The Nucleon Axial Charge from Lattice QCD

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The Nucleon Axial Charge

$$\left\langle N(p) \mid A^a_\mu \mid N(p) \right\rangle = \left\langle N(p) \mid \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \tau^a \psi \mid N(p) \right\rangle$$
$$= g_A \ \bar{n}(p) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \tau^a n(p)$$

- Free neutron lifetime
- Nuclear force
- Nuclear β decay





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Applications



Big Bang Nucleosynthesis Astrophysics

New Physics Searches













A long-outstanding problem for LQCD

Bhattacharya, Cohen, Gupta, Joseph, Lin, Yoon PRD 89 (2014) arXiv:1306.5435



LQCD Systematics



any calculation



physical quark masses



continuum limit



infinite volume limit

MILC Ensembles

MILC Collaboration Phys. Rev. D87 (2013) 054505

abbr. name	ensemble	N_{cfg}	N_{srcs}	volume	$\sim a [\mathrm{fm}]$	$\sim m_{\pi,5} [\text{MeV}]$	$\sim m_{\pi,5}L$
a15m310	l1648f211b580m013m065m838a	1960	24	$16^3 \times 48$	0.15	307	3.78
a12m310	l2464f211b600m0102m0509m635a	1053	4	$24^3 \times 64$	0.12	305	4.54
a09m310	l3296f211b630m0074m037m440e	784	8	$32^3 \times 96$	0.09	313	4.50
a15m220	l2448 f211 b580 m0064 m0640 m828 a	1000	12	$24^3 \times 48$	0.15	215	3.99
a12m220S	l2464f211b600m00507m0507m628a	1000	4	$24^3 \times 64$	0.12	218	3.22
a12m220	l3264f211b600m00507m0507m628a	1000	4	$32^3 \times 64$	0.12	217	4.29
a12m220L	$\rm l4064f211b600m00507m0507m628a$	1000	4	$40^3 \times 64$	0.12	217	5.36
a15m130	l3248f211b580m00235m0647m831a	1000	5	$32^3 \times 48$	0.15	131	3.30

• Anyone is free to use them

- Large statistics available
- Capable of controlling all systematic uncertainties
- We use domain wall valence on the HISQ sea, $\mathcal{O}(a^2)$ errors [1701.07559].

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New Methods



New Analytic Tools

Improved Systematics Computationally Affordable





Effective Mass



$$C(t) = \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}(t) \mathcal{O}^{\dagger}(0) | \Omega \rangle$$

= $\sum_{n} \langle \Omega | e^{\hat{H}t} \mathcal{O}(0) e^{-\hat{H}t} \frac{|n\rangle \langle n|}{2E_{n}} \mathcal{O}^{\dagger}(0) | \Omega \rangle$
= $\sum_{n} Z_{n} Z_{n}^{\dagger} \frac{e^{-E_{n}t}}{2E_{n}}$
 $M^{eff}(t) = -\partial_{t} \ln (C(t))$
 $\lim_{t \to \infty} M^{eff}(t) = E_{0}$









Standard Method

PNDME Phys. Rev. D94 (2016) arXiv:1606.07049



Bouchard, Chang, Kurth, Orginos, and Walker-Loud arXiv:1612.06963





t_{min}















Improved systematics Bouchard, Chang, Kurth, Orginos, and Walker-Loud arXiv:1612.06963



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Improved systematics







Example Effective Matrix Element





- Not QCD Specific
- Any fermion bilinear matrix element

3-point \rightarrow 2-point function: easier fits

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- Known spectral decomposition
- Stochastic enhancement
- 3/2 the cost of one temporal separation

Systematics for an example point



Systematics for an example point



Another example point



Models

$$\epsilon_{\pi} = \frac{m_{\pi}}{4\pi f_{\pi}} \qquad \delta_a = c_{2a} \frac{a^2}{w_0^2}$$

Physics	Finite Volume	m _π dependence	lattice spacing dependence	
Taylor Expans	sion independent $\delta_L \equiv g_A(L) - g_A(\infty)$	ε _π 0	a ⁰	
Chiral Perturbatic Theory	$= \frac{3}{3} \epsilon_{\pi}^{2} \left[g_{0}^{3} F_{1}(m_{\pi}L) + g_{0} F_{3}(m_{\pi}L) \right]$ on coefficients reappear	$[e_{\pi}L)$ $\mathbf{\epsilon}_{\pi}^{2}$	a² ɑs a²	

Chiral Extrapolation



Chiral Extrapolation



Taylor Series Extrapolation



Taylor Series Extrapolation



Model Comparison





Towards 1% uncertainty



Towards 1% uncertainty



Backup Slides

All Ensembles



Infinite Volume Extrapolation: a12m220



Model

 $\delta_L \equiv g_A(L) - g_A(\infty)$ $g_A = c_0 + \delta_a + \delta_L,$ $= \frac{8}{3} \epsilon_{\pi}^{2} \left[g_{0}^{3} F_{1}(m_{\pi}L) + g_{0} F_{3}(m_{\pi}L) \right]$ $g_A = c_0 + \alpha_S \delta_a + \delta_L \,,$ $g_A = c_0 + c_2 \epsilon_\pi^2 + \delta_L \,,$ Lattice Spacing $\delta_a = c_{2a} \frac{a^2}{w^2}$ $g_A = c_0 + c_2 \epsilon_\pi^2 + \delta_a + \delta_L \,,$ $g_A = c_0 + c_2 \epsilon_\pi^2 + \alpha_S \delta_a + \delta_L \,,$ Pion mass $g_A = g_0 + \delta_a + \delta_L \,,$ $\epsilon_{\pi} = \frac{m_{\pi}}{4\pi f_{\pi}}$ $g_A = g_0 + \alpha_S \delta_a + \delta_L \,,$ $g_A = g_0 - (g_0 + 2g_0^3)\epsilon_\pi^2 \ln(\epsilon_\pi^2) + c_2\epsilon_\pi^2 + \delta_L$ $g_A = g_0 - (g_0 + 2g_0^3)\epsilon_{\pi}^2 \ln(\epsilon_{\pi}^2) + c_2\epsilon_{\pi}^2 + \delta_a + \delta_L,$ $g_A = g_0 - (g_0 + 2g_0^3)\epsilon_{\pi}^2 \ln(\epsilon_{\pi}^2) + c_2\epsilon_{\pi}^2 + \alpha_S\delta_a + \delta_L,$

Finite Volume

Model Comparison



χPT only: gA=1.257(20)(09) [1.7%]



Smearing Study



Autocorrelations

