Basis light-front quantization approach to Λ and Λ_c and their isospin triplet baryons

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We obtain the masses, the electromagnetic properties, and the parton distribution functions (PDFs) of Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet baryons, i.e., Σ^0 , Σ^+ , Σ^- and Σ^0_c , Σ^+_c , Σ^{++}_c from a light-front effective Hamiltonian in the leading Fock sector in the basis light-front quantization framework. The light-front wave functions of these baryons are given by the eigenstates of the effective Hamiltonian consisting of a three-dimensional confinement potential and a one-gluon exchange interaction with fixed coupling. The masses of these baryons in our approach are in the experimental range, while isospin-dependent mass differences are too small. Meanwhile, the electromagnetic properties are in agreement with the available experimental data, the lattice QCD simulations, and other theoretical calculations. We also present the gluon and the sea quark PDFs, which we generate dynamically from the QCD evolution of the valence quark distributions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Although quantum chromodynamics (QCD) is the wellestablished theory for strong interactions [1], where hadrons are built up from quarks and gluons, due to our incomplete understanding of the color confinement it is not

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Published by the American Physical Society under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license. Further distribution of this work must maintain attribution to the author(s) and the published article's title, journal citation, and DOI. Funded by SCOAP³. yet possible to forecast the experimentally observed hadron spectroscopy from QCD first principles. Meanwhile, a successful theoretical framework for achieving valuable insights into hadron spectra and revealing partonic structures is provided by the Hamiltonian formulation of QCD quantized on the light front [2,3]. Complementary insights into nonperturbative QCD can be accomplished by lightfront holography [4–9]. For a practical approach, basis light-front quantization (BLFQ), which is based on the Hamiltonian formalism, provides a computational framework to solve relativistic many-body bound state problems in quantum field theories [10–27].

Electromagnetic form factors (EMFFs) and parton distribution functions (PDFs) are two essential probes of the internal structure of bound states. Both observables deepen our understanding of nonperturbative and perturbative QCD effects encoded in hadrons. The Fourier transform of the EMFFs provides information about spatial distributions, such as the charge and the magnetization distributions inside the hadron, whereas the PDFs encode the nonperturbative structure of the hadron in terms of the distribution of longitudinal momentum and polarization carried by the quarks and gluons as its constituents. While the nucleon's EMFFs and PDFs have attracted numerous dedicated experimental and theoretical efforts for several decades and are becoming better known (see Ref. [18] and references therein), our information about the partonic structures of the Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet baryons is very limited. This is due to the short lifetimes of these baryons making them unfeasible as targets. Only the magnetic moments of some of these baryons have been experimentally determined. Meanwhile, the timelike EMFFs of the Λ baryon have been measured with good precision [28–30]. The EMFFs of the Λ hyperons have been analyzed by several theoretical studies [31–41].

The first deep inelastic scattering (DIS) experiment at SLAC [42] showed the partonic substructure of the nucleon. From DIS processes [43], one can extract the PDFs, which encode the nonperturbative structure of the hadrons in terms of the number densities of their confined constituents. The PDFs are functions of the lightfront longitudinal momentum fraction (x) of the hadron carried by the constituents. At the leading twist, the complete spin structure of the spin-1/2 hadrons is described in terms of three independent PDFs, namely, the unpolarized $f_1(x)$, the helicity $g_1(x)$, and the transversity $h_1(x)$. The global fitting collaborations such as HERAPDF [44], NNPDF [45], MMHT [46], CTEQ [47], and MSTW [48] have made considerable efforts to determine nucleon PDFs and their uncertainties. Meanwhile, the nucleon PDFs have also been investigated using different theoretical approaches (see Ref. [18] and references therein). On the other hand, much less information is available on the PDFs of the Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet baryons [49–55], while precise knowledge of PDFs is required for the analysis and interpretation of the scattering experiments in the LHC era.

In this paper, with the theoretical framework of BLFQ [10], we adopt an effective light-front Hamiltonian [17,18] and solve for the resulting mass eigenstates for the Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet baryons at the scales suitable for low-resolution probes. With quarks as the only explicit degrees of freedom, our effective Hamiltonian incorporates a three-dimensional (transverse and longitudinal) confinement potential and the one-gluon exchange (OGE) interaction that account for the dynamical spin effects [13]. By solving this Hamiltonian in the leading Fock space, using the quark masses, the strength of confinement, and the coupling constant as fitting parameters, we determine the masses of the baryons as the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian. We also obtain the desired light-front wave functions (LFWFs) of the baryons as the eigenfunctions of the Hamiltonian. We then employ the LFWFs to study the electromagnetic properties and the PDFs of those baryons. We compare our BLFQ computations for the EMFFs, magnetic moments, and charge radii of the $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ with available experiments and with other theoretical approaches [31–35]. The experimental data are not yet available for the electromagnetic properties of the $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$. We compare our results of the magnetic moments and the charge radii of these baryons with other theoretical calculations reported in Refs. [35,56–64].

This paper is organized as follows. A brief description of the BLFQ formalism and the light-front effective Hamiltonian for the baryons is discussed in Sec. II. We discuss the electromagnetic properties of the Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet baryons in Sec. IV, whereas their PDFs are presented in Sec. V. We provide a brief summary and conclusion in Sec. VI.

II. BLFQ FRAMEWORK FOR THE BARYONS

The central task of the BLFQ approach is to solve the following eigenvalue equation to obtain the mass spectrum and the LFWFs of hadronic bound states:

$$P^2|\Psi\rangle = M^2|\Psi\rangle,\tag{1}$$

where $P^2 = P^+P^- - P_{\perp}^2$ is the effective light-front Hamiltonian and the operators P^- , P^+ , and P_{\perp} are the light-front quantized Hamiltonian, longitudinal momentum, and the transverse momentum, respectively, of the system. Using a suitable matrix representation for the Hamiltonian, the diagonalization of Eq. (1) generates the eigenvalues M^2 , which correspond to the mass squared spectrum, and the associated eigenstates $|\Psi\rangle$ that encode structural information of the bound states.

In this paper, we solve the baryonic bound state problem in the BLFQ framework using an effective light-front Hamiltonian defined below. At fixed light-front time, the baryonic state can be expressed in terms of various quark (q), antiquark (\bar{q}), and gluon (q) Fock components,

$$\begin{aligned} |B\rangle &= \psi_{(3q)} |qqq\rangle + \psi_{(3q+q\bar{q})} |qqqq\bar{q}\rangle \\ &+ \psi_{(3q+1q)} |qqqq\rangle + \dots, \end{aligned}$$
(2)

where the $\psi_{(...)}$ represent the probability amplitudes to obtain the different parton configurations in the baryon. Within BLFQ, each Fock sector itself consists of an infinite number of basis states. For the purpose of numerical simulations, we employ both a Fock-sector truncation and limits on the basis states within each Fock sector. Here, we restrict ourselves only to the valence Fock component to describe the valence quark contribution to baryon properties.

