

QCD in a Box

 § Lattice QCD is an ideal theoretical tool for investigating strong-coupling regime of quantum field theories
 § Physical observables are calculated from the path integral

$$\langle 0|O(\bar{\psi},\psi,A)|0\rangle = \frac{1}{Z}\int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi e^{iS(\bar{\psi},\psi,A)}O(\bar{\psi},\psi,A)$$

n **Euclidian** space



Wide-Scale Applications

§ What can we learn from it?



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Are We There Yet?

- § Lattice gauge theory was proposed in the 1970s by Wilson
- > Why haven't we solved QCD yet?
- § Progress is limited by computational resources 1980s Today





§ Greatly assisted by advances in algorithms
 > Physical pion-mass ensembles are not uncommon!





Successful Examples

§ Lattice flavor physics provides precise inputs from the SM
 A. El-Khadra, Sep. 2015, INT workshop "QCD for New Physics at the Precision Frontier"
 > Very precise results in many meson systems

errors (in %) (preliminary) FLAG-3 averages



§ We are beginning to do precision calculations in nucleons



Orígín of Proton Spín

§ What is the makeup of the nucleon?

Decomposition using Ji's GPD moment connection
 Preliminary result from χQCD (2+1f ov/DWF 400 MeV)



 $\succeq \text{ETMC (2f TMF 130 MeV)} M_{\pi}L = 3 \text{ Preliminary} \\ \Delta \Sigma^{u+d+s} = 0.214(61), L^{u+d+s} = 0.168(60), J^g = 0.118(57)$

M. Constantinou, Spin 16



Strange Form Factors

K. Orginos/R. Sufian,

Spin 16

§ Better determined strange form factors \Rightarrow LHPC (2+1f): clover M_{π} = 317 MeV, a = 0.11 fm $\Rightarrow \chi$ QCD (2+1f): ov/DWF M_{π} = 207,140 MeV, a = 0.11 fm



Sea Flavor Asymmetry

§ First time in LQCD history to study antiquark distribution! $\gg M_{\pi} \approx 310 \text{ MeV}$



$$\bar{q}(x) = -q(-x)$$

Lost resolution in small-x region Future improvement: larger lattice volume

$$dx\left(\bar{u}(x) - \bar{d}(x)\right) \approx -0.16(7)$$

Experiment	x range	$\int_0^1 [\overline{d(x)} - \overline{u(x)}] dx$		
E866	0.015< <i>x</i> <0.35	0.118 ± 0.012		
NMC	0.004 < x < 0.80	0.148 ± 0.039		
HERMES	0.020 < x < 0.30	0.16 ± 0.03		

R. Towell et al. (E866/NuSea), Phys.Rev. D64, 052002 (2001)

Nucleons and BSM

Many opportunities to probe BSM with nucleon inputs § Parton distribution functions for SM background 1402.1462 > Especially less known intrinsic strange/charm contribution § Dark matter detection 1306.6939 > Popular candidates (e.g. SuSy neutralinos) exchange Higgs § Electric dipole moment 1506.04196 § Neutron beta decay 1110.6448; 1506.06411 Non-V-A interactions to probe the existence of new particles (mediating new forces) with masses in the multi-TeV range § Nucleon (transition) axial form factor 0803.3020, 1003.3387 >> First-principles inputs into Monte Carlo event generators for precision neutrino physics

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Intersections of BSM Phenomenology and QCD for New Physics Searches September 14 - October 23, 2015 S. Gardner, H.-W. Lin, F. J. Llanes-Estrada, R. Van de Water

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Nucleon Axíal Charge









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§ What do we really know about axial charge?

Revisit the experiment

§ Does LQCD calculation control ALL systematics?

- Issues and problems
- The tale of a 6-year quest
- § Conclusions(?)





