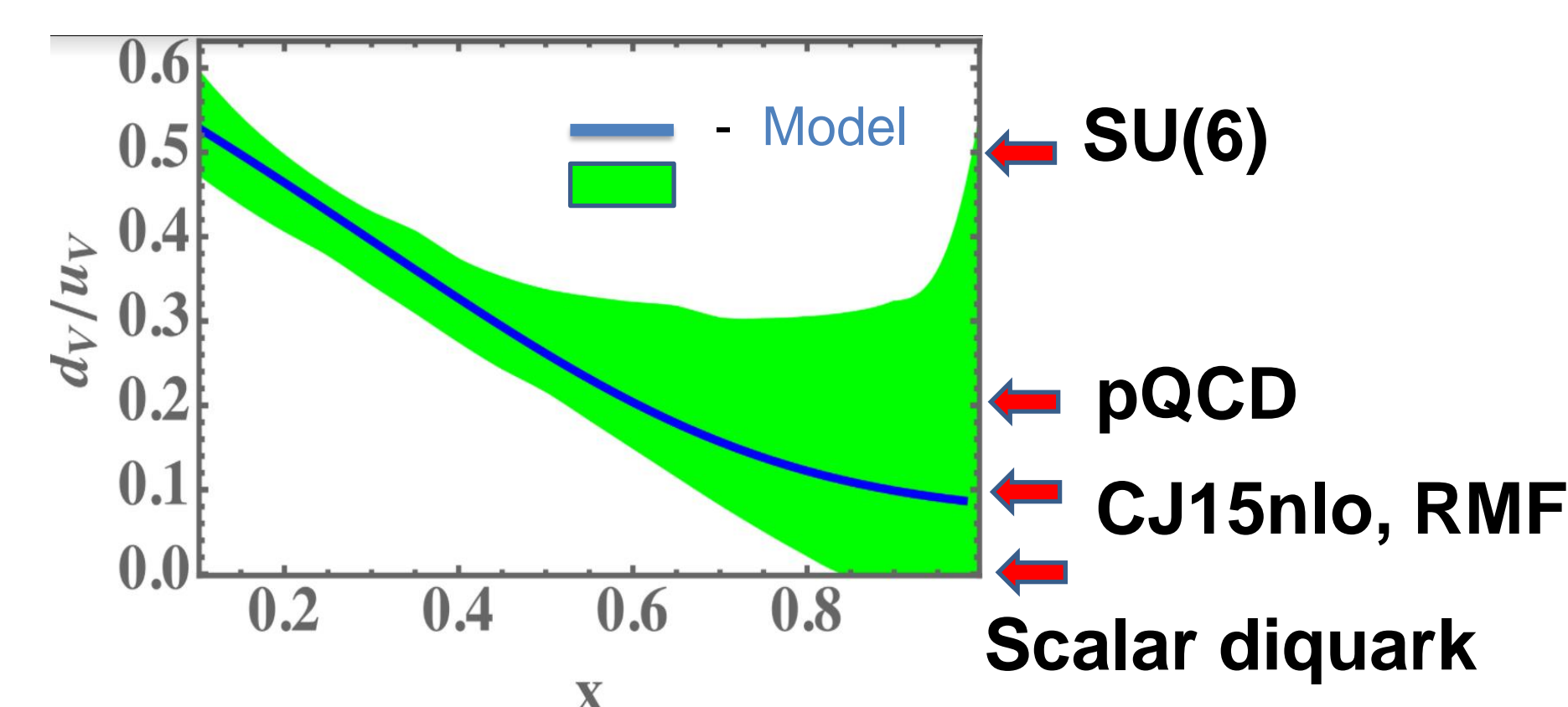
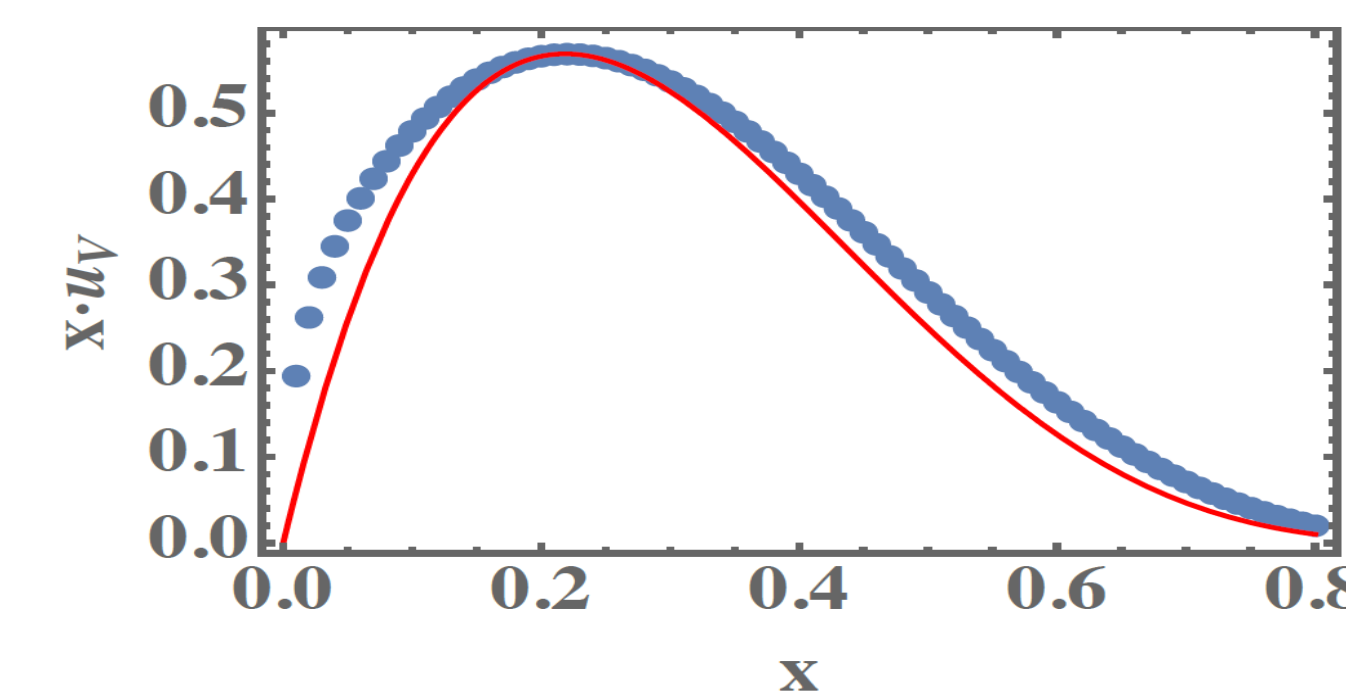