We adopt the effective Hamiltonian ($H_{\text{eff}} = P^+P^-$) that incorporates the holographic QCD confinement potential supplemented by the longitudinal confinement, and the OGE interactions [17,18]

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{eff}} &= \sum_{i} \frac{\vec{p}_{\perp i}^{2} + m_{i}^{2}}{x_{i}} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \kappa^{4} \left[x_{i} x_{j} (\vec{r}_{\perp i} - \vec{r}_{\perp j})^{2} - \frac{\partial_{x_{i}} (x_{i} x_{j} \partial_{x_{j}})}{(m_{i} + m_{j})^{2}} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{C_{F} 4 \pi \alpha_{s}}{Q_{ij}^{2}} \bar{u}_{s'_{i}} (k'_{i}) \gamma^{\mu} u_{s_{i}} (k_{i}) \bar{u}_{s'_{j}} (k'_{j}) \gamma^{\nu} u_{s_{j}} (k_{j}) g_{\mu\nu}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3)$$

where x_i and $\vec{p}_{\perp i}$ represent the longitudinal momentum fraction and the relative transverse momentum carried by quark *i*. m_i is the mass of the quark *i*, and κ determines the strength of the confinement. The variable $\vec{r}_{\perp} = \vec{r}_{\perp i} - \vec{r}_{\perp j}$ defines the transverse separation between two quarks. The last term in the effective Hamiltonian represents the OGE interaction with $Q_{ij}^2 = -q^2 = -(1/2)(k'_i - k_i)^2 - (1/2)(k'_j - k_j)^2$ being the average momentum transfer squared, $C_F = -2/3$ corresponds to the color factor, α_s defines the coupling constant, and $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the metric tensor. $u(k_i, s_i)$ corresponds to the spinor with momentum k_i and spin s_i of the parton in the baryon. We have neglected electromagnetic interactions among the quarks.

We have assumed the same strength for our transverse and longitudinal confinement based on the fact that this form reduces to a symmetric three-dimensional harmonic potential in the nonrelativistic limit [13]. It is possible that relaxing this assumption to allow for independent longitudinal and transverse confinement strengths (which therefore introduces another phenomenological parameter) could be advantageous [65,66]. We will pursue this additional freedom in a future work.

The basis states of each Fock particle are represented in terms of the transverse and longitudinal coordinates along with the helicity quantum numbers [11]. We exclude the color degree of freedom in the current formalism since, for the pure valence sector considered as a color singlet, a color factor suffices when combined with the strength of our effective OGE interaction. Following BLFQ [10,11], we expand $|\Psi\rangle$ in terms of the two-dimensional harmonic oscillator (2D-HO) basis state in the transverse direction and the discretized plane-wave basis in the longitudinal direction.

The longitudinal momentum of the particle is characterized by the quantum number k. The longitudinal coordinate x^- is confined to a box of length 2L with antiperiodic boundary conditions for fermions. The single-quark LFWF in the longitudinal coordinate space is then given by

$$\psi_k(x^-) = \frac{1}{2L} e^{i\frac{\pi}{L}kx^-},$$
(4)

and the longitudinal momentum $p^+ = 2\pi k/L$ is discretized, where the dimensionless quantity $k = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \dots$ All many-body basis states are selected to have the fixed total longitudinal momentum $P^+ = \sum_i p_i^+$, where the sum is over the three quarks. We rescale P^+ using $K = \sum_i k_i$ such that $P^+ = \frac{2\pi}{L}K$. For a given quark *i*, the longitudinal momentum fraction *x* is then defined as $x_i = p_i^+/P^+ = k_i/K$.

In the transverse direction, we employ the 2D-HO basis state, $\phi_{nm}(\vec{p}_{\perp}; b)$, which is characterized by two quantum numbers *n* and *m* representing the radial excitation and the angular momentum projection, respectively, of the Fock particle. In momentum space, the orthonormalized 2D-HO wave functions read [10,11]

$$\begin{split} \phi_{n,m}(\vec{p}_{\perp};b) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{b(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{\frac{n!}{(n+|m|)!}} e^{-\vec{p}_{\perp}^{2}/(2b^{2})} \\ &\times \left(\frac{|\vec{p}_{\perp}|}{b}\right)^{|m|} L_{n}^{|m|} \left(\frac{\vec{p}_{\perp}}{b^{2}}\right) e^{im\theta}, \end{split}$$
(5)

with *b* being its scale parameter with the dimension of mass; $L_n^{\alpha}(x)$ represent the generalized Laguerre polynomials and $\theta = \arg(\vec{p}_{\perp}/b)$. For the spin degrees of freedom, the quantum number λ is used to define the helicity of the particle. Thus, each single-particle basis state is associated with four quantum numbers, $\{x, n, m, \lambda\}$. In addition, we have well-defined values of the total angular momentum projection $M_J = \sum_i (m_i + \lambda_i)$ for our multibody basis states.

Beyond the Fock-space truncation, within each Fock component, further truncation is still required to reduce the basis to a finite dimension. We reduce the infinite basis by introducing a truncation parameter K in the longitudinal direction, and, in the transverse direction, we retain states with the total transverse quantum number

$$N_{\alpha} = \sum_{i} (2n_i + |m_i| + 1), \tag{6}$$

satisfying $N_{\alpha} \leq N_{\text{max}}$, where N_{max} is the truncation parameter. The N_{max} controls the transverse momentum covered by the 2D-HO basis functions, whereas K is the basis resolution in the longitudinal direction. The N_{max} truncation naturally provides ultraviolet (UV) and infrared (IR) regulations. In momentum space, the UV regulator $\Lambda_{\text{UV}} \simeq b \sqrt{N_{\text{max}}}$, while the IR regulator $\lambda_{\text{IR}} \simeq b / \sqrt{N_{\text{max}}}$. The UV (IR) regulator increases (decreases) with increasing the N_{max} [11], and both UV and IR increase as the HO basis scale parameter *b* increases.

