Lattice QCD calculations of Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distribution Functions (TMDs)

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Introduction: TMDs

The intrinsic motion of quarks and gluons inside the proton or neutron, specifically with respect to the transverse momentum, can be described in terms of Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distribution Functions (TMDs)



Figure 1: Two examples of processes sensitive to TMD PDFs. We draw the leading contributions, in which a single electroweak gauge boson (wiggled lines) is exchanged.

Introduction: TMDs

In the SIDIS cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d^3 P_h d^3 P_{l'}} \propto L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \tag{1}$$

the lepton tensor $L_{\mu\nu}$ is calculable in perturbation theory. All the non-perturbative information related to hadron structure is encoded in the hadron tensor

$$W^{\mu\nu}(P,q,P_h) = \int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4} e^{iq\cdot l} \sum_X \langle N(P,S) | J^{\mu}(-b) | Xh(P_h,S_h) \rangle$$
$$\times \langle Xh(P_h,S_h) | J^{\nu}(0) | N(P,S) \rangle$$



Figure 2: Simplifed factorized tree level diagram of the hadron tensor in SIDIS. arXiv:0907.2381

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Definition of TMDs

• Let's consider a frame of reference where the nucleon has large momentum in z-direction, i.e., $P^+ \gg m_N$, $P_{\rm T} = 0$. In light cone coordinates, the components $\mathbf{k^+}: \mathbf{k}_{\rm T}: \mathbf{k}^- \sim P^+/m_N: 1: m_N/P^+$, under boosts along the z-axis.

The starting point for our discussion of TMDs are the correlator of the general form

$$\Phi^{[\Gamma]}(k, P, S; \ldots) \equiv \int \frac{d^4b}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot b} \frac{\frac{\widetilde{\Phi}^{[\Gamma]}_{\text{unsubtr.}}(b, P, S; \ldots)}{1}}{\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}(b^2; \ldots)}$$
(2)

• The gauge link $\mathcal{U}[\mathcal{C}_b]$ brings divergences; so we divide it by soft factor $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$.

Definition of TMDs

Integrating the correlator over the suppressed momentum component k^- yields

$$\Phi^{[\Gamma]}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}}; P, S; \ldots) \equiv \int dk^{-} \Phi^{[\Gamma]}(k, P, S; \ldots) = \int \frac{d^{2} \mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int \frac{d(b \cdot P)}{(2\pi)P^{+}} e^{ix(b \cdot P) - i\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}}} \left. \frac{\frac{1}{2} \langle P, S| \ \bar{q}(0) \ \Gamma \ \mathcal{U}[\mathcal{C}_{b}] \ q(b) \ |P, S\rangle}{\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(-\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}; \ldots)} \right|_{b^{+}=0} .$$

$$(3)$$

The above correlator can be decomposed into TMDs.

$$\Phi^{[\gamma^{+}]}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}; P, S, \ldots) = f_{1} - \left[\frac{\epsilon_{ij} \, \boldsymbol{k}_{i} \, \boldsymbol{S}_{j}}{m_{N}} f_{1T}^{\perp}\right]_{\mathrm{odd}}, \qquad (4)$$

$$\Phi^{[\gamma^{+}\gamma^{5}]}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}; P, S, \ldots) = \Lambda \, g_{1} + \frac{\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}_{\mathrm{T}}}{m_{N}} \, g_{1T}, \qquad (5)$$

$$\Phi^{[i\sigma^{i+}\gamma^{5}]}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}; P, S, \ldots) = \boldsymbol{S}_{i} \, h_{1} + \frac{(2\boldsymbol{k}_{i} \boldsymbol{k}_{j} - \boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2} \delta_{ij}) \boldsymbol{S}_{j}}{2m_{N}^{2}} \, h_{1T}^{\perp} + \frac{\Lambda \boldsymbol{k}_{i}}{m_{N}} h_{1L}^{\perp} + \left[\frac{\epsilon_{ij} \boldsymbol{k}_{j}}{m_{N}} h_{1}^{\perp}\right]_{\mathrm{odd}}. \qquad (6)$$

Strategy

• The separation b of the quark field operators has an additional transverse component, $b = nb^- + b_\perp$. Thus, in general, this separation is space-like.

$$\Phi^{[\Gamma]}(k, P, S; \ldots) \equiv \int \frac{d^4b}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot b} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \langle P, S | \ \bar{q}(0) \Gamma \ \mathcal{U}[\mathcal{C}_b] \ q(b) \ |P, S \rangle}_{\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}(b^2; \ldots)}$$
(7)

- We parametrized this correlator in terms of Lorentz-invariant amplitudes.
- We choose the Lorentz frame in which this nonlocal operator is defined at one single time as the one most suitable for our calculation.
- In the aforementioned frame, the computation of the nonlocal matrix element can be cast in terms of a Euclidean path integral and performed employing the standard methods of lattice QCD.

