

# Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors with Domain Wall Fermions on an Asqtad Sea

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# Introduction

Nucleon electromagnetic form factors:

$$\langle N(P') | J_{EM}^\mu(x) | N(P) \rangle = e^{i(P'-P)\cdot x} \bar{u}(P') \left[ \gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \frac{q^\nu}{2M_N} F_2(q^2) \right] u(P)$$

Consider only **isovector** case:

$$J_{EM}^\mu(x) = \bar{u}(x)\gamma^\mu u(x) - \bar{d}(x)\gamma^\mu d(x)$$

**Disconnected diagram contributions cancel in the isospin limit.**

# Outline

- 1 Motivations for Mixed-Action Approach
- 2 Ensemble Details
- 3 First Look at The Results
- 4 Lattice Recipes
- 5 Preliminary Chiral Extrapolations and Results
- 6 Summary and Outlook

# Why DWF on an Asqtad Sea?

- Domain Wall Fermions (DWF)
  - **Pros:** Good chiral symmetry, only broken with a controllable small amount, parametrized by  $m_{\text{res}}$ .
  - **Cons:** 5-dimensional fermions, costly to generate gauge configurations (and do measurements)
- $O(a^2)$  Tadpole-improved Staggered Fermions (Asqtad)
  - **Pros:** inexpensive, MILC 2+1 flavor dynamical gauge configurations with light pion masses publicly available
  - **Cons:** break flavor symmetry, have only remnant  $U(1)$  chiral symmetry
- DWF+Asqtad gives an economical way to achieve both chiral symmetry and flavor symmetry in the valence sector, and provides an early access to important physical results using chiral fermions

# Why DWF on an Asqtad Sea?

Generalization of continuum chiral perturbation theory straightforward.

- DWF on DWF: continuum-like chiral perturbation theory

RBC-UKQCD, arXiv:0804.0473

- To NLO, residual chiral symmetry breaking only introduces a constant shift ( $m_{\text{res}}$ ) to the input quark masses
- To NLO, no additional parameters. Discretization errors contained in the low energy constants.

- DWF on Asqtad: need only small corrections to the unitary theory

Chen, O'Connell and Walker-Loud, arXiv:0706.0035

- Expressed in terms of  $m_\pi$  measured on the lattice
- Existing continuum ChPT can be modified in a universal way
- Can make use of the available continuum chiral extrapolation formulae, with slight modifications.

# Parameters

- MILC coarse ensembles:  $a \approx 0.125$  fm

$L^3 \times T$	$(am_l)/(am_s)^{\text{asqtad}}$	# confs	$m_\pi^{\text{DWF}}$ [MeV]
$20^3 \times 64$	0.007/0.05	464	293
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$28^3 \times 64$	0.01/0.05	274	353

- Parameters for valence DWF:

- Valence quark masses tuned to match the asqtad Goldstone pion masses
- Domain wall height  $M_5 = 1.7$ , tuned to minimize  $m_{\text{res}}$
- $L_s = 16 \Rightarrow am_{\text{res}} \approx 0.001$ .

# LHPC Hadron Structure Projects

- Recent Publications on Mixed-Action Calculation:
  - Nucleon axial charge: *Phys.Rev.Lett.*96:052001,2006
  - Generalized parton distributions: *Phys.Rev.D*77:094502,2008
  - Hadron spectroscopy: *arXiv:0806.4549*
- Other talks on hadron structure:
  - Generalized form factors:  
[John Negele, Friday @ Hadron Structure](#)
  - **Preliminary DWF on DWF results:**  
[Sergey Syritsyn, Friday @ Hadron Structure](#)

# So What's New ...

On the two  $m_\pi \approx 355$  MeV ensembles...

