Parton Distribution Functions from Large Momentum Effective Theory

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Parton distribution functions

- PDFs characterize the momentum distributions of quarks and gluons inside the nucleon.
- They are important inputs for making predictions in high-energy scattering experiments.

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Parton distribution functions

| | | HIGGS PRODUCTION σ (8 TeV) un | | certainty |
|---------------------|------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| NNLL QCD +NLO EW | gg→H | 19.5 pb | 14.7% | |
| | VBF | 1.56 pb | 2.9% | |
| NNLO QCD +NLO EW | WH | 0.70 pb | 3.9% | scale PDF+αs |
| | ZH | 0.39 pb | 5.1% | |
| NLO QCD | ttH | 0.13 pb | 14.4% | |

(J. Campbell, HCP2012)

- PDFs induce large uncertainty in Higgs production at the LHC.
- A better understanding and precise determination of PDFs required to help us understand the standard model and disentangle new physics effects.

Parton distribution functions

- PDFs are the universal properties of nucleons
 - Nucleons are bound states of quarks and gluons described by the fundamental theory of QCD.
 - The quarks and gluons are strongly interacting and relativistic, PDFs are intrinsically non-perturbative.
- Our knowledge of PDFs is mainly driven by the data from state-of-the-art high-energy programs, BCDMS, SLAC, NMC, JLab, HERA, E866, CDF, DØ, COMPASS, RHIC, JPARC, LHC, ..., (see talks by Nocera and Schmidt), but a first principle study of PDFs is still behind.

Physics of PDFs

- The nucleon wavefunction |P> is usually defined at equal time and includes lots of complexities: valence quarks, sea quarks, gluons;
- An equal-time wavefunction is not frame independent:
 - Under a Lorentz boost Λ, |P> transforms as

$$|P\rangle = U(\Lambda(p))|P=0\rangle$$

U(Λ) depends on the interaction, so the transformation U(Λ(P)) is not kinematic, but dynamical.

Physics of PDFs

- In high energy scattering, the nucleon is travelling at a large momentum relative to the probe;
 - The time scale of the interaction between quarks and gluons is dilated due to relativistic effects;
 - When the nucleon exchanges a hard momentum with the probe within an "impulse", the struck quark or gluon almost does not feel the other constituents;
 - In the infinite momentum frame (IMF), this picture becomes simple as the quarks and gluons appear like free particles, i.e., partons.

Physics of PDFs

- However, the IMF can never be achieved in reality, so this picture is an approximation for high-energy scattering:
- Leading twist effect
- Sensitive to the soft scales at higher-twist
- One has to fix to the light-cone gauge A⁺=0 to eliminate the longitudinal gluons, and thus have a clear partonic picture.
- AP (Altarelli, Parisi, 1977) equation was derived in the IMF.



From Ji, Xu, and Zhao, JHEP, 2012

PDFs in light-cone quantization

- The IMF picture of parton physics is replaced by lightcone quantization, in which the probe is moving at the speed of light and the nucleon is at rest:
 - In light-cone quantization, the wavefunction is defined at equal light-cone time $\xi^+ = (x^0 + x^3)/\sqrt{2} = 0$;
 - The Hamiltonian H_{LC}=P⁻ can be used to formulate "time"independent perturbation theory as in non-relativistic quantum mechanics;
 - The nucleon wavefunction can have a Fock space expansion

$$|P\rangle = \sum_{n\alpha,\lambda_i} \int \prod_i \frac{dx_i d^2 k_{\perp i}}{\sqrt{2x_i} (2\pi)^3} \psi_{n\alpha}(x_i, k_{\perp i}, \lambda_i) \left| n\alpha : x_i P^+, k_{\perp,i}, \lambda_i \right\rangle ,$$

PDFs in light-cone quantization

• The PDFs can be defined as light-cone correlations along the "new spatial direction" $\xi^-=(x^0-x^3)/\sqrt{2}$:

$$q(x,\mu^2) = \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{-ix\xi^- P^+} \langle P | \overline{\psi}(\xi^-) \gamma^+ \\ \times \exp\left(-ig \int_0^{\xi^-} d\eta^- A^+(\eta^-)\right) \psi(0) | P \rangle ,$$

