





#### [Towards] structure functions from lattice QCD

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#### Deep inelastic structure of the proton



#### Parton model

Scatter from non-interacting quarks Bjorken scaling variable [~longitudinal momentum fraction]

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P.q}$$

Deep-inelastic scattering

Slow deviations from scaling described by perturbative QCD

Almost Bjorken scaling



# QCD: the densest matter in nature

#### for Zein-Eddine

TABLE 10−1 Densities of Substances <sup>†</sup>	
Substance	<b>Density</b> , $c_{1}(kg/m^{3})$
Substance	<i>ρ</i> (kg/m )
Solids	
Aluminum	$2.70 \times 10^{3}$
Iron and steel	$7.8 \times 10^3$
Copper	$8.9 \times 10^3$
Lead	$11.3 \times 10^{3}$
Gold	$19.3 \times 10^3$
Concrete	$2.3 \times 10^{3}$
Granite	$2.7 \times 10^{3}$
Wood (typical)	$0.3 - 0.9 \times 10^3$
Glass, common	$2.4 - 2.8 \times 10^3$
Ice $(H_2O)$	$0.917 \times 10^{3}$
Bone	$1.7 - 2.0 \times 10^3$
Liquids	
Water (4°C)	$1.00 \times 10^{3}$
Blood, plasma	$1.03 \times 10^{3}$
Blood, whole	$1.05 \times 10^{3}$
Sea water	$1.025 \times 10^{3}$
Mercury	$13.6 \times 10^3$
Alcohol, ethyl	$0.79 \times 10^{3}$
Gasoline	$0.68 \times 10^{3}$
Gases	
Air	1.29
Helium	0.179
Carbon dioxide	1.98
Water (steam) (100°C)	0.598

<sup>†</sup>Densities are given at 0°C and 1 atm pressure unless otherwise specified.

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<sup>-0.2</sup> Isovector quark distributions

-0.15



Relative uncertainties diverge beyond *x*~0.6: **Opportunity for lattice to contribute** 

#### Parton distributions

In principle, these could be determined from QCD **Challenging so far!** 

## Outline

 Structure functions and the operator product expansion

• **Feynman-Hellmann** (FH) approach to hadron structure on the lattice

- Compton amplitude on the lattice
  - Toy model test

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Exploratory numerical study



# Structure functions and the operator product expansion

#### Inelastic scattering



## (Virtual) Compton amplitude

Forward Compton amplitude

$$T^{\mu\nu}(p,q) = \rho_{ss'} \int d^4x \, e^{iq.x} \langle p,s | \mathcal{T} \left\{ J^{\mu}(x) J^{\nu}(0) \right\} | p,s \rangle$$
  
=  $\left( -g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^{\mu}q^{\nu}}{q^2} \right) T_1(P.q,Q^2) + \frac{1}{P.q} \left( p^{\mu} - \frac{P.q}{q^2} q_{\mu} \right) \left( p^{\nu} - \frac{P.q}{q^2} q_{\nu} \right) T_2(P.q,Q^2)$ 

• Looking ahead to lattice results shown at end, consider simple case

$$\mu = \nu = 3, \ q_3 = 0, \ P_3 = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow T_{33}(P,q) = T_1(P.q,Q^2)$ 



Analytic structure of Compton amplitude



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#### Moments of structure functions

• Re-express integral over familiar Bjorken x:

$$T_{1}(\omega, Q^{2}) - T_{1}(\omega, 0) = \frac{4\omega^{2}}{2\pi} \int_{1}^{\infty} d\omega' \frac{\operatorname{Im} T_{1}(\omega', Q^{2})}{\omega'(\omega^{2} - \omega'^{2})} = 4\omega^{2} \int_{0}^{1} dx \, x \frac{F_{1}(x, Q^{2})}{1 - (\omega x)^{2}}$$
Subtraction term:  
Cottingham sum rule; Muonic hydrogen.  
*Recently, see also:*  
Agadjanov, Meißner & Rusetsky, PRD(2017),  
Hill & Paz, PRD(2017), ...
$$x = 1/\omega'$$
Taylor  
expansion

