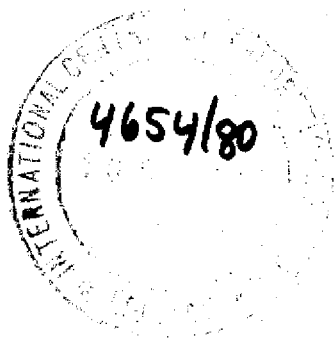


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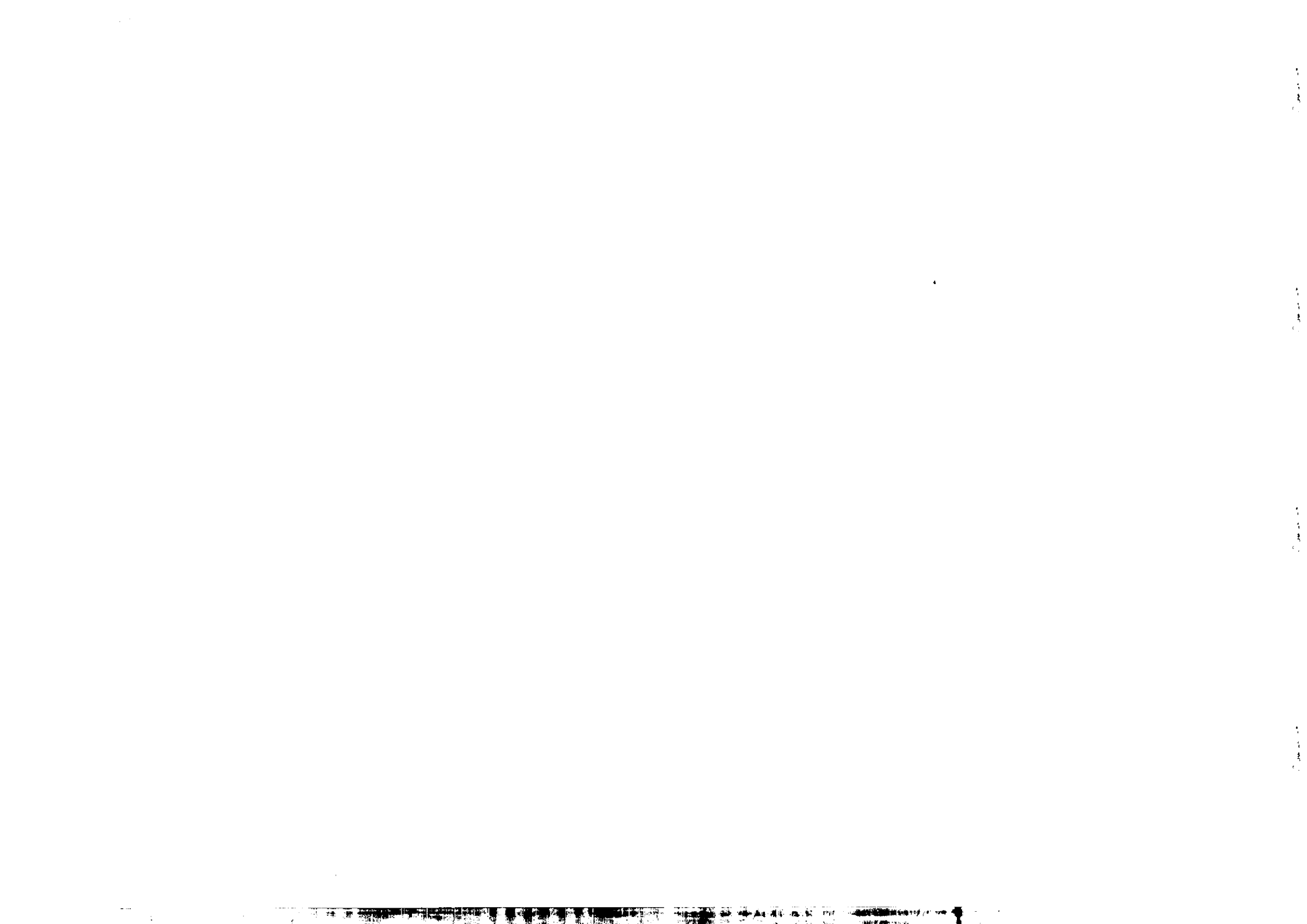


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ABSTRACT

We have examined in the unified gauge theory with the integrally-charged quark model the Bjorken-Paschos relation within the impulse approximation of the parton picture. We find that the relation is valid for the forward scattering region and provides a reliable way to test the charge assignment of the quarks and the gluons.

