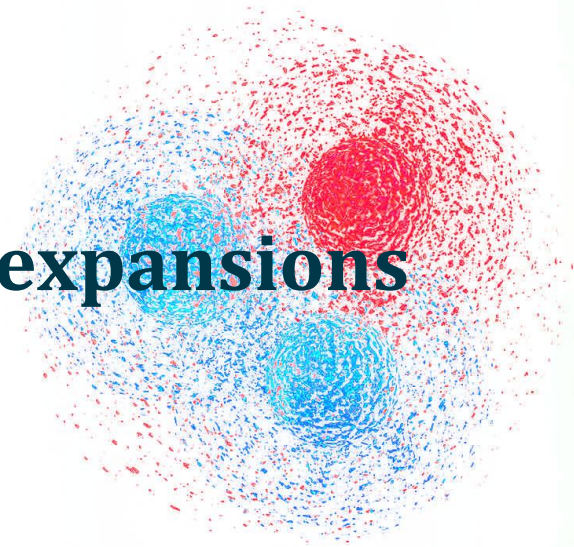


# Locally smeared operator product expansions

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twist expansion of parton distribution functions


for example




# (Twist-2) operator mixing on the lattice

Parton distribution functions reflect internal structure of nucleons

- defined on the light-cone
- Mellin moments of parton distribution functions  
~ matrix elements of “twist” (dimension - spin) operators
- twist-2 operators dominate in Bjorken limit


$$\bar{q} \gamma_{\{\mu_1} D_{\mu_2} \cdots D_{\mu_n\}} q$$

- power divergent mixing


$$\text{e.g. } \bar{q} \gamma_\mu D_\nu D_\nu q \sim \frac{1}{a^2} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

- limits lattice calculations to first four moments

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Smearing partially restores rotational symmetry

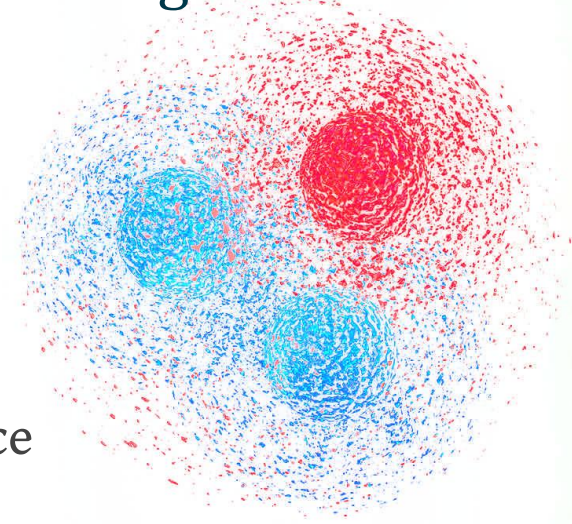
reduces operator mixing

Davoudi and Savage, Phys. Rev. 86 (2012) 054505

# Operator mixing on the lattice

Aim:

systematically connect nonperturbative, smeared lattice calculations to continuum physics



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[here the OPE is just a Laurent expansion]

operator products

Wilson coefficients



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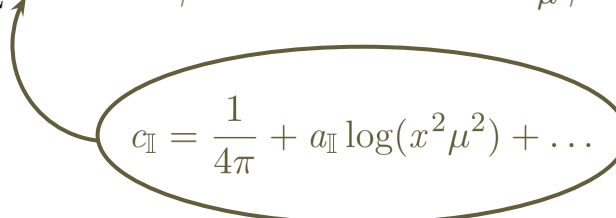
Interactions modify the Wilson coefficients

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{4\pi x^2} (1 + a_{\mathbb{I}} \log(x^2 \mu^2) \dots) \mathbb{I} + (1 + a_{\phi^2} \log(x^2 \mu^2) \dots) \phi^2(0) + \dots$$

... but not their leading- $x$  behaviour  
(determined by operator mass dimension)

# Operator product expansion

(Formally) convenient to separate leading-x behaviour

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} c_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + c_{\phi^2} \phi^2(0) + x^\mu c_{\partial_\mu \phi^2} \partial_\mu \phi^2(0) + x^\mu x^\nu c_{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi^2} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi^2(0) + \dots$$

$$c_{\mathbb{I}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} + a_{\mathbb{I}} \log(x^2 \mu^2) + \dots$$

In general

$$O(x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_k d_k(x^2) c_k(x, \mu) \mathcal{O}_R^{(k)}(0, \mu)$$