- The light-cone gauge link ensures its gauge invariance;
- Invariant under the boost along the nucleon momentum direction;
- In the light-cone gauge $A^+=0$, has clear interpretation as parton density: $\int d^2 h d^2 h dh^+ u(h^+, h_-) S(u, h^+, h_-)$

$$q(x) \sim \int d^2 k_{\perp} dk^+ n(k^+, k_{\perp}) \delta(x - k^+ / P^+)$$

First principle calculation of PDFs

- Despite its nice features, calculating PDFs in light-cone quantization is difficult,
 - No systematic approximation has been found in solving QCD in light-cone quantization in 3+1 dimensions;
 - AdS/QCD: no exact correspondence can be made.
- The only practical approach to solve non-perturbative QCD is the lattice theory.
 - Defined in the Euclidean space, with $\tau = it$ being real;
 - $A^4 = iA^0$ is real;
 - Has been successful in calculating hadron spectroscopy, nucleon form factors, finite temperature QCD, etc.

Traditional way of calculating PDFs in Lattice QCD

- Lattice QCD cannot directly access light-cone quantities due to their dependence on real time:
 - Lattice can calculate the moments of PDFs which are local operators;

$$x^{n-1}q(x)dx \sim n_{\mu_1}...n_{\mu_n} \langle P|\overline{\psi}(0)\gamma^{\mu_1}iD^{\mu_2}...iD^{\mu_n}\psi(0)|P\rangle$$

- Parametrize the PDFs with a smooth functional form
- Determine the parameters from the lattice computed moments
- Problem: number of calculable moments is limited (H.W. Lin's talk)



Fig. 5. Reconstructed isovector valence quark distribution $x(u_v - d_v)$ in the proton at $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$. The central fit curve (solid line) and error band (lightly shaded) are compared with the envelope of the phenomenological distributions²⁰ (darkly shaded).

Detmold et al., Mod.Phys.Lett.A 03'

$$xf(x) = Ax^{b}(1-x)^{c}(1+\epsilon\sqrt{x}+\gamma x)$$

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Traditional way of calculating PDFs in Lattice QCD

 The number of calculable moments strongly limits the power of lattice QCD to calculate PDFs;

 Given that lattice QCD can only calculate the matrix elements of time-independent operators at zero or finite nucleon momentum, can we find a way to obtain PDFs directly from lattice QCD?

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The gluon polarization \(\Delta G\) contributes to the longitudinal nucleon spin, and is measured in polarized deep inelastic scattering (DIS) and proton-proton collisions.



Longitudinal proton spin structure

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\Delta \Sigma (Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) = 0.242,
de Florian et al., 2009
SLAC
HERMES (DESY)
COMPASS (CERN)
JLab
RHIC
\Delta G (Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2) \sim 0.2,
de Florian et al., 2014
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• ΔG is defined as the first moment of the polarized gluon distribution function (A.V. Manohar, PRL 1990):

$$\Delta g(x) = \frac{i}{2xP^{+}} \int d\xi^{-} e^{-ixP^{+}\xi^{-}} \left\langle PS \left| F_{a}^{+,i}(\xi^{-})L^{ab}(\xi^{-},0)\tilde{F}_{b,i}^{+}(0) \right| PS \right\rangle$$

In light-cone quantization,

- However, the first moment of $\Delta g(x)$ does not correspond to any local gauge-invariant operators;
- As a result, ΔG cannot be directly calculated on the lattice, and has been a problem for a long time.

 A recent proposal tries to define the gauge-invariant gluon spin operator at equal time in the rest frame of the nucleon (Chen et al., PRL 2008).

$$S_g = \int d^3x \ \vec{E} \times \vec{A}_{\perp}$$

In Abelian gauge theory,

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_{\perp} + \vec{A}_{//}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_{\perp} = 0, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_{//} = 0$$

 A_{perp} is gauge invariant under a gauge transformation.

- However, A_{perp} is not frame independent. In QED, its transformation under a Lorentz boost is dynamical.
- This makes the physical meaning of E×A_{perp} as spin not clear.

- Actually, in the rest frame of the nucleon, due to the existence of unphysical degrees of freedom (d.o.f.), there is no physical meaning of gluon spin at all;
- Nevertheless, if we boost the nucleon to the IMF, longitudinal gluon field strength is suppressed, A_{perp} fully captures the physical d.o.f., and therefore E×A_{perp} can be regarded as the spin of free gluon fields in this limit.
- This is the famous Weizsäcker-Williams approximation (or equivalent photon method) in classical electrodynamics (Jackson, Classical Electrodynamics).