§ A fundamental measure of nucleon structure § Axial-vector–current matrix element $g_A = G_A^{u-d}(Q^2=0)$

§ Important to many nuclear processes
The rate of *pp* fusion (as in Sun-like stars)
Ovββ searches, "quenching" g⁴_A
V_{ud} values through *n*-lifetime measurements

>> New-physics searches such as right-handed neutrinos

§ In lattice QCD, it was long called "A benchmark for nucleon structure"



§ A fundamental measure of nucleon structure



osmology	Primordial element formation (² H, ³ He, ⁴ He, ⁷ Li,)	$n n + e^+ \rightarrow p + v'_e$ $p + e^- \rightarrow n + v_e$	$\sigma_{ m v} \sim 1/ au \ \sigma_{ m v} \sim 1/ au$	d W ve	- e ⁻
Ŭ N	Solar avala	$n \rightarrow p + e^- + v_e^-$	τ	u' 'e ⁻ u e ⁻	
nomo	Solar cycle	$p + p \rightarrow -H + e^{-} + v_e^{-}$ $p + p + e^{-} \rightarrow ^{2}H + v_e^{-}$ etc	$\sim (g_{\rm A}/g_{\rm V})^5$	W	- $\overline{\nu_{e}}$
Astr	Neutron star formation	$p + e^- \rightarrow n + v_e$		d ve	
	Pion decay	$\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^- + \nu'_e$			
hysics	Neutrino detectors	$v'_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$		e- v _e	
	Neutrino forward scattering	$v_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$ etc.			
	W and Z production	$u' + d \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow e^- +$	v' _e etc.	d u'	

from D. Dubbers

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- Spectro.
- UCNA
- Counter
- TPC
- ► Review



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§ Let us look closely at how g_A is determined experimentally § Two main types of experimental input

$$\begin{split} & \clubsuit \text{ Asymmetry in neutron differential decay rate (by UCN)} \\ & d\Gamma \propto F(E_e) \left(1 + a \frac{\overrightarrow{p_e} \cdot \overrightarrow{p_v}}{E_e E_v} + A \frac{\overrightarrow{\sigma_n} \cdot \overrightarrow{p_e}}{E_e} + \cdots \right) \qquad A_0 = \frac{-2(\lambda^2 - |\lambda|)}{1 + 3\lambda^2} \\ & \lambda = G_A/G_V = 1.2755(30) \text{ UCNA 13} \end{split}$$



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 $\sim n \text{-lifetime decay (requires additional input } V_{ud})$ $\tau_n^{\text{ave}} = 880.2(1.0) \text{ sec} \qquad |V_{ud}|^2 = \frac{4908.7(1.9) \text{ sec}}{\tau_n(1+3g_A^2)}$

 $v V_{ud}$ from...

𝖘 nuclear 0⁺ → 0⁺ superallowed: 0.97417(21) \Rightarrow $g_A = 1.2749(10)$

 $\mathfrak{SR}(0^+ \to e^+ \nu_e(\gamma)): 0.9728(30) \Rightarrow g_A = 1.2771(44)$

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Experiments

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§ What can we infer about g_A from other observables? § Constraints from V_{ud} experiments (must be ≤ 1) \gg The allowed region is $g_A \geq 1.23524(98)$



QCD Experiment

§ How about QCD experiments?

- \clubsuit With a polarized target or polarized beam, one can find the helicity distribution and get g_A
- \sim Global analysis? g_A is used as a constraint
- § LQCD currently is the only reliable QCD source for g_A
- § Does LQCD g_A agree with QCD experiments?



Parton Distributions and Lattice Calculations in the LHC era (PDFLattice 2017) 22-24 March 2017, Oxford, UK

> First workshop with global-fit community to address LQCD

http://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/confs/PDFlattice2017



Lattice Aspects





Nucleons are more complicated than mesons because...

§ Noise issue

- $\boldsymbol{\gg}$ Signal diminishes at large $t_{\rm E}$ relative to noise
- $\boldsymbol{\nsim}$ Gets worse when quark mass decreases

§ Excited-state contamination

- Nearby excited state: Roper(1440)
- § Hard to extrapolate in pion mass
- $\sim \Delta$ resonance nearby; multiple expansions, poor convergence...
- \sim Less an issue in the physical pion-mass era
- § Requires larger volume and higher statistics
- Ensembles are not always generated with nucleons in mind
 High-statistics: large measurement and long trajectory



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Nucleon Matrix Elements



§ Control all systematic errors:

