Accessing nucleon structure from Euclidean spacetime

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HOW FAST DO PARTONS TRAVEL?

How is the momentum of a fast-moving nucleon distributed amongst its constituents?

WHERE DOES THE SPIN OF A PROTON COME FROM?

How do position and longitudinal momentum of a parton correlate in a fast-moving nucleon?

PDF UNCERTAINTIES



From J. Butterworth et al., J.P.G 43 (2016) 023001



EXPERIMENTAL EXTRACTION



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PDFs FROM EUCLIDEAN SPACETIME

An unsolved almost-solved challenge

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Hadronic contribution

$$W_{\mu\nu}(p,q) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \mathrm{d}^x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle p, \lambda' | [j_\mu(x), j_\nu(x)] | p, \lambda \rangle$$



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parton distribution functions (PDFs)

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Defined as

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

where

$$W(\omega^{-},0) = \mathcal{P} \exp\left[-ig_0 \int_0^{\omega^{-}} \mathrm{d}y^{-} A_{\alpha}^+(0,y^{-},\mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{T}})T_{\alpha}\right]$$

Renormalised PDFs

$$f(\xi,\mu) = \int_{x}^{1} \frac{\mathrm{d}\zeta}{\zeta} \mathcal{Z}\left(\frac{\xi}{\zeta},\mu\right) f^{(0)}(\zeta)$$

Satisfy DGLAP evolution

$$\mu \frac{\mathrm{d}f(\xi,\mu)}{\mathrm{d}\mu} = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}\zeta}{\zeta} f(\zeta,\mu) P\left(\frac{\xi}{\zeta}\right)$$

Mellin moments of PDFs

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

related to matrix elements

$$\langle P|\mathcal{O}^{\{\nu_1\dots\nu_n\}}(\mu)|P\rangle = 2a^{(n)}(\mu)\left(P^{\nu_1}\cdots P^{\nu_n} - \text{traces}\right)$$

of local twist-two operators

$$\mathcal{O}^{\{\nu_1\dots\nu_n\}}(\mu) = Z_{\mathcal{O}}(\mu) \left[i^{n-1}\overline{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\{\mu_1}D^{\mu_2}\cdots D^{\mu_n\}}\frac{\lambda^a}{2}\psi(0) - \text{traces} \right]$$

Moving beyond three moments is very challenging

$$\overline{\psi}\gamma_4\gamma_5\overleftrightarrow{D}_4\overleftrightarrow{D}_4\psi \sim \frac{1}{a^2}\overline{\psi}\gamma_4\gamma_5\psi$$

Cannot reconstruct PDFs from only three moments

Detmold *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C 3 (2001) 1 Detmold *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D 68 (2001) 034025 Detmold *et al.*, Mod. Phys. Lett. A 18 (2003) 2681

MOMENTS OF PDFs: AXIAL CHARGE

Nucleon axial charge

$$g_A = \langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta u^+ - \Delta d^+} = \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \left[\Delta u(x) - \Delta d(x) \right]$$

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Controls:

- nucleon-nucleon force
- free neutron β -decay
- early Universe composition

Experimental value

• cold neutron decay

 $g_{A}^{\exp} = 1.2723(23)$



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M.Constantinou, PoS(CD15) 009

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C.C.Chang et al (CalLat), 1710.06523 E.Berkowitz et al (CalLat), 1704.01114

SPACELIKE DISTRIBUTIONS

Matrix elements of spacelike nonlocal operators

SPACELIKE DISTRIBUTIONS





QUASI DISTRIBUTIONS

X. Ji, PRL 110 (2013) 262002 X. Ji, Sci.Ch. PMA 57 (2014) 1407

Defined as

$$q(x,\mu^2,P^z) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{4\pi} e^{ix\,z\,k^z} \langle P | \overline{\psi}(z) \gamma^z e^{-ig\int_0^z \mathrm{d}z'A^z(z')} \psi(0) | P \rangle_C$$

Recall

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Related to light-front PDFs via

$$q(x,\mu^2,P^z) = \int_x^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{y} Z\left(\frac{x}{y},\frac{\mu}{P^z}\right) f(y,\mu^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\mathrm{QCD}}^2}{(P^z)^2},\frac{M^2}{(P^z)^2}\right)$$

GENERAL PROCEDURE

Bare lattice matrix element (z-space, power-divergent): $h_{\rm E}^{\rm latt}(aP_z, z/a; W_z)$





PDF: $f_{\rm M}^{\rm cont}(x,\mu)$

GENERAL PROCEDURE:







GENERAL PROCEDURE: GENERAL CHALLENGES



R. Briceno, M. Hansen & CJM, PRD 96 (2017) 014502

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EUCLIDEAN CORRELATORS

Agnostic matrix elements

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THE WORRY

Spacelike distributions assumed identical in Euclidean and Minkowski space

First calculation to work strictly in Euclidean space found no IR divergence!



