N to $\Delta$ electromagnetic and axial form factors in Lattice QCD

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Main focus: Form factors of the nucleon-$\Delta$ system
- describe structure of hadrons e.g. quadrupole $N$ to $\Delta$ transition form factors may indicate deformation in the nucleon and/or $\Delta$
- provide important input for phenomenological models builders and for chiral effective theories
- make direct contact with experiment e.g.

1. provide a prediction for the parity violating asymmetry in axial $N$ to $\Delta$ transition

2. evaluate the EMR and CMR at low $q^2$

- test the diagonal and non-diagonal Goldberger-Treiman relations
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A dominant magnetic dipole, $M_1$
- An electric quadrupole, $E_2$ and a Coulomb, $C_2$ signal a deformation in the nucleon/$\Delta$
- Experimental evidence for non-zero deformation in nucleon/$\Delta$ *

Precise data strongly “suggesting” deformation in the Nucleon/$\Delta$

$\gamma^* N \rightarrow \Delta$

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$N\gamma^* \rightarrow \Delta$ on the Lattice

The standard decomposition of the $N$ to $\Delta$ electromagnetic matrix element:

$$\langle \Delta(\vec{p}', s') | j_\mu | N(\vec{p}, s) \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{m_\Delta m_N}{E_\Delta(\vec{p}') E_N(\vec{p})} \right)^{1/2} \bar{u}^\sigma(\vec{p}', s') \mathcal{O}_{\sigma\mu} u(\vec{p}, s),$$

with

$$\mathcal{O}_{\sigma\mu} = G_{M1}(q^2) K_{\sigma\mu}^{M1} + G_{E2}(q^2) K_{\sigma\mu}^{E2} + G_{C2}(q^2) K_{\sigma\mu}^{C2},$$

Sachs form factors:

$$G_{M1}(q^2), \ G_{E2}(q^2), \ G_{C2}(q^2)$$

Use the lattice conserved current for Wilson fermions and the local current for DWF.
Three-point functions

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\[ \hat{J} \]
\[ \tilde{q} = \vec{p}' - \vec{p} \]
\[ (\vec{x}_2, t_2) \quad \tilde{h}(\vec{p}') \]
\[ (\vec{x}_1, t_1) \quad (0, 0) \quad h(\vec{p}) \]
\[ G_{\tilde{h}Jh}(t_2, t_1; \vec{q}) = \]
\[ < \Omega | \sum_{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2} e^{i\vec{q}.\vec{x}_1} \hat{T}\hat{J}_h(\vec{x}_2, t_2)\hat{J}(\vec{x}_1, t_1)\hat{J}_h^\dagger(0) | \Omega > \]

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## Lattice Parameters

### Wilson Fermions

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<th>( \kappa )</th>
<th>( m_\pi ) (GeV)</th>
<th>( m_N ) (GeV)</th>
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<td>Quenched ( 32^3 \times 64 ), ( \beta = 6.0 ), ( a^{-1} = 2.14(6) ) GeV ((a = 0.09 \text{ fm})) from nucleon mass at chiral limit</td>
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### Hybrid Scheme

\( a^{-1} = 1.58 \) GeV \((a = 0.125 \text{ fm})\) from MILC collaboration

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For Wilson fermions we have consistency with determination of scale using the Sommer scale.


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Results in the hybrid approach in agreement with results using Wilson fermions

\( \Rightarrow \) since these two lattice formulations have different systematics (e.g. different dependence on the lattice spacing \( a \)) agreement between them is non-trivial \( \rightarrow \) small lattice artifacts?

Results for magnetic dipole at the physical limit

What could explain the discrepancy with experiment?

Finite lattice spacing, finite volume??

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Extrapolation in $m_{\pi}^2$

- We used a linear extrapolation in order to approach the physical limit.
- Calculation within a chiral effective-field theory, using an expansion where $m_\Delta - m_N \sim \mathcal{O}(\delta)$ and $m_\pi / m_N \sim \mathcal{O}(\delta^2)$, has shown strong dependence on $m_\pi$. Only done at the lowest $Q^2$.