- ✤ Finite-volume effects
- > Chiral extrapolations to physical u and d quark masses
- >> Nonperturbative renormalization using the RI/SMOM scheme
- Contamination from excited states
- ✤ Statistical effects

\mathcal{PNDME}

Precision Neutron-Decay Matrix Elements

https://sites.google.com/site/pndmelqcd/

Tanmoy Bhattacharya Rajan Gupta







HWL









Saul Cohen Anosh Joseph



Yong-Chull Jang



Boram Yoon



Precision Nucleon Couplings

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<i>a</i> (fm)	V	$M_{\pi}L$	$oldsymbol{M}_{\pi}$ (MeV)	t _{sep}	# Meas.
0.12	$24^3 \times 64$	4.55	310	8,10,12	64.8k
0.12	$24^3 \times 64$	3.29	220	8,10,12	24k
0.12	$32^3 \times 64$	4.38	220	8,10,12	7.6k
0.12	$40^3 \times 64$	5.49	220	8,10,12,14	64.6k
0.09	$32^3 \times 96$	4.51	310	10,12,14	7.0k
0.09	$48^3 \times 96$	4.79	220	10,12,14	7.1k
0.09	64 ³ × 96	3.90	130	10,12,14	56.5k
0.06	$48^3 \times 144$	4.52	310	16,20,22,24	64.0k
0.06	64 ³ × 144	4.41	220	16,20,22,24	41.6k
0.06	96 ³ × 192	3.80	130		On-going

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Excited-State Contamination

§ Trade off: signal-to-noise versus contamination

✤ Noise issue (P. Lepage; D. Kaplan)

 $\approx \text{ Consider a baryon correlator } C = \langle 0 \rangle = \langle qqq(t) \overline{q} \overline{q} \overline{q}(0) \rangle$

≫ Variance (noise squared) of $C \propto \langle O^{\dagger}O \rangle - \langle O^{2} \rangle$



Signal falls exponentially as $e^{-m_N t}$



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§ Difficulties in Euclidean space

> True ground state (nucleon in this case) at large Euclidean time



Systematic Control

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Move the
 excited-state systematic
 into the statistical error

$$C^{3\text{pt}}(t_{f}, t, t_{i}) = |\mathcal{A}_{0}|^{2} \langle 0|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|0\rangle e^{-M_{0}(t_{f}-t_{i})} + \mathcal{A}_{0}\mathcal{A}_{1}^{*} \langle 0| + e^{-M_{0}(t-t_{i})} e^{-M_{1}(t_{f}-t)} + \mathcal{A}_{0}^{*}\mathcal{A}_{1} \langle 1|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|0\rangle + (t-t_{i}) e^{-M_{0}(t_{f}-t)} + |\mathcal{A}_{1}|^{2} \langle 1|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|1\rangle e^{-M_{0}(t_{f}-t)} + |\mathcal{A}_{1}|^{2} \langle 1|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|1\rangle e^{-M_{0}(t_{f}-t)}$$

No obvious contamination
 between 0.96 and 1.44 fm
 separation




§ Much effort has been devoted to controlling systematics § A state-of-the art calculation (PNDME)a = 0.09 fm, 310-MeV pion

Move the excited-state systematic into the statistical error

$$C^{3\text{pt}}(t_f, t, t_i) = |\mathcal{A}_0|^2 \langle 0|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|0\rangle e^{-M_0(t_f - t_i)}$$
$$+\mathcal{A}_0 \mathcal{A}_1^* \langle 0| \qquad)e^{-M_0(t - t_i)} e^{-M_1(t_f - t)}$$
$$+\mathcal{A}_0^* \mathcal{A}_1 \langle 1|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|0\rangle \qquad (t - t_i) e^{-M_0(t_f - t)}$$
$$+|\mathcal{A}_1|^2 \langle 1|\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}|1\rangle e^{-M_0(t_f - t)}$$

- Much stronger effect at finer lattice spacing!
 Needs to be studied
 - case by case



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➢ Statistical effect (worst case) *a* = 0.06 fm, 220-MeV pion



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 § A state-of-the art calculation (PNDME)
 > Robustness of the 2-state fit



Plots by Boram Yoon



Extrapolations

§ Finite-volume/statistical effects



$$g_T(a, m_\pi, L) = c_1 + c_2 m_\pi^2 + c_3 a + c_4 e^{-m_\pi L}$$



Extrapolations





Here we are



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Conclusions(?)

