

Hadron structure from lattice QCD

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Outline

1. Neutron beta decay couplings g_A, g_T, g_S
2. Sigma terms $\sigma_{\pi N}, \sigma_s$
3. Electromagnetic form factors
4. Proton charge radius
5. Strange form factors
6. PDFs and TMDs

... is a regularization of Euclidean-space QCD such that the path integral can be done fully non-perturbatively.

- ▶ Euclidean spacetime becomes a periodic hypercubic lattice, with spacing a and box size $L_s^3 \times L_t$.
- ▶ Path integral over fermion degrees of freedom is done analytically, for each gauge configuration. Solving the Dirac equation with a fixed source yields a source-to-all quark propagator.
- ▶ Path integral over gauge degrees of freedom is done numerically using Monte Carlo methods to generate an *ensemble* of *gauge configurations*.

The $a \rightarrow 0$ and $L_s, L_t \rightarrow \infty$ extrapolations need to be taken by using multiple ensembles.

Precision lattice QCD

Flavour Lattice Averaging Group (FLAG) reviews:

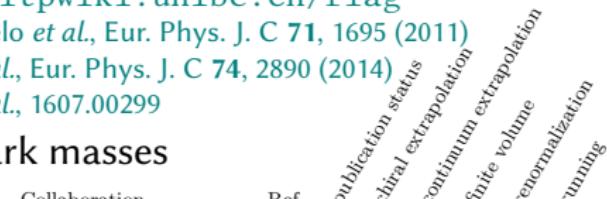
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G. Colangelo *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C **71**, 1695 (2011)

S. Aoki *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C **74**, 2890 (2014)

S. Aoki *et al.*, 1607.00299

e.g., quark masses



Collaboration	Ref.	Publication status	chiral extrapolation	continuum extrapolation	finite volume	renormalization	running	m_{ud}	m_s
RBC/UKQCD 14B [⊕]	[10]	P	★	★	★	★	d	3.31(4)(4)	90.3(0.9)(1.0)
RBC/UKQCD 12 [⊕]	[31]	A	★	○	★	★	d	3.37(9)(7)(1)(2)	92.3(1.9)(0.9)(0.4)(0.8)
PACS-CS 12*	[143]	A	★	■	■	★	b	3.12(24)(8)	83.60(0.58)(2.23)
Laiho 11	[44]	C	○	★	★	○	—	3.31(7)(20)(17)	94.2(1.4)(3.2)(4.7)
BMW 10A, 10B ⁺	[7, 8]	A	★	★	★	★	c	3.469(47)(48)	95.5(1.1)(1.5)
PACS-CS 10	[95]	A	★	■	■	★	b	2.78(27)	86.7(2.3)
MILC 10A	[13]	C	○	★	★	○	—	3.19(4)(5)(16)	—
HPQCD 10*	[9]	A	○	★	★	—	—	3.39(6)	92.2(1.3)
RBC/UKQCD 10A	[144]	A	○	○	★	★	a	3.59(13)(14)(8)	96.2(1.6)(0.2)(2.1)
Blum 10 [†]	[103]	A	○	■	○	★	—	3.44(12)(22)	97.6(2.9)(5.5)
PACS-CS 09	[94]	A	★	■	■	★	b	2.97(28)(3)	92.75(58)(95)
HPQCD 09A [⊕]	[18]	A	○	★	★	—	—	3.40(7)	92.4(1.5)
MILC 09A	[6]	C	○	★	★	○	—	3.25 (1)(7)(16)(0)	89.0(0.2)(1.6)(4.5)(0.1)
MILC 09	[89]	A	○	★	★	○	—	3.2(0)(1)(2)(0)	88(0)(3)(4)(0)
PACS-CS 08	[93]	A	★	■	■	■	—	2.527(47)	72.72(78)
RBC/UKQCD 08	[145]	A	○	■	★	★	—	3.72(16)(33)(18)	107.3(4.4)(9.7)(4.9)
CP-PACS/	[146]	A	■	★	★	■	—	3.55(19)(⁺⁵⁶ ₋₂₀)	90.1(4.3)(^{+16.7} _{-4.3})
JLQCD 07									
HPQCD 05	[147]	A	○	○	○	○	—	3.2(0)(2)(2)(0) [‡]	87(0)(4)(4)(0) [‡]
MILC 04, HPQCD/	[107, 148]	A	○	○	○	■	—	2.8(0)(1)(3)(0)	76(0)(3)(7)(0)
MILC/UKQCD 04									

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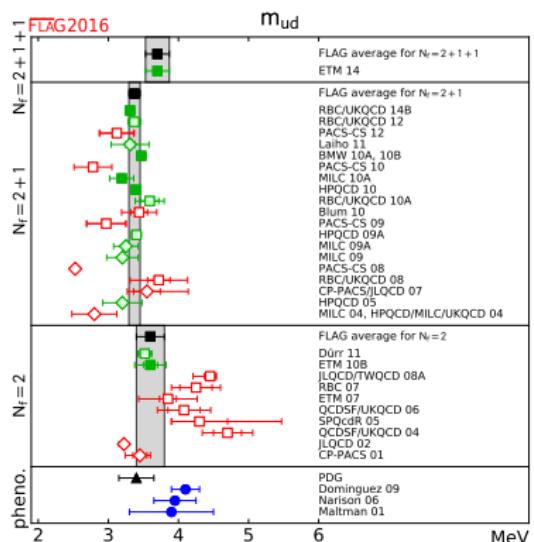
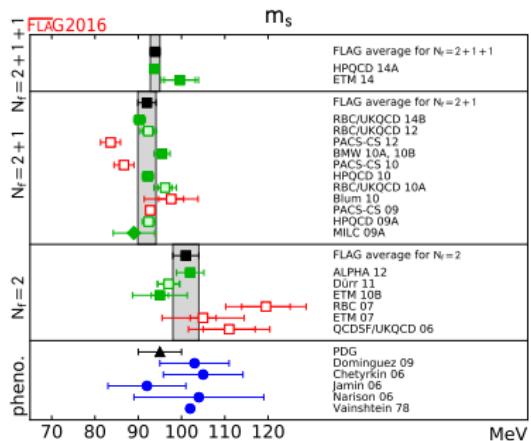
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Nucleon matrix elements using lattice QCD

To find matrix elements, compute using an interpolating operator χ :

$$C_{2\text{pt}}(t, \vec{p}) = \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \langle \chi(\vec{x}, t) \bar{\chi}(\vec{0}, 0) \rangle$$
$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-E(\vec{p})t} |\langle p | \bar{\chi} | \Omega \rangle|^2$$

