



#### Towards high momentum transfer in lattice QCD

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# Outline

- Vector form factors
- Transverse spin densities
- Lattice QCD
  - 3-pt functions
  - "Feynman-Hellmann"

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Form factors at large
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  - Have a density interpretation with respect to transverse displacement

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unpolarised quarks in transverse polarised nucleon

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"chirally extrapolated"

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densities



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What about the proton & GE/GM?



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Euclidean time evolution:  $\exp(-Ht)$ 

lowest energy state dominates at large *t* 

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Remove time dependence by dividing out 2-pt correlators

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Alternative technique: Feynman–Hellmann for lattice matrix elements

## Matrix elements from "Feynman-Hellmann"

• Feynman–Hellmann in quantum mechanics:

$$\frac{dE_n}{d\lambda} = \langle n | \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} | n \rangle$$

- matrix elements of the derivative of the Hamiltonian determined by derivative of corresponding energy eigenstates
- Lattice QCD: evaluate energy shifts with respect to weak external fields
- Analogous to considering the energy of a fermion in a weak uniform magnetic field:

$$E(\mathbf{B}) = m - \boldsymbol{\mu}.\mathbf{B} + \frac{|e\mathbf{B}|}{2m} - 2\pi\beta_M |\mathbf{B}|^2 + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{B}^3)$$

## Feynman–Hellmann Theorem

- A method for determining hadronic matrix elements from energy shifts
- Suppose we want  $\langle H | \mathcal{O} | H \rangle$
- Proceed by  $S \to S + \lambda \int d^4 x \, \mathcal{O}(x)$

real parameter

local operator, e.g.  $\bar{q}(x)\gamma_5\gamma_3q(x)$ 

• FH tells us

$$\frac{\partial E_H(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{2E_H(\lambda)} \left\langle H \left| \frac{\partial S(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \right| H \right\rangle$$

• Calculation of matrix element  $\equiv$  hadron spectroscopy [2-pt functions only]

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## Feynman–Hellmann: Hadron spin

 To access hadron spin fractions, we modify the action to include the axial current

$$S \to S + \lambda \sum \bar{q}(x) i \gamma_5 \gamma_3 q(x)$$

 $\boldsymbol{x}$ 

• FH Theorem then gives

$$\frac{\partial E_H(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{1}{2M_H} \langle H|\bar{q}i\gamma_5\gamma_3 q|H\rangle$$

• but for a spin-J hadron with polarisation m in the z-direction

 $\langle H, Jm | \bar{q}i\gamma_5\gamma_3 q | H, Jm \rangle = 2M_H \Delta q^{Jm}$ 

$$\Delta q = \frac{\partial E_H(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0}$$

• Also note: reversing hadron polarisation  $\equiv$  changing sign of  $\lambda$ 

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[Chambers et al. PRD(2014)]



Connected spin factions in various hadrons



(Connected) Spin Fraction Universal ~60%

Non-forward matrix elements: Momentum transfer from external field

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Pion energy shift

"Effective mass plot"



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#### Pion form factor $m_{\pi} \sim 430 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

Statistically encouraging signal



$$\vec{q} = (2,0,0)\frac{2\pi}{L}$$

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Nucleon *up* quark magnetic FF

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Challenge? Can lattice determine existence of GE/GM crossover before experiment?





[or old slides I didn't delete yet]

#### Lattice Specs

- Nf =2+1 O(a)-improved Clover fermions ("SLiNC" action)
  - Tree-level Symanzik gluon action (plaq. + rect.)
- Results from a single lattice spacing ( $a \sim 0.074$  fm), and volume ( $32^3 \times 64$ )
- Most results are at the SU(3)-symmetric point (m<sub>pi</sub>~470 MeV)
  - Total spin contribution (also m<sub>pi</sub>~330 MeV)
- ~500 measurements per mass per field strength