Moreover, we can prove that (Ji, Zhang, Zhao, PRL 2013)

$$\vec{E} \times \vec{A}_{\perp} \xrightarrow{P \to \infty} \int dx \frac{i}{x} \int d\xi^{-} e^{-ixP^{+}\xi^{-}} F_{a}^{+,i}(\xi^{-}) L^{ab}(\xi^{-},0) \tilde{F}_{b,i}^{+}(0)$$

- The nucleon matrix element of $E \times A_{perp}$ is just the gaugeinvariant gluon spin defined from the first momentum of $\Delta g(x)$.
- E×A_{perp} is time independent, and therefore can be readily calculated in lattice QCD.
- One can obtain ΔG by studying the IMF limit of the matrix element of E×A_{perp}.

- However, since E×A_{perp} is frame dependent, its matrix element will depend on the nucleon momentum P, which becomes a large scale of theory;
- In perturbation theory, if one does the ultraviolet (UV) regularization first, the matrix element of E×A_{perp} can contain logarithms of P, which is singular in the IMF limit.
- Instead, if one takes the IMF limit of $E \times A_{perp}$ first, and then does the UV regularization, one obtains the correct ΔG .
- The tricky point is that lattice QCD can only calculate finite momentum matrix elements.

One loop example:

Ji, Zhang, Zhao, PRL 2013



• At large but finite \vec{p} , taking the loop momentum $k \to \infty$ first

$$\langle \boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{s} | \left(\vec{E} \times \vec{A}_{\perp} \right)^3 | \boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{s} \rangle = \frac{\alpha_S C_F}{4\pi} \left[\frac{5}{3\epsilon} + \frac{5}{3} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m^2} + \frac{4}{3} \ln \frac{4\vec{p}^2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{9} \right] u^{\dagger} \Sigma^3 u + O(\frac{m^2}{\vec{p}^2}) \,,$$

• Taking $\vec{p}^2 \to \infty$ first,

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• The light-cone gauge result,

$$\langle p, s | \left(\vec{E} imes \vec{A}
ight)^3 | p, s
angle_{=}^{A^+=0} rac{lpha_S C_F}{4\pi} (rac{3}{\epsilon} + 3 \ln rac{\mu^2}{m^2} + 7) \ u^{\dagger} \Sigma^3 u$$

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- By observation we find that the IMF limit does not change the collinear or infrared (IR) divergence in the matrix element, and the difference is just in the UV divergent part.
- The UV divergent part is calculable in perturbative QCD, and therefor we can take this advantage to match the matrix element at finite momentum and in the IMF.
- A systematic matching procedure is provided by the large momentum effective theory (LaMET).

Large momentum effective theory

The large momentum effective theory (LaMET) is a theory that expands in powers of 1/P, where P is the nucleon momentum (Ji, Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astro., 2014):

- Construct a Euclidean quasi-observable Õ which can be calculated in lattice QCD;
- 2. The IMF limit of Õ is constructed to be a parton observable O;
- 3. The matrix elements of \tilde{O} is dependent on the lattice cut-off Λ and generally P, i.e., $\tilde{O}(P/\Lambda)$, while the parton observable depends on the renormalization scale μ (if in the MSbar scheme), i.e., $O(\mu)$;

Large momentum effective theory

4. Taking the P-> ∞ limit of $\tilde{O}(P/\Lambda)$ is generally ill-defined due to the singularities in quantum field theory, but it can be related to $O(\mu)$ through a factorization formula:

$$\tilde{O}(P/\Lambda) = Z(P/\Lambda, \mu/\Lambda)O(\mu) + \frac{c_2}{P^2} + \frac{c_4}{P^4} + \dots$$

- P is much larger than Λ_{QCD} as well as the nucleon mass M;
- O(μ) captures all the infrared (IR) and collinear divergences in Õ(P/Λ), and thus the leading term can be factorized into O(μ) and a perturbative coefficient Z.

How matching works?



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Quasi parton distribution

 Consider the spatial correlation of two quarks in the nucleon with momentum P along the z direction:

$$\tilde{q}(x,\Lambda,P^z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{izk^z} \langle P | \overline{\psi}(0,0_{\perp},z) \gamma^z \exp\left(-ig \int_0^z dz' A^z(0,0_{\perp},z')\right) \psi(0) | P \rangle$$

- Equal-time correlation;
- The matrix element of the quasi distribution depends on the nucleon momentum P^z;
- In the IMF limit, z->ξ⁻, and A^z
 -> A⁺, the quasi PDF
 approaches normal PDF.



