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## 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)



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## GPDs: Definition

## GPDs:

$$
\bar{u}\left(P^{\prime}\right)\left(\gamma^{+} H(x, \xi, t)+i \frac{\sigma^{+k} \Delta_{k}}{2 m} E(x, \xi, t)\right)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d} \omega^{-}}{4 \pi} e^{-i \xi P^{+} \omega^{-}}\left\langle P^{\prime}\right| T \bar{\psi}\left(0, \omega^{-}, \mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}}\right) W\left(\omega^{-}, 0\right) \gamma^{+} \frac{\lambda^{a}}{2} \psi(0)|P\rangle_{\mathrm{C}}
$$

$$
W\left(\omega^{-}, 0\right)=\mathcal{P} \exp \left[-i g_{0} \int_{0}^{\omega^{-}} \mathrm{d} y^{-} A_{\alpha}^{+}\left(0, y^{-}, \mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}}\right) T_{\alpha}\right]
$$

Moments:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\langle P^{\prime} \mid P\right\rangle=(2 \pi)^{3} 2 P^{+} \delta\left(P^{+}-P^{\prime+}\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{T}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\prime}\right) \\
\Delta=P^{\prime}-P \\
t=\Delta^{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\int_{-1}^{1} d x x^{n-1}\left[\begin{array}{c}
H(x, \xi, t) \\
E(x, \xi, t)
\end{array}\right]=\sum_{k=0}^{[(n-1) / 2]}(2 \xi)^{2 k}\left[\begin{array}{c}
A_{n, 2 k}(t) \\
B_{n, 2 k}(t)
\end{array}\right] \pm \delta_{n, \text { even }}(2 \xi)^{n} C_{n}(t)
$$



## PDFs: Definition

## Light-cone PDFs:

$$
\begin{gathered}
f^{(0)}(\xi)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d} \omega^{-}}{4 \pi} e^{-i \xi P^{+} \omega^{-}}\langle P| T \bar{\psi}\left(0, \omega^{-}, \mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}}\right) W\left(\omega^{-}, 0\right) \gamma^{+} \frac{\lambda^{a}}{2} \psi(0)|P\rangle_{\mathrm{C}} \\
W\left(\omega^{-}, 0\right)=\mathcal{P} \exp \left[-i g_{0} \int_{0}^{\omega^{-}} \mathrm{d} y^{-} A_{\alpha}^{+}\left(0, y^{-}, \mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}}\right) T_{\alpha}\right] \quad\left\langle P^{\prime} \mid P\right\rangle=(2 \pi)^{3} 2 P^{+} \delta\left(P^{+}-P^{\prime+}\right) \delta^{(2)}\left(\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{T}}-\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\prime}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Moments:

$$
a_{0}^{a_{0}^{(n)}}=\int_{0}^{1} d \xi \xi^{n-1}\left[f^{(0)}(\xi)+(-1)^{n} f^{(0)}(\xi)\right]=\int_{-1}^{1} d \xi \xi^{n-1} f(\xi)
$$

Local matrix elements:

$$
\langle P| \mathcal{O}_{0}^{\left\{\mu_{1} \ldots \mu_{n}\right\}}|P\rangle=2 a_{0}^{(n)}\left(P^{\mu_{1}} \cdots P^{\mu_{n}}-\text { traces }\right) \quad \mathcal{O}_{0}^{\left\{\mu_{1} \cdots \mu_{n}\right\}}=i^{n-1} \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^{\left\{\mu_{1}\right.} D^{\mu_{2}} \cdots D^{\left.\mu_{n}\right\}} \frac{\lambda^{a}}{2} \psi(0)-\text { traces }
$$

## 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
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
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

Detmold and Lin 2005
M. T. Hansen et al arXiv:1704.08993.