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$$F(x,\xi,t) = \int \frac{dz^{-}}{4\pi} e^{ixP^{+}z^{-}} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-\frac{1}{2}z)\gamma^{+}q(\frac{1}{2}z) | p \rangle \Big|_{z^{+}=0, \mathbf{z}=0} \qquad P = \frac{1}{2}(p+p') \\ \Delta = p'-p \\ t = \Delta^{2} \\ \xi = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta^{+}}{P^{+}} \end{cases}$$

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$$F_T^j(x,\xi,t) = -i \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+z^-} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-\frac{1}{2}z) \sigma^{+j}\gamma_5 q(\frac{1}{2}z) | p \rangle \Big|_{z^+=0, \mathbf{z}=0}$$
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- Include operator in HMC
- For Hermitian spin operator, the Fermion matrix is modified by

 $M \to M(\lambda) = M_0 + \lambda \, i \gamma_5 \gamma_3$ 

- Does not satisfy  $\gamma_5$  Hermiticity  $\Rightarrow$  sign problem
- Hence we simulate with  $$\gamma_5$$  Hermitian operator

 $M \to M(\lambda) = M_0 + \lambda \gamma_5 \gamma_3$ 

- Correlation function picks up complex phase
  - $\begin{array}{cccc} & \text{Extract matrix element from phase} \\ & C(\lambda,t) \xrightarrow{\Phi} & A(\lambda) e^{-E(\lambda)t} e^{i\phi(\lambda)t} \end{array} \end{array}$

$$\phi(\lambda) = \lambda \Delta q + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

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$$\mathcal{H}(t) = \frac{\Im \mathfrak{m} \left[ C_+(t) - C_-(t) \right]}{\Re \mathfrak{e} \left[ C_+(t) + C_-(t) \right]} \to \tan(\phi t)$$

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• SU(3) symmetric point; 3 field strengths





Strangeness spin

**Global comparison** 

#### FH Non-forward: Pion





# Pushing the limits

"Extreme" momentum injection



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 $\vec{p}' = (-2, -1, -1)$ 









Dirac and Pauli form factors defined by

$$\langle \vec{p}' \vec{s}' | \bar{q}(0) \gamma_{\mu} q(0) | \vec{p} \vec{s} \rangle = \bar{u}(\vec{p}', \sigma') \left[ \gamma_{u} F_{1}(Q^{2}) + \sigma_{\mu\nu} \frac{q_{\nu}}{2m} F_{2}(Q^{2}) \right] u(\vec{p}, \sigma)$$

Make idential modification to the action as for the pion case

$$\mathcal{L}(y) 
ightarrow \mathcal{L}(y) + \lambda \, e^{i \vec{q} \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{x})} \, \bar{q}(y) \, \gamma_{\mu} \, q(y)$$

Feynman-Hellmann relation gives

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{F_3(\Gamma, \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{O}}; \vec{p}, \vec{p}, m)}{F_2(\Gamma; \vec{p}, m)}$$

Need to make choice of projection matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$ 

#### Nucleon Form Factors

For temporal current, choose projection matrix

$$\Gamma_{unpol.}=rac{1}{2}(1+\gamma_4)$$

then the Feynman-Hellmann relation gives

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda}\Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{m}{E} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{(\vec{p} + \vec{p}')^2}{4m(E+m)} \right) F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4m^2} F_2(Q^2) \right]$$

For  $\vec{p}' = -\vec{p}$  we have simply

$$\left.\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda}\right|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{m}{E}G_E(Q^2)$$

For spatial current, choose  $\Gamma_\pm$  as in axial charge calculation

$$\Re \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \pm \frac{1}{2mE} \left[ \vec{s} \times \vec{q} F_1(Q^2) \\ \left[ \left[ 1 + \frac{(\vec{p} + \vec{p}')^2}{4m(E+m)} \right] \vec{s} \times \vec{q} - \frac{\vec{s} \cdot (\vec{p} + \vec{p}')\vec{p} \times \vec{p}'}{2m(E+m)} \right] F_2(Q^2) \right]$$

For  $\vec{p}' = -\vec{p}$  we have simply

$$\Re \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \pm \frac{\vec{s} \times \vec{q}}{2mE} G_M(Q^2)$$