

# Moments of pion distribution amplitude using OPE on lattice

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<sup>1</sup>proposed by [Detmold and Lin \(Phys.Rev. D73 \(2006\)\)](#). 

Pion LC wave function/distribution amplitude:

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u}(\frac{z}{2}) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu d(-\frac{z}{2}) | \pi^+(p) \rangle = -i p_\mu f_\pi \int_0^1 d\xi e^{i(\bar{\xi} p \frac{z}{2} - \xi p \frac{z}{2})} \phi_\pi(\xi)$$
$$\bar{\xi} = 1 - \xi$$

fraction  $\xi$  of pion momentum is carried by  $u$  quark.

(Mellin) Moments:

$$a_n = \int_0^1 d\xi \xi^n \phi_\pi(\xi).$$

OPE:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | O^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} | \pi^+(p) \rangle &= f_\pi a_{n-1} [p^{\mu_1} \dots p^{\mu_n} - \text{Traces}] \\ O^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} &= \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu_1} \gamma^5 (iD^{\mu_2}) \dots (iD^{\mu_n}) \} \psi - \text{Traces} \end{aligned}$$

In the isospin limit  $m_u = m_d$ :

$$\phi_\pi(\xi) = \phi_\pi(\bar{\xi})$$

$\implies$  Odd moments vanish  $\rightarrow$  lowest non-trivial moment is  $a_2$ .

### Lattice calculation:

- second moment is calculated quite precisely (Bali et. al., 2017).
- going beyond is challenging because:
  - operator mixing (reduced symmetry:  $O(4) \rightarrow H(4)$ ).

# Euclidean OPE with a valance heavy quark

Heavy-light axial current:

$$A_{\Psi,\psi}^{\mu} = \bar{\Psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5\psi + \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5\Psi$$

$\psi$ : light quarks,  $\Psi$ : fictitious, relativistic, valance quark which is heavy.

- Simplify the lattice calculation:
  - no disconnected contribution.
  - easy to invert the quark matrix.

The relevant (Euclidean) hadronic tensor:

$$U_A^{\mu\nu}(q, p) = \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle \pi^+(p) | T[A_{\Psi, \psi}^\mu(x) A_{\Psi, \psi}^\nu(0)] | 0 \rangle$$

OPE:

$$U_A^{[\mu\nu]}(p, q) \sim 2i f_\pi \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} q^\rho p^\lambda \sum_{n=0,2,\dots}^{\infty} a_n \frac{\xi^n}{n+1} \left[ \frac{C_n^2(\eta)}{\tilde{Q}^2} \right],$$

where  $\xi = \frac{\sqrt{p^2 q^2}}{\tilde{Q}^2}$ ,  $\eta = \frac{p \cdot q}{\sqrt{p^2 q^2}}$  and  $\tilde{Q}^2 = -q^2 - m_\Psi^2$ .

For simplicity, Wilson coefficients are set to one.

$a_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Mellin moment of the pion DA:

$$\langle 0 | \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu_1} \gamma^5 (iD^{\mu_2}) \dots (iD^{\mu_n}) \} \psi - \text{Traces} | \pi^+(p) \rangle = f_\pi a_{n-1} [p^{\mu_1} \dots p^{\mu_n} - \text{Traces}].$$

$C_n^2(\eta)$ 's are Gegenbauer polynomials.

- Identical result for the VV type correlator.

We compute the hadronic tensor in a unphysical regime:

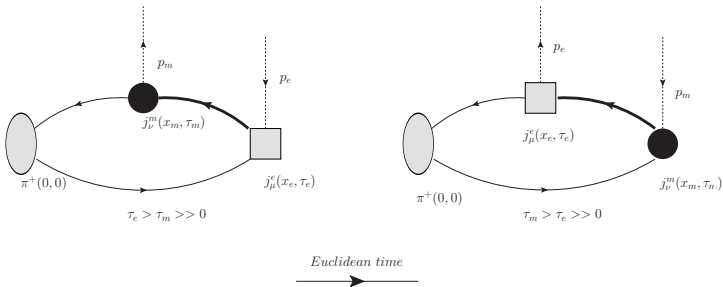
$$(p+q)^2 < (m_\Psi + \Lambda_{QCD})^2$$

The required scale hierarchy:

$$\Lambda_{QCD} \ll \sqrt{q^2} < m_\Psi \ll \frac{1}{a}$$

$\implies$  Fine lattices are required.