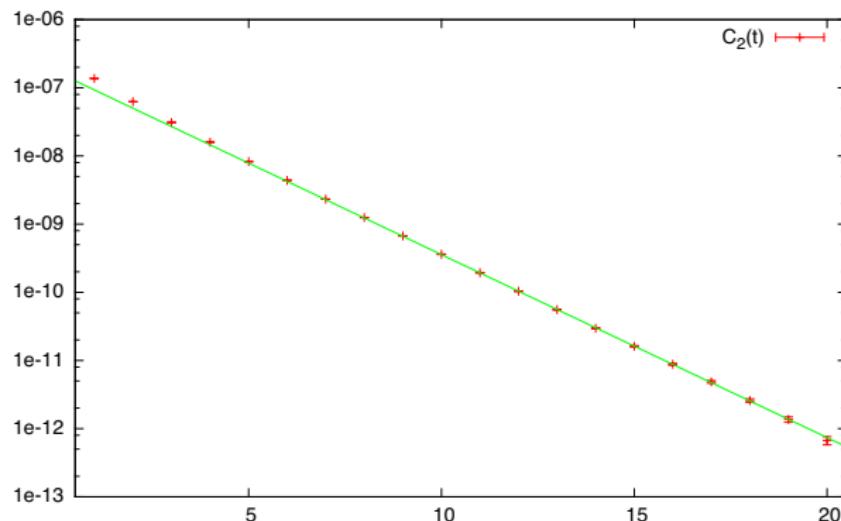
$$C_{3\text{pt}}(T, \tau; \vec{p}, \vec{p}') = \sum_{\vec{x}, \vec{y}} e^{-i\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{x}} e^{i(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}) \cdot \vec{y}} \langle \chi(\vec{x}, T) O(\vec{y}, \tau) \bar{\chi}(\vec{0}, 0) \rangle$$
$$\xrightarrow{T - \tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-E(\vec{p}')(T - \tau)} e^{-E(\vec{p})\tau} \langle \Omega | \chi | p' \rangle \langle p' | O | p \rangle \langle p | \bar{\chi} | \Omega \rangle$$

Then form ratios to isolate $\langle p' | O | p \rangle$.

Systematic error: excited states

With interpolating operator χ , compute, e.g.,

$$C_{2\text{pt}}(t) = \langle \chi(t) \chi^\dagger(0) \rangle = \sum_n e^{-E_n t} |\langle n | \chi^\dagger | 0 \rangle|^2$$

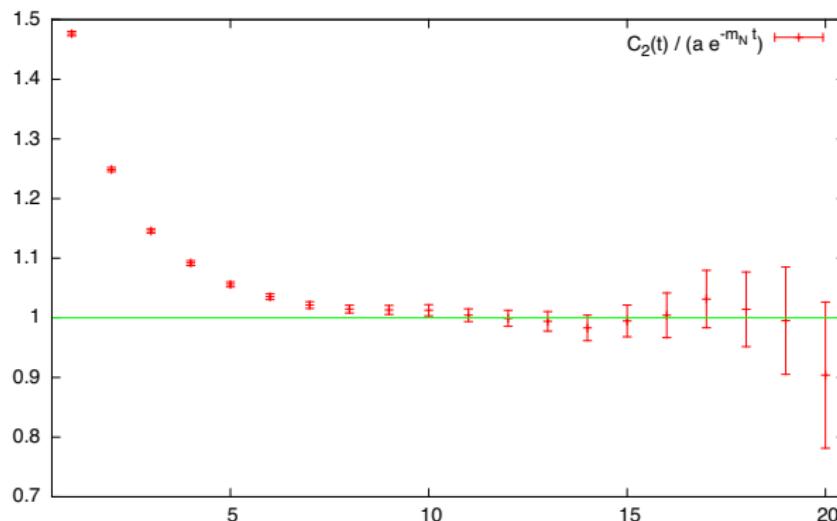


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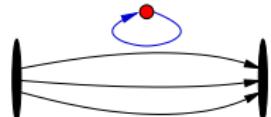
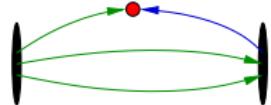
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Connected and disconnected diagrams

Two kinds of quark contractions required for $C_{3\text{pt}}(\tau, T) = \langle \chi(T) \bar{q} \Gamma q(\tau) \bar{\chi}(0) \rangle$:

- ▶ **Connected**, which we usually evaluate with **sequential propagators** through the sink.
- ▶ **Disconnected**, which requires stochastic estimation to evaluate the *disconnected loop*,

$$T(\vec{q}, t, \Gamma) = - \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \text{Tr}[\Gamma D^{-1}(x, x)].$$



Introduce noise sources η that satisfy $E(\eta\eta^\dagger) = I$. By solving $\psi = D^{-1}\eta$, we get

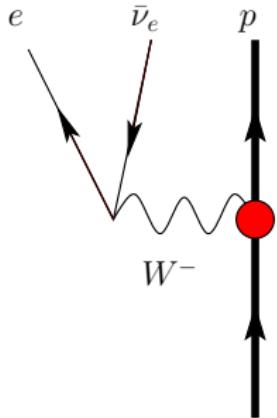
$$D^{-1}(x, y) = E(\psi(x)\eta^\dagger(y)),$$

so that

$$T(\vec{q}, t, \Gamma) = E \left(- \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \eta^\dagger(x) \Gamma \psi(x) \right).$$

We then need to compute the *correlation* between this loop and a two-point correlator.

Neutron beta decay



Coupling to W boson via axial current depends on nucleon axial charge,

$$\langle p(P, s') | \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d | n(P, s) \rangle = g_A \bar{u}_p(P, s') \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_n(P, s).$$

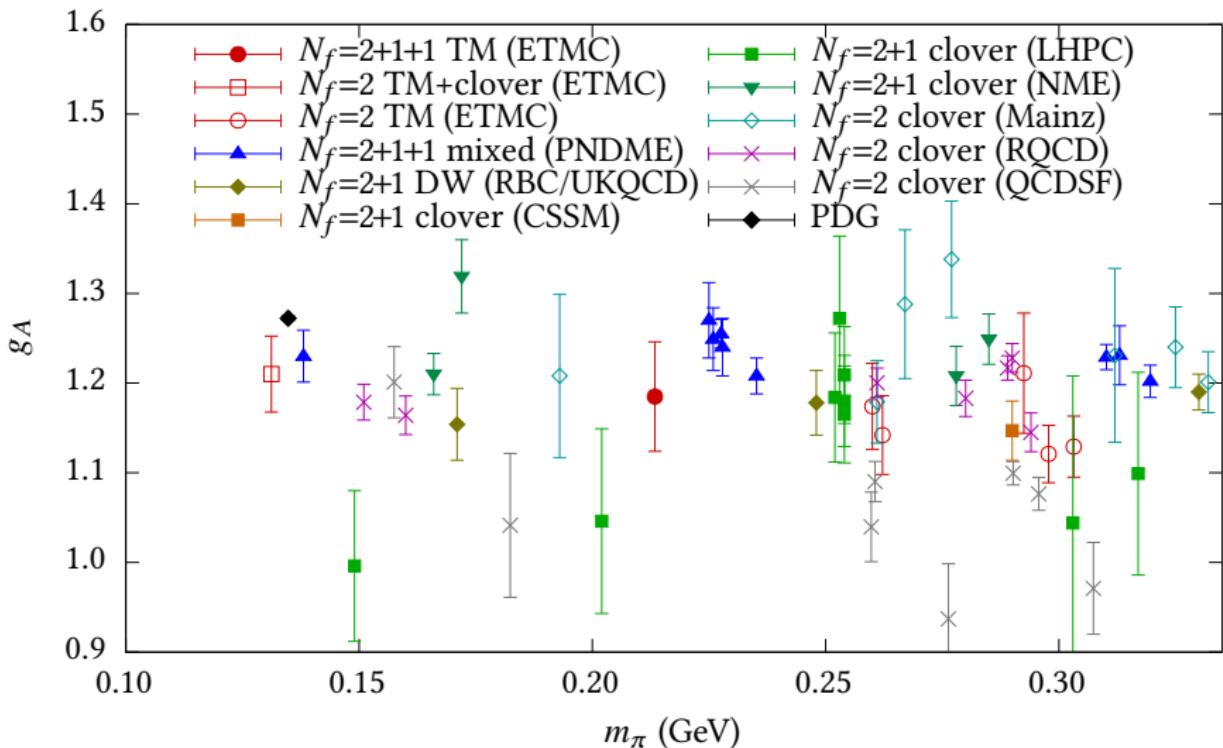
Well-measured experimentally: $g_A = 1.2723(23)$.

