MITP workshop – Electroweak Precision Physics from Beta Decays to the Z Pole



Hadronic matrix elements from V_{ud} and V_{us} extractions from lattice QCD

Xu Feng

2022.10.26

In collaboration with Mikhail Gorchtein, Lu-Chang Jin, Peng-Xiang Ma and Chien-Yeah Seng



Lattice QCD and electroweak interactions

Role played by Lattice QCD: calculate the hadronic matrix elements

> Lattice QCD is powerful for "standard" hadronic matrix elements with



- Single local operator insertion
- Typically 2-point or 3-point correlation function
- No isospin breaking effects involved yet

Precision era for lattice QCD

Flavor Lattice Averaging Group (FLAG) average, based on FLAG review 2021

 $f_{+}^{K\pi}(0) = 0.9698(17) \Rightarrow 0.18\%$ error $f_{K^{\pm}}/f_{\pi^{\pm}} = 1.1932(21) \Rightarrow 0.18\%$ error



High precision requires new directions to open in lattice QCD

FLAG average 2021

Error < 1%

	N _f	FLAG average	Frac. Err.
f_{K}/f_{π}	2 + 1 + 1	1.1932(21)	0.18%
$f_{+}(0)$	2 + 1 + 1	0.9698(17)	0.18%
f_D	2 + 1 + 1	212.0(7) MeV	0.33%
f_{D_s}	2 + 1 + 1	249.9(5) MeV	0.20%
f_{D_s}/f_D	2 + 1 + 1	1.1783(16)	0.13%
f _B	2 + 1 + 1	190.0(1.3) MeV	0.68%
f_{B_s}	2 + 1 + 1	230.3(1.3) MeV	0.56%
f_{B_s}/f_B	2 + 1 + 1	1.209(5)	0.41%

Radiative corrections become important!

Error < 5%

	N _f	FLAG average	Frac. Err.
Âκ	2 + 1	0.7625(97)	1.3%
$f_{+}^{D\pi}(0)$	2 + 1	0.666(29)	4.4%
$f_{+}^{DK}(0)$	2 + 1	0.747(19)	2.5%
\hat{B}_{B_s}	2 + 1	1.35(6)	4.4%
B_{B_s}/B_{B_d}	2 + 1	1.032(38)	3.7%

Time to go beyond local matrix elements and three-point functions

Go beyond local hadronic matrix elements - challenges

- Computational demanding
 - Three-point function

 $\langle H_f(x_f)O(0)H_i^{\dagger}(x_i)\rangle \Rightarrow \int d^3\vec{x}_i \int d^3\vec{x}_f \Rightarrow \sum_{\vec{x}}\sum_{\vec{x}}\sim L^6$

Four-point function

 $\langle H_f(x_f)O_1(x)O_2(0)H_i^{\dagger}(x_i)\rangle\rangle \Rightarrow \int d^3\vec{x}_i \int d^3\vec{x}_f \int d^3\vec{x} \Rightarrow \sum_{\vec{x}_f} \sum_{\vec{x}_f}$

with $L = 24, 32, 48, 64, 96, \cdots$

Complicated intermediate states

$$\langle H_f | O_1(x) O_2(0) | H_i \rangle = \sum_n \langle H_f | O_1(x) | n \rangle \langle n | O_2(0) | H_i \rangle$$

ln Euclidean space, exponentially-growing unphysical effects from $|n\rangle$ Power-law FV effects if $|n\rangle$ given by low-lying multi-hadron states

- Short-distance divergence in $O_1(x)O_2(0)$ when $x \to 0$
 - Additional renormalization is required

Go beyond local hadronic matrix elements - opportunities

Opportunities in flavor physics

• Rare decays, e.g. ${\sf Br}[K^+ o \pi^+ \nu \bar{
u}] = 1.73^{+1.15}_{-1.05} imes 10^{-10}$



- Electroweak radative corrections to hadronic decays
 - \Rightarrow superallowed nuclear β decay half-life time with precision 10⁻⁶



- Proton's weak charge $Q_W^p = 1 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$ $\Rightarrow 0.3\%$ measurement of $\sin^2 \theta_W$ by Q-weak at JLab
 - ▶ Parity-violating e-p scattering, $\Box_{\gamma Z}^{V}$ contribution