	Previous Calculation	Current Calculation
B.C.	Dirichlet at $t = T/2$	anti-periodic at $t = T$
$\tau_{sink} - \tau_{src}$	10	9
# sources	1 proton	4 proton + 4 anti-proton
sink	1 sink	4 sinks calculated at once

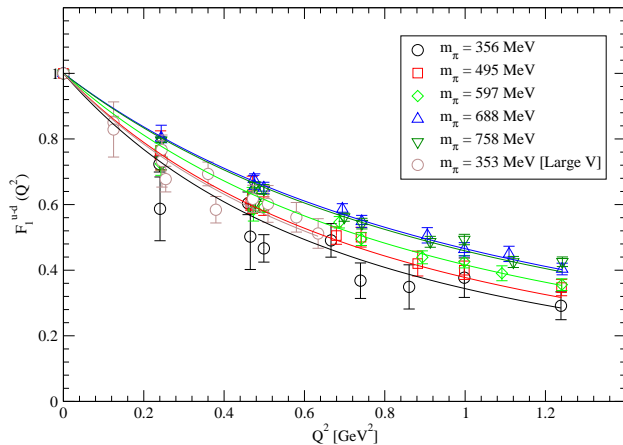
## The improvements:

- 4 coherent sinks calculated at once; saved computational time by a factor of 4  
Gauge averaging cancels out contaminations from other sinks
- **8X** more measurements reduced the statistical errors by roughly  $\sqrt{8} \approx 3X$ .
- Shorter source-sink separation further reduced statistical noise  
 $\implies$  **Overall error reduction: 4X**
- One new lighter mass at  $m_\pi = 293$  MeV.



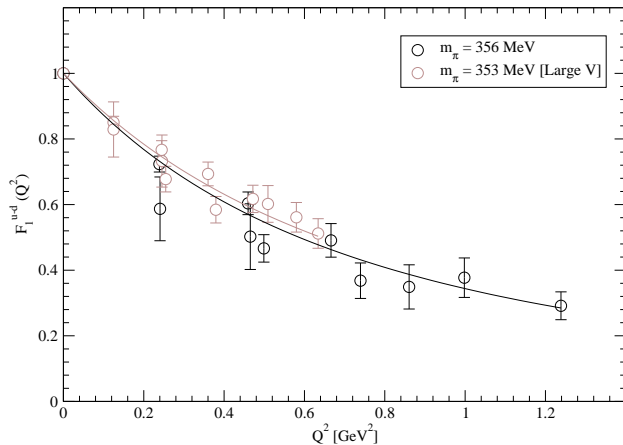
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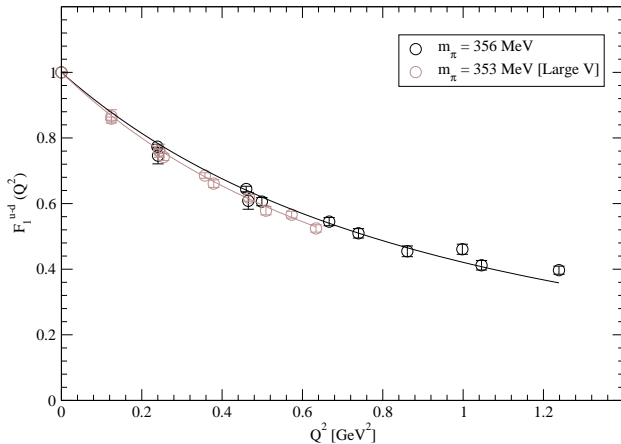
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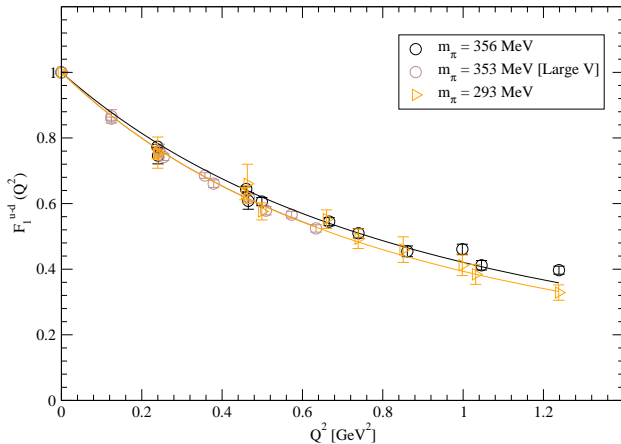
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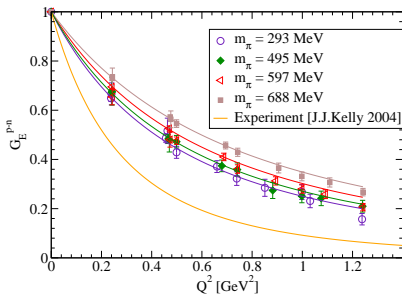
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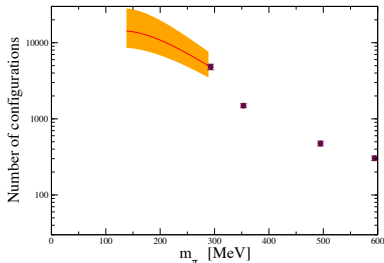
# Towards the Physical World