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The idea that hadrons are composed of the fundamental constituents called partons become one of the basic ingredients to the particle physics since it has been introduced about a decade ago. Historically, there have been two ways of developments in the parton idea: One is the field-theoretic justification provided by Drell, Levy and Yan¹, and the other is the impulse approximation, conjectured by Feynman², where the probing particle interacts with the parton inside the target hadron instantaneously and incoherently from other partons.

It was within the impulse approximation that Bjorken and Paschos³ investigated the relationship between the structure of the proton and the inelastic Compton and electron-proton scattering. They showed that the inelastic Compton scattering as well as the inelastic electron scattering off the proton may reveal the structure of the proton, noticing that the coupling strengths for these processes are proportional to the charge of the partons.

Meanwhile, they have obtained a relation concerning about the differential cross sections between the inelastic Compton scattering and the inelastic electron-proton scattering within the Born approximation. This is because the electron-proton scattering within the one-photon exchange approximation can be regarded as a Compton scattering of a virtual photon off the parton inside the proton.

Explicitly, the relation reads

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_p = \frac{\nu^2}{kk'} \left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{ep} \frac{\langle \sum_i Q_i^+ \rangle}{\langle \sum_i Q_i^2 \rangle}, \quad (1)$$

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where $\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle$ is the average of the (charge)⁴ of the partons weighted by their probability distributions.

In this note, we are going to consider eq.(1), which we will call afterwards the Bjorken-Paschos relation, mainly for two reasons. Since nowadays it is generally accepted that the hadrons are composed of quarks and gluons, we want to examine the Bjorken-Paschos relation for the system of the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ and spin-1 partons. The other is, as suggested by themselves, that this relation may distinguish clearly the integrally-charged quark model from the fractionally-charged quark model.

We find that the precise measurement of the cross section of the inelastic Compton scattering may tell not only about the parton picture but also about the charge assignment of the partons definitely, through the Bjorken-Paschos relation.

We may take the quantum chromodynamics as a gauge theory combined with the fractionally-charged quark model; and we will take as an integrally-charged quark model the unified gauge theory with the Han-Nambu model⁴, proposed by Pati and Salam⁵. The group structure of this theory coincides with the Weinberg-Salam model for the weak and electromagnetic interactions and the quarks remain fractionally charged, prior to the color symmetry breaking. When the color symmetry is broken spontaneously, we see that the gauge fields for the strong interactions and those for the weak and electromagnetic interactions get mixed. After diagonalization, we find that the half of the gluon octet become

charged and the quarks acquire additional color charges to be integrally charged. Since we are going to deal with the electromagnetic couplings, we expect that the color contributions may arise from the color charges due to the spontaneous breaking of the color symmetry. In the remainder of this note, we will consider within the unified gauge theory and will notice the color contributions when necessary, as they can be easily traced.

Consider first the electroproduction process $e + p \rightarrow e + X$. Within the Born approximation, the mediating gauge bosons are the virtual photon and its color partner U^0 . The differential cross section for this process is related to the proton structure functions according to

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{ep} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left[W_2(\nu, Q^2) + 2W_1(\nu, Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right], \quad (2)$$

where $Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$, $\nu = E - E'$ and^{6,7}

$$\begin{aligned} \nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) &= \alpha \delta\left(x - \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}\right) \left[\frac{4}{3}(u+\bar{u}) + \frac{1}{3}(d+\bar{d}) + \frac{1}{3}(s+\bar{s}) + \frac{4}{3}(c+\bar{c}) \right] \\ &+ \Delta^2(\xi) \rho(Q^2) \alpha \delta\left(x - \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}\right) \left[\frac{2}{3} \sum (q+\bar{q}) + \left(4 + \frac{4}{3}\xi + \frac{1}{3}\xi^2\right) g \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$M W_1(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \delta\left(x - \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}\right) \left[\frac{4}{3}(u+\bar{u}) + \frac{1}{3}(d+\bar{d}) + \frac{1}{3}(s+\bar{s}) + \frac{4}{3}(c+\bar{c}) \right]$$

$$+\Delta^2(\xi) \rho(Q^2) \frac{1}{2} \delta(x - \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}) \left[\frac{2}{3} \sum (\bar{q} + \bar{q}) + \frac{8}{3} (4 + \frac{2}{3}) g \right] \quad (4)$$

with $\Delta^2(\xi) = (1+\xi)^{-2}$, $\xi = Q^2/m_g^2$, m_g being the gluon mass. The function $\rho(Q^2)$ is a threshold factor for the exhibition of the color contributions. The quark and the gluon distribution functions are denoted by $q(x)$ and $g(x)$. We note that the terms multiplied by the factor are the color contributions.