SCALAR TOY MODEL: SPACELIKE DISTRIBUTION

R. Briceno, M. Hansen & CJM, PRD 96 (2017) 014502

Introduce a scalar, toy-model spacelike distribution

$$q(x, P_z) \equiv \int d\xi_z e^{i\xi_z x P_z} \langle \mathbf{P} | \varphi(\xi) \varphi(0) | \mathbf{P} \rangle$$

Momentum space correlation function:



Consider and compare:

- 1. LSZ reduction in Minkowski spacetime
- 2. Long time behaviour in Euclidean space

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No fundamental challenge to, or problem with, this whole approach

R. Briceno, M. Hansen & CJM, PRD 96 (2017) 014502



SMEARING



Narayanan & Neuberger, JHEP 0603 (2006) 064 Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 293 (2010) 899

GRADIENT FLOW

Deterministic evolution in new parameter - flow time

- one-parameter mapping
- five-dimensional theory



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Lüscher & Weisz, JHEP 1102 (2011) 51 Luscher, JHEP 04 (2013) 123 Makino & Suzuki, arXiv:1410.7538

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CJM, PoS(Lattice2015) 052

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SMEARING



GRADIENT FLOW

Gradient flow is a smearing (smoothing) tool that:

- generates more continuum-like operators
- provides a method to fix smearing length scale

Flow time serves as a nonperturbative, rotationally-invariant cutoff

Matrix elements of operators at fixed flow time are finite

Fixing the flow time (physical units) allows a continuum limit

In essence: exchange lattice regulator for gradient flow regulator

SMEARED QUASI DISTRIBUTIONS

Provides continuum limit

SMEARED QUASI DISTRIBUTIONS

CJM & K. Orginos, JHEP 03 (2017) 116 CJM, 1710.04607

Defined as

$$q(x,\sqrt{\tau}P^{z},\sqrt{\tau}\Lambda_{\rm QCD},\sqrt{\tau}M_{N}) = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{4\pi} e^{ixz\,k^{z}} \langle P|\overline{\chi}(z,\tau)\gamma^{z}e^{-ig\int_{0}^{z}\mathrm{d}z'B^{z}(z',\tau)}\chi(0,\tau)|P\rangle_{C}$$

Related to light-front PDFs via

$$q(x,\sqrt{\tau}\Lambda_{\rm QCD},\sqrt{\tau}P^z) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{y} Z\left(\frac{x}{y},\sqrt{\tau}\mu,\sqrt{\tau}P^z\right) f(y,\mu^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\tau}\Lambda_{\rm QCD},\frac{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}^2}{(P^z)^2}\right)$$

Provided

$$\Lambda_{\rm QCD}, M_N \ll P_z \ll \tau^{-1/2}$$

Matching kernel satisfies

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} Z\left(x, \sqrt{\tau}\mu, \sqrt{\tau}P_z\right) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \int_x^\infty \frac{dy}{y} Z\left(y, \sqrt{\tau}\mu, \sqrt{\tau}P_z\right) P\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

MATRIX ELEMENTS IN PERTURBATION THEORY

CJM, 1710.04607

Feynman diagrams at one loop in perturbation theory



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At one loop

$$h_{\alpha}(\overline{z}) = \mathcal{Z}^{(\alpha)}(\overline{z})h_{\alpha}^{(0)} \qquad \qquad \left|\overline{z}^2 = \frac{z}{8t}\right|$$

where

$$\mathcal{Z}^{(\alpha)}(\overline{z}) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \left[C^{(\alpha)}(\overline{z}^2) - \gamma_{\rm E} + {\rm Ei}(-\overline{z}^2) - \log(\overline{z}^2) + 2\sqrt{\pi}\overline{z}\,{\rm erf}(\overline{z}) \right]$$