Precision β -decay experiments may be sensitive to BSM physics; leading contributions are controlled by the (not measured experimentally) scalar and tensor charges: [T. Bhattacharya et al., Phys. Rev. D 85 \(2012\) 054512 \[1110.6448\]](#)

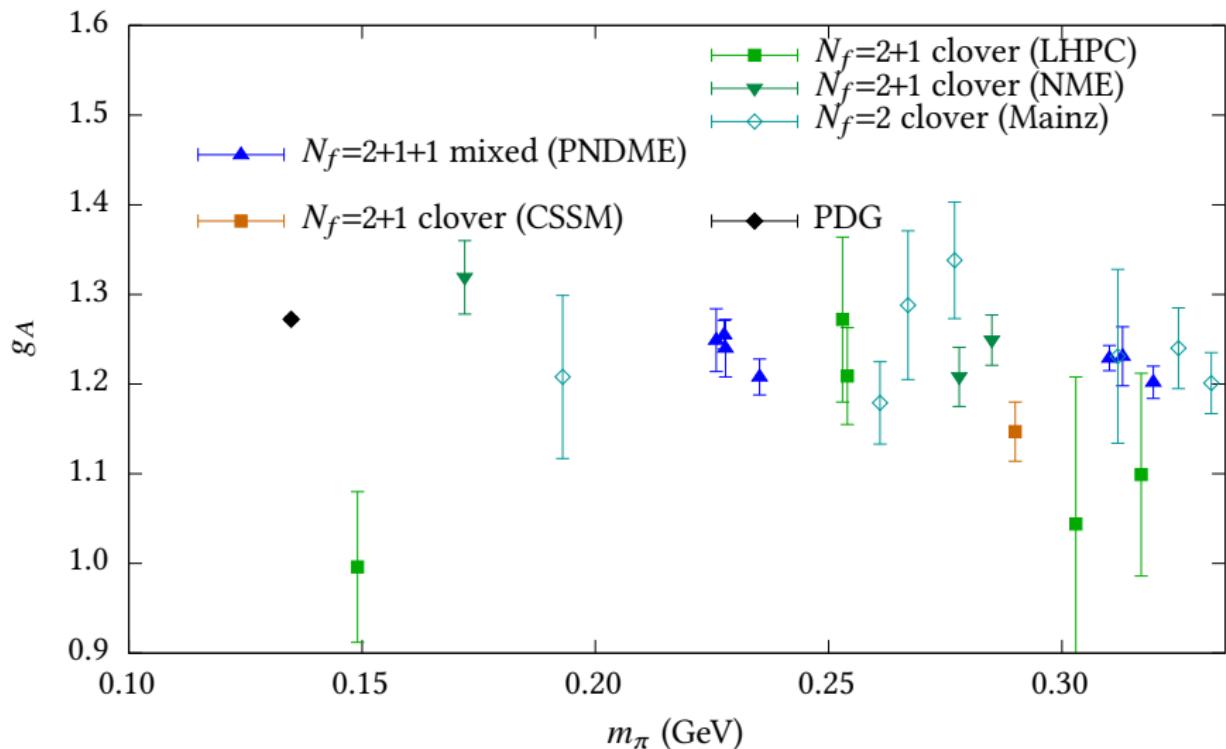
$$\langle p(P, s') | \bar{u} d | n(P, s) \rangle = g_S \bar{u}_p(P, s') u_n(P, s),$$

$$\langle p(P, s') | \bar{u} \sigma^{\mu\nu} d | n(P, s) \rangle = g_T \bar{u}_p(P, s') \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_n(P, s).$$

