

Quantum Simulation of Fragmentation functions

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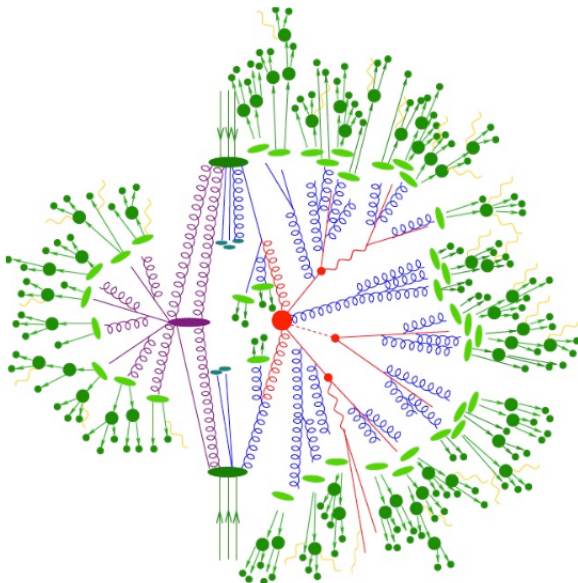
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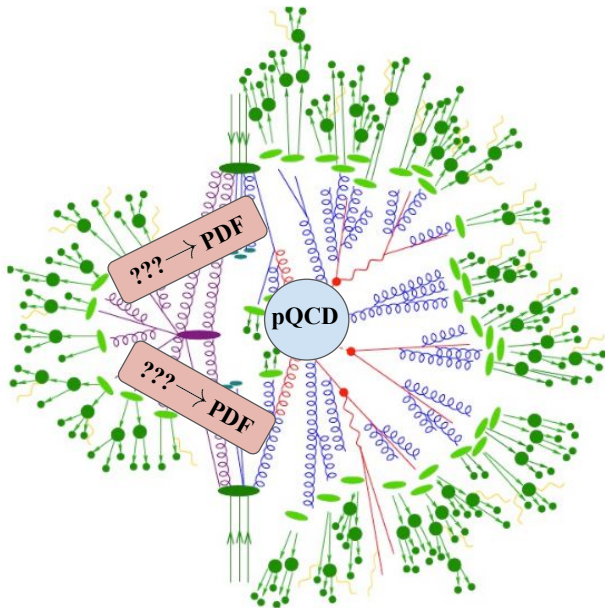
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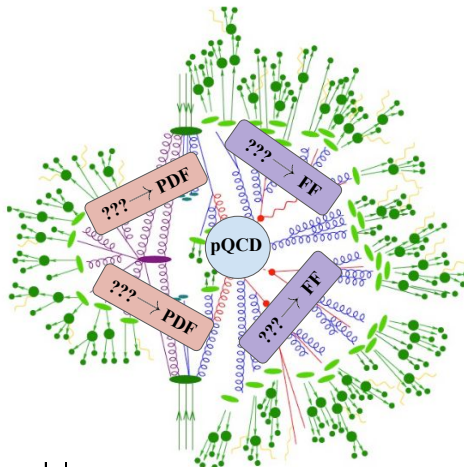
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Fragmentation function



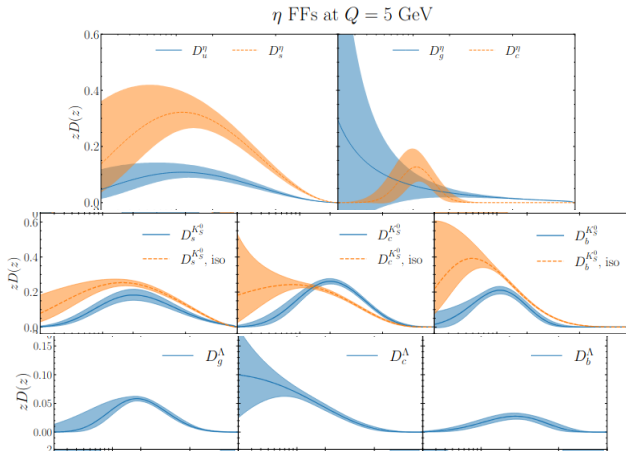




In the parton model

$$d_{h/j}(z) = \frac{\text{Tr}_{\text{color}}}{N_{c,j}} \sum_X \langle j, k | h, X, \text{out} \rangle \langle h, X, \text{out} | j, k \rangle$$

