Nucleon Form Factors at Low and High Momenta.

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Proton EM form factors

 Nucleon Pauli and Dirac Form Factors described in terms of matrix element of vector current

 $\langle N \mid V_{\mu} \mid N \rangle(\vec{q}) = \bar{u}(\vec{p}_f) \left[F_q(q^2)\gamma_{\mu} + \sigma_{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}\frac{F_2(q^2)}{2m_N} \right] u(\vec{p}_i)$

• Alternatively, Sach's form factors determined in experiment $G_E(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}F_2(Q^2)$ $G_M(Q^2) = F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2)$

Charge radius is slope at $Q^2 = 0$

$$\frac{\partial G_E(Q^2)}{\partial Q^2}\Big|_{Q^2=0} = -\frac{1}{6}\langle r^2 \rangle = \left.\frac{\partial F_1(Q^2)}{\partial Q^2}\right|_{Q^2=0} - \frac{F_2(0)}{4M^2}$$





EM Form factors - Expt







Lattice QCD

Observables in lattice QCD are then expressed in terms of the path integral as

$$\begin{split} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{n,\mu} dU_{\mu}(n) \prod_{n} d\psi(n) \prod_{n} d\bar{\psi}(n) \mathcal{O}(U,\psi,\bar{\psi}) e^{-\left(S_{G}[U] + S_{F}[U,\psi,\bar{\psi}]\right)} \\ \text{Integrate out the Grassmann variables:} \\ \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{n,\mu} dU_{\mu}(n) \mathcal{O}(U,G[U]) \det M[U] e^{-S_{G}[U]} \qquad \text{Importance Sampling} \\ \text{where } G(U,x,y)_{\alpha\beta}^{ij} \equiv \langle \psi_{\alpha}^{i}(x)\bar{\psi}_{\beta}^{j}(y) \rangle = M^{-1}(U) \end{split}$$

- Generate an ensemble of gauge configurations $P[U] \propto \det M[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$
- Calculate observable

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathcal{O}(U^n, G[U^n])$$





Hadron Structure



 $C_{3\text{pt}}(t_{sep}, t; \vec{p}, \vec{q}) = \sum_{\vec{x}, \vec{y}} \langle 0 \mid N(\vec{x}, t_{sep}) V_{\mu}(\vec{y}, t) \bar{N}(\vec{0}, 0) \mid 0 \rangle e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{y}}$

Resolution of unity - insert states

 $\longrightarrow \langle 0 \mid N \mid N, \vec{p} + \vec{q} \rangle \langle N, \vec{p} + \vec{q} \mid V_{\mu} \mid N\vec{p} \rangle \langle N, \vec{p} \mid \bar{N} \mid 0 \rangle e^{-E(\vec{p} + \vec{q})(t_{\rm sep} - t)} e^{-E(\vec{p})t}$





1D Structure: EM Form Factors

Wilson-clover lattices from BMW

Green et al (LHPC), Phys. Rev. D 90, 074507 (2014)







Sea Quark Contributions





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EM Form factors

Green et al, arXiv:1404.40







Isgur-Wise Function and CKM matrix



UKQCD, L. Lellouch et al., Nucl. Phys. B444, 401 (1995), hep-lat/9410013





Moment Methods



- Introduce three-momentum projected three-point function $C^{3\text{pt}}(t,t') = \sum_{\vec{x},\vec{x}'} \left\langle N^a_{t,\vec{x}} \Gamma_{t',\vec{x}'} \overline{N}^b_{0,\vec{0}} \right\rangle e^{-ikx'_z}$
- Now take derivative w.r.t. k²

whence
$$C'_{3\text{pt}}(t,t') = \sum_{\vec{x},\vec{x'}} \frac{-x'_{z}}{2k} \sin(kx'_{z}) \left\langle N^{a}_{t,\vec{x}} \Gamma_{t',\vec{x'}} \overline{N}^{b}_{0,\vec{0}} \right\rangle$$
$$\lim_{k^{2} \to 0} C'_{3\text{pt}}(t,t') = \sum_{\vec{x},\vec{x'}} \frac{-x'^{2}_{z}}{2} \left\langle N^{a}_{t,\vec{x}} \Gamma_{t',\vec{x'}} \overline{N}^{b}_{0,\vec{0}} \right\rangle.$$

Odd moments vanish by symmetry





Moment Methods - II

• Analogous expressions for two-point functions:

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Lattice Details

• Two degenerate light-quark flavors, and strange quark set to its physical value

a	\simeq	$0.12~\mathrm{fm}$
m_{π}	\simeq	$400 { m MeV}$
Lattice Size	:	$24^3 \times 64$

• To gain control over finite-volume effects, replicate in z direction: $24 \times 24 \times 48 \times 64$





Two-point correlator





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Three-point correlator



- Spatial moments push the peak of the correlator away from origin
- Larger finite volume corrections compared to regular correlators

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Fitting the data...

$$C^{3\text{pt}}(t,t') = \sum_{n,m} \frac{Z_n^{\dagger a}(0)\Gamma_{nm}(k^2)Z_m^b(k^2)}{4M_n(0)E_m(k^2)} e^{-M_n(0)(t-t')}e^{-E_m(k^2)t'}$$

$$C_{2\text{pt}}(t) = \sum_m \frac{Z_m^{b\dagger}(k^2)Z_m^b(k^2)}{2E_m(k^2)}e^{-E_m(k^2)t}$$
where
$$Z_n^{\dagger a}(0) \equiv \langle \Omega | N^a | n, p_i = (0,0,0) \rangle$$

$$Z_m^b(k^2) \equiv \langle n, p_i = (0,0,k) | \overline{N}^b | \Omega \rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{nm}(k^2) \equiv \langle n, p_i = (0,0,0) | \Gamma | m, p_i = (0,0,k) \rangle$$

Allow for multi-state contributions in the fit





Fitting - II

• Now look at the functional form of derivatives:







Fitting - III







F₁ Form Factor





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Nucleon Form Factors at High Momenta

Work in progress...





