

### Advancing Nucleon and Pion Parton Distributions with Lattice QCD: Insights and Impact on Global Analyses



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### Outlíne

§ Lattice QCD and Parton Distribution Functions

- § Selected Nucleon and Meson x-Dependent Parton Distributions
- § Impact of Lattice-QCD PDFs on Global Fits





### Parton Distribution Functions

### § PDFs are universal quark/gluon distributions of nucleon

#### Many ongoing/planned experiments (BNL, JLab, J-PARC, COMPASS, GSI, EIC, EICC, LHeC, ...)







**Electron Ion Collider:** The Next QCD Frontier

#### Imaging of the proton

How are the *sea* quarks and gluons, and their spins, distributed in space and momentum inside the nucleon?



EIC White Paper, 1212.1701; The Present and Future of QCD (2303.02579)



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## Global Analysis

#### § Experiments cover diverse kinematics of parton variables

Solobal analysis takes advantage of all data sets



Choice of data sets and kinematic cuts

Strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ 

How to parametrize the distribution

$$xf(x,\mu_0) = a_0 x^{a_1} (1-x)^{a_2} P(x)$$

Assumptions imposed

SU(3) flavor symmetry, charge symmetry, strange and sea distributions

$$s = \bar{s} = \kappa \big( \bar{u} + \bar{d} \big)$$

### Global Analysis



### Lattice QCD 101

- § Lattice QCD is an ideal theoretical tool for investigating the strong-coupling regime of quantum field theories § Physical observables are calculated from the path integral  $\langle 0 | O(\bar{\psi}, \psi, A) | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DA D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{iS(\bar{\psi}, \psi, A)} O(\bar{\psi}, \psi, A)$ in **Euclidean** space
- Quark mass parameter (described by  $m_{\pi}$ )
  Impose a UV cutoff discretize spacetime
  Impose an infrared cutoff finite volume
  S Recover physical limit  $m_{\pi} \rightarrow m_{\pi}^{\text{phys}}, a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty$  x, y, z y</p

### Moments of PDFs

#### § PDG-like rating system or average § LatticePDF Workshop $\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_{\delta q} = \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, x^{n-1} \delta q(x)$

Lattice representatives came together and devised a rating system

§ Lattice QCD/global fit status

LatticePDF Report, 1711.07916, 2006.08636

Mome	ent Collaboration	Reference	N <sub>f</sub> D	)E C	E 1	FV	RE	ES		Value	Global Fit
	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou $et al., 2019b$ )	2+1+1		*	0	*	*	**	0.926(32)	
$g_T$	PNDME 18	(Gupta $et al., 2018$ )	2+1+1	* 7	*	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	*	0.989(32)(10)	
	$\chi QCD 20$	(Horkel $et al., 2020$ )	2+1		*	0	$\star$	*	†	$1.096(30) \\ 0.972(41)$	0.10 — 1.1
	LHPC 19	(Hasan $et al., 2019$ )	2+1 (	0	*	0	$\star$	*	*		
	Mainz 19	(Harris <i>et al.</i> , 2019)	2+1	* (	0	*	*	*	**	$0.965(38)(^{+13}_{-41})$	
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka et al., 2018)	2+1		0	0	*	*		1.08(3)(3)(9)	
	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou et al., 2019b)	2		*	0	*	*		0.974(33)	
	ETMC 17	(Alexandrou et al., 2017d)	2		*		*	*		1.004(21)(02)(19)	
	RQCD 14	(Bali et al., 2015)	2 0	0	*	*	*			1.005(17)(29)	
$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta u}$	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2+1+1		*	0	*	*	**	0.716(28)	-0.14 — 0.91
	PNDME 18	(Gupta et al., 2018)	2+1+1	* 7	*	*	*	*	*	0.784(28)(10)	
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka et al., 2018)	2+1		0	0	$\star$	*		0.85(3)(2)(7)	
	$\mathrm{ETMC}17$	(Alexandrou et al., 2017d)	2		*		$\star$	*		0.782(16)(2)(13)	
$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta d}$	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2+1+1		*	0	*	*	**	-0.210(11)	-0.97 - 0.47
	PNDME 18	(Gupta et al., 2018)	2+1+1	* 1	*	*	$\star$	*	*	-0.204(11)(10)	
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka $et al., 2018$ )	2+1		0	0	*	*		-0.24(2)(0)(2)	
	ETMC 17	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2017d)	2		*		$\star$	*		-0.219(10)(2)(13)	
$\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta s^{-}}$	ETMC 19	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2019b)	2+1+1		*	0	*	*	**	-0.0027(58)	
	PNDME 18	(Gupta et al., 2018)	2+1+1	* 7	*	*	*	*	*	-0.0027(16)	N / A
	JLQCD 18	(Yamanaka et al., 2018)	2+1		0	0	*	*		-0.012(16)(8)	IN/A
	ETMC 17	(Alexandrou <i>et al.</i> , 2017d)	2		*		$\star$	*		-0.00319(69)(2)(22)	



