

Leading power accuracy in Large-Momentum  
effective theory  
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# Parton Physics

Feynman's parton model describes the contents of a hadron in the limit of infinite momentum (i.e. on the light-cone). In this limit, the hadron is composed of non-interacting particles.

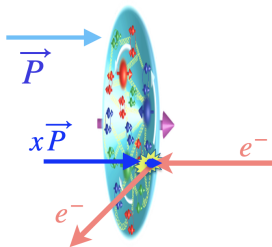


Figure 1: Feynman's parton model<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Image taken from Yong Zhou's presentation at CSSM/CDMPP seminar at University of Adelaide (13/4/22).

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The advent of large-momentum effective theory (LaMET) in 2013 by Xiangdong Ji showed that parton physics can be approximated on the lattice<sup>2</sup>. Several topics have been studied with this method such as Parton Distribution Functions (PDF), Generalised PDFs (GPD) and Transverse Momentum distributions (TMD).

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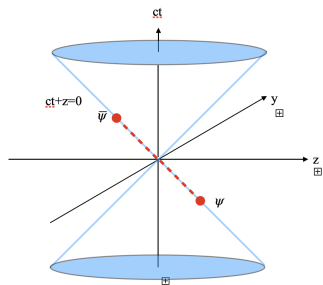


Figure 2: Operator used for parton physics.

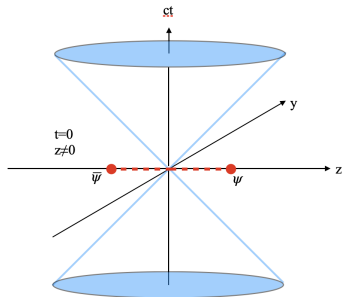


Figure 3: Operator used in LaMET.

We replace the operator on the left with the non-local “quasi-” operator on the right. The two are related by a Lorentz boost.

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A Distribution Amplitude,  $\phi(x)$ , is the probability of finding a  $q\bar{q}$  pair with momentum-fractions  $x$  and  $1 - x$ , respectively. ( $x$  is the fraction of the hadron momentum carried by the constituent parton.)

# Renormalon ambiguity

Perturbative expansions are not convergent to all orders.

The coefficients of the terms in the perturbative series

$$f(\alpha_s) = \sum_n c_n \alpha_s^{n+1} \quad (1)$$

grow factorially as more and more diagrams have to be computed. The series begins to diverge when  $n \sim \alpha_s^{-1}$  and we must truncate it.

This introduces a renormalon ambiguity  $\mathcal{O}(a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ .



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Assuming  $c_n = N s^n (n + b)!$ ,

$$B[f](t) = \frac{N b!}{(1 - st)^{b+1}}. \quad (4)$$

Singularity at  $s = t^{-1}$ ; “renormalon”.

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In a paper recently submitted to PRL, we describe a new method known as Leading Renormalon Resummation (LRR).

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$$M^{\text{lat}}(z, a^{-1}) = e^{-\delta m z} f^{\text{lat}}(z, z^{-1}) e^{-\mathcal{I}^{\text{lat}}(z^{-1})} e^{\mathcal{I}^{\text{lat}}(a^{-1})}\tag{6}$$

where  $f^{\text{lat}}$  is the lattice perturbation series.

## Renormalon ambiguity

The dependence on  $z$  and the dependence on scales are completely factorised in eqs. (5) and (6). The physics is contained in the  $z$ -dependent terms and should be independent of the method used to calculate them. Thus we can interchange the  $z$ -dependence between the two formulae:

$$M^{\text{lat}}(z, a^{-1}) = M^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, z^{-1}) e^{-\mathcal{I}(z^{-1})} e^{\mathcal{I}^{\text{lat}}(a^{-1})} e^{-\delta m z} \quad (7)$$



## Renormalon ambiguity

We show in our PRL paper that the renormalon term obeys

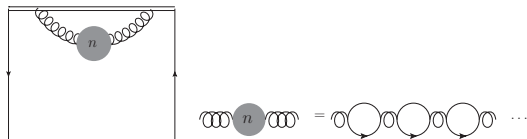
$$\frac{1}{z} \left( \ln \left[ M^{\text{lat}}(z, a^{-1}) e^{-\mathcal{I}^{\text{lat}}(a^{-1})} e^{\frac{m_{-1}(a)}{a} z} \right] - \ln \left[ M^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, z^{-1}) e^{-\mathcal{I}(z^{-1})} \right] \right) = -m_0^{\text{eff}} (1 + \mathcal{O}(z\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})). \quad (8)$$

At large  $z$ -values, the perturbative calculation fails. At small  $z$ -values the lattice data become unreliable due to discretisation effects. Thus, we expect a window of  $z$ -values for which  $m_0$  is constant.