Ji, PRL 2013

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 According to LaMET, the quasi PDF is related to the normal PDF through a perturbative matching formula for the non-singlet case (Xiong, Ji, Zhang, and Zhao, PRD 2014):

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

- Integration range is determined by the support of light-cone parton distribution;
- Both light-cone and quasi PDFs contain soft divergences, but they cancel in themselves;
- They also have the same collinear divergences;
- Z factor captures the difference in their UV behavior, and is thus perturbatively calculable;
- Higher twist effects suppressed by the large momentum.
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- Take unpolarized quark distribution as an example [Ji, Xiong, Zhang and Zhao PRD, 13]
 - @LO

Both quasi and light-cone quark distribution yield a simple delta function

$$\tilde{q}^{(0)}(x) = q^{(0)}(x) = \delta(1-x)$$

@NLO

The computation can be carried out in any gauge:



• One-loop matrix element of the normal PDF:

$$q(x,\Lambda) = (1 + Z_F^{(1)}(\Lambda) + \dots)\delta(x-1) + q^{(1)}(x,\Lambda) + \dots$$

$$q^{(1)}(x,\Lambda) = \frac{\alpha_S C_F}{2\pi} \begin{cases} 0, & x > 1 \text{ or } x < 0, \\ \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m^2} - \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln (1-x)^2 - \frac{2x}{1-x}, & 0 < x < 1, \end{cases}$$
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Remarks:

 In the IMF or on the light-cone, partons can only have momentum fraction o<x<1;

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Remarks:

- Light-cone singularity cancels between real and virtual contributions;
- Collinear divergence ln(m²) exists in the PDF.

• One-loop matrix element of the quasi PDF:

$$\tilde{q}(x,\Lambda,P^z) = (1 + \tilde{Z}_F^{(1)}(\Lambda,P^z))\delta(x-1) + \tilde{q}^{(1)}(x,\Lambda,P^z) + \dots$$

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Remarks:

In the finite momentum frame, the quark momentum fraction $-\infty < x < +\infty$.

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Remarks:

No UV divergence (logΛ). Logarithm of P^z only exists in o<x<1.

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Remarks:

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Remarks:

Collinear divergence exists only in o<x<1, and is the same as the normal PDF.

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 By comparing their one-loop matrix elements, the matching factor can be read as:

$$Z\left(\xi,\frac{\Lambda}{P^z},\frac{\mu}{P^z}\right) = \delta(\xi-1) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}Z^{(1)}\left(\xi,\frac{\Lambda}{P^z},\frac{\mu}{P^z}\right) + \dots$$

$$\begin{split} &Z^{(1)}(\xi)/C_F = \frac{1+\xi^2}{1-\xi} \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi-1} + 1 + \frac{1}{(1-\xi)^2} \frac{\Lambda}{P^z}, \quad \xi > 1 \\ &Z^{(1)}(\xi)/C_F = \frac{1+\xi^2}{1-\xi} \ln \frac{(P^z)^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{1+\xi^2}{1-\xi} \ln [4\xi(1-\xi)] - \frac{2\xi}{1-\xi} + 1 + \frac{1}{(1-\xi)^2} \frac{\Lambda}{P^z}, \quad 0 < \xi < 1 \\ &Z^{(1)}(\xi)/C_F = \frac{1+\xi^2}{1-\xi} \ln \frac{\xi-1}{\xi} - 1 + \frac{1}{(1-\xi)^2} \frac{\Lambda}{P^z}, \quad \xi < 0 \end{split}$$

Near $\xi = 1$, there is also virtual contribution:

$$Z^{(1)}(\xi) = \delta Z^{(1)}(2\pi/\alpha_s)\delta(\xi - 1)$$
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with
$$\delta Z^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha_S C_F}{2\pi} \int dy \begin{cases} -\frac{1+y^2}{1-y} \ln \frac{y}{y-1} - 1 - \frac{\Lambda}{(1-y)^2 P^z} \ , & y > 1 \ , \\ -\frac{1+y^2}{1-y} \ln \frac{(P^z)^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{1+y^2}{1-y} \ln \left[4y(1-y)\right] + \frac{2y(2y-1)}{1-y} + 1 - \frac{\Lambda}{(1-y)^2 P^z} \ , & 0 < y < 1 \ , \\ -\frac{1+y^2}{1-y} \ln \frac{y-1}{y} + 1 - \frac{\Lambda}{(1-y)^2 P^z} \ , & y < 0 \ , \end{cases}$$

Program of lattice calculation



Renormalizability of quasi PDF

- Quasi PDF is the matrix element of a non-local operator
 - In the renormalization of local operators, all UV divergences can be removed by local counterterms.
 - Renormalization of non-local operator matrix element is rather distinct. Needs non-local counterterms, and to deal with axial singularities.

