

Nucleon spin structure using Lattice QCD



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Nucleon Spin Structure at low Q: A hyperfine view

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Outline

Current status of lattice QCD simulations

Spin content of the nucleon

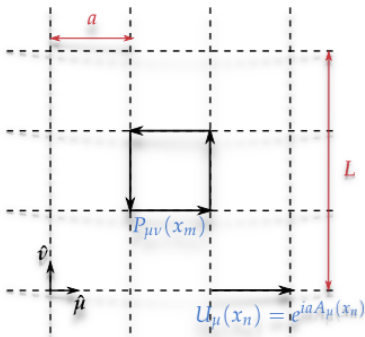
Direct computation of Parton Distribution functions

Conclusions

Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \sum_{f=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{\psi}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_f) \psi_f$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig \frac{\lambda^a}{2} A_\mu^a$$



Discretization of space-time

- ▶ quark fields are defined on lattice sites
- ▶ gluon field defined on links

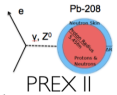
Eventually,

- ▶ Continuum limit $a \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ Extrapolation to the infinite volume limit $L \rightarrow \infty$

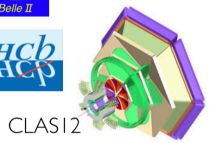
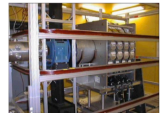
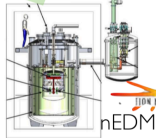
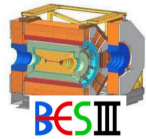
Fundamental goal is to calculate the expectation value of some operator $\mathcal{O}(U)$ (observable):

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[U] \mathcal{O}(U) e^{-S[U]}$$

with partition function $Z = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S[U]}$

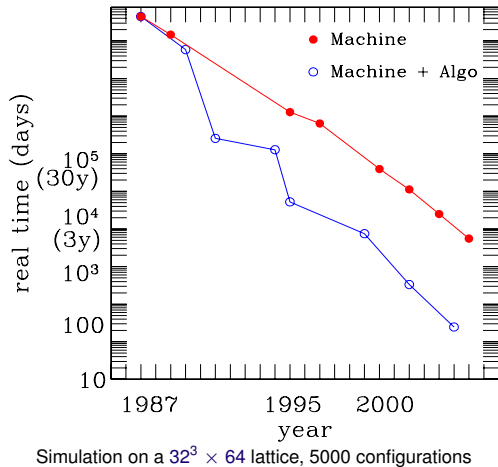


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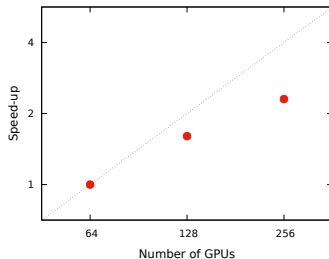
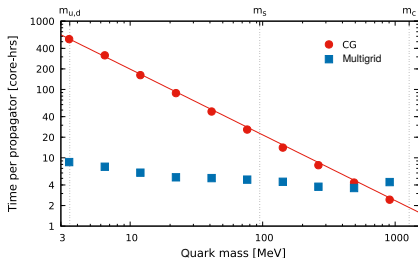
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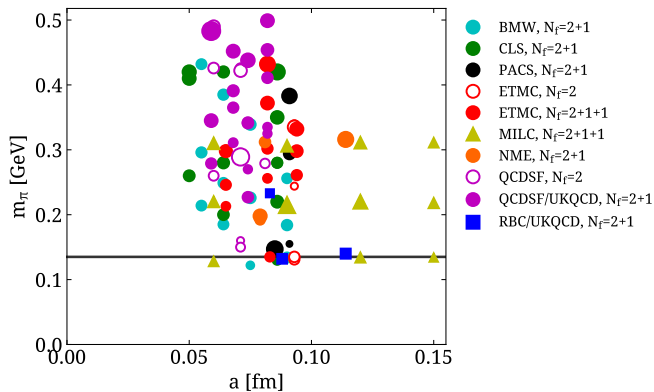


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- ▶ one bottleneck is critical slow down due to condition number of the Dirac matrix → use deflation or multi-grid

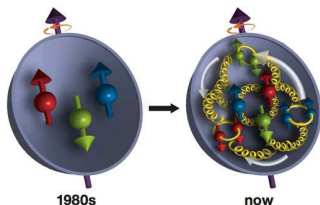


Status of simulations



Proton spin puzzle

European Muon Collaboration (EMC) experiment at CERN: Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) of high energy polarized muons on polarized protons , J. Ashman *et al.* (EMC) Phys. Lett. B206 (1988) 364 and Nucl. Phys. B328 (1989) 1.



