

Nachtmann moment of the parity-violating structure function from Feynman-Hellmann

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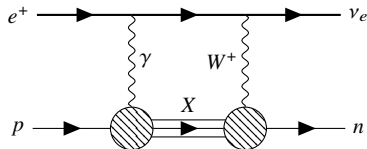
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Electroweak Radiative Corrections (EWRC)

Current determinations of V_{ud} require an accurate evaluation of $\square_{\gamma W}$ radiative corrections



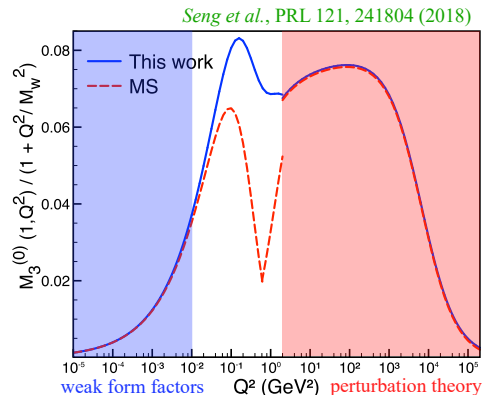
$$\square_{\gamma W} = \frac{3\alpha}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2} M_1^N[F_3^{(0)}]$$

via isospin symmetry

$$F_3^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{4}(F_{3,p}^{\gamma Z} - F_{3,n}^{\gamma Z})$$

Quantity of interest
First Nachtmann
moment

Investigate Pion for cleaner signal at low Q^2



Parity-odd structure function $\mathcal{F}_3^{\gamma Z}(\omega, Q^2)$

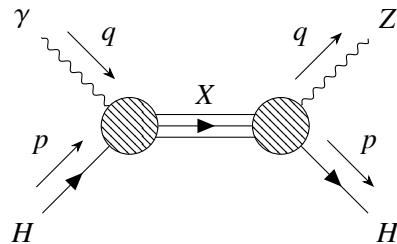
Compton Tensor $T_{\mu\nu}^{VA} = i \int d^4z e^{iq \cdot z} \langle p | \mathcal{T} \{ J_\mu^V(z) J_\nu^A(0) \} | p \rangle$

General Lorentz decomposition (spin-averaged)

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(p, q) = -g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_1(\omega, Q^2) + \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_2(\omega, Q^2) + i \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{p_\alpha q_\beta}{2p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2) + \dots$$

**Isolate $\mathcal{F}_3$ by Setting $\mu = 1, \nu = 3,$
 $q_1 = 0, q_2 \neq 0, p_1 = 0$**

$$T_{13}^{VA}(p, q) = i \frac{p_4 q_2}{2p \cdot q} \mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2) \quad \text{where} \quad \omega = \frac{2p \cdot q}{Q^2} = \frac{1}{x}$$



Vector $J_\mu^V(z) = \sum_{f=u,d} Q_f \bar{\psi}_f(z) \gamma_\mu \psi_f(z)$

Axial Vector $J_\nu^A(y) = \sum_{f=u,d} g_A^f \bar{\psi}_f(y) \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu \psi_f(y)$

Feynman-Hellmann (FH) Theorem in QFT

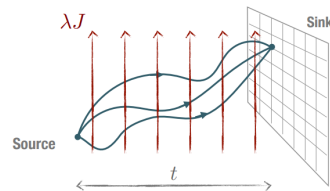
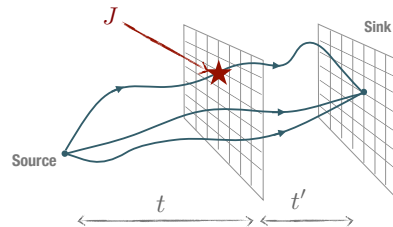
Perturb system by modifying action with some operator O

$$S \rightarrow S + \lambda \int d^4x O(x)$$

For the physical system evaluate at $\lambda = 0$, FH provides the relation

$$\left. \frac{\partial E_{H,\lambda}(\mathbf{p})}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{1}{2E_H(\mathbf{p})} \langle H(\mathbf{p}) | O | H(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$

Computing the system at different λ provides a way to determine the physical quantities of interest



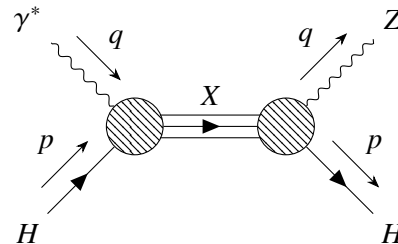
Feynman-Hellmann Implementation

Introduce background fields to fermion action

$$S \rightarrow S(\lambda) = S_0 + \lambda_V \int d^4z (e^{iq \cdot z} + e^{-iq \cdot z}) \mathcal{J}_\mu^V(z) \\ - i\lambda_A \int d^4y (e^{iq \cdot y} - e^{-iq \cdot y}) \mathcal{J}_\nu^A(y)$$