Renormalizability of quasi PDF

- In the continuum theory, quasi-PDF can be multiplicatively renormalized at two-loop order in dimensional regularization. [Ji and Zhang, PRD, 15']
- Vertex contribution contains sub-divergences only, which can be removed by counterterms from interaction (UV counterterms in the axial gauge).
- Renormalization of quasi PDF reduces to the renormalization of two separate (axial gauge) quark fields, which is equivalent to the renormalization of the heavy-light quark vector current in HQET.
- Such features are expected to hold for all orders, to be checked.

Renormalizability of quasi PDF

- The renormalization of nonlocal operators in lattice QCD is desirable, but difficult. It is not tested HYP smearing can make the renormalization factor ~1;
- With a proper renormalization scheme in the lattice theory, we will be able to calculate the matching between lattice and continuum theory matrix elements with perturbative QCD.

Higher twist corrections

- Similar to target mass corrections from the trace of the nucleon matrix element, which is of order ~O(M²/(P^z)²), has been derived (J.W. Chen, in preparation);
- Higher twist correction to the correlation operator itself, which is of order ~O(Λ_{QCD}²/(P^z)²), has been derived, and its matrix element is to be calculated in lattice QCD (J.W. Chen, in preparation).

Exploratory study of PDFs in lattice QCD

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- Isovector (sea) quark distribution calculated with the LaMET approach
- HYP smearing applied to smoothen Wilson line gauge links
- One-loop matching + mass corrections included





Alexandrou et. al. PRD 15'

Requirements for lattice resources

- Parton with momentum xP^z has correlation length ~1/ xP^z, so with a boosted nucleon the distribution the valence quark is shrunk by the boost factor γ.
- Needs higher resolution along the z direction, lattice spacing should be 1/γ to transverse directions, or, with the same box size lattice sites must be γ times that of the transverse directions.

Ji, Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astro., 2014

Small x PDFs

- The smallest x for PDF is ~ Λ_{QCD}/P^z. The correlation length of valence quark does not change under the Lorentz boost, but to achieve extremely small x one needs extremely large P^z.
- For example, for x~10⁻⁴, P^z~3TeV, which means that the lattice sites must be 3000 times of those in the transverse directions.
- This requires a lot of computation resources! Current computation power is good at studying large x PDFs, while small x can be probed in experiments.

Lattice size along the time axis

- Since the energy difference between the lowest excited state and the ground state will be suppressed by a factor of γ, one also requires a long evolution to extract the matrix elements.
- For a typical 24⁴ lattice, the ideal choice of lattice size for such calculation will be 24²×(24γ)².

Application of the LaMET

- LaMET can be applied to the lattice QCD calculation of all the other parton physics.
 - Light-cone wavefunctions
 - Pion distribution amplitude [Ji, Schäfer, Xiong and Zhang, 15']
 - Transverse momentum distributions
 - Generalized parton distributions [Ji, Schäfer, Xiong and Zhang, 15']
 - Wigner distributions
 - Fragmentation functions

Summary

- LaMET enables us to extract parton observables from the lattice matrix elements of certain timeindependent, frame-dependent operators.
- The normal PDF is related to quasi PDF through a perturbative matching condition that has been calculated using LaMET.
- A program for the lattice calculation of PDFs is outlined.

Back up slides

For QED,

$$A^{i}_{\perp} = A^{i} - \partial^{i} \frac{1}{\vec{\partial}^{2}} \vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{A} \longrightarrow A^{i} - \partial^{i} \frac{1}{\partial^{+}} A^{+}$$

$$\frac{1}{\partial^{+}}f(\xi^{'-}) = \frac{1}{2}\int d\xi^{'-} K(\xi^{-} - \xi^{'-})f(\xi^{'-}),$$

$$K(\xi^{-} - \xi^{'-}) = \operatorname{sgn}(\xi^{-} - \xi^{'-}), \text{ or } \pm 2\theta(\xi^{-} - \xi^{'-}).$$

 For QCD, the non-Abelian Coulomb condition leads to the IMF limit of A_{phys},

$$A_{\rm phys}^{+}=0, \quad A_{\rm pure}^{+}=A^{+}.$$

Polarized gluon distribution

Polarized gluon distribution:

$$\Delta g(x) = \frac{i}{2xP^{+}} \int d\xi^{-} e^{-ixP^{+}\xi^{-}} \left\langle PS \left| F_{a}^{+,i}(\xi^{-})L^{ab}(\xi^{-},0)\tilde{F}_{b,i}^{+}(0) \right| PS \right\rangle$$

 $\Delta g(x)$ can be measured in polarized DIS and proton-proton collisions.