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From recent global analysis 2503.21311

QCD in the LF - nutshell format

From the QCD Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu,a} + \bar{\psi} (i\not{\partial} - m) \psi + g A_\mu^a J_D^{\mu,a}$$

take $A^+ = 0$ (LF gauge) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P^- = & \frac{1}{2} \int dx_+ d^2x_\perp \left[\bar{\psi} \gamma^+ \frac{m^2 - \nabla_\perp^2}{i\partial^+} \psi - A_r^\mu \nabla_\perp^2 A_{r,\mu} \right. \\ & + g J_r^\mu A_{r,\mu} + \frac{g^2}{4} B_r^{\mu\nu} B_{r,\mu\nu} \\ & \left. - \frac{g^2}{2} J_r^\mu \frac{1}{(\partial^+)^2} J_r^\mu - i \frac{g^2}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu T_r A_{r,\mu} \frac{\gamma^+}{\partial^+} (\gamma^\mu T_s A_{s,\nu} \psi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Expand the fields in terms of plane waves

$$\psi_{\alpha,r}(x) = \sum_{\sigma} \int [p] (u_{\alpha\sigma}(p) b_{p\sigma r} e^{-ipx} + v_{\alpha\sigma}(p) e^{ipx} d_{p\sigma r}^{\dagger})$$

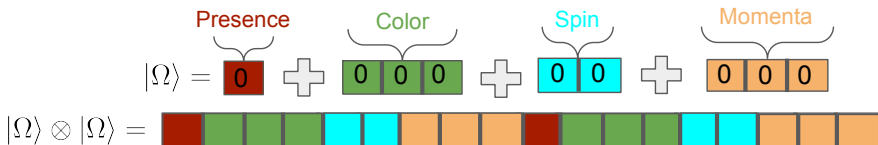
$$A_a^{\mu}(x) = \int [p] [\epsilon_{\sigma}^{\mu}(p) a_{p,\sigma,a} e^{ipx} + \epsilon_{\sigma}^{\mu*}(p) a_{p,\sigma,a}^{\dagger} e^{-ipx}],$$

$p^2 = m^2$ & **Schrödinger** picture $\Rightarrow$ **3-vectors** !!

1-particle states are $|p, \sigma, a\rangle = a_{p,\sigma,a}^{\dagger} |\Omega\rangle$ and:

$$[a_{p\sigma a}, a_{k\sigma' b}^{\dagger}] = \delta(k^+ - p^+) \delta^2(p^{\perp} - k^{\perp}) \delta_{\sigma}^{\sigma'} \delta_b^a$$

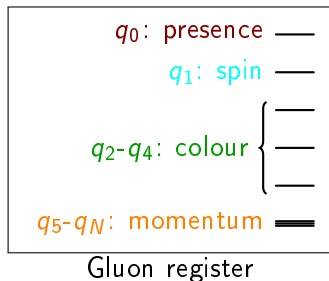
Memory divided in **particle registers**:



n Sector	0 g	1 q $\bar{q}$	2 gg	3 q $\bar{q}$ g	5 gg g	4 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$	6 q $\bar{q}$ gg	9 gg gg	7 q $\bar{q}$ q $\bar{q}$ g	10 q $\bar{q}$ gg g	14 gg gg g
0 g											
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One-particle encoding

How to write a and $a^\dagger$ in terms of quantum gates?



Empty register

$$|\Omega\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \otimes |00\rangle \otimes |0\dots 0\rangle$$

Pack/unpack with operators

$$\mathfrak{s}_{s,c,p}^\dagger |\Omega\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |s\rangle \otimes |c\rangle \otimes |p\rangle$$