Naive quark model: Only valence quarks $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta u_v + \Delta d_v)$ where $\Delta u_v = \frac{4}{3}$ and $\Delta d_v = -\frac{1}{3}$
EMC result: $\frac{1}{2} \sum_q \Delta \Sigma_q \sim \frac{1}{4}$ → Spin puzzle

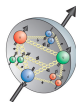
What carries the proton spin?

Glueons and sea quarks are important → ΔG and Δq_{sea}

But also orbital angular momentum of quarks and glueons.

Spin of the nucleon

$$J_i \text{ decomposition: } \frac{1}{2} = \underbrace{\sum_q \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^q}_{\text{quark spin}} + \underbrace{\sum_q L^q + J^g}_{\text{dark spin}}$$



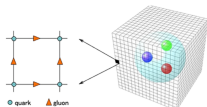
$$\Delta \Sigma_q \equiv \Delta u + \Delta \bar{u} + \Delta d + \Delta \bar{d} + \Delta s + \Delta \bar{s} + \dots$$

Total quark angular momentum $J^q = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^q + L^q$ and total gluon angular momentum J^g .

Computing the nucleon spin

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[U] \mathcal{O}(D^{-1}[U], U) e^{-S[U]} \prod_{f=u,d,s,c} \det(D[U])_f$$

Lattice QCD



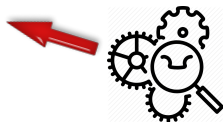
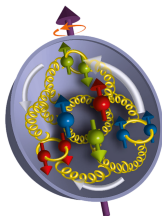
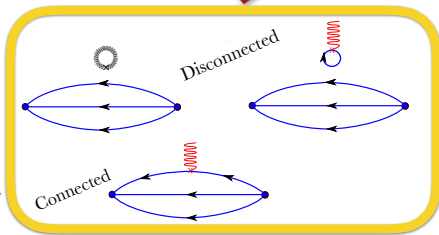
Simulation of gauge configurations (U)



Quark Propagators



Contractions



Data Analysis

Computational resources

To calculate the spin content of the nucleon we used leadership computers in Europe



Piz Daint, 25 Pflop/s
Swiss National Supercomputing Center
2.5 million node-hours

SuperMUC, 3.6 Pflop/s
Leibniz Rechenzentrum



JUQUEEN, 6 Pflop/s
Jülich Supercomputing Center



Matrix elements for quark spin

High energy scattering: Formulate in terms of light-cone correlation functions, M. Diehl, Phys. Rep. 388 (2003)

Consider one-particle states p' and $p \rightarrow$ GPDs, X. Ji, J. Phys. G24 (1998) 1181

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

where $q = p' - p$, $\bar{P} = (p' + p)/2$, n is a light-cone vector with $\bar{P} \cdot n = 1$

Expansion of the light cone operator leads to a tower of local operators $\mathcal{O}^{\mu\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}$

\rightarrow Entails computing nucleon matrix elements of quark bilinears: $\langle N(p', s') | \mathcal{O}_T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} | N(p, s) \rangle$

► Unpolarized:

$$\mathcal{O}_V^{\mu\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^{\{\mu} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_1} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_n\}} \psi(x)$$

$$n = 0 : \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle_q = g_V^q, \quad n = 1 : \rightarrow J^q = \frac{1}{2} \left[A_{20}^q(0) + B_{20}^q(0) \right] \text{ and } \langle x \rangle_q = A_{20}^q(0)$$

► Helicity:

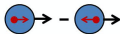
$$\mathcal{O}_A^{\mu\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^{\{\mu} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_1} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_n\}} \gamma_5 \psi(x)$$

$$n = 0 : \rightarrow \langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta q} = \Delta \Sigma^q = g_A^q, \quad n = 1 : \rightarrow \langle x \rangle_{\Delta q} = \tilde{A}_{20}^q(0)$$

► Transversity:

$$\mathcal{O}_T^{\nu\mu\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{\psi}(x) \sigma^{\{\nu, \mu} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_1} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_n\}} \frac{\tau^a}{2} \psi(x)$$

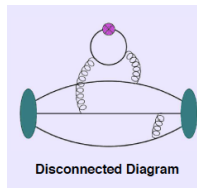
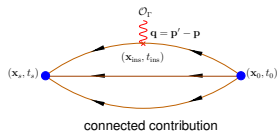
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Evaluation of matrix elements

Three-point functions:

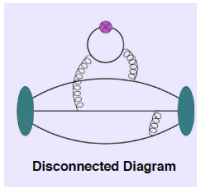
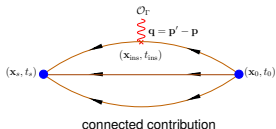
$$G^{\mu\nu}(\Gamma, \vec{q}, t_S, t_{\text{ins}}) = \sum_{\vec{x}_S, \vec{x}_{\text{ins}}} e^{i\vec{x}_{\text{ins}} \cdot \vec{q}} \Gamma_{\beta\alpha} \langle J_\alpha(\vec{x}_S, t_S) \mathcal{O}_\Gamma^{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}_{\text{ins}}, t_{\text{ins}}) \bar{J}_\beta(\vec{x}_0, t_0) \rangle$$



