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# Lattice QCD Calculation of Electroweak Box Contributions to Superaligned Nuclear and Neutron Beta Decays

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We present the first lattice QCD calculation of the universal axial  $\gamma W$ -box contribution

$square_{\gamma W}^{VA}$  to both superaligned nuclear and neutron beta decays.

This contribution emerges as a significant component within the theoretical uncertainties surrounding the extraction of  $|V_{ud}|$  from superaligned decays.

Our calculation is conducted using two domain wall fermion ensembles at the physical pion mass.

To construct the nucleon 4-point correlation functions, we employ the random sparsening field technique.

Furthermore, we incorporate long-distance contributions to the hadronic function using the infinite-volume reconstruction method.

Upon performing the continuum extrapolation, we arrive at

$square_{\gamma W}^{VA} = 3.65(8)_{\text{lat}}(1)_{\text{PT}} \times 10^{-3}$ . Consequently, this yields a slightly higher value of  $|V_{ud}| = 0.97386(11)_{\text{exp.}}(9)_{\text{RC}}(27)_{\text{NS}}$ , reducing the previous  $2.1\sigma$  tension with the CKM unitarity to  $1.8\sigma$ .

Additionally, we calculate the vector  $\gamma W$ -box contribution to the axial charge  $g_A$ , denoted as

$square_{\gamma W}^{VV}$ , and explore its potential implications.

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