- Isovector Sachs form factor for four different pion masses, compared with Kelly's parametrization of the experimental data
- Mild pion mass dependence
- Still a long way to go towards the physical world



- Going to the physical limit, **cost grows exponentially to achieve the same precision (3%)**

## What it takes



Based on signal to noise ratio 30 (at  $T=10$ )

K. Orginos



# The Calculation

- Nucleon 2pt and 3pt correlation function:

$$C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau, P) = \sum_{j,k} (\Gamma_{\text{unpol}})_{jk} \langle N_k(\tau, P) \bar{N}_j(\tau_{\text{src}}, P) \rangle,$$

$$C_{\mathcal{O}}^{3\text{pt}}(\tau, P', P) = \sum_{j,k} (\Gamma_{\text{pol}})_{jk} \langle N_k(\tau_{\text{snk}}, P') \mathcal{O}(\tau) \bar{N}_j(\tau_{\text{src}}, P) \rangle,$$

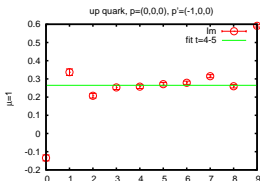
- Source: Gaussian smeared, constructed from HYP-smeared gauge links
- Lattice momenta

$$\vec{P} = \frac{2\pi}{La} \vec{p}, \quad p_i \in -L, -L+1, \dots, L-1, L$$

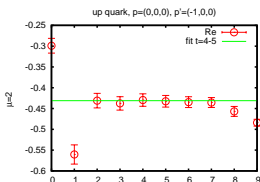
- Two sink momenta:  $\vec{p}^j = (1, 0, 0), (-1, 0, 0)$
- Various momentum transfer:  $\vec{q} = p' - p$ , restricted to  $\vec{q}^2 < 10$

# Plateaus

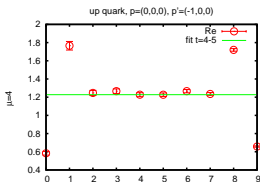
$$R_{\mathcal{O}}(\tau, P', P) = \frac{C_{\mathcal{O}}^{3\text{pt}}(\tau, P', P)}{C_{\mathcal{O}}^{2\text{pt}}(\tau_{\text{snk}}, P')} \times \left[ \frac{C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau_{\text{snk}} - \tau + \tau_{\text{src}}, P) C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau, P') C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau_{\text{snk}}, P')}{C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau_{\text{snk}} - \tau + \tau_{\text{src}}, P') C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau, P) C^{2\text{pt}}(\tau_{\text{snk}}, P)} \right]^{1/2}$$



$$\text{Im } \mu = 1 \quad \propto \quad F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4M_N^2} F_2(Q^2)$$



$$\text{Re } \mu = 2 \quad \propto \quad F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2)$$

