Lattice Calculations of PDFs: Now and in the Future

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Parton Distribution Functions at a Crossroads





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- PDFs on the Lattice
- The PDF revolution LaMET and Quasi-PDFs, Short Distance Factorization and Pseudo-PDFs,...
- Control over systematic uncertainties confront and further experiment
- State-of-the-art isovector calculations
- The role of gluons (and sea quarks)
- Future LQCD + Expt
- Future 3D Structure





Lattice QCD

• Continuum Euclidean space time replaced by four-dimensional lattice, or grid, of "spacing" a

• Gauge fields are represented at SU(3) matrices on the links of the lattice - work with the elements rather than algebra

 $U_{\mu}(n) = e^{iaT^a A^a_{\mu}(n)}$

Quarks ψ , ψ are Grassmann Variables, associated with the sites of the lattice

Work in a finite 4D space-time volume

- Volume V sufficiently big to contain, e.g. proton + pion effects
- Spacing a sufficiently fine to resolve its structure



Rich Menu of calculations....

Axial-vector form factors - neutrino program

A.S. Meyer, A. Walker-Loud, C.Wilkinson, arXiv:2201.01839

Isovector Sach's Form Factor

D.Djukanovic, Lattice 2022

Momentum and spin fractions of nucleon

S.Mondal et al., Phys. Rev. D 102, 054512 (2020)

Each characterized by matrix element of local operator \rightarrow calculable on Euclidean lattice.

PDFs, GPDs, TMDs?

You can't place a chiral gauge theory on a discretized lattice

Domain-wall Fermions: *D.Kaplan, Phys.Lett.B* 288 (1992) 342 Overlap Fermions: *R.Narayanan, H.Neuberger, Nucl.Phys.B* 443 (1995) 305

You can't investigate scattering on a Euclidean lattice

"Luscher's Method": *M.Luscher, Nucl.Phys.B* 354 (1991) 531 See *David Wilson, Tuesday* and *many parallel talks*

 You can't compute matrix elements of light-cone operators on a Euclidean lattice LaMET: X.Ji, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 110 (2013) 262002

Theorems did not fall - we found way to drive around them

Transformed our ability to exploit internal structure of hadrons

Hadron Structure: No-go Theorem?

• First Challenge:

Euclidean lattice precludes calculation of light-cone/time-separated correlation functions
 PDFs, GPDs, TMDs

$$q(x,\mu) = \int \frac{d\xi^{-}}{4\pi} e^{-ix\xi^{-}P^{+}} \langle P \mid \bar{\psi}(\xi^{-})\gamma^{+}e^{-ig\int_{0}^{\xi^{-}} d\eta^{-}A^{+}(\eta^{-})}\psi(0) \mid P \rangle$$

So.... Use Operator-Product-Expansion to formulate in terms of Mellin Moments with respect to Bjorken x.

 $\rightarrow \langle P \mid \bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu_1}(\gamma_5)D_{\mu_2}\dots D_{\mu_n}\psi \mid P \rangle \rightarrow P_{\mu_1}\dots P_{\mu_n}a^{(n)}$

• Second Challenge:

- Discretised lattice: power-divergent mixing for higher moments

Moment Methods Recent work by ETMC/HOPE

- Extended operators: Z.Davoudi and M. Savage, PRD 86,054505 (2012)
- Valence heavy quark: W.Detmold and W.Lin, PRD73, 014501 (2006)

PDFs from Euclidean Lattice

$$q(x,\mu^{2},\mu^{2},\Gamma^{2}) = \int \frac{4\pi}{4\pi} e^{-(|T|+\psi(z)|^{2})^{2}} e^{-(y_{0}-y_{0})^{2}} + \mathcal{O}((\Lambda^{2}/(P^{z})^{2}),M^{2}/(P^{z})^{2}))$$

$$q(x,\mu^{2},P^{z}) = \int_{x}^{1} \frac{dy}{y} Z\left(\frac{x}{y},\frac{\mu}{P^{z}}\right) q(y,\mu^{2}) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{2}/(P^{z})^{2},M^{2}/(P^{z})^{2})$$

"quasi-PDF Approach"

PDFs, GPDs and TMDs

Ma and Qiu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 022003

GLCS

A.Radyushkin, Phys. Rev. D 96, 034025 (2017)

Light cone reduces to a point

Characterized by *shortdistance factorization*

Same lattice building blocks

qPDF

All approaches should give same after:

- Finite volume
- Discretization
 Uncertainties
- Infinite momentum

X. Ji, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 262002 (2013). X. Ji, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 112002 (2013). J. W. Qiu and Y. Q. Ma, arXiv:1404.686.

PDF

Pseudo-PDFs

Lattice "building blocks" that of quasi-PDF approach.

X. Ji, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 262002 (2013). X. Ji, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhao, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 112002 (2013). J. W. Qiu and Y. Q. Ma, arXiv:1404.686.