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# From Charges to PDFs

- § Improved transversity distribution with LQCD tensor charge,  $g_T = \int_{-1}^{1} dx (h_1^u(x) - h_1^d(x))$  $\Rightarrow$  Global analysis with 12 extrapolation forms:  $g_T = 1.006(58)$
- $\clubsuit$  Use to constrain the global analysis fits to SIDIS  $\pi^\pm$  production data from proton and deuteron targets



### PDFs on the Lattice

§ Traditional lattice calculations rely on operator product expansion, only provide moments



§ True distribution can only be recovered with all moments

### Lattice Structure Limitation



§ Lattice calculations rely on operator product expansion, only provide moments  $\langle x^{n-1} \rangle_q = \int_{-1}^{1} dx \ x^{n-1} q(x)$ 

#### § Limited to the lowest few moments

- > For higher moments, all ops mix with lower-dimension ops
- >>> Novel proposals to overcome this problem
- W. Detmold and C. Lin, Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 014501
- Z. Davoudi and M. J. Savage, Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 054505
- A. Shindler, arXiv:2311.18704



Sheng Pin Chang (Kaon moments ) @ Tue. 4:00 PM

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§ Longstanding obstacle!
> Holy grail of structure calculations
§ Applies to many structure quantities:
> Parton distribution functions (PDF)
> Generalized parton distributions (GPD)
> Transverse-momentum distributions (TMD)



## A NEW HOPE

It is a period of war and economic uncertainty.

Turmoil has engulfed the galactic republics.

Basic truths at foundation of the human civilization are disputed by the dark forces of the evil empire.

A small group of QCD Knights from United Federation of Physicists has gathered in a remote location on the third planet of a star called Sol on the inner edge of the Orion-Cygnus arm of the galaxy.

The QCD Knights are the only ones who can tame the power of the Strong Force, responsible for holding atomic nuclei together, for giving mass and shape to matter in the Universe.

They carry secret plans to build the most powerful

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### Lattice Parton Method

§ Large-momentum effective theory (LaMET)/quasi-PDF (X. Ji, 2013; See 2004.03543 for review)



§ Compute quasi-distribution via

$$\tilde{q}(x,\mu,P_z) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-izk_z} \left\langle P \left| \bar{\psi}(z)\Gamma \exp\left(-ig \int_0^z dz' A_z(z')\right) \psi(0) \right| P \right\rangle$$

§ Recover true distribution (take  $P_z \rightarrow \infty$  limit)

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{q}}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{z}}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\boldsymbol{y}}{|\boldsymbol{y}|} C\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{x}}{\boldsymbol{y}},\frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}}{\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{z}}}\right) \boldsymbol{q}(\boldsymbol{y},\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_{N}^{2}}{\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{z}}^{2}},\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{2}}{(\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{z}})^{2}},\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{2}}{((1-\boldsymbol{x})\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{z}})^{2}}\right)^{2}$$
  
X. Xiong e.a., 1310.7471; J.-W. Chen e.a., 1603.06664

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Additional source of systematics:  $P_z$ 

Smaller  $P_z$  gives better signal but larger systematics (like how heavier pion mass gives better precision) New parameters in *x*-dependent methods to pay attention to

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### Dírect x-Dependent Structure

#### § Longstanding obstacle to lattice calculations!



Quasi-PDF/large-momentum effective theory (LaMET) (X. Ji, 2013; See 2004.03543 for review)

Pseudo-PDF method: differs in FT (A. Radyushkin, 2017)

- ➢ Lattice cross-section method (LCS) (Y Ma and J. Qiu, 2014, 2017)
- Compton amplitude method (A.J. Chambers et al., 1703.01153)
- Hadronic tensor currents (Liu et al., hep-ph/9806491, ... 1603.07352)
- ➢ Euclidean correlation functions (RQCD, 1709.04325)