Operator relation - understood as acting in matrix element with  $N$  external fields

$$\langle \Omega | O(x) \tilde{\phi}(p_1) \dots \tilde{\phi}(p_N) | \Omega \rangle \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_k d_k(x^2) c_k(x, \mu) \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}_R^{(k)}(0, \mu) \tilde{\phi}(p_1) \dots \tilde{\phi}(p_N) | \Omega \rangle$$

# Smeared operator product expansion

Replace product of local operators with **locally smeared operators** (sOPE)

operator  $\sim$  (perturbative) **coefficients** x product of **locally smeared operators**

$$O(x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \sum_k d_k(x^2) \bar{c}_k(x, \mu, \tau) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_R^{(k)}(0, \mu, \tau)$$

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bar denotes smeared coefficients and operators

smearing scale  $\tau$

Smearing implemented via gradient flow

- nonperturbative matrix elements finite in continuum limit at fixed physical  $\tau$
- partially restores rotational symmetry
- removes operator mixing due to hypercubic lattice symmetry

# Smeared operator product expansion

For example, consider the two-point function with OPE

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} c_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + c_{\phi^2} \phi^2(0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

which becomes

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + \bar{c}_{\phi^2} \bar{\phi}^2(\tau, 0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

Deterministic evolution of fields in “flow time”  $\tau$  toward classical minimum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \bar{\phi}(\tau, x) = \partial^2 \bar{\phi}(\tau, x) \qquad \bar{\phi}(\tau=0, x) = \phi(x)$$

Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 293 (2010) 899

Exact solution possible with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\bar{\phi}(\tau, x) = e^{\tau \partial^2} \phi(x) \qquad \widetilde{\bar{\phi}}(\tau, p) = e^{-\tau p^2} \widetilde{\phi}(p)$$

$$s_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{8\tau}$$

$$\text{N.B. } [\tau] = 2$$



ideal testing ground for sOPE

Renormalised theory on the boundary requires no further renormalisation

Lüscher and Weisz, JHEP 1102 (2011) 51

# Smeared Wilson coefficients

Calculate Wilson coefficients in standard manner:

- for example, consider again the sOPE for the two-point function

$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = \frac{1}{x^2} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}} \mathbb{I} + \bar{c}_{\phi^2} \bar{\phi}^2(\tau, 0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

Define Green functions via operators “embedded” in matrix element

- rearrange sOPE

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \mathbb{I} \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle &= \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \\ &\quad - \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- work at tree-level and expand to order  $m^2$

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle - \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$

# Smeared Wilson coefficients

So we have

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- graphically

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: A circle with two black dots at the top} \\ \text{Diagram 2: A circle with a red cross at the top} \end{array} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{iq \cdot x}}{q^2 + m^2} - \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-q^2 \tau}}{q^2 + m^2} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^2)}$$



## Smeared Wilson coefficients

- expanding in the mass and carrying out integrals

$$\bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{4\tau} + \frac{m^2}{4} \left( 1 - \gamma_E + \log \left( \frac{4\tau}{x^2} \right) \right) \right]$$

- compare to the Wilson coefficient in the original OPE

$$c_{\mathbb{I}}^{(0)}(x, \mu) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{m^2}{4} (\gamma_E + \log(\pi^2 \mu^2 x^2)) \right]$$

Beyond tree-level things get slightly trickier...

## Smeared Wilson coefficients

Working at one-loop, the rearranged sOPE

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \mathbb{I} \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle &= \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \\ &\quad - \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \overline{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{\mathbb{I}}^{(1)}(x, \tau) &= \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} - \left[ \langle \Omega | \overline{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) \langle \Omega | \overline{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(0)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

so we must first determine  $\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau)$

# Smeared Wilson coefficients

We have

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \langle \Omega | \phi(x) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} - \langle \Omega | \bar{\phi}(0, \tau) \phi(0) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_1) \tilde{\phi}_R(p_2) | \Omega \rangle^{(1)} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^0)}$$

- graphically

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: A circle with two incoming lines at the bottom and two outgoing lines at the top, each ending in a black dot. Arrows on the circle indicate a clockwise flow.} \\ \text{Diagram 2: A circle with two incoming lines at the bottom and two outgoing lines at the top, each ending in a red dot with a cross. Arrows on the circle indicate a clockwise flow.} \end{array} \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^0)}$$

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(p_1^2 + m^2)(p_2^2 + m^2)} \left[ -\frac{\lambda}{2} \int_q \frac{e^{iq \cdot x} - e^{-q^2 \tau}}{(q^2 + m^2)((q - p_1 - p_2)^2 + m^2)} \right] \right\}_{\text{to } \mathcal{O}(m^0)}$$

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Diagram 2: A circle with two incoming lines at the bottom and two outgoing lines at the top. The top two lines are connected by a horizontal line segment with a red 'X' in the center.