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- ▶ Plateau method:

$$R(t_s, t_{\text{ins}}, t_0) \frac{(t_{\text{ins}} - t_0)\Delta \gg 1}{(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})\Delta \gg 1} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}[1 + \dots e^{-\Delta(\mathbf{p})(t_{\text{ins}} - t_0)} + \dots e^{-\Delta(\mathbf{p}')(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})}]$$

- ▶ Summation method: Summing over t_{ins} :

$$\sum_{t_{\text{ins}}=t_0}^{t_s} R(t_s, t_{\text{ins}}, t_0) = \text{Const.} + \mathcal{M}[(t_s - t_0) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta(\mathbf{p})(t_s - t_0)}) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta(\mathbf{p}')(t_s - t_0)})].$$

Excited state contributions are suppressed by exponentials decaying with $t_s - t_0$, rather than $t_s - t_{\text{ins}}$ and/or $t_{\text{ins}} - t_0$

However, one needs to fit the slope rather than to a constant or take differences and then fit to a constant

L. Maiani, G. Martinelli, M. L. Paciello, and B. Taglienti, Nucl. Phys. B293, 420 (1987); S. Capitani *et al.*, arXiv:1205.0180

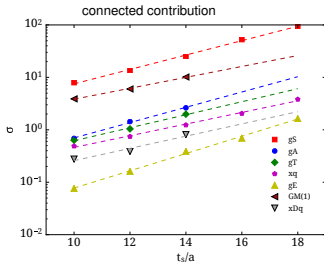
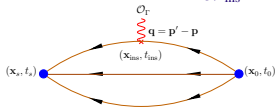
- ▶ Fit keeping the first excited state, T. Bhattacharya *et al.*, arXiv:1306.5435

All should yield the same answer in the end of the day!

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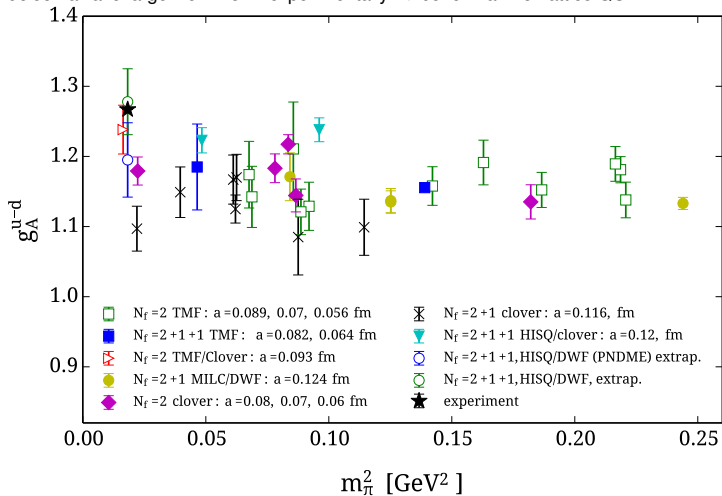


- ▶ \mathcal{M} the desired matrix element
- ▶ t_s, t_{ins}, t_0 the sink, insertion and source time-slices
- ▶ $\Delta(\mathbf{p})$ the energy gap with the first excited state

To ensure ground state dominance need multiple sink-source time separations ranging from 0.9 fm to 1.5 fm

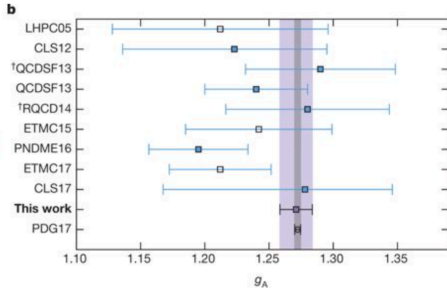
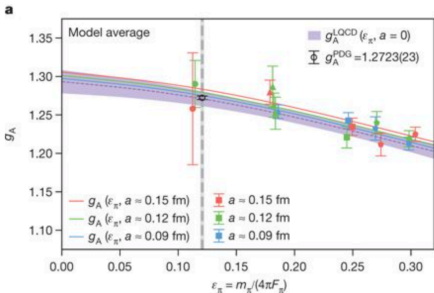
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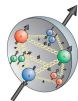