It is well-known that the total transverse and longitudinal cross sections are conveniently defined as⁸

$$W_1 = \frac{K}{4\pi^2\alpha} \sigma_T \quad \text{and} \quad W_2 = \frac{K}{4\pi^2\alpha} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + \nu^2} (\sigma_T + \sigma_L), \quad (5)$$

where $K = \nu - Q^2/2M$. Using the ratio $R = \sigma_L/\sigma_T$, we may rewrite eq.(2) as

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{ep} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} W_2(\nu, Q^2) \left[1 + \frac{1}{1+R} \frac{\nu^2}{2EE'} \right]. \quad (6)$$

It can be easily seen that $R \rightarrow \infty$ for the spin-1 parton and $R \rightarrow 0$ for the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ parton in the deep-inelastic limit of ν and $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ while their ratio fixed. We should remark that in the deep-inelastic limit of this process, the effective charges for the quarks and the gluons become equal to the charge assignment of the fractionally-charged quark model:

$$Q_{\text{quark}} = Q_{\text{flavor}} + \Delta^2(\xi) \rho(Q^2) Q_{\text{color}} \rightarrow Q_{\text{flavor}}$$

$$Q_{\text{gluon}} = \Delta^2(\xi) \rho(Q^2) Q_{\text{color}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Next, let us consider the inelastic Compton scattering, $\gamma + p \rightarrow \gamma + X$. The impulse approximation enables us to describe this process as the incoherent point interaction between the incident photon and the parton. Bjorken and Paschos have calculated that the differential cross section for the inelastic Compton scattering off the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ parton is

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{\gamma p}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \cdot \frac{\nu}{kk'} \left(1 + \frac{\nu^2}{2kk'} \right) x f_{\frac{1}{2}}(x), \quad (7)$$

where $f_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$ is the probability distribution of the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ parton having the momentum fraction x of the proton momentum. On the other hand, the inelastic Compton scattering off the spin-1 parton has been calculated recently.⁹ We have carefully recalculated for the differential cross section and we find that the result is

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{\gamma p}^1 = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \cdot \frac{\nu}{kk'} \left[\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \frac{\nu^2}{kk'} + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{\nu^2}{kk'} \right)^2 \right] x f_1(x). \quad (8)$$

Comparing eqs.(6)-(8) with eq.(1), with the identification³

$$k, k' \leftrightarrow E, E' \quad \text{and} \quad -t \leftrightarrow Q^2$$

we can immediately conclude that the unified gauge theory does not satisfy the Bjorken-Paschos relation. This is because of the charged gluon contributions. The participation of the charged gluons in the

inelastic Compton scattering yield the spin-dependent expressions for eqs. (6)-(8).

The one way to remedy the difficulty of the spin-dependence is to consider the Bjorken-Paschos relation in a kinematically restricted region, that is, in a region where

$$\frac{v^2}{kk'} \ll 1 \quad (9)$$

We note that this is a region of the forward scattering.

Then, we can neglect all the spin-dependent terms in eqs.(6)-(8) and can restore the original form of the relation. However, it should be noticed in eq.(8) that the factor of $2/3$ must be multiplied to the probability distribution of the spin-1 parton. Thus, it can be written as

$$\frac{1}{\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle} \left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dRdE'} \right)_{\gamma p} = \frac{1}{\langle \sum_i Q_i^2 \rangle} \cdot \frac{v^2}{kk'} \left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dRdE'} \right)_{ep} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle = \int_0^1 x dx \left[\sum Q_{quark}^4 \{q(x) + \bar{q}(x)\} + Q_{gluon}^4 \cdot \frac{2}{3} g(x) \right] \quad (11)$$

and

$$\langle \sum_i Q_i^2 \rangle = \int_0^1 x dx \left[\sum Q_{quark}^2 \{q(x) + \bar{q}(x)\} + Q_{gluon}^2 \cdot g(x) \right] \quad (12)$$

in the forward scattering region.

Having established the Bjorken-Paschos relation in the unified gauge theory, what we are going to show next is that this relation may clearly distinguish the integrally-charged quark model from the fractionally-charged quark model.