Moments of structure functions

$$T_1(\omega, Q^2) - T_1(\omega, 0) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 4\omega^{2j} \int_0^1 dx \, x^{2j-1} F_1(x, Q^2)$$

#### Lattice QCD: Traditional way

$$T_1(\omega, Q^2) - T_1(\omega, 0) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 4\omega^{2j} \int_0^1 dx \, x^{2j-1} F_1(x, Q^2)$$

• Matrix elements of local twist-2 operators:

$$\langle P | \mathcal{O}^{\{\nu_1 \dots \nu_n\}} | P \rangle = 2 a(n, \mu) P^{\nu_1} \dots P^{\nu_n} - \text{traces}$$

$$a(n, \mu) = \int_0^1 dx \, x^{2n-1} F(x, \mu)$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{\{\nu_1 \dots \nu_n\}} = \overline{\psi}(0) \gamma^{\nu_1} D^{\nu_2} \dots D^{\nu_n} \psi(0)$$

$$\text{Operator mixing on the lattice prohibits the study of operators with increasing numbers of derivatives: } \text{Typically only access lowest moment}$$

$$(e.g. quark momentum fractions)$$

Study Compton amplitude directly on lattice

$$T_1(\omega, Q^2) - T_1(\omega, 0) = 4\omega^2 \int_0^1 dx \, x \frac{F_1(x, Q^2)}{1 - (\omega x)^2}$$

#### 4-point function on the lattice? Preferably not

## Feynman-Hellmann theorem in lattice QCD

## Matrix elements from "Feynman-Hellmann"

• Feynman–Hellmann in quantum mechanics:

$$\frac{dE_n}{d\lambda} = \langle n | \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} | n \rangle$$

- matrix elements of the derivative of the Hamiltonian determined by derivative of corresponding energy eigenstates
- Lattice QCD: evaluate energy shifts with respect to weak external fields
- Modify action with external field:

$$S \rightarrow S + \lambda \int d^4x \, \mathcal{O}(x)$$
  
real parameter local operator, e.g.  $\bar{q}(x)\gamma_5\gamma_3q(x)$ 

Calculation of matrix element = hadron spectroscopy [2-pt functions only]

$$\frac{\partial E_H(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{2E_H(\lambda)} \langle H|\mathcal{O}|H\rangle$$

#### Spin content [connected]

Modify action •

$$S \to S + \lambda \sum_{x} \bar{q}(x) i \gamma_5 \gamma_3 q(x)$$

Nucleon energy shift isolates • spin content

$$\frac{\partial E_N(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{2M_N} \langle N | \overline{q} i \gamma_5 \gamma_3 q | N \rangle$$
$$= \Delta q$$

Slope  $\rightarrow$  matrix element



Strength of external field

[Chambers et al. PRD(2014)]

3-pt function → 2-pt function



[Chambers et al. arXiv:1702.01513]

Proton form factors

See James Zanotti on Wednesday

## Feynman–Hellmann (2nd order): Study Compton amplitude directly

$$T_1(\omega, Q^2) - T_1(\omega, 0) = 4\omega^2 \int_0^1 dx \, x \frac{F_1(x, Q^2)}{1 - (\omega x)^2}$$

## Feynman–Hellman (2nd order)

• Field theory version of 2nd order perturbation theory:

$$\begin{split} E &= E_0 + \lambda \langle N | V | N \rangle + \lambda^2 \sum_{X \neq N} \frac{\langle N | V | X \rangle \langle X | V | N \rangle}{E_0 - E_X} + \dots \\ \end{split}$$
Only get a linear term for elastic case \overline =1
$$\begin{split} E_0 &< E_X \\ \text{Intermediate states cannot go on-shell for } \overline <1 \end{split}$$

