Quasi-PDFs and quasi-GPDs in the massive Schwinger model

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Why study PDFs and FFs?

- Parton distribution functions (PDFs): probability density to find partons in hadron as function of fraction x of the hadron's momentum (carried by parton).
- Fragmentation functions (FFs) describe how high-energy parton transforms into a jet of hadrons; counterpart of PDFs but describe "reverse" process: parton hadronizes
- PDFs and FFs crucial for understanding internal structure of hadrons and dynamics of partonic interactions
- PDFs and FFs central for analyses of most high energy processes in QCD (i.e. data from LHC, RHIC, EIC).



The Light Front

Light-front time: $x^+ = t + z$, Light-front-space: $x^- = t - z$



Minkowski coordinates



Light front coordinates

On light front:

- hadrons composed of frozen partons due to time dilation and asymptotic freedom.
- hard processes can be split into perturbatively calculable hard block times non-perturbative matrix elements like PDFs and FFs.

PDFs are real time quantities

- PDFs inherently non-perturbative and valued on light front; hard to access in standard Euclidean lattice formulations → quasi-distributions [Ji; '13]: light-cone correlations of quarks and gluons calculated by boosting matrix elements of spatial correlations to large momentum
- In Hamiltonian time evolution can compute both. Goal: Benchmark qPDF vs PDF (in 1+1d)



Quark fragmentation

- Light front formulation of fragmentation functions (FFs) was suggested by Collins and Soper.
- Formulation is fully gauge invariant but inherently non-perturbative.
- Collins and Soper FFs are still not accessible to first principle QCD lattice simulations, due to their inherent light front structure
- Introduce concept of quasi-FF
- Drell-Levy-Yan: FFs may be approximated from PDFs using crossing and analyticity symmetries (assuming factorization etc)
- Goal: Crosscheck DLY FF with qFF



Generalized parton distributions (GPDs)

- GPDs: more detailed info on partonic structure of hadrons: correlations between longitudinal parton momentum and transverse spatial position → 3d picture of partonic content of hadrons
- Here: Establish first non-perturbative analysis of the qGPDs in massive QED2



Building a computational framework

Idea:

Create controlled theoretical framework to benchmark performance and accuracy of quantum simulations in nuclear physics

- 0. Problem where 1+1d toy model can be generalized to QCD_4 .
- 1. 1+1 d system that can be solved in the continuum limit
- 2. Solve corresponding discretized version using exact diagonalization and tensor networks
- 3. Design quantum circuit
- 4. Quantum simulation in d = 1 + 1

5. ... d = 3 + 1

Lattice Schwinger model in 1+1d



The massive Schwinger model: QED₂

Massive Schwinger model: [Schwinger; '62], [Coleman; '76]

$$S = \int d^2 x \left(\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \overline{\psi} (i \not D - m) \psi \right)$$
 with $\not D = \partial - ig \not A$.

- ψ fermion field (Dirac spinor), $\bar{\psi}=\psi^{\dagger}\gamma^{0}$
- D_μ = ∂_μ − igA covariant derivative: coupling of gauge field A_μ to fermion field. Charge of fermion: g.
- *m* mass of fermion (electron). Mass term breaks chiral symmetry explicitly ($m = 0 \rightarrow$ exactly solvable)
- Fermions interact with gauge field (E-field between charged fermions), leading to confinement (confines fermions into bound states, like mesons in QCD).
- Interaction between fermions and gauge field → charge screening (vacuum polarizes around charges); modifies vacuum significantly.

The massive Schwinger model: QED₂

Staggered fermions:
$$\psi(0, z = na) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e(n) \\ \psi_o(n) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{n:even} \\ \varphi_{n+1:odd} \end{pmatrix}$$

Optional: Jordan-Wigner map to spins $\varphi_n = \prod_{m < n} [+iZ_m] \frac{1}{2} (X_n - iY_n)$.

Spin-Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{1}{4a} \sum_{n=1}^{N-2} (X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}) + \frac{m}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n Z_n + \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} L_n^2$$
$$L_n = L_0 + \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{Z_m + (-1)^m}{2}.$$



First excited state

Use open boundary conditions + eliminate gauge field using Gauss's law; solve system with exact diagonalization and tensor networks

Consider mass gap m_{η} of first excited state $|\eta(0)\rangle$ (meson-like state).