Link geometry

The gauge link employed in this work reads

$$\mathcal{U}[\mathcal{C}_b^{(\eta v)}] = \mathcal{U}[0, \eta v, \eta v + b, b], \tag{8}$$



Figure 3: Staple-shaped gauge connection. The four-vectors v and P give the direction of the staple and the momentum, while b defines the separation between the quark operators. (arXiv:1111.4249v2 [hep-lat])

The Lorentz-invariant quantity characterizing the direction of v is the Collins-Soper like parameter

$$\hat{\zeta} \equiv \zeta/2m_N = \frac{v \cdot P}{\sqrt{|v^2|}\sqrt{P^2}}.$$
(9)

The light-like direction v = n can be approached in the limit $\zeta \to \infty$.

Parametrization of the correlator in position space

$$\widetilde{\Phi}_{\text{unsubtr.}}^{[\Gamma]}(b, P, S, \hat{\zeta}, \mu) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle P, S | \ \bar{q}(0) \Gamma \ \mathcal{U}[0, \eta v, \eta v + b, b] \ q(b) \ |P, S \rangle$$
(10)

For the Γ -structures at leading twist, the correlator can be written in the form

$$\frac{1}{2P^{+}} \widetilde{\Phi}_{\text{unsubtr.}}^{[\gamma^{+}]} = \widetilde{A}_{2B} + im_{N}\epsilon_{ij}\boldsymbol{b}_{i}\boldsymbol{S}_{j}\,\widetilde{A}_{12B} \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{1}{2P^{+}} \widetilde{\Phi}_{\text{unsubtr.}}^{[\gamma^{+}\gamma^{5}]} = -\Lambda\,\widetilde{A}_{6B} + i\left\{(b\cdot P)\Lambda - m_{N}(\boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}\cdot\boldsymbol{S}_{\mathrm{T}})\right\}\,\widetilde{A}_{7B} \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{2P^{+}} \widetilde{\Phi}_{\text{unsubtr.}}^{[i\sigma^{i}+\gamma^{5}]} = im_{N}\epsilon_{ij}\boldsymbol{b}_{j}\,\widetilde{A}_{4B} - \boldsymbol{S}_{i}\,\widetilde{A}_{9B} - im_{N}\Lambda\boldsymbol{b}_{i}\,\widetilde{A}_{10B} + m_{N}\left\{(b\cdot P)\Lambda - m_{N}(\boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}\cdot\boldsymbol{S}_{\mathrm{T}})\right\}\boldsymbol{b}_{i}\,\widetilde{A}_{11B} \tag{13}$$

(Decompositions analogous to work by Metz et al. Phys. Lett. **B618** (2005) 90-96. in momentum space)

TMDs in Fourier space and x-integration

$$\tilde{f}(x, \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}; \ldots) \equiv \int d^{2}\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}} e^{i\boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}\cdot\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}} f(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}; \ldots)$$
(14)

$$\tilde{f}^{(n)}(x, \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^2 \ldots) \equiv n! \left(-\frac{2}{m_N^2} \partial_{\boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^2}\right)^n \tilde{f}(x, \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^2; \ldots)$$
(15)

In the limit $|\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}| \rightarrow 0$, one recovers conventional \mathbf{k}_{T} -moments of TMDs:

$$\tilde{f}^{(n)}(x,0;\ldots) = \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\rm T} \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}_{\rm T}^2}{2m_N^2}\right)^n f(x,\mathbf{k}_{\rm T}^2;\ldots) \equiv f^{(n)}(x) \ . \tag{16}$$

 $\boldsymbol{k}_{\mathrm{T}}$ -moments like $f_{1}^{(0)}(x)$ and $f_{1T}^{\perp(1)}(x)$ are ill-defined without further regularization, we therefore do not attempt to extrapolate to $\boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}} = 0$, but rather state our results at finite $|\boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{T}}|$.