Go beyond local hadronic matrix elements - opportunities

Opportunities in nuclear physics

- Muonic hydrogen spectrum \rightarrow proton charge radius $r_p = 0.84087(39)$ fm
 - \Rightarrow 10 times more accurate than e-p scattering



Neutrioless double beta decays



• Hadron electromagentic polarizability

Our recent work on long-distance electroweak processes

• QCD+QED methodology & Pion mass splitting

[XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094509] [XF, L. Jin, M. Riberdy, PRL128 (2022) 052003]

• Rare kaon decays $K^+ o \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$

[Z. Bai, XF, N. Christ, et.al. PRL118 (2017) 252001]

Electroweak box contribution to π_{ℓ3} and K_{ℓ3} decay
 [XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, P. Ma, C. Seng, PRL124 (2020) 192002]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, YF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, C. Seng, PRD103 (2021) 114503]
 [P. Ma, YF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, YF, YF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, YF, M. Gorchtein, YF, M. Go

Neutrinoless double beta decays

[XF, L. Jin, X. Tuo, S. Xia, PRL122 (2019) 022001] [X. Tuo, XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094511]

Two-photon exchange contribution to μH spectroscopy
 [Y. Fu, XF, L. Jin, C. Lu, PRL128 (2022) 172002]

Electroweak box diagram



CKM unitarity – a constraint from Standard Model

First-row CKM unitarity

 $\Delta_{\rm CKM} = |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 - 1 = 0$

PDG 2019 \Rightarrow PDG 2020



- Main update from $|V_{ud}| \Rightarrow 3.3 \sigma$ deviation from CKM unitarity
- $|V_{ud}|$ is from superallowed $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ nuclear beta decay
 - Pure vector transitions at leading order
 - Uncertainty is dominated by electroweak radiative correction [J. Hardy, I. Towner (2015)]

CKM unitarity – a constraint from Standard Model

First-row CKM unitarity

 $\Delta_{\rm CKM} = |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 - 1 = 0$

PDG 2019 \Rightarrow PDG 2020 \Rightarrow PDG 2022

	PDG 2019	PDG 2020	PDG 2022
$ V_{ud} $	0.97420(21)	0.97370(14)	0.97373(31)
$ V_{us} $	0.2243(5)	0.2245(8)	0.2243(8)
$ V_{ub} $	0.00394(36)	0.00382(24)	0.00382(20)
Δ_{CKM}	-0.00061(47)	-0.00149(45)	-0.00152(70)

- Recent update from $|V_{ud}| \Rightarrow 2.2 \sigma$ deviation from CKM unitarity
- The uncertainty is about twice larger than that in PDG 2020
- A more conservative estimate of the nuclear structure uncertainties is taken [M. Gorchtein, PRL123 (2019) 042503]

$V_{ud}\ from\ different\ measurements$

• Superallowed β decays $|V_{ud}|=0.9737(3)$

 $> 0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ nuclear beta decays, which are pure vector transition at leading order

- Estimate of nuclear structure uncertainties is important
- Neutron β decays $|V_{ud}|=0.9737(9)$
 - Free from nuclear structure uncertainties
 - > Nuclear-structure independent radiative correction (RC) is same as superallowed nuclear β decay

$$egin{aligned} &rac{1}{ au_n} = rac{G_{\mu}^2 {|V_{ud}|}^2}{2\pi^3} m_e^5 \left(1+3g_A^2
ight) (1+\Delta_R^V) f & \Rightarrow \quad |V_{ud}|^2 = rac{5024.7 ext{ s}}{ au_n \left(1+3g_A^2
ight) \left(1+\Delta_R^V
ight)} \ &|V_{ud}| = 0.9737(3)_{ au_n} (8)_{g_A} (1)_{ ext{RC}} \end{aligned}$$

- $\succ \tau_n$ Neutron life time, measured by Ultra Cold Neutron Experiment, UCN τ +
- ➢ g_A Neutron axial charge, measured by UCNA+ [See the talk from Andre Walker-loud]
- $\succ \Delta_R^V$ Radiative correction (RC)

New experiments under going, comparable precision as superallowed β decay in the near future

$V_{ud}\ from\ different\ measurements$

• Superallowed β decays $|V_{ud}|=0.9737(3)$

 $> 0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ nuclear beta decays, which are pure vector transition at leading order

