Nucleon Matrix Elements From Lattice QCD

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Outline

How well can we simulate nucleon structure on a lattice?

Introduction

lattice methodology and systematic errors

Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors Nucleon form factors, radii, magnetic moment

Nucleon Axial Form Factors Nucleon axial charge, axial radius, induced pseudoscalar form factor

- Decomposition of the Nucleon Momentum and Spin Quark momentum fraction, spin and angular momentum
- Summary

Introduction

Nucleon Correlators and Matrix Elements

Lattice QCD: numerical path integral on a 4D Euclidean grid Uu $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \ \mathcal{O}\left[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}\right] \ e^{-S[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]} \to \frac{1}{N} \sum^{N} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left[U_{i}\right]$ Hadron correlators N $C_{2\text{pt}}(T) = \langle N(T)\bar{N}(0)\rangle =$ $\mathcal{N}(T)$ T $C_{3\text{pt}}^{\mathcal{O}}(T) = \langle N(T)\mathcal{O}(\tau)\bar{N}(0)\rangle = \bar{N}$ \mathcal{X} $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{O}}$ $\mathcal{M}(0)$ "disconnected" "connected"

Matrix elements : C_{3pt}/C_{2pt} ratio or multi-exp. fits

$$R_{\mathcal{O}}(T,\tau;P,P') = \frac{\langle N(T)\mathcal{O}(\tau)\bar{N}(0)\rangle}{\langle N(T)\bar{N}(0)\rangle} \xrightarrow[T,\tau,(T-\tau)\to\infty]{\langle P'|\mathcal{O}|P\rangle}$$

Nucleon Matrix Elements from LQCD

Introduction

Systematic & Stochastic Error in M.E.





Stochastic noise grows rapidly with *T*, especially with light pions [Lepage'89]:

Signal $\langle N(T)\bar{N}(0)\rangle$ $\sim e^{-M_N T}$ Noise $\langle |N(T)\bar{N}(0)|^2 \rangle - |\langle N(T)\bar{N}(0)\rangle|^2$ $\sim e^{-3m_{\pi}T}$ Signal/Noise $\sim e^{-(M_N - \frac{3}{2}m_{\pi})T}$

Introduction

Other Sources of Systematic Errors

- unphysically heavy pion (quark) mass
- broken chiral symmetry of quarks
- finite volume
- discretization effects



- QCD at the physical point
- chiral-symmetric quarks (some groups)
- excited states are subtracted/removed
- isospin symmetry limit (*N_{flav}=2+1*)
 - no electromagnetic interactions

Physical chiral-symmetric quarks : $a \approx 0.113 \text{ fm} = (1.75 \text{ GeV})^{-1},$ $V_4 = 48^3 \times 96 = (5.4 \text{ fm})^3 \times 10.8 \text{ fm},$ $m_{\pi}L_x \approx 3.84$



Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors

$$\langle P+q | \bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}q | P \rangle = \bar{U}_{P+q} \Big[F_1(Q^2) \gamma^{\mu} + F_2(Q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{2M_N} \Big] U_P$$

✦ JLab@12GeV : explore form factors at Q²>=10 GeV²

- (F_1/F_2) scaling at Q² -> ∞
- (G_E/G_M) dependence up to Q²=18 GeV²
- *u-, d-*flavor dependence of form factors
- \blacklozenge Proton radius puzzle: 7 σ difference
 - JLab E12-11-106 (Hall B)
 - MUSE@PSI : e^{\pm}/μ^{\pm} -scattering off the proton



[Research Mgmt. Plan for SBS(JLab Hall A)]





Nucleon Isovector (p-n) Form Factors

$$\langle P+q | \bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}q | P \rangle = \bar{U}_{P+q} \Big[F_1(Q^2) \gamma^{\mu} + F_2(Q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}}{2M_N} \Big] U_P$$



Nf=2+1 clover-imp.Wilson, m_n=149 MeV [J.R.Green, SNS et al (LHPC)]

Lattice Q² usually limited to L⁻² < Q² << a⁻² (and high momenta are noisy)

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Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors

Dirac Radius vs. m_{π} and **Proton Size Puzzle**

 $F_1^{u-d}(Q^2) \approx F(0) \left[1 - \frac{1}{6} Q^2 \langle r_1^2 \rangle^{u-d} + \mathcal{O}(Q^4) \right]$

(usually extracted from dipole fits in $Q^2 < 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$)



Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors

Dirac Radius vs. m_{π} and **Proton Size Puzzle**



Isovector Magnetic Moment vs. m_{π}

$$F_2^{u-d}(Q^2) \approx \frac{\kappa_v}{\kappa_v} \left[1 - \frac{1}{6} Q^2 \langle r_2^2 \rangle^v + \mathcal{O}(Q^4) \right]$$