Strong coupling $m/g \ll 1/\pi$: (split in pseudo-scalar mass due to U(1) anomaly + chiral condensate)

$$m_\eta^2 = m_S^2 + m_\pi^2 = rac{g^2}{\pi} - 4\pi \ m \langle \overline{\psi}\psi
angle_0,$$

with chiral condensate $\langle \overline{\psi}\psi\rangle_{0}=-\frac{e^{\gamma_{E}}}{2\pi}m_{S}$, where $\gamma_{E}=0.577.$

$$\frac{m_{\eta}}{m_{S}} = \left(1 + 2e^{\gamma_{E}}\frac{m}{m_{S}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + e^{\gamma_{E}}\frac{m}{m_{S}} \approx 1 + 1.78\frac{m}{m_{S}}$$

Weak coupling $\frac{m}{g} \gg \frac{1}{\pi}$: $m_{\eta} \rightarrow 2m$.

Mass gap of first excited state

Mass gap in finite spatial box receives finite size corrections $E_0 = \sqrt{m_s^2 + \pi^2/L^2}$ with $L = N \cdot a$ and $m_s^2 = g^2/\pi$.



Red-dashed line fit to $\frac{E}{E_0} = 0.99 + 1.76 \frac{m}{E_0}$

green-dashed line $\frac{E}{E_0} = \frac{0.33+1.99 m}{E_0}$. Crossing from strong to weak coupling at about $m/g \sim 1/3$.

Works well numerically (even for a small number of gridpoints).

Boost excited state at equal time toward light cone $\mathbb{K} = \int dx \, x \mathcal{H}$.

 η^\prime is the lowest massive meson in the spectrum at strong coupling

$$|\eta(\chi)
angle=e^{i\chi\mathbb{K}}|\eta(0)
angle,\ \chi\equivrac{1}{2}\mathrm{ln}igg(rac{1+v}{1-v}igg),$$

 $\langle \eta(\chi) | : \mathbb{H} : |\eta(\chi) \rangle = m_{\eta} \cosh \chi |\eta(\chi) \rangle, \ \langle \eta(\chi) | : \mathbb{P} : |\eta(\chi) \rangle = m_{\eta} \sinh \chi.$ with $p^{\mu} = \gamma m_{\eta}(1, \mathbf{v}), \ \gamma = \cosh \chi = 1/\sqrt{1 - \mathbf{v}^2}.$

To benchmark the accuracy of the boost, consider

$$\Delta(\mathbf{v}) \equiv \langle \eta(\mathbf{v}) | : \mathbb{H} : |\eta(\mathbf{v}) \rangle = \langle \eta(\mathbf{v}) | \mathbb{H} | \eta(\mathbf{v}) \rangle - E_0.$$

Boosted excited state: exact diagonalization

$$\Delta(\mathbf{v}) \equiv \langle \eta(\mathbf{v}) |$$
 : \mathbb{H} : $|\eta(\mathbf{v}) \equiv m_\eta \gamma(\chi)$; fix m_{lat} =0, N = 24, g = 1, a = 1



Error in excess of 10% (at around $v \gtrsim 0.83$), and in excess of 20% (at around $v \gtrsim 0.91$). Also, the overlap $\langle \eta(0) | 0(v) \rangle$ is nonzero.

Large amount of resource needed (already in 1+1d). 24 gridpoints far too little \Rightarrow Quantum hardware needed eventually to study 3+1 d

Boosted excited state using matrix product states



Tensor network calculation with N = 180 and lattice spacing a = 0.33. Largest symmetric error only 1.2%!

Where is the limit?

Energy Difference vs gap*cosh(χ)



Where is the limit?

Momentum vs gap*sinh(χ)



Summary for N=202

First Deviation Point (>10% symmetric, $\chi \ge 0.6$) vs a



$$\chi = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1+\nu}{1-\nu} \right); \chi = 2 \leftrightarrow \nu = 0.964; \chi = 3 \leftrightarrow \nu = 0.995; \chi = 4 \leftrightarrow 0.999$$

Light front wavefunctions

Light front wavefunctions $\varphi_n(\zeta)$ in 2-particle Fock-space approx solve: (ζP symmetric momentum fraction of partons, $\zeta = 2x - 1$) [Bergknoff; '77] $M_n^2 \varphi_n(\zeta)$

$$= \frac{1}{2}m_{5}^{2}\int_{-1}^{1} d\zeta' \varphi_{n}(\zeta') + \frac{4m^{2}}{1-\zeta^{2}}\varphi_{n}(\zeta) - 2m_{5}^{2}\operatorname{PP}\int_{-1}^{1} d\zeta' \frac{\varphi_{n}(\zeta') - \varphi_{n}(\zeta)}{(\zeta'-\zeta)^{2}}$$