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Boosted interpolating operators

Lattice Challenges

Discretisation Uncertainties

 $\mathcal{O}(q^2a^2, \mid p_ia \mid^2)$

 $C_{2\mathrm{pt}}(t,\vec{p})/C_{\sigma^2}(t) \longrightarrow e^{-((E_N(\vec{p})-3m_\pi/2)t)}$





Boosted Sources

Replace quark field by spatially extended (smeared) quark field



Bali et al., Phys. Rev. D 93, 094515 (2016)





Variational Method

Subleading terms → *Excited* states

Construct matrix of correlators: *different smearing radii*

$$C_{ij}(t) = \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle N_i(\vec{x}, t) \bar{N}_j(0) \rangle = \sum_n A_n^i A_n^{j\dagger} e^{-E_n t}$$

Delineate contributions using *variational method*: solve

$$C(t)v^{(N)}(t,t_0) = \lambda_N(t,t_0)C(t_0)v^{(N)}(t,t_0).$$

$$\lambda_N(t, t_0) \to e^{-E_N(t-t_0)} (1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\Delta E(t-t_0)}))$$

Eigenvectors, with metric $C(t_0)$, are orthonormal and project onto the respective states

$$v^{(N')\dagger}C(t_0)v^{(N)} = \delta_{N,N}$$





Baryon Operators

 $\langle 0 \mid O^{JM} \mid J', M' \rangle = Z^J \delta_{J,J'} \delta_{M,M'}$ Starting point $B = (\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma_F} \otimes \mathcal{S}_{\Sigma_S} \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\Sigma_D}) \{ \psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_3 \}$ Introduce circular basis: $\overleftarrow{D}_{m=-1} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\overleftarrow{D}_x - i \overleftarrow{D}_y \right)$ $\overleftarrow{D}_{m=0} = i \overleftarrow{D}_z$ $\overleftarrow{D}_{m=+1} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\overleftarrow{D}_x + i \overleftarrow{D}_y \right)$.
Straighforward to project to definite spin: J = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2

$$\left|\left[J,M\right]\right\rangle = \sum_{m_1,m_2} \left|\left[J_1,m_1\right]\right\rangle \otimes \left|\left[J_2,m_2\right]\right\rangle \left\langle J_1m_1;J_2m_2\right|JM\right\rangle$$

R.G.Edwards et al., arXiv:1104.5152





Distillation for Baryons?

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Measure matrix of correlation functions:} & C_{ij}(t) \equiv \sum_{\vec{x},\vec{y}} \langle N_i(\vec{x},t)\bar{N}_j(\vec{y},0) \rangle \\ \text{M. Peardon et al., PRD80,054506 (2009)} & Perambulators & \tau^{ij}_{\alpha\beta}(t,0) = \xi^{*i}(t)M^{-1}(t,0)_{\alpha\beta}\xi^j \\ \text{Perambulators} & \tau^{ij}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(t,0) = \xi^{*i}(t)M^{-1}(t,0)_{\alpha\beta}\xi^j \\ C_{ij}(t) = \phi^{i,(pqr)}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(t)\phi^{j,(\bar{p}\bar{q}\bar{r})}_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}\bar{\gamma}}(0) \times \left[\tau^{p\bar{p}}_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}(t,0)\tau^{q\bar{q}}_{\beta\bar{\beta}}(t,0)\tau^{r\bar{r}}_{\gamma\bar{\gamma}}(t,0) + \dots\right] \end{array}$

- Meson correlation functions N³
- Baryon correlation functions N⁴

Severely constrains baryon lattice sizes





Nucleon Dispersion Relation





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Isotropic Clover Production

ID	m_l	β	a (fm)	$M_{\pi} ({\rm MeV})$	L	T	$M_{\pi}L$	Split at	N_{traj}	On Titan
C12	-0.2800	6.1	0.118	430	48	96	12.4		20000	
C13	-0.2850	6.1	0.114	300	32	96	5.6			1762 - 2104
C13a	-0.2850	6.1	0.114	300	32	96	5.6			1100 - 1870
C13b	-0.2850	6.1	0.114	300	32	96	5.6			1000 - 2618
C13-W	-0.2850	6.1	0.114	300	32	96	5.6			2108 - 3164
C13a-W	-0.2850	6.1	0.114	300	32	96	5.6			1872 - 3564
C13b-W	-0.2850	6.1	0.114	300	32	96	5.6			2620 - 3980
D4	-0.2350	6.3	0.085	400	32	64	5.5		5164	
D5	-0.2390	6.3	0.081	310	32	64	4.0		6020	1000 - 6020
D6	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	48	96	3.7		2312 (a)	1000 - 2312
D6a	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	48	96	3.7	1000	866~(a)	254 - 866
D6b	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	48	96	3.7	1200	956~(a)	284 - 956
D7	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	64	128	4.9		1514 (a)	1112 - 1514
D7b	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	64	128	4.9	700	640 (a)	330 - 640
D7c	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	64	128	4.9	750	732 (a)	288 - 592
D7d	-0.2416	6.3	0.080	210	64	128	4.9	800	762~(a)	328 - 736
D8	-0.2424	6.3	0.080	140	72	196	4.1		370 (b)	

Add third lattice spacing: β = 6.5, a ~0.06





SUMMARY

- Controlling systematic uncertainties key at both low momenta and high momenta
- Momentum methods for direct calculation of form factors
- Can we get to high momenta? Exploring "distillation" for pion (see Bipasha)...