Feynman-Hellmann relation provides

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{\omega} = \frac{Q^2}{q_2} \frac{\partial^2 E(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}{\partial \lambda_V \partial \lambda_A} \Big|_{\lambda=0}$$



Lattice Details

Details of the gauge ensembles used in this work

N_f	β	a [fm]	κ_l	κ_s	$L^3 \times T$	m_π [MeV]	N_{cfg}
2 + 1	5.65	0.068	0.122005	0.122005	$48^3 \times 96$	412	535
2 + 1	5.95	0.052	0.123460	0.123460	$48^3 \times 96$	418	507
2 + 1	5.65	0.068	0.122197	0.121623	$64^3 \times 96$	220	420

Symanzik improved gauge, NP-improved Clover action

- FH implementation at the valence quark level (connected contribution qq)
- Access range of $\omega = \frac{2p \cdot q}{Q^2}$ for each choice of q , varying p cheap

LPT correction

$$\text{Continuum} \quad \frac{Q^2}{q_2} \rightarrow \frac{\sum_i \sin^2 q_i + [\sum_i (1 - \cos q_i)]^2}{\sin q_2} \quad \text{LQCD}$$

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Gross-Llewellyn Smith (GLS) Sum Rule

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{\omega} = 4 \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{1-x^2\omega^2} F_3(x, Q^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{\omega} \Big|_{\omega=0} = 4M_1^{CN}(Q^2)$$

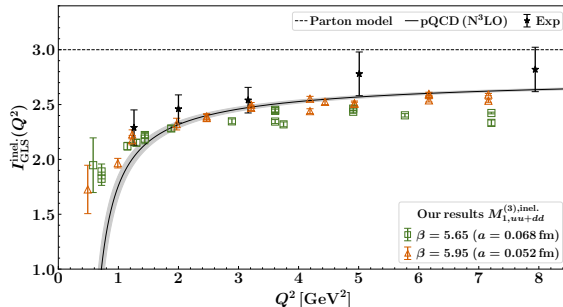
Quark-parton model

$$M_{1,qq}^{CN, QPM}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx (q - \bar{q}) = N_q$$

N³LO Perturbative corrections

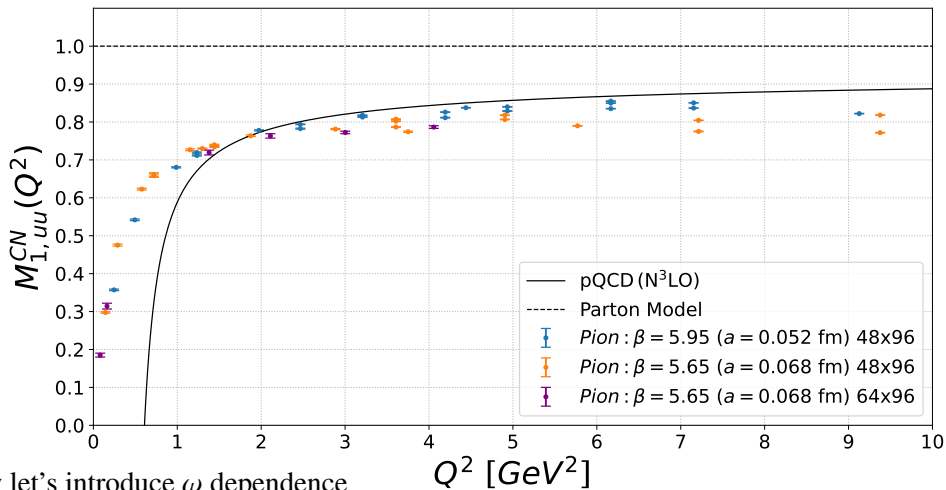
$$M_{1,qq}^{CN}(Q^2) = N_q \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^4 C_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)^i \right]$$

with known coefficients C_i



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Pion GLS Results - Preliminary



Now let's introduce ω dependence

First Nachtmann Moment Approximation via Taylor series

$$M_3^N(1, Q^2) = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1+2r}{(1+r)^2} F_3(x, Q^2) \quad \text{with} \quad r = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4m^2 x^2}{Q^2}}$$

