Charm semileptonic form factors from lattice QCD with 2+1 flavors of light staggered fermions

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 $B \to \pi \ell \nu$

• Tension btwn. constraints, excl. vs. incl. (Lunghi, Lattice 2011; Laiho et al., CKM 2010)

 $|V_{ub}| \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \sin 2\beta$

 Uncertainty from lattice QCD dominates exclusive determination (FNAL-MILC, PRD 2009) – LQCD + BABAR

$$\Rightarrow |V_{ub}| = (3.38 \times 10^{-3})(1 \pm 10.7\%)$$

 Decreasing unc. to less than few percent could increase tension significantly

$B \to D^{(*)} \ell \nu$

• Interplay btwn. constraints, tension with incl.

$$\epsilon_K \sim |V_{cb}|^4 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad |V_{ub}|$$

Uncertainty from lattice QCD approx.
 experimental error for exclusive determinations
 (FNAL-MILC, CKM 2010, Lattice 2011)

$$\Rightarrow |V_{cb}| = (3.97 \times 10^{-2})(1 \pm 2.5\%)$$

Decreasing unc. could lead to interesting tensions

Gold-plated processes for LQCD

$$V_{\rm CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ \pi \to \ell \nu & K \to \ell \nu & B \to \pi \ell \nu \\ & K \to \pi \ell \nu & \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ D \to \ell \nu & D_s \to \ell \nu & B \to D \ell \nu \\ D \to \pi \ell \nu & D \to K \ell \nu & B \to D^* \ell \nu \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \\ B_d \leftrightarrow \bar{B}_d & B_s \leftrightarrow \bar{B}_s & \end{pmatrix}$$

and $B \to K \ell^+ \ell^-, \ B_s \to D_s \ell \nu, \ \dots$

Charm semileptonic decays

 $D \to K \ell \nu$ and $D \to \pi \ell \nu$



$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{24\pi^3} |V_{cs(d)}|^2 |\mathbf{p}_{K(\pi)}|^3 |f_+^{D \to K(\pi)}(q^2)|^2$$

Looking for new physics

- Tests of CKM unitarity
 - LQCD form factors + experiment $\rightarrow |V_{cs}|$
 - 2nd row and column unitarity

$$|V_{cd}|^2 + |V_{cs}|^2 + |V_{cb}|^2 = 1?$$

|V_{us}|^2 + |V_{cs}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 = 1?

- Tests of lattice QCD
 - Global fit in SM + experiment $\rightarrow f_{+}^{D \rightarrow K(\pi)}(q^2)$
 - LQCD form factors?

$$\Rightarrow f_+^{B \to \pi}(q^2), \ f_+^{B \to K}(q^2), \ f_T^{B \to K}(q^2), \ \dots$$

Results for $f_+^{D \to \pi}(q^2 = 0)$



Results for $f_+^{D \to K}(q^2 = 0)$



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Testing lattice QCD

- Fermilab method, RHQ (Tsukuba, Columbia)
 - Control lattice artifacts for arbitrary masses
 - Apply to charm and bottom

 $(B \text{ form factor calcs.}) \equiv (D \text{ form factor calcs.})$

- Consistency with SM for charm decays
 → direct validation
- Staggered gauge ensembles for sea employ fourth root to remove doublers

Challenges ~ Uncertainties

- Discretization effects
 - Light quarks and gluons
 - Heavy quarks
- Large u, d quark masses
- Finite-volume effects
- Inputs
 - Scale
 - Light, heavy quark mass tunings

- Operator matching
 - Perturbative
 - Nonperturbative
- Fitting ansatz
- Electromagnetic effects
- Quenching
 - Charm
 - Strange
- Statistics