Two regimes:

1. Local vector-current limit

Hieda & Suzuki, MPLA 31 (2016) 1650214

$$\overline{z} \ll 1$$
 $\mathcal{Z}^{(\alpha)}(\overline{z}) \to \mathcal{Z}(\overline{z}) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} - \log(432) \right]$

2. Small flow-time limit

$$\overline{z} \gg 1$$
 $\mathcal{Z}^{(\alpha)}(\overline{z}) \to \mathcal{Z}^{(\alpha)}_{\mathrm{sub}}(\overline{z}) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \left[c^{(\alpha)} - \gamma_{\mathrm{E}} - \log(432) - \log(\overline{z}^2) \right]$





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GENERAL PROCEDURE: GENERAL CHALLENGES

PDFs FROM EUCLIDEAN SPACETIME

Quasi distributions

Most theoretical issues generally under control

THE GRADIENT FLOW

Nonperturbative, gauge-invariant regulator Matrix elements finite at fixed flow time

SMEARED QUASI DISTRIBUTIONS

Finite continuum distributions Looking forward: study systematics

THANK YOU

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LATTICE QCD

Nonperturbative gauge-invariant regulator

Rigorous definition of the path integral

 $\mathcal{D}\Psi \mathcal{O}[\Psi(x)]e^{iS_{\mathrm{M}}[\Psi]} \longrightarrow \sum \mathcal{O}[\Psi(n)]e^{-S_{\mathrm{E}}[\Psi]}$ $\Psi(n)$ Systematic uncertainties finite lattice spacing finite volume quarks unphysical pion masses excited state contamination Euclidean spacetime nontrivial renormalisation

gluons

SCALAR FIELD THEORY

Scalar field theory

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\overline{\phi}(\tau,x) = \partial^2\overline{\phi}(\tau,x) \qquad \overline{\phi}(\tau=0,x) = \phi(x) \qquad \frac{\widetilde{\phi}(\tau,p)}{\overline{\phi}(\tau,p)} = e^{-\tau p^2}\widetilde{\phi}(p)$$

CJM & K. Orginos, PRD 91 (2015) 074513

Exact solution possible with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\overline{\phi}(\tau, x) = \int d^4y \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ip \cdot (x-y)} e^{-\tau p^2} \phi(y) = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \tau^2} \int d^4y \, e^{-(x-y)^2/(4\tau)} \phi(y)$$

Smearing radius $s_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{8\tau}$

Interactions occur at zero flow time (*i.e.* in the original "boundary" theory): guarantees that renormalised correlation functions remain finite.

QCD

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} B_{\mu}(\tau, x) = D_{\nu} \left(\partial_{\nu} B_{\mu} - \partial_{\mu} B_{\nu} + [B_{\nu}, B_{\mu}] \right) \qquad D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + [B_{\mu}, \cdot]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \chi(\tau, x) = D_{\mu}^{F} D_{\mu}^{F} \chi(\tau, x) \qquad D_{\mu}^{F} = \partial_{\mu} + B_{\mu}$$

Exact solution no longer possible (even with Dirichlet boundary conditions)

$$B_{\mu}(\tau, x) = \int d^{4}y \Big\{ K_{\tau}(x-y)_{\mu\nu} A_{\nu}(y) + \int_{0}^{\tau} d\sigma K_{\tau-\sigma}(x-y)_{\mu\nu} R_{\nu}(\sigma, y) \Big\}$$

Smearing radius $s_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{8\tau}$

Interactions occur at non-zero flow time: generalised BRST symmetry guarantees renormalised correlation functions remain finite.