UKQCD-QCDSF-CSSM Phys. Lett. B714 (2012), arXiv:1703.01153

## Pseudo-PDFs

Unpolarized PDFs proton:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z, p) & \equiv\langle p| \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^{\alpha} \hat{E}(0, z ; A) \psi(z)|p\rangle \\
\hat{E}(0, z ; A) & =\mathcal{P} \exp \left[-i g \int_{0}^{z} \mathrm{~d} z_{\mu}^{\prime} A_{\alpha}^{\mu}\left(z^{\prime}\right) T_{\alpha}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$



## Lorentz decomposition:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z, p) \equiv\langle p| \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^{\alpha} \hat{E}(0, z ; A) \psi(z)|p\rangle \\
\mathcal{M}^{\alpha}(z, p)=2 p^{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_{p}\left(-(z p),-z^{2}\right)+z^{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_{z}\left(-(z p),-z^{2}\right) \\
z=\left(0, z_{-}, 0\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Collinear PDFs: Choose

$$
p=\left(p_{+}, 0,0\right)
$$

$$
\gamma^{+}
$$

$$
\mathcal{M}^{+}(z, p)=2 p^{+} \mathcal{M}_{p}\left(-p_{+} z_{-}, 0\right)
$$

Definition of PDF:

$$
\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(-p_{+} z_{-}, 0\right)=\int_{-1}^{1} d x f(x) e^{-i x p_{+} z_{-}}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(-p z,-z^{2}\right) & \text { is a Lorentz invariant therefore } \\
\text { computable in any frame }
\end{array}
$$

$\nu=-z p \quad v$ is called loffe time

$$
\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(\nu,-z^{2}\right) \equiv \int_{-1}^{1} d x \mathcal{P}\left(x,-z^{2}\right) e^{i x \nu}
$$

$$
\mathcal{P}(x, 0)=f(x)
$$

It can be shown that the domain of $x$ is $[-1,1]$
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

One can obtain PDFs in the limit of $z^{2} \rightarrow 0$
This limit is singular but using OPE, PDFs are defined

$$
\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(x,-z^{2}\right)=\int_{0}^{1} d u \mathcal{C}\left(u, z^{2} \mu^{2}, \alpha_{s}(\mu)\right) \mathcal{Q}(u \nu, \mu)+\mathcal{O}\left(z^{2} \Lambda_{q c d}^{2}\right)
$$

$\mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu)$ is called the loffe time PDF
V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

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

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

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 $\quad \begin{aligned} & p=\left(p_{0}, 0,0, p_{3}\right) \\ & z=\left(0,0,0, z_{3}\right)\end{aligned} \quad \gamma^{0}$

On shell equal time matrix element computable in Euclidean space

Obtaining only the relevant

$$
\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right)=\frac{1}{2 p_{0}} \mathcal{M}^{0}\left(z_{3}, p_{3}\right)
$$

Chosing $\gamma^{0}$ was also suggested also by M. Constantinou at GHP2017 based on an operator mixing argument for the renormalized matrix element

$$
Q\left(y, p_{3}\right)=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d \nu \mathcal{M}_{p}\left(\nu, \nu^{2} / p_{3}^{2}\right) e^{-i y \nu} \quad \text { Ji's quasi-PDF }
$$

Large values of $z_{3}=\nu / p_{3}$ are problematic
Alternative approach to the light-cone:

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

## Lattice QCD requirements

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

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

$\Lambda \sim 300 \mathrm{MeV}$
$a \sim 0.05 \mathrm{fm} \rightarrow P_{\max }=20 \Lambda$
For practical calculations large momentum is needed *Higher twist effect suppression (qpdfs) *Wide coverage of loffe time $v$
$\mathrm{P}=3 \mathrm{GeV}$ is already demanding due to statistical noise achievable with easily accessible lattice spacings
$P=6 \mathrm{GeV}$ exponentially harder requires current state of the art lattice spacing

## Statistical noise

Nucleon with momentum P two-point function:

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

Variance of nucleon two-point function:

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

Variance is independent of the momentum

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

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

## Renormalization

$$
\mathcal{M}_{r e n}^{0}(z, p, \mu)=\lim _{a \rightarrow 0} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(z, \mu, a) \mathcal{M}^{0}(z, P, a)
$$