We set up our basis using single-particle coordinates. The advantage of using these coordinates is that we can treat each particle in the Fock space on an equal footing [11]. Meanwhile, $H_{\rm eff}$ includes the transverse center-of-mass (c.m.) motion, which is mixed with intrinsic motion. We introduce a constraint term

$$H' = \lambda_L (H_{\rm c.m.} - 2b^2 I) \tag{7}$$

into the effective Hamiltonian in order to factorize out the transverse c.m. motion from the intrinsic motion. We subtract the zero-point energy $2b^2$ and multiply a Lagrange multiplier λ_L . *I* denotes the identity operator. The c.m. motion is controlled by [12]

$$H_{\text{c.m.}} = \left(\sum_{i} \vec{p}_{i\perp}\right)^2 + b^4 \left(\sum_{i} x_i \vec{r}_{i\perp}\right)^2.$$
(8)

When λ_L is sufficiently large and positive, we are able to move the excited states of c.m. motion to higher energy than the low-lying spectrum of interest. Thus, the effective Hamiltonian we diagonalize is

$$H'_{\rm eff} = H_{\rm eff} - \left(\sum_{i} \vec{p}_{i\perp}\right)^2 + \lambda_L (H_{\rm c.m.} - 2b^2 I).$$
(9)

Upon diagonalization of this effective Hamiltonian matrix H'_{eff} within the BLFQ bases, we obtain the eigenvalues that represent the mass spectrum. We also obtain the eigenvectors that correspond to the LFWFs in the BLFQ basis and provide the structural information of the systems. The resulting valence LFWF in momentum space is then expressed as an expansion in the orthonormal basis set consistent with the symmetries of the effective Hamiltonian,

$$\Psi^{\Lambda}_{\{x_i,\vec{p}_{i\perp},\lambda_i\}} = \langle P, \Lambda | \{x_i, \vec{p}_{i\perp},\lambda_i\} \rangle$$
$$= \sum_{\{n_i,m_i\}} \left(\psi^{\Lambda}_{\{x_i,n_i,m_i,\lambda_i\}} \prod_i \phi_{n_i,m_i}(\vec{p}_{i\perp};b) \right), \quad (10)$$

with $\psi^{\Lambda}_{\{x_i,n_i,m_i,\lambda_i\}} = \langle P, \Lambda | \{x_i, n_i, m_i, \lambda_i\} \rangle$ as the LFWF in BLFQ, where *P* and Λ indicate the momentum and the light-front helicity of the system. Note that Λ and Σ (or Λ_c and Σ_c^+) are represented as the ground and the first excited states of the effective Hamiltonian and thus the corresponding eigenvectors $\psi^{\Lambda}_{\{x_i,n_i,m_i,\lambda_i\}}$, appearing in the LFWF Eq. (10), are also different for Λ and Σ (or Λ_c and Σ_c^+). We identify the difference between their wave functions by comparing the *S*-wave components with their spin-flavor structures dictated by the naive quark model. The spin-flavor structures of Λ and Σ baryons are given in the Appendix.

III. MASS SPECTRA

There are four parameters in our model: the quark mass in the kinetic energy $(m_{q/k})$, the quark mass in the OGE interaction $(m_{q/g})$, the strength of confining potential $(\kappa = \kappa_T = \kappa_L)$, and the coupling constant (α_s) in the OGE interaction [17,18]. We now outline our reasoning for flexibility in the choice of the vertex mass. In particular, our model features an effective OGE interaction that reflects short distance physics. It approximately describes the processes where valence quarks absorb and emit a gluon during which the system fluctuates between the $|qqq\rangle$, $|qqqg\rangle$, and higher Fock components. According to the mass evolution in renormalization group theory, the dynamical OGE would also produce contributions to the quark mass emerging from higher momentum scales leading to a decrease in the quark mass from the gluon dynamics. In turn, this leads to the suggestion that the quark mass in the OGE interaction would be lighter than the kinetic mass. The latter is associated with the long-range physics in our effective Hamiltonian. A similar treatment is also adopted in the literature [67–69].

We select the truncation parameters $N_{\text{max}} = 8$ and K = 16.5, and the model parameters are summarized in Table I. Note that the light quark mass (m_q) and the strength of confining potential were fixed by fitting the nucleon mass and the flavor form factors (FFs) [17,18]. In this work, we replace one of the light quark masses by the effective strange (charm) quark mass denoted by $m_s(m_c)$ for $\Lambda(\Lambda_c)$ baryon. We adjust these parameters to fit the known masses of Λ and Λ_c compiled by the Particle Data Group [70]. Allowing an uncertainty on α_s , we assimilate phenomenologically, in part, the effect of truncations on the system mass (M).

Table II compares the computed masses for $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ and $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ in our BLFQ approach with the experimental data [70]. The errors appearing in our results are estimates based on our assigned 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s . Note that we only fit the masses of Λ and Λ_c , while the masses of their isospin states are our predictions. We find that the masses of these baryons are in the experimental range, while isospin-dependent mass differences are small as compared to the experimental data. It should be noted that the current calculations subsume the gluon dynamics into effective interactions among the three valence quarks. We cannot directly access the dynamical role of the gluons due to the Fock-space truncation. Future developments will focus on adding higher Fock sectors to include, for example, gluon and sea degrees of freedom, which will eventually allow us to incorporate the fundamental QCD interactions and provide a better prediction for isospin-dependent mass differences.

Using those model parameters given in Table I, we then present the EMFFs and the PDFs of those baryons. We also

TABLE I. Model parameters for the basis truncations $N_{\text{max}} = 8$ and K = 16.5 for Λ and Λ_c baryons.

	α_s	$m_{q/k}/m_{q/g}$ (GeV)	$m_{s/k}/m_{s/g}$ (GeV)	$m_{c/k}/m_{c/g}$ (GeV)	к (GeV)
Λ	1.06 ± 0.1 0.57 ± 0.06	0.30/0.20	0.39/0.29		0.337

TABLE II. The masses of Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet baryons, i.e., Σ^0 , Σ^+ , Σ^- and Σ_c^0 , Σ_c^+ , Σ_c^{++} in units of MeV. Our results are compared with the experimental data [70].

Baryons	$M_{\rm BLFQ}$	M _{exp}
Λ	1116^{+32}_{-48}	1115.683 ± 0.006
Σ^0	1121_{-46}^{+37}	1192.642 ± 0.024
Σ^+	1120_{-46}^{+37}	1189.37 ± 0.07
Σ^{-}	1121_{-46}^{+37}	1197.449 ± 0.030
Λ_c	2287^{+7}_{-8}	2286.46 ± 0.14
Σ_c^+	2290^{+7}_{-7}	2452.9 ± 0.4
Σ_c^{++}	2289^{+7}_{-7}	2452.397 ± 0.140
Σ_c^0	2291^{+7}_{-8}	2452.375 ± 0.140

predict the electromagnetic radii and magnetic moments of those baryons.

