

The proton spin and PDFs from lattice QCD

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D. Novel directions in Hadron Structure

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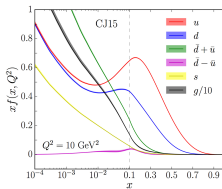
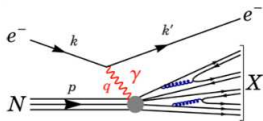
E. Discussion



A

Motivation

Probing Nucleon Structure



CJ15 PDFs

[A. Accardi et al., arXiv:1602.03154]

Parton Distribution Functions

- ★ powerful tool to describe the structure of a nucleon
- ★ necessary for the analysis of Deep inelastic scattering (DIS) data
- ★ Parametrization of off-forward matrix of a bilocal quark operator (light-like)

$$F_{\Gamma}(x, \xi, q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{ix\lambda} \langle p' | \bar{\psi}(-\lambda n/2) \underbrace{\mathcal{P} e^{-\int_{-\lambda/2}^{\lambda/2} d\alpha n \cdot A(n\alpha)}}_{\text{gauge invariance}} \psi(\lambda n/2) | p \rangle$$

$$q = p' - p, \bar{P} = (p' + p)/2, n: \text{light-cone vector } (\bar{P} \cdot n = 1), \xi = -n \cdot \Delta/2$$

PDFs on the Lattice

- ★ first principle calculations of PDFs are necessary
- ★ On the lattice: long history of moments of PDFs

$$f^n = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n f(x)$$

- ★ rely on OPE to reconstruct the PDFs (**difficult task**):
 - signal-to-noise is bad for higher moments
 - $n > 3$: operator mixing (unavoidable!)
- ★ Alternative investigation of PDFs ?

Types:

- Unpolarized (vector current)
- Polarized (axial current)
- Transversity (tensor current)

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Exploratory studies are maturing:

[X. Xiong et al., arXiv:1310.7471], [H-W. Lin et al., arXiv:1402.1462], [Y. Ma et al., arXiv:1404.6860],
[Y.-Q. Ma et al., arXiv:1412.2688], [C.Alexandrou et al., arXiv:1504.07455], [H.-N. Li et al., arXiv:1602.07575],
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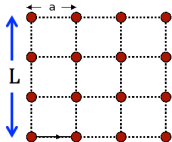
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Introduction to LQCD

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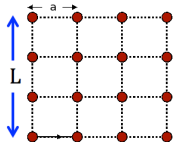
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Technical Aspects

★ Parameters (define cost of simulations):

- quark masses (aim at physical values)
- lattice spacing (ideally fine lattices)
- lattice size (need large volumes)

★ Discretization not unique:

- Wilson, Clover, Twisted Mass,
- Staggered, Overlap, Domain Wall

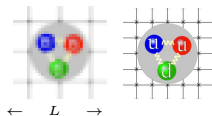
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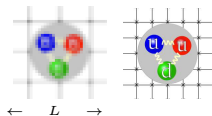
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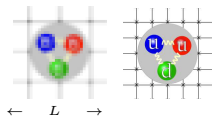
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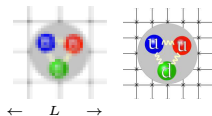
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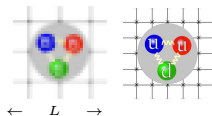
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- Subtraction of lattice artifacts, utilize perturbation theory

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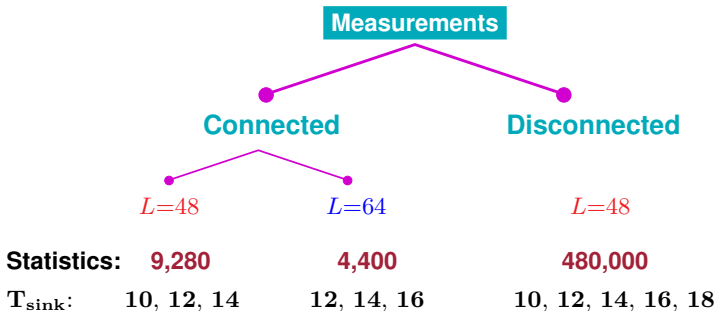
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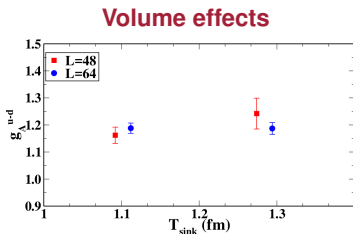
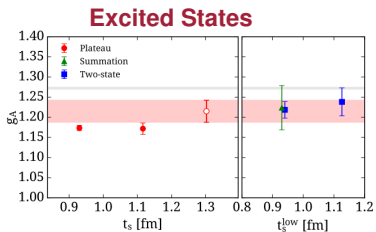
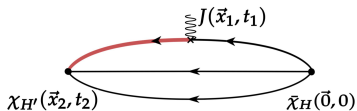
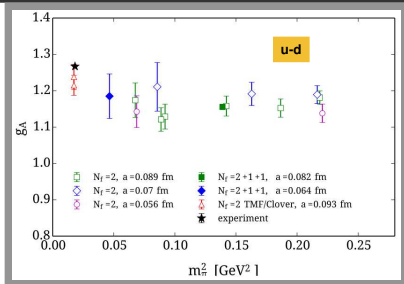


