



Partonic Structure by Quantum Computing

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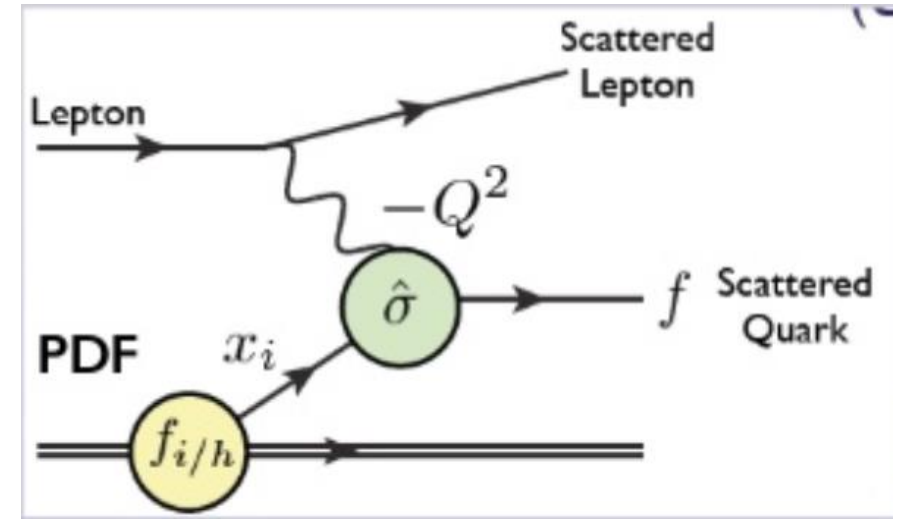
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Parton Distribution Function(PDF)

- Properties:
 - Non-perturbative.
 - “Universal”.
- “Conventional” study method:
 - Global fitting of different experimental data.
 - Lattice QCD calculation: quasi-PDF, pseudo-PDF



PDF: Extensions

- More dimensions:
 - TMD PDF
 - Spin distribution: spin crisis
- More Particles
 - Mesons
 - Nucleons: cold nuclear effect, EMC, ...

Quantum Computing

- “Hardware”: Quantum gates $\rightarrow$ Quantum circuits.
- “Software”: Quantum algorithms.
 - Shor’s algorithm
 - Quantum Fourier transform
 - ...
 - Hybrid algorithm
 - QAOA
 - VQE
 - Quantum Machine Learning
 - ...

Quantum Computing

- Advantage:
 - Superposition and entanglement: speed up algorithms
 - Simulation of quantum systems

“... and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you’d better make it quantum mechanical, ...”
--Richard Feynman

Simulating Physics with Computers

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Quantum Computing

- Challenges in the algorithm field:
 - Limited qubits: contemporary quantum devices vs. classical simulation.
 - Noise.
 - Gauge fields: fermion effective theory, ...
 - ...

Quantum Computing of PDFs

- Hadronic tensor [Phys. Rev. Res. 2, 013272(2020)].
- Wilson loops [arXiv:1908.07051].
- Hybrid approach [Phys. Rev. D 102, 016007(2020)].
- Global analysis with quantum machine learning [Phys. Rev. D 103, 034027(2020)]
- ...

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Calculation of PDF

- Definition:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{q/h}(x) &= \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixM_h z} \langle h | \bar{\psi}(z, -z) \gamma^+ \psi(0,0) | h \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{-ixM_h z} \langle h | e^{iHz} \bar{\psi}(0, -z) e^{-iHz} \gamma^+ \psi(0,0) | h \rangle \\ &\quad \gamma^+ = \gamma^0 + \gamma^1 \end{aligned}$$

- Relevant dimension: 1+1D
- Preparation of the hadronic state.
- Calculation of the (dynamical) correlation function.

1+1D NJL model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_\alpha (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m_\alpha) \psi_\alpha + g(\bar{\psi}_\alpha \psi_\alpha)^2$$
$$H = \int dx [-i\bar{\psi}_\alpha (i\gamma^1 \partial_1 - m_\alpha) \psi_\alpha - g(\bar{\psi}_\alpha \psi_\alpha)^2]$$

- Discretization: staggered fermion approach

$$\psi_\alpha(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\alpha,1} \\ \psi_{\alpha,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\alpha,2n} \\ \psi_{\alpha,2n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