Total gluon polarization:

$$\begin{split} \Delta G &= \int dx \; \Delta g(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2P^{+}} \langle PS \Big| \int \frac{dx}{x} \int d\xi^{-} e^{-ixP^{+}\xi^{-}} F_{a}^{+,i}(\xi^{-}) L^{ab}(\xi^{-},0) \tilde{F}_{b,i}^{+}(0) \Big| PS \rangle \\ &= -\frac{1}{2P^{+}} \langle PS \Big| [A^{i,a} - \frac{1}{\partial^{+}} \partial^{i} A^{+,b}(\xi^{+-}) L^{ba}(\xi^{+-},\xi^{-})] \tilde{F}_{i,b}^{+}(0) \Big| PS \rangle \\ &= \operatorname{INT-15-2.5eattle} \end{split}$$



Moment of the quark GTMD

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$$\begin{split} \int dx d^2 k_{\perp} k_{\perp}^i f(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{\Delta}_{\perp}) &= \frac{1}{2\overline{P}^+} \left\langle P^* S \left| \overline{\psi}(0) \gamma^+ i \vec{D}_{\text{pure}}^i \psi(0) \right| P S \right\rangle \\ \varepsilon^{ij} \lim_{\Delta \to 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial i \Delta^i} \int dx d^2 k_T \ k_T^j f(x, k_T, \Delta_T) &= \frac{1}{2\overline{P}^+} \frac{\left\langle P S \left| \int d^3 \xi \ \overline{\psi}(\xi) \gamma^+ \varepsilon^{ij} \xi^i i \vec{D}_{\text{pure}}^j \psi(\xi) \right| P S \right\rangle}{(2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(0)}, \\ \lim_{P^* \to \infty} \left\langle L_q^c \right\rangle &= \varepsilon^{ij} \lim_{\Delta \to 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial i \Delta^i} \int dx d^2 k_T \ k_T^j f(x, k_T, \Delta_T) \\ &= -\int dx d^2 k_T \ \frac{k_T^2}{M^2} F_{14}^q(x, 0, k_T^2, 0, 0). \end{split}$$

Moment of the quark GTMD

 F₁₄ is a GTMD whose measurement is unknown right now, but its possibility has been studied (Courtoy et al., 2014);

$$L_{q}^{\mathrm{can}}(x) = \varepsilon^{ij} \lim_{\Delta \to 0} \frac{\partial}{i\partial\Delta^{i}} \int \frac{d\xi^{-}}{2\pi} e^{-ix\overline{P}^{+}\xi^{-}} \left\langle P'S \left| \overline{\psi}(\xi^{-})\gamma^{+}i\overline{D}_{\mathrm{pure}}^{j}\psi(0) \right| PS \right\rangle$$

 The canonical quark OAM density is related to a twist-three GPD measureable in hard exclusive processes (Ji et al., 2012; Hatta, 2012).

The gluon GTMD

Zhao, Liu, Yang, 2015

$$g(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{\Delta}_{\perp}) = -\frac{i}{2x\overline{P}^{+}} \int \frac{dz^{-}d^{2}z_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{3}} e^{ix\overline{P}^{+}z^{-}} \langle P'S | F^{+\alpha}(-\frac{z^{-}}{2}, -\frac{z_{\perp}}{2}) \gamma^{+} \\ \times W^{-}_{-z^{-}/2, \pm \infty} W^{T}_{-z_{\perp}/2, z_{\perp}/2} W^{-}_{\pm \infty, z^{-}/2} F^{+}_{\alpha}(\frac{z^{-}}{2}, \frac{z_{\perp}}{2}) | PS \rangle$$

The canonical gluon OAM density is also related to a twistthree GPD (Hatta et al., 2012, 2013).

$$\lim_{P^z \to \infty} \left\langle L_g^c \right\rangle = \varepsilon^{ij} \lim_{\Delta \to 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial i \Delta^i} \int dx d^2 k_T \ k_T^j g(x, k_T, \Delta_T)$$