However, we found that – even within the window of valid  $z$ -values –  $m_0$  was not a constant, even statistically.

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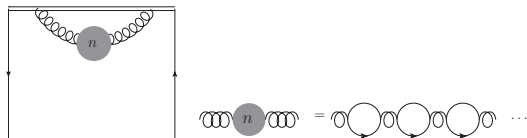
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The contribution to  $M^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$  from the tadpole diagrams is<sup>3</sup>

$$M_{\text{tp}}(z, \mu)|_{\text{PV}} = \text{P.V.} \int_0^\infty dw e^{-4\pi w/\alpha(\mu)\beta_0} \frac{2C_F}{\beta_0} \times \left( \frac{\Gamma(1-w)e^{\frac{5}{3}w}(z^2\mu^2/4)^w}{(1-2w)\Gamma(1+w)} - 1 \right) / w. \quad (9)$$

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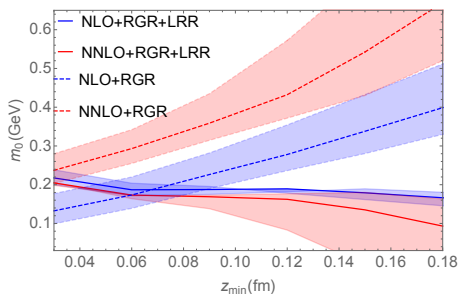


Figure 5: Value of  $m_0$  parameter with original method and with LRR method. The renormalon is fitted in the range  $[z_{\min}, z_{\min} + 0.06 \text{ fm}]$

## Method outline

Computing the DAs from the matrix elements is a lengthy task:

- Matrix elements (in coordinate space) are renormalized in the self-renormalization scheme<sup>4</sup>.
- The effects of IR renormalons must be removed.
- The DA must be matched to the light-cone (boosted to infinite momentum).
- The DA must be Fourier transformed to momentum space.

This method is the same as that of “Pion and Kaon Distribution Amplitudes from Lattice QCD”<sup>5</sup> but with the LRR treatment.

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<sup>4</sup>“Self-renormalization of quasi-light-front correlators on the lattice”: [2103.02965](#)

<sup>5</sup>[2201.09173](#)

## Self-Renormalisation

Self-renormalisation of the DA matrix elements requires studying the PDF matrix elements. The bare matrix element for the quasi-PDF is

$$\mathcal{M}(z, a)_B = \langle M(P_z = 0) | \bar{\psi}(0) \Gamma U(0, z) \psi(z) | M(P_z = 0) \rangle \quad (10)$$

where

- $|M(P_z = 0)\rangle$  is the meson state at zero momentum;
- $a$  is the lattice spacing;
- $\Gamma$  is the Dirac structure;
- $U(0, z)$  is the Wilson line from the origin to  $(0, 0, 0, z)$ :

$$U(0, z) = \exp\left(-ig \int_0^z dz' A_z(z')\right). \quad (11)$$

The Wilson line is necessary to ensure gauge invariance but it introduces a new problem...

# Self-Renormalisation

Expanding the PDF operator to 1-loop gives

$$\langle O_\Gamma(z) \rangle = \Gamma \left( 1 + g^2 \gamma \ln \left( \frac{z^2}{a^2} \right) + \underbrace{m_{-1} \frac{z}{a}}_{\text{linear divergence}} + \dots \right) \quad (12)$$

The linear divergence becomes more severe at large- $z$  and at small- $a$ . We must remove it in order to compute a meaningful continuum limit.

