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AS FUNCTION OF F_2 AND $dF_2/d\ln Q^2$
AT SMALL x

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Продольная структурная функция F_L как функция F_2

и $dF_2/d\ln Q^2$ при малых значениях x

Представлено уравнение для выделения продольной структурной функции F_L глубоконеупругого рассеяния из данных для поперечной структурной функции F_2 и ее производной $dF_2/d\ln Q^2$ в области малых значений x в ведущем порядке теории возмущений. Детальный анализ выполнен для данных группы H1. Значения F_L и отношения R найдены для $10^{-3} \leq x \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ и $Q^2 = 20 \text{ ГэВ}^2$.

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Longitudinal Structure Function F_L as Function of F_2

and $dF_2/d\ln Q^2$ at Small x

A formula is presented to extract the longitudinal deep inelastic structure function F_L from transverse structure function F_2 and its derivative $dF_2/d\ln Q^2$ at small x in the leading order of perturbation theory. The detailed analysis is given for new data of H1 group from HERA. The values of F_L and DIS structure function ratio R are found at $10^{-3} \leq x \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ and $Q^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$.

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For the experimental studies of hadron-hadron processes on new powerful LHC collider, it is necessary to know in detail the values of parton (quarks and gluon) distributions (PD) of nucleon, especially at small x . The basic information on quark structure of nucleon is extracted from the process of deep inelastic lepton-hadron scattering (DIS). Its differential cross-section has the following form:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dy} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{xQ^4} [(1-y+y^2/2) F_2(x, Q^2) - (y^2/2) F_L(x, Q^2)],$$

where $F_2(x, Q^2)$ and $F_L(x, Q^2)$ are the transverse and longitudinal structure functions (SF), respectively. The longitudinal SF $F_L(x, Q^2)$ and the ratio

$$R(x, Q^2) = \frac{F_L(x, Q^2)}{F_2(x, Q^2) - F_L(x, Q^2)} \quad (1)$$

are a good QCD characteristics because they equal to zero in parton model. Moreover, the value of SF F_2 , whose data is usually deduced from experiment, depends essentially on the corresponding values of F_L (or R). We note that the value of the SF F_L (or the ratio R) is very important also in the case for polarized SF which are taken from experimentally measured asymmetry of cross-sections of both: polarized leptons and nucleons.

The modern DIS experimental data (see [1] for review) are not reasonably accurate to determine $F_L(x, Q^2)$ (or $R(x, Q^2)$). Moreover, at small x the data for SF F_L are still absent.

In the present letter we are studying the behaviour of $F_L(x, Q^2)$ at small x using the new H1 data and the method (see [2]) of replacement of Mellin convolution by ordinary products.

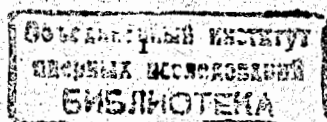
Let us introduce the standard parametrizations of singlet quark $s(x, Q^2)$ and gluon $g(x, Q^2)$ PD² (see, for example, [3])

$$\begin{aligned} s(x, Q^2) &= A_s x^{-\delta} (1-x)^{\nu_s} (1 + \epsilon_s \sqrt{x} + \gamma_s x) \equiv x^{-\delta} \tilde{s}(x, Q^2) \\ g(x, Q^2) &= A_g x^{-\delta} (1-x)^{\nu_g} (1 + \gamma_g x) \equiv x^{-\delta} \tilde{g}(x, Q^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

with Q^2 dependent parameters in the r.h.s.. We use the similar small- x behaviour for gluon and sea quarks PD that follows from the form of the kernel of Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi (GLAP) equation (see also recent fits of experimental data in [3]).

The "conventional" choice is $\delta = 0$. It leads to nonsingular behaviour of PD (see D'_0 fit in [3]) when $x \rightarrow 0$. Another value $\delta \sim \frac{1}{2}$ has been obtained in papers [4] as the sum of leading powers of $\ln(1/x)$ in all the orders of perturbation theory (PT) (see also D'_- fit in ref.[3]). Recent NMC data [5] agree with small values of δ . This choice correspond to the present experimental data for pp and $p\bar{p}$ total cross-sections (see [6]) and the model of Landshoff and Nachtmann pomeron [7] with exchange of the pair of a nonperturbative gluons, yielding $\delta = 0.086$. However, the new H1 data [8] from HERA, prefers $\delta \sim 0.5$. With help GLAP equation some attempts (see [9]) have been undertaken to obtain an agreement between the results of NMC at small Q^2 and H1 group at large Q^2 .

