SIDIS Kinematic regions and their role in giving the correct theory interpretation to experimental measurements

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QCD and Factorization



- The interplay between perturbative and non-perturbative regimes is currently one of the most challenging aspects in phenomenology, which is presently explored in many different dedicated experiments (existing or being planned for the near future).
- Factorization allows to separate the perturbative content of an observable from its non-perturbative content. At large Q and small m, the non-perturbative contributions are separated out from anything that can be computed by using perturbative techniques, and identified with universal quantities (structure functions).
- **Factorization** restores the predictive power of QCD

Factorization: region classification

J. Collins, Foundations of perturbative QCD (Cambridge University Press, 2011)

Particles are classified according to how they propagate in space, i.e. according to their virtuality.



Factorization: region classification

General structure of a generic factorization theorem:

$$\mathcal{O} = H \times S \times \prod_{j} C_{j} + p.s.$$
Power suppressed terms

IR-safe hard contribution
Soft and collinear contributions, accounting for non-perturbative effects
PDFs and TMDs

- Each term is equipped with proper subtractions.
- The soft factor S encodes the *correlation* among the various collinear parts.
- While H can be computed in pQCD, S and C have to be determined using non perturbative methods. For instance they can be modeled and extracted from experimental data, or computed in lattice QCD

FACTORIZATION: Collinear vs TMD

Factorization: identify, isolate, separate perturbative from non-perturbative contributions

This is intimately related to a clear identification of different kinematic regions, where different theoretical schemes must be applied

COLLINEAR

TMD



 $q_T \ll Q$

There is *enough* transverse momentum to produce jets at wide angles in the final state. The low transverse momenta of the struck parton, of the fragmenting parton and of soft radiation are totally negligible

The production of hard jets with high transverse momentum is strongly suppressed The low transverse momenta of the struck parton, of the fragmenting parton and of soft radiation are *relevant*

Factorization: collinear vs TMD





Central region is where TMD and collinear cross sections are expected to be matched

The Y term corrects for the misbehavior of W as q_T gets larger, providing a consistent (and positive) q_T differential cross section.

Factorization in SIDIS

Factorization regions

- ★ Fixed order pQCD calculations describe the SIDIS cross section at large q_T
 → COLLINEAR factorization
- ★ The cross section at small q_T is dominated by non perturbative contributions
 → TMD factorization (complemented with non perturbative modeling)
- ★ The intermediate region is a "matching region"



ZEUS Collaboration (M. Derrick), Z. Phys. C 70, 1 (1996)



TMD vs Collinear regions

- For this scheme to work, distinct kinematic regions have to be identified
- They should be large enough and well separated

TMD evolution		Matching region (Y factor)	Fixed Order collinear QCE
q τ ~ λ _{QCD}	q⊤ << Q	q⊤ ~ Q	q⊤ ≥ Q
Intrinsic q⊤	Intrinsic q _⊤ Soft gluon radiation		Hard gluon emission

Warning: factorization identifies 2 regions, at the 2 ends of the q_T spectrum!

Issues arise in the intermediate region (transition from pert. to non-pert. regimes)

How do we know where the boundaries of the kinematic regions are?

Perturbative vs non-perturbative contributions

Study evolution in the transverse coordinate space, b_T (F.T. space of k_T)

Freeze all perturbative scales when reaching the non perturbative region

b* prescription

$$b_T \longrightarrow b_* = \frac{b_T}{\sqrt{1 + b_T^2/b_{max}^2}} \longrightarrow \boldsymbol{b}_*(\boldsymbol{b}_T) = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{b}_T & \boldsymbol{b}_T \ll \boldsymbol{b}_{max} \\ \boldsymbol{b}_{max} & \boldsymbol{b}_T \gg \boldsymbol{b}_{max} \end{cases}$$

Define a non-perturbative function for large b_T:

$$\mathsf{TMD} = \tilde{f}_{j/h}(x, b_{\mathrm{T}}; \mu_{Q_0}, Q_0^2) = \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{j/h}(x, b_*; \mu_{Q_0}, Q_0^2)}_{f_{j/h}(x, b_*; \mu_{Q_0}, Q_0^2)} \left(\frac{\tilde{f}_{j/h}(x, b_{\mathrm{T}}; \mu_{Q_0}, Q_0^2)}{\tilde{f}_{j/h}(x, b_*; \mu_{Q_0}, Q_0^2)} \right)$$