## Self-Renormalisation

The outcome of the self-renormalisation scheme is that the bare matrix element,  $\mathcal{M}_B(z, a)$  is related to the renormalised one by

$$\mathcal{M}_R(z) = \frac{\mathcal{M}_B(z, a)}{Z_R(z, a)} \quad (13)$$

where

$$Z_R(z, a) = \exp \left[ \frac{kz}{a \ln(a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})} + m_0 z + f_1(z)a + \frac{3C_F}{4\pi\beta_0} \ln \left( \frac{\ln(a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})}{\ln(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/\mu)} \right) + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{d}{\ln(a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})} \right) \right]. \quad (14)$$

The first term describes the linear divergence due to the Wilson line,  $m_0$  describes the effects of renormalons,  $f_1$  describes discretisation effects, the double-logs describe the logarithmic divergence and the  $d$  term is used to match the matrix element to perturbation theory for  $z \lesssim 0.2$  fm.  $C_F$  is the quadratic Casimir for  $SU(3)$ ,  $\beta_0$  is the coefficient of the one-loop beta function.



# Comparison

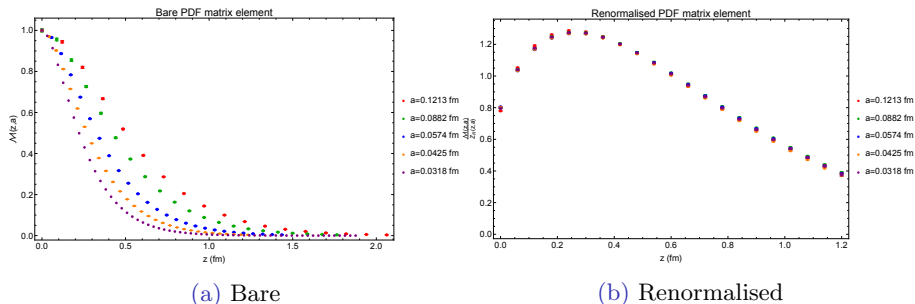


Figure 6: PDF matrix element before and after renormalisation including treatment of the linear divergence. Not only is the divergence removed but the renormalised matrix elements are independent of  $a$ .

## Lightcone matching

After removing the effects of renormalons, we match our quasi-DA,  $\tilde{\phi}(x, \mu, P_z)$ , to the lightcone DA,  $\phi(x, \mu)$ , with the matching kernel  $\mathcal{C}$ :

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, \mu, P_z) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} \mathcal{C}(x/y, \mu, P_z) \phi(x, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{x^2 P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(1-x)^2 P_z^2}\right) \quad (15)$$

With the renormalon terms subtracted, corrections are  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_z^2)$  as opposed to  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/P_z)$ .

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These data use  $2 + 1$  quark flavours:  $u$ ,  $d$  and  $s$ . We compute the DA for each of

- 1  $\pi$
- 2  $K$
- 3  $\eta_s$ .

Note that there is exact isospin symmetry for the  $\pi$  and  $\eta_s$ .

# Pion DA

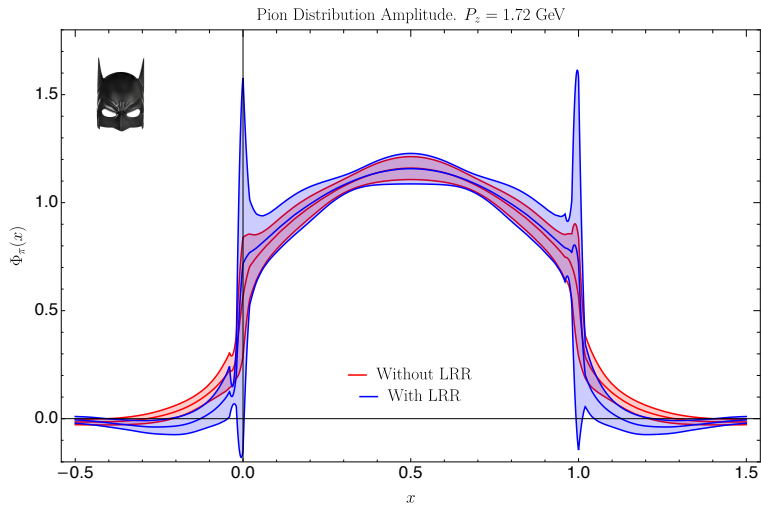


Figure 7: Pion DA (provisional).

# Conclusions

- We have presented provisional results for the pion DA using LRR.
- My collaborators, Yushan Su and Rui Zhang, are working with me on finalising the DA calculations.
- Su and Zhang are applying LRR to the calculation of parton distribution functions.

Thank you