Finite Element Methods for the Evolution of Generalized Parton Distributions

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Evolution of generalized parton distributions



GPD evolution code: the needs

- ► Fast, differentiable evolution code is crucial for GPD analysis.
 - **Fast** since it's called repeatedly.
 - Differentiable for machine learning.
- General form of evolution equation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d} H(x,\xi,Q^2)}{\mathrm{d} \log(Q^2)} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \mathrm{d} y \, K(x,y,\xi,Q^2) H(y,\xi,Q^2)$$

► Numerically solve by discretizing (pixelizing) in *x*:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}H_i(\xi,Q^2)}{\mathrm{d}\log(Q^2)}\approx\sum_j K_{ij}(\xi,Q^2)H_j(\xi,Q^2)$$

- Becomes a matrix equation!
- Solution found via evolution matrices:

$$H_i(\xi, Q^2) = \sum_j M_{ij}(\xi, Q_0^2 \to Q^2) H_j(\xi, Q_0^2)$$

- M_{ij} independent of model-scale GPD.
- Compute M once, store it.
- Matrix multiplication is fast and differentiable.



Building kernel matrices

Integral discretization

► First step is to discretize the integral:

$$S(x,\xi,t,Q^2) = \int_{-1}^{+1} \mathrm{d}y \, K(x,y,\xi,Q^2) H(y,\xi,t,Q^2)$$

• Kernel made up of three distributions; must be integrated separately:

$$K(x, y, \xi, Q^2) = K_R(x, y, \xi, Q^2) + [K_P(x, y, \xi, Q^2)]_+ + K_C(Q^2)\delta(y - x)$$

Regular piece—just a normal integral:

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \mathrm{d}y \, K_R(x, y, \xi, Q^2) H(y, \xi, t, Q^2)$$

Plus distribution piece:

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} dy \left[K_P(x, y, \xi, Q^2) \right]_+ H(y, \xi, t, Q^2) \equiv \int_{-1}^{+1} dy \, K_P(x, y, \xi, Q^2) \left(H(y, \xi, t, Q^2) - H(x, \xi, t, Q^2) \right) \\ + H(x, \xi, t, Q^2) \int_{-1}^{+1} dy \left(K_P(x, y, \xi, Q^2) - K_P(y, x, \xi, Q^2) \right)$$

Constant piece (or delta distribution piece):

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \mathrm{d}y \, K_C(Q^2) \delta(y-x) H(y,\xi,t,Q^2) \equiv K_C(Q^2) H(x,\xi,t,Q^2)$$
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Regular piece

Regular piece approximated using Gauss-Kronrod quadrature.

• The domain [-1, 1] is broken into **six pieces** with boundaries:

 $-1 < \min(-\xi, -|x|) < \max(-\xi, -|x|) < 0 < \min(\xi, |x|) < \max(\xi, |x|) < 1$

• x and ξ grids must be misaligned.

► 15-point quadrature used inside each region.

$$S_R(x,\xi,t,Q^2) \approx \sum_{g=1}^{N_g=6\times 15} w_g K_R(x,y_g,\xi,Q^2) H(y_g,\xi,t,Q^2)$$

- Discretized grid $\{x_i\}$ and quadrature grid $\{y_g\}$ are not the same.
- x_i and ξ -dependent interpolation must be done.
- ► **Interpixels** are used for interpolation.

Interpixels

► **Interpixels** (**interp**olated **pixel**): interpolation basis functions.

• Exploit linearity of polynomial interpolation:

$$P[y_1 + y_2](x) = P[y_1](x) + P[y_2](x)$$

• GPD pixelation is a sum of pixels:

$$\boldsymbol{H} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ \vdots \\ h_n \end{bmatrix} = h_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + h_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + h_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \equiv h_1 \hat{e}_1 + h_2 \hat{e}_2 + \dots + h_n \hat{e}_n$$

Interpolated pixelation is a sum of interpixels!

$$P[\mathbf{H}](x) = h_1 P[\hat{e}_1](x) + h_2 P[\hat{e}_2](x) + \ldots + h_n P[\hat{e}_n](x)$$

- ► Interpixels are an example of a **finite element**.
 - ▶ In effect used previously in some PDF evolution codes, e.g., HOPPET and APFEL.

Interpixel demo



► Interpixel is a *piecewise* polynomial of fixed order.

- Increase N_x without increasing interpolation order (avoids Runge phenomenon).
- ► I'm using fifth-order Lagrange interpolation.
- Knots at the discrete x_i grid points.
- Each interpixel has oscillations.
 - Oscillations cancel in sum.

Regular piece: now with interpixels!

► GPD at Gaussian weight points from piecewise polynomial interpolation:

$$H(y_g, \xi, t, Q^2) \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} H_j(\xi, Q^2) P[\hat{e}_j](y_g)$$

- Interpolation decomposed into basis functions (interpixels).
- Integral is only over interpixels:

$$S_{R}(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N_{x}} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{g=1}^{N_{g}} w_{g} K_{R}(x_{i},y_{g},\xi,Q^{2}) P[\hat{e}_{j}](y_{g})\right)}_{\left(K_{R}(\xi,Q^{2})\right)_{ij}} H_{j}(\xi,t,Q^{2})$$

- Absorb interpixel into kernel matrix.
- ► Integral over interpixel **independent of specific GPD**.
- (Can be generalized: e.g., to adaptive integration.)

