Nuclear Femtography - what Lattice QCD can do for you.

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A New Opportunity in Hadron Structure







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Outline

- Lattice QCD
- Hadron Structure on Euclidean Lattice
- Short-distance factorization and pseudo-PDFs
- Understanding systematic effects
 - Distillation + momentum smearing to reach high momenta
- Precision calculations of isovector PDFs
- Isoscalar structure of the nucleon gluon distribution
- Lattice QCD + Expt \longrightarrow global analysis of pion
- Onto 3D Imaging.....
- Summary





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
- Spacing a sufficiently fine to resolve its structure





V

 \boldsymbol{a}



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?





Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

Describe the longitudinal momentum distribution of the partons (quarks and gluons) within the pion





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

- 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



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

"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)

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*







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"...







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 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!





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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(Jefferson Lab Angular Momentum (JAM) and HadStruc Collaborations)

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





The Structure of Hadrons







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







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
- Calculation of GPDs Underway
- Lattice QCD + Expt global analysis





Quark-Gluon Tomography (QGT)

Focus areas



Theory

Tom Mehen

- Theoretical studies of high-momentum transfer processes using perturbative QCD
- Study the properties of GPDs using non-perturbative methods



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Lattice QCD

• Non-perturbative calculations of Euclidean correlation functions relevant to GPDs

Phenomenology

• Global analysis of GPDs based on experimental data, theoretical constraints, and lattice QCD input, using modern data analysis techniques for inference and uncertainty quantification



Support and training

- Support 12 postdocs and 6 graduate students
- Provide summer schools and workshops
- Create three bridge positions in nuclear theory

Thanks to Chris Monahan





Focus areas: Lattice QCD

Expertise in:

- numerical methods in lattice gauge theories
- simulations of QCD
- non-perturbative renormalization
- numerical calculations for hadron structure

Studying:

- quark and gluon PDFs and GPDs
- gravitational form factors
- nucleon spin, momentum & angular momentum
- quark charge & renormalization
- electric dipole moments
- x-dependence of PDFs & GPDs
- neutrino-nucleus scattering cross-sections
- structure of light nuclei



QCD



Pseudo-PDF in Precision Era







Distillation

Low-rank approximation to (typically) Jacobi-smearing kernel

$$\begin{array}{c} -\nabla^{2}(t)\xi^{(k)}(t) = \lambda^{(k)}(t)\xi^{(k)}(t) & \text{M. Peardon et al., PRD80,054506} \\ \text{(2009)} \\ \text{Rank} & \square (\vec{x}, \vec{y}; t)_{ab} = \sum_{k=1}^{R_{\mathcal{D}}} \xi^{(k)}_{a}(\vec{x}, t) \xi^{(k)\dagger}_{b}(\vec{y}, t) , \\ \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{Components of distillation:} \\ \tau^{(l,k)}_{\alpha\beta}(t', t) = \xi^{(l)\dagger}(t') M^{-1}_{\alpha\beta}(t', t) \xi^{(k)}(t) & \text{Perambulators} \rightarrow \text{quark propagation} \\ \\ \Phi^{(i,j,k)}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(t) = \epsilon^{abc} \left(\mathcal{D}_{1}\xi^{(i)} \right)^{a} \left(\mathcal{D}_{2}\xi^{(j)} \right)^{b} \left(\mathcal{D}_{3}\xi^{(k)} \right)^{c}(t) S_{\alpha\beta\gamma} & \text{Elementals} \rightarrow \text{(baryon) operators} \\ \\ & & & & & & \\ \end{array} \right) \\ \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{D}_{rs}(t) = \sum_{\vec{x},\vec{y}} \langle 0 \mid \mathcal{O}_{r}(t,\vec{x})\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}_{s}(0,\vec{y}) \mid 0 \rangle \equiv \text{Tr} \left[\Phi_{r}(t) \otimes \tau(t,0)\tau(t,0)\tau(t,0) \otimes \Phi_{s}(0) \right] \\ \\ & & & & & & \\ \end{array} \right) \\ \end{array}$$

Extension to 3pt functions straightforward