't Hooft equation + U(1) anomaly; M_n is mass gap Due to pole: $\varphi_n(\pm 1) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$, PDF: $q_\eta(x) = |\varphi(x)|^2$. Expansion using orthonormal Jacobi polynomials $P_n^{2\beta,2\beta}$ [Mo, Perry; '93]



 $\begin{array}{l} \beta = 0.1\sqrt{3}/\pi \mbox{ (blue)},\\ \beta = \sqrt{3}/\pi \mbox{ (red)},\\ \beta = 10\sqrt{3}/\pi \mbox{ (black) using}\\ 13 \mbox{ Jacobi polynomials.} \end{array}$

PDF for boosted pseudo-scalar (in rest frame) defined as (leading order in $p_+
ightarrow \infty$)

$$q_{\eta}(x,v) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-iz\zeta p^{1}} \langle \eta(0) | e^{-i\chi \mathbb{K}} \overline{\psi}(0,z)[z,-z] \gamma^{+} \gamma^{5} \psi(0,-z) e^{i\chi \mathbb{K}} | \eta(0) \rangle.$$

with $p^1 = \gamma m_\eta v$ and $\zeta = 2x - 1$ with x the parton fraction. Here $\gamma^+ = \gamma^0 + \gamma^1$, [z, -z] is link along spatial direction. PDA similar.

Both defined at equal time for fixed boost, reduce to Ji's light front partonic functions in large rapidity limit $\chi \gg 1$.

Now consider matrix element with vacuum expectation value subtracted, i.e.

$$D(na) - \langle 0|e^{-i\chi(v)\mathbb{K}}(\varphi_n^{\dagger} + \varphi_{n+1}^{\dagger})(\varphi_{-n} + \varphi_{-n+1})e^{i\chi(v)\mathbb{K}}|0
angle$$

PDFs from matrix product states (tensor networks)



(blue, green, red); real part roughly zero.

PDFs from tensor networks (preliminary)



(Pre-liminary) Tensor network results for v=0.995055 ($\chi = 3$) in red. Black curve is two-particle Fock space solution.

Trade boost for Hamiltonian time evolution. Use the boost and "time" identities:

$$\begin{split} e^{-i\chi\mathbb{K}}\psi(0,-z)e^{i\chi\mathbb{K}} &= e^{\chi\gamma^5/2}\psi(-\gamma\nu z,\gamma z)\\ \psi(-\nu z,z) &= e^{-i\nu z\mathbb{H}}\psi(0,z)e^{i\nu z\mathbb{H}} \end{split}$$

Resulting eventually in:

$$q_{\eta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n} e^{-in\zeta am_{\eta} v} \langle \eta(0) | \left(\varphi_{n}^{\dagger} + \varphi_{n+1}^{\dagger}\right) e^{-i2vn\mathbb{H}} \left(\varphi_{-n} + \varphi_{-n+1}\right) | \eta(0) \rangle$$

Problem so far: bond dimension in TN simulation is growing very fast during time evolution

Collins-Soper fragmentation functions

On light front, gauge-invariant definition of the QCD quark fragmentation $Q \rightarrow Q + H$ was given by Collins and Soper. Introduce the **spatially symmetric qFF**

$$d_q^{\eta}(z,v) = \frac{1}{z} \int \frac{dZ}{4\pi} e^{-i(\frac{2}{z}-1)P(v)Z} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\gamma^+\gamma^5\langle 0|\psi(-Z)[-Z,\infty]^{\dagger}a_{\mathrm{out}}^{\dagger}(P(v))a_{\mathrm{out}}(P(v))[\infty,Z]\overline{\psi}(Z)|0\rangle\right)$$

where $P(v) = \gamma(v)m_{\eta}v$ is momentum fraction carried by the emitted η from mother quark jet with momentum P(v)/z.