### Lattice Parton Calculations

#### § Rapid developments!

HL, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 144 (2025)



CSSM/QCDSF; Ross Young @ Tue. 3:00pm

### Lattice Parton Calculations



### Lattice Example Results

#### § Summary of PDF results at physical pion mass



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### Isovector PDFs Update

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J. Holligan, HL (MSULat), 2312.10829 [hep-lat]





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### Continuum PDF

### § Nucleon PDFs using quasi-PDFs in the continuum limit



➤ Lattice details: clover/2+1 clover (LPC) a ≈ {0.49, 0.64, 0.85, 0.98} fm,  $M_{\pi} \in [222, 354]$ -MeV pion,

 $M_{\pi}L \in [3.9, 8.1]$  $P_z \in [1.8, 2.8]$ 

F. Yao et al (LPC), 2208.08008





 $\boldsymbol{x}$ 

## Nucleon Gluon PDF (2020)



✤ Lattice details: clover/2+1+1 HISQ 0.12 fm,

<mark>310-MeV</mark> sea pion

Z. Fan. et al (MSULat), 2007.16113



#### Study strange/light-quark

The comparison of the reconstructed unpolarized gluon PDF from the function form with CT18 NNLO and NNPDF3.1 NNLO gluon unpolarized PDF at  $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$  in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme.









### Gluon PDF in Nucleon

- - [220, 310, 700]-MeV pion, 10<sup>5</sup>–10<sup>6</sup> statistics
  - Z. Fan et al (MSULat), 2210.09985





### Meson Valence-quark PDFs

#### § Pion/Kaon PDFs using quasi-PDF in the continuum limit





# Valence-quark PDFs Update

§ Pion PDFs calculated directly at physical pion mass

> NNLO matching & treat leading-renormalon effects

Solution Section Sectio

J. Holligan, HL (MSULat), <u>10.1088/1361-6471/ad3162</u>





P: Jack Holligan

### Meson Gluon PDFs

#### § First pion and kaon gluon PDFs $g(x)/\langle x \rangle$ using pseudo-PDF





G: Zhouyou Fan

Wanted

2104.06372, Fan et al. (MSULat); 2112.03124, Salas-Chavira et al. (MSULat)





G: Alejandro Salas-Chavira





finite-volume, discretization, heavy quark mass, ...

#### § What does lattice QCD say about *g*(*x*)?



# Study discretization systematic in $\langle x \rangle_{\{\pi,q\}}$

➢ Lattice details: clover/HISQ, HISQ, a ~{0,15, 0.12, 0.09} fm





Píon Gluon PDF Update

#### § Back to Pion gluon PDF g(x)

✤ Update previous calculated  $g(x)/\langle x \rangle$  in 2021







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### First LaMET Gluon PDF

§ Gluon PDF w/ quasi-PDF (no parameterization)
 2+1+1 clover/HISQ 0.12 fm, 690-MeV pion, 10<sup>6</sup> statistics
 Good et al (MSULat), 2505.13321

PQCD calculated Wilson coefficient and matching kernel

$$C_0 = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi} \left( \frac{5}{6} \ln \left( \frac{z^2 \mu^2 e^{2\gamma_E}}{4} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

 $C^{\text{hyb.}}\left(\xi,\frac{\mu}{p^{z}}\right) = C^{\text{ratio}}\left(\xi,\frac{\mu}{p^{z}}\right) + \frac{\alpha_{s}C_{A}}{2\pi}\frac{5}{6}\left[-\frac{1}{|1-\xi|} + \frac{2\text{Si}((1-\xi)z_{s}p^{z})}{\pi(1-\xi)}\right]_{+}$ (BNL)

Formula by Fei Yao



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### Hadron Tomography

#### § Lots of progress on tomography by many collaborations



Figure 4.1: Nucleon isovector H (left), E (middle) and  $\tilde{H}$  (right) GPDs at  $\xi = 0$  with z-expansion to  $Q^2$  at selected x values.

