

Parton Distribution functions in Lattice QCD

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Introduction

- Quantum Chromodynamics: Theory of strong interactions
 - Describes the forces that bind together quarks to form hadrons such as the proton
- Non-linear and strongly coupled quantum field theory
- Proton is a relativistic many body system (partons)
 - It's structure is described in terms of parton densities
- Proton structure can be in principle accessed with theoretical computations
 - It requires numerical methods: Lattice QCD
- Proton structure is "universal"
 - Once determined it can be used to predict experimental results
 - It is currently determined experimentally and used as input to understand other experiments
 - Example: search for new physics at LHC

X. Ji, D. Muller, A. Radyushkin (1994-1997)



Determination of Parton distribution functions from Experiment



Fits to experimental data

Determination of Parton distribution functions from Experiment





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Parton distributions and lattice QCD calculations: a community white paper

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GPDs: Definition

GPDs:

$$\bar{u}(P')\left(\gamma^{+}H(x,\xi,t)+i\frac{\sigma^{+k}\Delta_{k}}{2m}E(x,\xi,t)\right)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{\mathrm{d}\omega^{-}}{4\pi}e^{-i\xi P^{+}\omega^{-}}\left\langle P'\left|T\,\overline{\psi}(0,\omega^{-},\mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}})W(\omega^{-},0)\gamma^{+}\frac{\lambda^{a}}{2}\psi(0)\right|P\right\rangle_{\mathrm{C}}$$

$$\int_{-1}^{1} dx x^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} H(x,\xi,t) \\ E(x,\xi,t) \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^{[(n-1)/2]} (2\xi)^{2k} \begin{bmatrix} A_{n,2k}(t) \\ B_{n,2k}(t) \end{bmatrix} \pm \delta_{n,\text{even}} (2\xi)^n C_n(t).$$

Matrix elements of twist-2 operators $\mathcal{O}_0^{\{\mu_1\cdots\mu_n\}} = i^{n-1}\overline{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\{\mu_1}D^{\mu_2}\cdots D^{\mu_n\}}\frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(0) - \text{traces}$

PDFs: Definition

Light-cone PDFs:

$$f^{(0)}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega^{-}}{4\pi} e^{-i\xi P^{+}\omega^{-}} \left\langle P \left| T \overline{\psi}(0,\omega^{-},\mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}}) W(\omega^{-},0) \gamma^{+} \frac{\lambda^{a}}{2} \psi(0) \right| P \right\rangle_{\mathrm{C}}.$$

$$W(\omega^{-},0) = \mathcal{P} \exp\left[-ig_0 \int_0^{\omega^{-}} \mathrm{d}y^{-} A_{\alpha}^{+}(0,y^{-},\mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}})T_{\alpha}\right] \qquad \langle P'|P \rangle = (2\pi)^3 2P^{+} \delta \left(P^{+} - P'^{+}\right) \delta^{(2)} \left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{T}}'\right)$$

Moments:

$$a_0^{(n)} = \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}\xi \,\xi^{n-1} \left[f^{(0)}(\xi) + (-1)^n \overline{f}^{(0)}(\xi) \right] = \int_{-1}^1 \mathrm{d}\xi \,\xi^{n-1} f(\xi) \,\xi^{n-1} \,d\xi \,\xi^$$

Local matrix elements:

$$\left\langle P | \mathcal{O}_0^{\{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n\}} | P \right\rangle = 2a_0^{(n)} \left(P^{\mu_1} \dots P^{\mu_n} - \text{traces} \right) \qquad \mathcal{O}_0^{\{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n\}} = i^{n-1}\overline{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\{\mu_1}D^{\mu_2} \dots D^{\mu_n\}} \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(0) - \text{traces}$$

Introduction (cont.)

- Goal: Compute hadron structure properties from QCD
 - Parton distribution functions (PDFs)
- Operator product: Mellin moments are local matrix elements that can be computed in Lattice QCD
 - Power divergent mixing limits us to few moments
- Few years ago X. Ji suggested an approach for obtaining PDFs from Lattice QCD
- First calculations already available

X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110, (2013)

Y.-Q. Ma J.-W. Qiu (2014) 1404.6860

H.-W. Lin, J.-W. Chen, S. D. Cohen, and X. Ji, Phys.Rev. D91, 054510 (2015)