In our studies so far, we only considered the first x-moments (accessible at $b \cdot P = 0$), rather than scanning range of $b \cdot P$

$$f^{[1]}(\boldsymbol{k}_{\rm T}^2;\ldots) \equiv \int_{-1}^1 dx \ f(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\rm T}^2;\ldots) \ . \tag{17}$$

T-even and T-odd TMDs

The T-even distributions f_1 , g_1 , h_1 , g_{1T} , h_{1L}^{\perp} and h_{1T}^{\perp} fulfill

$$f^{\text{T-even}}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\text{T}}^2; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, \eta v \cdot P) = f^{\text{T-even}}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\text{T}}^2; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, -\eta v \cdot P)$$
(18)

while the T-odd distributions, i.e., at leading twist the Sivers function f_{1T}^{\perp} and the Boer-Mulders function h_1^{\perp} , fulfill

$$f^{\text{T-odd}}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\text{T}}^2; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, \eta v \cdot P) = -f^{\text{T-odd}}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\text{T}}^2; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, -\eta v \cdot P)$$
(19)

As a result, T-odd distributions must vanish for $\eta = 0$, which corresponds to straight gauge links.

TMDs in Fourier space and invariant amplitudes $\widetilde{A}_i(b^2, b \cdot P, (b \cdot P)R(\hat{\zeta}^2)/m_N^2, -1/(m_N\hat{\zeta})^2, \eta v \cdot P)$

certain x-integrated TMDs in Fourier space directly correspond to the amplitudes \widetilde{A}_{iB} evaluated at $b \cdot P = 0$:

$$\hat{f}_{1}^{[1](0)}(\boldsymbol{b}_{T}^{2};\hat{\zeta},\ldots,\eta v\cdot P) = 2\,\widetilde{A}_{2B}(-\boldsymbol{b}_{T}^{2},0,0,-1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2},\eta v\cdot P)/\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}(b^{2};\ldots), \\
\hat{f}_{1T}^{\perp1}(\boldsymbol{b}_{T}^{2};\hat{\zeta},\ldots,\eta v\cdot P) = -2\,\widetilde{A}_{12B}(-\boldsymbol{b}_{T}^{2},0,0,-1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2},\eta v\cdot P)/\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}(b^{2};\ldots), \\
\hat{h}_{1}^{\perp1}(\boldsymbol{b}_{T}^{2};\hat{\zeta},\ldots,\eta v\cdot P) = 2\,\widetilde{A}_{4B}(-\boldsymbol{b}_{T}^{2},0,0,-1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2},\eta v\cdot P)/\widetilde{\mathcal{S}}(b^{2};\ldots).$$
(20)

Generalized Sivers shifts from amplitudes

All other renormalization and soft factor related dependences cancel out in the ratio.

• $\langle \mathbf{k}_y \rangle^{\text{Sivers}} = \langle \mathbf{k}_y \rangle_{TU}$ is T-odd, it describes a feature of the transverse momentum distribution of (unpolarized) quarks in a transversely polarized proton.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{k}_{y} \rangle_{TU}(\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}; \hat{\zeta}, \eta v \cdot P) &\equiv m_{N} \frac{\tilde{f}_{1\mathrm{T}}^{\perp 1}(\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, \eta v \cdot P)}{\tilde{f}_{1}^{[1](0)}(\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, \eta v \cdot P)} \\ &= -m_{N} \frac{\tilde{A}_{12B}(-\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}, 0, 0, -1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2}, \eta v \cdot P)}{\tilde{A}_{2B}(-\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}, 0, 0, -1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2}, \eta v \cdot P)} \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}=0} \frac{\int dx \int d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{k}_{y} \Phi^{[\gamma^{+}]}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}}, P, S; \dots)}{\int dx \int d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}} \Phi^{[\gamma^{+}]}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}}, P, S; \dots)} \bigg|_{\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{T}}} = (1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$(21)$$