· Final result. We study second-order perturbation on the lattice

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \lambda^2} = -\frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \int d^4 \xi \left( e^{iq.\xi} + e^{-iq.\xi} \right) \langle \mathbf{p} | \mathrm{T}J(\xi) J(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle$$

see backup slides, or RDY, presentation @Lattice 2017; Somfleth et al. ... soon Test case: Compton amplitude → SFs

#### Taylor expansion

Consider moments of structure function

$$\mu_{2m-1} = \int_0^1 dx \, x^{2m-1} F_1(x)$$

Series expansion of Compton amplitude



#### "Inversion"

- Discrete approximation to structure function  $F_1(x)$
- Consider discretised integral

$$T_{33}(\omega_n) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} K_{nm} F_1(x_m), \quad x_m = \frac{m}{M} \qquad K_{nm} = \frac{4\omega_n^2 x_m}{1 - (\omega_n x_n)^2}$$

• Use singular value decomposition to invert  $N \times M$  matrix

Pseudoinverse

$$K^{-1} = V [\operatorname{diag}(1/\omega_1, \dots, 1/\omega_{N'}, 0, \dots, 0)] U^{\top}$$



$$T_{33} = 4\omega \int_0^1 dx \frac{\omega x}{1 - (\omega x)^2} F_1^{u-d}(x)$$
$$2xF_1^{u-d}(x) = \frac{1}{3}x \left[u(x) - d(x)\right]$$

Chambers et al., PRL(2017)

input PDFs: MSTW(LO)



## Numerical investigation

#### **Numerical set-up**

Single external momenta

 $\vec{q} = (3, 5, 0) \, \frac{2\pi}{L}$ 

$$\omega = \frac{2P.q}{Q^2} = \frac{2\vec{P}.\vec{q}}{\vec{q}^2}$$
$$q_4 = 0$$

#### Lattice specs

SU(3) symmetric point:  $m_{\pi} \simeq 400 \,\mathrm{MeV}$ 32<sup>3</sup>x64, a $\approx$ 0.074 fm O(900) configs



Blue dots: different nucleon Fourier momenta

Lattice kinematics

Broad coverage of  $\omega$  from single calculation (computationally "cheap")

#### Numerical test: Lattice results

0.10 0.08 0.06 T<sub>33</sub>(p,q) 0.04 0.02 0.00 -0.02 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.0 0.8 ω

(subtraction term removed)

Compton amplitude from quadratic energy shift

Chambers et al., PRL(2017)

# New access to form factors at large momenta





(Virtual) Compton amplitude accessible on the lattice

Nonperturbative constraint on hadronic structure functions → PDFs + higher twist



## Back-up slides

#### Feynman–Hellman with momentum transfer

#### Warm up: Periodic potential, 1-D QM

- Almost free particle  $H_0|p\rangle = \frac{p^2}{2m}|p\rangle$
- Subject to weak external periodic potential  $V(x) = 2\lambda V_0 \cos(qx)$



$$\hat{V}|p\rangle = \lambda V_0|p+q\rangle + \lambda V_0|p-q\rangle$$

#### Warm up: Periodic potential, 1-D QM



#### Degenerate perturbation theory

• Exact degeneracy: p = q/2

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p^2}{2m} & \lambda V_0 \\ \lambda V_0 & \frac{p^2}{2m} \end{pmatrix} \qquad H\{|q_{/}$$

$$H\left\{|q/2\rangle \pm |-q/2\rangle\right\} = \left(E_{q/2} \pm \lambda V_0\right)\left\{|q/2\rangle \pm |-q/2\rangle\right\}$$

- Consider mixing on almost-degenerate states  $p \sim q/2$ 



## External momentum field on the lattice

 Modify Lagrangian with external field containing a spatial Fourier transform [constant in time]

 $\mathcal{L}(y) \to \mathcal{L}_0(y) + \lambda 2\cos(\vec{q}.\vec{y})\overline{q}(y)\gamma_\mu q(y)$ 