C. Alexandrou, et al, Phys. Rev. D92, 014502 (2015)

• A new approach for obtaining PDFs from LQCD introduced by A. Radyushkin

 Hadronic tensor methods K-F Liu et al Phys. Rev. Lett. 72 (1994), Phys. Rev. D62 (2000) 074501 Detmold and Lin 2005 M. T. Hansen et al arXiv:1704.08993. UKQCD-QCDSF-CSSM Phys. Lett. B714 (2012), arXiv:1703.01153 A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

Ma and Qiu : arXiv:1709.03018

Pseudo-PDFs

Unpolarized PDFs proton:

$$\mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z,p) \equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \, \gamma^{\alpha} \, \hat{E}(0,z;A) \psi(z) | p \rangle$$

$$\hat{E}(0,z;A) = \mathcal{P} \exp\left[-ig \int_0^z \mathrm{d}z'_{\mu} A^{\mu}_{\alpha}(z')T_{\alpha}\right]$$



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Lorentz decomposition:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z,p) &\equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \, \gamma^{\alpha} \, \hat{E}(0,z;A) \psi(z) | p \rangle \\ \mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z,p) =& 2p^{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_{p}(-(zp),-z^{2}) + z^{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_{z}(-(zp),-z^{2}) \\ z &= (0,z_{-},0) \\ \end{split}$$
Collinear PDFs: Choose $p = (p_{+},0,0) \\ \gamma^{+} \\ \mathcal{M}^{+}(z,p) =& 2p^{+} \mathcal{M}_{p}(-p_{+}z_{-},0) \end{split}$

Definition of PDF:

$$\mathcal{M}_p(-p_+z_-,0) = \int_{-1}^1 dx \, f(x) \, e^{-ixp_+z_-}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_p(-pz,-z^2)$$

is a Lorentz invariant therefore computable in any frame

 $u = -zp \qquad v ext{ is called loffe time}^{\text{B. L. loffe, Phys. Lett. 30B, 123 (1969)}}$

$$\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) \equiv \int_{-1}^1 dx \,\mathcal{P}(x, -z^2) e^{ix\nu} \qquad \mathcal{P}(x, 0) = f(x)$$

It can be shown that the domain of x is [-1, 1]

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One can obtain PDFs in the limit of $z^2 \rightarrow 0$

This limit is singular but using OPE, PDFs are defined

$$\mathcal{M}_p(x, -z^2) = \int_0^1 du \, \mathcal{C}(u, z^2 \mu^2, \alpha_s(\mu)) \mathcal{Q}(u\nu, \mu) + \mathcal{O}(z^2 \Lambda_{qcd}^2)$$

 $Q(\nu, \mu)$ is called the loffe time PDF

V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

$$\mathcal{Q}(\nu,\mu) = \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, e^{-ix\nu} f(x,\mu)$$

Rossi & Testa argue that in lattice computations 1/a divergences may hide in the polynomial terms.

Rossi & Testa: PhysRev D 96, 014507 (2017), arXiv:1806.00808

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Lattice QCD calculation:

$$\mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z,p) \equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \, \gamma^{\alpha} \, \hat{E}(0,z;A) \psi(z) | p \rangle$$

Choose

$$p = (p_0, 0, 0, p_3)$$

 $z = (0, 0, 0, z_3)$

On shell equal time matrix element computable in Euclidean space

Briceno et al arXiv:1703.06072

Obtaining only the relevant

$$\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, z_3^2) = \frac{1}{2p_0} \mathcal{M}^0(z_3, p_3)$$

Chosing γ^0 was also suggested also by M. Constantinou at GHP2017 based on an operator mixing argument for the renormalized matrix element

Alexandrou et al arXiv:1706.00265

$$Q(y, p_3) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \mathcal{M}_p(\nu, \nu^2/p_3^2) e^{-iy\nu} \qquad \text{Ji's quasi-PDF}$$

Large values of $z_3 = \nu/p_3$ are problematic

Alternative approach to the light-cone:



$$\mathcal{P}(x, -z^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \,\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) e^{-ix\nu}$$

 $-z^2 \rightarrow 0$ PDFs can be recovered

Lattice QCD requirements

 $\Lambda \sim 300 MeV$

$$aP_{max} = \frac{2\pi}{4} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

 $a \sim 0.1 fm \rightarrow P_{max} = 10\Lambda$ $a \sim 0.05 fm \rightarrow P_{max} = 20\Lambda$

For practical calculations large momentum is needed *Higher twist effect suppression (qpdfs) *Wide coverage of loffe time v

P= 3 GeV is already demanding due to statistical noise achievable with easily accessible lattice spacings