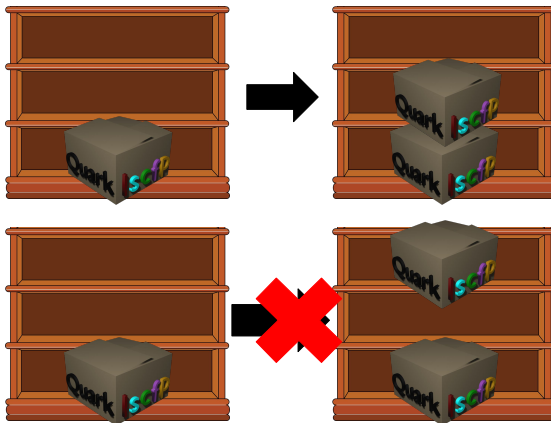
$$\mathfrak{s}_{s,c,p} |1\rangle \otimes |s\rangle \otimes |c\rangle \otimes |p\rangle = |\Omega\rangle$$

$$\mathfrak{c}_{10} \otimes \mathfrak{s}_{4,3,1}^\dagger |\Omega\rangle = \begin{array}{c} \text{Presence} \\ \text{1} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Color} \\ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Spin} \\ 1 \ 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Momenta} \\ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array}$$

Think of memory as



Add particles only downn-up



Antisymmetrize:



Boson operators

Field-theory like $b_{\mathbf{q}}^{(n)\dagger} = \sum_j b_{\mathbf{q},j}^{(n)\dagger}$:

$$b_{\mathbf{q}}^{(n)\dagger} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathcal{S}_{j \leftarrow j-1} \cdot \mathbb{P}_0^{(n-j)} \otimes \left(\mathfrak{C}_{10} \otimes \mathfrak{s}_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} \right)_j \otimes \mathbb{P}_{j-1}^{(j-1)}$$

Adjoint to find annihilator. They fulfil

Commutation relations

$$\begin{aligned} \left[b_{q_1}^{(n)}, b_{q_2}^{(n)\dagger} \right] &= \overbrace{\delta_{q_1, q_2} (\mathfrak{C}_{00} \otimes \mathbb{I})_n \otimes \mathbb{I}^{(n-1)}}^{\text{canonical}} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{\mathcal{S}_{n \leftarrow n-1} \cdot \left(\mathfrak{C}_{11} \otimes \mathfrak{s}_{q_1}^{\dagger} \mathfrak{s}_{q_2} \right)_n \otimes \mathbb{P}_{n-1}^{(n-1)} \cdot \mathcal{S}_{n \leftarrow n-1}}_{\text{boundary term}} \end{aligned}$$

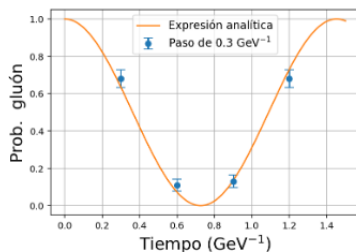
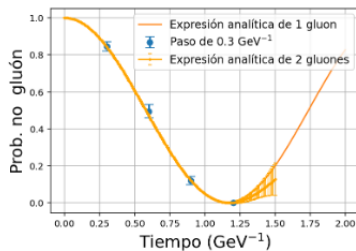
Hamiltonian exponentiation

Using the above equations, exponentiate

$$U_{\Delta t} = \exp \left[\text{Feynman diagram 1} + \text{Feynman diagram 2} \right]$$

The Feynman diagrams represent interactions between two states labeled '1'. The first diagram shows a loop with two internal lines labeled '3' and '2'. The second diagram shows a loop with two internal lines labeled '3' and '2'.

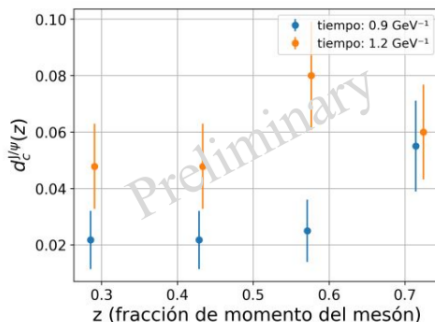
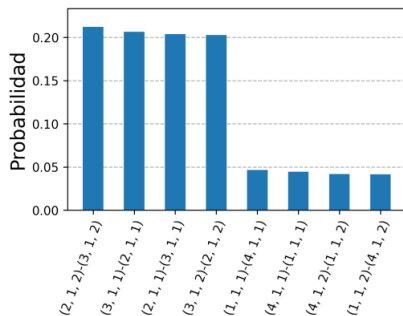
and calculate $\langle \psi | U_{\Delta t} | \psi \rangle$



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Let time pass and measure "meson" ($q\bar{q}$ state)