A.Radyushkin, Phys. Rev. D 96, 034025 (2017)

• Pseudo-PDF (pPDF) recognizing generalization of PDFs in terms of *loffe Time*. $\nu = p \cdot z$

B.loffe, PL39B, 123 (1969); V.Braun *et a*l, PRD51, 6036 (1995)

$$M^{\alpha}(p, z) = \langle p \mid \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\alpha}U(z; 0)\psi(0) \mid p \rangle$$
$$p = (p^{+}, m^{2}/2p^{+}, 0_{T}) \checkmark z = (0, z_{-}, 0_{T})$$
$$\downarrow \qquad M^{\alpha}(z, p) = 2p^{\alpha}\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^{2}) + 2z^{\alpha}\mathcal{N}(\nu, z^{2})$$

Ioffe-time pseudo-Distribution (pseudo-ITD) generalization to space-like z

Pseudo-PDFs

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Ioffe-Time Distribution to PDF

J.Karpie, K.Orginos, A.Radyushkin, S.Zafeiropoulos, Phys.Rev.D 96 (2017)

B.Joo et al., HEP 12 (2019) 081, J.Karpie et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020) 23, 232003

To extract PDF requires additional information - use a phenomenologically motivated parametrization $ID = |a(fm) M_{\pi}(MeV)| \beta c_{SW} |am_l am_s| L^3 \times T D$

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Challenges of Higher Momenta

Both LaMET and pseudo-PDF require high momentum and fine resolution!

Achieving high momenta in a lattice calculation presents several challenges

- Discretization errors
- "Compression" of energy spectrum as spatial momentum increased
- Reduced symmetries for states in motion parities are mixed, helicity defines the basis
- Poor overlaps of e.g. Jacobi smearing on states in motion poor signal-to-noise ratio.

- Nucleon charges

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Distillation and Hadron Structure

To control systematic uncertainties, need precise computations over a wide range of momentum.

- Use a low-mode projector to capture states of interest "distillation" M.Peardon *et al* (Hadspec), Phys.Rev.D 80 (2009) 054506
- Enables momentum projection at each temporal point.

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Isovector PDF using Distillation

C.Egerer et al. (hadstruc), JHEP 11 (2021) 148

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DGLAP Evolution

• Data demonstrate "precious scaling"...

ETMC, arXiv:2212.06201

Quasi-PDFs/LaMET

Liberally interpreted!

Construction of a rigorous framework to extract GPDs from first-principles lattice calculation essential to precision we proposed.

Two important works on LaMET framework.

Natural scale of quark (or gluon) is
$$p_z = x P_z$$

Resum terms of type $\ln^n p_z/\mu$

Pion PDF

Y. Su et al., Nucl.Phys.B 991 (2023) 116201

Control uncertainty due to linear divergence of Wilson line - leading twist-3 correction. Resummation of infraredrenormalon series.

Transversity + Helicity

Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 3, 034507, Hadstruc Collaboration, (C.Egerer et al).

 $2P^{+}S^{\rho_{\perp}}\mathcal{I}(P^{+}z^{-},\mu) = \left\langle P, S^{\rho_{\perp}} | \bar{\psi}(z^{-})\gamma^{+}\gamma^{\rho_{\perp}}\gamma_{5}W_{+}(z^{-},0)\psi(0) | P, S^{\rho_{\perp}} \right\rangle$ $h(x,\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi} e^{-ix\nu} \mathcal{I}(\nu,\mu)$

In contrast to unpolarized PDF, there is no conserved current - so express in terms of the (renormalized) tensor charge.

Transversity Distribution

Helicity Distribution

Unpolarized and Polarized Gluon

"Understanding the Glue That Binds Us All: The Next QCD Frontier in Nuclear Physics"

The 2015 LONG RANGE PLAN for NUCLEAR SCIENCE

Gluon Contribution to unpolarized PDF

Flavor-singlet quantities are subject to severe signal-to-noise problems compared with isovector measures:

- Use distillation and many more measurements per configuration sampling of lattice
- Use of summed Generalized Eigenvalue Problem (sGEVP) better control over excited state contributions
- Use of Gradient Flow smoothing of short-distance fluctuations

ITD to PDF

Matching: I.Balitsky,W.Morris,A.Radyushkin,Phys.Lett.B 808 (2020) 135621

 $\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{\mathcal{I}_g(\nu, \mu^2)}{\mathcal{I}_g(0, \mu^2)} - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du \, \frac{\mathcal{I}_g(u\nu, \mu^2)}{\mathcal{I}_g(0, \mu^2)} \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{z^2 \mu^2 e^{2\gamma_E}}{4}\right) B_{gg}(u) + 4\left[\frac{u + \ln(\bar{u})}{\bar{u}}\right]_+ + \frac{2}{3} \left[1 - u^3\right]_+ \right\}$