Axial charge g_A : “benchmark” observable

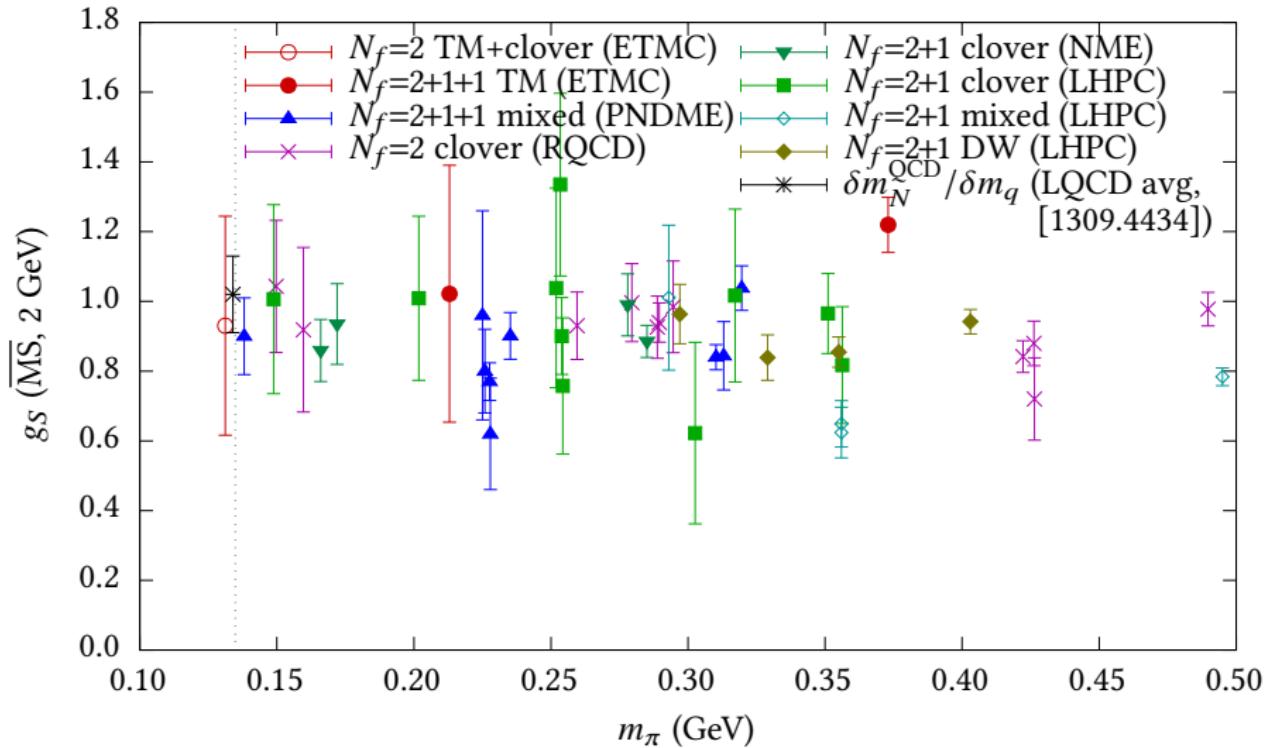


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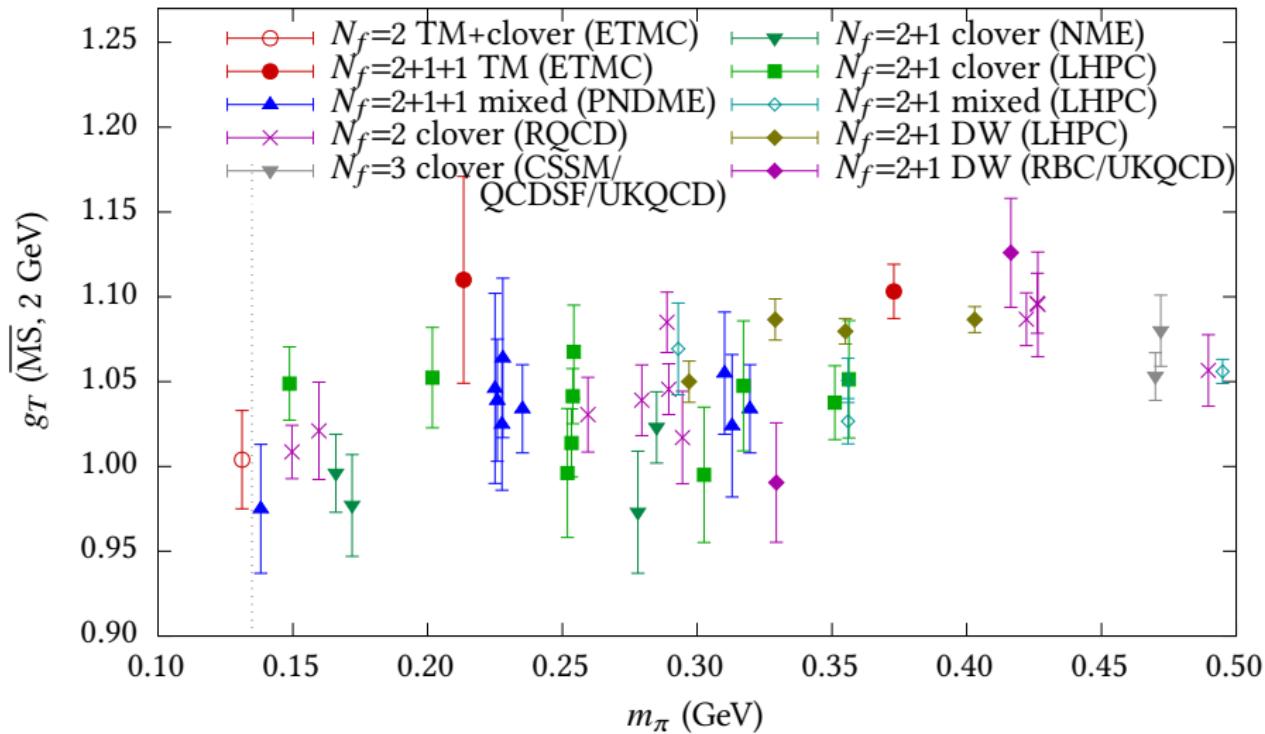


Works that extend below 300 MeV, have $m_\pi L \geq 4$, and control exc. states.

Scalar charge g_S



Tensor charge g_T

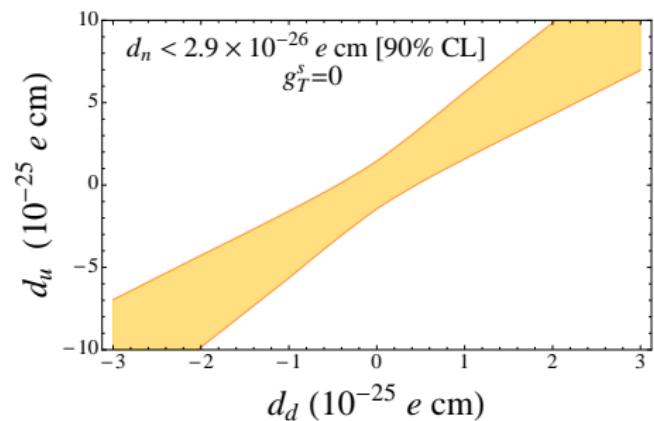
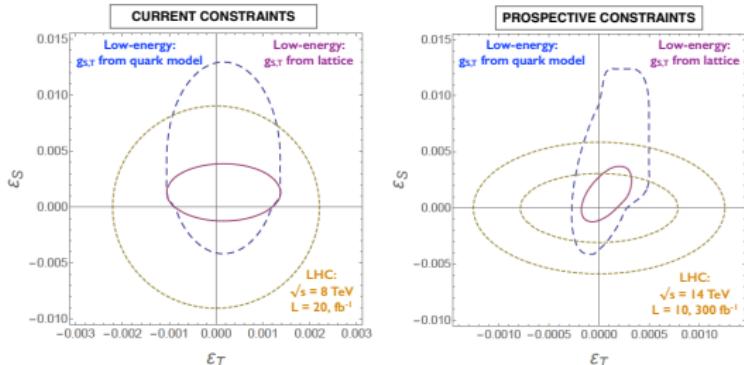


Scalar and tensor charges: applications

T. Bhattacharya *et al.* (PNDME),

Phys. Rev. D 94, 054508 [1606.07049]

Using g_S, g_T : constraints on beta decay parameters imply constraints on non-standard 4-fermion couplings ϵ_S, ϵ_T .



T. Bhattacharya *et al.* (PNDME),

Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 212002 [1506.04196]

Using g_T^u, g_T^d : constraint on neutron electric dipole moment implies constraints on quark EDMs d_u, d_d .

Sigma terms

The contributions from quark masses to the nucleon mass.

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = m_{ud} \langle N | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | N \rangle \quad \sigma_q = m_q \langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle$$

Control the sensitivity of direct-detection dark matter searches to WIMPs that interact via Higgs exchange.

Two main lattice approaches:

1. Direct calculation (requires disconnected diagrams).
2. Feynman-Hellmann theorem:

$$\sigma_q = m_q \frac{\partial m_N}{\partial m_q}$$

(requires multiple ensembles with different m_q).

Recent results using (near-)physical m_π :

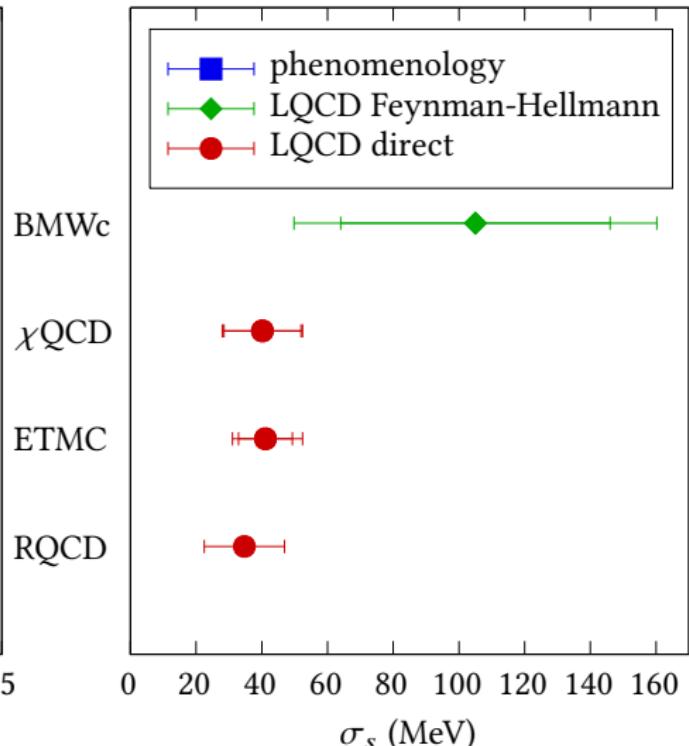
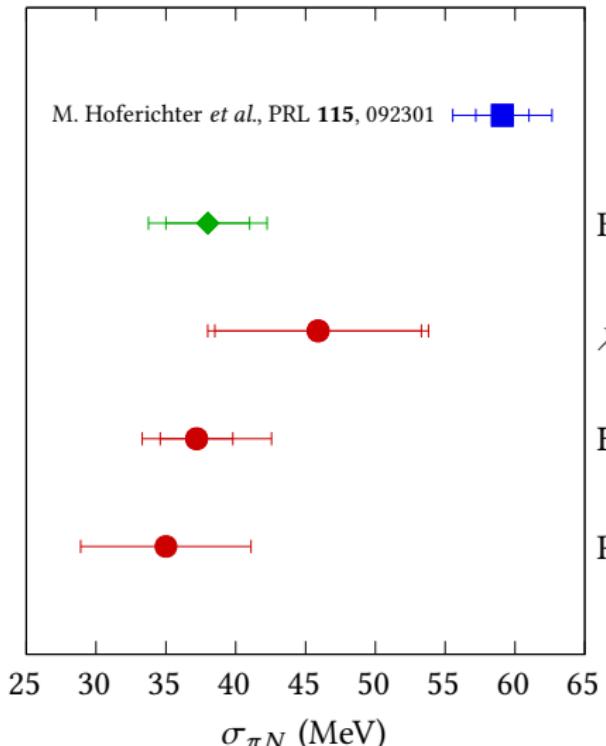
Direct: Y.-B. Yang *et al.* (χ QCD), Phys. Rev. D **94**, 054503 [1511.09089] → parallel talk today, 16:00