IV. ELECTROMAGNETIC FORM FACTORS

For spin-1/2 baryons, there are two independent EMFFs, namely the Dirac and the Pauli FFs, $F_1(Q^2)$ and $F_2(Q^2)$, respectively. In the light-front framework, they are identified with the helicity-conserving and helicity-flip matrix elements of the vector $(J^+ \equiv \sum_q e_q \bar{\psi}_q \gamma^+ \psi_q)$ current,

$$\left\langle P+q,\uparrow \left| \frac{J^{+}(0)}{2P^{+}} \right| P,\uparrow \right\rangle = F_{1}(Q^{2}),$$

$$\left\langle P+q,\uparrow \left| \frac{J^{+}(0)}{2P^{+}} \right| P,\downarrow \right\rangle = -\frac{(q^{1}-iq^{2})}{2M}F_{2}(Q^{2}), \quad (11)$$

where $Q^2 = -q^2$ is the square of the momentum transfer. Within the leading Fock sector, the baryon state with momentum *P* and the light-front helicity Λ can be expressed in terms of three-particle LFWFs,

$$|P,\Lambda\rangle = \int \prod_{i=1}^{3} \left[\frac{\mathrm{d}x_{i}\mathrm{d}^{2}\vec{p}_{i\perp}}{\sqrt{x_{i}}16\pi^{3}} \right] 16\pi^{3}\delta\left(1-\sum_{i=1}^{3}x_{i}\right)\delta^{2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{3}\vec{p}_{i\perp}\right) \times \Psi^{\Lambda}_{\{x_{i},\vec{p}_{i\perp},\lambda_{i}\}}|\{x_{i}P^{+},\vec{p}_{i\perp}+x_{i}\vec{P}_{\perp},\lambda_{i}\}\rangle,$$
(12)

with $x_i = p_i^+/P^+$ and $\vec{p}_{i\perp}$ being the relative transverse momentum of the *i*th quark. Substituting the baryonic states and the quark field operators (ψ_q and $\bar{\psi}_q$) in Eq. (11) provides the flavor Dirac and Pauli FFs in terms of the overlap of the LFWFs [71],

$$F_1^q(Q^2) = \sum_{\lambda_i} \int [\mathrm{d}\mathcal{X}\mathrm{d}\mathcal{P}_{\perp}] \Psi_{\{x'_i, \vec{p}'_{i\perp}, \lambda_i\}}^{\uparrow *} \Psi_{\{x_i, \vec{p}_{i\perp}, \lambda_i\}}^{\uparrow}, \quad (13)$$

$$F_2^q(Q^2) = \frac{-(q^1 - iq^2)}{2M} \sum_{\lambda_i} \int [d\mathcal{X} d\mathcal{P}_\perp] \Psi_{\{x'_i, \vec{p}'_{i\perp}, \lambda_i\}}^{\uparrow *} \Psi_{\{x_i, \vec{p}_{i\perp}, \lambda_i\}}^{\downarrow},$$
(14)

where $x'_1 = x_1$ and $\vec{p}'_{1\perp} = \vec{p}_{1\perp} + (1 - x_1)\vec{q}_{\perp}$ for the active quark, while $x'_i = x_i$ and $\vec{p}'_{i\perp} = \vec{p}_{i\perp} - x_i\vec{q}_{\perp}$ for the spectators (i = 2, 3) and

$$[d\mathcal{X}d\mathcal{P}_{\perp}] = \prod_{i=1}^{3} \left[\frac{dx_i d^2 \vec{p}_{i\perp}}{16\pi^3} \right] 16\pi^3 \delta \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \right) \delta^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} \vec{p}_{i\perp} \right).$$
(15)

Here, we consider the frame where the momentum transfer is purely in the transverse direction, i.e., $q = (0, 0, \vec{q}_{\perp})$, which implies $Q^2 = -q^2 = \vec{q}_{\perp}^2$. The FFs follow the normalizations $F_1^q(0) = n_q$, with n_q being the number of valence quarks of flavor q in the baryon, while the Pauli FFs at $Q^2 = 0$ provide the anomalous magnetic moments $F_2^q(0) = \kappa_q$.

We evaluate the Dirac and Pauli FFs for the valence quarks in the Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin states using the LFWFs defined in Eq. (10). The flavor Dirac and Pauli FFs for Λ and its isospin triplet states $(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. The red bands represent the results for the light quark (u and/or d), while the black bands correspond to the results for the *s* quark. The error bands in our results are due to our adopted 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant. The slope of the EMFF at $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ relates to the electromagnetic radius of the quark. We observe that at small Q^2 the slopes of the light quark FFs are larger than those of the s quark FFs. This is due to the lighter mass of the up (down) quark compared to the s quark, and thus the radius of the light quark is also larger than the s quark. Although the flavor content is the same in Λ and Σ^0 , their flavor FFs are not alike, while the flavor FFs of Σ^+ and Σ^- are the same. The Pauli FF for the light quark in Λ is negative but positive for the s quark, whereas they exhibit opposite behavior in Σ^0 .

In Fig. 3, we compare our results for the flavor FFs with the lattice QCD simulations [33] available only for the Σ^+ and Σ^- . We find that the qualitative behaviors of the flavor FFs obtained within our BLFQ approach and the lattice QCD simulations are approximately consistent with each other. It can be noticed from Figs. 1–3 that our model preserves the isospin symmetry.

Figures 4 and 5 present the flavor Dirac and Pauli FFs, respectively, for the Λ_c baryon and its isospin states $(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$. Here again, we observe that the light quark FFs fall much faster than that of the *c* quark indicating that, as may be expected, the *c* quark is more localized near the center of the baryons than the light quark. The flavor Dirac FFs of the Λ_c and Σ_c^+ are found to be alike, but their flavor Pauli FFs change sign. Meanwhile, both the flavor FFs of Σ_c^{++} are identical to that of Σ_c^0 .