*V. Pascalutsa and M. Vanderhaeghen PRL 95 (2005) 232001
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Nucleon axial form factors

Decomposition of the nucleon weak matrix element:

\[ \langle N(p')|A^3_\mu|N(p)\rangle = \, i \left( \frac{m_N^2}{E_N(p')E_N(p)} \right)^{1/2} \bar{u}(p') \left[ G_A(q^2)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 + \frac{q_\mu}{2m_N} G_P(q^2) \right]\, \frac{\tau^3}{2} u(p) \]


Lattice studies:
- \( G_A(0) \) LHP collaboration PRL 96 052001 (2006) and QCDSF PRD 74 094508 (2006)
- \( G_A(q^2) \) and \( G_P(q^2) \) K.F. Liu, S.J. Dong and T. Drapper, PRL 74 (1995) 2172 and LHP Collaboration, hep-lat/0610007.
N to $\Delta$ axial transition form factors*

Decomposition of the N to $\Delta$ weak matrix element in terms of four transition form factors†

$$
\langle \Delta(p')|A^\alpha_\mu|N(p)\rangle = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{m_\Delta m_N}{E_\Delta (p') E_N (p)} \right)^{1/2} \bar{u}^\lambda (p') \left[ \left( \frac{C_3^A}{m_N} \gamma^\nu + \frac{C_4^A}{m_N^2} p'^\nu \right) (g_{\lambda \nu} g_{\rho \nu} - g_{\lambda \rho} g_{\mu \nu}) q^\rho + C_5^A g_{\lambda \mu} + \frac{C_6^A}{m_N^2} q_\lambda q_\mu \right] u(p)
$$

† S.P. Wells (PAVI 2002); L. S. Alder, Ann. Phys. 50, 189 (1968); L. Smith, Phys. Rep. 3C(1972) 261
Parity violating asymmetry

- Under the assumptions that $C_3^A \sim 0$ and $C_4^A \ll C_5^A$ the parity violating asymmetry is proportional to the ratio $C_5^A / C_3^V$ (analog of $g_A / g_V$) *
- $C_3^V$ can be evaluated from the electromagnetic $N \to \Delta$ transition
- G0 collaboration plans to measure PV asymmetry at Jefferson Lab. **

- Non-zero when $Q^2 = 0$
- Increases with $Q^2$ up to about $Q^2 \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Unquenching effects small for this range of quark masses
- Weak quark mass dependence → results can be taken as a physical prediction for the ratio

* N.C. Mukhopadhyay et al. NP A633(1998) 481
** S.P. Wells, PAVI 2002
PCAC

- Partial conservation of axial current:
  \[ \partial_\mu A^a_\mu = f_\pi m^2_\pi \pi^a \]

- \( f_\pi \) determined from the two-point function
  \[ < 0|A^a_\mu|\pi^b(p) > = iP_\mu \delta^{ab} f_\pi \]
  with \( f_\pi = 92 \text{ MeV} \).

- Axial Ward Identity:
  \[ \partial_\mu A^a_\mu = 2m_qP^a \]
  \[ \implies \text{relate the pion field } \pi^a \text{ with the pseudoscalar density:} \]
  \[ \pi^a = \left( \frac{2m_qP^a}{f_\pi m^2_\pi} \right) \]

- Compute \( m_q \) from the matrix element:
  \[ m_q = \frac{m_\pi < 0|A^a_0|\pi^a(0)>}{2 < 0|P^a|\pi^a(0)>} \]
Pion-nucleon ($\Delta$) form factors

- Obtain coupling of the nucleon with the pion field using the relation

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The Goldberger-Treiman relations