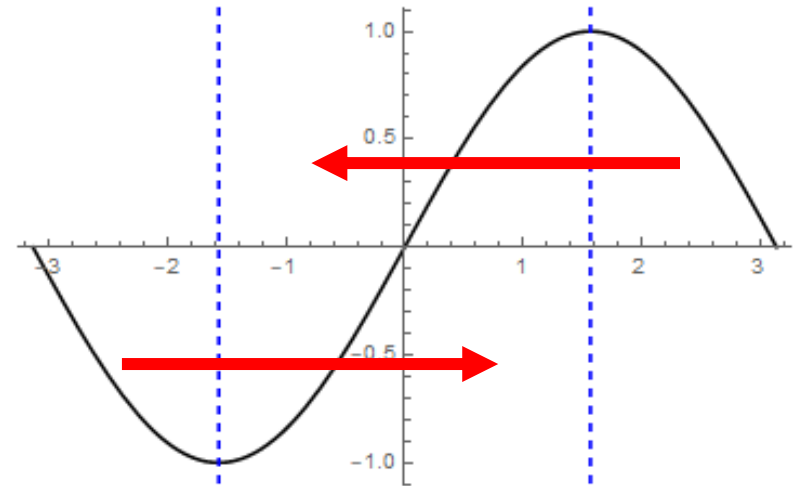
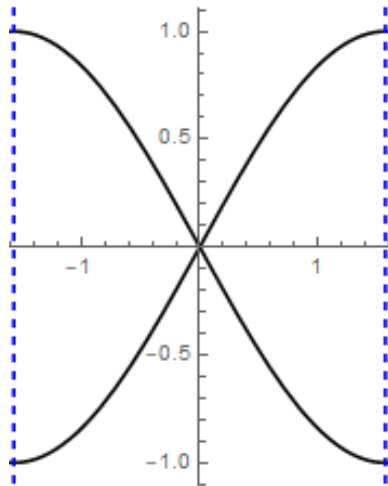
$$H = \sum_{\alpha,n} \left[-\frac{i}{2} (\psi_{\alpha,n}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n+1} - \psi_{\alpha,n+1}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n}) + (-1)^n m_\alpha \psi_{\alpha,n}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n} \right]$$
$$-g \sum_{\alpha,n=\text{even}} [\psi_{\alpha,n}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n} + \psi_{\alpha,n+1}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n+1} - 2\psi_{\alpha,n}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n} \psi_{\alpha,n+1}^\dagger \psi_{\alpha,n+1}]$$

Staggered Fermion Approach

- Remaining redundant mode: $\frac{2^d}{k}$
- d : number of discretized dimensions
- k : number of fermion components
- 1+1D: $d = 1, k = 2$, good!

Staggered Fermion Approach

- Multi-component field ψ : $\gamma^0 E = \gamma^1 \sin p \rightarrow E^2 = \sin^2 p$
- One-component field χ : $E = \sin p$, reduced modes!



Staggered Fermion Approach

$$H_\chi = i \sum_n \chi_n^\dagger \frac{\chi_{n+1} - \chi_{n-1}}{a} + V \leftrightarrow$$

$$H_\psi = i \sum_n [\psi_{n,1}^\dagger \frac{\psi_{n,2} - \psi_{n-1,2}}{a} + \psi_{n,2}^\dagger \frac{\psi_{n+1,1} - \psi_{n,1}}{a}] + V$$

- Effectively modifies the momentum term

- Eigenvalues of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \frac{1-e^{-iap}}{a} \\ i \frac{e^{iap}-1}{a} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is $\pm \frac{2\sin\frac{ap}{2}}{a} (-\frac{\pi}{a} \leq p \leq \frac{\pi}{a})$

Jordan-Wigner transformation

- Express field operator as Pauli matrices that can be handled by a quantum computer.
- Keeps the anticommuting relation.