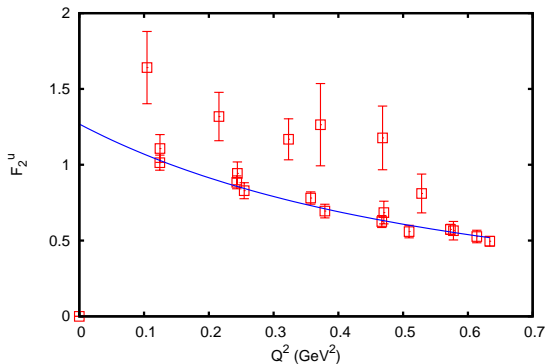


$$\text{Re } \mu = 4 \quad \propto \quad c \left[ F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4M_N^2} F_2(Q^2) \right]$$

## Overdetermined analysis:

- singular value decomposition to obtain optimal values for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$

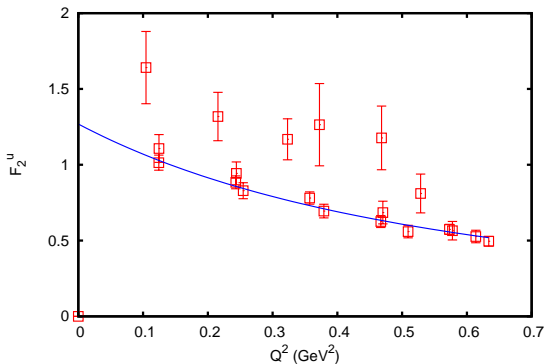
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- Data highly correlated; Deviations from the universal curve quantified by

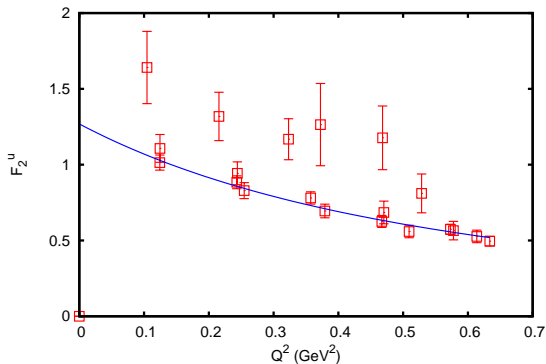
$$\text{correlated } \chi^2/N = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (F_i^{(n)} - \hat{F}_i) C_{ij}^{-1} (F_j^{(n)} - \hat{F}_j) = 1.9(1.1)$$

# Recipes for the High-momentum Data

- The offenders share the same characteristics:
  - $\vec{p} = (-1, 0, 0)$
  - $\vec{p}$  has at least one component of 2 or 3.
  - Much noisier
- They usually do not affect the final analysis due to large errors
- Removed from the analysis to avoid unnecessary bias
- Same rule applied to all ensembles

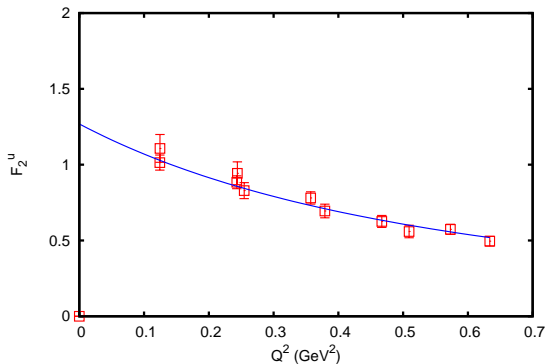
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After



# Chiral Extrapolations for Nucleon Form Factors

- We use heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory including the  $\Delta$  resonance, third order in small scale expansion (SSE).