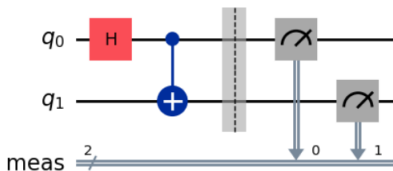
$$\psi^m(x, s, c) = \sqrt{N} [x(1-x)]^\alpha \sigma_s^m \eta_c$$



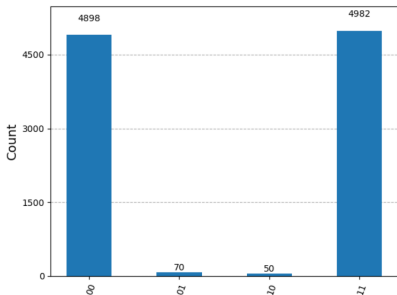
Hello quantum world

Quantum memory advances by **single-qubit** gates and at least an **entangling** gate:

- Single-qubit: **H**, Pauli **X,Y,Z**, Rots $R_x(\theta) = \exp(-i\theta X)$, etc.
- Entangling: **CNOT**, **Toffoli**



$$\text{Preps } \Phi_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$



Pauli strings

Four basic (non-unitary) qubit transformations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{C}_{00} &\equiv |0\rangle\langle 0| = \frac{I + Z}{2} & \mathfrak{C}_{10} &\equiv |1\rangle\langle 0| = \frac{X - iY}{2} \\ \mathfrak{C}_{01} &\equiv |0\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{X + iY}{2} & \mathfrak{C}_{11} &\equiv |1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{I + Z}{2}\end{aligned}$$

From these:

$$\mathfrak{s}_3^\dagger \equiv |11\rangle\langle 00| = \mathfrak{C}_{10} \otimes \mathfrak{C}_{10} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\underbrace{XX}_{\text{Pauli string}} - iXY - iYX - YY \right)$$

Encoding: Discretization of Hilbert space, $|\psi\rangle \approx \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} c_i |i\rangle$.
General transformation is then

$$e^{-it|\psi_f\rangle\langle\psi_0|} = e^{-it\sum_{i,j=0}^{2^n-1} c_j c_i^* |j\rangle\langle i|} = e^{-it\sum_{i,j=0}^{2^n-1} c_j c_i^* \mathfrak{s}_j^\dagger \mathfrak{s}_i}$$

Add more registers for multi-particle states



How to match 1-particle operators $a_p^\dagger, a_p$ to

$$a_{p_1}^\dagger |\Omega\rangle = |p_1\rangle, \quad a_{p_2}^\dagger |p_1\rangle = |p_2\rangle |p_1\rangle, \text{ etc.}$$

Divide a:

$$a_{p_1}^\dagger = a_{p_1,1}^\dagger + a_{p_1,2}^\dagger + a_{p_1,3}^\dagger$$

and use **presence** qubits as controls:

$$c_{00}|0\rangle = |0\rangle, \quad c_{11}|0\rangle = 0, \text{ etc}$$

so that memory is filled **in order**.

Particle-statistics & unitarity

$$\left[b_{p_1}^\dagger, b_{p_2} \right] = \delta_{p_1 p_2} \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \text{Add symmetrizers } \mathcal{S}:$$



Compatible with unitarity?

- $\mathbb{P}_i^{(n)}$, $\mathbb{C}_{10}$... are **not** unitary $\rightarrow$ **exponentiate** or **decompose**
- $\mathcal{S}$ is **not** unitary $\rightarrow$ scrap qubits

Decompose $S_n = S_{n \leftarrow n-1} \dots S_{2 \leftarrow 1}$ with $\mathcal{S}_{j \leftarrow j-1}$:

$$\mathcal{S}_{j \leftarrow j-1} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{j}} (\mathbb{I}^{\otimes j} + \mathcal{P}_{j(j-1)}) + \dots + \mathcal{P}_{j2} + \mathcal{P}_{j1}.$$

and define:

$$b_{p,j}^{(n)\dagger} = \mathcal{S}_{j \leftarrow j-1} \cdot \mathbb{P}_0^{(n-j)} \otimes \left(\mathbb{C}_{10} \otimes \mathfrak{s}_p^\dagger \right)_j \otimes \mathbb{P}_{j-1}^{(j-1)}$$