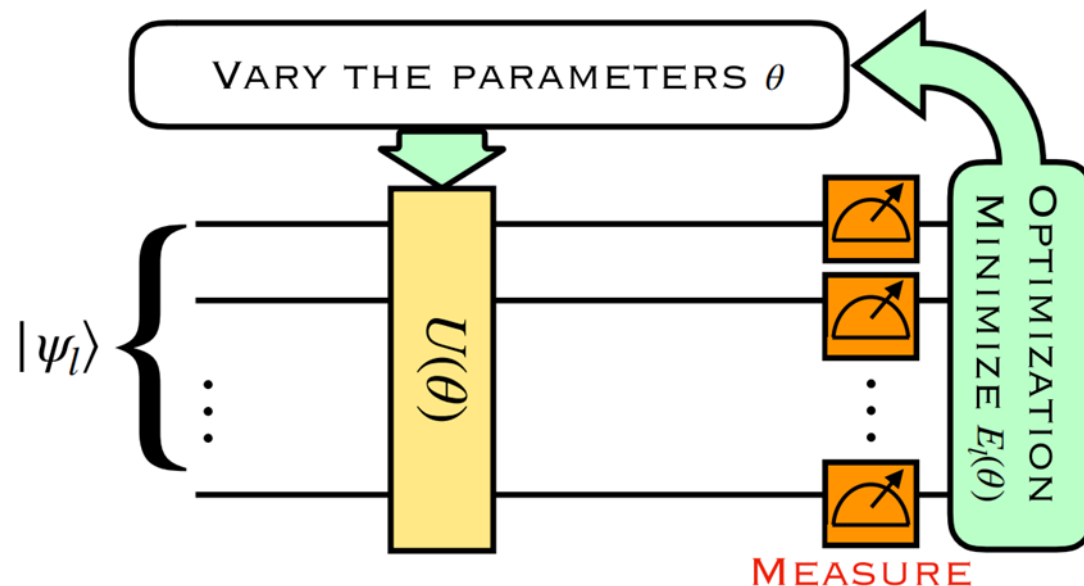
$$\psi_{\alpha,n} = \prod_{\beta=1}^{\alpha-1} \tilde{\sigma}_{\beta, \frac{N}{2}}^3 \tilde{\sigma}_{\alpha,n}^3 \sigma_{\alpha,n}^+$$
$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\alpha,n}^3 = \prod_{i < n} \sigma_{\alpha,i}^3, \quad \sigma_{\alpha,n}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_{\alpha,n}^1 \pm i \sigma_{\alpha,n}^2)$$

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Hadronic State Preparation

- Hadron states are the (lowest few) eigenstates with fixed given quantum numbers.
- Constructing trial states: Quantum alternating operator ansatz(QAOA).
- Find eigenstates: minimizing the energy expectations.



QAOA[arXiv:1411.4028]

- Divide the Hamiltonian H into n pieces $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$:
 - Each H_i has the same symmetry of H ,
 - $[H_i, H_{i+1}] \neq 0$,
 - One of H_i is diagonal.
- Parameterized symmetry-preserving operator of p layers:

$$U(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^p \prod_{j=1}^n e^{i\theta_{ij} H_j}$$

- For the k -th state with given quantum number l
$$|\psi_{lk}(\theta)\rangle = U(\theta)|\psi_{lk}\rangle$$
- The translational symmetry is also kept (for rest frame, $p = 0$).

Optimizing

- Cost function: weighted combination of the energy expectations

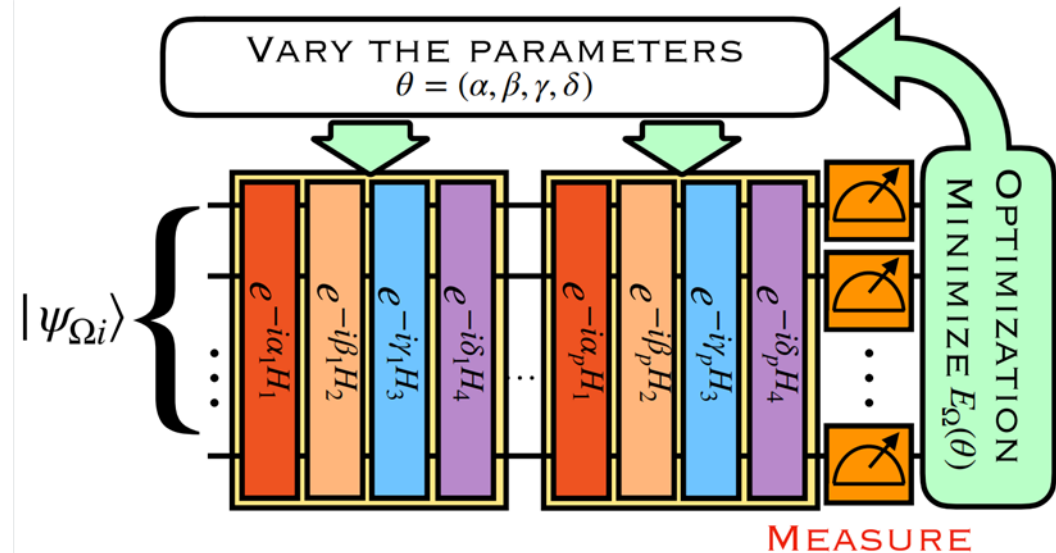
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 020505]