- Diagonal and non-diagonal GTR:

\[ G_A(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{4m_N^2} G_p(q^2) = \frac{1}{2m_N} \frac{2G_{\pi NN}(q^2)f_\pi m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} \]
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- Assuming pion pole dominance for \( G_p \) and \( C_6^A \):

\[ \frac{1}{2m_N} G_p(q^2) \sim \frac{2G_A(q^2)}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} \sim \frac{2G_{\pi NN}(q^2)f_\pi}{m_\pi^2 - q^2} \]
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\[ \implies \text{GTR: } G_{\pi NN}f_\pi = m_N G_A \text{ and } G_{\pi N\Delta}f_\pi = 2m_N C_5^A \]
Advantages of taking ratios:

- Renormalization constants cancel
- Weaker dependence on quark mass
- Requires no knowledge of $m_q$ which can have large lattice artifacts
- Finite volume and lattice spacing effects?
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Results for the Goldberger-Treiman relation

Ratio of non-diagonal to diagonal GTR

Ratio is unity as expected but...
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- Fit: $G_A$ and $C_5^A$ to a dipole $g_0/(\frac{Q^2}{m_A^2} + 1)^2$ as done for experimental data. Note that a good description is also provided by an exponential $\tilde{g}_0 e^{-Q^2/\tilde{m}_A^2}$.

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  \[
  m_q = \frac{m_\pi \langle 0 | A^a_\pi^a(0) | 0 \rangle}{2 \langle 0 | P^a_\pi^a(0) | 0 \rangle}
  \]
- **Needed for the extraction of the strong coupling constants**
- **Good plateaus lead to accurate determination of the quark mass.**

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For pole dominance:

\[ G_{\pi NN}^* \equiv \frac{G_{\pi NN}}{1 + Q^2/m_{\pi}^2} = G_p \frac{2m_{\pi}^2}{m_N f_{\pi}} \]

\[ G_{\pi N\Delta}^* \equiv \frac{G_{\pi N\Delta}}{1 + Q^2/m_{\pi}^2} = C_6^A \frac{m_{\pi}^2}{4m_N f_{\pi}} \]

Well satisfied
Curves are obtained using:

- Red dash curve:

\[
G_{\pi NN}(Q^2) = G_A(Q^2) \frac{m_N}{f_\pi}
\]

\[
G_{\pi N\Delta}(Q^2) = C_5^A(Q^2) \frac{2m_N}{f_\pi}
\]

Experimental value: \( G_{\pi NN}(0) = 13.21(11) \)

\[ \Rightarrow \] lattice results underestimate \( G_{\pi NN} \) as \( Q^2 \rightarrow 0 \)

- Blue dotted line:

\[
G_{\pi NN}(Q^2) = a \left( 1 - \Delta \frac{Q^2}{m^2_\pi} \right),
\]

\[
G_{\pi N\Delta}(Q^2) = 1.6 G_{\pi NN}(Q^2)
\]

with \( a, \Delta \) fit parameters.
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Goldberger Treiman relations

Ratios: $G_{\pi NN}f_{\pi}/m_NG_A$ and $G_{\pi N\Delta}f_{\pi}/2m_NC_5^A$

Deviations decrease as $q^2$ increases

$\implies$ axial form factors $G_A$ and $C_5^A$ have different $Q^2$ dependence at low $Q^2$. 
$G_{\pi NN}$ and $G_{\pi N\Delta}$ in the quenched theory

Curves are fits to

$$c_0(Q^2 + m_{\pi}^2)
\frac{(Q^2/m_A^2 + 1)^2(Q^2 + m^2)}{(Q^2/m_A^2 + 1)^2(Q^2 + m^2)}$$

at the smallest pion mass.

The axial mass $m_A$ is determined from fitting $G_A$ or $C_A^A$.

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Comparison with results using Domain wall fermions

LHPC/MILC *:

- Hybrid calculation over a range of pion masses using 350, 564, 657 and 270 configurations.
- Lattice spacing: $q\bar{q}$ potential for domain wall fermions and from the nucleon mass at the chiral limit for Wilson fermions.
- Results using and DWF are in agreement.
- This agreement is not trivial since these lattice formulations have different lattice artifacts.

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Check lattice calculation

Good plateaus → ground state dominance