EXPERIMENTAL EXTRACTION

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Process	Subprocess	Partons	x range
$ \overline{\ell^{\pm} \{p,n\}} \to \ell^{\pm} X $ $ \ell^{\pm} n/p \to \ell^{\pm} X $ $ pp \to \mu^{+} \mu^{-} X $ $ pn/pp \to \mu^{+} \mu^{-} X $ $ \nu(\bar{\nu}) N \to \mu^{-}(\mu^{+}) X $ $ \nu N \to \mu^{-} \mu^{+} X $ $ \bar{\nu} N \to \mu^{+} \mu^{-} X $	$\begin{array}{l} \gamma^* q \to q \\ \gamma^* d/u \to d/u \\ u \bar{u}, d \bar{d} \to \gamma^* \\ (u \bar{d})/(u \bar{u}) \to \gamma^* \\ W^* q \to q' \\ W^* s \to c \\ W^* \bar{s} \to \bar{c} \end{array}$	$egin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	$egin{aligned} &x\gtrsim 0.01\ &x\gtrsim 0.01\ &x\gtrsim 0.01\ &0.015\lesssim x\lesssim 0.35\ &0.015\lesssim x\lesssim 0.35\ &0.01\lesssim x\lesssim 0.35\ &0.01\lesssim x\lesssim 0.5\ &0.01\lesssim x\lesssim 0.2\ &0.01\lesssim x\lesssim 0.2\ &0.01\lesssim x\lesssim 0.2 \end{aligned}$
$ \frac{e^{\pm} p \to e^{\pm} X}{e^{\pm} p \to \bar{\nu} X} \\ e^{\pm} p \to e^{\pm} c\bar{c}X, e^{\pm} b\bar{b}X \\ e^{\pm} p \to jet + X $	$\begin{array}{l} \gamma^* q \to q \\ W^+ \left\{ d, s \right\} \to \left\{ u, c \right\} \\ \gamma^* c \to c, \ \gamma^* g \to c \bar{c} \\ \gamma^* g \to q \bar{q} \end{array}$	$egin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	$10^{-4} \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$ $x \gtrsim 0.01$ $10^{-4} \lesssim x \lesssim 0.01$ $0.01 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.1$
$ \begin{array}{l} p\bar{p},pp \rightarrow \text{ jet} + X \\ p\bar{p} \rightarrow (W^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm}\nu) X \\ pp \rightarrow (W^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm}\nu) X \\ p\bar{p}(pp) \rightarrow (Z \rightarrow \ell^{\pm}\ell^{-}) X \\ pp \rightarrow W^{-}c, \ W^{+}\bar{c} \\ pp \rightarrow (\gamma^{*} \rightarrow \ell^{+}\ell^{-}) X \\ pp \rightarrow b\bar{b} X, \ t\bar{t} X \\ pp \rightarrow \text{exclusive } J/\psi, \Upsilon \\ pp \rightarrow \gamma X \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} gg, qg, qq \rightarrow 2j \\ ud \rightarrow W^+, \bar{u}\bar{d} \rightarrow W^- \\ u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+, d\bar{u} \rightarrow W^- \\ uu, dd,(u\bar{u},) \rightarrow Z \\ gs \rightarrow W^-c \\ u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}, \rightarrow \gamma^* \\ gg \rightarrow b\bar{b}, t\bar{t} \\ \gamma^*(gg) \rightarrow J/\psi, \Upsilon \\ gq \rightarrow \gamma q, g\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma \bar{q} \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} g, q \ u, d, ar{u}, ar{d} \ u, d, ar{u}, ar{d} \ u, d, ar{u}, ar{d}, g \ u, d,(g) \ s, ar{s} \ ar{q}, g \ g \ g \ g \ g \ g \ g \ g \ g \ g $	$\begin{array}{l} 0.00005 \lesssim x \lesssim 0.5 \\ x \gtrsim 0.05 \\ x \gtrsim 0.001 \\ x \gtrsim 0.001 \\ x \sim 0.01 \\ x \gtrsim 10^{-5} \\ x \gtrsim 10^{-5}, 10^{-2} \\ x \gtrsim 10^{-5}, 10^{-4} \\ x \gtrsim 0.005 \end{array}$

ON THE LATTICE

Implemented nonperturbatively via discretised diffusion equation

$$\partial_{\tau} V_{\mu}(x,\tau) = -g_0^2 \left\{ \partial_{V_{\mu}(x,\tau)} S_{\text{latt}}[V_{\mu}(x,\tau)] \right\} V_{\mu}(x,\tau)$$

lattice gauge action

$$\partial_{\tau}\overline{\chi}(x,\tau) = \overline{\chi}(x,\tau)\overleftarrow{\Delta}$$

$$\partial_{\tau} \chi(x,\tau) = \overrightarrow{\Delta} \chi(x,\tau)$$
covariant lattice Laplacian

and

Lüscher & Weisz, JHEP 1102 (2011) 51 Luscher, JHEP 04 (2013) 123