 $|V_{ud}| = 0.9737(9)$

- Estimate of nuclear structure uncertainties is important
- Neutron β decays
 - Free from nuclear structure uncertainties
 - > Nuclear-structure independent radiative correction (RC) is same as superallowed nuclear β decay
- Pion semileptonic β decays $|V_{ud}| = 0.9739(29)$
 - More difficult to measure pion decays
 - Theoretically simpler, especially for lattice QCD

Summary

To extract V_{ud} from superallowed decay or neutron β decay with controlled uncertainties at ~2×10⁻⁴ level



Use pion decays to set up the lattice QCD calculation strategy

Axial yW-box diagram

Based on current algebra, only axial γW -box diagram sensitive to hadronic scale



$$\mathcal{T}^{V\!A}_{\mu
u} = rac{1}{2} \int d^4x \, e^{iqx} \langle H_f(p) | T \left[J^{em}_\mu(x) J^{W,A}_
u(0)
ight] | H_i(p)
angle$$

Re-evaluation of the $\gamma W\text{-box}$ diagram



It is the reason that caused 3.3σ deviation from CKM unitarity based on PDG 2020

Quark contractions for the γW-box diagram

 $\mathcal{H}^{VA}_{\mu
u}(x) = \langle \pi^0(p) | T \left[J^{em}_{\mu}(x) J^{W,A}_{\nu}(0)
ight] | \pi^-(p)
angle$





- Coulomb gauge fixed wall source is used for the pion interpolating field
- $J_{\nu}^{W,A}(0)$ is treated as a source and $J_{\mu}^{em}(x)$ is a sink
- Calculate $\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x)$ as a function of x

Five gauge ensembles at physical pion mass

ensemble	Μ _π /MeV	L ³ ×T	a/fm	L∙a/fm	N _{conf}	N _r	N _{conf} ×N _r
24D	141.2(4)	24 ³ ×64	0.1944	4.665	46	1024	47104
32D	141.4(3)	32 ³ ×64	0.1944	6.221	32	2048	65536
32D-fine	143.0(3)	32 ³ ×64	0.1432	4.582	71	1024	72704
481	135.5(4)	48 ³ ×96	0.1140	5.474	28	1024	28672
641	135.3(2)	64 ³ ×128	0.0836	5.353	62	1024	63488

> Gauge ensembles generated by RBC-UKQCD Collaborations using 2+1 flavor domain wall fermion

> 24D, 32D, 32D-fine use Iwasaki+DSDR action; while 48I, 64I use Iwasaki gauge action

Lattice results for the hadronic functions

Construct the Lorentz scalar function $M_{\pi}(Q^2)$ from $\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x)$

$$M_{\pi}(Q^{2}) = -\frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{Q^{2}}}{m_{\pi}} \int d^{4}x \,\omega(Q,x) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha0} x_{\alpha} \mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x)$$



Combine lattice results with pQCD

Radiative correction requires the momentum integral from $0 < Q^2 < \infty$

$$\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA} = \frac{3\alpha_e}{2\pi} \int \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{m_W^2}{m_W^2 + Q^2} M_\pi(Q^2)$$

• Lattice data used for low- Q^2 region

• OPE and perturbative Wilson coefficients used for high- Q^2 region



Error analysis

Use the momentum scale $Q_{\rm cut}^2$ to separate the LD and SD contributions

 $\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA} = \begin{cases} 2.816(9)_{\text{stat}}(24)_{\text{PT}}(18)_{\text{a}}(3)_{\text{FV}} \times 10^{-3} & \text{using } Q_{\text{cut}}^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \\ 2.830(11)_{\text{stat}}(9)_{\text{PT}}(24)_{\text{a}}(3)_{\text{FV}} \times 10^{-3} & \text{using } Q_{\text{cut}}^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \\ 2.835(12)_{\text{stat}}(5)_{\text{PT}}(30)_{\text{a}}(3)_{\text{FV}} \times 10^{-3} & \text{using } Q_{\text{cut}}^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2 \end{cases}$

• When Q_{cut}^2 increase, the lattice artifacts become larger

• When Q_{cut}^2 decrease, systematic effects in pQCD become larger

• For 1 GeV² $\leq Q_{cut}^2 \leq$ 3 GeV², all results are consistent within uncertainties

Pion semileptonic β decay

Decay width measured by PIBETA experiment

 $\Gamma_{\pi\ell 3} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2 m_\pi^5 |f_+^\pi(0)|^2}{64\pi^3} (1+\delta) I_\pi$