$$E_l(\theta) = \sum_i^k \omega_{li} \langle \psi_{li}(\theta) | H | \psi_{li}(\theta) \rangle$$

$$\omega_{l1} > \omega_{l2} > \dots > \omega_{lk}$$

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} E(\theta)$$

- $U(\theta^*)|\psi_{lk}\rangle$ is the k-th excited hadron state with quantum number l .



1-flavor meson state

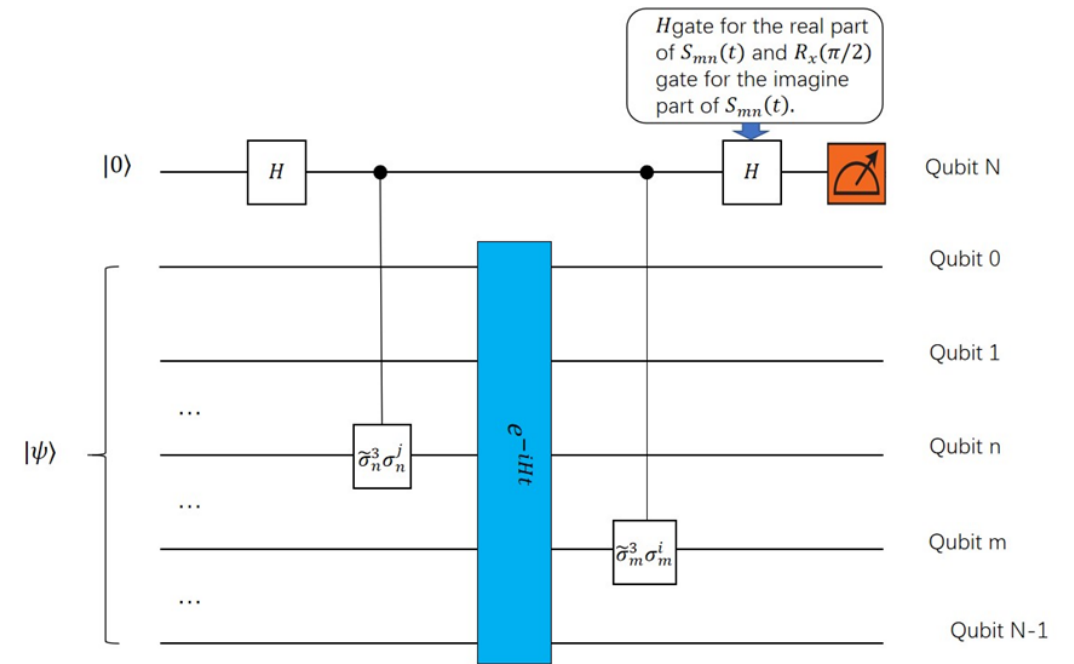
- The 1-flavor meson state has the same quantum number with vacuum Ω .
- Two states needed: ground state—vacuum, 1st excited state—meson.
- $|\psi_{\Omega,1}\rangle = |0101 \dots 01\rangle$.
- $|\psi_{\Omega,2}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N/2}} (|1001 \dots 01\rangle + |0110 \dots 01\rangle + \dots + |0101 \dots 10\rangle)$.
- $\omega_{\Omega,1} = 1, \omega_{\Omega,2} = 0.5$

Dynamical correlation function

- The measurement on the quantum computer is achieved by an auxiliary qubit and the controlled gate. [Phys. Rev. B 101, 014411]

- What we measure:

$$S_{mn}(t) = \left\langle h \left| e^{iHt} \tilde{\sigma}_m^3 \sigma_m^i e^{-iHt} \tilde{\sigma}_n^3 \sigma_n^j \right| h \right\rangle$$



Measuring the correlation function

- Measurement in Quantum Computing
 - $\langle \alpha | \hat{O} | \alpha \rangle$
 - $\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle$
- Controlled gate: $|\alpha\rangle_a |0\rangle_b \rightarrow |\alpha\rangle_a |0\rangle_b, |\alpha\rangle_a |1\rangle_b \rightarrow |U\alpha\rangle_a |0\rangle_b$
- With this, we can create state: $|\psi\rangle = |\alpha\rangle_a |0\rangle_b + |\beta\rangle_a |1\rangle_b$
- $\langle \psi | I_a \otimes \sigma_b^x | \psi \rangle = 1 + 2\text{Re}(\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle)$
- $\langle \psi | I_a \otimes \sigma_b^y | \psi \rangle = 1 - 2\text{Im}(\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle)$

Measuring the correlation function

1. Prepare the initial state as the direct product state $|0\rangle_A |0\rangle_S$. Where $|0\rangle_S$ is the vacuum of the Thirring model and $|0\rangle_A$ is the auxiliary qubit.