P= 6 GeV exponentially harder requires current state of the art lattice spacing

Statistical noise

Nucleon with momentum P two-point function:

$$C_{2p}(P,t) = \langle O_N(P,t)O_N^{\dagger}(P,0) \rangle \sim \mathcal{Z}e^{-E(P)t}$$

Variance of nucleon two-point function:

 $\operatorname{var}\left[C_{2p}(P,t)\right] = \langle O_N(P,t)O_N(P,t)^{\dagger}O_N(P,0)O_N^{\dagger}(P,0)\rangle \sim \mathcal{Z}_{3\pi}e^{-3m_{\pi}t}$

Variance is independent of the momentum

$$\frac{\operatorname{var}\left[C_{2p}(P,t)\right]^{1/2}}{C_{ap}(P,t)} \sim \frac{\mathcal{Z}}{\mathcal{Z}}_{3\pi} e^{-[E(P)-3/2m_{\pi}]t}$$

Statistical accuracy drops exponentially with the increasing momentum limiting the maximum achievable momentum.

Renormalization

$$\mathcal{M}_{ren}^0(z, p, \mu) = \lim_{a \to 0} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(z, \mu, a) \mathcal{M}^0(z, P, a)$$

One loop diagrams



Linear divergence

Logarithmic divergence

 Dotsenko Nucl.Phys. B169 (1980) 527
 Chen et al. Nucl.Phys. B915 (2017)

 Ishikawa et al. arXiv:1707.03107, arXiv:1609.02018
 Radyushkin arXiv:1710.08813



One loop calculation of the UV divergences results in

$$\mathcal{M}^0(z, P, a) \sim e^{-m|z|/a} \left(\frac{a^2}{z^2}\right)^{2\gamma_{end}}$$

after re-summation of one loop result resulting exponentiation

- J.G.M.Gatheral, Phys.Lett.133B, 90(1983)
- J.Frenkel, J.C.Taylor, Nucl. Phys. B246, 231 (1984),
- G.P.Korchemsky, A.V.Radyushkin, Nucl. Phys. B283, 342(1987).

Multiplicatively renormalizable

Consider the ratio

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z_3^2) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, z_3^2)}{\mathcal{M}_p(0, z_3^2)}$$

UV divergences will cancel in this ratio resulting a renormalization group invariant (RGI) function

The lattice regulator can now be removed

 $\mathfrak{M}^{cont}(\nu, z_3^2)$ Universal independent of the lattice

 $\mathcal{M}_p(0,0) = 1$ Isovector matrix element

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \,\mathfrak{C}(\alpha, z^2 \mu^2, \alpha_s(\mu)) \mathcal{Q}(\alpha \nu, \mu) + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mathcal{B}_k(\nu) (z^2)^k$$

 $\mathcal{B}_k(\nu)(z^2)^k \sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{qcd}^{2k})$

Polynomial corrections to the loffe time PDF may be suppressed

B. U. Musch, *et al* Phys. Rev. D 83, 094507 (2011) M. Anselmino et al. 10.1007/JHEP04(2014)005

A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

Rossi & Testa argument may not apply here if we use

 $\mathfrak{M}^{cont}(\nu,z_3^2)$

Rossi & Testa: PhysRev D 96, 014507 (2017), arXiv:1806.00808

Possible mechanism for polynomial correction suppression

Approximate TMD factorization

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$$\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) \equiv \int_{-1}^1 dx \,\mathcal{P}(x, -z^2) e^{ix\nu}$$

Taking $z = (0, z_-, z_\perp)$ we can identify

$$\mathcal{P}(x, z_{\perp}^2) = \int d^2 k_{\perp} \, \mathcal{F}(x, k_{\perp}^2) e^{ik_{\perp} z_{\perp}}$$

$\mathcal{F}(x,k_{\perp}^2)$ the primordial TMD

Assuming $\mathcal{F}(x,k_{\perp}^2) = f(x)g(k_{\perp}^2)$ we obtain $\mathcal{P}(x,z_{\perp}^2) = f(x)\tilde{g}(z_{\perp}^2)$