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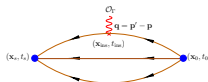
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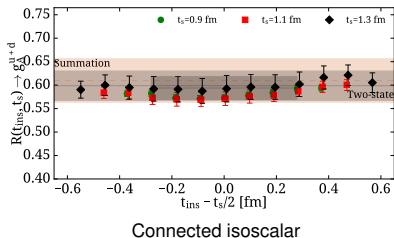
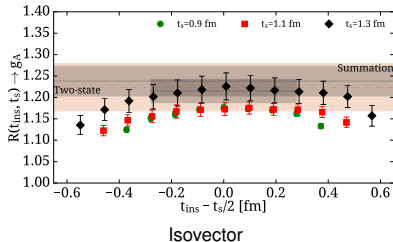
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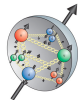
Need isoscalar g_A , which has disconnected contributions



- $N_f = 2$ twisted mass fermions with a clover term at a **physical value of the pion mass**, $48^3 \times 96$ and $a = 0.093(1)$ fm, using 9264 measurements for $t_s/a = 10, 12, 14$, $\sim 47,600$ for $t/a = 16$ and $\sim 70,000$ for $t/a = 18$
- Intrinsic quark spin: $\Delta \Sigma^q = g_A^q$



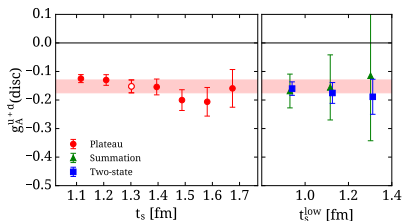
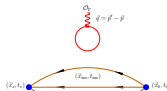
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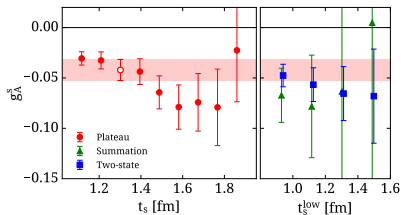
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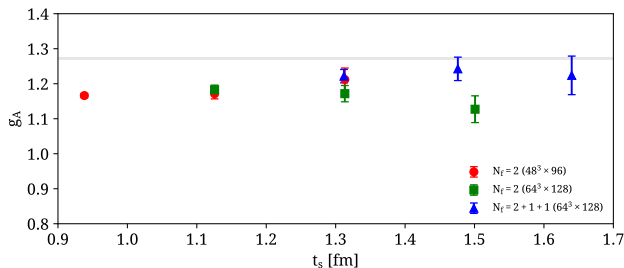
We find from the plateau method:

- ▶ $g_A^{u+d} = -0.15(2)$ (disconnected only) with 854,400 statistics
- ▶ Combining with the isovector we find: $g_A^u = 0.828(21)$, $g_A^d = -0.387(21)$
- ▶ $g_A^s = -0.042(10)$ with 861,200 statistics

Volume and unquenching effects

Investigation of volume and quenching effects using:

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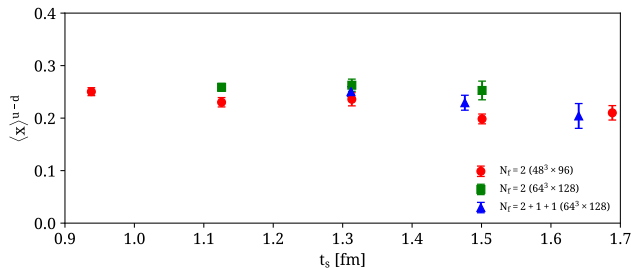