2. Act H gate on the auxiliary qubit, we have

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|0\rangle_S \otimes |0\rangle_A + |0\rangle_S \otimes |1\rangle_A]. \quad (42)$$

3. Act controlled $\psi_\alpha^\dagger(0)$ gate on the vacuum. We have

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|0\rangle_S \otimes |0\rangle_A + \psi_\alpha^\dagger(0)|0\rangle_S \otimes |1\rangle_A]. \quad (43)$$

4. Act the unitary gate $e^{-iP(x-y)}$ on the vacuum

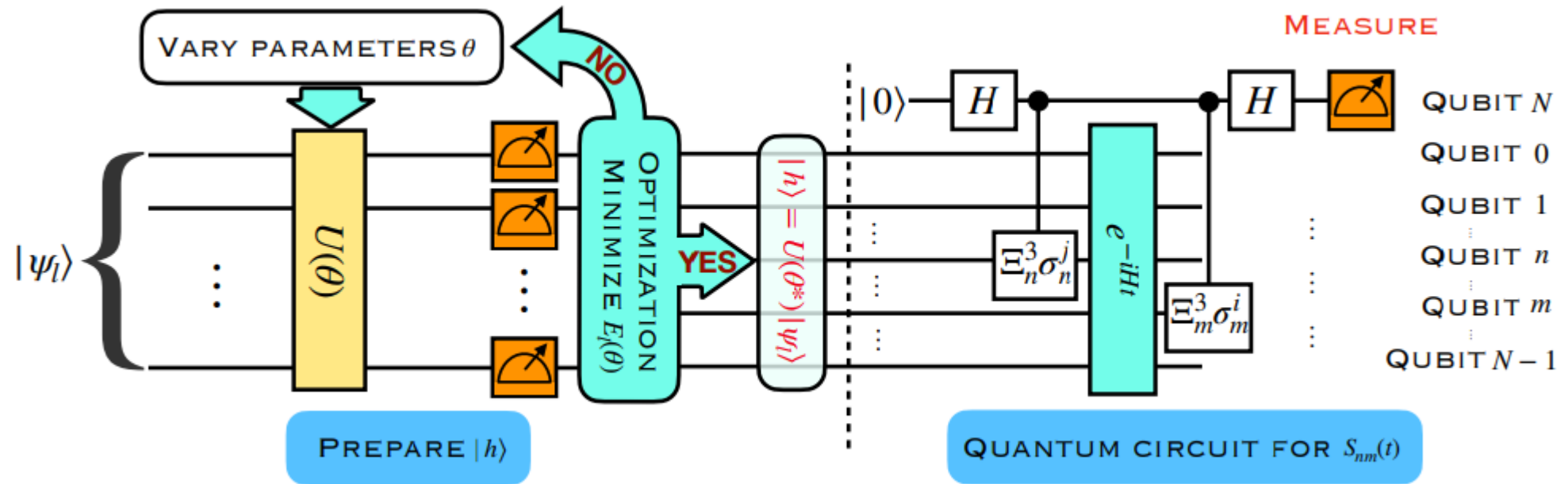
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [e^{-iP(x-y)}|0\rangle_S \otimes |0\rangle_A + e^{-iP(x-y)}\psi_\alpha^\dagger(0)|0\rangle_S \otimes |1\rangle_A]. \quad (44)$$

5. Act the controlled $\psi_\beta(0)$ gate on the vacuum

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [e^{-iP(x-y)}|0\rangle_S \otimes |0\rangle_A + \psi_\beta(0)e^{-iP(x-y)}\psi_\alpha^\dagger(0)|0\rangle_S \otimes |1\rangle_A]. \quad (45)$$