#### HL, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 144 (2025) 104177

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### GPD Systematic Update

- § Nucleon isovector GPDs & pion valence-quark GPDs
- >> NNLO matching & treat leading-renormalon effects



- Leading-renormalon resummation (LRR)
   R. Zhang, et. al.
- Renormalization-group resummation (RGR) PLB 844, 138081 (2023)
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FG: Rui Zhang





difficult to measure, but can be predicted in lattice QCD

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### Nucleon Gluon PDF Impact

- § Impact study with CTEQ-TEA analysis
- Take lattice inputs in the region where no strong experimental data constraints,  $x \in [0.3, 0.8]$

Plots by Alim Ablat (Xinjiang U.); 2502.10630



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### Píon Gluon PDF Impact



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# Lattice Progress & Challenges

#### § Beyond the standard twist-2 collinear PDFs

- Generalized parton distributions (GPDs) for the pion and unpolarized/polarized nucleon
- Transverse-momentum- dependent distributions (TMDs)

Collins-Soper kernel, soft function and wavefunctions

Twist-3 PDFs and GPDs

For more details and references, refer to 2202.07193

- § Challenges ahead for precision PDFs
- ✤ Large momentum is essential
  - Solution With sufficient statistics nucleons may reach 5 GeV
- Methods for signal-to-noise improvement
  - Solution of the second second

#### Access small-x physics; some methods have inverse problem in PDF extraction, more computational resources, etc.

Swagato Mukherjee, Wayne Morris @ Wed. Morning

### Summary and Outlook

- § Exciting era using LQCD to study *x*-dependent parton distributions
- Bjorken-*x* dependence of parton distributions now widely studied
- More study of systematics planned for the near future
- § Lattice strange and gluon PDFs can have impacts
- > Treat lattice matrix elements as expt inputs in the future
- Computational resources are needed for precision calculations (community support!)
- § Precision and progress are limited by resources





Thanks to MILC collaboration for sharing their 2+1+1 HISQ lattices & USQCD/NSF/DOE for computational resources This work is partially sponsored by grants NSF PHY 1653405 & 1653405, DOE DE-SC0024053 & RCSA Cottrell Scholar



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### Students Wanted

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### More Píon PDF Updates



"before" lattice PDFs

PDF, need to look at relative errors



### First Lattice Charm PDF

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### Generalized Parton Distributions

Single-ensemble result



finite-volume, discretization, heavy quark mass,





### First Lattice GPDs

#### § First glimpse into pion GPD using Quasi-PDF/LaMET $\Rightarrow$ Lattice details: clover/HISQ, 0.12fm, 310-MeV pion mass $P_z \approx 1.3, 1.6 \text{ GeV}$ MILC, Phys. Rev. D, 82 (2010), 074501; Phys. Rev. D, 87 (2013), 0545056



J. Chen, HL, J. Zhang, 1904.1237;

$$H_{q}^{\pi}(x,\xi,t,\mu) = \int \frac{d\eta^{-}}{4\pi} e^{-ix\eta^{-}P^{+}} \left\langle \pi(P+\Delta/2) \left| \bar{q} \left(\frac{\eta^{-}}{2}\right) \gamma^{+} \Gamma\left(\frac{\eta^{-}}{2},-\frac{\eta^{-}}{2}\right) q\left(-\frac{\eta^{-}}{2}\right) \right| \pi(P-\Delta/2) \right\rangle$$



### Valence-Quark Píon GPD

#### § Pion GPD ( $H^{\pi}$ ) using quasi-PDFs at physical pion mass

- $\mathbf{E} \xi = 0$  valence-quark Pion GPD results

HL (MSULat), Phys. Lett. B 846 (2023) 138181



finite-volume,

discretization,

down quark

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finite-volume, discretization,



# Píon Tomography

§ Nucleon GPD using quasi-PDFs at physical pion mass

finite-volume, discretization,





HL (MSULat), Phys. Lett. B 846 (2023) 138181



### Nucleon Polarízed GPDs

§ Helicity GPD ( $\widetilde{H}$  )using quasi-PDFs at **physical pion mass** 

- MSULat: clover/2+1+1 HISQ
   0.09 fm, 135-MeV pion mass,  $P_z ≈ 2$  GeV
- $\mathbf{E} \xi = 0$  isovector nucleon (quasi-)GPD results

HL (MSULat), Phys.Lett.B 824 (2022) 136821



 $b(\mathrm{fm})$ 

# Nucleon Tomography

#### § Nucleon GPD using quasi-PDFs at physical pion mass

 $\approx \xi = 0$  isovector nucleon GPD results

$$q(x,b) = \int \frac{d\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^2} H(x,\xi = 0,t = -\vec{q}^2) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}}$$

finite-volume, discretization,





#### HL, Phys.Rev.Lett. 127 (2021) 18, 182001

Also see work done by ANL/BNL/ETMC, 2209.05373, 2310.13114

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