N.B neglecting quark-gluon mixing

Implementation for obtaining the PDFs follows that of the isovector distribution

Require normalization of xg(x) $\langle x \rangle_g^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.427(92)$

C.Alexandrou et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 142002 (2017)

Gluon momentum fraction on same lattice

Gluon Helicity Distribution

 Crucial questions in global analysis - do we need to apply positivity constraint:

 $|\Delta g(x)| \le g(x) \,\forall x$

Relaxing constraint leads to new "replicas" in global analysis:

Zhou, Sato and Melnitchouk, Phys. Rev. D 105, 074022 (2022)

C.Egerer et al. (HadStruc), Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 9, 094511

LQCD Calculation of gluon helicity distribution compared with global analyses

LQCD can inform in advance of EIC!

Caveat! Mixing with sea quarks not yet included

Lattice QCD + Experiment: Greater than their parts

Pion PDF

Pion PDF has high level of uncertainty - no free-pion targets

"Good Lattice Cross Sections" Ma and Qiu, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 022003 $\mathcal{O}_{S}(\xi) = \xi^{4} Z_{S}^{2} [\bar{\psi}_{q} \psi_{q}](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_{q} \psi](0)$ $\mathcal{O}_{V'}(\xi) = \xi^{2} Z_{V'}^{2} [\bar{\psi}_{q} \xi \cdot \gamma \psi_{q'}](\xi) [\bar{\psi}_{q'} \xi \cdot \gamma \psi](0)$

$$q_{\mathbf{v}}^{\pi}(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha}(1-x)^{\beta}(1+\gamma x)}{B(\alpha+1,\beta+1) + \gamma B(\alpha+2,\beta+1)}$$

T.Izubuchi et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 034516 J-H Zhang et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 034505

Back to expt.....

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 105, 114051 (2022)

Complementarity of experimental and lattice QCD data on pion parton distributions

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Can we use LQCD + expt in global analysis: what is the impact?

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_F d\sqrt{\tau}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9\,Q^2 S} \sum_{ij} \int_{x_{\pi}^0}^1 dx_{\pi} \int_{x_A^0}^1 dx_A f_i^{\pi}(x_{\pi},\mu) f_j^A(x_A,\mu) \mathcal{C}_{ij}^{DY}(x_{\pi},x_{\pi}^0,x_A,x_A^0,Q,\mu),$$

Measured Cross Section PDF Hard Process
 $M = O(1/4 - 1) \beta c(1 - 1) - 2)$

$$f(x,\mu_0^2) = \frac{N_f x^{\alpha_f} (1-x)^{\beta_f} (1+\gamma_f x^2)}{B(\alpha_f + 2,\beta_f + 1) + \gamma_f B(\alpha_f + 4,\beta_f + 1)}$$

3D Imaging + GPDs

GPDs in pseudo-PDF approach

Thanks to Joe Karpie, Lattice 2023

 GPDs correspond to off-forward matrix elements. In pseudo-PDF framework, our starting point is the Generalized loffe Time Distributions

$$I_{\mu}(p', p, s = s - \mu^2) = \langle p' \mid \bar{q}(-z^{-/2})\gamma_{\mu}W(-z^{-/s}, z^{-/2})q(z^{-/2}) \mid p \rangle_{\mu^2}$$

Where loffe time $\nu = (p + p')/2$, $t = (p - p')^2$ and skewness $\xi = q \cdot z/P \cdot z$ Extends to generalized pseudo-ITD in manner of pseudo ITD. GPDs

Requires solution of inverse problem

Allows us to obtain 3D GITDs/GPDs at discrete values of momentum transfer and skewness, in contrast to $x = \xi$ in DVCS.

GPDs - II

Bare matrix elements in pseudo-PDF and quasi-PDF are same.

Can apply OPE at short distances to obtain *Mellin Moments* [c.f. earlier calculations of Generalized Form Factors using local operators] S.Bhattacharya *et al.*, Phys.Rev.D 108 (2023) 1 014507 Thanks Yong

GFFs at $\xi = 0$; note *higher* Mellin moments

J.Karpie, K.Orginos, S.Zafeiropoulos, JHEP 11 (2018) 178

A New Opportunity in Hadron Structure

Summary

- Realistic calculation of light-cone distributions from LQCD now available
- Focus on understanding systematic contributions in pseudo-PDF framework
- Distillation + boosting enables both far increased reach in momentum, and improved sampling of lattice
 - Essential in calculations of gluon contributions
- Are able to isolate leading twist from higher-twist and discretization contamination
- Exascale era offers unprecedented opportunity for firstprinciples calculation - theory for most precise PDFs
- Complete calculations of isoscalar structure
- Bayesian reconstruction, Neural Networks,.....
- Calculation of GPDs Underway
- Lattice QCD + Expt global analysis