6. Measure the auxiliary qubit and obtain the two point function.

Full Quantum circuit



Meson Mass

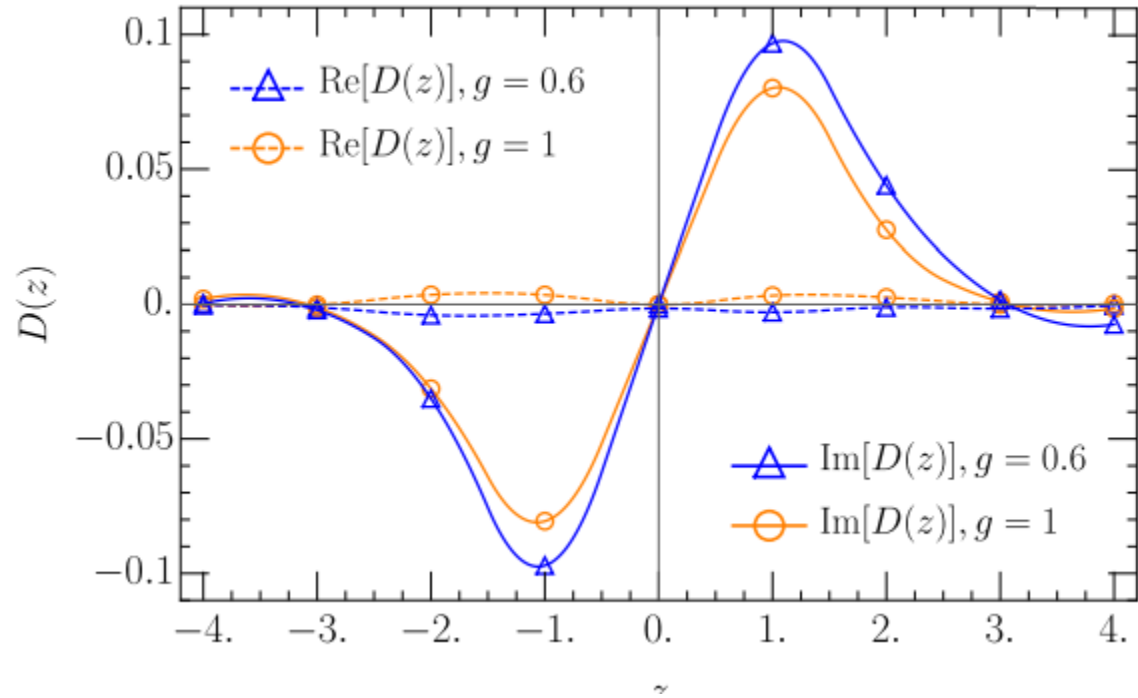
- $ma = 0.2, 12$ qubits

g	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
$M_{h,QC}a$	1.002	1.810	2.674	3.534	4.352
$M_{h,NUM}a$	1.001	1.801	2.659	3.509	4.342

- The majority of mass comes from interaction rather than quark masses.
- For $ma = 0.8$ the quark masses are dominant.

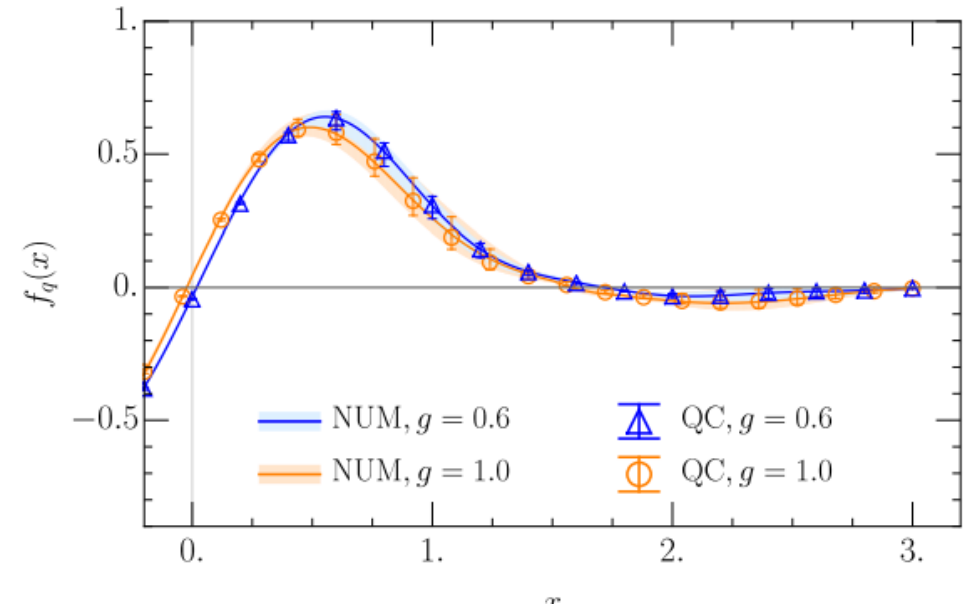
Correlation function

- Real part consistent with 0.
- Bounded state behavior.