- § g_A is not a gold-plated quantity
- \sim Early idea that g_A would be easy underestimated systematics
- § High-statistics and large-volume studies are needed!
- § Can you trust other lattice calculations?
 - ...from groups who do due diligence for every ensemble and carefully study systematics

§ Disappointment?

rertainly not.

We are just entering into the precision era to explore these issues...

§ Difficulties = opportunities

 $\boldsymbol{\clubsuit}$ Getting g_A to subpercent precision will be very hard

§ New physics?

$$\gg \lambda = g_A / g_V f_{NP}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{-2(\lambda^2 - |\lambda|)}{1 + 3\lambda^2}$$

Stay tuned...

Can We Trust LQCD?

The disappearance of X(750)





Backup Slides





Other Results



§ Flavor-dependent couplings, 1st moments of PDFs, ...
 ➢ qEDM by Cirigliano (this afternoon)



Available Time Separations



Excited-State Contamination

§ Tradeoff: signal-to-noise versus contamination

➢ Noise issue (P. Lepage; D. Kaplan 2011)

✤ For example, CLS/Mainz

2f NP clover, $M_{\pi} \approx 320 \text{ MeV}$ $a \approx 0.063 \text{ fm}$ Fix $N_{\text{meas}} = 200$

1205.0180 & private communication



Summation Method

§ Tradeoff: signal-to-noise versus contamination ➢ Noise issue (P. Lepage; D. Kaplan 2011)

§ Options

- Stay at large t_{sink}: RBC/UKQCD (must check smaller pion mass)
 Include excited-state degrees of freedom
 - Multistate fitting or variational method from 3pt correlator matrix
 HWL (Lat 2008); ETMC/LHPC/Mainz-CLS (2011); CSSM 2012 (mesons)
- Extend to small tsink to pick up better signal and apply "summation" method
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$$S(t_S) \coloneqq \sum_{t=0}^{t_S} R(t, t_S) \xrightarrow{t_S \gg 0} c + t_S \left(g_A^{\text{bare}} + O(e^{-\Delta t_S}) \right)$$

 \mathfrak{S}_A obtained from slope





Summation Method







§ QCDSF hypothesis: Z_A might be a problem?

















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CLS/Mainz, 1205.0180





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§ More precise studies are needed

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- § How big $M_{\pi}L$ is required? § ChPT volume correction/used to estimate systematics \Rightarrow ETMC, QCDSF, CLS/Mainz: possibly underestimated?
- § Example study (RBC/UKQCD) $A + B m_{\pi}^2 + C f_V(m_{\pi}L)$



Available Volumes

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fix $\Delta_0 = 0.271 \,\text{GeV}, \, c_A = 1.5, \, F_{\pi} = 86.2 \,\text{MeV}$

§ How big M_πL is required? § ChPT volume correction/used to estimate systematics >> ETMC, QCDSF, CLS/Mainz: possibly underestimated?





 Lm_{π} $g_A(L \to \infty)$ 1.4 m_{π} q_A $\beta = 3.9$ 1.3 0.46755.04 1.163(18) 1.1670.4319 $4.66 \ 1.134(25)$ 1.140 g 1.2 0.37704.06 1.140(27) 1.1500.3032 $3.27 \ 1.111(34)$ 1.1331.1 0.29784.281.103(32)1.106 0.26003.74 | 1.156(47)1.1621.0 $\beta = 4.05$ • TMF at a=0, volume-corrected 0.46535.281.173(24)1.1770.9 0.40354.581.175(31)1.1820.29251.2180.023.32 | 1.194(66) |0.8 $\beta = 4.2$.05 .10 .15 .20 .00 0.46984.24 1.130(26) 1.144 m_{r}^{2} (GeV²) 0.008 0.2622 $3.55 \ 1.138(43)$ 1.146







§ Sensitivity to the parameters chosen in ChPT



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Finite-Volume Effects