Direct: A. Abdel-Rehim *et al.* (ETMC), Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 252001 [1601.01624]

Direct: G. S. Bali *et al.* (RQCD), Phys. Rev. D **93**, 094504 [1603.00827]

Feynman-Hellmann: S. Durr *et al.* (BMWc), Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 172001 [1510.08013]

Sigma terms: recent results



There is a disagreement for $\sigma_{\pi N}$ between LQCD and phenomenology.

Electromagnetic form factors

Proton matrix elements of vector current parameterized by Dirac and Pauli form factors:

$$\langle p', s' | J_{\text{em}}^\mu | p, s \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left(\gamma^\mu F_1(Q^2) + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \frac{q_\nu}{2m_p} F_2(Q^2) \right) u(p, s),$$

where $q = p' - p$, $Q^2 = -q^2$. Or alternatively, by the electric and magnetic Sachs form factors,

$$G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{(2m_p)^2} F_2(Q^2), \quad G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2).$$

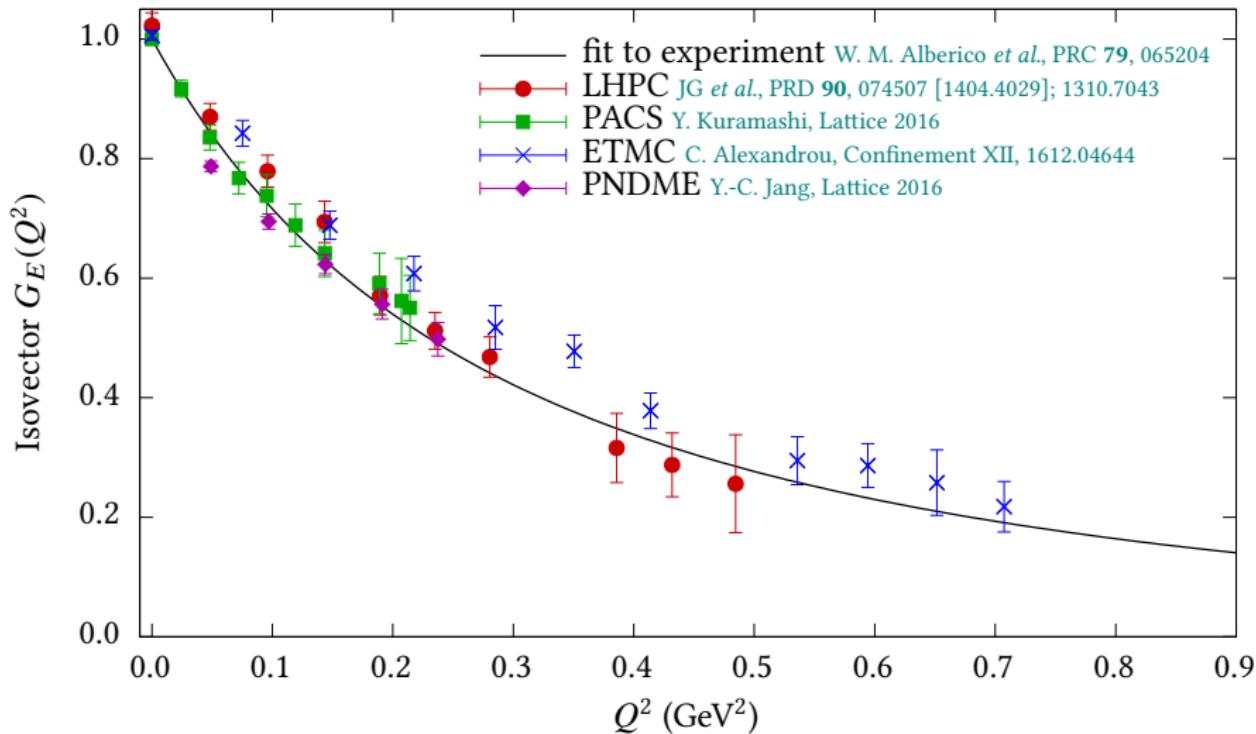
At $Q^2 = 0$, these give the charge and magnetic moment of the proton, and their derivatives define the mean-squared electric and magnetic radii:

$$G_E^p(Q^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} (r_E^2)^p Q^2 + O(Q^4), \quad G_M^p(Q^2) = \mu^p \left(1 - \frac{1}{6} (r_M^2)^p Q^2 + O(Q^4) \right).$$

