Semileptonic Form Factors for $B \to \pi \ell \nu$ decays

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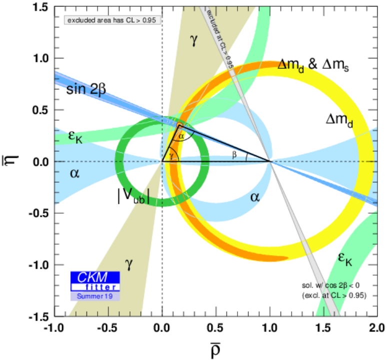
Motivation

- Test unitarity of CKM matrix
- 2-3σ discrepancy between exclusive ($B \to \pi \ell \nu$) and inclusive ($B \to X_u \ell \nu$)
- Lepton universality ratio predictions



CKMfitter Group (J. Charles et al.), Eur. Phys. J. C41, 1-131 (2005) [hep-ph/0406184], updated results and plots available at: http://ckmfitter.in2p3.fr

Goal

- Differential $B \to \pi\ell\nu$ decay rate:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d\Gamma(B \to \pi\ell\nu)}{dq^2}}_{\text{Experiment}} = \underbrace{|V_{ub}|^2}_{CKM} \times \left(\kappa_1 \underbrace{|f_+(q^2)|^2}_{non-pert.} + \kappa_2 \underbrace{|f_0(q^2)|^2}_{non-pert.}\right)$$

$$q^\mu \text{ — } p_B^\mu - p_\pi^\mu$$
$$\kappa \text{ — Known factors}$$

- Requires a theoretical computation of the form factors:

$$\langle \pi(\vec{p})|\mathcal{V}^\mu|B\rangle = 2f_+(q^2)\left(p_B^\mu - \frac{p_B \cdot q}{q^2}q^\mu\right) + f_0(q^2)\left(\frac{M_B^2 - M_\pi^2}{q^2}q^\mu\right)$$

$$\mathcal{V}^\mu = \bar{u}\gamma^\mu b$$

Quark Actions

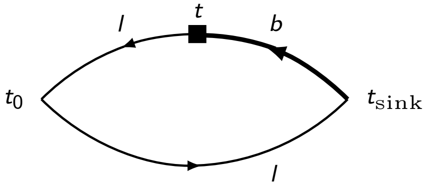
- RHQ Action for b quarks, Columbia interpretation
  [Christ et al. PRD 76 (2007) 074505] [Lin and Christ PRD 76 (2007) 074506]
  - Builds on original Fermilab action [El-Khadra et al. PRD 55 (1997) 3933]
  - Related to Tsukuba interpretation [S. Aoki et al. PTP 109 (2003) 383]
  - Clover action with anisotropic clover term
  - Uses 3 parameters $(m_0 a, c_p, \zeta)$ that can be non-pertubatively tuned to remove $\mathcal{O}((m_0 a)^n)$, $\mathcal{O}(\vec{p}a)$, $\mathcal{O}((\vec{p}a)(m_0 a)^n)$ errors [PRD 86 (2012) 116003]
- Shamir DWF for l, s
- Use improvement terms to get one-loop improved **vector current**

Ensembles

	$L^3 \times T \ / \ a^4$	a^{-1} / GeV	m_π / MeV
C1	$24^3 \times 64$	1.78	340
C2	$24^3 \times 64$	1.78	430
M1	$32^3 \times 64$	2.38	300
M2	$32^3 \times 64$	2.38	360
M3	$32^3 \times 64$	2.38	410
F1S	$48^3 \times 96$	2.77	270
C0*	$48^3 \times 96$	1.73	139

- 2+1f ensembles: Degenerate light quark
- Sea quarks: Shamir domain-wall fermions
- **F1S** ensemble: new for this analysis
- *Physical pion ensemble C0 planned for future inclusion.

Strategy



- Quark propagator $(t_0 \xrightarrow{l} t)$
- Sequential propagator $(t_0 \xrightarrow{l} t_{\rm sink} \xrightarrow{b} t)$
- Contract propagators at t
- Smeared point sources
- Project B meson to rest frame; momentum given to final state

Strategy

- Start by finding the parallel and perpendicular form factors $f_{\parallel}$ and $f_{\perp}$
- Simpler to relate to lattice data in the rest frame of the B-meson:

$$f_{\parallel} = \frac{\langle \pi | \mathcal{V}^0 | B \rangle}{\sqrt{2M_B}} \qquad f_{\perp} p^i = \frac{\langle \pi | \mathcal{V}^i | B \rangle}{\sqrt{2M_B}}$$

- Neatly separates into spatial and temporal components
- Can form linear combinations to find f_0 and f_+:

$$f_0(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2M_B}}{M_B^2 + E_\pi^2} \left[(M_B - E_\pi) f_{\parallel}(q^2) + (E_\pi^2 - M_\pi^2) f_{\perp}(q^2) \right]$$

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M_B}} \left[f_{\parallel}(q^2) + (M_B - E_\pi) f_{\perp}(q^2) \right]$$

Matrix Element Ratio

- Make plateau fits to the ratio of 3pt and 2pt functions:

$$\langle \pi^{(0)} | V^\mu | B^{(0)} \rangle = \lim_{0 \ll t \ll t_{\rm sink}} \frac{C_3^\mu(t)}{\sqrt{C_2^\pi(t) C_2^B(t_{\rm sink} - t)}} \sqrt{\frac{4 E_\pi^{(0)} E_B^{(0)}}{e^{-tE_\pi^{(0)}} e^{-(t_{\rm sink} - t) E_B^{(0)}}}}$$