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Larger L_s , smaller Q_{\min}^2 are desirable

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Nucleon Axial Charge and Form Factors

$$\langle P + q | \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} q | P \rangle = \bar{U}_{P+q} \Big[\frac{G_A(Q^2)}{G_A(Q^2)} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} + \frac{G_P(Q^2)}{2M_N} \frac{\gamma^5 q^{\mu}}{2M_N} \Big] U_P$$

- Axial form factor $G_A(Q^2)$
 - Interaction with neutrinos: MiniBooNE
- Induced pseudoscalar form factor $G_P(Q^2)$
 - Charged pion electroproduction
 - Muon capture (MuCAP@UW): $g_P \sim G_P(Q^2 = 0.88 m_{\mu}^2)$
 - Strange axial form factor $G_A^s(Q^2)$: studied at MiniBooNE



Nucleon Axial Charge



Lattice QCD underestimates g_A by 10-15%

Nucleon Axial Form Factor

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[C.Alexandrou (ETMC), 1303.5979]

Nucleon Axial Radius

 5% discrepancy in exp. values of r_A (from G_A(Q²) dipole fits) $\sqrt{\langle r_A^2 \rangle_{\nu-\text{scatt.}}} = (0.666 \pm 0.014) \text{ fm}$ $\sqrt{\langle r_A^2 \rangle_{el-prod}} = (0.639 \pm 0.010) \text{ fm}$



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Nucleon Axial Charge and Form Factors

Nucleon Pseudoscalar Form Factor G_P(Q²)



• Is G_P dominated by the pion pole ?



• G_P at the physical point : large excited states contrib.



Quark Momentum, Angular Momentum and Spin

Proton spin puzzle:

1989 EMC experiment found
$$\Delta \Sigma = \sum_{q} (\Delta q + \Delta \bar{q}) = 0.2 \dots 0.3$$

Spin sum rule:
$$J_{glue} + \sum_{q} J_{q} = \frac{1}{2},$$
$$J_{q} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_{q} + L_{q}$$

Quark Spin:

$$\langle N(p)|\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}q|N(p)\rangle = (\Delta\Sigma_{q})\left[\bar{u}_{p}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}u_{p}\right]$$

Quark Momentum fraction ($\langle x \rangle_q$) and Angular momentum (J_q) [X.Ji'96]:

$$\langle x \rangle_q = A_{20}^q(0)$$
 $J_{q,glue} = \frac{1}{2} \Big[A_{20}^{q,glue}(0) + B_{20}^{q,glue}(0) \Big]$

where A_{20} , B_{20} are E.-M. tensor form factors:

$$\langle N(p+q) | T^{q,glue}_{\mu\nu} | N(p) \rangle \to \left\{ A_{20}, B_{20}, C_{20} \right\} (Q^2) \qquad \qquad T^q_{\mu\nu} = \bar{q} \gamma_{\{\mu} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\nu\}} q \\ T^{glue}_{\mu\nu} = G^a_{\mu\lambda} G^a_{\nu\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{\mu\nu} (G_{\mu\nu})^2$$

Quark Momentum Fraction (Isovector)



- disconnected diagrams cancel
- Lattice QCD "benchmark" quantity
- Significant excited states contributions

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Nucleon Matrix Elements from LQCD

Light Quark Angular Momentum (u+d)

[X. Ji PRL'96]



Light Quark Angular Momentum: Decomposition



Quark Angular Momentum



Phenomenological bands from HERMES & JLab [Airapetian et al, JHEP 06, 006 (2008)]

The most precise LQCD values : from ChPT extrapolations of $m_{\pi} \gtrsim 300$ MeV data

(*) disconnected contributions are not included

Nucleon Matrix Elements from LQCD

- Realistic calculations of nucleon structure on a lattice multiple lattice groups pursue calculations with physical light quarks
- Nucleon electromagnetic form factors agree with experiment lattice QCD results may be important for the "proton radius puzzle"
- Nucleon axial charge and radius : persistent disagreement axial charge : 10-15% ; axial radius : x(1/2)
- Lattice QCD predicts peculiar structure of light quark angular momentum full angular momentum |J_u| >> |J_d|, total orbital angular momentum |L_{u+d}|<<|L_{u,d}|