# The correlators



$$C_3^{\mu\nu}(\tau_m, \tau_e; \vec{p}_m, \vec{p}_e) = \sum_{\vec{x}_e} \sum_{\vec{x}_m} e^{i\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{x}_e} e^{-i\vec{p}_m \cdot \vec{x}_m} \langle 0 | T [j_e^\mu(\vec{x}_e, \tau_e) j_m^\nu(\vec{x}_m, \tau_m) \mathcal{O}_\pi^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0)] | 0 \rangle$$

$$C_\pi(\tau_\pi; \vec{p}_\pi) = \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{i\vec{p}_\pi \cdot \vec{x}} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_\pi(\vec{x}, \tau) \mathcal{O}_\pi^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{\tau_\pi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\langle \pi(\vec{p}_\pi) | \mathcal{O}_\pi^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle|^2}{2E_\pi} \times e^{-E_\pi \tau_\pi}$$



We can form the ratio

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_3^{\mu\nu}(\tau; \vec{q}, \vec{p}) &= \frac{C_3^{\mu\nu}(\tau_m, \tau_e; \vec{p}_e, \vec{p}_m)}{C_\pi(\tau_m; \vec{p})} \times \langle \pi(\vec{p}_\pi) | \mathcal{O}_\pi^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle \\
 &\equiv \int d^3x e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \langle 0 | T [j_e^\mu(\vec{x}, \tau) j_m^\nu(\vec{0}, 0)] | \pi(\vec{p}_\pi) \rangle_{\tau=\tau_e-\tau_m, \vec{q}=\vec{p}_e; \vec{p}=\vec{p}_e-\vec{p}_m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Perform the temporal Fourier transform:

$$\int d\tau e^{iq_4\tau} R_3^{[\mu\nu]}(\tau; \vec{q}, \vec{p}) = U_{A/V}^{[\mu\nu]}(q, p)$$

- Analytic continuation:  $p_4 \rightarrow ip_0$ ,  $q_4 \rightarrow iq_0$ .

$$U_{A/V}^{[\mu\nu]}(q, p)|_M = iU_{A/V}^{[\mu\nu]}(q, p) = i \int d\tau e^{-q_0\tau} R_3^{[\mu\nu]}(\tau; \vec{q}, \vec{p})$$

$\rightarrow R_3^{[\mu\nu]}$  is purely imaginary.

- The range  $[\tau_{min}, \tau_{max}]$  for the temporal fourier transform is constrained by the regime where we can isolate the one-pion state.

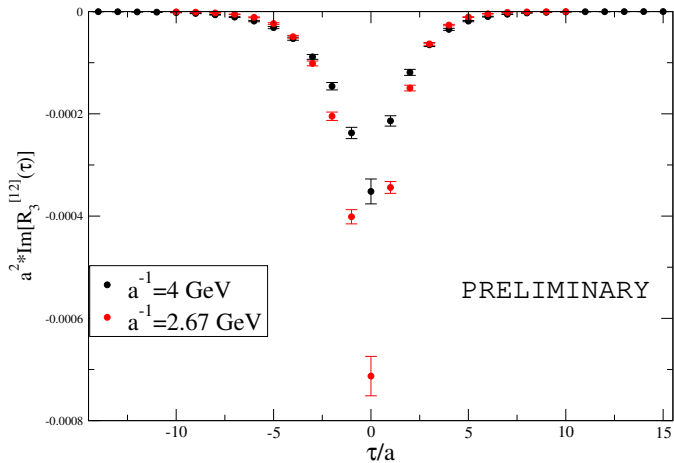
$$U_{A/V}^{[\mu\nu]}(q, p)|_M = i \int_{\tau_{min}}^{\tau_{max}} d\tau e^{iq_4\tau} R_3^{[\mu\nu]}(\tau; \vec{q}, \vec{p})$$

# Exploratory numerical results

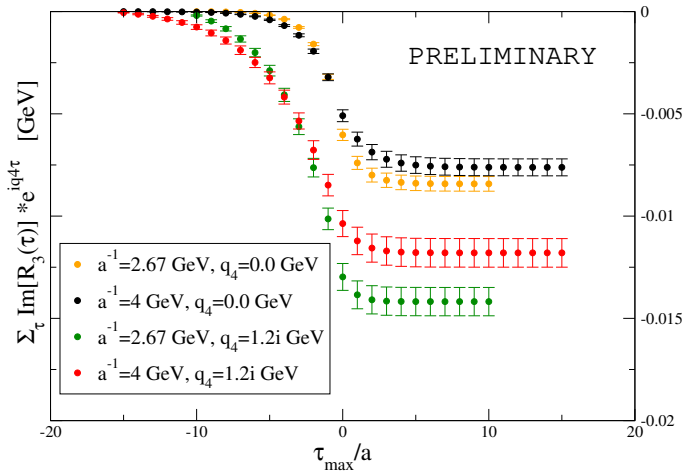
- Quenched simulation:
  - Pure Wilson gauge action for configuration generation.
  - Non-perturbatively  $O(a)$ -improved clover action for valance quarks.
- $m_\pi = 450$  MeV.
- Two values of the lattice spacing:  $a^{-1} = 2.67$  and  $4$  GeV
- box size:  $L = 2.4$  fm,  $T = 4.8$  fm.
- Two choices of the heavy quark mass,  $m_\psi = 1.3$  and  $2$  GeV.

