Lattice QCD @ Fermilab:
“What are we doing for precision science?”

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- Lattice QCD for precision measurements
- Quark flavor:
  - decay constants
  - form factors
  - mixing matrix elements
- Neutrinos:
  - nucleon axial-vector form factor
- Higgs physics:
  - b, c-quark masses
  - strong coupling ($\alpha_s$)
- Muon g-2:
  - hadronic vacuum polarization contribution
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Fermilab lattice-QCD effort targeting key hadronic parameters needed to interpret current & future experiments as Standard-Model tests & new-physics searches

Higgs physics
- b, c-quark masses
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muon g-2
- hadron vacuum polarization contribution
“In the last five years lattice QCD has matured into a precision tool. ... The ultimate aim of lattice-QCD calculations is to reduce errors in hadronic quantities to the level at which they become subdominant either to experimental errors or other sources of error.”

– Snowmass 2013 Quark-flavor WG report (1311.1076)
Most Standard-Model extensions have additional sources of flavor & CP violation in the quark sector.

Fermilab lattice effort has two main thrusts:

1) Determination of CKM quark-mixing matrix elements
   - Use tree-level decays unlikely to receive substantial new-physics contributions

2) New-physics searches in rare decays & mixing
   - Study (primarily) loop-level processes sensitive to beyond-the-Standard-Model contributions
Recent publications

In 2016/17:

1) First complete 3-flavor calculation of neutral $B_{d,s}$-mixing matrix elements for all five local $\Delta(B)=2$ four-quark operators that arise in Standard Model and new-physics theories [Fermilab/MILC, Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) no.11, 113016]

2) First 3-flavor calculation of short-distance matrix elements of $\Delta(C)=2$ four-quark operators that contribute to neutral $D$-mixing matrix elements both in and beyond the Standard Model [Fermilab/MILC, arXiv:1706.04622]

Fermilab Lattice Collaboration world leaders in quark-flavor physics, with most precise results for hadronic matrix elements needed to obtain 7/9 CKM elements
Impact on CKM unitarity-triangle fit

\[ \text{allowed (}\rho,\eta\text{)} \]

\[ S_{\psi K} \]

\[ \epsilon_K + |V_{cb}^{\text{excl}}| \]

\[ |V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}| \]

\[ p\text{-value} = 32.0\% \]

\[ \Delta M_s/\Delta M_d \]

\[ \text{BR}(B \to \tau \nu) + \Delta M_s \]

[plot from E. Lunghi]

[Fermilab/MILC, PRD93, 113016]
Muon anomalous magnetic moment

- Muon g-2 Experiment running (!), § anticipates final measurement error of ~0.14 ppm
- Must reduce theory error to commensurate level to identify definitively whether any deviation observed between theory and experiment is due to new physics

Fermilab Lattice Collaboration calculating HVP contribution, which is largest source of theory error
First g-2 publication

- First complete lattice-QCD calculation of $a_μ^{\text{HVP}}$ to reach precision needed to observe significant deviation from experiment [HPQCD Collaboration with Van de Water, Phys. Rev. D96 (2017) no.3, 034516]

- Fermilab Lattice, HPQCD, & MILC Collaborations together addressing leading sources of error in earlier result from omission of isospin-breaking [arXiv:1711.XXXXX], electromagnetism, and quark-disconnected contributions

- Anticipate reaching sub-percent precision before first experimental result next Spring

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a_μ^{\text{HVP,LO}} \times 10^{10} = 666(11)_{u,d}(1)_{s,c,b}(9)\text{disc.}
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Next-generation high-luminosity colliders will measure Higgs partial widths to sub-percent precision to look for deviations from Standard-Model expectations.

Full exploitation of measurements needs theory predictions with same precision.

Parametric errors from quark masses ($m_c, m_b$) & strong coupling constant ($\alpha_s$) are largest sources of uncertainty in SM Higgs partial widths for many decay modes [LHCHXSWG-DRAFT-INT-2016-008].

QCD parameters can be calculated to needed precision with lattice methods.
Postdoc Aarti Veernala spearheading Fermilab effort to compute heavy-quark masses quantities on state-of-the-art four-flavor QCD lattices with finer lattice spacings than ever before

Presented first preliminary results for charm-quark mass & QCD coupling in June @ Lattice 2017
Plans for FY18

“Progress in science is based on the interplay between theory and experiment, between having an idea about nature and testing that idea in the laboratory. Neither can move forward without the other.” – Snowmass 2013 Executive Summary

“Lattice QCD has [already] become an important tool in flavor physics. ...The full exploitation of the experimental program requires continued support of theoretical developments.” – Snowmass 2013 Quark-flavor WG report
Anticipated publications

Paper drafts complete or nearing completion for:

- D_{(s)}- and B_{(s)}-meson leptonic decay constants (2 papers) [u,d,s,c sea quarks, arXiv:1711.xxxxx; u,d,s sea quarks, 1801.xxxxx]
- B_s \rightarrow K \ell \nu semileptonic form factors and determination of |V_{ub}| [arXiv:1803.xxxxx]
- Strong-isospin-breaking correction to hadronic-vacuum-polarization contribution to muon g–2 [arXiv:1711.xxxxx]
- Up, down, strange, and charm-quark masses from heavy-light meson masses + heavy-quark effective theory [arXiv:1712.xxxxx]
- Charm-quark mass and \alpha_s from charmonium correlator moments [arXiv:1712.xxxxx]

Other projects may also be finished in FY18, e.g.:

- B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu semileptonic form factors at nonzero recoil and determination of |V_{cb}|
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