Implying that $\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) = \mathcal{Q}(\nu, -z^2)\mathcal{M}_p(0, -z^2)$

where
$$\mathcal{M}_p(0, -z^2) = \tilde{g}(-z^2)$$

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu^2) = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du \, B(u) \, \mathcal{Q}(u\nu, \mu^2)$$

$$B(u) = \left[\frac{1+u^2}{1-u}\right]_+$$

DGLAP kernel in position space

V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

At 1-loop

$$\mathcal{Q}(\nu,\mu'^2) = \mathcal{Q}(\nu,\mu^2) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \ln(\mu'^2/\mu^2) \int_0^1 du \, B(u) \, \mathcal{Q}(u\nu,\mu^2)$$

Matching to \overline{MS} computed at 1-loop

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \,\mathfrak{C}(\alpha, z^2 \mu^2, \alpha_s(\mu)) \mathcal{Q}(\alpha \nu, \mu) + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mathcal{B}_k(\nu) (z^2)^k$$

Radyushkin 1801.02427 Zhang et al. arXiv 1801.03032

Numerical Tests

with

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Phys.Rev. D96 (2017) no.9, 094503

Numerical Tests

- Quenched approximation β =6.0
 - $32^3 \times 64 \quad m_\pi \sim 600 MeV$
- Need series of small z₃
- Need a range of momenta to scan v
- Goals:
 - Check polynomial corrections
 - Understand the systematics of the approach





Matrix element calculation 0.5 $C_P^{\mathcal{O}^0(z)}(t)$ = 0.45 $C_P(t) = \langle \mathcal{N}_P(t) \overline{\mathcal{N}}_P(0) \rangle$ 0.4 0.35 0.3 $\mathcal{M}_{\text{eff}}(z_3 P, z_3^2; t) = \frac{C_P^{\mathcal{O}^0(z)}(t+1)}{C_P(t+1)} - \frac{C_P^{\mathcal{O}^0(z)}(t)}{C_P(t)}$ **E** 0.25 C. Bouchard, et al arXiv:1612.06963 [hep-lat] 0.15 0.1 0.05 0 L -2 12 14 8 10 16 $\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z_3^2) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{eff}}(z_3 P, z_3^2)}{\mathcal{M}_{\text{eff}}(z_3 P, z_2^2; t)}$ 0.82 -2 12 10 0 2 8 Δ 6





Gaussian smeared sources







Cusp indicates "linear" divergence of Wilson line



Ratio removes the linear" divergence of Wilson line

Real Part

Isovector distribution

$$\mathfrak{M}_R(\nu, z^2 = 1/\mu^2) \equiv \int_0^1 dx \, \cos(\nu x) \, q_v(x, \mu^2)$$

$$q_v(x) = q(x) - \bar{q}(x)$$
 $q(x) = u(x) - d(x)$

$$\overline{MS} \qquad \mu^2 = (2e^{-\gamma_E}/z_3)^2$$

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Imaginary Part

Isovector distribution

$$\mathfrak{M}_{I}(\nu, z^{2} = 1/\mu^{2}) \equiv \int_{0}^{1} dx \, \sin(\nu x) \, q_{+}(x, \mu^{2}) \, .$$

$$q_{+}(x) = q(x) + \bar{q}(x)$$

 $q_{+}(x) = q_{v}(x) + 2\bar{q}(x)$
 $q(x) = u(x) - d(x)$
 $q_{v}(x) = q(x) - \bar{q}(x)$

$$\overline{MS} \qquad \mu^2 = (2e^{-\gamma_E}/z_3)^2$$

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anti-quarks contribute to the imaginary part



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Points in previous plots obtained in with different z/a i.e. correspond to the loffe time PDF at different scales!

DGLAP evolution:

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, {z'}_3^2) = \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z_3^2) - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \ln({z'}_3^2/z_3^2) B \otimes \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z_3^2)$$

Apply evolution only at short distance points [~1GeV]





Evolved to 1GeV





Evolved to 1GeV





Thanks to N. Sato for making this figure

Summary

- Methods for obtaining parton distribution from Lattice QCD have now emerged
- An approach based on pseudo-PDFs has been proposed
 - Renormalization is handled in a simple way
 - Light cone limit is obtained by computing real space matrix elements at short Euclidean distances
 - All hadron momenta are useful in obtaining PDFs
- WM/JLab: first numerical tests are available in quenched approximation indicating the feasibility of the method
 - Results consistent with DGLAP evolution
- Dynamical fermion simulations are on the way
- Lattice spacing effect under study (quenched)
- Probing the small x region (or large loffe time) remains a challenge
 - Large loffe time may be probed with high momentum which requires a small lattice spacing (JLab anisotropic gauge ensembles?)
- Correctly applying evolution, matching and controling polynomial corrections is essential for obtaining reliable results