Ensembles available at  $L = 32, 40, 48, 64, 96$  with same physical box size and cut-off scale as high as  $8$  GeV.

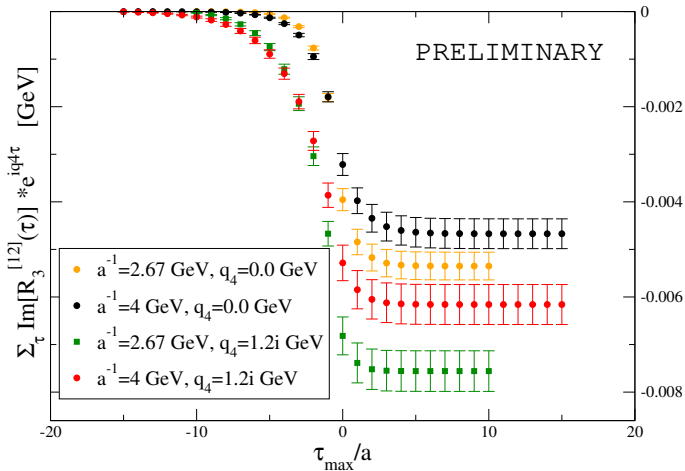
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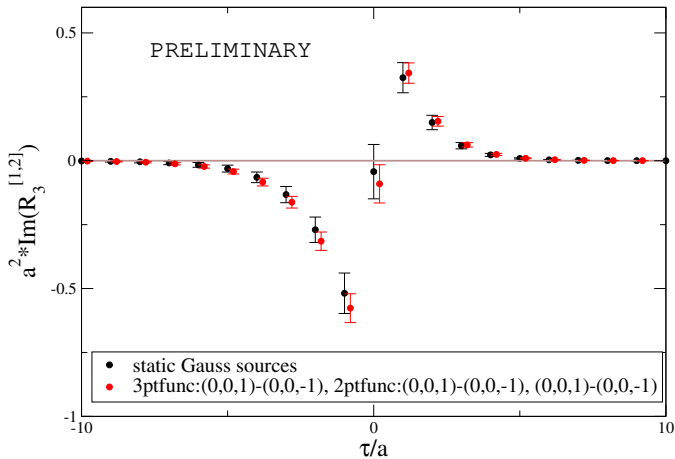
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# Momentum smearing (G. Bali et. al., 2016. )

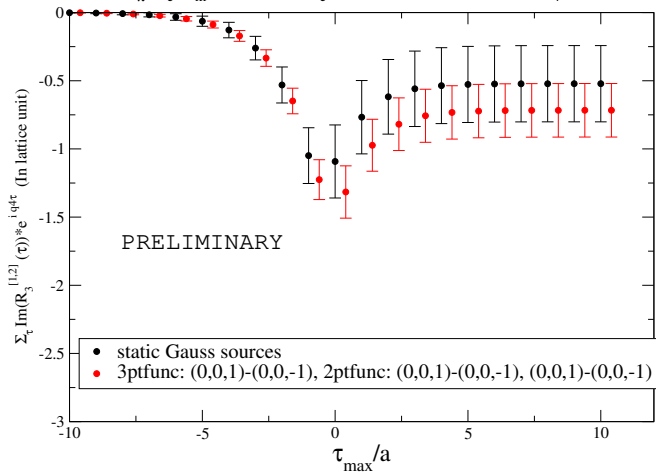
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# Summary

- The method: study of current-current matrix elements and OPE on the lattice.
- A fictitious, valence heavy quark to make lattice calculation simpler, to give more flexibility, for easy analytic continuation, ..
- In this talk, the results are shown for two values of the lattice spacing. The lattice artifacts look under control, although they can be non-negligible.
- The method requires the hadronic tensor in the  $a \rightarrow 0$  limit to be matched with the OPE formula. The data at more values of the lattice spacings will be analyzed in the near future in order to perform continuum extrapolation of the hadronic tensor reliably.
- The approach described here looks promising, and has the potential to make important contributions to the study of hadron structure.



Thanks for your attention!

Translation invariance:

$$R_3^{[\mu\nu]}(\tau, q, p) + e^{-E_\pi(p)\tau} R_3^{[\mu\nu]}(\tau, p - q, p) = 0$$