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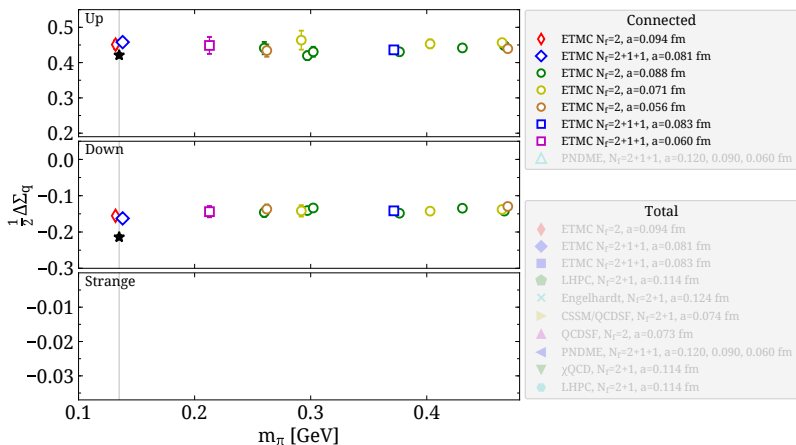
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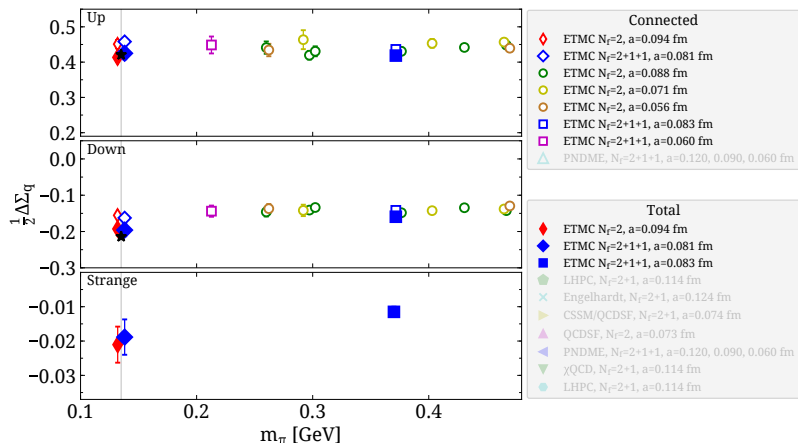
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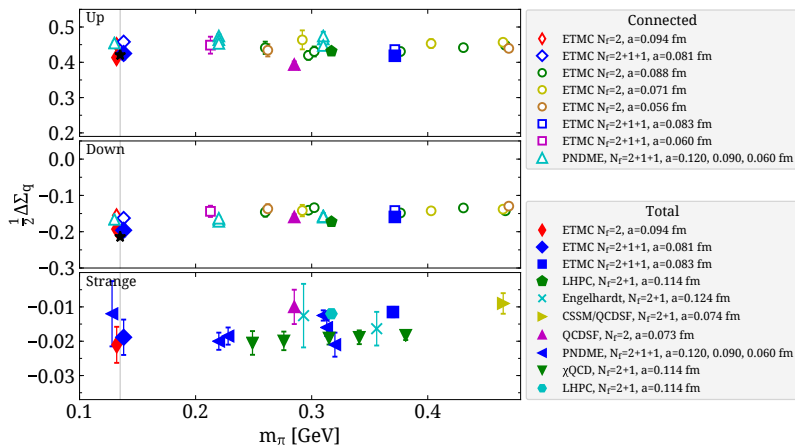
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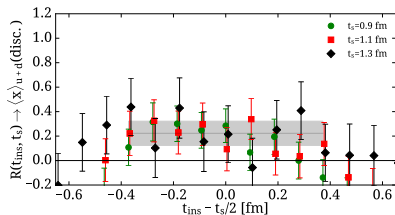
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- ▶ Good agreement with other lattice QCD results



Momentum fraction $\langle x \rangle_{u-d}$

- Intrinsic quark spin: momentum fraction
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- $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ twisted mass fermions with a clover term at a physical value of the pion mass, $64^3 \times 128$ and $a = 0.080(1)$ fm



Results for the disconnected isoscalar

At the physical point for $N_f = 2$ we find in the \overline{MS} at 2 GeV from the plateau method ($\mathcal{O}(860,000)$ statistics):

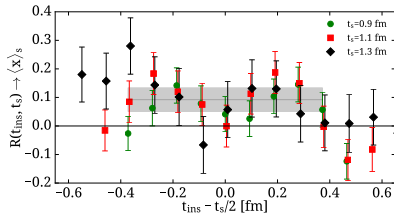
▶ $\langle x \rangle_{u-d} = 0.194(9)(10)$

▶ $N_f = 2 \langle x \rangle_{u+d+s} = 0.80(12)_{\text{stat}}(10)_{\text{syst}}$

▶ Preliminary: $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1 \langle x \rangle_{u+d+s} = 0.693(67)$

$\langle x \rangle_{u+d+s}$ is perturbatively renormalized to one-loop due to its mixing with the gluon operator.

For $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ no mixing is taken into account.



Results for the strange

Gluon content of the nucleon

- ▶ Gluons carry a significant amount of momentum and spin in the nucleon

- ▶ Compute gluon momentum fraction : $\langle x \rangle_g = A_{20}^g$

- ▶ Compute gluon spin: $J^g = \frac{1}{2}(A_{20}^g + B_{20}^g)$

- ▶ Nucleon matrix of the gluon operator: $O_{\mu\nu} = -G_{\mu\rho}G_{\nu\rho}$

→ gluon momentum fraction extracted from

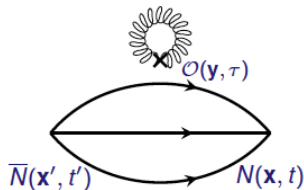
$$\langle N(0) | O_{44} - \frac{1}{3} O_{ij} | N(0) \rangle = m_N \langle x \rangle_g$$

- ▶ Disconnected correlation function, known to be very noisy

⇒ we employ several steps of **stout smearing** in order to remove fluctuations in the gauge field

- ▶ Results are computed on the $N_f = 2$ ensemble at the physical point, $m_\pi = 131$ MeV, $a = 0.093$ fm, $V = 48^3 \times 96$, A. Abdel-Rehim *et al.* (ETMC):1507.04936