²We use PD multiplied by x and neglect the nonsinglet quark distribution at small x



1. Assuming the Regge-like behaviour for gluon and singlet quark PD (see eq.(2)), we get the following equation for the longitudinal SF F_L and for Q^2 derivative of the SF F_2^3 :

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = \delta_s x^{-\delta} \sum_{p=s,g} \left(\bar{B}_{L,1+\delta}^p(\alpha) \bar{p}(0, Q^2) + \bar{B}_{L,\delta}^p(\alpha) x \bar{p}'(0, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{2-\delta}),$$

$$\frac{dF_2(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = -\frac{\alpha(Q^2)}{2} \delta_s x^{-\delta} \sum_{p=s,g} \left(\tilde{\gamma}_{sp}^{1+\delta}(\alpha) \bar{p}(0, Q^2) + \tilde{\gamma}_{sp}^{\delta}(\alpha) x \bar{p}'(0, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{2-\delta}) \quad (3)$$

where $\bar{B}_{L,\eta}^p(\alpha)$ and $\tilde{\gamma}_{sp}^{\eta}(\alpha)$ are the longitudinal Wilson coefficients and some combinations of the transverse Wilson coefficients and anomalous dimensions, respectively, of the η "moment" of Wilson operators (i.e., the corresponding variables expanded from integer values of argument to noninteger ones) and

$$\bar{p}'(0, Q^2) \equiv \frac{d}{dx} \bar{p}(x, Q^2) \text{ at } x=0$$

Here δ_s is the coefficient depending on the process and number of quarks f : $\delta_s = 5/18$ for ep collision and $f = 4$.

Further we restrict our consideration to the leading order (LO) of perturbation theory (where $F_2(x, Q^2) \equiv \delta_s s(x, Q^2)$, $\bar{B}_{L,\eta}^p(\alpha)$ are the one-loop longitudinal Wilson coefficients $\alpha(Q^2) B_{L,\eta}^p$ and the $\tilde{\gamma}_{sp}^{\eta}(\alpha)$ are equal to the LO anomalous dimensions γ_{sp}^{η}) and case $\delta = 0.5$ corresponding to Lipatov pomeron that is supported by H1 data. Both: including the case $\delta = 0$ corresponding to standard pomeron into our consideration and the expansion of this analysis to the next-to-leading order (NLO) of perturbation theory, will be done in future.

For the gluon parts from r.h.s of eq.(3) with the accuracy of $O(x^2)$ we have the following form:

$$B_{L,3/2}^g \tilde{g}(x/w_g, Q^2) \quad \text{with} \quad w_g = B_{L,3/2}^g / B_{L,3/2}^g$$

$$\gamma_{sg}^{3/2} \tilde{g}(x/\xi_{sg}, Q^2) \quad \text{with} \quad \xi_{sg} = \gamma_{sg}^{3/2} / \gamma_{sg}^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

Hence, the eq.(3) may be represented in the form

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = \alpha(Q^2) \delta_s x^{-1/2} * \left(B_{L,3/2}^g \tilde{g}(x/w_g, Q^2) + B_{L,3/2}^s \tilde{s}(0, Q^2) + B_{L,1/2}^s x \tilde{s}'(0, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{3/2}), \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dF_2(x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = -\frac{\alpha(Q^2)}{2} \delta_s x^{-1/2} * \left(\gamma_{sg}^{3/2} \tilde{g}(x/\xi_{sg}, Q^2) + \gamma_{ss}^{3/2} \tilde{s}(0, Q^2) + \gamma_{ss}^{1/2} x \tilde{s}'(0, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{3/2}) \quad (6)$$

Extracting the gluon distribution from eq.(6) and substituting it to eq.(5) we obtain the following equation

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = -2 t_g^{1/2} \frac{dF_2(x/r_g, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} + \alpha(Q^2) \delta_s x^{-1/2} \left(\tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s \tilde{s}(0, Q^2) + \tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^s x \tilde{s}'(0, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{3/2}), \quad (7)$$

³Hereafter contrary to the standard case we use $\alpha(Q^2) = \alpha_s(Q^2)/4\pi$.