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MainStream HS

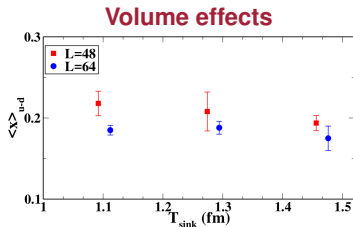
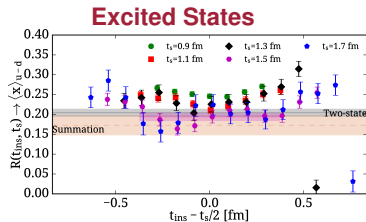
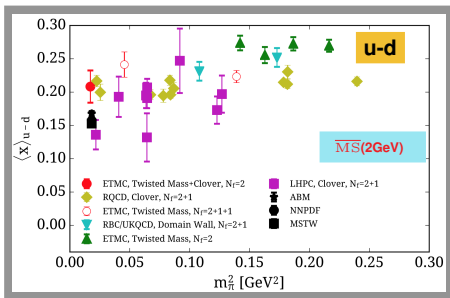
Proton Spin

Axial Charge (connected)



Mild excited states and volume effects

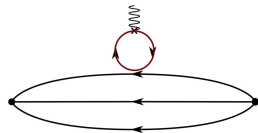
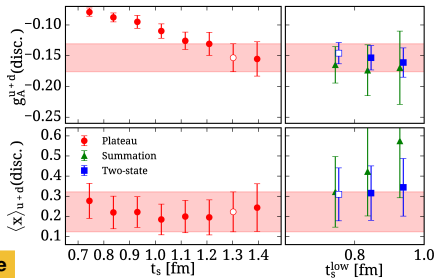
Quark Momentum Fraction (connected)



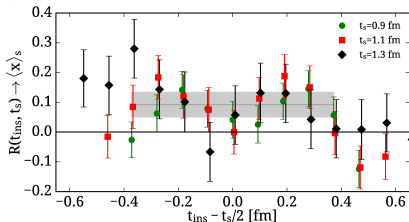
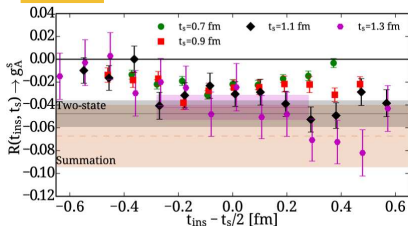
Excited states and volume effects non-negligible

Disconnected contributions

u+d



strange

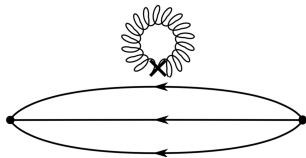


★ Taking into account the disconnected contributions is crucial

Gluon Momentum Fraction

Direct Calculation

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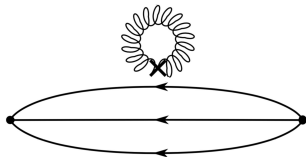
Challenges

★ Disconnected diagram:

- Small signal-to-noise ratio
- Requires special techniques

★ Renormalization

- Mixing with operator for $\langle x \rangle_{u+d}$
- Mixing with other Operators



Unavoidable

Vanish in physical matrix elements

$$\langle x \rangle_g^R = Z_{gg} \langle x \rangle_g^B + Z_{gq} \sum_q \langle x \rangle_q^B$$

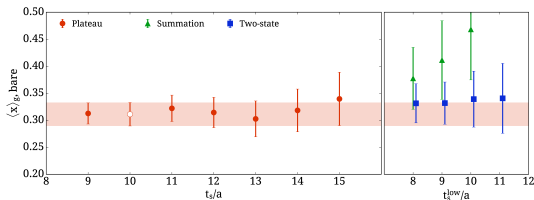
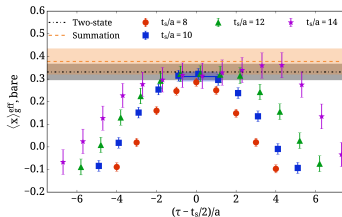
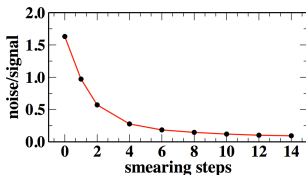
$$\sum_q \langle x \rangle_q^R = Z_{qq} \sum_q \langle x \rangle_q^B + Z_{qg} \langle x \rangle_g^B$$

Pert. Theory: computation of mixing coefficients

Lattice Results

$N_f=2$ TM fermions, $m_\pi=130\text{MeV}$

Smearing improves signal



Upon disentangling the gluon momentum fraction from the quark:

$$\langle x \rangle_g^R = 0.267(22)(19)(24)$$

[C. Alexandrou et al. (ETMC), 1611.06901]

Proton Spin: Can we put the puzzle together?