Taylor expand kernel for large Q^2

$$\frac{1+2r}{(1+r)^2} \approx \frac{3}{4} - \frac{m^2 x^2}{2Q^2} + \frac{3m^4 x^4}{4Q^4} - \frac{3m^6 x^6}{2Q^6} + \dots$$

Cornwall-Norton Moments $M_{2n-1}^{CN}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx x^{2n-2} F_3(x, Q^2)$

$$M_3^N(1, Q^2) = M_1^{CN}(Q^2) - \frac{2m^2}{3Q^2} M_3^{CN}(Q^2) + \dots \quad \left(\frac{m^2}{Q^2} \ll 1 \right)$$

P. G. Bluden, W. Melnitchouk, and A. W. Thomas, Phys.Rev.Lett. 107, 081801 (2011)

Nachtmann Moment Approximation via Change of Basis

The Nachtmann kernel can be approximated using the FH-accessible ω -dependence.

$$\text{Nachtmann moment} \quad M_3^N(1, Q^2) = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 dx \frac{1+2r}{(1+r)^2} F_3(x, Q^2)$$

$$\text{Dispersion relation} \quad \frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega, Q^2)}{\omega} = 4 \int_0^1 dx \frac{1}{1-x^2\omega^2} F_3(x, Q^2)$$

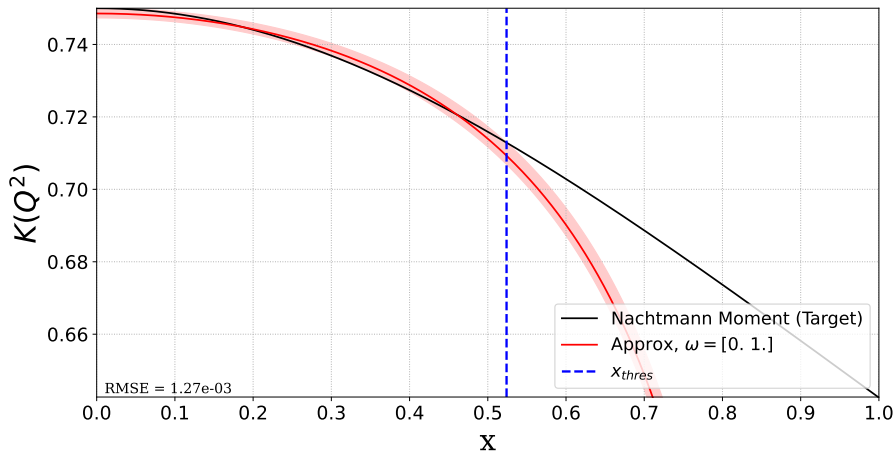
Change of kernel basis

$$\frac{1+2r}{(1+r)^2} \approx \sum_i c_i \frac{1}{1-x_i^2\omega_i^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_3^N(1, Q^2) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i c_i \frac{\mathcal{F}_3(\omega_i, Q^2)}{\omega_i}$$

Estimate systematic uncertainty by strictly over- or underestimating the kernel

C.-Y. Seng and U.-G. Meißner, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 211802 (2019)

Change of kernel basis $q = [0, 2, 0] \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)$, $Q^2 = 0.58 \text{ GeV}^2$



**Pion
production
threshold**

$$x_{\text{thres}} = \frac{1}{\frac{3m_{\pi}^2}{Q^2} + 1}$$

$x > x_{\text{thres}}$ no
contribution

Nachtmann Moment Determination $q = [0, 1, 2](\frac{2\pi}{L}), Q^2 = 0.721 \text{ GeV}^2$

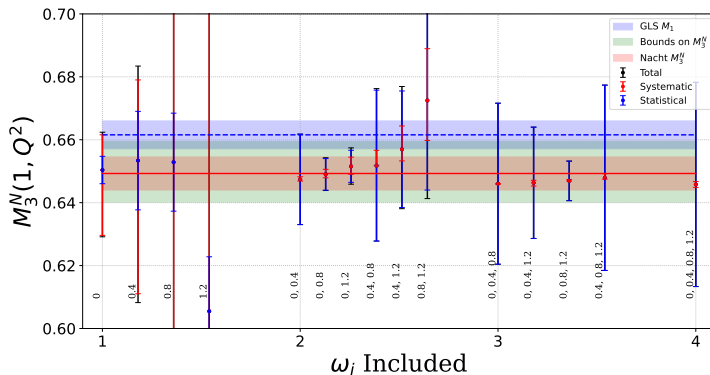
Attempt all combinations of ω_i included