Generalized Boer-Mulders shifts from amplitudes

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• $\langle \mathbf{k}_y \rangle^{\text{BM}} = \langle \mathbf{k}_y \rangle_{UT}$ is also T-odd and addresses the distribution of transversely polarized quarks in an unpolarized proton.

$$\langle \mathbf{k}_{y} \rangle_{UT}(\mathbf{b}_{T}^{2}; \hat{\zeta}, \eta v \cdot P) \equiv m_{N} \frac{\tilde{h}_{1}^{\perp 1}(\mathbf{b}_{T}^{2}; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, \eta v \cdot P)}{\tilde{f}_{1}^{[1](0)}(\mathbf{b}_{T}^{2}; \hat{\zeta}, \dots, \eta v \cdot P)}$$

$$= m_{N} \frac{\tilde{A}_{4B}(-\mathbf{b}_{T}^{2}, 0, 0, -1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2}, \eta v \cdot P)}{\tilde{A}_{2B}(-\mathbf{b}_{T}^{2}, 0, 0, -1/(m_{N}\hat{\zeta})^{2}, \eta v \cdot P)}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{b}_{T}^{2=0}}{\sum_{\Lambda=\pm 1} \int dx \int d^{2}\mathbf{k}_{T} \mathbf{k}_{y} \frac{\Phi^{[\gamma^{+}+s^{j}i\sigma^{j}+\gamma^{5}]}(x,\mathbf{k}_{T},P,S;\dots)}{\Phi^{[\gamma^{+}+s^{j}i\sigma^{j}+\gamma^{5}]}(x,\mathbf{k}_{T},P,S;\dots)} \bigg|_{\mathbf{s}_{T}} = (1,0)$$

$$(22)$$

Lattice Setup

Example: A meson correlation function

$$= -\sum_{\{U\}} \sum_{\vec{x}} \operatorname{tr} \left(\left[M^{-1}[U] \right]_{\vec{0}0,\vec{x}t} \gamma_5 \left[M^{-1}[U] \right]_{\vec{x}t,\vec{0}0} \gamma_5 \right)$$



Figure 4: From Dr. Jozef Dudek lecture, HUGS 2023

Lattice Setup



- Evaluate directly $\widetilde{\Phi}_{\text{unsubtr.}}^{[\Gamma]}(b, P, S, \hat{\zeta}, \mu) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle P, S | \ \overline{q}(0) \Gamma \ \mathcal{U}[0, \eta v, \eta v + b, b] \ q(b) \ |P, S \rangle$
- Euclidean time: Place entire operator at one time slice, i.e., $b,\,\eta v$ purely spatial.
- Extrapolate $\eta \longrightarrow \infty$, $\hat{\zeta} \longrightarrow \infty$ numerically.

Numerical Results



Figure 5: Extraction of the generalized Sivers shift on the lattice with $m_{\pi} = 518$ MeV (arXiv:1111.4249v2 [hep-lat])

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Numerical Results

Results: Sivers shift

Dependence of SIDIS limit on $|b_T|$



Figure 6: Generalized Sivers shift as a function of the quark separation $|\mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{T}}|$ for the SIDIS case $(|\eta v| = \infty)$. arXiv:2301.06118 [hep-lat]

Numerical Results

Results: Sivers shift

Dependence of SIDIS limit on $\hat{\zeta}$



Figure 7: we show the $\hat{\zeta}$ -dependence of the generalized Sivers shift, depicting both the full result and the result obtained with just \tilde{A}_{12} in the numerator. arXiv:2301.06118 [hep-lat]

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Challenges and My PhD Work

• In our studies so far, we only considered the first x-moments (accessible at $b \cdot P = 0$), rather than scanning range of $b \cdot P$:

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Figure 8: Illustration of the TMD operator with staple-shaped gauge connection

• The range of accessible $b \cdot P$ is limited by the available b and P, $|b \cdot P| \leq |\mathbf{P}| \sqrt{-b^2}$, leading to an increasing systematic uncertainty at small x.

$$\frac{v \cdot b}{v \cdot P} = b \cdot P \frac{R(\hat{\zeta}^2)}{m_N^2} , \qquad (23)$$

where

$$R(\hat{\zeta}^2) \equiv 1 - \sqrt{1 + \hat{\zeta}^{-2}} = \frac{m_N^2}{v \cdot P} \frac{v^+}{P^+} \,. \tag{24}$$

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