Under charge and isospin symmetry, the baryon FFs can be obtained from the flavor FFs,



FIG. 1. Flavor Dirac FFs of the Λ baryon and its isospin states $(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$. The red lines with red bands represent the light quark (*u* and/or *d*) FFs, whereas the black lines with gray bands correspond to the strange quark (*s*) FFs. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .

$$F_{1(2)}^{\mathbf{B}}(Q^2) = \sum_{q} e_q F_{1(2)}^q, \tag{16}$$

where the charges of the quarks $e_u = \frac{2}{3}$, $e_d = -\frac{1}{3}$, $e_s = -\frac{1}{3}$, and $e_c = \frac{2}{3}$. Meanwhile, the Sachs FFs are expressed in terms of Dirac and Pauli FFs as

$$G_E^{\rm B}(Q^2) = F_1^{\rm B}(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}F_2^{\rm B}(Q^2),$$

$$G_M^{\rm B}(Q^2) = F_1^{\rm B}(Q^2) + F_2^{\rm B}(Q^2).$$
(17)

We show the electric and magnetic Sachs FFs of the Λ and its isospin triplet states in Figs. 6 and 7, respectively.



FIG. 2. Flavor Pauli FFs of the Λ baryon and its isospin states (Σ^0 , Σ^+ , Σ^-). The red lines with red bands represent the light quark (*u* and/or *d*) FFs, whereas the black lines with gray bands correspond to the strange quark (*s*) FFs. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .



FIG. 3. Comparison of the flavor FFs in Σ^+ and Σ^- evaluated within BLFQ and the lattice QCD simulations [33]. The red lines with red bands represent the light quark (*u* and/or *d*) FFs, whereas the black lines with gray bands correspond to the strange quark (*s*) FFs. The black points are lattice QCD results. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .



FIG. 4. Flavor Dirac FFs of the Λ_c baryon and its isospin states $(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$. The red lines with red bands represent the light quark (*u* and/or *d*) FFs, whereas the black lines with gray bands correspond to the charm quark (*c*) FFs. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .

We compare our BLFQ results for all states with the results computed in the constituent quark model (CQM) [34]. The FFs for Σ^+ and Σ^- are also compared with available lattice QCD simulations [33]. Qualitatively, our results are consistent with those theoretical calculations [33,34]. The Sachs FFs for the Λ_c and its isospin triplet states are presented in Figs. 8 and 9. The magnetic moments of the baryons are related to the baryons' magnetic Sachs FFs at $Q^2 = 0$. In our approach, we obtain the magnetic moment of the Λ , $\mu_{\Lambda} = -0.494^{+0.028}_{-0.010}$, and for the isospin states, $\mu_{\Sigma^0} = 0.610^{+0.032}_{-0.051}$, $\mu_{\Sigma^+} = 0.2323^{+0.067}_{-0.112}$, and $\mu_{\Sigma^-} = -1.124^{+0.011}_{-0.007}$ close to the available measurements [72] for Λ , Σ^+ , and Σ^- . Note that μ_{Σ^0} has not been measured. However, it is given by $\mu_{\Sigma^0} = (\mu_{\Sigma^+} + \mu_{\Sigma^-})/2$



FIG. 5. Flavor Pauli FFs of the Λ_c baryon and its isospin states $(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$. The red lines with red bands represent the light quark (*u* and/or *d*) FFs, whereas the black lines with gray bands correspond to the charm quark (*c*) FFs. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .



FIG. 6. Electric Sachs FFs $G_E(Q^2)$ as functions of Q^2 for $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$. The red bands represent our results obtained within the BLFQ approach. The BLFQ results are compared with the lattice QCD simulations (black points) [33] and the CQM (dotted blue lines) [34]. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .

according to the isospin symmetry. The magnetic moments of the baryons are compared with experimental data in Table III. Based on our BLFQ approach, the magnetic moments for Λ_c and its isospin triplet states are given in Table IV, where we compare our results with other theoretical calculations in Refs. [35,56–64]. We find that our predictions for the magnetic moments of Λ_c and Σ_c^+ are larger than those in Refs. [35,56–64]. This is attributed to the anomalous magnetic moment, i.e., $F_2(0)$, contribution from the charm quark. In our calculations, we find that $F_2(0)$ for the charm quark is negative and significantly smaller than the light quarks, while in other theoretical approaches, the magnitude of $F_2^c(0)$ is much larger than our result and comparable with their $F_2(0)$ of light quarks. Consequently, the anomalous magnetic moments of Λ_c and Σ_c^+ , $F_2^B(0) = \sum_q e_q F_2^q(0)$, in our approach are larger than other



FIG. 7. Magnetic Sachs FFs $G_M(Q^2)$ as functions of Q^2 for $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$. The gray bands represent our results obtained within the BLFQ approach. The BLFQ results are compared with the lattice QCD simulations (black points) [33] and the CQM (dotted blue lines) [34]. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .

theoretical predictions. On the other hand, our result for the magnetic moment of Σ_c^{++} roughly agrees with those in Refs. [35,57,58,60–63] and is higher than the predictions reported in Refs. [56,59,64]. Meanwhile, our predicted value for the magnetic moments of Σ_c^0 is lower than the values outlined in Refs. [35,56–64]. Note that nothing is known about the magnetic moment of Λ_c and its isospin triplet states

experimentally at the present time. Our calculation provides a prediction of the expected data for the magnetic moments of heavy baryon from the future experiments.

From the Sachs FFs, we can also compute the electromagnetic radii of the baryons (when the charge of the baryon is zero, we need to replace the $G_{\rm E}^{\rm B}(0)$ with one), which are defined by



FIG. 8. Electric Sachs FFs $G_E(Q^2)$ as functions of Q^2 for $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^0, \Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^-)$. The bands represent our results obtained within the BLFQ approach. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .



FIG. 9. Magnetic Sachs FFs $G_M(Q^2)$ as functions of Q^2 for $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^0, \Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^-)$. The bands represent our results obtained within the BLFQ approach. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .

$$\langle r_{\rm E}^2 \rangle^{\rm B} = -\frac{6}{G_{\rm E}^{\rm B}(0)} \frac{\mathrm{d}G_{\rm E}^{\rm B}(Q^2)}{\mathrm{d}Q^2} \Big|_{Q^2=0},$$
 (18)

$$\langle r_{\rm M}^2 \rangle^{\rm B} = -\frac{6}{G_{\rm M}^{\rm B}(0)} \frac{{\rm d} G_{\rm M}^{\rm B}(Q^2)}{{\rm d} Q^2} \bigg|_{Q^2=0}. \tag{19}$$

TABLE III. The magnetic moments of $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$. Our results are compared with the experimental data [70] (in units of the nuclear magneton μ_N).