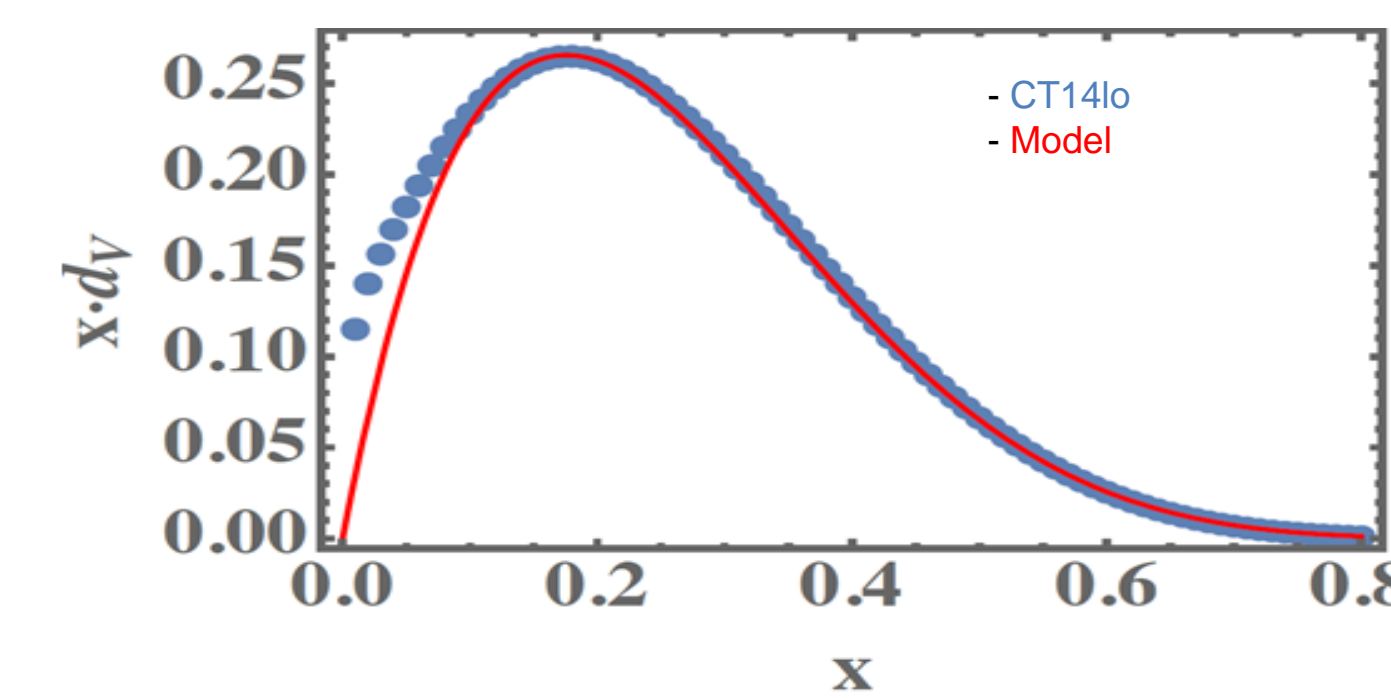
- The valence PDF peaks at:

$$x_p \approx \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{m_R}{m_N}\right) \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

- Asymptotically,

$$f(x) \sim_{x \rightarrow 1} (1-x)^{\beta_V} \quad \beta_V = 4$$

- Fitting to CT14lo at peak:



$$0.06 \leq \frac{d_V}{u_V} \Big|_{x \rightarrow 1} \leq 0.1$$

- Can repeat calculation for general  $n_V$  valence quarks:

$$x_p \approx \frac{1}{2(n_V - 1)} \left(1 - \frac{m_R}{m_N}\right) \Rightarrow x_p \leq \frac{1}{2(n_V - 1)}$$

TABLE I: Fitting parameters for valence d- and u- quarks.

d-quark	$N^d$	$B_R^d$ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	$m_R^d$ (GeV)	u-quark	$N^u$	$B_R^u$ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	$m_R^u$ (GeV)
CT14LL0	64	30	0.26	174	42	0.07	
CT14L0	63	29	0.24	183	42	0.06	
CJ15lo	47	6	0.32	208	50	0.05	
MMHT2014lo	76	50	0.16	228	60	0.04	
MSTW2008lo	71	50	0.17	235	65	0.04	

## OUTLOOK

- Can analyze SIDIS, DVCS through **TMDs, GPDs w/ model for  $x = 0.1 - 0.4$**  (higher for  $d_V$ )



## SUMMARY

- We developed the **Residual Mean Field Model**
- Works well for  $d_V$
- Large  $x$  seems to indicate **2q and 3q needed for  $u_V$**
- $\frac{d_V}{u_V} \Big|_{x \rightarrow 1} = 0.09$  for RMF model
- Generalized model to  $n_V$  valence quarks and found **new relation of peaks for valence PDFs**

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