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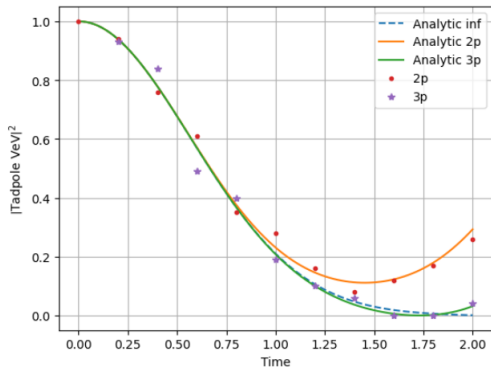
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$$U_{10}(\Delta t) = e^{-i\Delta t \sum \lambda_q (a_p^\dagger + a_p)}$$

and calculate $\langle 0 | U_{10}(\Delta t) | 0 \rangle$

Simulation setup:

- 2 and 3 particles with 3 modes
- Start with empty registers
- Measure presence qubits, 100 shots/point



Asymptotic costs

Operator	CNOT & single qubit costs
Kinetic U_{11}	$\mathcal{O}(nN_p)$
Potential U_{22}	$\mathcal{O}(n^2 N_p^3 \log^2 N_p)$
Tadpole U_{10}	$\mathcal{O}(N_p \log^2 N_p)$
Splitting 1 U_{21}	$\mathcal{O}(n_b n_f^2 N_p^2 \log^2 N_p)$
Splitting 2 U'_{21}	$\mathcal{O}(n_b n_f N_p^3 \log N_p)$

- N_p : # of modes on each register
- n_b : # of gluon registers
- n_f : # of fermion registers
- n : total # of registers

Fixed particle number

We can now get unitaries by exponentiation:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_{11}^{(n)} &= \sum_p E_p a_p^{(n)\dagger} a_p^{(n)} = \sum_p E_p \sum_{j',j} a_{p,j}^{(n)\dagger} a_{p,j'}^{(n)} \\ &= \sum_j \mathcal{A}_{j \leftarrow j-1} \cdot \mathbb{P}_0^{(n-j)} \otimes \left(\mathfrak{e}_{11} \otimes \sum_p E_p \mathfrak{s}_p^\dagger \mathfrak{s}_p \right)_j \otimes \mathbb{P}_{j-1}^{(j-1)} \cdot \mathcal{A}_{j \leftarrow j-1}\end{aligned}$$

Fixed particle # $\rightarrow$ antisymmetrizers can be commuted:

$$\hat{H}_{11}^{(n)} = \sum_{j,k} \mathbb{P}_0^{(n-j)} \otimes \mathbb{P}_k^{(k)} \otimes \left(\mathfrak{e}_{11} \otimes \sum_p E_p \mathfrak{s}_p^\dagger \mathfrak{s}_p \right)_{j-k} \otimes \mathbb{P}_{j-1-k}^{(j-1-k)} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{A}_{j \leftarrow j-1}}{\sqrt{j}}$$

Antisymmetrizers to the right just simplify!

For Pauli exclusion principle, define fermion interchanger:

$$fX_j(p) = (\mathfrak{C}_{00})_j \otimes fS_j(0, p) + (\mathfrak{C}_{11})_j \otimes fS_j(L, p)$$

Empty register

$$(\mathfrak{C}_{00})_j \otimes fS_j(0, p) |\Omega\rangle_j (\dots |1p\rangle_{i\dots})_A = |0p\rangle_j (\dots |10\dots 0\rangle_{i\dots})_A$$

p there creation avoided

$$(\mathfrak{C}_{00})_j \otimes fS_j(0, p) |\Omega\rangle_j (\dots |1q\rangle_{i\dots})_A = |\Omega\rangle_j (\dots |1q\rangle_{i\dots})_A$$

no p creation allowed

Occupied register

$$(\mathfrak{C}_{11})_j \otimes fS_j(L, p) |1P\rangle_j (\dots |1p\rangle_{i\dots})_A = |1p\rangle_j (\dots |1P\rangle_{i\dots})_A$$

p there, swap p on j, annihilation

$$(\mathfrak{C}_{11})_j \otimes fS_j(L, p) |1P\rangle_j (\dots |1q\rangle_{i\dots})_A = |1P\rangle_j (\dots |1q\rangle_{i\dots})_A$$

no p no swap no p on j, no annihilation