Perturbative (small b_T) Non perturbative (large b_T)

Model the (unknown) non perturbative function

Let the fit determine the value of the free parameters of the non-pert. model

Perturbative vs non-perturbative contributions

ISSUE 1: the b* prescription isolates the perturbative part of the TMD and restricts it to low values of b_T (i.e. to large values of k_T)

BUT in this prescription **nothing prevents infiltrations of the non-perturbative model into the perturbative region**, at small values of b_{T.}

■ ISSUE 2: in practical implementations, the function b*(b_T) can become another non perturbative model, and the value of b_{MAX} a model parameter.

ISSUE 3: TMDs should satisfy an integral relation which links them to their collinear counterparts

$$f(x) = \int d^2 \mathbf{k_T} f(x, \mathbf{k_T})$$

ISSUE 4: discrepancies observed in the size of the collinear large q⊤ tail cross sections

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Collinear cross sections at large q_T

★ At high q_T the collinear formalism should be valid, but large discrepancies are observed



Discrepancy is about one order of magnitude



Gonzalez-Hernandez, Rogers, Sato, Wang, Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018) 11, 114005

Perturbative vs non-perturbative contributions

- These complications are ultimately connected to the fact that the usual b* organization prescribes the existence of only 2 very sharply defined contributions: 1 that involves entirely perturbative b_T dependence and 1 that is entirely non-perturbative.
- A more realistic view is that there are 3 types of b_T-dependence:
 - 1) A totally non-perturbative behavior as $b_T \rightarrow \infty$
 - 2) A very reliable collinear factorization as $b_T \rightarrow 1/Q_0$
 - 3) An intermediate transition region around $b_T \sim 1/Q_0$ where b_T -dependence is reasonably well-described by perturbative collinear factorization, but is not as isolated from non-perturbative effects as region 2.

Ideally, the **intermediate region** should be described by a **physically motivated model** that interpolates between the TMD and the collinear regions

Hadron Structure Oriented approach (HSO)

Aslan, Boglione, Gonzalez-Hernandez, Rainaldi, Rogers, Simonelli, Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 7, 074016

- Construct a smooth and continuous parametrization of the TMD that directly interpolates between perturbative and non-perturbative regimes
- Impose the integral relation on this parametrization

$$f(x) = \int_{reg} d^2 \mathbf{k_T} f(x, \mathbf{k_T}; \mu_Q, \mu_Q^2) + \Delta + p.s.$$

- Avoid intrusion of the non-perturbative model in the kinematical region where the behaviour of the TMD should be dominated by perturbative physics
- **•** Make sure that the TMD converges fast enough to its perturbative tail at large k_T
- Ensure a reliable physical interpretation of the extracted TMD

The role of experimental data (JLab12 and JLab22)

- Do experimental data help us to assess energy and transverse momentum ranges which are crucial to improve the current understanding of QCD in terms of factorization theorems?
- Do experimental data shed light on the hadronization mechanism?
- Do experimental data allow a reliable separation between TMD and collinear regimes?
- How does QCD manifest itself in the "intermediate/matching region"?



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What is "affinity" ?

- Affinity is a phenomenological tool based on momentum region indicators to guide the analysis and interpretation of SIDIS measurements.
- The new tool, referred to as "affinity", is devised to help visualize and quantify the proximity of any experimental kinematic bin to a particular hadron production region, such as that associated with transverse momentum dependent factorization.
- Bin centers are located in the points corresponding to the bin averaged values of x_{Bj} and Q², and in each of these bins various values of z_h and q_T/Q can be measured.
- In each bin of fixed z and q_T /Q, the affinity is indicated by a dot with size proportional to the number of events in that specific bin.
- The affinity is color coded according to the scheme on the right of the panels: red (and smaller) symbols correspond to low TMD affinity, while dark blue (and larger) symbols correspond to high TMD affinity

Momentum region indicators



Phase space – JLab12 and JLab22





Data set: 100k events

Each event is identified by:

- a set of hadronic variables (x, Q², z, p_T) measured
- a set of partonic variables (k_i , M_i , M_f , δk_T) unknown

