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Improved Semileptonic Form Factor Calculations in Lattice QCD

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We investigate two alternatives to the Sequential Propagator Method used in Lattice QCD calculations of heavy-light semileptonic form factors. In the first method, which we refer to as the Stochastic Propagator Method, we replace the sequential propagator with a stochastic all-to-all propagator. In the second method, we employ the so called “one-end trick”. After minimizing the stochastic noise we compare the three methods using two $N_f=2$ ensembles with non-perturbatively $O(a)$ improved Wilson fermions. The Stochastic Propagator Method results in the most efficient approach for any realistic calculation. We present $O(a)$ improved, matched lattice results on a single ensemble using this approach.

In a complementary effort, we present preliminary $O(a)$ improved, matched results for f_D and f_{D^*} on three ensembles with the same action as those above. Standard point-to-all propagators are used. We perform a chiral extrapolation for f_D and f_{D^*} with sea pion masses as low as ~ 170 MeV.

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