Form factors from correlators

• Form factors defined ~ matrix elements $\langle K|i\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}c|D\rangle = f_{+}^{D\to K}(q^{2}) \left(p_{D} + p_{K} - \frac{m_{D}^{2} - m_{K}^{2}}{q^{2}}q\right)_{\mu} + f_{0}^{D\to K}(q^{2})\frac{m_{D}^{2} - m_{K}^{2}}{q^{2}}q_{\mu}$ $= \sqrt{2m_{D}} \left[v_{\mu}f_{\parallel}^{D\to K}(E_{K}) + p_{\perp\mu}f_{\perp}^{D\to K}(E_{K})\right]$

$$f_{\parallel}^{D \to K}(E_K) = \frac{\langle K | i \bar{s} \gamma_4 c | D \rangle}{\sqrt{2m_D}}, \quad f_{\perp}^{D \to K}(E_K) = \frac{\langle K | i \bar{s} \gamma_k c | D \rangle}{\sqrt{2m_D}} \frac{1}{p_K^k}$$

 Matrix elements from Green's functions ~ correlators

$$f_{\parallel,\perp}^{\text{lat}}(E) \sim \frac{C_{3,\mu}(t,T;\mathbf{p})}{C_2^{K(\pi)}(t;\mathbf{p})C_2^D(T-t)}, \quad t_{\text{src}} \ll t \ll t_{\text{src}} + T$$

Correlators

- Four lattice spacings ~ 0.045 fm to 0.12 fm
- Multiple *u*, *d* masses ~ $0.05m_s$ to $0.4m_s$
- Five outgoing meson momenta
- Gauge ensembles of ~ 600 to 2000 lats
- Four source times
- Four source-sink separations
 - Two physical separations
 - Two for constructing ratio
- Three masses near charm, one 0.12 fm ensemble

Chiral-continuum-E extra-interpolation

- EFT: Heavy-meson rooted staggered chiral perturbation theory (Aubin and Bernard, PRD 2007)
 - Advantages
 - Dependence on quark masses, energy of outgoing meson, lattice spacing
 - Leading light-quark and gluon discretization errors, taste violations, fit and removed
 - Include heavy-quark discretization errors for more systematic estimate than power counting
 - Model-independent for light quark masses, small energies
 - Limitations
 - Model-independent only for light masses, small energies













Projected error budget for $f_{+}^{D \to K(\pi)}(0)$

stat. + $\chi PT (\%)$	2.0
g_{π}	2.9
r_1	1.4
\hat{m}	0.3
m_s	1.3
m_c	0.2
HQ disc.	2.5
nonpert. Z_V	0.6
pert. ρ	0.5
finite vol.	0.5
total syst. (%)	4.4
total (%)	4.8

 $\leftarrow \text{Increased statistics,} \\ \text{new ensembles, fit method} \\ \leftarrow f_{\pi}$

 $\leftarrow m_{\pi}, \ m_K$

- $\leftarrow \text{ updated tuning to } \overline{M}_{D_s}$
- \leftarrow power counting
- \leftarrow statistics dominated
- $\leftarrow \text{power counting}$

 $\leftarrow \chi \mathrm{PT}$

Goldstone bosons on the lattice

- Staggered fermions have an exact chiral symmetry at nonzero lattice spacing
- PGBs exist that are massless in chiral limit at nonzero lattice spacing
- Chiral symmetry protects against additive mass renormalization, operator mixing, . . .

Non-Goldstone bosons

- Remnant doublers of staggered fermions show up as pseudoflavors, "tastes"
- Four tastes for each physical flavor
 - Fourth root (if correct) means one per flavor in sea
 - Valence sector retains four-fold degeneracy in continuum limit ~ partial quenching

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{m}I_4 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \hat{m}I_4 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & m_sI_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Enlarged flavor symmetry, PGB sector

$$SU(3)_F
ightarrow SU(12)_f \ {f 8}
ightarrow {f 143}$$

Strategy

- Calculate masses of taste non-Goldstone pions and kaons in staggered chiral perturbation theory through NLO (1 loop)
- Fit correlators in corresponding taste channels
 - Fix low-energy couplings, Gasser-Leutwyler parameters
 - Extract light quark masses

Summary

- Encouraging agreement between form factor shapes from lattice + experiment
 - Preliminary, work in progress
 - Matching factors estimated, omitted
 - Modeling energy dependence?
- SU(2) SChPT fits in progress, alternatives
- Masses of taste non-Goldstone PGBs calculated through NLO in SChPT