• Project onto "back-to-back" momentum state:

 $|\vec{q}/2
angle+|-\vec{q}/2
angle$ 

• E.g. pion form factor

"Breit frame" kinematics

$$\langle \pi(\vec{p}') | \overline{q}(0) \gamma_{\mu} q(0) | \pi(\vec{p}) \rangle = (p + p')_{\mu} F_{\pi}(q^2)$$

"Feynman-Hellmann"

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$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{(p+p')_{\mu}}{2E} F_{\pi}(q^2) \qquad \stackrel{\mu=4}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = F_{\pi}(q^2)$$





#### **Proton Form Factors**

Phenomenologicallyinteresting region. Domain dominated by model calculations... previously prohibitive to study in lattice QCD.



[Chambers et al. arXiv:1702.01513]

# Proton form factors

[my comments]

- One volume
  - Not worried (yet)
- One quark mass
  - Surprised that we see a similar trend as experiment
- One lattice spacing
  - We should investigate further



[Chambers *et al.* arXiv:1702.01513]

Second-order "Feynman-Hellmann" (with external momentum)

#### Feynman–Hellmann (2nd order)

Two-point correlator

$$\int d^{3}x \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\lambda)} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \chi(x) \chi^{\dagger}(0) e^{-S(\lambda)} = \sum_{N} \frac{|\lambda \langle \Omega | \chi | N, \mathbf{p} \rangle_{\lambda}|^{2}}{2E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)} e^{-E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{0}}$$
Integral over all fields
$$\int d^{3}x \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)} e^{-E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{0}}$$
only interested in perturbative shift of ground-state energy
$$\simeq A_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda) e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{0}}$$
"Momentum" quantum# at finite field
$$|N, \mathbf{p} \rangle_{\lambda}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv \mathbf{p} + n\mathbf{q}, \ n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

#### Feynman–Hellmann (2nd order)

• Differentiate spectral sum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda} \sum_{N} \frac{\left|\lambda \langle \Omega | \chi | N, \mathbf{p} \rangle_{\lambda}\right|^{2}}{2E_{N}(\mathbf{p}, \lambda)} e^{-E_{N, \mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{4}} = \sum_{N} \left[ \frac{\partial A_{N, \mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda} - A_{N, \mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{4} \frac{\partial E_{N, \mathbf{p}}}{\partial\lambda} \right] e^{-E_{N, \mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{4}}$$
$$\rightarrow \left[ \frac{\partial A_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda} - A_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{4} \frac{\partial E_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial\lambda} \right] e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)x_{4}}$$

• And again Not Breit frame,  $\omega < 1 \Rightarrow 0$ 

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\lambda^2} \left[ \cdots \right] = \sum_{N} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 A_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda^2} - 2 \frac{\partial A_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda} x_4 \frac{\partial E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda} - A_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda) x_4 \frac{\partial^2 E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda^2} + A_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda) x_4^2 \left( \frac{\partial E_{N,\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \frac{\partial^2 A_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda)}{\partial\lambda^2} - A_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda) x_4 \frac{\partial^2 E_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial\lambda^2} \right] e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}}(\lambda) x_4}$$
Quadratic energy shift
Watch for temporal enhancement  $\sim x_4 e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}} x_4}$ 

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## Feynman–Hellmann (2nd order)

Differentiate path integral

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda} \int d^3x \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\lambda)} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \chi(x) \chi^{\dagger}(0) e^{-S(\lambda)} \\ = \int d^3x \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\lambda)} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \chi(x) \chi^{\dagger}(0) \left[ -\frac{\partial S}{\partial\lambda} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\lambda)} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial\lambda}}_{\partial\lambda} \right] e^{-S(\lambda)},$$

"Disconnected" operator insertions; drop for simplicity

• Differentiate again, take zero-field limit and note:  $\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \lambda^2} = 0$ 