• ChPT [Cirigliano et.al. (2002), Czarnecki, Marciano, Sirlin (2019)] $\delta = 0.0334(10)_{\rm LEC}(3)_{\rm HO}$

• Sirlin's parametrization [A. Sirlin, Rev. Mod. Phys. 07 (1978) 573]

$$\delta = \frac{\alpha_e}{2\pi} \left[\bar{g} + 3 \ln \frac{m_Z}{m_p} + \ln \frac{M_Z}{M_W} + \tilde{a}_g \right] + \delta_{\rm HO}^{\rm QED} + 2\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA}$$
$$= 0.0332(1)_{\gamma W}(3)_{\rm HO}$$

where $\frac{\alpha_e}{2\pi}ar{g} = 1.051 imes 10^{-2}$, $\frac{\alpha_e}{2\pi}ar{a}_g = -9.6 imes 10^{-5}$, $\delta_{
m HO}^{
m QED} = 0.0010(3)$

• Hadronic uncertainty reduced by a factor of 10, which results in

 $|V_{ud}| = 0.9739(28)_{exp}(5)_{th} \Rightarrow |V_{ud}| = 0.9739(28)_{exp}(1)_{th}$ [XF, Gorchtein, Jin, Ma, Seng, PRL124 (2020) 192002]

First time to calculate γW box diagram \Rightarrow method set up for nucleon decay

Status of V_{us}

- Semileptonic decays
 - ▶ Traditionally from $K_L^0 \to \pi e \nu$ decays to avoid isospin breaking effects
 - Latest experiments justify comparison between different decay modes
 - Global average from [FlaviaNet Working Group, EPJC, 2010]

 $K^0_L \to \pi e\nu, \quad K^0_L \to \pi \mu \nu, \quad K^\pm \to \pi^0 e^\pm \nu, \quad K^\pm \to \pi^0 \mu^\pm \nu, \quad K^0_S \to \pi e\nu$

leads to $|V_{us}|f_{+}(0) = 0.21635(38)$ Using FLAG $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ lattice input of $f_{+}(0) = 0.9698(17) \Rightarrow$ $|V_{us}| = 0.2231(4)_{exp+RCs}(4)_{lat}$

- Leptonic decays
 - Exp. measurements of $K \to \mu\nu(\gamma)$ and $\pi \to \mu\nu(\gamma)$ e.g. from KLOE
 - ▶ Using FLAG $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ lattice input of $f_K/f_\pi = 1.1932(21) \Rightarrow$

 $|V_{us}| = 0.2252(5)_{\text{lat}}$

• $|V_{us}|$ from semileptonic and leptonic decays differs by 2.8σ

Important to include QED and QCD isospin violations in the lattice calculations

Basic idea

Combine the lattice calculation with ChPT

• Use ChPT to determine EM correction

$$\begin{split} \delta_{\rm em}^{K^{\pm}} &= 2e^2 \left[-\frac{8}{3} X_1 - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{X}_6^{\rm phys}(M_{\rho}) - 2K_3^r(M_{\rho}) + K_4^r(M_{\rho}) + \frac{2}{3} K_5^r(M_{\rho}) + \frac{2}{3} K_6^r(M_{\rho}) \right] \\ \delta_{\rm em}^{K^0} &= 2e^2 \left[\frac{4}{3} X_1 - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{X}_6^{\rm phys}(M_{\rho}) \right] + \cdots \end{split}$$

 K^0 decays are much simpler, but still require LECs X_1 and $ilde{X}_6^{
m phys}(M_
ho)$

• Lattice QCD can provides LECs in principle

but needs to calculate all the diagrams, not only just γW diagram!

Fortunately, these LECs are independent of quark mass

 $K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$ at physical kinematics vs in flavor SU(3) limit

Solution: Lattice calculation of EM correction to $K_{\ell 3}$ decay in flavor SU(3) limit

Axial γ W-box diagram contribution to $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+$ decays

$$\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA} \Big|_{H} = \frac{3\alpha_{e}}{2\pi} \int \frac{dQ^{2}}{Q^{2}} \frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{W}^{2} + Q^{2}} M_{H}(Q^{2})$$