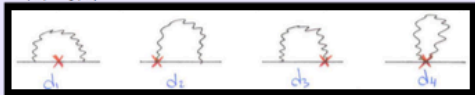
- ▶ The methodology was tested for $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ twisted mass at $m_\pi = 373$ MeV, C. Alexandrou, V. Drach, K. Hadjiyiannakou, K. Jansen, B. Kostrzewa, C. Wiese, PoS LATTICE2013 (2014) 289



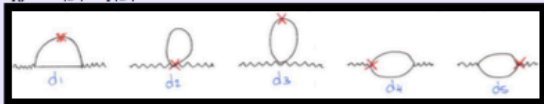
Nucleon gluon moment-Renormalization

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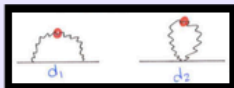
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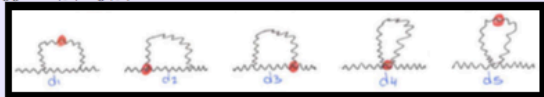
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Millions of terms

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$$Z_{gg} = 1 + \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \left(1.0574 N_f + \frac{-13.5627}{N_c} - \frac{2 N_f}{3} \log(a^2 \bar{\mu}^2) \right)$$

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$$Z_{gq} = 0 + \frac{g^2 C_f}{16\pi^2} \left(0.8114 + 0.4434 c_{SW} - 0.2074 c_{SW}^2 + \frac{4}{3} \log(a^2 \bar{\mu}^2) \right)$$

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$$Z_{qg} = 0 + \frac{g^2 N_f}{16\pi^2} \left(0.2164 + 0.4511 c_{SW} + 1.4917 c_{SW}^2 - \frac{4}{3} \log(a^2 \bar{\mu}^2) \right)$$

Results for the gluon content

- ▶ 2094 gauge configurations with 100 different source positions each \rightarrow more than 200 000 measurements
- ▶ Due to mixing with the quark singlet operator, the renormalization and mixing coefficients had to be extracted from a one-loop perturbative lattice calculation, [M. Constantinou and H. Panagopoulos](#)

▶ $\langle x \rangle_{g,\text{bare}} = 0.318(24) \xrightarrow{\text{Renormalization}}$

$\langle x \rangle_g^R = Z_{gg} \langle x \rangle_g + Z_{gq} \langle x \rangle_{u+d+s} = 0.267(12)_{\text{stat}}(10)_{\text{sys}}$. The renormalization is perturbatively done using two-levels of stout smearing. The systematic error is the difference between using one- and two-levels of stout smearing.

- ▶ Momentum sum is satisfied:

$$\sum_q \langle x \rangle_q + \langle x \rangle_g = \langle x \rangle_{u+d} |_{\text{conn.}} + \langle x \rangle_{u+d+s} |_{\text{disconn.}} + \langle x \rangle_g = 1.07(12)_{\text{stat}}(10)_{\text{sys}}$$

Nucleon spin

$$\text{Spin sum: } \frac{1}{2} = \sum_q \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^q + L^q \right)}_{J^q} + J^g$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^u &= 0.415(13)(2), & \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^d &= -0.193(8)(3), & \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^s &= -0.021(5)(1) & (1) \\ J^u &= 0.308(30)(24), & J^d &= 0.054(29)(24), & J^s &= 0.046(21) \\ L^u &= -0.107(32)(24), & L^d &= 0.247(30)(24), & L^s &= 0.067(21)(1) \end{aligned}$$

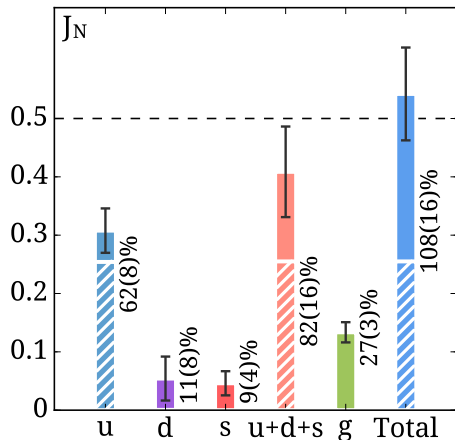
We find that $B_{20}^q(0) \sim 0 \rightarrow$ taking $B_{20}(0)^g \sim 0$ we can directly check the nucleon spin sum:

$$J_N = (0.308)_u + (0.054)_d + (0.046)_s + (0.133)_g = 0.54(6)(5)$$

The proton spin puzzle

1987: the European Muon Collaboration showed that only a fraction of the proton spin is carried by the quarks