To eliminate disconnected diagrams, we take the isovector combination,

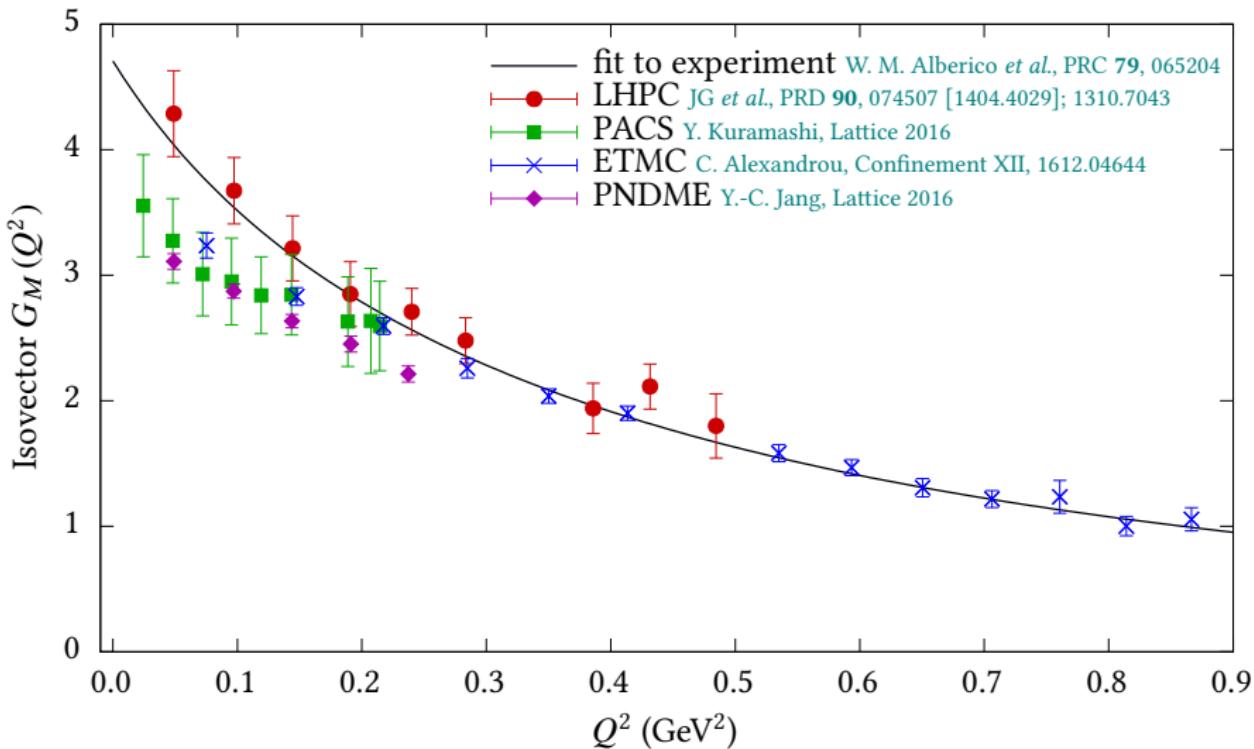
$$G_{E,M}^v = G_{E,M}^p - G_{E,M}^n, \quad F_{1,2}^v = F_{1,2}^p - F_{1,2}^n.$$

Isovector $G_E(Q^2)$



Results for near-physical m_π .

Isovector $G_M(Q^2)$



Results for near-physical m_π .

Proton radius problem

Two disagreeing values ($> 5\sigma$ discrepancy) for the proton charge radius r_E^p :

1. “high” value: $0.8751(61)$ fm

CODATA 2014

2. “low” value: $0.84087(39)$ fm

A. Antognini *et al.*, Science 339, 417 (2013)

	e	μ
spectroscopy	high	low
scattering	high	?
QCD theory		?

Traditional lattice strategy to determine r_E : fitting to $G_E(Q^2)$.

Problem: $Q_{\min}^2 \approx (2\pi/L)^2 \gtrsim 0.05 \text{ GeV}^2$, an order of magnitude higher than for data from experiment.

New methods for directly computing radius (and magnetic moment):

- Correlators in a background field

Z. Davoudi and W. Detmold, Phys. Rev. D 92, 074506 [1507.01908]

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial q^2}$ using position-space moments

C. C. Chang *et al.*, Lattice 2016, 1610.02354 → D. Richards parallel talk today, 17:15

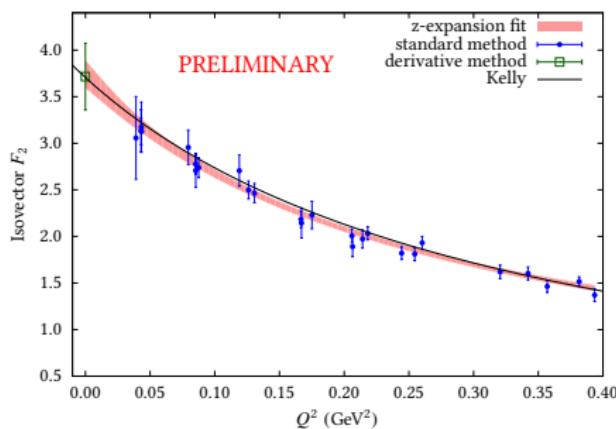
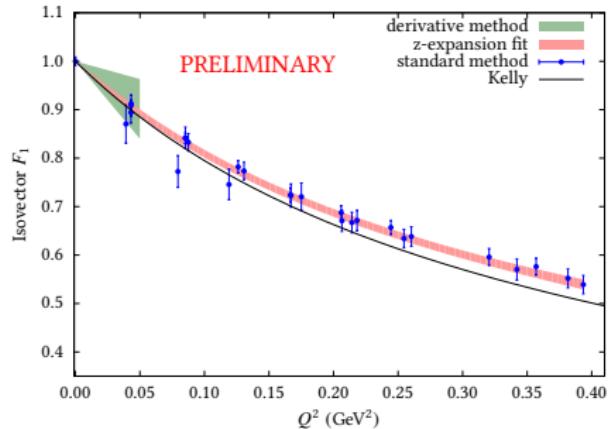
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial q_\mu}$ using semi-position-space moments

C. Alexandrou *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D 94, 074508 [1605.07327]

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial q_\mu}$ via derivative of twisted boundary conditions

N. Hasan *et al.*, Lattice 2016, 1611.06805

Isovector Dirac and Pauli form factors



N. Hasan, M. Engelhardt, JG, S. Krieg, S. Meinel, J. Negele, A. Pochinsky, S. Syritsyn, 1611.01383

$$m_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV}, m_\pi L \approx 4$$

Momentum derivative method yields $F_2(0)$ and $F'_1(0)$.

Strange form factors

Define strange electromagnetic form factors using strange vector current:

$$J_{\text{em}}^\mu \rightarrow J_s^\mu \equiv \bar{s} \gamma^\mu s, \quad G_{E,M}(Q^2) \rightarrow G_{E,M}^s(Q^2).$$

Determined by measuring the parity-violating asymmetry in elastic $\vec{e}\vec{p}$ scattering, which is sensitive to Z exchange.

In lattice calculations, these arise purely from disconnected diagrams.

Two recent calculations with a clear signal:

1. LHPG: [JG, S. Meinel et al., Phys. Rev. D 92, 031501\(R\) \[1505.01803\]](#)

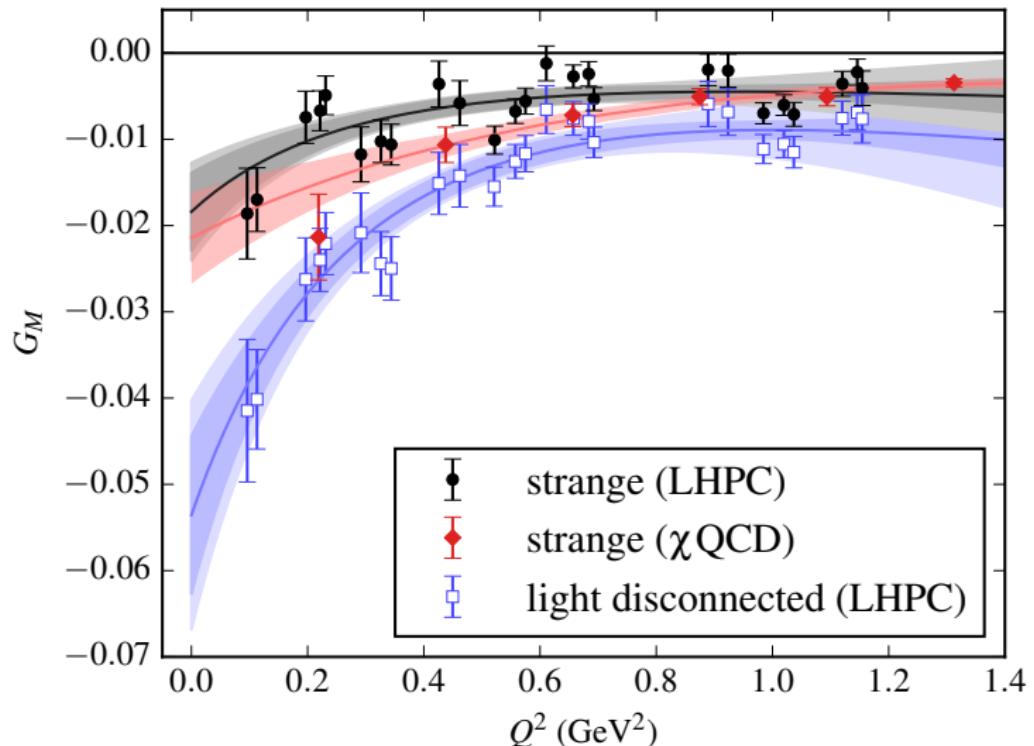
- ▶ One ensemble, $m_\pi = 317$ MeV, Wilson-clover fermions.
- ▶ Strange and light disconnected loops.