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\lambda^2} \left[\cdots\right] \bigg|_{\lambda=0} = \int d^3x \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_0} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \chi(x) \chi^{\dagger}(0) \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial\lambda}\right)^2 e^{-S_0}$$

Current insertions integrated over 4-volume

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \lambda} = \int d^4 y \, 2 \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{y}) \overline{q}(y) \gamma_\mu q(y)$$

# Field time orderings

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Current insertion possibilities Both currents "outside" (together) •  $\langle \chi(x)\chi^{\dagger}(0)\mathrm{T}(J(y)J(z))\rangle, \quad y_4, z_4 < 0 < x_4$  $\sim e^{-E_X x_4}, \quad E_X \gtrsim E_p$  $\chi(x_4)$  $J(y_4)$  $\chi^{\dagger}(0)$  $J(z_4)$ Both currents "outside" (opposite)  $\langle J(z)\chi(x)\chi^{\dagger}(0)J(y)\rangle, \quad y_4 < 0 < x_4 < z_4$ ٠  $\sim e^{-E_X x_4}, \quad E_X \gtrsim E_p$  $J(y_4)$   $\chi^{\dagger}(0)$  $\chi(x_4)$  $J(z_4)$  $E_X = E_p \Rightarrow$  changes amplitudes One current "inside"  $\langle \chi(x)J(z)\chi^{\dagger}(0)J(y)\rangle, \quad y_4 < 0 < z_4 < x_4$  $\sim \frac{\partial E_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \lambda} x_4 e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}} x_4} \to 0$  $\chi(x_4)$  $J(y_4)$  $\chi^{\dagger}(0)$  $J(z_4)$ linear energy shift

(and changed amplitude)



#### Field time orderings

Both currents between creation/annihilation

$$\chi^{\dagger}(0)$$
  $J(y_4)$   $J(z_4)$   $\chi(x_4)$ 

$$\begin{split} \int d^{3}x \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{0}} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \chi(x)\chi^{\dagger}(0) \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \lambda}\right)^{2} e^{-S_{0}} \\ &= \sum_{N,N'} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} \frac{1}{2E_{N,\mathbf{k}}} \int \frac{d^{3}k'}{(2\pi)^{3}} \frac{1}{2E_{N',\mathbf{k}'}} \int d^{3}x \int d^{4}z \int d^{4}y \, e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \left(e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{z}} + e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{y}}\right) \left(e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{y}} + e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{y}}\right) \\ &\times \langle \Omega|\chi(x)|N,\mathbf{k}\rangle\langle\mathbf{k}|\mathrm{T}J(z)J(y)|\mathbf{k}'\rangle\langle N',\mathbf{k}'|\chi^{\dagger}(0)|\Omega\rangle, \\ \vdots \\ &\to \frac{A_{\mathbf{p}}}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}x_{4}e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}}x_{4}} \int d^{4}\xi \left(e^{iq\cdot\xi} + e^{-iq\cdot\xi}\right)\langle\mathbf{p}|\mathrm{T}J(\xi)J(0)|\mathbf{p}\rangle \end{split}$$

Note  $q_4 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{q}.\boldsymbol{\xi} = q.\boldsymbol{\xi}$ 

## Final steps

- Equate spectral sum and path integral representation
  - Asymptotically, we have

$$-A_{\mathbf{p}}\frac{\partial^{2} E_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \lambda^{2}}x_{4}e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}}x_{4}} = \frac{A_{\mathbf{p}}}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}}x_{4}e^{-E_{\mathbf{p}}x_{4}}\int d^{4}\xi \left(e^{iq.\xi} + e^{-iq.\xi}\right) \langle \mathbf{p}|\mathrm{T}J(\xi)J(0)|\mathbf{p}\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E_{\mathbf{p}}}{\partial \lambda^2} = -\frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \int d^4 \xi \left( e^{iq.\xi} + e^{-iq.\xi} \right) \langle \mathbf{p} | \mathcal{T} J(\xi) J(0) | \mathbf{p} \rangle$$