Spin Structure from First Principles

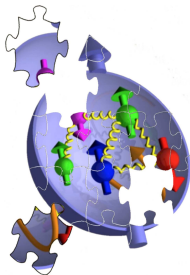
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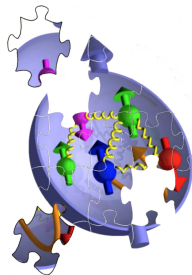
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Extraction from LQCD:

$$J^q = \frac{1}{2} (A_{20}^q + B_{20}^q), \quad L^q = J^q - \Sigma^q, \quad \Sigma^q = g_A^q$$

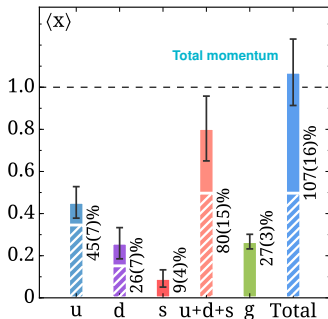
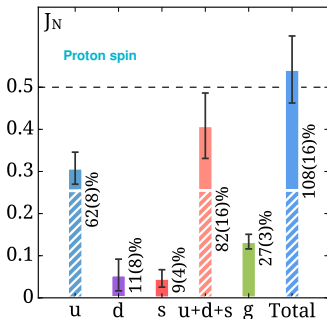
★ Individual quark contributions: disconnected insertion contributes

Collected Results

★ Satisfaction of spin and momentum sum rule is not forced



★ important check of results and the systematic uncertainties



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Novel directions in HS

quasi-PDFs

Prior 2017

Bare Nucleon Matrix Elements

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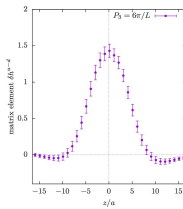
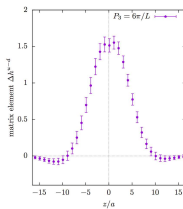
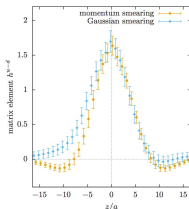
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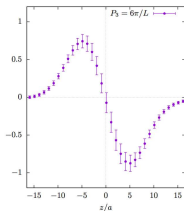
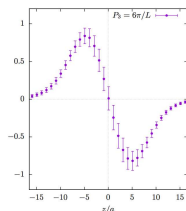
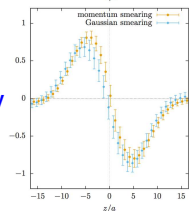
Polarized

Transversity

Real



Imaginary



★ Momentum smearing allows to reach higher momenta

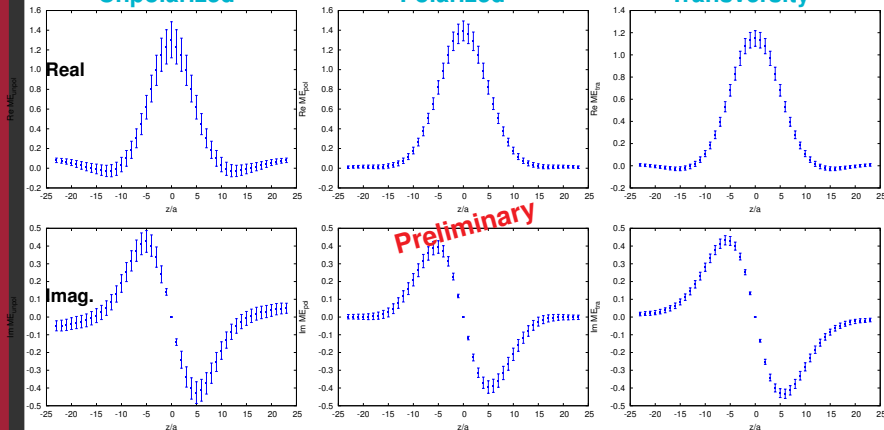
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Twisted Mass Fermions & clover term, $m_\pi=130\text{MeV}$ $P_3=6\pi/L$

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★ Currently increasing momentum to $P_3=8\pi/L, 12\pi/L$

2017 and After

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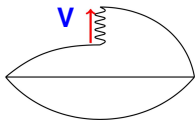
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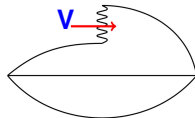
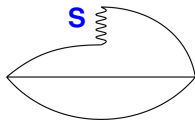
Mixing was revealed... unexpectedly !