One loop diagrams


## Linear divergence

## Logarithmic divergence



One loop calculation of the UV divergences results in

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

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 $\quad \mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right)}{\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(0, z_{3}^{2}\right)}$
UV divergences will cancel in this ratio resulting a renormalization group invariant (RGI) function

The lattice regulator can now be removed
$\mathfrak{M}^{\text {cont }}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right) \quad$ Universal independent of the lattice
$\mathcal{M}_{p}(0,0)=1 \quad$ Isovector matrix element

$$
\mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z^{2}\right)=\int_{0}^{1} d \alpha \mathfrak{C}\left(\alpha, z^{2} \mu^{2}, \alpha_{s}(\mu)\right) \mathcal{Q}(\alpha \nu, \mu)+\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_{k}(\nu)\left(z^{2}\right)^{k}
$$

$$
\mathcal{B}_{k}(\nu)\left(z^{2}\right)^{k} \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\Lambda_{q c d}^{2 k}\right)
$$

Polynomial corrections to the loffe time PDF may be suppressed

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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)
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Rossi \& Testa argument may not apply here if we use

$$
\mathfrak{M}^{\text {cont }}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right)
$$

Possible mechanism for polynomial correction suppression
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

Approximate TMD factorization
M. Anselmino et al. 10.1007/JHEP04(2014)005 B. U. Musch, et al Phys. Rev. D 83, 094507 (2011)
$\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(\nu,-z^{2}\right) \equiv \int_{-1}^{1} d x \mathcal{P}\left(x,-z^{2}\right) e^{i x \nu}$
Taking $\quad z=\left(0, z_{-}, z_{\perp}\right)$ we can identify $\quad \mathcal{P}\left(x, z_{\perp}^{2}\right)=\int d^{2} k_{\perp} \mathcal{F}\left(x, k_{\perp}^{2}\right) e^{i k_{\perp} z_{\perp}}$
$\mathcal{F}\left(x, k_{\perp}^{2}\right)$ the primordial TMD
Assuming $\quad \mathcal{F}\left(x, k_{\perp}^{2}\right)=f(x) g\left(k_{\perp}^{2}\right) \quad$ we obtain $\quad \mathcal{P}\left(x, z_{\perp}^{2}\right)=f(x) \tilde{g}\left(z_{\perp}^{2}\right)$

Implying that $\mathcal{M}_{p}\left(\nu,-z^{2}\right)=\mathcal{Q}\left(\nu,-z^{2}\right) \mathcal{M}_{p}\left(0,-z^{2}\right)$
where $\quad \mathcal{M}_{p}\left(0,-z^{2}\right)=\tilde{g}\left(-z^{2}\right)$

$$
\mu^{2} \frac{d}{d \mu^{2}} \mathcal{Q}\left(\nu, \mu^{2}\right)=-\frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_{s}}{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{1} d u B(u) \mathcal{Q}\left(u \nu, \mu^{2}\right)
$$

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

DGLAP kernel in position space
V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

At 1-loop

$$
\mathcal{Q}\left(\nu, \mu^{\prime 2}\right)=\mathcal{Q}\left(\nu, \mu^{2}\right)-\frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_{s}}{2 \pi} \ln \left(\mu^{\prime 2} / \mu^{2}\right) \int_{0}^{1} d u B(u) \mathcal{Q}\left(u \nu, \mu^{2}\right)
$$

## Matching to $\overline{M S}$ computed at 1-loop

$$
\mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z^{2}\right)=\int_{0}^{1} d \alpha \mathfrak{C}\left(\alpha, z^{2} \mu^{2}, \alpha_{s}(\mu)\right) \mathcal{Q}(\alpha \nu, \mu)+\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_{k}(\nu)\left(z^{2}\right)^{k}
$$

# Numerical Tests 

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## Numerical Tests

- Quenched approximation $\beta=6.0$
- Need series of small $z_{3}$

$$
32^{3} \times 64 \quad m_{\pi} \sim 600 \mathrm{MeV}
$$

- Need a range of momenta to scan $v$
- Goals:
- Check polynomial corrections
- Understand the systematics of the approach