where

$$t_g = \frac{B_{L,3/2}^g B_{L,1/2}^g}{\gamma_{sg}^{3/2} \gamma_{sg}^{1/2}}, \quad r_g = \frac{B_{L,1/2}^g \gamma_{sg}^{3/2}}{B_{L,3/2}^g \gamma_{sg}^{1/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{B}_{L,\eta}^s = B_{L,\eta}^s - B_{L,\eta}^g \frac{\gamma_{ss}^{\eta}}{\gamma_{sg}^{\eta}}$$

By analogy with eq.(4) for the quark part from r.h.s of eq.(7) with the accuracy of $O(x^2)$ we have the following form:

$$\tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s \tilde{s}(x/r_s, Q^2) \quad \text{with} \quad r_s = \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s / \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s,$$

that leads to the following equation for the longitudinal SF

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = -2 t_g^{1/2} \frac{dF_2(x/r_g, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} + \alpha(Q^2) t_s^{1/2} F_2(x/r_s, Q^2) + O(x^{3/2}), \quad (8)$$

where $t_s = \tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^s \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s$

Thus, using the exact values of Wilson coefficients and anomalous dimensions, we get

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = \frac{24}{\sqrt{23 * 33}} * \left(\frac{dF_2(\frac{23}{33}x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} + \frac{8}{3} \alpha(Q^2) \sqrt{\frac{13}{3} - 4 \ln 2} (3 - 4 \ln 2) F_2\left(\frac{23}{33} \frac{3 - 4 \ln 2}{3 - 4 \ln 2} x, Q^2\right) \right) + O(x^{3/2})$$

$$\approx 0.87 \frac{dF_2(0.70x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} + 1.39 \alpha(Q^2) F_2(0.10x, Q^2) + O(x^{3/2}) \quad (9)$$

Note that the arguments of the transverse SF and its derivative in r.h.s of eq.(9) are different. This is not convenient because the experimental data are known (see [8, 10]) for both variables in the similar range of x . To overcome this problem we note, that with the accuracy of $O(x^2)$ the quark part from r.h.s. of eq.(7) may be represented as a sum of two terms like eq.(4) with some coefficients and arguments shifts. Choosing the shifts as 1 and r_g^{-1} we have the following representation for the quark part:

$$c_1 \tilde{s}(x, Q^2) + c_2 \tilde{s}(x/\xi_{sg}, Q^2),$$

where

$$c_1 = \frac{\tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s \tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^g - \tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^s \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^g}{\tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^g - \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^g} \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 = \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^g \frac{\tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^s - \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^s}{\tilde{B}_{L,1/2}^g - \tilde{B}_{L,3/2}^g} \quad (10)$$

with $\tilde{B}_{L,\eta}^g = B_{L,\eta}^g / \gamma_{sg}^{\eta}$

Thus, from eq.s (7)-(10) using the exact values of Wilson coefficients and anomalous dimensions, we get

$$F_L(x, Q^2) = \frac{24}{\sqrt{23 * 33}} \frac{dF_2(\frac{23}{33}x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} + \frac{128}{15} \alpha(Q^2) \left(\frac{6}{\sqrt{23 * 33}} \left(\frac{8}{5} - \ln 2 \right) F_2\left(\frac{23}{33}x, Q^2\right) - F_2(x, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{3/2})$$

$$\approx 0.87 \frac{dF_2(0.70x, Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} + 10.29 \alpha(Q^2) \left(F_2(0.70x, Q^2) - 0.83 F_2(x, Q^2) \right) + O(x^{3/2}) \quad (11)$$