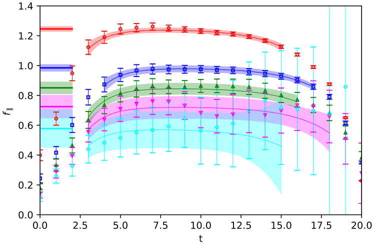
- Alternatively, include excited states by including additional terms in the fit

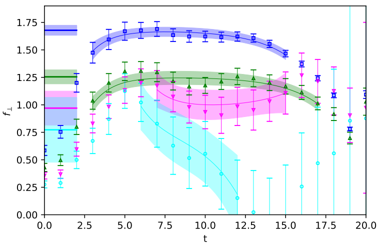
$$\langle \pi^{(1)} | V^\mu | B^{(0)} \rangle \propto \sqrt{e^{-t(E_\pi^{(1)} - E_\pi^{(0)})}}$$

$$\langle \pi^{(0)} | V^\mu | B^{(1)} \rangle \propto \sqrt{e^{-(t_{\rm sink} - t)(E_B^{(1)} - E_B^{(0)})}}$$

Ratio Fits

Excited state fits on the C1 ensemble:





$B \to \pi$ Chiral Continuum Fits

- Extrapolate to physical pion mass and zero lattice spacing simultaneously
- Use NLO hard-pion SU(2) HMχPT [PRD 67 (2003) 054010]

$$f(M_\pi, E_\pi, a) = g(E_\pi, \Delta)\left(c_0\left(1 + \frac{\delta f(M_\pi)}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2}\right) + c_1 \frac{M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2} + c_2 \frac{E_\pi}{\Lambda} + c_3 \left(\frac{E_\pi}{\Lambda}\right)^2 + c_4 \left(a\Lambda\right)^2 \right)$$

where

$\Lambda = 1$ GeV,

$\delta f(M_\pi) = -\frac{3}{4}(3g_b^2 + 1)M_\pi^2 \log\left(\frac{M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$

$g_+(E_\pi, \Delta_+) = \frac{\Lambda}{E_\pi + \Delta_+}$; $\Delta_+ = M_B - M_{B^*} \approx 45.2$ MeV [Pole term]

$g_0(E_\pi, \Delta_0) = 1$ [Pole well above threshold $\to$ not included]

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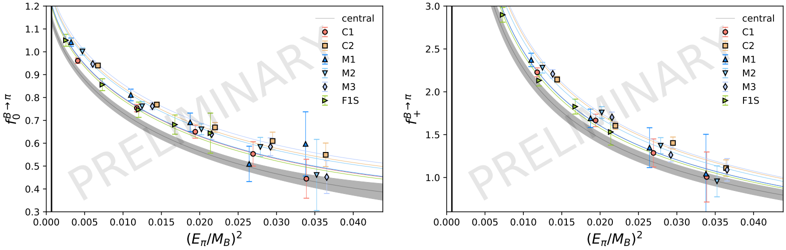
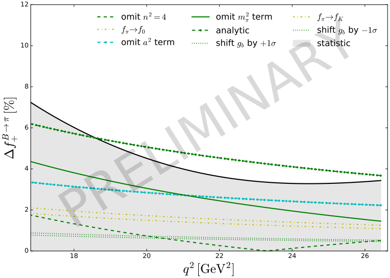
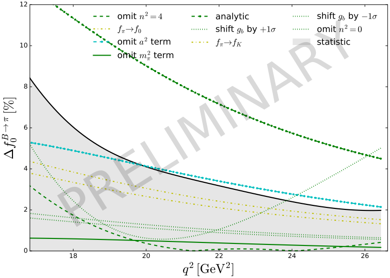


- Continuum form factor given by $f(M_\pi^{\text{phys}}, E_\pi, a = 0)$
- Need to assess the systematic error on the continuum results
- Include variations on the continuum fit ansatz as a systematic

Fit Variation Systematic



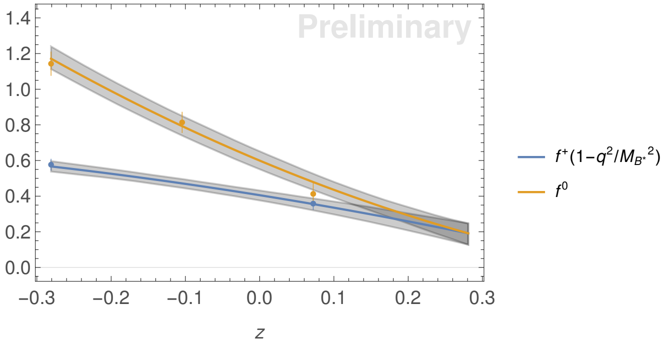


- Substantially reduced statistical errors over prior 2015 analysis
- Combine systematics at reference q^2 values with statistics and pass on to the q^2 extrapolation

z-expansions

- z-expansions given the kinematic constraint that $f_0 = f_+$ at $q^2 = 0$
- Can be compared with experimental data to determine $|V_{ub}|$, lepton-universality ratios
- z-expansions shown are BCL fits, also look at BGL

[PRD 79 (2009) 013008] [PRL 74 (1995) 4603]



Summary

- Updates to RBC-UKQCD 2015 results in the pipeline
- More precisely determined lattice spacing and inclusion of third lattice spacing via F1S ensemble reduces errors
- More details available in conference proceedings: arXiv:1912.09946, arXiv:2012.04323
- Currently **still preliminary**

Related talks:

- $B_s \to K\ell\nu, B_s \to D_s\ell\nu$: Talk by Jonathan Flynn next
- Also: Michael Marshall, $D_s \to K\ell\nu, D \to \pi\ell\nu$: 14:30 today
  Felix Erben, BSM $B - \bar{B}$ mixing: 6:15 Wednesday