Baryons	$\mu_{ m BLFQ}$	μ_{\exp} [70]
Λ	$-0.494^{+0.028}_{-0.010}$	-0.613 ± 0.004
Σ^0	$0.610\substack{+0.032\\-0.051}$	
Σ^+	$2.323^{+0.067}_{-0.112}$	2.458 ± 0.010
Σ-	$-1.124\substack{+0.011\\-0.007}$	-1.160 ± 0.025

The radii of $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ are presented in Tables V and VI. We compare the BLFQ results with the available theoretical calculations [31,32,35] and the only available measured data for the charge radius of Σ^- [72]. We find a reasonable agreement with the experiment within our 10% uncertainties stemming from our uncertainty in α_s . We also find reasonable consistency between our predictions and the results evaluated in the framework of heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory [31].

Our predictions for the electromagnetic radii of $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ are given in Tables VII and VIII. The charge radii are compared with the results evaluated in relativistic quark models [35]. Here we observe substantial differences between our BLFQ predictions and the relativistic quark models [35]. In this connection, we note that there is a rather large spread in the results of the relativistic quark models.

TABLE IV. Our predictions for the magnetic moments of $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ (in units of the nuclear magneton μ_N). Our results are compared with other theoretical calculations in Refs. [35,56–64]. In Ref. [64], S-I and S-II represent the results obtained using two different sets of parameters.

Baryons	μ_{BLFQ}	[35]	[56]	[57]	[58]	[59]	[60]	[61]	[62]	[63]	S-I [64]	S-II [64]
Λ_c	$0.99\substack{+0.00\\-0.00}$	0.41	0.42	0.392	0.341	0.411		0.37	0.385		0.24	0.24
Σ_c^+	$1.05\substack{+0.01 \\ -0.01}$	0.65	0.36	0.30	0.525	0.318		0.63	0.501	0.46(3)	0.26	0.30
Σ_c^{++}	$2.67^{+0.49}_{-0.08}$	3.07	1.76	2.20	2.44	1.679	2.1(3)	2.18	2.279	2.15(10)	1.50	1.50
Σ_c^0	$-0.58\substack{+0.06\\-0.07}$	-1.78	-1.04	-1.60	-1.391	-1.043	-1.6(2)	-1.17	-1.015	-1.24(5)	-0.97	-0.91

TABLE V. Our predictions for the charge radius $\langle r_E^2 \rangle$ for $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ in the unit of fm². Our results are compared with the heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory (HB χ PT) [31,32], the relativistic quark models (RQM) [35], and the experimental data [72] available only for Σ^- . In Ref. [31], the results were computed with different regularization procedures: heavy-baryon (HB) approach and infrared regularization (IR) scheme.

		HB [31]		HB [31] IR [31]		HB _λ	'PT [32]	RQM [35]		
	$\langle r_{\rm E}^2 \rangle_{\rm BLFQ}$	$O(q^3)$	$O(q^4)$	$O(q^3)$	$O(q^4)$	$O(1/\Lambda_{\chi}^2)$	$O(1/\Lambda_{\chi}^2 M_N)$	Ι	Π	Experimental data [72]
Λ	0.07 ± 0.01	0.14	0.00	0.05	0.11 ± 0.02	-0.150	-0.050	-0.01	0.02	
Σ^0	$0.07^{+0.00}_{-0.01}$	-0.14	-0.08	-0.05	-0.03 ± 0.01			0.02	0.02	
Σ^+	0.79 ± 0.05	0.59	0.72	0.63	0.60 ± 0.02	1.522	1.366	0.47	0.66	
Σ^{-}	0.65 ± 0.02	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.67 ± 0.03	0.977	0.798	0.41	0.64	$0.60 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.08$

TABLE VI. Our predictions for the magnetic radius $\langle r_{\rm M}^2 \rangle$ for $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ in the unit of fm². Our results are compared with other theoretical calculations in the framework of heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory in Refs. [31].

Baryons	$\langle r_{ m M}^2 angle_{ m BLFQ}$	$O(q^4)$ HB [31]	O(q ⁴) IR [31]
Λ	0.52 ± 0.01	0.30 ± 0.11	0.48 ± 0.09
Σ^0	$0.82^{+0.00}_{-0.01}$	0.20 ± 0.10	0.45 ± 0.08
Σ^+	0.79 ± 0.00	0.74 ± 0.06	0.80 ± 0.05
Σ^{-}	0.70 ± 0.02	1.33 ± 0.16	1.20 ± 0.13

TABLE VII. Our predictions for the charge radius $\langle r_{\rm E}^2 \rangle$ for $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ in the unit of fm². Our results are compared with the results in relativistic quark models [35]. The instant, point, and front are three forms of kinematics, first outlined by Dirac [73].

		Ref. [35]					
Baryons	$\langle r_{\rm E}^2 \rangle_{ m BLFQ}$	Instant	Point	Front			
$\overline{\Lambda_c}$	$0.73^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	0.5	0.2	0.4			
Σ_c^+	$0.74_{-0.02}^{+0.02}$	0.5	0.2	0.4			
Σ_c^{++}	$1.33^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	1.7	0.4	1.4			
Σ_c^0	$-1.19_{-0.03}^{0.039}$	-0.7	-0.0	-0.6			

TABLE VIII. Our predictions for the magnetic radii $\langle r_{\rm M}^2 \rangle$ for $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ in the unit of fm².

Baryons	$\langle r_{ m M}^2 \rangle_{ m BLFQ}$
Λ_c	$0.64\substack{+0.03\\-0.03}$
Σ_c^+	$0.78\substack{+0.01 \\ -0.01}$
Σ_c^{++}	$1.54\substack{+0.01\\-0.01}$
Σ_c^0	$3.37^{+0.33}_{-0.27}$

V. PARTON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS OF THE BARYONS

The PDF, the probability density that a parton carries a certain fraction of the total light-front longitudinal momentum of a hadron, provides us with information about the nonperturbative structure of hadrons. The quark PDF of the baryon, which encodes the distribution of longitudinal momentum and polarization carried by the quark in the baryon, is defined as

$$\Phi^{\Gamma(q)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^{-}}{4\pi} e^{ip^{+}z^{-}/2} \\ \times \langle P, \Lambda | \bar{\psi}_{q}(0) \Gamma \psi_{q}(z^{-}) | P, \Lambda \rangle |_{z^{+} = \vec{z}_{\perp} = 0}.$$
(20)

For different Dirac structures, one obtains different quark PDFs of the baryon. For example, for $\Gamma = \gamma^+, \gamma^+ \gamma^5$, and $i\sigma^{j+}\gamma^5$, one has the unpolarized PDF f(x), helicity distribution $g_1(x)$, and transversity distribution $h_1(x)$, respectively. It is worth noting that we work in the light-front gauge $A^+ = 0$ so that the gauge link appearing in between the quark fields in Eq. (20) is unity. Here, we compute the quark unpolarized PDFs from the eigenstates of our light-front effective Hamiltonian (3) in the constituent valence quarks representation suitable for low-momentum scale applications.