Quark GPDs

Generalized Parton Distributions probe quarks with

$$\mathcal{O}^{[\gamma^{5}]}(x) = \int \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{ix(2\lambda n \cdot P)} \bar{q}_{(-\lambda n)} \left[\not p \left[\gamma^{5} \right] \mathcal{W}(-\lambda n, \lambda n) \right] q_{(\lambda n)}$$

$$\left| P + \frac{q}{2} \right| \stackrel{n}{\longrightarrow} \left| P - \frac{q}{2} \right|$$

$$(1 + \xi)P^{+} \stackrel{(x + \xi)P^{+}}{\longrightarrow} (1 - \xi)P^{+}$$

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Helicity-independent and dependent operator matrix elements -> GPDs :

$$\langle P+q/2|\mathcal{O}(x)|P-q/2\rangle = \bar{u}_{P+q/2} \Big[\mathcal{H}(x,\xi,q^2) \not n + \mathcal{E}(x,\xi,q^2) \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}n_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{2m}\Big] u_{P-q/2}$$
$$\langle P+q/2|\mathcal{O}^{\gamma_5}(x)|P-q/2\rangle = \bar{u}_{P+q/2} \Big[\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(x,\xi,q^2) \not n\gamma_5 + \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x,\xi,q^2) \frac{(n\cdot q)\gamma_5}{2m}\Big] u_{P-q/2}$$

- forward case (ξ =0, q=0) : regular PDFs
- no gauge link (λ =0) : vector & axial-vector current

General non-forward kinematics $(q \neq 0)$: Distribution of partons in the transverse plane (**b**_⊥) Reviewed in detail [Diehl, Phys.Rept.388:41 '03]

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Nucleon Matrix Elements from LQCD

Generalized Form Factors (quarks)

Mellin moments of the LC operator produce local operators :

$$\mathcal{O}_n = \int x^{n-1} \, dx \, \mathcal{O}(x) \longrightarrow \bar{q} \left[\not n (i \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D} \cdot n)^n \right] q = \mathcal{O}_{\{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_n\}} \, n_{\mu_1} \cdots n_{\mu_n}$$

and may be computed on a lattice

$$\mathcal{O}_{\{\mu_1\cdots\mu_n\}} = \bar{q} \Big[\gamma_{\{\mu_1} \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu_2} \cdots \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\mu_n\}} - \langle traces \rangle \Big] q$$

 $\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{GPDs} \ \mathcal{H}(x,\xi,q^2), \ \mathcal{E}(x,\xi,q^2) \ \text{ are reduced to Generalized Form Factors} \\ & \int x^{n-1} \, dx \, \mathcal{H}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} (2\xi)^{2i} A_{n,2i}(q^2) \quad \left[+ (2\xi)^n C_n(q^2), \text{ even } n \right], \\ & \int x^{n-1} \, dx \, \mathcal{E}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} (2\xi)^{2i} B_{n,2i}(q^2) \quad \left[- (2\xi)^n C_n(q^2), \text{ even } n \right], \\ & \int x^{n-1} \, dx \, \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} (2\xi)^{2i} \tilde{A}_{n,2i}(q^2), \\ & \int x^{n-1} \, dx \, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} (2\xi)^{2i} \tilde{B}_{n,2i}(q^2), \\ & \int x^{n-1} \, dx \, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{[n/2]} (2\xi)^{2i} \tilde{B}_{n,2i}(q^2), \end{aligned}$

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GPDs $\mathcal{H}(x,\xi,q^2), \mathcal{E}(x,\xi,q^2)$ are reduced to Generalized Form Factors $\int x^{n-1} dx \,\mathcal{H}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (2\xi)^{2i} A_{n,2i}(q^2) \quad \left[+ (2\xi)^n C_n(q^2), \text{ even } n \right],$ $\int x^{n-1} dx \, \mathcal{E}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (2\xi)^{2i} B_{n,2i}(q^2) \quad \left[-(2\xi)^n C_n(q^2), \text{ even } n \right],$ (quark momentum and J_q) $\int x^{n-1} dx \,\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x,\xi,q^2) \longrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (2\xi)^2 \qquad \text{Experiments do not have direct access to n>1 GFFs:} \\ \bullet \text{ not full region of } x \text{ is measured} \\ \bullet \text{ Direct access CPDs only at } x = \xi$ • DVCS access GPDs only at $x = \xi$

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Generalized Form Factors

Twist-2 Operators on a Hypercubic Lattice

Mellin moments of GPDs : symmetric, trace=0 quark-bilinear operators :