Mixing pattern (Identified in PT)

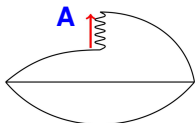
Depends on the relation between the current & Wilson line direction



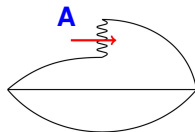
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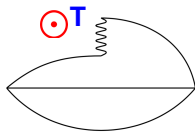
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mixing with



: Wilson line direction



: Current insertion direction

Non-perturbative Renormalization

- ★ RI' scheme
- ★ Use **1-loop conversion factor** to convert to the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ at 2 GeV
- ★ Vertex function has the same divergence as the nucleon matrix element

No mixing

Helicity & transversity

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(z) = \frac{Z_q}{\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{O}}(z)}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{\text{Tr}}{12} \left[\mathcal{V}(p) \left(\mathcal{V}^{\text{Born}}(p) \right)^{-1} \right] \Big|_{p=\bar{\mu}}$$

- ★ Z_q : fermion field renormalization
- ★ $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ includes the linear divergence

Mixing

Unpolarized

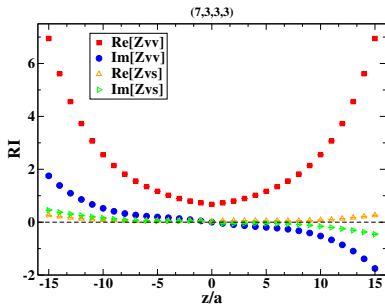
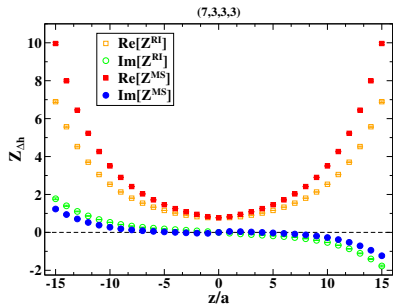
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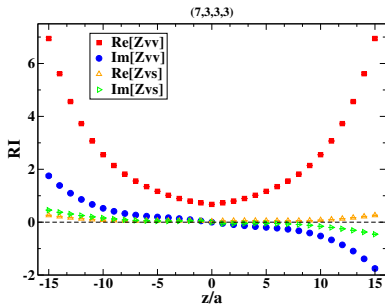
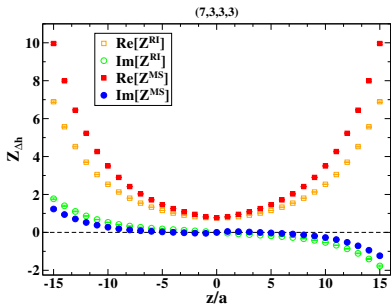
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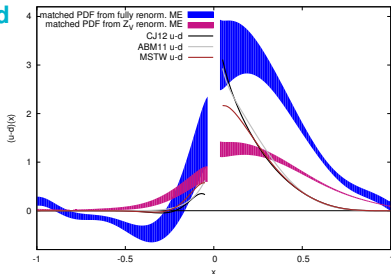


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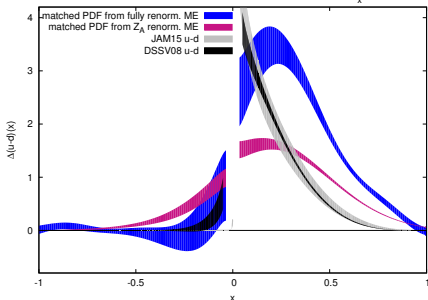
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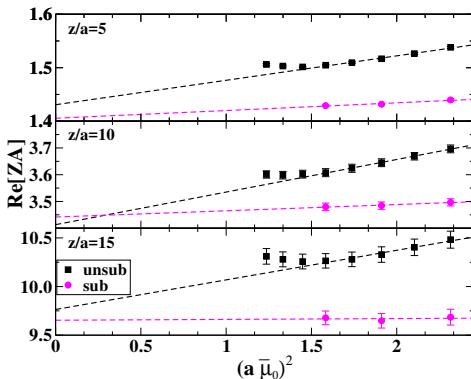
BACKUP SLIDES

Refining Renormalization

★ Improvement Technique:

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★ Application to the quasi-PDFs: PRELIMINARY



Quark Orbital Angular Momentum