The asymptotic time limit implements the LSZ reduction on source field

$$a^{\dagger}_{\mathrm{out}}(P)a_{\mathrm{out}}(P)=rac{2}{f^2}e^{i\mathbb{H}t}|\psi^{\dagger}\gamma_5\psi(0,P(v))|^2e^{-i\mathbb{H}t}|_{t
ightarrow+\infty}.$$

Computed $\mathbb{C}(Z, v, \infty)$ in lattice model. Compare to PDFs estimated using DLY $d_{DLY}(z, v) = z^{d-3} p_{\eta}\left(\frac{1}{z}, v\right)$

Quasi-GPDs

Light front GPD for η' in QED2 is off-diagonal ME of analogue of leading twist-2 quark operator in QCD4

$$H(x,\xi,t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{i\zeta P^+ z^-} \times \langle P + \frac{\Delta}{2} | \overline{\psi}(-z^-) [-z^-, +z^-]_- \gamma^+ \gamma^5 \psi(+z^-) | P - \frac{\Delta}{2} \rangle.$$

where $[]_{-}$ is Wilson-line along light cone direction

2D: no transverse momentum; skewness is tied to momentum transfer through mass-shell condition $m_{\eta}^2 = \frac{t}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi^2} \right)$. In our language:

$$H(x,\xi,t,v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{-iz\zeta P^{1}(v)} \times \langle \eta(0) | e^{-i(\chi(v)+\xi_{+})\mathbb{K}} \overline{\psi}(0,-z)[-z,+z]_{S} \gamma^{+} \gamma^{5} \psi(0,+z) e^{i(\chi(v)+\xi_{-})\mathbb{K}} | \eta(0) \rangle.$$

Conclusions:

- Introduced the concept of quasi-fragmentation functions
- Formulated quasi-distribution functions/amplitudes and quasi-fragmentation functions in language suitable for quantum computation

Outlook (in progress):

- qGPD (Generalized Parton Distribution) works analogous \Rightarrow info about skewness
- Much finer lattices are needed for the comparison \rightarrow tensor networks
- Check the proposal for the qFF versus the FF computed from DLY
- Multi-flavor case
- Set up the calculation on a quantum computer

Mimicking "jet production"

$$H(t) = H_{kin} + H_m + H_E(t); \ H_E(t) = \frac{ag^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left(L_n - \theta \left(\frac{t}{a} - \left| n - \frac{N}{2} \right| \right) \right)^2$$

Graphics taken from [Florio, Frenklakh, Ikeda, Kharzeev, Korepin, Shi, Yu; '23]



Effective temperature from local observables



We fixed g = 0.5/a, m/g = 0.5 and N = 100. Temperature extracted from 10 middle sites.

Extracting effective temperature from overlaps



Logic:

- 1. At a given time *t* choose subsystem *A* of length *L* and compute reduced density matrix.
- 2. Generate thermal wave functions (characterized by T) for a system of length N_2 .
- 3. Compute thermal (reduced) density matrix for a subsystem of size. L
- 4. Compute fidelity and trace distance between reduced density matrix of *jet* simulation and thermal (reduced) density matrix.

Effective temperature from overlaps



Preliminary. We fixed g = 0.5/a, m/g = 0.5 and N = 100. Subsystem of size 4 moved through lattice.

Time dependent temperature from overlaps



Preliminary. We fixed g = 0.5/a, m/g = 0.5 and N = 100. Subsystem of size 2 centered in the middle as a function of time. Thermal states are traced from $N_2 = 12$ to L = 2.





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Gauge fixing

Introduce a lattice electric field operator $L_n = E(an)/g$, a lattice vector potential $\phi_n = agA_1(an)$ and link operator $U_n = e^{-iagA_1(an)}$. Recall Hamiltonian

$$H^{L} = -\frac{i}{2a} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left[U_{n}^{\dagger} \chi_{n}^{\dagger} \chi_{n+1} - U_{n} \chi_{n+1}^{\dagger} \chi_{n} \right] + \frac{ag^{2}}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} L_{n}^{2} + m \sum_{n=1}^{N} (-1)^{n} \chi_{n}^{\dagger} \chi_{n},$$

Use remaining freedom to perform a space- only dependent gauge transformation to set all gauge links to unity:

$$\chi_n \to \Omega_n \chi_n, \ \chi_n^{\dagger} \to \chi_n^{\dagger} \Omega_n^{\dagger}, \ U_n \to \Omega_{n+1} U_n \Omega_n^{\dagger}$$

$$\begin{split} \Omega_1 &= 1, \Omega_n = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} U_i^{\dagger} \text{ Wilson line } [z, -z] \text{ collapses to } 1 \text{ between } \\ \bar{\psi}(0, z) .. \psi(0, -z) \text{ since } \\ [-z, z] &\sim \prod_{-z < n < z} U_n = \prod_{-N/2 < n < -z} U_n^{\dagger} \prod_{-N/2 < n < z} U_n. \end{split}$$

Quark fragmentation

- Quark fragmentation (Field and Feynman): quark jet model to describe meson production in semi-inclusive processes
- Quark jet model independent parton cascade model: hard parton depletes its longitudinal momentum by emitting successive mesons through chain process (e.g. string breaking in Lund model)
- Jet fragmentation and hadronization important for collider experiments to extract partonic structure of matter, gluon helicity in nucleons and mechanism behind the production of diffractive dijets.
- FFs describe how a high-energy parton transforms into a jet of hadrons; counterpart of PDFs but describe "reverse" process: parton hadronizes



Collins-Soper fragmentation functions (I)

Measures the amount of meson outgoing from the quark.