Bernard, Fearing, Hermert and Meissner (1998)

- Low-energy constants:

$g_A, F_\pi, M_N, \Delta, c_A, c_V$  + counter terms

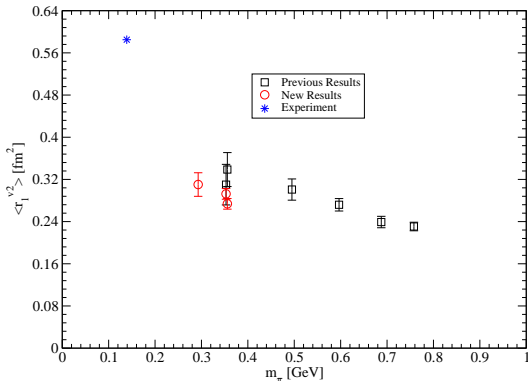
- **Ideally** would like to determine all the constants from lattice.
- **Reality:** Not enough data to constrain all the parameters; use phenomenological input

$g_A$	$F_\pi$ [MeV]	$M_N$ [MeV]	$\Delta$ [MeV]	$c_A$
1.2	92.4	939	293	1.5

# Dirac Radius

- One-parameter dipole fits to  $F_1(Q^2) = \frac{1}{(1+Q^2/M_1^2)^2}$   
with  $Q^2 \leq 0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$

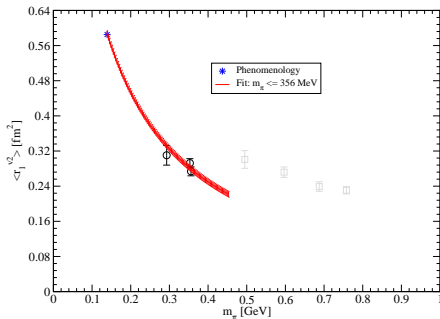
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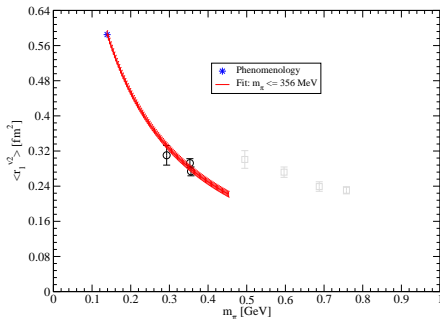


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  - Fit misses heavy points badly
  - New and old results employed different techniques; could potentially have different systematics
  - Further investigations needed.



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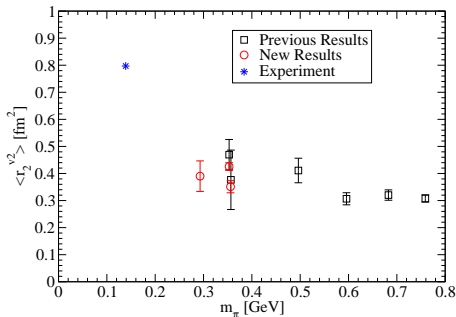
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- Two-parameter dipole fits:

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with  $Q^2 \leq 0.8 \text{ GeV}^2$

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- Decouple  $\kappa_v(m_\pi)$  and  $(r_2^v)^2$  by doing fits to

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- No free parameter;

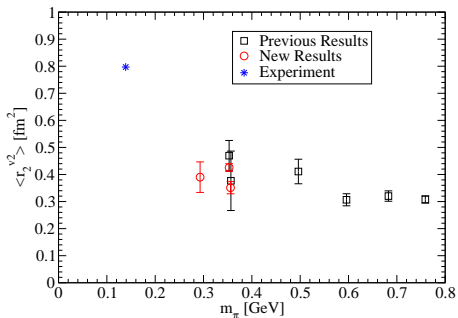
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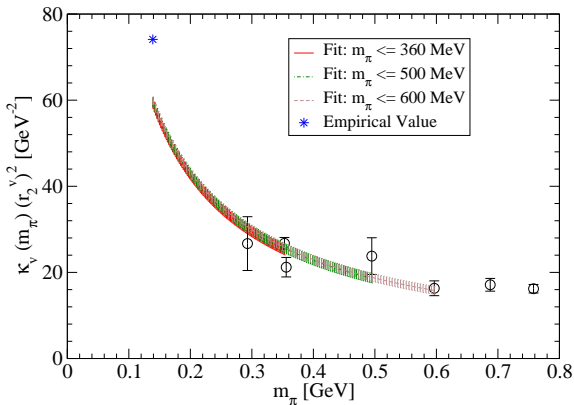
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- No free parameter; add a “core” term to the formula [QCDSF, PRD 71, 034508(2005)]