- In continuum: Lorentz symmetry preserves ops. from mixing
- On a lattice: Hypercubic group has only 20 irreps

$$n = 1 \qquad \bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q \rightarrow \mathbf{4}_{1}^{-}$$

$$n = 2 \qquad \bar{q}[\gamma_{\{\mu}i\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\nu\}} - \langle \mathrm{Tr}\rangle]q \rightarrow \mathbf{3}_{1}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{6}_{3}^{+}$$

$$n = 3 \qquad \bar{q}[\gamma_{\{\mu}i\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\nu}i\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\rho\}} - \langle \mathrm{Tr}\rangle]q \rightarrow \mathbf{8}_{1}^{-} \oplus \mathbf{4}_{1}^{-} \oplus \mathbf{4}_{2}^{-}$$

$$n = 4 \qquad \bar{q}[\gamma_{\{\mu}i\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\nu}i\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\rho}i\overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_{\sigma\}} - \langle \mathrm{Tr}\rangle]q \rightarrow \mathbf{1}_{1}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{3}_{1}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{6}_{3}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{2}_{1}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{2}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{6}_{1}^{+} \oplus \mathbf{6}_{2}^{+}$$

$$\cdots$$

Mixing coefficients
$$\sim \Lambda_{\rm UV}^{d_1-d_2} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{d_1-d_2}$$

For n=2: $\mathcal{O}^{\text{lat}} = \mathcal{O}^{\text{phys}} + O(a^2)$

For higher n>4, need subtraction with non-perturbative mixing coefficients

Unpolarized n = 2 GFFs



- m_π=350 MeV ;
- |C₂^{u-d}|≈0 : little ξ-dependence in the isovector-channel
- large-*N*_c counting hierarchy:

$$\begin{split} |A_{20}^{u+d}| \gg |A_{20}^{u-d}| & (\sim N_c^2, N_c), \\ |B_{20}^{u-d}| \gg |B_{20}^{u+d}| & (\sim N_c^3, N_c^2), \\ |C_2^{u+d}| \gg |C_2^{u-d}| & (\sim N_c^2, N_c) \end{split}$$



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 $\gamma_{\{\mu} D_{\nu\}}$

Polarized n = 2 GFFs



- m_{π} =350 MeV [LHP collaboration]
- noisy signal for $\tilde{B}_{20}(Q^2)$



Unpolarized n = 3 GFFs



• *m*_π=350 MeV [LHP collaboration]

• Observable ξ -dependence ~O(1) in n=3, $\int x^2 dx \,\mathcal{H}(x,\xi,Q^2) = A_{30}(Q^2) + (2\xi)^2 A_{32}(Q^2),$ $\int x^2 dx \,\mathcal{E}(x,\xi,Q^2) = B_{30}(Q^2) + (2\xi)^2 B_{32}(Q^2)$



Generalized Form Factors

Comparison of unpolarized n = 1, 2, 3 GFFs



(in the \mathbf{b}_{\perp} -plane):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(x, \vec{b}_{\perp}^2) &\xrightarrow{x \to 1} \delta(\vec{b}_{\perp}^2) \\ x^n \text{-moments of GPDs} \\ \text{shrink with } n \end{aligned}$$
First in [Ph.Hagler *et al*, PRL 93:112001 '04]

$$\begin{aligned} A_{n0}(Q^2) &= A_{n0}(0) \left[1 - \frac{1}{4} \langle r_{\perp,n}^2 \rangle Q^2 + \mathcal{O}(Q^4) \right] \\ \langle r_{\perp,n}^2 \rangle &= \frac{\int d^2 \vec{b}_{\perp} (\vec{b}_{\perp})^2 \int dx \, x^{n-1} \mathcal{H}(x, \vec{b}_{\perp})}{\int d^2 \vec{b}_{\perp} \int dx \, x^{n-1} \mathcal{H}(x, \vec{b}_{\perp})} \\ \langle r_{\perp,1}^2 \rangle &> \langle r_{\perp,2}^2 \rangle \gtrsim \langle r_{\perp,3}^2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Generalized Form Factors

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"Disconnected" EM Form Factors



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"Nuclear aspects of DM searches" @ INT

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0.6

Nucleon Tensor Charge (u-d)

$$\langle N(P)|\bar{u}\sigma_{\mu\nu}u - \bar{d}\sigma_{\mu\nu}d|N(P)\rangle = g_T\bar{u}_P\sigma_{\mu\nu}u_P$$

sensitivity of BSM searches in ultracold neutron decays



Light Quark Momentum Fraction (u+d)

$$\langle x \rangle_{u+d} = \int dx \left(u(x) + \bar{u}(x) + d(x) + \bar{d}(x) \right)$$
$$\langle N(p) | \bar{q} \gamma_{\{\mu} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\nu\}} q | p \rangle = \langle x \rangle_q \ \bar{u}_p \gamma_{\{\mu} p_{\nu\}} u_p$$



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