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where $P(v) = \gamma(v)m_{\eta}v$ is momentum fraction carried by the emitted η from mother quark jet with momentum P(v)/z.

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ightarrow+\infty}.$$

Collins-Soper fragmentation function (II)

The symmetric qFF can be recast in terms of the spatial qFF correlator

$$d_q^{\eta}(z,v) = \frac{1}{z} \int \frac{dZ}{4\pi} e^{-i(\frac{2}{z}-1)P(v)Z} \mathbb{C}(Z,v,\infty),$$

$$\mathbb{C}(Z, v, t) = \frac{2}{f^2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\gamma^+ \gamma^5 \langle 0|\psi(0, -Z)[-Z, \infty]^\dagger e^{i\mathbb{H}t} e^{i\chi(v)\mathbb{K}} |\psi^\dagger \gamma_5 \psi(0, m_\eta)|^2 e^{-i\chi(v)\mathbb{K}} e^{-i\mathbb{H}t} [\infty, Z] \overline{\psi}(0, Z) |0\rangle\right).$$

Under combined boost and time evolution, the equal-time fermion field is now lying on the light cone.

Computed $\mathbb{C}(Z, v, \infty)$ in lattice model using exact diagonalization/tensor networks.

Discretized Lattice qFF

Recall:

$$\mathbb{C}(Z, \mathbf{v}, t) = \frac{2}{f^2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\gamma^+ \gamma^5 \langle 0|\psi(0, -Z)[-Z, \infty]^\dagger e^{i\mathbb{H}t} e^{i\chi(\mathbf{v})\mathbb{K}} |\psi^\dagger \gamma_5 \psi(0, 0)|^2 e^{-i\chi(\mathbf{v})\mathbb{K}} e^{-i\mathbb{H}t} [\infty, Z] \overline{\psi}(0, Z) |0\rangle\right).$$

Same discretization as for PDF. New element:

$$|\psi^{\dagger}\gamma_{5}\psi(0,0)|^{2} = \frac{1}{a^{2}} \bigg| \sum_{n} (\sigma_{n}^{+}\sigma_{n+1}^{-} - \sigma_{n+1}^{+}\sigma_{n}^{-}) \bigg|^{2},$$

where $\sigma_n^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(X_n \pm iY_n)$. Discretized form of the symmetric spatial qFF:

$$\mathbb{C}(n, v, t) = \frac{4}{aF^2} \sum_{i,j=e,o} e^{in\gamma am_{\eta}} \langle 0|\psi_i(-n)e^{i\mathbb{H}t}|\psi^{\dagger}\gamma_5\psi(0,0)|^2 e^{-i\mathbb{H}t}\psi_j^{\dagger}(n)|0\rangle.$$

Drell-Levy-Yan relation

Crossing symmetry and charge conjugation: Estimate of the CS FF in terms of PDFs using the DLY

$$d_{DLY}(z,v) = z^{d-3} p_{\eta}\left(\frac{1}{z},v\right)$$



 $p_{\eta} \equiv |\varphi_2|^2 \sim$ probability of finding parton of momentum fraction x in hadron p(x). DLY: is related to the amount of meson spit out by parton with fraction of momentum z.

Using the EVP:

$$d_{DLY}(z,1) = rac{ar{z}^2}{z(ar{z}\mu^2 + z^2ar{lpha})^2} igg(f - \int_0^1 dx rac{arphi(x)}{(x-1/z)^2}igg)^2$$

with
$$\mu^2 = M^2/m_5^2$$
 and $1 + \bar{\alpha} = \alpha = m^2/m_5^2$.



Strong coupling DLY fragmentation function (light quarks): $\beta = 0$ (blue) and $\beta = 0.2$ (red). The divergence for small masses (small β) is in agreement with the exact bosonization description of QED2

DLY fragmentation function for heavy quarks: FF is peaked in the forward (jet) direction, with a strong suppression as $z \rightarrow 0$ (vanishes for 1 = z = 0).