Following the two-point quark correlation function defined in Eq. (20), in the LFWFs overlap representation, the unpolarized PDFs f(x) in the valence Fock component at the initial scale (μ_0) reads

$$f^{q}(x) = \sum_{\lambda_{i}} \int [d\mathcal{X}d\mathcal{P}_{\perp}] \Psi^{\uparrow *}_{\{x_{i},\vec{p}_{i\perp},\lambda_{i}\}} \Psi^{\uparrow}_{\{x_{i},\vec{p}_{i\perp},\lambda_{i}\}} \delta(x - x_{q}).$$

$$(21)$$

Using the LFWFs within the BLFQ approach given in Eq. (10), we evaluate the unpolarized PDFs for the valence quarks in the baryon, which are normalized as

$$\int_0^1 dx f^q(x) = F_1^q(0) = n_q, \qquad (22)$$

with n_q being the number of quarks of flavor q in the baryon. Furthermore, at the model scale, the following momentum sum rule is satisfied by our PDFs:

$$\sum_{q} \int_{0}^{1} dx \, x f^{q}(x) = 1.$$
 (23)

By performing the QCD evolution, we obtain the valence quark PDFs at higher μ^2 scales using input PDFs at the model scale. We interpret the model scale associated with our LFWFs as the effective scale where the structures of the baryon are described by the motion of the valence quarks only. The scale evolution allows the valence quarks to produce gluons, with the emitted gluons capable of producing quark-antiquark pairs as well as additional gluons. In this picture, the gluon and sea quark components emerge at scales higher than the model scale.

The QCD evolution is described by the well-known Dokshitzer-Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi (DGLAP) equations [74–76]. Here, we utilize the next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) DGLAP equations of QCD to evolve our valence quark distributions from our model scale μ_0^2 to higher scale μ^2 . For this purpose, we employ the Higher Order Perturbative Parton Evolution toolkit to numerically solve the NNLO DGLAP equations [77]. We adopt $\mu_0^2 = 0.45 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$ for the initial scale of our PDFs for $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$, which we determine by matching the moment of the valence quark PDFs for Λ : $\langle x \rangle_q =$ $\int_0^1 dx x f_1^q(x)$ at $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$, with the result from the lattice QCD simulations $\langle x \rangle_u = \langle x \rangle_d = 0.20 \pm 0.01$ and $\langle x \rangle_s = 0.27 \pm 0.01$ [49], after performing the QCD evolution of our initial quark PDFs. Meanwhile, we choose the initial scale for the PDFs of $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ as the hadronic scale $\mu_0^2 = 1.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$.

Figure 10 shows our results for the valence quark unpolarized PDFs of the Λ and its isospin triplet states at the model scale computed using the LFWFs given in Eq. (10). The red bands correspond to the results for the light quark (u and/or d), whereas the blue bands represent the results for the strange quark. The bands shown in our results arise from the 10% uncertainties in the coupling constant α_s . Since $m_s > m_{u(d)}$, the peak of the strange quark distribution in the baryons appears at a higher xcompared to the light quark distribution. Therefore, the strange quark carries larger longitudinal momentum than the light quark, reducing the probability of finding a light quark with high x in the baryons. We notice that the valence quark distributions in Σ^+ and Σ^- are nearly identical due to isospin symmetry in the model. However, the magnitude of light quark PDFs in these baryons is larger than that of the strange quark PDF. This is because there are two up (down) quarks in $\Sigma^+(\Sigma^-)$. Meanwhile, the magnitude of the single light quark distribution is lower compared to that for the strange quark in Λ and Σ^0 .

The valence quark PDFs of the $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ at the initial scale are shown in Fig. 11. The peaks of the light quark PDFs again appear at lower x, whereas due to the heavier mass, the charm quark distributions have peaks at higher x. The PDFs of the Λ_c and Σ_c^{++} are identical to the distributions of Σ_c^+ and Σ_c^0 , respectively. Note that $\Sigma_c^{++}(\Sigma_c^0)$ has two light quarks of the same flavor, which effectively provides the light quark PDF in $\Sigma_c^{++}(\Sigma_c^0)$ twice that of the light quark PDF in $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+)$. Figures 10 and 11 suggest that our model maintains the isospin symmetry, which is also observed from FFs in Figs. 1–3.

We demonstrate the scale evolution of the PDFs of $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ and $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ from the initial scales to 10 GeV² in Figs. 12 and 13, respectively. We observe



FIG. 10. Valence quarks' unpolarized PDFs at the model scale multiplied by x as functions of x. Upper left, Λ ; upper right, Σ^0 ; lower left, Σ^+ ; lower right, Σ^- . The blue and red bands represent distributions for the strange quark and the light quark (u/d), respectively. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .



FIG. 11. Valence quarks' unpolarized PDFs at the model scale multiplied by x as functions of x. Upper left, Λ_c ; upper right, Σ_c^+ ; lower left, Σ_c^{++} ; lower right, Σ_c^0 . The blue and red bands represent distributions for the charm quark and the light quark (u/d), respectively. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the coupling constant α_s .

that, for Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin states, the valence quark distributions increase slowly at lower *x*, while they decrease at higher *x* with the scale evolution. The gluon and the sea quark PDFs at low *x* increase much faster than the valence quark PDFs. Effectively, in the low-*x* region, the distributions are mainly dominated by the gluon PDFs, while at large *x* the valence quarks dominate the distributions. We notice that the qualitative behavior of the gluon and the sea

quarks PDFs obtained by the evolution in both Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin states are very similar. Since the masses of the charm and light quarks in $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ are very different, the peaks of their distributions appear at different x. The valence quark PDFs in these states exhibit distinctly different behavior compared to that in $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$, where the valence quark (light and strange) PDFs are close to each other after QCD evolution.



FIG. 12. Unpolarized PDFs at 10 GeV² multiplied by *x* as functions of *x*. Upper left, Λ ; upper right, Σ^0 ; lower left, Σ^+ ; lower right, Σ^- . The red, black, blue, and green bands represent distributions for the valence light quark (u/d), valence strange quark, sea quarks, and gluon, respectively. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the initial scale μ_0 .