Meson PDF

- Error bars/bands are from different interpolation methods.
- Quantum computation result matches well with conventional numerical solutions.
- Qualitative agreement with pion PDFs in 2d QCD.[Phys. Rev. D 98, 054011]



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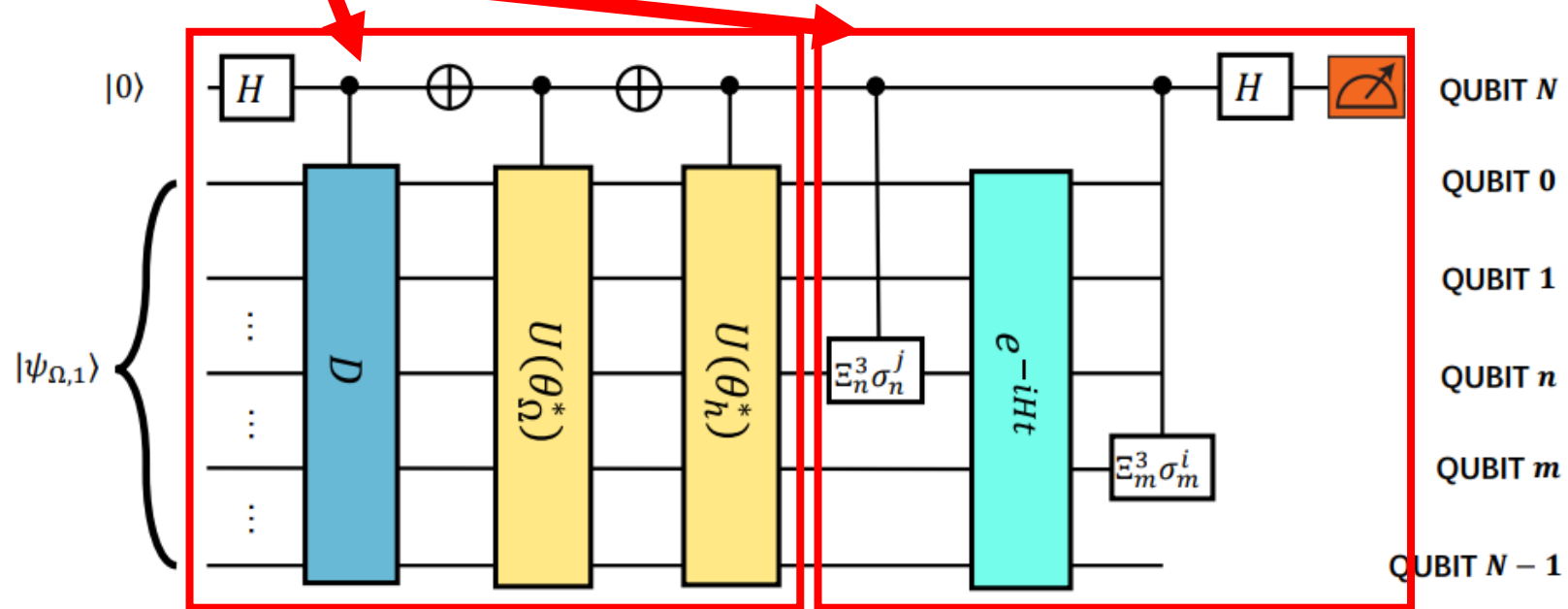
- The projection amplitude of a hadron onto multiple-parton states:
- Meson:

$$\phi_h(x) = \frac{1}{f} \int dz e^{-i(x-1)m_h z} \langle \Omega | e^{iH z} \bar{\psi}(0, -z) e^{-iH z} \gamma^+ \psi(0, 0) | h \rangle$$

- Describes the formation/decay of a hadron.
- In quantum computing language: $\langle \Omega | e^{iHt} \tilde{\sigma}_m^3 \sigma_m^i e^{-iHt} \tilde{\sigma}_n^3 \sigma_n^j | h \rangle$