Plus distribution piece

Plus distribution piece is a sum of two integrals:

$$S_{P}(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) \equiv \int_{-1}^{+1} dy \left[K_{P}(x,y,\xi,Q^{2}) \right]_{+} H(y,\xi,t,Q^{2}) = S_{P}^{(1)}(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) + S_{P}^{(2)}(x,\xi,t,Q^{2})$$
$$S_{P}^{(1)}(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) = \int_{-1}^{+1} dy K_{P}(x,y,\xi,Q^{2}) \left(H(y,\xi,t,Q^{2}) - H(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) \right)$$
$$S_{P}^{(2)}(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) = H(x,\xi,t,Q^{2}) \int_{-1}^{+1} dy \left(K_{P}(x,y,\xi,Q^{2}) - K_{P}(y,x,\xi,Q^{2}) \right)$$

• Presents numerical difficulties because of 1/(y - x) factors in K_P .

Plus distribution piece (continued)

- ► Do first integral via Gauss-Kronrod rule still.
 - Break into same six integration regions.
 - ► Use same fifth-order Lagrange interpolation.
- ► Matrix implementation:

$$S_{P}^{(1)}(x_{i},\xi,t,Q^{2}) \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N_{x}} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{g=1}^{N_{g}} w_{g} K_{P}(x_{i},y_{g},\xi,Q^{2}) \Big[P[\hat{e}_{j}](y_{g}) - \delta_{ij} \Big] \right)}_{\left(K_{P}^{(1)}(\xi,Q^{2})\right)_{ij}} H_{j}(\xi,t,Q^{2})$$

Second integral (independent of GPD) done analytically:

$$S_P^{(2)}(x_i,\xi,t,Q^2) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^{+1} \mathrm{d}y \left(K_P(x_i,y,\xi,Q^2) - K_P(y,x_i,\xi,Q^2) \right) \delta_{ij} H_j(\xi,t,Q^2)}_{\left(K_P^{(2)}(\xi,Q^2) \right)_{ij}}$$

Constant piece

► The constant piece (delta distribution piece) is trivial.

$$S_C(x_i, \xi, t, Q^2) = \int_{-1}^{+1} dy \, K_C(Q^2) \delta(y - x_i) H(y, \xi, t, Q^2)$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} \underbrace{\left(\delta_{ij} K_C(Q^2)\right)}_{\left(K_C(Q^2)\right)_{ij}} H_j(\xi, t, Q^2)$$

Accuracy benchmarks





- ► GK model for the examples.
- Easily get sub-percent error.









Solving the evolution equations

• Combining pieces gives a matrix form of the evolution kernel:

 $K_{ij}(\xi, Q^2) = \left(K_R(\xi, Q^2)\right)_{ij} + \left(K_P^{(1)}(\xi, Q^2)\right)_{ij} + \left(K_P^{(2)}(\xi, Q^2)\right)_{ij} + \left(K_C(Q^2)\right)_{ij}$

► Turns evolution equation into a **matrix differential equation**:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}H_i(\xi, Q^2)}{\mathrm{d}\log(Q^2)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} K_{ij}(\xi, Q^2) H_j(\xi, Q^2)$$

This can be solved using Runge-Kutta.

Evolution matrices

Solution to the evolution equation, via RK4:

$$H_i(\xi, t, Q_{\text{fin}}^2) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_x} M_{ij}(\xi, Q_{\text{ini}}^2 \to Q_{\text{fin}}^2) H_j(\xi, Q_{\text{ini}}^2)$$

Evolution matrix:

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}(\xi, Q_{\rm ini}^2 \to Q_{\rm fin}^2) = \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{6} \log \frac{Q_{\rm fin}^2}{Q_{\rm ini}^2} \Big(M_{ij}^{(1)}(\xi) + 2M_{ij}^{(2)}(\xi) + 2M_{ij}^{(3)}(\xi) + M_{ij}^{(4)}(\xi) \Big)$$

Build using RK4:

$$\begin{split} M_{ij}^{(1)}(\xi) &= K_{ij}(\xi, Q_{\rm ini}^2) \\ M_{ij}^{(2)}(\xi) &= \sum_{l=1}^{N_x} K_{il}(\xi, Q_{\rm mid}^2) \left(\delta_{lj} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{Q_{\rm fin}^2}{Q_{\rm ini}^2} M_{lj}^{(1)}(\xi) \right) \\ M_{ij}^{(3)}(\xi) &= \sum_{l=1}^{N_x} K_{il}(\xi, Q_{\rm mid}^2) \left(\delta_{lj} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{Q_{\rm fin}^2}{Q_{\rm ini}^2} M_{lj}^{(2)}(\xi) \right) \\ M_{ij}^{(4)}(\xi) &= \sum_{l=1}^{N_x} K_{il}(\xi, Q_{\rm fin}^2) \left(\delta_{lj} + \log \frac{Q_{\rm fin}^2}{Q_{\rm ini}^2} M_{lj}^{(3)}(\xi) \right) \end{split}$$

Numerical results—comparison to PARTONS



- Decent agreement with PARTONS.
 - But we need to set $N_{\rm fl} = 3$ to agree with PARTONS.
- ► GK model used in comparison.
- ► Leading order in plots.

The End

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- ► Paper in preparation
- Code package **tiktaalik** to be released soon!
 - Pending more quality tests, and example scripts.
 - ► First release only leading order; NLO in progress.