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momentum independence in small- $x$  limit requires  
 $\tau \propto x^2$

# Smeared Wilson coefficients

With

$$\bar{c}_{\phi^2}^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \gamma_E + \log \left( \frac{4\tau}{x^2} \right) \right)$$

we need to determine remaining contribution

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The diagrammatic representation shows two terms in curly braces, followed by "to  $\mathcal{O}(m^4)$ ". The first term is a diagram consisting of two circles. The top circle has two black dots on its upper edge, and the bottom circle is smaller and attached to the center of the top circle. The second term is a similar diagram, but the top circle has a red 'X' on its upper edge, and the bottom circle is also attached to its center.

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Diagram 1: A bubble diagram with two external vertices (black dots) at the top.

Diagram 2: A bubble diagram with a red 'X' on the top arc, representing an interaction vertex at flow time zero.

interaction vertex at flow time zero

loop integral requires renormalisation  
introduce new scale  $\mu$

# Smeared Wilson coefficients

Tree-level calculation demonstrates

- recover leading- $x$  behaviour

One-loop calculation demonstrates

- momentum independence of Wilson coefficients requires  $\tau \propto x^2$
- quantum effects generate renormalisation scale dependence  $\mu$

Renormalisation group equations enable us to study scale dependence

# Renormalisation group equations

Consider renormalisation group (RG) equations for connected Green functions

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - \gamma_m m^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial m^2}$$

Green function of  $N$  external scalar fields

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} G_N^{(\text{conn})} = -\frac{N}{2} \gamma G_N^{(\text{conn})}$$

Green function of renormalised operator coupled to  $N$  external scalar fields

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\phi_R^2) = \left( \gamma_m - \frac{N}{2} \gamma \right) G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\phi_R^2)$$



# Renormalisation group equations

Applying the operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{RG}} = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \gamma$$

to the OPE

$$G_{N+2}^{(\text{conn})} = c_{\phi^2}(\mu x) G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\phi_R^2) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

leads to the RG equation for the Wilson coefficient

$$\left[ \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + (\gamma + \gamma_m) \right] c_{\phi^2}(\mu x) = 0$$

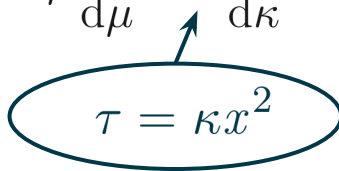
$$\phi(x)\phi(0) = c_{\phi^2} \phi^2(0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

nothing other than

anomalous dimension = difference between anomalous dimensions of non-local and local operators

# Renormalisation group equations

For the sOPE we have

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \rightarrow \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \kappa \frac{d}{d\kappa}$$


$\tau = \kappa x^2$


We now act with

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{RG}} = \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) \gamma \rightarrow \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \kappa \frac{d}{d\kappa} + \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right)$$

on the sOPE

$$G_{N+2}^{(\text{conn})} = \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(\mu x) G_N^{(\text{conn})}(\bar{\phi}_R^2) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

we obtain

$$\left[ \mu \frac{d}{d\mu} + \kappa \frac{d}{d\kappa} + \gamma + \bar{\gamma}_{\phi^2} \right] \bar{c}_{\phi^2}(\mu x, \kappa) = 0$$