FIG. 13. Unpolarized PDFs at 10 GeV² multiplied by x as functions of x. Upper left, Λ_c ; upper right, Σ_c^+ ; lower left, Σ_c^{++} ; lower right, Σ_c^0 . The red, black, blue, and green bands represent distributions for the valence light quark (u/d), valence charm quark, sea quarks, and gluon, respectively. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the initial scale μ_0 .

The first moments of the corresponding PDFs of Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin states as functions of scale μ are shown in Figs. 14 and 15. We notice that the uncertainty bands in Fig. 15 are insignificant. This is due to the small α_s for Λ_c (Σ_c), and thus our adopted 10% uncertainty in α_s is also small. We find that with increasing scale μ , as for the other cases described above, momenta carried by the valence quarks decrease, and the contributions of the sea quarks and gluon to the total momentum increase. For the light baryons, the momentum carried by the valence quarks falls faster with increasing scale than that for the baryons having a charm quark. However, the qualitative behaviors of the total moments of valence quarks, sea quarks, and gluons in all states are alike.

Note that the *x* PDFs at low *x* behave like x^a , where a > 0 for the valence quarks, whereas for the gluon and the sea quarks a > -1 [25]. The value of the exponent *a* decreases with increasing scale μ . When $\mu \to \infty$, $a \to 0$ for



FIG. 14. The first moment of the PDFs of Λ (upper left), Σ^0 (upper right), Σ^+ (lower left), and Σ^- (lower right) as functions of the scale μ . The red, black, and blue bands represent the first moments of valence quark, sea quark, and gluon, respectively. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the initial scale μ_0 .



FIG. 15. The first moment of the PDFs of Λ_c (upper left), Σ_c^+ (upper right), Σ_c^{++} (lower left), and Σ_c^0 (lower right) as functions of the scale μ . The red, black, and blue bands represent the first moments of valence quark, sea quark, and gluon, respectively. The bands reflect the 10% uncertainty in the initial scale μ_0 .



FIG. 16. The exponent *a* as a function of μ . At a low *x* (0.001 < *x* < 0.1), the *x* PDFs behave as $xf(x) \sim x^a$ for Λ (upper left), Σ (upper right), Λ_c (lower left), and Σ_c (lower right). The red, green, blue, black, and orange lines represent valence quark (u/d), sea quark (u/d/s), sea quark (c/b), sea quark (t), and gluon, respectively. The dark yellow lines in the lower panel represent the valence quark (c).

the valence quarks, and for the gluon and the sea quarks, $a \rightarrow -1$. This phenomenon does not depend on the PDFs at the model scale. To illustrate the low-*x* behavior of the sea quarks and the gluon PDFs with increasing scales, we consider *x* PDFs of the baryons at low *x*, $xf(x) \sim x^a$, and present the behavior of *a* as a function of μ in Fig. 16. We observe that *a* falls steadily and faster for the gluon than that for the sea quarks with increasing μ . This feature again

indicates that at low *x* the gluon dominates the distribution as the scale increases.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Using a recently proposed light-front model for the baryon based on a Hamiltonian formalism, we presented a comprehensive study of the masses, electromagnetic properties, and PDFs of Λ , Λ_c , and their isospin triplet states. The effective Hamiltonian incorporates confinement in both the transverse and longitudinal directions and onegluon exchange interaction for the constituent valence quarks suitable for low-resolution properties. We obtained

gluon exchange interaction for the constituent valence quarks suitable for low-resolution properties. We obtained the masses of baryons and the corresponding LFWFs as the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of this Hamiltonian, respectively, by solving its mass eigenvalue equation using BLFO as a relativistic three-quark problem. We then employed the LFWFs to investigate the baryon electromagnetic properties and PDFs. We evaluated the electromagnetic form factors for the baryons and their flavor decompositions, the magnetic moments, electric radii, and magnetic radii of the baryons. We compared our BLFO results with other theoretical calculations [31-35,56-64] and experimental data [70,72] and found reasonable agreement with available measured data, lattice QCD simulation [33], constituent quark model [34], and heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory [31].

We also computed the unpolarized PDFs of these baryons at a low-resolution scale using our LFWFs. The PDFs at higher scales relevant to experiment and to global QCD analyses have been evaluated based on the NNLO DGLAP equations. The QCD evolution of the PDFs, which gives us the knowledge of the gluon and the sea quark distributions, has also been explored. We observed that, although the valence quark dominates at the large x > 0.1domain, at the small-x region the distributions are mainly controlled by the gluon distribution. The momenta carried by the gluon and sea quark increase with increasing scale μ . We also noticed that there is an impression of universality of the gluon PDFs from different baryon states. Overall, the QCD evolution of the valence quark PDFs provides predictions for a wealth of information on the gluon and the sea quarks arising from higher Fock components. For further improvement, future developments should focus on the inclusion of higher Fock sectors directly in the Hamiltonian eigenvalue problem in order to explicitly incorporate gluon and sea degrees of freedom at appropriate initial scales. Our work provides predictions for PDFs of the baryons having one strange or charm quark $\Lambda(\Sigma^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-)$ and $\Lambda_c(\Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{++}, \Sigma_c^0)$ from future experiments, as well as a guidance for the theoretical studies of the PDFs with higher Fock sectors.

Since our LFWFs incorporate all three active quarks' spin, flavor, and three-dimensional spatial information on the same footing, the effective LFWFs can be employed to investigate other parton distributions, such as the helicity and transversity PDFs, generalized parton distributions, transverse momentum-dependent parton distributions, Wigner distributions, and double parton distribution functions, as well as mechanical properties of the baryons. The presented results affirm the utility of our model and motivate application of analogous effective Hamiltonians to other heavy baryons.

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APPENDIX: THE SPIN-FLAVOR STRUCTURES OF Λ AND Σ BARYONS

From the naive quark model, the difference between the Λ and Σ (or Λ_c and Σ_c^+) can be identified from their different spin-flavor structures, which read as

$$\begin{split} |\Lambda,\uparrow\rangle_{\text{flavor}\otimes\text{spin}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(sud + usd - sdu - dsu \right) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left(\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow+\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow-2\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \left(dsu - sdu + sud - usd + 2uds - 2dus \right) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow-\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\right) \right], \end{split}$$
(A1)

$$\Sigma^{0},\uparrow\rangle_{\text{flavor}\otimes\text{spin}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} (sdu + sud + usd + dsu - 2uds - 2dus) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow+\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow-2\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow) + \frac{1}{2} (sud - usd - dsu + sdu) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow-\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow) \right].$$
(A2)

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