Let us first remark that Q_{quark} and Q_{gluon} in eqs.(11) and (12) are the effective charges so that they may be different in the different processes. Really, it is the case since there occurs no cancellation in the inelastic Compton scattering while there occurs the cancellation due to the D^0 exchange in the inelastic electron-proton scattering, as described by the factor $\Delta^2(\xi)$. Therefore, we have to calculate $\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle$ and $\langle \sum_i Q_i^2 \rangle$ separately for the two processes. As mentioned earlier, the effective charges of the quarks and the gluons become equal to the charge assignment of the fractionally-charged model, so that we have in the deep-inelastic limit

$$\frac{\langle \sum_i Q_i^2 \rangle^{INT}}{\langle \sum_i Q_i^2 \rangle^{FRA}} \rightarrow 1 \quad (13)$$

On the other hand, the ratio of the factor of (charge)⁴ is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle^{INT}}{\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle^{FRA}} \\ &= \frac{\int_0^1 x dx \left[2(u+\bar{u}) + (d+\bar{d}) + (s+\bar{s}) + 2(c+\bar{c}) \right] + \int_0^1 x dx \cdot 4 \left[\frac{2}{3} g(x) \right]}{\int_0^1 x dx \left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 (u+\bar{u}) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 (d+\bar{d}) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4 (s+\bar{s}) + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 (c+\bar{c}) \right] \cdot 3} \\ &= 4.0 + 2.8 \end{aligned}$$

where the numerical value is evaluated from the parametrization of the parton distribution functions of Pakvasa et al.¹⁰ The gluon distribution is required to satisfy the sum rule for the momentum conservation,

$$\sum \int_0^1 x dx \{ q(x) + \bar{q}(x) \} + \int_0^1 x dx [8g(x)] = 1 .$$

Consequently, we see that the Bjorken-Paschos relation predicts the cross section of the inelastic Compton scattering in the unified gauge theory about 6.8 times larger than in the fractionally-charged quark model. Although we may as well predict the cross section of the inelastic Compton scattering by directly using eqs.(7) and (8), but it is reliable and consistent to predict the cross section via the Bjorken-Paschos relation. This is because the prediction using eqs.(7) and (8) has two basic assumptions; the idea of the parton picture and the integrally-charged quark model. While the latter assumption can be tested straightforward by the experiments on the inelastic Compton scattering, the former one must be consistently justified. The Bjorken-Paschos relation may justify the impulse approximation of the parton picture by comparing the two processes, as remarked by themselves.³

We have some closing remarks.

(i) We first remark that the kinematical region satisfying eq.(9) has been considered before. It has been observed by Brodsky and Roy¹¹ that in the deep-inelastic processes involving two photons the impulse approximation of the parton picture is consistent with the field-theoretical method of Drell, Levy and Yan for a limited region of kinematics. It is the region satisfying eq.(9). Therefore, the justification of the Bjorken-Paschos relation is provided by both of the two approaches of the parton picture in the forward scattering region.

(ii) The test of the unified gauge theory via the Bjorken-Paschos relation requires the simultaneous measurements of the inelastic Compton scattering and the inelastic electron-proton scattering at the same incident energy. Also, the experiments should be prepared to measure the forward scattering cross section. Since the momentum transfer is expressed as $Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$ where we restrict the angle $\theta \ll 1$, we should have very high energies for the incident electron and photon to make Q^2 large enough to satisfy eq.(13). Roughly, Q^2 should be as large as 4 or 5 times of the gluon mass to have $\Delta^2(\xi)$ less than 5%. Moreover, independently of the gluon mass, we should have large Q^2 to be sure that the parton idea is applicable.

(iii) The Q^2 -dependent higher-order corrections are seen to make only a small change to the ratio of $\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle^{INT} / \langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle^{FRA}$, since the range of the value of Q^2 is restricted to satisfy the forward scattering condition. In an experiment using the 100 GeV incident beam, Q^2 cannot be larger than 30 GeV² if $\theta < 4^\circ$. As the momentum proportion carried by each kind of partons does not change significantly for Q^2 up to 30 GeV², we expect that the factor of 6.8 remains unchanged.

(iv) One assumption we have made during the calculations is that the parton distributions are effectively the same for both of the quark model. This kind of assumption cannot be justified directly. However, there seems to be no reason that the parton distributions should be definitely different according to the charges of the quarks. We only note that the ratio in eq.(14) suffers only a minor change within 5% when we use for $\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle^{INT}$ and $\langle \sum_i Q_i^4 \rangle^{FRA}$ the different parametrizations.¹²

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