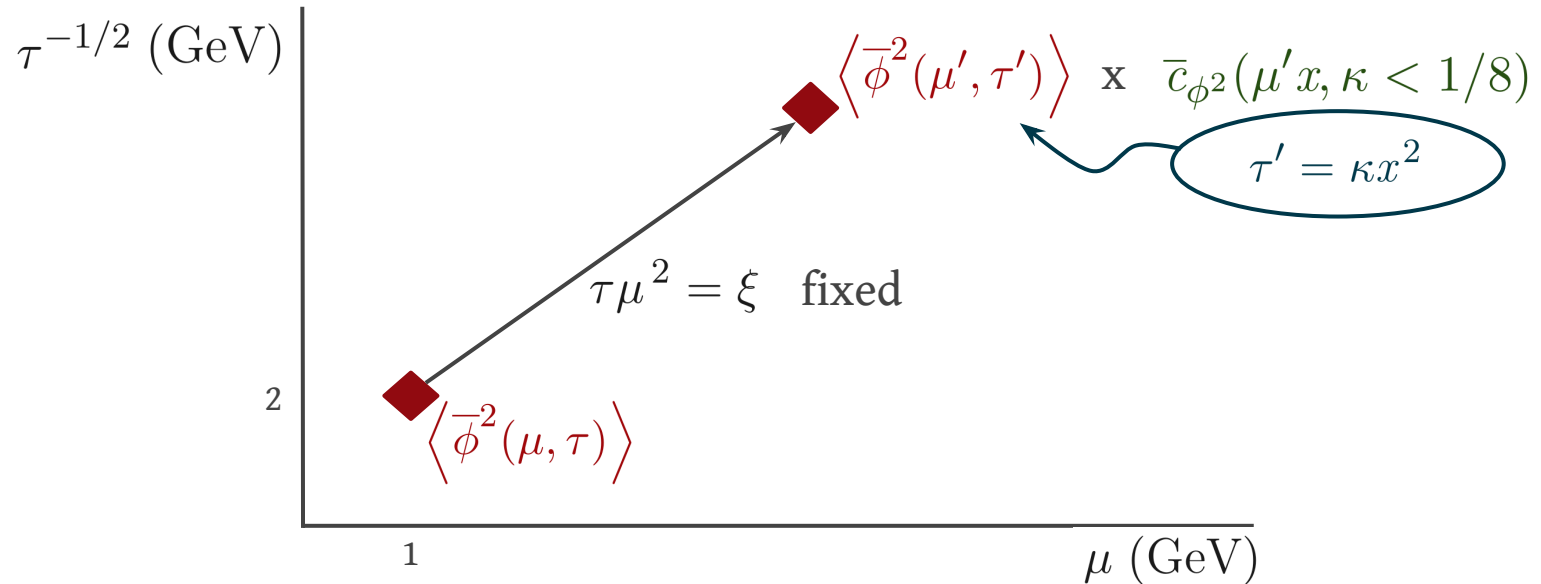
anomalous dimension = difference between anomalous dimensions of non-local and (smeared) local operators

# Renormalisation group equations

Wilson coefficients and matrix elements a function of two scales

scale invariance ties scales together

Match to nonperturbative lattice calculations



Introduced locally smeared operator product expansion

Scalar field theory demonstrates

- momentum independence of coefficients connects smearing radius to space-time separation
- quantum effects generate renormalisation scale dependence

Renormalisation group considerations

- tie together smearing and renormalisation scale

Systematic method to incorporate smeared operators in lattice calculations

Gradient flow a well-established tool for QCD

- non-linear flow time equations complicate analysis
- flow time evolution still classical

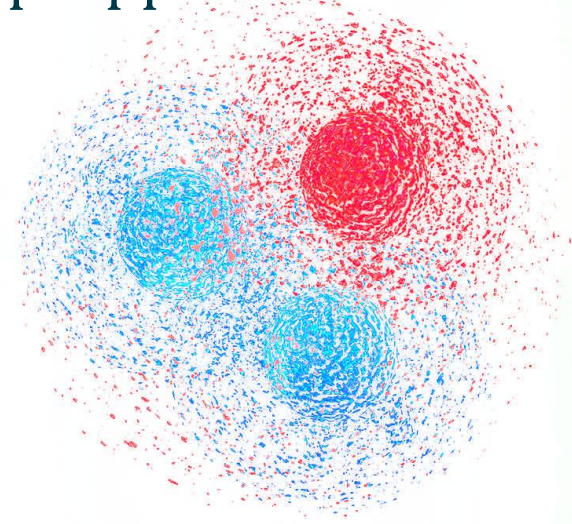
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Demonstrate effectiveness

- determine Wilson coefficients at one loop
- calculate twist-2 matrix elements nonperturbatively

$$\bar{q} \gamma_\mu D_\nu D_\rho q \sim \frac{1}{a^2} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q \longrightarrow \bar{q} \gamma_\mu D_\nu D_\rho q \sim \frac{1}{\tau} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$$

- apply nonperturbative step-scaling procedure



# Thank you

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