Uncertainties

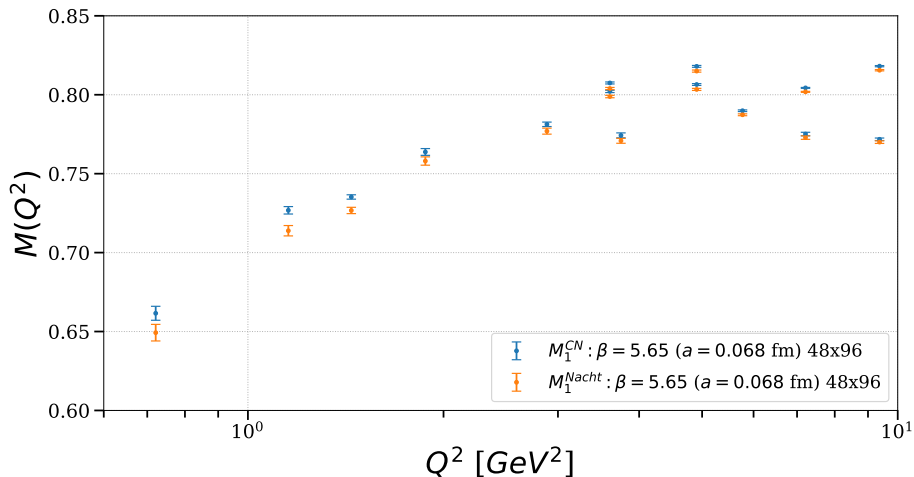
Statistical and Systematic
inform average

Shaded Regions

Compare **Nachtmann** to
GLS



Nachtmann Moment Q^2 Dependence - Preliminary



Conclusion

Summary

- Access hadronic structure via the Feynman-Hellmann approach
- Demonstrated determination of F_3 structures via GLS
- Determined the first Nachtmann moment of $F_3^{\gamma Z}$
- Extending to nucleons will provide the hadronic input for γW radiative corrections.

Future Work

- Extend M_1^N analysis to span $0.01 \lesssim Q^2 \lesssim 2 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Twisted Boundary Conditions - extend accessible ω , GEVP - clean analysis
- Extending to nucleons - hadronic input for γW radiative corrections.

Thanks for listening!

Twisted Boundary Conditions

- Extend the accessible range of ω values
- Introduce phase factor $\theta_i \in [0, 2\pi]$

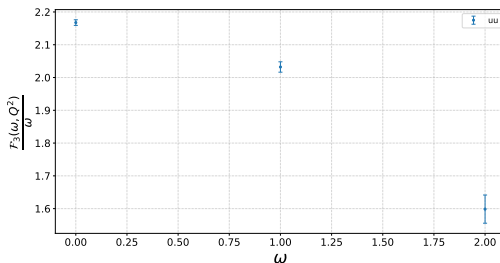
$$\psi(t, x_i = 0) = e^{i\theta_i} \psi(t, x_i = L)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i = p_i^F + \frac{\theta_i}{L}$$

- Extending the accessible range of momenta, and thus ω

$$\omega = \frac{2p \cdot q}{Q^2}$$

Discretization limits access to ω values at low Q^2



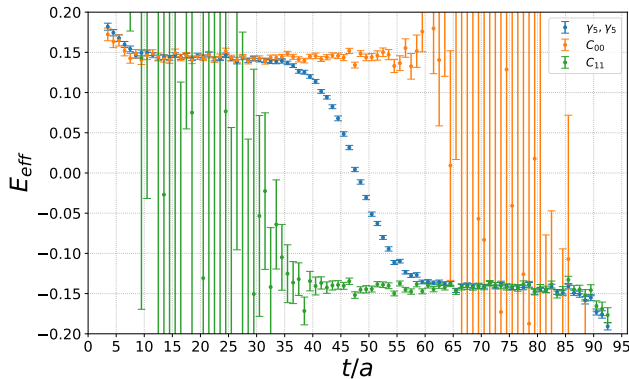
Example : $q = [0, 1, 1] \left(\frac{2\pi}{L} \right)$

Generalized Eigenvalue Problem (GEVP)

Correlator $C_{ij}(t) = \langle \chi_i(t) \chi_j^\dagger(0) \rangle$ $\chi_i = \bar{\psi} \Gamma_i \psi$

Variational Method

- Choose an interpolator operator basis $\Gamma_i \in \{\gamma_5, \gamma_t \gamma_5\}$
- Form the correlation matrix $C_{ij}(t)$
- Solve the GEVP
 $C(t)v_n = \lambda_n(t, t_0)C(t_0)v_n$
- Eigenvectors isolate the forward and backwards propagating states



Effective masses after GEVP rotation

Application of GEVP for determination of ΔE