2. χ QCD: [R. S. Sufian, Y.-B. Yang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 042001 \[1606.07075\]](#)

- ▶ Four ensembles including $m_\pi = 139$ MeV, overlap on domain wall.
- ▶ Also varied valence $m_{ud} \rightarrow 24$ different m_π (partially quenched).
- ▶ Strange disconnected loops.

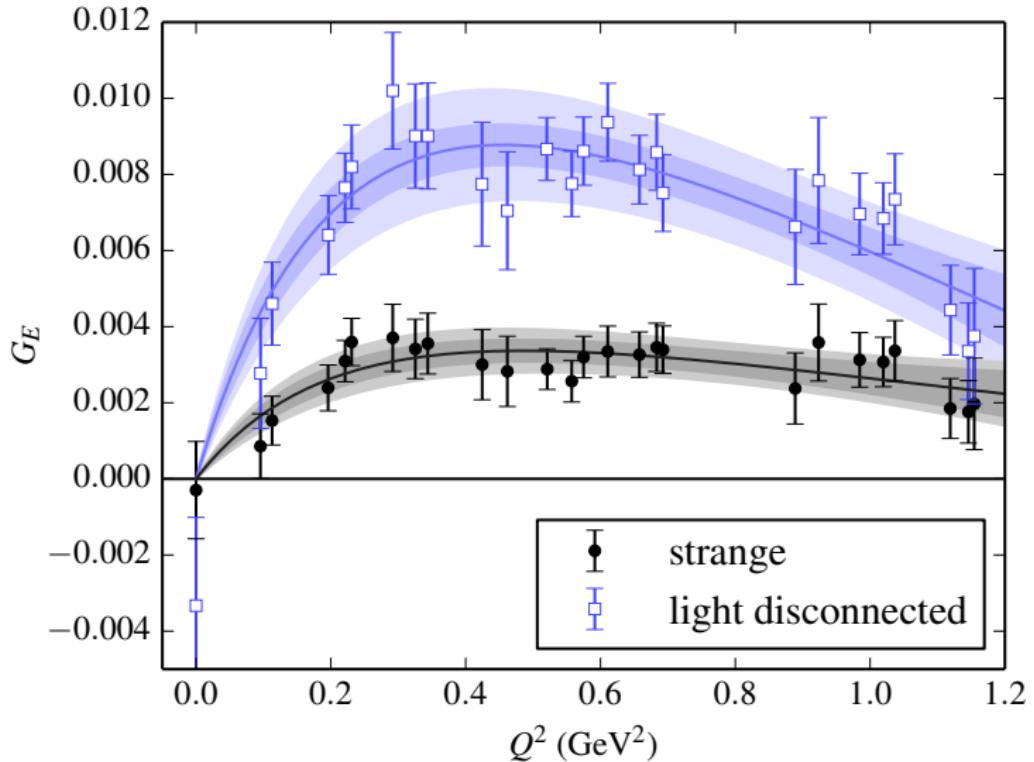
→ see also P. Shanahan plenary talk Friday, 11:10

Strange magnetic form factor: comparison



Similar pion mass: 317 MeV (LHPC) and 330 MeV (χQCD).
At physical point, χQCD gets $\mu^s = -0.064(14)(9)\mu_N$.

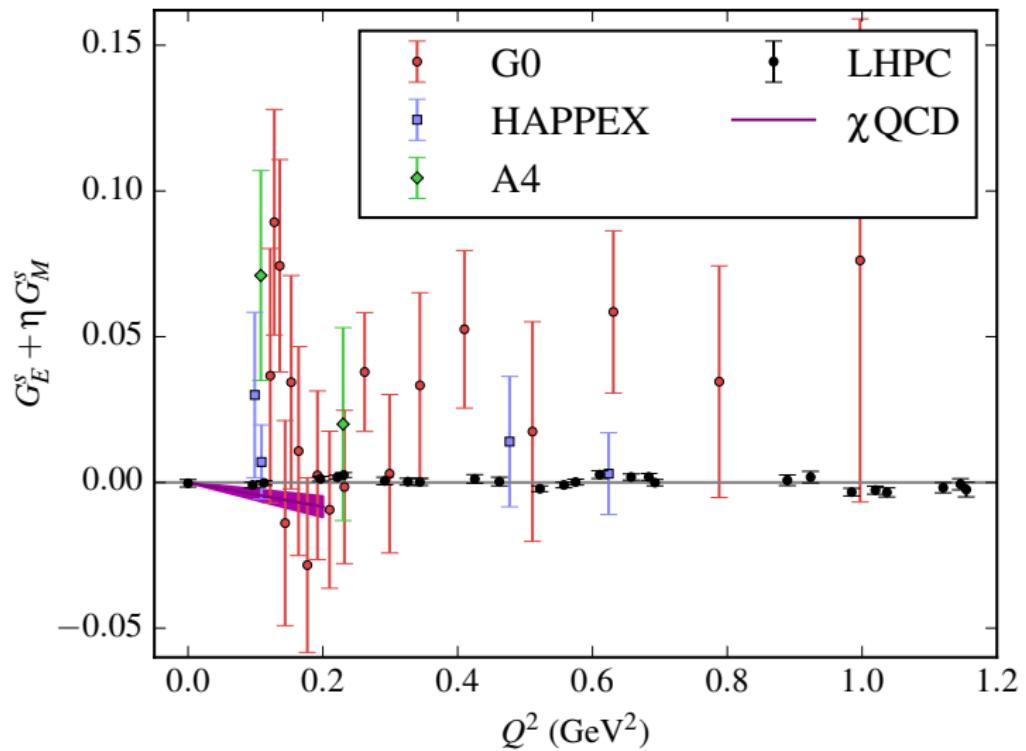
Strange electric form factor: $m_\pi = 317$ MeV



This corresponds to $(r_E^2)^s = -0.0054(9)(13)$ fm 2 .

At physical point, χ QCD gets $(r_E^2)^s = -0.0043(16)(11)$ fm 2 .