## Matrix element calculation

$$
\begin{gathered}
C_{P}(t)=\left\langle\mathcal{N}_{P}(t) \overline{\mathcal{N}}_{P}(0)\right\rangle \quad C_{P}^{\mathcal{O}^{0}(z)}(t)=\left\langle\mathcal{N}_{P}(t) \mathcal{O}^{0}(z) \overline{\mathcal{N}}_{P}(0)\right\rangle \\
\mathcal{M}_{\text {eff }}\left(z_{3} P, z_{3}^{2} ; t\right)=\frac{C_{P}^{\mathcal{O}^{\circ}(z)}(t+1)}{C_{P}(t+1)}-\frac{C_{P}^{\mathcal{O}^{\circ}(z)}(t)}{C_{P}(t)} \quad \text { C. Bouchard, et al arXiv:1612.06963 [hep-lat] } \\
\mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right)=\lim _{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{eff}}\left(z_{3} P, z_{3}^{2} ; t\right)}{\left.\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{eff}}\left(z_{3} P, z_{3}^{2} ; t\right)\right|_{z_{3}=0}} \times \frac{\left.\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{eff}}\left(z_{3} P, z_{3}^{2} ; t\right)\right|_{z_{3}=0}}{\left.\mathcal{M}_{\mathrm{eff}}\left(z_{3} P, z_{3}^{2} ; t\right)\right|_{P=0}}
\end{gathered}
$$

Constructed to remove lattice spacing errors


Gaussian smeared sources




Cusp indicates "linear" divergence of Wilson line


Ratio removes the linear" divergence of Wilson line

## Real Part

Isovector distribution

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathfrak{M}_{R}\left(\nu, z^{2}=1 / \mu^{2}\right) \equiv \int_{0}^{1} d x \cos (\nu x) q_{v}\left(x, \mu^{2}\right) \\
q_{v}(x)=q(x)-\bar{q}(x) \quad q(x)=u(x)-d(x)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\overline{M S} \quad \mu^{2}=\left(2 e^{-\gamma_{E}} / z_{3}\right)^{2}
$$



Points almost collapse on a universal curve

$$
q_{v}(x)=\frac{315}{32} \sqrt{x}(1-x)^{3}
$$

## Imaginary Part

Isovector distribution

$$
\begin{aligned}
& q_{+}(x)=q(x)+\bar{q}(x) \\
& q_{+}(x)=q_{v}(x)+2 \bar{q}(x)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
q(x)=u(x)-d(x)
$$

$$
q_{v}(x)=q(x)-\bar{q}(x)
$$

$\overline{M S} \quad \mu^{2}=\left(2 e^{-\gamma_{E}} / z_{3}\right)^{2}$
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:

$$
\mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z^{\prime 2}\right)=\mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right)-\frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} \ln \left(z_{3}^{\prime 2} / z_{3}^{2}\right) B \otimes \mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z_{3}^{2}\right)
$$

Apply evolution only at short distance points [ $\sim 1 \mathrm{GeV}$ ]


Data corresponding to $z / a=1,2,3,4$


Evolved to 1 GeV


Data corresponding to $z / a=1,2,3,4$


Evolved to 1 GeV

$$
\mathfrak{M}\left(\nu, z^{2}\right)=\int_{0}^{1} d \alpha \mathfrak{C}\left(\alpha, z^{2} \mu^{2}, \alpha_{s}(\mu)\right) \mathcal{Q}(\alpha \nu, \mu)
$$



$$
\mu=1 \mathrm{GeV}
$$

Fit to:

$$
\begin{gathered}
N(a, b) x^{a}(1-x)^{b} \\
\quad a=0.36(6) \\
b=3.95(22)
\end{gathered}
$$

Ignoring polynomial corrections

$$
\mathcal{Q}\left(\nu, \mu^{2}\right)=\int_{0}^{1} d x \cos (\nu x) q_{v}\left(x, \mu^{2}\right)
$$



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