Reconstruction of hadronic variables

Two possible strategies:

1. partonic variables are assumed to follow Gaussian distributions (same for all values of hadronic variables)



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Reconstruction of hadronic variables

Two possible strategies:

2. partonic variables distributions are reconstructed, event-by-event, from a MC generator (correlations preserved)



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Non-perturbative parameters for [Q²=1.5, X_{Bj}=0.1]



Non-perturbative parameters for [Q²=3.5, X_{Bj}=0.3]



Non-perturbative parameters for [Q²=7.5, X_{Bj}=0.5]



Region indicators

Region indicators are computed for each event:



TMD-Affinity@JLab12 (MC event-by-event method)

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blob sizes are based on number of events, blob colors are based on affinity

TMD-Affinity@JLab12 (Gaussian distributions vs. event-by-event MC generated distributions)

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blob sizes as well as blob colors are based on affinity / binning is different

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1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

JLab12 affinity to TMD and collinear regions



Phase space in rapidity y_h of produced hadron, with for TMD, collinear, central and target regions indicated.

The legends show the percentage of all bins with corresponding affinity above 5%

As expected Jlab12 phase space covers mostly the TMD region



TMD-Affinity@JLab22



Collinear-Affinity@JLab22



Central-Affinity@JLab22



JLab22 affinity to TMD and collinear regions



Phase space in rapidity y_h of produced hadron, with for TMD, collinear, central and target regions indicated.

The legends show the percentage of all bins with corresponding affinity above 5%

At JLab22 TMD and collinear regions are well separated

Conclusions

- Phenomenological studies of TMD factorization have entered a high precision hera. Many aspects of the interplay between perturbative and non-perturbative contributions are now better understood
- Some issues remain open and need further investigation, especially as far as the phenomenological application of factorization theorems is concerned:
 - \star Hard to avoid non-perturbative models leeks into perturbative regions (\rightarrow HSO)
 - \star Hard to work in b_T space where we loose phenomenological intuition
 - ★ F.T. involves integration of an oscillating function over b_T up to infinity: upon integration one loses track of "small b_T" and "large b_T".

Simultaneous fits of SIDIS, Drell-Yan and e+e- annihilation data are very valuable, BUT they should be performed within consistent and solid frameworks, to allow for a reliable interpretation of the fit outcomes.

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Conclusions

A thorough assessment of SIDIS kinematic regions can have a considerable impact on our understanding of TMD physics

- These studies will help us to assess energy and transverse momentum ranges which are crucial to improve the current understanding of QCD in terms of factorization theorems, and shed light on the hadronization mechanism
- Affinity will allow a reliable separation between TMD and collinear regimes, and possibly give access to the matching region



Factorization



Resummation / TMD evolution

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2 dy dq_T^2} = \int \frac{d^2 \boldsymbol{b}_T e^{i\boldsymbol{q}_T \cdot \boldsymbol{b}_T}}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_j e_j^2 W_j(x_1, x_2, b_T, Q) + Y(x_1, x_2, q_T, Q)$$
$$Y = \sigma^{\text{FO}} - \sigma^{\text{ASY}}$$

- The W term is designed to work well at low and moderate q_T, when q_T << Q. (Notice that W is devised to work down to q_T~ 0, however collinear-factorization works up to q_T > M; therefore, TMD-factorization and collinear-factorization can be simultaneously applied only when q_T >> M).
- The W term becomes unphysical at larger q_T, when q_T ≥ Q, where it becomes negative (and large).
- The Y term corrects for the misbehavior of W as q⊤gets larger, providing a consistent (and positive) q⊤ differential cross section.
- The Y term should provide an effective smooth transition to large q ⊤, where fixed order perturbative calculations are expected to work.

SIDIS - Y factor

Boglione, Gonzalez, Melis, Prokudin, JHEP 02 (2015) 095



The Y factor should not be neglected

 The Y factor is very large (as large as the cross section itself) even at low q_T



However, it could be affected by large theoretical uncertainties

$$\sigma^{ASY} = Q^2/q_T^2 [A Ln(Q^2/q_T^2) + B + C]$$

TMD regions



Non-perturbative parameters Gaussian distributions



Non-perturbative values (Gaussian distributions)

Non perturbative parameters - MC



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Possible effects of numerical instabilities

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