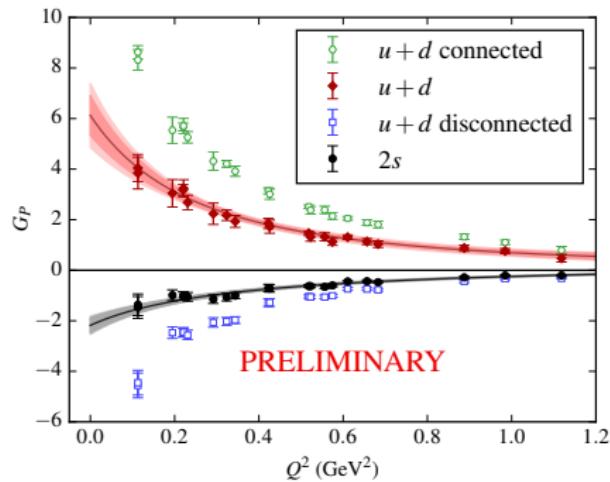
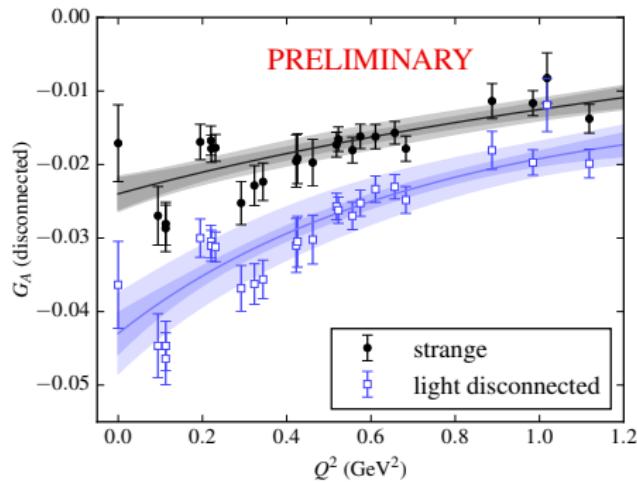
Forward-angle parity-violating elastic scattering experiments



$$\eta \approx A Q^2, A = 0.94 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Disconnected axial form factors

$$\langle p' | \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q | p \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[\gamma_\mu G_A^q(Q^2) + \frac{(p' - p)_\mu}{2m_p} G_P^q(Q^2) \right] \gamma_5 u(p)$$



JG, Lattice 2016

Small mixing between light and strange quarks accounted for.

→ Affects $G_A^s(Q^2)$ by up to 10% at $\mu = 2$ GeV.

Disconnected contribution to $G_P(Q^2)$ is significant.

Parton distribution functions

$q(x, \mu)$ is interpreted as the probability to find a quark q with fraction x of the proton's momentum.

PDFs can be defined using a light cone operator:

$$q(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi} e^{ixz(n \cdot p)} \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) W(0, zn)(n \cdot \gamma) \psi(zn) | p \rangle,$$

where $p = (p_0, 0, 0, p_z)$, $n = (1, 0, 0, -1)/\sqrt{2}$, and W is a straight gauge link. This can't be implemented on a Euclidean lattice.

Idea: take n spacelike, $n = (0, 0, 0, -1)$ and define a quasi-PDF $\tilde{q}(x, \mu, p_z)$. These are related at large p_z :

$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, p_z) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} Z\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{p_z}\right) q(y, \mu) + O\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{p_z^2}, \frac{m^2}{p_z^2}\right)$$

X. Ji, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 262002 [1305.1539]; many follow-up papers

PDFs from lattice QCD

Exploratory studies of PDFs $q(x)$, $\Delta q(x)$, and $\delta q(x)$ by two groups:

1. H.-W. Lin, J.-W. Chen, S. D. Cohen, X. Ji, Phys. Rev. D **91**, 054510 [1402.1462]
J.-W. Chen, S. D. Cohen, X. Ji, H.-W. Lin, J.-H. Zhang, Nucl. Phys. B **911**, 246–273 [1603.06664]
2. C. Alexandrou, K. Cichy, V. Drach *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **92**, 014502 [1504.07455]
C. Alexandrou, K. Cichy, M. Constantinou *et al.*, 1610.03689

Also study of total gluon helicity using large-momentum methods:

Y.-B. Yang, R. S. Sufian *et al.* (χ QCD) Phys. Rev. Lett. (to appear), 1609.05937

Additional challenges over standard observables:

- ▶ Need to take large- p_z limit. New “momentum smearing” yields improved signal at large p_z . G. S. Bali *et al.* (RQCD), PRD **93**, 094515 [1602.05525]
- ▶ Removal of power divergence and renormalization.

→ J. Zhang, M. Constantinou, K. Orginos in parallel session on lattice PDFs Thursday, 11:00

Similar program to study TMDs on the lattice using staple-shaped links:

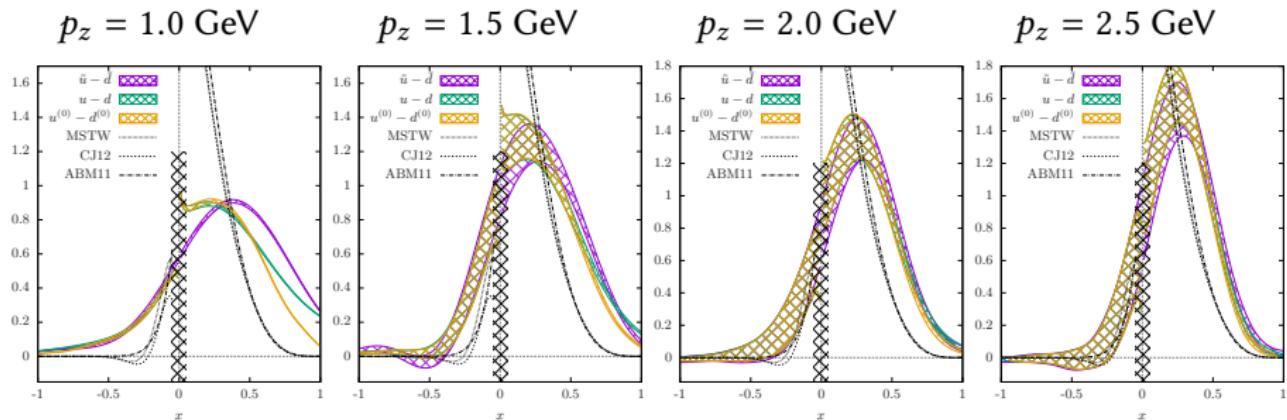
B. U. Musch *et al.*: Europhys. Lett. **88**, 61001 [0908.1283]; Phys. Rev. D **83**, 094507 [1011.1213]

B. U. Musch, M. Engelhardt *et al.*: Phys. Rev. D **85**, 094510 [1111.4249]; PRD **93**, 054501 [1506.07826]

→ M. Engelhardt parallel talk on orbital angular momentum Thursday, 12:15

Isovector (quasi-)PDF $u(x) - d(x)$: dependence on p_z

C. Alexandrou, K. Cichy, M. Constantinou, K. Hadjyiannakou, K. Jansen, F. Steffens, C. Wiese,
1610.03689



$x < 0 \rightarrow$ antiquark PDFs $\bar{q}(x) = -q(-x)$

$m_\pi = 370 \text{ MeV}$

Effect of matching $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q$ and target mass corrections reduced at large p_z .

Qualitative behaviour is similar to phenomenological curves.

Summary and outlook

Calculations of quark-connected nucleon matrix elements and form factors are approaching maturity:

- ▶ Multiple collaborations are working with near-physical pion masses.
- ▶ Excited states and exponential growth of noise remain problems.
- ▶ Better control over remaining systematics ($a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty$) still needed.

There is a serious effort to calculate disconnected diagrams:

- ▶ Modern techniques seem effective at controlling the noise from stochastic estimation.
- ▶ Non-perturbative renormalization can also be done.

Exploratory calculations are ongoing for many more challenging observables:

- ▶ Direct computation of charge radii.
- ▶ Form factors at high Q^2 .
- ▶ Parton distribution functions and transverse momentum-dependent PDFs.