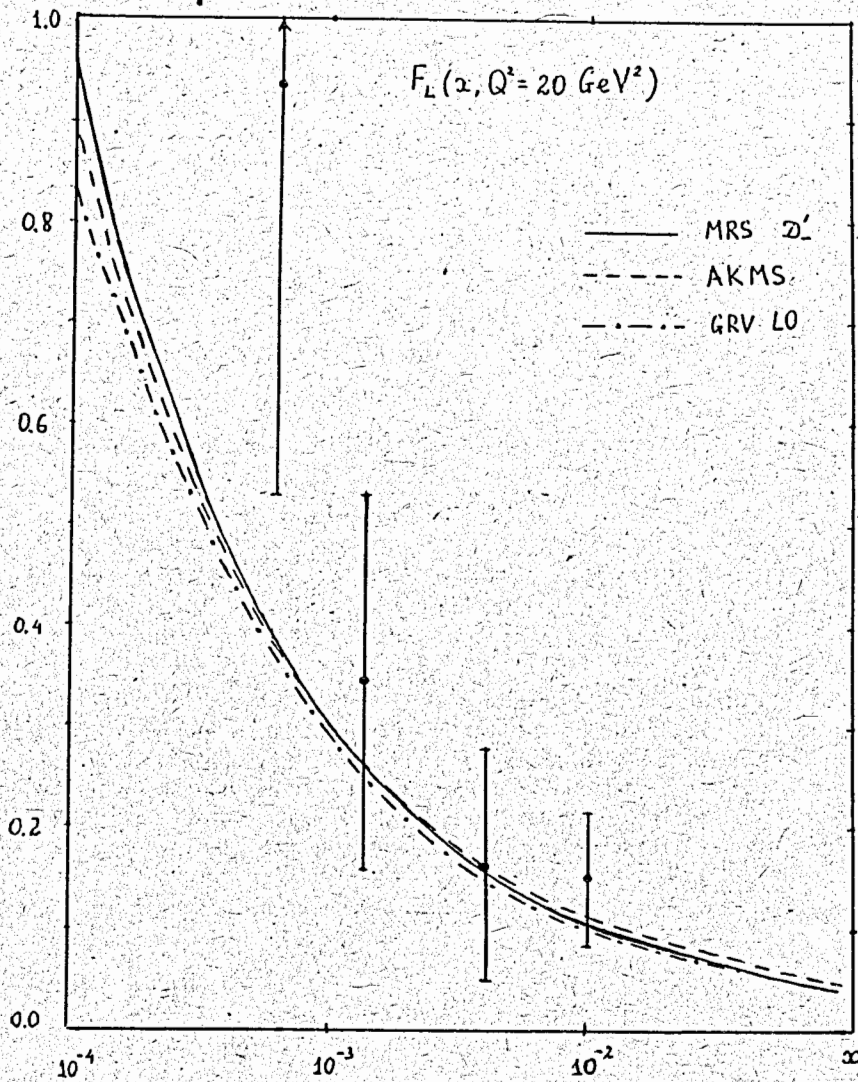


Figure 1. The longitudinal SF $F_L(x, Q^2)$ at $Q^2 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$. The black circles indicate the values extracted with the help of eq.(11). Only statistical errors are presented. The curves represent different parametrizations of $F_L(x, Q^2)$ [3, 11, 12]. The *GRV* curve is leading order parametrization, and the *MRS* parametrization is given in the *DIS* renormalization scheme. The *AKMS* curve is the solution of Lipatov equation and used at $Q^2 = 30 \text{ GeV}^2$.