# Pauli Radius



- $B_{c2}$  found to be consistent with 0 with different fit ranges

# Anomalous Magnetic Moment

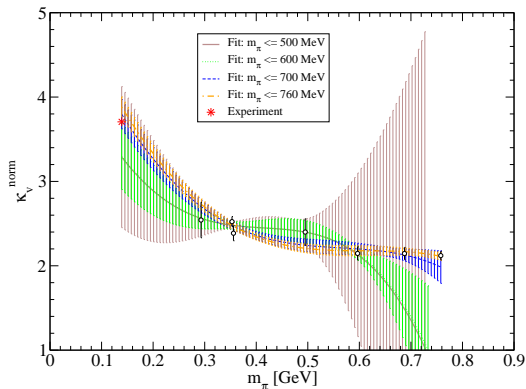
- From two-parameter dipole fits

$$\kappa_v^{lat} = F_2(0), \quad \kappa_v^{norm} = \kappa_v^{lat} \frac{M_N^{phys}}{M_N^{lat}}$$

- $\kappa_v(m_\pi)$  involves three free parameters:

$$\kappa_v^0, E_1^r(\lambda), \text{ and } c_V$$

- Fits surprisingly stable
- But not a claim that HBChPT should work well to that heavy region



Fit Range	$\kappa_v^0$	$c_V$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$E_1^r(0.6 \text{ GeV})$	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f}$
$\leq 500 \text{ MeV}$	4.9(1.1)	3.5(4.5)	-3.4(7)	1.2
$\leq 600 \text{ MeV}$	4.9(5)	3.4(1.4)	-3.4(4)	0.6
$\leq 700 \text{ MeV}$	5.43(21)	1.8(4)	-3.00(16)	0.9
$\leq 760 \text{ MeV}$	5.55(14)	1.51(21)	-2.90(10)	0.8

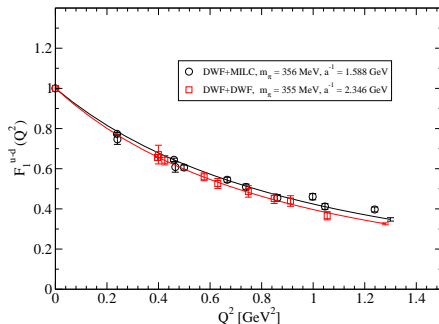


# Comparison with DWF Results

- LHPC now joins RBC and UKQCD in doing full domain wall fermion calculations.
- Available now (hadron structure):
  - $24^3 \times 64$ ,  $a \approx 0.11$  fm,  
 $m_\pi \approx 330$  MeV
  - $32^3 \times 64$ ,  $a \approx 0.09$  fm,  
 $m_\pi \approx 300$  & 350 MeV

- Comparing coarse and fine DWF ensembles reveals little finite- $a$  dependence.

(see S.Syrstyn's talk on Friday)



- No significant discretization errors in the mixed-action calculations compared with full DWF.

# Summary and Outlook

- New calculation improved the statistics for the three light-mass ensembles by a factor of 4.
- $\langle (r_1^v)^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle (r_2^v)^2 \rangle$  and  $\kappa_v$  show qualitative agreement with experiment.
- Mixed-action results compare well with full domain wall calculations.
  
- May improve statistics on the heavy-mass ensembles using the same techniques as the light-mass ensembles to have comparable systematics.
- **New era: together with RBC and UKQCD collaborations, moving on to the full domain wall calculations towards the physical pion mass.**