# Partonic distribution functions and amplitudes using tensor network methods

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#### Why Lattice Theory?

- Study of non-perturbative regime of QCD at lower energies
- QCD phenomena (e.g. confinement, phase transitions)
- First-principles calculations of quantities like PDFs





# **Parton Distribution Functions and Amplitudes**

- Parton Distribution Function (PDF)
- Light-cone Distribution Amplitude (LCDA)
- Provide non-perturbative inputs to calculate deep inelastic scattering cross sections
- Essential to understanding of hadron internal structure, collider physics





# Why Tensor Networks?



- TN have recently become an active research area in lattice field theory and hep
- TNS are efficient ansatz schemes for quantum many body problems free from the sign problem
- MPS can efficiently handle many common sources of error/complexity like high dimensionality and entanglement!

Tensor networks for High Energy Physics: contribution to

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Tensor Networks for Lattice Gauge Theories beyond one dimension: a Roadmap

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# **Tensor Networks and Quantum Computing**

- TNs easily simulate > 100 qubits
- Reasons for TNs
  - a. Good testbed/alternative to quantum computing in the NISQ era
  - b. Maximize what's accomplishable by classical hardware





# The (1+1) Dimension Lattice NJL Model

 NJL model is an effective field theory describing low-energy two-flavored QCD phenomena

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• We study these phenomena on a lattice

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\partial \!\!\!/ - m)\psi + g(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma_1\partial_1 + m)\psi - g(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$$

#### Lagrangian

$$\psi(x = x_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho(x = x_n) \\ \eta(x = x_n) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{2n} \\ \chi_{2n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Fermion field

## The (1+1) Dimension Lattice NJL Model

• Apply Jordan-Wigner transformation to Hamiltonian

$$\chi_n = \sigma_n^{-} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( -i\sigma_i^z \right)$$

$$\begin{split} H &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left( -\sigma_n^+ \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^- + \sigma_{n+1}^+ \sigma_n^z \sigma_n^- \right) \right] + m \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n \sigma_n^+ \sigma_n^- \\ &- \frac{g}{a} \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} \left( \sigma_{2n}^+ \sigma_{2n}^- - \sigma_{2n+1}^+ \sigma_{2n+1}^- \right)^2. \end{split}$$

Spin Hamiltonian

# **PDF and LCDA Computations**

- Continuum limit PDF  $f_{q/h}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{4\pi} e^{-itx\vec{n}M_h} \langle h | \bar{\psi}(t\vec{n})W(t\vec{n} \leftarrow \vec{0})\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\gamma}\psi(\vec{0}) | h \rangle$ 

$$f_{q/h}(x) = \frac{\delta z}{4\pi} \sum_{z=\bar{N}_{\min}}^{N_{\max}} e^{-ix\vec{n}M_h z} \left\langle h \right| \left( M_{00}(z) + M_{11}(z) - M_{01}(z) - M_{10}(z) \right) \left| h \right\rangle$$

- Lattice LCDA 
$$\phi_h(x) = \frac{\delta z}{f_h} \sum_{z=\bar{N}_{\min}}^{\bar{N}_{\max}} e^{-i(x-1)\vec{n}M_h z} \langle \Omega | \left( M_{00}(z) + M_{11}(z) - M_{01}(z) - M_{10}(z) \right) | h \rangle$$

- Matrix Elements 
$$M_{ij}(z) = e^{iHz} \chi^{\dagger}_{-2z+i+\bar{N}} e^{-iHz} \chi_{j+\bar{N}}$$

## **Tensor Network Methods and Algorithms**

- We use ITensor and Julia for our code implementation
- Two challenges: state preparation and real-time evolution
- The MPS is efficient at simulating lattice theory in 1 spatial dimension
- entropy area laws force an upper bound on entanglement entropy

$$\psi = M^{(1)} + \chi^{(1)} + R^{(1)}$$

### **State Preparation: Density Matrix Renormalization Group**

- Instantiate a charge-preserving lattice to stay in the Q = 0 sector
- Apply DMRG to obtain the ground (vacuum) state
- Apply DMRG with penalty to obtain the excited (hadron) state

$$H' = H - p|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0| \qquad Q = \sum_{i=1}^N (\sigma_n^z + (-1)^n)/2$$

#### **Real-time Evolution: Time-Dependent Variational Principle**

- Apply TDVP to time evolve MPS
- We found TDVP more accurate and less computationally demanding than TEBD (trotterization)

## **Results**

• We fix g = 0.25, m = 0.7

#### PDF

#### LCDA



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• We fix N = 102, m = 0.7

#### PDF

LCDA

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## **Results**

• We fix N = 102, g = 0.25 PDF

LCDA



# Conclusion

- Proposed a tensor network strategy for the (1+1)D NJL model
- Utilized a CP lattice and DMRG to prepare our hadron states
- Applied TDVP for real-time evolution of two-point correlators
- Simulated the PDF and LCDA in the continuum limit and observed agreement with pQCD and non-relativistic limits
- Demonstrated advantage of tensor networks in the NISQ era!

# Outlook

- Include flavor degrees of freedom
- Study lattice gauge theories
- Extend to higher spatial dimensions (e.g. via PEPS)