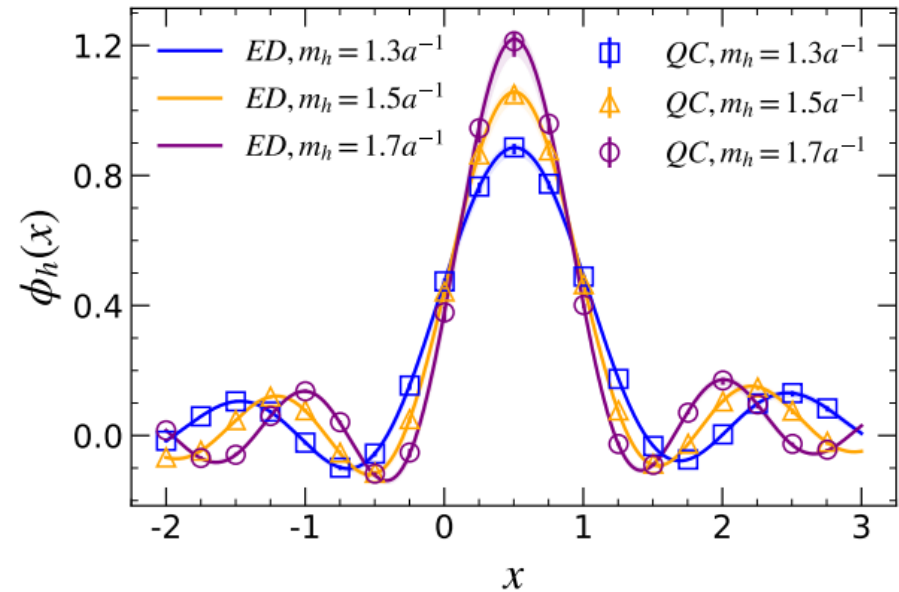
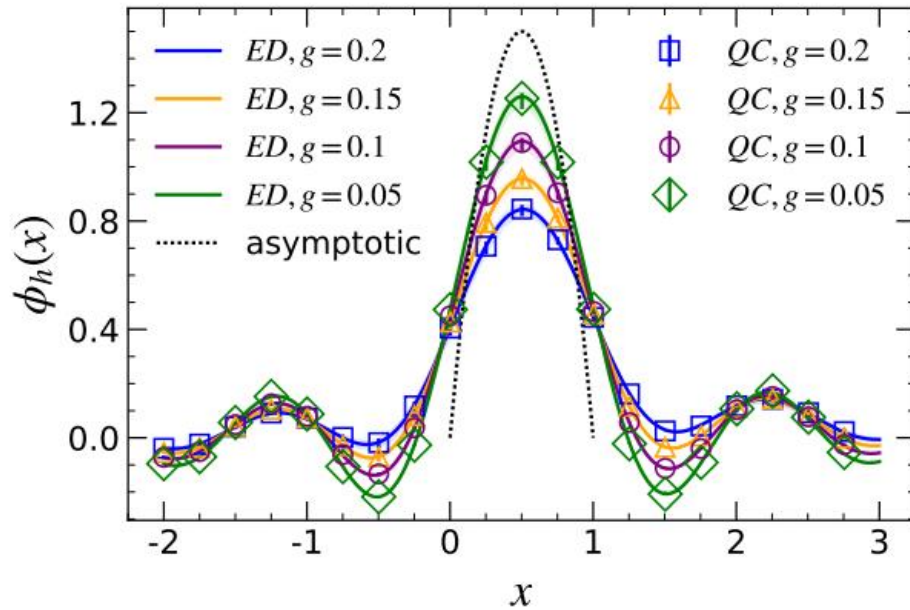
Measuring correlation function between different states

- Prepare $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle|\Omega\rangle + |1\rangle|h\rangle)$
- Evaluate $\langle \Omega | \hat{O} | h \rangle$



Results

- Peak gets narrower when decreasing coupling constant or increasing hadron mass.
- Converges to asymptotic result.



Summary and outlook

- First direct simulation of the hadron partonic structure on a quantum computer
 - Prepare the hadron with quantum-number-resolving VQE.
 - Real-time evolution of the light-like correlation function.
- Proof-of-concept: 1 flavor 1+1D PDF and LCDA.
- Generally applicable to many questions:
 - Proton spin configuration.
 - Nucleon 3D structure.
 - Jet transport.
 - ...

Thank you!