Simulating the Visible Universe









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How successful are theoretical predictions ?









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July 4, 2012 at CERN

Credit: Symmetry Magazine



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Space-time discretization on a finite-size 4-D lattice

 \star Serves as a regulator:

UV cut-off: inverse lattice spacing

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \rightarrow \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{dp}{2\pi}$$

courtesy: USQCD

 $\int dp F(p) \rightarrow \sum^{N_{\text{max}}} \frac{2\pi}{L} F(p_0 + \frac{2\pi n}{L})$ IR cut-off: inverse lattice size

Removal of regulator

$$L \to \infty, a \to 0$$



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2001: $(m_v/m_{ps})^6$

2008: (m_v/m_{re})

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Ensembles with physical values for quark masses (physical point)



How is lattice QCD related to Nature?



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To what extent do we understand matter and energy? Is there New Physics to be discovered?









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Lattice QCD is featured in the EIC Yellow Report

- 900-page document
- scientist from 151 Institutions

Lattice QCD can provide valuable input in understanding the proton mass and spin decomposition from *first principles*

How do we access information on the internal structure of hadrons?



★ Structure of hadrons explored in high-energy scattering processes



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- ★ Non perturb. part provides information on partonic structure of hadrons
- ★ Reveal correlations between the longitudinal parton momentum and their position in the transverse spatial plane within a hadron




What properties of the hadrons structure can Lattice QCD access?







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Resolution of a 35-year old puzzle

Impressive progress in the field leading to new opportunities



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Spin decomposition

0.6

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14.2(5.2)(1.1)%

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 Γ_{p}^{d}

 $\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Sigma_p^{q^{\, \dagger}}$

.3(1.7)%

.5(1.6)%

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52.5(3.9)(1.1)%

d+

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u⁺

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7.8(2.5)(1.0)%

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Better understanding of the spin distribution



Designed by Z.-E. Meziani



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Credit: Taiwan News



 Insident e
 Scattered e

 Virtual γ
 Q²

 p
 p'

Electromagnetic form factors

Electric charge and current distributions inside nucleon





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 $\left< r_i^2 \right> = -\frac{6}{F_i(Q^2)} \left. \frac{dF_i(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2 = 0}$



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Dark Matter Searches



[T.S. van Albada et al., *Astrophys.J.* 295 (1985) 305]

- ★ Visible Universe consist a small amount of the energy-matter content of Universe
 - Evidence of Dark Matter

★ Rotation curve of galaxies (e.g., NGC 3198) require velocity contributions from dark matter to match observations besides the visible baryonic components





Searches for Dark Matter



Production of DM (find anomalous missing energy)

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 \star Lattice QCD offers a great opportunity to extract the nucleon σ-terms

$$\sigma_f = m_{q_f} \langle N | \bar{q}_f q_f | N \rangle, \ \sigma_{\pi N} = m_{ud} \langle N | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | N \rangle$$

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Lattice results are high-accuracy

Potential to control uncertainties in WIMP-nucleon cross-section
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