Calculation is performed in the flavor SU(3) limit with $m_K = m_\pi$



Lattice results

• After combining the lattice data and PT results, we have

$$\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA}\big|_{K^0} = \begin{cases} 2.460(18)_{\rm stat}(42)_{\rm PT}(22)_a(1)_{\rm FV} \times 10^{-3} & Q_{\rm cut}^2 = 1 \ {\rm GeV^2} \\ 2.443(20)_{\rm stat}(15)_{\rm PT}(36)_a(1)_{\rm FV} \times 10^{-3} & Q_{\rm cut}^2 = 2 \ {\rm GeV^2} \\ 2.433(22)_{\rm stat}(7)_{\rm PT}(45)_a(1)_{\rm FV} \times 10^{-3} & Q_{\rm cut}^2 = 3 \ {\rm GeV^2} \end{cases}$$

The relation between box contribution and the LECs is given by

$$-\frac{8}{3}X_1 + \bar{X}_6^{\mathrm{phys}}(M_\rho) = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha} \left(\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA} \big|_{K^0} - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \ln \frac{M_W^2}{M_\rho^2} \right) + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{5}{4} - \tilde{a}_g \right)$$

This results in

$$-rac{8}{3}X_1+ ilde{X}_6^{
m phys}=0.0197(10)$$

• ChPT quoted the minimal resonance model as input

$$X_1 = -3.7(3.7) \times 10^{-3}$$
 and $\tilde{X}_6^{\text{phys}} = 10.4(10.4) \times 10^{-3}$
 $-\frac{8}{3}X_1 + \tilde{X}_6^{\text{phys}} = 0.0203(143)$

Consistent between lattice and ChPT, but error from lattice is much smaller

Determination of LECs

• Combine the SU(3) K^0 decay

$$-rac{8}{3}X_1+ ilde{X}_6^{
m phys}=0.0197(10)~~{
m for}~{
m K}^0 o\pi^+$$

with semileptonic pion decay

$$rac{4}{3}X_1 + ilde{X}_6^{
m phys} = 0.0110(6) \quad {
m for} \ \pi^- o \pi^0$$

We have

$$X_1 = -2.2(4) \times 10^{-3}, \quad \tilde{X}_6^{
m phys} = 13.9(7) \times 10^{-3}$$

• This is comparable with the minimal resonance model

$10^3 X_1$	$10^3 X_2^r$	$10^3 X_3^r$	$10^3 ilde{X}_6^{eff}$	$10^{3}(X_{6}^{eff})_{\alpha_{s}}$	$10^3 X_6^{eff}$
-3.7	3.6	5.00	10.4	3.0	-231.5

Move to nucleon sector

• Hadronic part from a typical 4-point function



• Perform the volume summation for each point



• From 3-point to 4-point function



Solution : Field sparsening method

[Y. Li, S. Xia, X. Feng, L. Jin, PRD 103 (2021) 014514]



- Less summation points may lead to lower precision
- It is not the case because of high correlation in lattice data



- 1000 times less points yields similar precision
- Use both meson & baryon system to confirm universality

Utilize field sparsening method

• Reduce the computational cost by a factor of 1000 with almost no loss of precision!

Computation of 4-point function

➤ Complicated quark field contraction for nucleon 4-point function – 10 types of connected diagrams



 \succ Nucleon γ W-box diagram requires 8 types of contractions (only type 2 & 4 do not contribute)

> Disconnected diagram is currently neglected as it vanishes in the flavor SU(3) limit



Lattice results



With momentum integral

$$\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA} = \frac{3\alpha_e}{2\pi} \int_0^{Q_{cut}^2} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{m_W^2}{m_W^2 + Q^2} M_n(Q^2), \quad Q_{cut}^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$



Question: Whether T=8 is safe for temporal truncation?

Examine the ground intermediate state dominance

Infinite-volume reconstruction method:

[XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094509]

Use $\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t = t_s)$ to reconstruct the ground state contribution $\mathcal{H}^{GS}_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$

Construct a ratio to examine the ground-state dominance



Results from IVR



31/33

Temporal truncation effects are resolved



32/33

Conclusion

• Axial γW -box contribution to $\pi_{\ell 3}$ decay

 $\Box_{\gamma W}^{VA} = 2.830(11)_{\rm stat}(26)_{\rm sys} \times 10^{-3}$

• $K_{\ell 3}$ decay: lattice QCD interplay with EFT

$$X_1 = -2.2(4) \times 10^{-3}, \quad \tilde{X}_6^{\rm phys} = 13.9(7) \times 10^{-3}$$

• Move towards nucleon beta decay

Target: Provide hadronic matrix elements from first-principles for the accurate determination of CKM matrix element