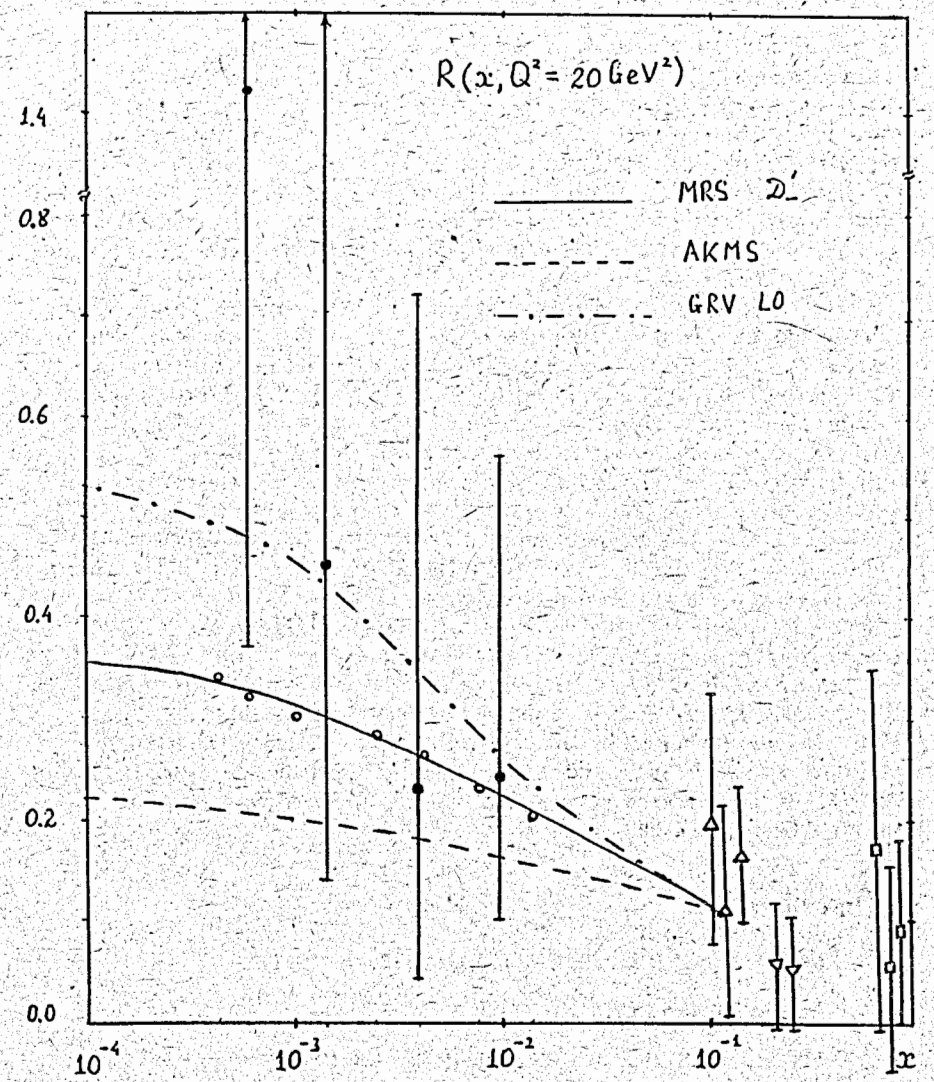


Figure 2. The same is as in Fig.1 but the $R(x, Q^2)$ values are extracted with help of eq.(1). The white circles indicate the $R(x, Q^2)$ values used by *H1* group in [10]. The symbols Δ , ∇ and \square are represented the *BCDMS* [14], *CDHSW* [15] and *SLAC* [16] data, respectively.

2. Let us study the predictions inspired by eq.(11). We use the values of SF F_2 and its Q^2 derivative found by H1 collaboration (see [8] and [10], respectively). We present the extracted $F_L(x, Q^2)$ and $R(x, Q^2)$ values in Fig.1 and Fig.2, respectively, and compare them with theoretical predictions. As in [10], the hypothesis concerning the approximate linear $\ln Q^2$ dependence of F_2 at small x as well as the value of QCD scale $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{f=4} = 200$ MeV², have been used. As one can see in the above Figures, $R(x, Q^2)$ is closer to GRV predictions [11]⁴ only. The predictions of other groups (see [3, 12]) lead to the smaller $R(x, Q^2)$ values at $x \sim 10^{-4}$. Note that all group predict also smaller $F_L(x, Q^2)$ values at $x \leq 10^{-3}$. Moreover, as one can see in Fig.2, there is also disagreement between the $R(x, Q^2)$ values used by H1 group in [10] and the ones following from our eq.s (1) and (11). This is due to the very large values of $d(F_2(x, Q^2))/(d \ln Q^2)$ at $x \sim 10^{-4}$ found in [10] which show themselves also in comparison between the gluon distribution at $x \leq 10^{-3}$ and the corresponding theoretical predictions (see [10, 13]). This disagreement may be overcome by including of NLO corrections to our equations and this work is in progress.

Note that the basic contribution to $F_L(x, Q^2)$ (and $R(x, Q^2)$) is given by $d(F_2(x, Q^2))/(d \ln Q^2)$ part. However, the one from $F_2(x, Q^2)$ increases the values of $F_L(x, Q^2)$ from several percents at $x \approx 10^{-4}$ to 30% at $x \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$.

Resume. We have presented formulae (9) and (11) to extract the longitudinal SF F_L at small x from SF F_2 and its Q^2 derivative. The addition of NLO contribution into eq.s (9) and (11) can be done in analogy with papers [2, 13].

The application of eq.(11) to the analysis of H1 data from HERA has been performed. The values of $F_L(x, Q^2)$ and $R(x, Q^2)$ for small x : $10^{-4} \leq x \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ have been found. The expansion of this analysis for the case $\delta \sim 0$ which is in agreement with NMC data and the evaluation of the NLO contributions will be done in the future.

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