⇒ ETMC has now provided the solution

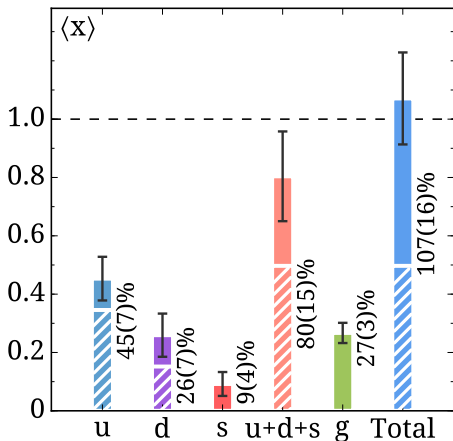


Recent results from lattice QCD at the physical point

C.A. *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) arXiv:1706.02973



The proton momentum sum



$$\sum_q \langle x \rangle_q + \langle x \rangle_g = 0.497(12)(5)|_{\text{conn.}} + 0.307(121)(95)|_{\text{disc.}} + 0.267(12)(10)|_{\text{gluon}} = 1.07(12)(10)$$

⇒ Momentum sum also satisfied

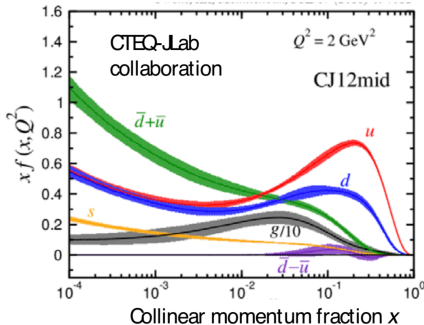
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Parton distribution functions

Fits to quark and gluon distributions

Owens, Accardi, Melnitchouk, PFD87, 094012 (2013)



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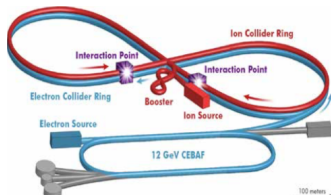
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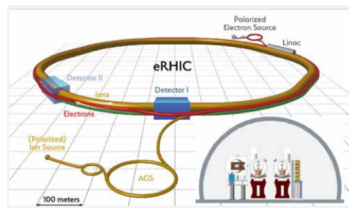
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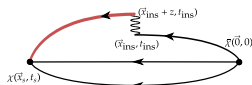
JLab concept



BNL concept (adding an e-beam to RHIC)

Direct evaluation of parton distribution functions

$$\tilde{q}(x, \Lambda, P_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izxP_3} \underbrace{\langle P | \bar{\psi}(z, 0) \gamma_3 W(z) \psi(0, 0) | P \rangle}_{h(P_3, z) \rightarrow \text{can be computed in LQCD}}$$



$\tilde{q}(x, \Lambda, P_3)$ is the quasi-distribution defined by X. Ji *Phys.Rev.Lett.* **110** (2013) 262002, [arXiv:1305.1539](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.1539)

Contact between quasi-PDFs and physical PDFs is established through a perturbative matching procedure:

$$q(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi}{|\xi|} C\left(\xi, \frac{\mu}{\xi p}\right) \tilde{q}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \mu, p\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M^2}{p^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{p^2}\right)$$

Initial exploratory calculations:

- ▶ Huey-Wen Lin *et al.* *Phys. Rev.* D91 (2015) 054510, Clover on $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ HISQ, $m_\pi = 310 \text{ MeV}$ and Jiunn-Wei Chen *et al.*, *Nucl.Phys.* B911 (2016) 246
- ▶ C.A., K. Cichy, E. G. Ramos, V. Drach, K. Hadjiyiannakou, K. Jansen, F. Steffens, C. Wiese, *Phys.Rev.* D92 (2015) 014502, using $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ twisted mass fermions, $m_\pi = 373 \text{ MeV}$

The momentum, helicity and transversity quasi-parton distributions

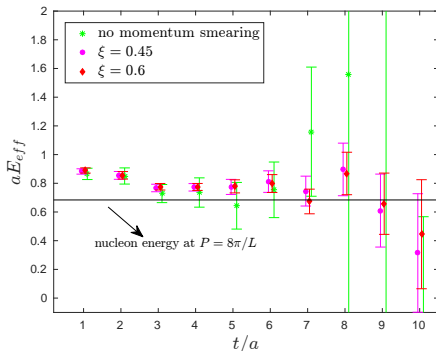
Consider isovector combination

- ▶ Unpolarized PDF: $\tilde{q}(x, P_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izk_3} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_3 W_3(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle$
crossing relation: $\bar{q}(x) = -q(-x)$
One can also use γ_0 instead of γ_3
- ▶ Helicity PDF: $\Delta q(x) = q^\uparrow(x) - q^\downarrow(x)$
 $\Delta \tilde{q}(x, P_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izk_3} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_5 \gamma_3 W_3(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle$
crossing relation: $\Delta \bar{q}(x) = \Delta q(-x)$
- ▶ Transversity PDF: $\delta \tilde{q}(x, P_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izk_3} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_j \gamma_3 W_3(z, 0) \psi(0) | P \rangle$
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Results at the physical point

- ▶ A new smearing method yields improvement of errors that can enable us to reach larger momentum

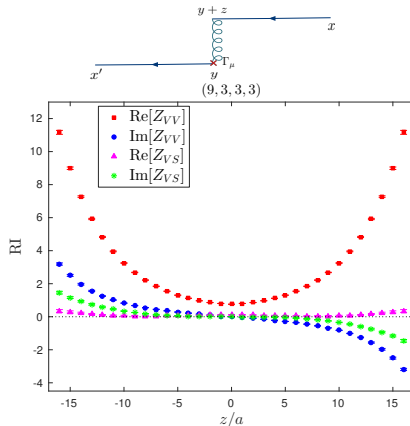
$$S_{mom} \psi(x) = \frac{1}{6\alpha} \left(\psi(x) + \alpha \sum_j U_j(x) e^{i\xi \hat{e}_j} \psi(x + \hat{e}_j) \right) .$$



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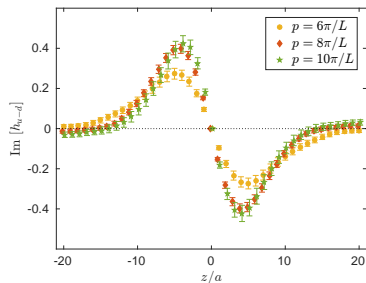
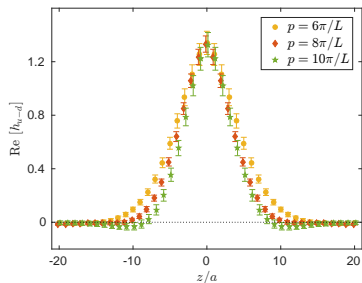
- ▶ Non-perturbative renormalization using RI' . Mixing of unpolarized PDF with the scalar operator.



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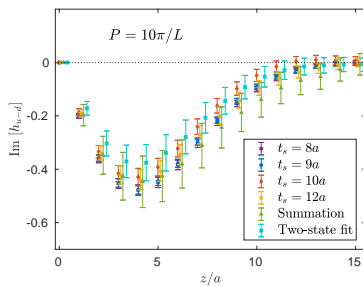
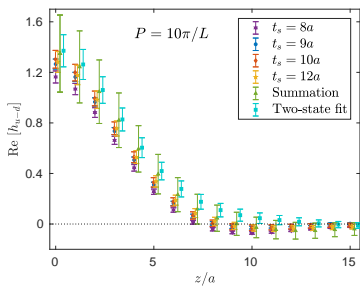


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Ground state dominance

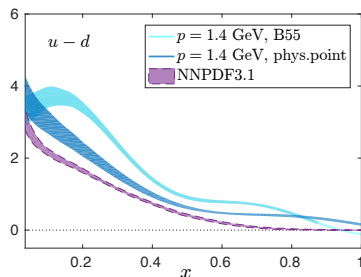
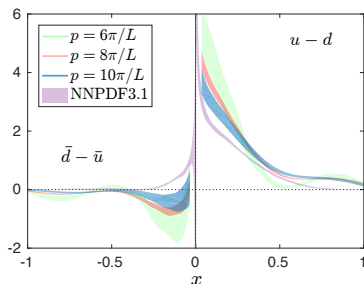


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Results at the physical point for the unpolarized PDF

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Perform matching and non-perturbative renormalization using $\gamma_0 \rightarrow$ no mixing

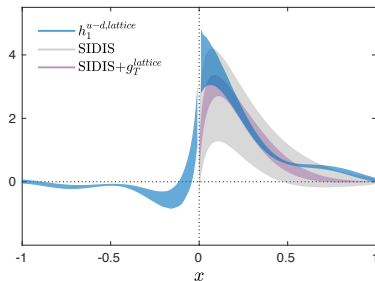
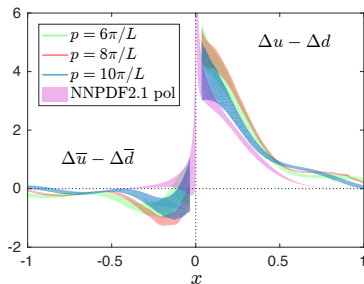


Computation at physical pion mass very important

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Conclusions

Future Perspectives

- ▶ Computation of g_A , $\langle x \rangle_{u-d}$, etc, at the physical point for $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ for three lattice spacings
- ▶ Assessment of volume effects

On-going studies:

A number of collaborations are now using simulations with close to physical values of the pion mass to:

- ▶ Investigate the proton radius using new methods e.g. position methods
- ▶ Compute gluonic observables
- ▶ Study excited states and resonances
- ▶ Scattering lengths and interactions
- ▶ etc.

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